

2019 PPA Southern Putting Tour

Fellow Putters:

On behalf of the 2019 PPA Southern Putting Tour Committee, we welcome all of you to the 2019 putting season. We thank all course owners and managers, to include Tom Miller, John Womble, Mark Ross, Chris Graney, Brian Patterson and Dan Estes, who graciously have allowed us to play at their facilities in past seasons, and again in the upcoming 2019 putting season. Their generosity in allowing us to play on their courses during the year is one of the key components necessary in making our tour a success.

- Please read the 2019 PPA rule book.
- Make sure you are familiar with any new rules, as there have been some changes. Also, take time to read this letter carefully to familiarize yourself with the 2019 schedule for tournament play.
- PPA players may use any golf ball, as long as it is a USGA approved golf ball and on the approved golf ball list on or after January 1, 2019.
- PPA players may play in any miniature golf tournament, including the USPMGA events, but only in the same classification as they play in the PPA.
- Players must observe the Southern Tour practice rule; there is a 2-ball limit 2 hours before the start of a tournament, with a 1-ball rule in effect one hour before the start of a tournament. This has been added to the rule book.

2019 PPA Southern Tour Schedule

March

03/16/19	\$800 Bo Kurash Memorial	11 a.m.	54 Holes	Course 2	Fernandina Beach, Florida
03/16/19	\$1,000 John Connor Memorial	3 p.m.	54 Holes	Course 2	Fernandina Beach, Florida
03/17/19	\$1,200 Florida State Championship	10 a.m.	72 Holes	Course 2	Fernandina Beach, Florida

April

04/27/19	\$800 Glass Bottom Boat Classic	11 a.m.	54 Holes	Course 1	White Lake, North Carolina
04/27/19	\$1,000 Harry Womble Invitational	3 p.m.	54 Holes	Course 1	White Lake, North Carolina
04/28/19	\$1,200 35 th Annual Carolina's Open	10 a.m.	72 Holes	Course 1	White Lake, North Carolina

June

06/29/19	\$800 Roger Moore Memorial	11 a.m.	54 Holes	TBA	Martinez, Georgia
06/29/19	\$1,000 Tracy Moore Memorial	3 p.m.	54 Holes	TBA	Martinez, Georgia
06/30/19	\$1,200 Georgia State Championship	10 a.m.	72 Holes	TBA	Martinez, Georgia

July

07/13/19	\$800 Triad Open	11 a.m.	54 Holes	TBA	High Point, North Carolina
07/13/19	\$1000 Rick Carter Memorial	3 p.m.	54 Holes	TBA	High Point, North Carolina
07/14/19	\$1,200 Randy Carter Memorial	10 a.m.	54 Holes	TBA	High Point, North Carolina
07/27/19	\$800 Alamance County Open	11 a.m.	54 Holes	TBA	Burlington, North Carolina
07/27/19	\$1,000 Howard Loy Memorial	3 p.m.	54 Holes	TBA	Burlington, North Carolina
07/28/19	\$1,200 44 th Annual Elton Davis Memorial Classic	10 a.m.	108 Holes	TBA	Burlington, North Carolina

August

08/24/19	\$800 Ken Boy Memorial	11 a.m.	54 Holes	TBA	Kingsport, Tennessee
08/24/19	\$1,000 Don Clayton Memorial	3 p.m.	54 Holes	TBA	Kingsport, Tennessee
08/25/19	\$1,200 Tennessee State Championship	10 a.m.	72 Holes	TBA	Kingsport, Tennessee

September

09/16-20/19	Week of the Nationals				Kingsport, Tennessee
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October

10/05/19	\$1000 Old Pro Classic	11 a.m.	54 Holes	TBA	Burlington, North Carolina
10/05/19	\$1,000 44 th Annual N.C. State Championship	3 p.m.	72 Holes	TBA	Burlington, North Carolina
10/06/19	\$10,000 14 th Annual Southern Tour Championship	10 a.m.	108 Holes	TBA	Burlington, North Carolina

2019 PPA Membership Applications

Membership applications will be available for completion online at proputters.org and must be mailed to PPA Headquarters in Lynchburg, Va. Your name will be posted on the proputters.org website once your application has been reviewed and accepted. Please complete membership applications as soon as possible to assure your playing privileges are approved before the season starts.

2019 PPA Southern Tour Entry Fees and Pairings

Professional and amateur entry fees for all PPA Southern Tour events are posted in this document with the schedule. A \$10 late fee will be assessed to any player who does not pay his or her entry fee by the time pairings are drawn, which will be 60 minutes prior to tee-off. Please be considerate of the committee members who give up their practice time to supervise the tournaments by paying when asked.

On days where there are two 3-round events, players who intend to or may play in both events, will be asked to pay for both events prior to the first tournament. This will help expedite the work necessary between the two events. Remember, if you decide not to play in the second event and have already paid for that event, you will receive a refund of your entry fee for that event. Any player who participates in only one event during these doubleheader venues will not be required to pay an additional fee. Thank you for your understanding and help on these busy days.

There will be an additional “greens fee” collected each day and will vary according to the site. This will be offered to the course management for the use of the facility. There will be a \$10 administrative fee payable at your first SPT event, as this helps pay for administrative costs such as scorecards, scoresheets, trophies, etc.

Pairings will be by random draw in the first tournament on each Saturday. Twosomes will be used on doubleheader days to expedite play. In some instances, threesomes may be considered. For major tournaments, pairings will be done by points. Defenders will continue to be paired first in each event.

2019 PPA/APA Players of the Year

Congratulations to Greg Ward as 2018 PPA Player of the year and Todd Trent as 2018 APA Player of the Year. The 2019 Player of the Year for PPA and APA divisions will be determined by using the total number of points, number of wins, money standings and adjusted stroke average. Player of the Year will be determined at the end of the year by ranking the top 20 in each category. The highest ranked player will get 20 points, second will get 19, etc. in each category. The ranking points in the categories will be added together, then points for each win will be added and the player with the greatest point total will be declared 2018 Player of the Year. Majors will now count as follows for a win: SPT Tour Championship: 2 points, all other majors: 1.5 points. Three-round events will continue to count for 1 point in the “Wins” category. In the event of a tie, all players tied will be recognized as Co-Players of the Year. To be included in the adjusted stroke average category, a player in either division must have completed 75% of the rounds played. The Players of the Year in the PPA and the APA will each receive a plaque to signify their accomplishment.

2019 PPA/APA Southern Tour Points System

The point systems for PPA and APA will be the same as in 2018. First place in both divisions will receive 40 points (35 Points + 5 Bonus for winning), second place will receive 34 points, third place will receive 33 points, etc. down to a minimum of 5 points for 31st place and below. In the six major tournaments, the top 5 players will earn an additional bonus of 5 points for first place, 4 points for second place, 3 points for third place, 2 points for fourth place and 1 points for fifth place. The major tournaments points will break down as follows: 45 points for first place, 38 points for second place, 36 points for third place, etc.

2019 PPA Southern Tour Entry Fees

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2019 APA Southern Tour Entry Fees

APA Southern Tour Entry Fees: \$15.00 for \$800 Events, \$15.00 for \$1,000 Events, \$15.00 for \$1,200 Events.

2019 APA Southern Tour Prize Money. Expense reimbursements of \$15 will be awarded to the first Five places or 2/3 of the field whichever is less. The Randy Carter Memorial in the PPA Division will be the Wayne Hancock Memorial in the APA Division, and in Martinez, Georgia, the Tracy Moore in the PPA division, will be the Art Koerber Memorial in the APA Division.

\$800 PPA Event Prize Money Based On 20 Participants

1	\$100.00
2	\$80.00
3	\$75.00
4	\$70.00
5	\$65.00
6	\$60.00
7	\$55.00
8	\$50.00
9	\$45.00
10	\$40.00
11	\$40.00
12	\$40.00
13	\$35.00
14	\$30.00
15	\$25.00

*With 22 participants, a \$25.00 prize money distribution is added as a 16th payoff.

\$800 PPA Event Prize Money Based On 23 Participants

1	\$125.00
2	\$100.00
3	\$75.00
4	\$70.00
5	\$60.00
6	\$50.00
7	\$50.00
8	\$50.00
9	\$50.00
10	\$50.00
11	\$45.00
12	\$45.00
13	\$40.00
14	\$30.00
15	\$25.00
16	\$20.00
17	\$20.00
18	\$20.00

*With Every Odd Participant After 23, a \$20.00 prize money distribution is added as a 19th payoff for the 25th player; a \$20.00 prize money distribution is added as a 20th payoff for the 27th player, etc.

\$1,000 PPA Event Prize Money Based On 20 Participants

1	\$125.00
2	\$100.00
3	\$75.00
4	\$70.00
5	\$65.00
6	\$60.00
7	\$55.00
8	\$50.00
9	\$50.00
10	\$50.00
11	\$45.00
12	\$45.00
13	\$30.00
14	\$30.00
15	\$25.00
16	\$25.00

\$1,000 PPA Event Prize Money Based On 23 Participants

1	\$150.00
2	\$100.00
3	\$75.00
4	\$70.00
5	\$65.00
6	\$60.00
7	\$55.00
8	\$55.00
9	\$50.00
10	\$50.00
11	\$45.00
12	\$45.00
13	\$40.00
14	\$35.00
15	\$30.00
16	\$40.00
17	\$35.00
18	\$30.00

\$1,000 PPA Tournament Prize Money Based on 23 Participants; With Every Odd Participant After 23, a \$30.00 prize money distribution is added as a 19th payoff for the 25th player; a \$30.00 prize money distribution is added as a 20th payoff for the 27th player, etc.

\$1,200 PPA Event Prize Money Based On 20 Participants

1	\$175.00
2	\$150.00
3	\$100.00
4	\$90.00
5	\$85.00
6	\$80.00
7	\$75.00
8	\$70.00
9	\$65.00
10	\$60.00
11	\$55.00
12	\$50.00
13	\$45.00
14	\$40.00
15	\$35.00
16	\$25.00

\$1,200 PPA Event Prize Money Based On 23 Participants

1	\$200.00
2	\$160.00
3	\$120.00
4	\$100.00
5	\$90.00
6	\$85.00
7	\$80.00
8	\$75.00
9	\$70.00
10	\$65.00
11	\$60.00
12	\$55.00
13	\$50.00
14	\$45.00
15	\$40.00
16	\$35.00
17	\$30.00
18	\$20.00

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2019 PPA Southern Tour Championship

Congratulations to Greg Newport on his victory in the 2018 PPA Southern Tour Championship. The 2019 Tour Championship will be held in Burlington, N.C. The entry fee is \$150. There is a minimum of \$590 in entry fees paid to be eligible to participate; there is a buy in to make up the difference if you are short of the minimum. One VA major will count \$50 towards the minimum. The prize money breakdown in the PPA Division will be determined at the Southern Tour Championship. All players will be paid in the Southern Tour Championship, with last place receiving no less than \$150.

2019 APA Southern Tour Championship

Congratulations to Vanette Block & Malcolm Shumaker on their co-victory in the 2018 APA Tour Championship. The cost for APA members to participate in the 2019 Southern Tour Championship is \$15. There is an 11-tournament minimum. There is a buy-in of \$15 for each tournament missed to make up the difference if you are short of the minimum. One VA major counts as one tournament towards the minimum.

2019 PPA Southern Tour Schedule Changes & Official Notifications

Please note that locations for state tour events are subject to change. Players are encouraged to verify sites by visiting the proputters.org website. All PPA State tour event sites and dates posted 2 weeks prior to the scheduled playing dates on proputters.org are to be considered final site locations. Please review the enclosed schedule and make plans to be at as many PPA Southern Tour events as possible this year. If there are any questions or comments regarding this letter or anything regarding the tour, feel free to contact any member of the SPT committee. We all look forward to seeing you again this year.

2019 PPA Southern Putting Tour Governing Body

The 2019 Southern Putting Tour members are Thomas Rawles, chairman/treasurer; Chris Chafin, vice chairman; Frank Warren, statistician; Mike Johnson and Todd Trent. These individuals will handle all rulings and problems encountered within any PPA Southern Tour event, under the purview of the PPA Commissioner and the PPA National Board of Directors. Either pull one of us aside and talk with us about any issue or issues of concerns or submit it in writing and the matter in question will be dealt with promptly. The committee may be reached via email at:

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2019 PPA Southern Tour Epilogue

The 2019 PPA Southern Tour Committee always will keep an open mind and a receptive ear to its membership, be it professional, amateur or novice competitors. The organization belongs to the membership, with the committee established to govern in accordance with rules and regulations under the auspices of Putt-Putt Golf & Games LLC, the Professional Putters Association and the Amateur Putters Association. While we are competitors, let us remember we first are friends, with each playing for the love of the game. Best wishes for a healthy, safe and prosperous season to all. The 2019 PPA Southern Tour Committee reserves the right to correct errors and omissions to the aforementioned document.