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2015 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Media Notes

Dates: February 9-15, 2015
Where: Pebble Beach Golf Links (Host) Par (Yards): 36-36—72 (6,816)
Spyglass Hill Golf Course Par (Yards): 36-36—72 (6,953)
Monterey Peninsula CC, Shore Course Par (Yards): 34-37—71 (6,867)
Field: 156
Format: 72-hole stroke play
FedExCup points: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$6,800,000 (\$1,224,000)
Defending Champion: Jimmy Walker
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30th year as title sponsor for AT&T

AT&T celebrates its 30th year as title sponsor of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in 2015, having served as title sponsor since 1986. The only event with a longer-running sponsorship is The Honda Classic, with Honda having been the title sponsor since 1982.

Unique trophy opportunity for fans at AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

For the first time, all eight world championship trophies won by the San Francisco 49ers and San Francisco Giants will be on display together, as a special one-day exhibit at the 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Five Vince Lombardi Trophies, each signifying the 49ers' Super Bowl victories, and three World Championship trophies, representing the Giants' World Series titles, will be on display Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the tournament Grand Entrance at Pebble Beach Golf Links. Spectators with a practice-round or weekly ticket are invited to view the trophies and will be allowed one photo per person (individual or group, but not both) to be taken with all eight trophies.

A look back at the 2014 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

Jimmy Walker entered the final round of the 2014 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am with a commanding six-stroke lead after rounds of 66-69-67, holding on for a slim one-stroke victory over Dustin Johnson and Jim Renner following a final-round 74. It took a five-foot par putt on No. 18 to seal the one-shot win and avoid a playoff.

Runner-up Jim Renner and his amateur partner John Harkey Jr. won the Pro-Am competition by one stroke over Rory Sabbatini and Blake Mycoskie.

More on Jimmy Walker's win in 2014

- Earned third PGA TOUR victory of his career (and the season) at the age of 35 years and 25 days in his 195th career start. Other victories came at the Frys.com Open and Sony Open in Hawaii.
- Claimed fourth TOUR victory earlier this season in successfully defending his Sony Open in Hawaii title.
- Won in his eighth start at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am: 2008 (MC), 2009 (T55), 2010 (MC), 2011 (T9), 2012 (T9), 2013 (T3), 2014 (Won).
- Walker's streak of consecutive under-par rounds at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am ended at 11 with a final-round 74 en route to victory in 2014.
- With his win at Pebble Beach, became the fourth player (11 instances) to win three events in eight or fewer starts to begin a season (Duval, Mickelson, Woods) since 1995.
- Recorded the fewest bogeys of the week in 2014, with six.
- Will seek to become the first repeat winner since Dustin Johnson (2009-10).

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The field by the numbers

- Winners during the 2014-15 season: Nick Taylor (Sanderson Farms Championship), Patrick Reed (Hyundai Tournament of Champions), Jimmy Walker (Sony Open in Hawaii), Jason Day (Farmers Insurance Open).
- Former AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am champions: Jimmy Walker (2014), Brandt Snedeker (2013), D.A. Points (2011), Dustin Johnson (2009, 2010), Vijay Singh (2004), Davis Love III (2001, 2003).
- Three of the top 10 in the FedExCup standings: Jimmy Walker (1), Jason Day (7), Patrick Reed (9).
- Twelve players in the top 30 in the Official World Golf Ranking: Jason Day (4), Jim Furyk (6), Jordan Spieth (9), Jimmy Walker (13), Patrick Reed (15), Billy Horschel (17), Chris Kirk (22), Dustin Johnson (23), Jamie Donaldson (25), Hunter Mahan (26), Kevin Na (28) and Ryan Palmer (29).
- Players with at least eight TOUR wins: Vijay Singh (34), Davis Love III (20), Ernie Els (19), Jim Furyk (16), Kenny Perry (14), David Duval (13), Stuart Appleby (9), Dustin Johnson (8), Mike Weir (8), Fred Funk (8).

Additional player notes

- Hunter Mahan returns to the PGA TOUR after the birth of his second child, on February 6. Mahan released a statement on Saturday: "Kandi and I are thrilled to have welcomed our beautiful boy, Miller Myles Mahan, 7lbs 5oz, into the world yesterday afternoon in Dallas. Mom and Son are doing great, and we could not be more excited to introduce our daughter, Zoe, to her new baby brother."
- Two-time AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am winner Dustin Johnson owns five top-10 finishes in seven starts at the event (T7-2008, Won-2009, Won-2010, T5-2012, T2-2014). Has won at least one time in each of the last seven seasons (2008-14), the best streak on TOUR.
- Winning Ryder Cup captain Paul McGinley will be making his seventh start at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, with a T12 in 2006 his best outing.
- 2011 FedExCup champion Jim Furyk will begin his 22nd season on TOUR this week at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. It will be his 19th start at the event with T3 in 1998 as the best of his four top 10s.
- Jordan Spieth, voted PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year in 2013 after becoming the youngest player since Ralph Guldahl in 1931 to win on the PGA TOUR at the John Deere Classic, will be making his third start at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (T22-2013, T4-2014).
- Jason Day owns two sixth-place finishes in five starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (6th-2008, T14-2009, T46-2010, 6th-2013, T64-2014).
- Several local favorites, including five-time TOUR winner and former Fresno State standout Nick Watney, who will make his 12th start at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, with a T6 in 2011 his best outing.

Fifth Annual Chevron Shoot-Out

The Fifth Annual Chevron Shoot-Out will take place on Tuesday, February 10, featuring a competition between the San Francisco 49ers and San Francisco Giants for a \$100,000 grant from Chevron to be donated to the Giants Community Fund, 49ers Foundation and other local charities. Expected participants from the 49ers are Harris Barton, Ronnie Lott, Steve Young, Dwight Clark, Jerry Rice and Brent Jones, with the Giants represented by Duane Kuiper, Matt Cain, Buster Posey, Bruce Bochy and Javier Lopez.

The Celebrities

- Harris Barton – Former Professional Football, San Francisco 49ers
- Chris Berman – Sportscaster, ESPN
- Lucas Black – Actor
- Michael Bolton – Musician
- Larry the Cable Guy – Actor/Comedian
- Matt Cain – Professional Baseball, San Francisco Giants
- Don Cheadle – Actor
- Eric Close – Actor
- Tom Dreesen – Comedian
- Josh Duhamel – Actor

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- Herman Edwards – ESPN Analyst , Former NFL Coach
- Colt Ford - Musician
- Andy Garcia – Actor
- Wayne Gretzky – Former Professional Hockey
- Charles Kelley - Musician
- Huey Lewis – Musician
- Gary Mule Deer – Comedian
- Bill Murray – Actor
- Craig T. Nelson – Actor
- Chris O'Donnell – Actor
- Jake Owen – Musician
- Buster Posey – Professional Baseball, San Francisco Giants
- Ray Romano – Actor/Comedian
- Joe Don Rooney – Musician, Rascal Flatts
- Kelly Slater – Professional Surfer
- Alex Smith – Professional Football, Kansas City Chiefs
- Clay Walker – Musician

Worth noting

- When Dustin Johnson won the 2009 and 2010 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am titles, he became the first player in 20 years to win the event in consecutive years. The others: Sam Snead (1937, 1938); Cary Middlecoff (1955, 1956); Jack Nicklaus (1972, 1973); Tom Watson (1977, 1978); Mark O'Meara (1989, 1990).
- 2013 champion Brandt Snedeker holds the 72-hole record at the event with 267, breaking the record of 268 set by Mark O'Meara (1997) and later matched by Phil Mickelson (2007).
- In 2013, Snedeker also won the Pro-Am portion of the event (paired with fellow Vanderbilt alum Toby S. Wilt, marking just the ninth time in tournament history that a player has won the individual and pro-am team title in the same year and the first since 2011 (D.A. Points and Bill Murray).
- Since 1987, just five champions have also won the Pro-Am portion of the event: 2006-Arron Oberholser, 2007-Phil Mickelson, 2009-Dustin Johnson (T1, 54-hole event), 2011-D.A. Points, 2013-Brandt Snedeker.
- Nine 72-hole winners (eight players) of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am held at least a share of the lead for all four rounds – Dustin Johnson (2010), Phil Mickelson (2005 and 2007), Tom Shaw (1970) Bert Yancey (1970), Lloyd Mangrum (1953), Jimmy Demaret (1952), Lloyd Mangrum (1948) and Ed Oliver (1940).
- Six players since 1970 earned their first win at this event: John Cook (1981), Steve Jones (1988), Brett Ogle (1993), Matt Gogel (2002), Arron Oberholser (2006), D.A. Points (2011).

The AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and the FedExCup

The AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am enters the second season featuring a wraparound schedule that bridges two years with 47 events. The 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season included seven events during the fall of 2014, all of which awarded FedExCup points. After a seven-week break, the season resumed at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. The FedExCup Playoffs once again features four events and concludes in September 2015 with the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and the crowning of the FedExCup champion.

Every week is significant in the race for the FedExCup – four of the six winners from the fall calendar of 2013 (Jimmy Walker, Chris Kirk, Dustin Johnson, Webb Simpson) qualified for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and two others (Harris English, Ryan Moore) finished inside the top 40.

Miscellaneous 2014-15 PGA TOUR notes

- The trend of young winners on TOUR has continued early into the 2014-15 season as seven of the 12 winners through the Farmers Insurance Open were under the age of 30. Among those seven players is 24-

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year-old Patrick Reed, who captured his fourth career PGA TOUR title at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. He became just the sixth player since 1991 to win four times before the age of 25.

- Entering the 2014-15 season, 29 of the top 30 players in the Official World Golf Ranking were PGA TOUR members, including 2014-15 new members Victor Dubuisson and Jamie Donaldson. Thomas Bjorn (30) is the lone non-member inside the top 30.
- The 2014-15 rookie class of 24 players includes 21 players under the age of 30. The list of 24 includes three players playing on medical extensions from previous years but remain in the rookie category.
- Four new members earned PGA TOUR cards through the non-member FedExCup points list but are not considered part of the rookie class: Victor Dubuisson (France); Francesco Molinari (Italy); Jamie Donaldson (Wales); and Brooks Koepka (United States).
- There are 86 active international players representing 24 countries in 2014-15. Australia has the most international members (16).

2013-14 year in review

- Billy Horschel, thanks to victories at the two final FedExCup Playoff events, became the youngest winner of the FedExCup at the age of 27 years, 9 months and 7 days.
- Rory McIlroy, winner of three events including back-to-back majors (The Open Championship and PGA Championship), was voted the PGA TOUR Player of the Year. McIlroy also captured the Arnold Palmer Award as the leader in official earnings and the Byron Nelson Trophy for lowest adjusted scoring average.
- Chesson Hadley, winner of the Puerto Rico Open presented by sepuertorico.com, was voted the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year.
- Sixteen different players under the age of 30 won on TOUR in 2013-14, accounting for a total of 22 of the 45 events. The last time there were 16 winners under the age of 30 in a season was 2011, with a total of 18 wins.
- Jimmy Walker held the top spot in the FedExCup rankings for 36 of 37 weeks in 2013-14, including a record 30 straight weeks starting with his Sony Open in Hawaii win. Billy Horschel won the FedExCup thanks to victories at the last two FedExCup Playoff events, the BMW Championship and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.
- There were no repeat winners in 2013-14, the last being Tiger Woods who won the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard back-to-back in 2012 and 2013. Ian Poulter came closest, finishing second in the defense of his World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions title.
- 25 of the 45 PGA TOUR events in 2013-14 were decided by one stroke (19) or a playoff (6).
- Hunter Mahan is the only player to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola every year since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007. Over the eight years, Mahan is also the only player to play in every FedExCup Playoff event (32).

Notable changes for the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season:

- Starting in January 2015, winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard and the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide will receive a three-year PGA TOUR exemption and a three-year exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship.
- The Presidents Cup 2015 eligibility for the U.S. Team will be based on FedExCup points instead of money. Presidents Cup points for the FedExCup Playoffs will be weighted the same as World Golf Championships (550 for first place, 315 for second, etc.).
- The Top 125 Money List from the previous season, established following the conclusion of the 2014 Wyndham Championship, will remain as an exempt category in 2014-15 for standard, open events only.
- The Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation and the RBC Heritage will include the Top 10 from the Previous Tournament Category.

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