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Pocono Manor Hosting 37th Annual PPGS Pro-Am

Pocono Manor, Pa. -- On Thursday, August 19, Pocono Manor Golf Course will host the 37th annual Pocono Professional Golf Series (PPGS) Pro-Am Golf Tournament. The event is open to all Golf Professionals who are members of the Professional Golf Association (PGA) and are eligible to compete in Philadelphia Section events.

Pocono Manor's head golf professional, Greg Wall, son of 1959 Masters champion and former club professional Art Wall Jr, established the Pro-Am in 1984. Pocono Manor is a part of the PPGS, and many of the courses in the Philadelphia Section of the PGA are nearly two hours away from Philadelphia, where most events are played.

The PPGS designed this event in order to allow local golf professionals to play without having to travel a long distance and do so with three of their friends or fellow members. Pocono Manor is proud to showcase the best of Northeast Pennsylvania golfers, including several local golf professionals who have gone on to play US Opens and PGA tournaments. Pocono Manor has played host to several national television shows and events, including NBC's All-Star Golf, where greats like Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead, and Art Wall Jr. have all competed.

Returning players will see new improvements at the golf shop and course. Pocono Manor, with the help of Oliphant Golf Management, underwent enhancements including tree removal, green enlargements, and upgrades to the golf shop.

"Tom Stem [Pocono Manor's general manager] did an unbelievable job getting the golf course in the best condition I've ever seen," said Wall. "It has always been nice, but now it's even better. Many of the professionals enjoy playing here because it offers a very different experience from what they get at many other courses. As for the Ross/Flynn design, it is a very old-fashioned golf course

with smaller greens, grass bunkers that are really unique to our course compared to others, and of course, the unique par-3 holes of 3 and 7! We're just a really fun golf course to play, and a lot of the professionals who bring their members here to play say, 'Boy, that was a fun experience and what a neat course.'"

Pocono Manor is focused on maintaining its history of the golf course by preserving the integrity of the golf course design. As the staff was updating the golf shop, they discovered the original structure from years ago, which led them to reinstate an old logo.

"I remember when I was young and came to Pocono Manor with my father [Art Wall Jr.] the golf shop had the look that we have recreated," said Wall. "I am really excited about not only the golf shop going back to what we once had but also bringing back our original logo and sharing our amazing history with all of our guests."

The Pro-Am is a one-day event, starting at 7:30 a.m. and running throughout the day. Specific eligibility rules for playing in a Philadelphia Section event apply to the Pro-Am. One professional and three amateurs will be part of a four-person team, with gross and net divisions, and prizes will be awarded to individuals and to teams. For more information on the historic golf course and to book your own tee time, contact us at (570) 839-1389 and visit the website at Pocono Manor Golf Course (golfpoconomanor.com).