

# FINAL ROUNDS



## AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS BY REGION

Atlantic - Pittsburgh  
Capitol - Towson  
Central - Missouri  
Colonial - Virginia Tech  
Desert - Arizona State  
Florida - Florida  
Great Lakes - Purdue  
Metro - Rutgers  
Midwest - Michigan St.  
New England - Boston College  
North - Wisconsin (A)  
North Carolina - East Carolina  
Northeast - SUNY Cortland  
N. New England - New Hampshire  
Northwest - Idaho  
Ohio Valley - Ohio State  
Southeast - Georgia  
Southwest - National  
Texas - Baylor

## WILD CARD TEAMS

North Carolina - N.C. State  
North - Wisconsin (B)  
Colonial - James Madison  
Ohio Valley - Cincinnati  
Colonial - Virginia  
South - Tennessee Tech

## Anticipation High Ahead of National Championship

Hamburg, NJ — The National Collegiate Club Golf Association (NCCGA) will host its eighth version of the National Championship on April 26-27, 2014 at Crystal Springs Resort. 25 teams and 24 individuals from around the nation will travel to northern New Jersey to battle for team and individual club golf supremacy in a 36-hole event. Players will compete on Crystal Springs' Ballyowen and Wild Turkey courses, two of the finest public courses in all of New Jersey, according to multiple golf publications.

Ballyowen, set up at 6,878 yards for National Championship play, was named the No. 1 Public Golf Course by *New Jersey Monthly* and one of the Top 50 Public Courses in the U.S. by *Conde Nast's GolfWorld Magazine* among over 21,000 courses evaluated for a variety of criteria. Designed by renowned course architect Roger Rulewich, Ballyowen will provide a tough, links-style test for club golfers of all skill levels.

Wild Turkey, set up at 6,980 yards

for National Championship play, was named one of NJ's Top New Public Courses by the NJGCOA. Another Rulewich design, Wild Turkey is considered to be a combination of Ballyowen and the multi-elevated Crystal Springs course that is also on site. A challenging golf course that will create forced-carry situations and leave little room for error, Wild Turkey is expected to test every aspect of the college golfer's game with moderately contoured greens and plenty of length.

"What we look for is a premier 36-hole venue that is accessible to teams across the nation, with the experience of offering a great competitive-style tournament environment," NCCGA Chairman Matt Weinberger said. "With 225 participants, we needed a facility that could accommodate all of our players. The National Championship year in and year out is the event that excites our members the most. For those that have had the

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SPRING 2014  
**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
CRYSTAL SPRINGS RESORT

**COURSE INFORMATION**  
Ballyowen (above)  
105 Wheatsworth Rd  
Hamburg, NJ 07419  
Men: 6,878 Yards  
Women: 6,066 Yards  
Slope/Rating: 73.6/131



Wild Turkey  
1 Wild Turkey Way  
Hamburg, NJ 07419  
Men: 6,980 Yards  
Women: 5,942 Yards  
Slope/Rating: 74.8/131

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opportunity to experience it in the past, they always look forward to qualifying again. And for teams that haven't experienced it like Rutgers or SUNY Cortland, it is a great opportunity to play in our premier event."

After an extremely successful semester in which 43 NCCGA Regional Tournaments were played in 22 regions around the nation, the spring season culminates at Crystal Springs, and the organization is ready to crown a new champion. The Fall 2013 National Champion, the University of Michigan Club Golf Team, is unable to attend the 2014 Spring NCCGA National Championship in New Jersey due to scheduling conflicts with final exams, despite receiving an automatic bid. This opens the door for a new champion to be crowned, and plenty of teams appear poised to make a run at the team trophy.

The top five teams in the nation boast a variety of success stories including a team that has barely had time to practice outside of Regional Tournament play (No. 1 Wisconsin), a brand new NCCGA team (No. 2 Florida), a team that battled their way through one of the



### TOP NCCGA STORYLINES

- The NCCGA National Championship travels to New Jersey for the first time after hosting previous tournaments in Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Indiana and South Carolina.

- Despite receiving an automatic bid to the National Championship after winning the title last semester, the University of Michigan will not be in New Jersey to defend their title due to scheduling conflicts with final exams.

- East Carolina University, the only three-time NCCGA national champion, returns to the National Championship representing the North Carolina region after failing to qualify for the tournament last semester.

For more information on the NCCGA National Championship, visit the Nextgolf blog:

[www.nextgolf.org/blog](http://www.nextgolf.org/blog)

NCCGA's toughest regions (No. 4 Clemson), a team that has been one of the best club golf teams for quite some time (No. 5 New Hampshire) and another that has appeared in six of seven NCCGA National Championships to date (No. 7 Ohio State).

The field also features one former NCCGA National Champion, the East Carolina University Club Golf Team. East Carolina, the only three-time NCCGA National Champion, returns after not qualifying for the National Championship last semester. The team won three of the first four NCCGA National Championships, beginning in the spring of 2011.

"While serving as the East Carolina University club golf president, I have had opportunity to compete at NCCGA National Championship numerous times," ECU President Faheem Amod said. "Our team was fortunate enough to win three National Championships at premier courses in a four-semester span. Knowing that I'm part of a competitive, growing organization such as NCCGA inspires me and my team to play the best golf possible and continue to represent my school at the NCCGA

National Championship."

Many of the nation's best individual golfers play on teams that qualified for the National Championship, but 25 of those individuals that play on teams that did not qualify will have the chance to prove themselves as part of the biggest field in NCCGA history (225 players).

Golfers from as far west as Central Washington University, as far south as Texas A&M and as far north as the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater will all descend on New Jersey with a big prize on the line for the lowest scoring individual in the tournament - an exemption into the Southeastern Amateur.

The 85th Southeastern Amateur will take place on June 11-14, 2014 at the historic Columbus Country Club in Columbus, Ga. For the first time, the NCCGA's top individual will be included in the field of the nation's top collegiate and amateur golfers.

For more information on the NCCGA National Championship, visit [nextgolf.org/nationals](http://nextgolf.org/nationals). For any media-related questions, please contact Chase Russell or Dave Uhrmacher. **N**

## MEET THE NCCGA STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY

Practice Rounds

Putting Contest at Wild Turkey, sponsored by Cleveland Golf & Srixon  
6:00-8:00 P.M.

### SATURDAY

Team Check-In at Ballyowen  
Ballyowen 40-70 yd. Wedge Contest,  
sponsored by Cleveland Golf & Srixon  
10:00 A.M.

Shotgun Start  
1:30 P.M.

### SUNDAY

Shotgun Start  
8:00 A.M.  
Scoring and Trophy  
Presentation at Wild Turkey

Media Note: Members of the media ARE allowed to talk to players during the course of the round, if the player is willing to do so. Please use your best discretion. Players will be available pre-round and post-round for interviews. Please do not take pictures during play.

## TOURNAMENT NOTES

**Eastern Front** — The NCCGA has a host of teams that have been perennial contenders in the National Championship, but two teams have done exceptionally well. East Carolina (3) and East Tennessee State (2) combined to win five-straight titles between Spring 2011 and Spring 2013.

**Colonial Times** — For the first time since the NCCGA has expanded the National Championship field to 24 teams, one region will bring

three separate teams to compete in the tournament. The Colonial Region brings automatic qualifier Virginia Tech, along with wild-card teams James Madison and Virginia.

**Featured Here** — Another first for the NCCGA at this 2014 National Championship will be the presence of a featured hole. The par-3, 4th at Ballyowen, measuring at 196 yards, will be sponsored by Cleveland/Srixon and will be at the center of attention on social media and during tournament play.

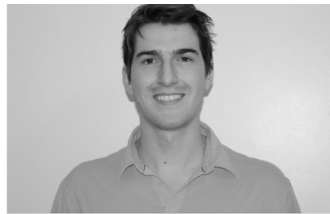
**Badger Power** — Often when a club team is forced to split into two squads because of overwhelming popularity on campus, one team takes backseat to other. That is far from the case for the Wisconsin Badgers. The A team comes in ranked No. 1 in the nation and will be joined on their journey to New Jersey by the B team, who earned a wild-card berth after finishing second in both NCCGA North Regional Tournaments.

**Helping Hands** — With the help of some locals, the NCCGA will have its largest

volunteer presence at the National Championship. Representatives from the New Jersey State Golf Association and the Metropolitan State Golf Association will be assisting on the course. This marks the first time the USGA has been present at an NCCGA event.

**Two Is Better Than One** — For the second consecutive National Championship, the field will be split in half and play a different course each day. In the Fall 2013 edition, the field played the Dye and Love courses at the Barefoot Resort in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

## MEET THE NEXTGENGOLF LEADERSHIP TEAM



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## NCCGA National Championship: Past Champions & Records

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Team</u>
Nov. 2010	Bryan Park	Coastal Carolina
April 2011	Firestone C.C.	East Carolina
Nov. 2011	Pinehurst No. 5	East Carolina
April 2012	The Homestead	E. Tenn. State
Nov. 2012	Sea Island	East Carolina
April 2013	Kampen at Purdue	E. Tenn State
Nov. 2013	Barefoot Resort	Michigan

\*Note: The NCCGA existed from 2006-2009 but central records were not recorded until 2010. Therefore, they have been omitted for all record purposes.

Lowest Team Score, Overall  
ETSU - 758 (2012)

Most National Championship  
Appearances  
ECU & Ohio State, 6

Lowest Team Score, Single Round  
ETSU - 366 (2012)

Lowest Individual 18-Hole  
Score

Lowest Individual 36-Hole Score  
Matt Smith, ETSU - 139 (2012)

Matt Smith, ETSU - 69 (2012)  
Alex Harris, UNC-Wil. - 69 (2010)

## Spring 2014 NCCGA Team Rankings

1. Wisconsin (A)
2. Florida
3. Campbell\*
4. Clemson
5. New Hampshire
6. Keiser\*
7. Ohio State (A)
8. Georgia
9. Pittsburgh
10. National U.
11. East Carolina
12. N.C. State
13. Va. Tech
14. Wisconsin (B)
15. Baylor
16. James Madison
17. Cincinnati
18. PGCC
19. South Carolina\*
20. Purdue
21. Towson
22. Michigan St.
23. Missouri (A)
24. Virginia
25. Idaho (A)

\*Denotes not competing at National Championship.

### Twitter Central

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#JourneyToBetter  
#KindAwesome    #GolfTradition



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