

Rock Harbor News

25 ways to gain PGA Tour membership status or get into a PGA Tour field.

Josh Thompson from GolfWRX:

1st Way

Winners of the PGA Championship or U.S. Open prior to 1970 or in the last five seasons from the current year



2nd Way

Winners of The Players Championship in the last five seasons.

3rd Way

Winners of the Masters in last five seasons.

4th Way

Winners of the British Open in last five seasons.



5th Way

Winners of the Tour Championship last three seasons.

6th Way

Winners of World Golf Championships last three seasons.

7th Way

Leading points leader from FedEx Cup points list in the last five seasons.

8th Way

Leading money list winner on the PGA Tour in the last five seasons.

9th Way

Winner of a PGA Tour event in the last two seasons



10th Way

Any player in the top-50 in career earnings may elect to use a one time exemption for the next season.

11th Way

Any player in the top-25 in career earnings may elect to use a one time exemption for the next season.

12th Way

Two international players designated by the commissioner.

13th Way

The current PGA Club Professional Champion may play up to six open tournaments, but three must be opposite of British Open and World Golf Championship events.



14th Way

PGA Section Champion or Player of the Year of the Section in which the tournament is played.

15th Way

Four low scores of the Monday qualifier during the tournament week.

16th Way

Past champions for the event for that particular in the past five seasons.

17th Way

Top-125 players of the previous season's FedExCup points list.

18th Way

Top-125 on the previous season's Official Money List through the Wyndham Championship.

19th Way

Top-25 players on the Web.com money list from previous season.



20th Way

Players winning three events in current Web.com Tour season.

21st Way

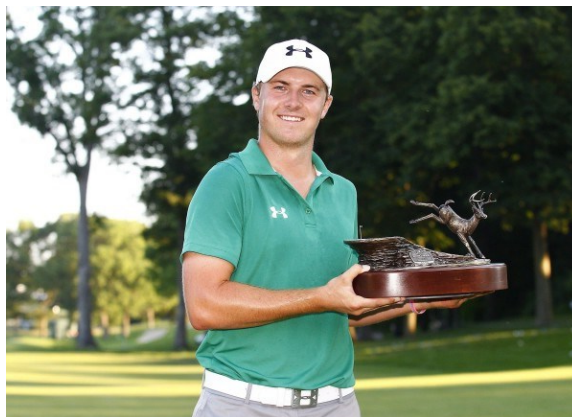
Players finishing between 126-150 of the prior year's FedExCup List.

22nd Way

Sponsor exemption decided by the tournament of the current week.

23rd Way

Special Temporary Members: If during the course of a PGA Tour season, a non-member of the PGA Tours earns an amount of points equal to the amount won in the preceding season by the 150th finisher on the FedExCup points list, he will be eligible to become a special temporary member for the remainder of the season.



24th Way

Team Tournament Winners: Winners of co-sponsored team championships, in order of the total number of team championship tournaments won.

25th Way

Veteran members (players who have made a minimum of 150 cuts during their career), in order of their standing on the PGA Tour Career Money List.

Back from the ASHES — YOU PEOPLE ROCK!

Hugh Tolson: Staff Writer

On the morning of February 18th this year, Scott Messick woke up as is usual for him about 5:00am. He was scheduled to come to Rock Harbor that morning to perform his ranger duties.

He went to his garage and started a propane gas heater to warm the space so that when he finished his shower, he could enjoy a cigarette before starting his trip to the Rock.

At this point, off to the shower. Finished there he came back to the garage door and noticed there was smoke coming from under the door. Charged with adrenaline he threw open the door to find that the heater had somehow started a fire which at this point was racing up the wall.

He searched for his next move and grabbed a comforter in hopes that it would aid in suffocating the fire. As it turns out a comforter should not be your first choice to put out a fire, in this case it seemed to accelerate it. Realizing that might have been a miscalculation, he was now becoming very concerned about the situation.

One thing that was occurring was that his blood pressure and pulse were rapidly accelerating and that led to the defibrillator implanted in his chest, to save his heart from just such an occurrence, went off. This apparently is quite a jolt and it put him face down on the garage floor.


At this point, he had realized the situation was beyond his control and called 911. During that call, the defibrillator gave him one more jolt to make sure it had his attention.

So, now help is on the way. He picks himself up off the floor and regains a bit of calm knowing the Calvary is coming. He knows now things are going against him and turns his attention to his wife, Sue. He gets her up and out of the house and then returns to the garage. He tries to find the hose but it is frozen under the snow somewhere.

Then, he opens the garage door and gets the cars out.



Scott Messick



Not realizing how hot a house fire might get. it turns out he did not move them far enough because both were virtually destroyed.

By the time the Capon Springs fire department arrived, the fire had spread from the garage to the breezeway and into the house attic. The house was pretty much fully engulfed by the time help arrived 45 minutes after the 911 call. The paramedics recorded his blood pressure at 198/93....not good.

Looking at a total loss. As I write this, and you read it, try to imagine the helplessness and the emptiness one must feel as the last few dying embers are finally put out. I am guessing this must have been the low point anyone might face in that struggle we know as life.

And now for the rest of the story.....

As of now, the insurance company (Erie) had made a settlement on the damage Scott describes as very generous. The sight has been cleared and will soon be ready for the next chapter. Erie arranged for a furnished apartment for Sue and Scott near the walking mall here in Winchester. Not quite wild, wild, West Virginia but they are warm and safe.

So, Sue and Scott are now entering a phase in the saga where they have to decide to rebuild, buy a house in the area, move to Texas to be with the grand kids, or shipping out to Venezuela. Scott promises an update when the decision is made.

Then, something began to happen that Sue and Scott never expected and is something that has warmed them and lifted them up from this unspeakable tragedy.....

First, there was a pink box with a plea for kindness, with a picture of the devastation left in the fire's wake. The box began to fill with generous gifts from anonymous golfers at Rock Harbor. Then, there was a notice that Rock Harbor would be sponsoring a benefit golf tournament for Sue and Scott. Then, people began to sign up for the tournament and in short order we here at the course had

to cut it off because we had 144 golfers ready to go. Frankly more than should start any shotgun. But, due to the generosity of Denny Perry and the Rock Harbor Golf Course we decided to go with the maximum number of players possible.

March 26, 2023, was the day of the tournament.



As advertised, the Rock Harbor Membership (on this day probably better named a "Community") turned out in support for one of its own. All 144 golfers, and a few subs, were on hand to make sure the course was packed.

It was a beautiful day and all the players had fun. We played a 2-person scramble that moved remarkably well, and the round finished in about 4 ½ to 5 hours, right on time. Beau and his team made hamburgers and hot dogs

with all the fixings for everyone and put on their usual fabulous show.

Then, again, Denny steps up with \$1,200 in “Denny Dollars” for the top 10 finishers. Once the prize money, \$1,008, was given to Scott by some of the winners, making them WINNERS in the truest sense of the word. Mrs. Rudiger and Mrs. Myers spent the day selling 50/50 tickets that raised \$670 that all went to Scott. Mike Moore made the effort on his own to generate another source of revenue by selling hole sponsorships which raised another big chunk of money.

Those folks deserve a shout out... **Ron Cornelison, JT Spence, Mike Gunter, Jerry Powell, Mike Moore, Randy Pownall, Wilson Fletcher, Gary**

Wingfield, Keving Kenney, Denny Alexander, Mike O’Dell, Brian McLaughlin, and Bubba Gallagher. These folks deserve recognition for stepping up.

Then there were 125 member golfers who contributed their entry fees, generating Rock Harbor’s gift to Scott and Sue totaling \$7,375.

To say that Scott and Sue were overwhelmed, and very touched by the outpouring of generosity, would be an understatement.



Scott Messick and Denny Perry

And, from yours truly, writing this literally brought a tear to my eye as I tried to reconcile the depth of despair to the peak of jubilation that Scott and his wife must have endured during this chapter in their life. Again, I will say it for Scott,

YOU PEOPLE ROCK!



Everyone!!

