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FALL BASEBALL RETURNS TO PALM BEACH COUNTY

Fall typically represents the pinnacle of baseball season. When you think about fall baseball, you think about big league teams playing on the greatest stage in baseball, the World Series. The Fall Classic has produced some of the best memories in sports and this year should not be any different when the stage will be shared between the Texas Rangers and the San Francisco Giants. Although the 2010 Major League Baseball World Series will be showcased in Arlington and San Francisco, Palm Beach County will be home to its own World Series of Amateur Baseball. Approximately 150 amateur adult baseball teams will descend upon Palm Beach County to compete in two prestigious national tournaments taking place at Roger Dean Stadium.



In the world of amateur baseball, two organizations dominate tournament participation for adults. The National Adult Baseball Association (NABA) and the Men's Senior Baseball League (MSBL) are the chief organizations that support amateur baseball leagues and tournaments for adults in the United States. Although both organizations compete against each other for members and team participation, both agree that Palm Beach County is a great place to play championship baseball. NABA's East Coast World Series is scheduled to take place from

November 4-7 and will be followed by the MSBL Florida Fall Classic, which takes place from November 11-20, 2010.

NABA will host its East Coast World Series at Roger Dean Stadium for the fifth straight year. This event will attract 24 amateur adult baseball teams from across the United States. Champions will be crowned in a variety of age groups that range from 18 and older to 55 and older. Each age group is separated into skill divisions that range from recreational competitors to highly skilled players that have prior collegiate or professional baseball experience. The NABA World Series uses wood composite bats, which provides a big league atmosphere.

The MSBL Florida Fall Classic will take place at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Tradition Field in Port St. Lucie and the Vero Beach Sports Village. This is one of the largest amateur adult baseball tournaments in the nation, which features approximately 125 teams and 2,000 players that will travel from the United States, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Canada to compete. The event will crown champions in various age groups that range from 18 & up to 58 & up. Similar to NABA, the age groups will be divided into skill divisions that range from

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PALM BEACH COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME UNVEILS THE 2011 INDUCTEES

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission announces its 2011 Sports Hall of Fame inductees—including hometown football players Heath Evans of the New Orleans Saints Super Bowl XLIV championship team and Cardinal Newman High School standout wide receiver Chris T. Jones, along with LPGA Tour Championship and two-time U.S. Women's Open winner, Meg Mallon. Ten members will join a legendary list of those that have achieved excellence in the world of sports. The induction ceremony will take place at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on the evening of March 27, 2011.

"The 2011 Hall of Fame inductees represent an elite class of athletes and individuals who have a passion and commitment for sports. Each person represents the diversity of talent prevalent in Palm Beach County," said Joe Ceravolo, chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee. "We are proud to have them as part of our community and honored to have them join the other 228 accomplished athletes and professionals that are members of Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame."



Heath Evans—A two-time All-State tailback for The King's Academy (TKA) in West Palm Beach and the first NCAA Division I football player from TKA. After graduating in 1997, Evans received a scholarship to play for Auburn University, where he started for three years. Heath was drafted in the third round (82nd overall pick) by the Seattle Seahawks in 2001. His tenure in the NFL has allowed him to play fullback for the Seattle Seahawks, the New England Patriots, the Miami Dolphins and currently the New Orleans Saints. He also has been team captain for the Dolphins, Patriots and Saints. Evans has played on two Super Bowl teams (Patriots and Saints), winning the XLIV Super Bowl with the Saints. Through the Heath Evans Foundation, Heath contributes his time to many causes in Palm Beach County, giving back to his local community.

Meg Mallon—An accomplished professional golfer with a career that includes 18 LPGA career victories. She was an eight-time member of the U.S. Solheim Cup (women's equivalent to the men's Ryder Cup) team, representing the U.S. in 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005. Her career highlights include two U.S. Women's Open victories taking place in 1991 and 2004. In 1990, Mallon had five top 10 finishes and concluded the year as 27th on the money list. The following year Meg had a breakout performance and posted four wins including the LPGA Championship and the U.S. Women's Open—one of six women to win the LPGA Championship and U.S. Women's Open in the same



year. Mallon shot a final-round 65 in her second U.S. Women's Open victory—tied for the lowest final round in Open history.

Chris T. Jones—Born in West Palm Beach, Jones was a standout wide receiver at Cardinal Newman High School. Jones attended the University of Miami where he had 106 catches for 1,640 yards. He was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in 1995 and played with the team up through the 1997 season. During his three year career with the Eagles, Jones caught a total of 80 passes for 993 yards as wide receiver. He is one of only six Cardinal Newman graduates to play in the NFL and he is a member of the All-Newman 50-Year Football Team.

Completing the prominent class of 2011 Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame inductees includes:



Ken Green—A graduate of Palm Beach State College (formerly Palm Beach Community College), Ken earned his PGA Tour card in 1982. He was a five time winner on the PGA Tour from 1985-1989. He was a member of the 1989 Ryder Cup Team and had a top 10 finish in the 1996 U.S. Open. Green has overcome major adversity and personal tragedy in the past year and, notwithstanding the loss of his lower right leg, is currently playing on the Champions Tour.

Remuise Johnson—A dominating two-way player who starred for the Pahokee High School Blue Devil football team as a defensive end, linebacker and tight end from 1973-1975. He was selected to the Palm Beach County All-Area football team, All-Conference team and All-State team on both offense and defense. He was also selected to play in the State of Florida high school football All-Star game in 1975.

Thomas Mullins—After a perfect 8-0 season as JV football coach and 16-1 as JV basketball coach in 1970, Mullins was named varsity football coach at Palm Beach Gardens High School where he went 8-1-1 in 1971 and 10-1 in 1972 with Coach of the Year honors. In 1978, he was named Athletic Director at Palm Beach State College (formerly Palm Beach Community College). In seven years as Athletic Director, PBSC athletic teams won six national championships and had seven national runner-up titles.

Barbara Gillespie Nicklaus—Captain of the softball team at Palm Beach State College (formerly Palm Beach Community College) in 1983 and 1984. While playing at PBSC, Gillespie earned All-Conference honors in '84, Junior College All-American in '84 and All-Tournament team at the National Championships in '84. Following PBSC, Barbara attended Florida State University from 1984-1986 on a fast-pitch softball scholarship where she led the team in stolen bases and was team captain her senior year.

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Kevin Patrick—Patrick was a four-year letterman in football at Forest Hill High School. He played defensive end at the University of Miami from 1989-1993. Patrick was an All-American defensive end on two national championship teams (1990 and 1992). While at the University of Miami, he was voted the Hurricane Team MVP and the Big East Conference Player of the Year. He is currently the defensive line coach at the University of South Florida.

Tom Twyford—Currently President/Executive Director of West Palm Beach Fishing Club (WPBFC) and President of the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation for over 20 years. Oversees WPBFC's programs and special events including KDW Classic and Silver Sailfish Derby. Started the program Kids Fishing Days where over 10,000 local children have been introduced to fishing and boating safety.

Jack Wullkotte—A Professional Clubmakers' Society Hall of Fame member, Wullkotte is a renowned clubmaker for some of golf's top players including Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, Jimmy Demaret, Louise Suggs and Toney Penna. Most notably, Wullkotte is Jack Nicklaus's personal clubmaker. Jack Wullkotte worked for MacGregor on and off over the years beginning in 1947. He went on to work for Golden Bear International (GBI) and continued with Nicklaus Golf Equipment Co. once Jack Nicklaus purchased MacGregor. Although retired, he continues to work on clubs in his local Lake Park shop.

Enjoy an evening with the legends and purchase tickets for Palm Beach County Sports Commission's 35th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, at www.palmbeachsports.com.

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recreational to those with collegiate or professional experience. The event includes both metal bat and wood bat divisions. After 18 years on the west coast of Florida, MSBL was persuaded by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission to move its Fall Classic to the east coast for the first time in 2009. MSBL is the largest national organization for adult amateur baseball, comprised of 325 local affiliates, 3,200 member teams and 45,000 member athletes who participate in local leagues, 30 regional tournaments and six national tournaments.



Baseball will provide an enormous impact to the Palm Beach County economy this fall. Approximately 2,250 adult baseball players accompanied by their families and friends will be shopping, dining and experiencing Palm Beach County in November. These tournaments are expected to generate over 2,500 room nights and \$2 million in economic impact for Palm Beach County. MSBL will host an athletes' party at the Meyer Amphitheatre in downtown West Palm Beach on November 14th. This event is expected to attract approximately 1,500 participants and generate additional customers and spending for the business establishments in the downtown area. The Palm Beach County Sports Commission will continue to work with both organizations to foster and grow these national events in Palm Beach County. Don't forget that Arlington and San Francisco are not the only destinations hosting a World Series this fall.

LOU GROZA COLLEGIATE PLACE-KICKER AWARD ANNOUNCES TOP 20 SEMI-FINALISTS



The Palm Beach County Sports Commission has released its 20 semi-finalists for the 2010 Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award, presented by Discover Orange Bowl. These 20 place-kickers have all excelled throughout the season in earning their places as semi-finalists.

Semi-finalists will be voted on by all FBS (Division I-A) head coaches and SID's, along with national, regional and local football writers and others who will select the three finalists. These finalists will be honored at the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Awards Banquet at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, FL on December 7, 2010. The winner will be announced live on the nationally televised Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards Show on the evening of December 9, 2010. Order tickets now at LouGrozaAward.com.

Past Groza finalists include NFL kickers, Nate Kaeding, Sebastian Janikowski, Mike Nugent, Martin Gramatica, Jason Elam, Mason Crosby and Graham Gano. This year's list of candidates for the 19th annual Award include (in no particular order):

Dan Bailey, OKST
Devin Barclay, OSU
Kyle Brotzman, BSU
Dan Conroy, MSU
Derek Dimke, ILL
Kai Forbath, UCLA
Kevin Goessling, FRES
Chris Hazley, VT
Alex Henery, NEB
Dustin Hopkins, FSU

Danny Hrapmann, USM
Josh Jasper, LSU
Aaron Jones, BAY
Joe Phillips, UTAH
Grant Ressel, MIZZ
David Ruffer, ND
Will Snyderwine, DUKE
Collin Wagner, PSU
Blair Walsh, UGA
Nate Whitaker, STAN

THE POLO GOLF JUNIOR CLASSIC TEES OFF AT PGA NATIONAL

The American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) will host its most prestigious event, the Polo Golf Junior Classic, at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens for the second consecutive year on November 20-26, 2010. The Polo Golf Junior Classic, which has been conducted annually since 1978, is the marquee tournament of the AJGA's season. The 156-player invitation-only field is comprised of boys and girls, ages 12-18, from 25 states and 12 foreign countries. The tournament is 36 holes of stroke play with a cut to the low 32 boys and 32 girls qualifying for match play, which will determine overall champions in the Boys and Girls Divisions. Former champions include Stewart Cink (1989), Tiger Woods (1991), Paula Creamer (2002), Grace Park (1994, 1996) and Morgan Pressel (2004).

The AJGA is dedicated to the overall growth and development of young men and women who aspire to earn college golf scholarships through competitive junior golf. Overall, the AJGA conducts more than 80 tournaments and 45 qualifiers around the country in a calendar year. The success of this organization is evident, considering that more than 200 AJGA alumni play on the PGA and LPGA Tours and have earned more than 350 tour victories.

Since 2005, the AJGA has hosted an All-Star Invitational, a Junior Championship or the Polo Golf Junior Classic in Palm Beach County. The Polo Golf Junior Classic is expected to create over 700 room nights and \$240,000 in economic impact. With over 160 golf courses and optimal year-round climate, Palm Beach County looks forward to continuing to host quality amateur golf tournaments.

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