ELIGIBILITY
Entries must be the 2014 or 2015 Men’s, Women’s or Senior Men’s Gross Club Champion of a regular OGA Member Club or qualifying Associate Club. Also eligible are 2014 & 2015 Individual Gross Champions of any Championship on the current OGA Men’s, Sr. Men’s, Women’s Performance Points Lists, and the following performance points Leaders (Gigi Stoll, Brie Stone and Lani Elston) as well as all past Women’s Oregon Amateur Champions, 2015 Hudson Cup, 2015 Oregon Junior Stroke Play and Junior Amateur Champions, and the 2015 Men’s Team Champions (Bandon Dunes, Tim Tucker, Adam Araneo, Trevor Hiebing and Adam Burlison) and OGA Tour Championship gross champions Scott Dwyer and Stacy Solomon. Any player 50 years and older as of April 23, 2016 may compete in the Senior Division. All 2015 and 2014 Senior Club Champions must compete in the Senior Division. Course Handicaps will be determined using the April 1 Handicap Index revision. All champions must be amateurs and OGA members. Club champions must be members in good standing of the club they are representing. All contestants must be at least 13 years of age as of April 23, 2016.

ENTRY FEE
$145.00 entry fee must accompany your entry and includes three rounds of golf (one practice round and two competition rounds), an OGA hosted lunch each day and tee prizes. Refunds are not available after the closing date of April 6, 2016 except for documented medical reasons. All refunds are subject to a $20.00 administrative fee.

FORMAT AND PRIZES
36-hole stroke play gross competition with Men’s, Senior Men’s and Women’s Divisions. All divisions will compete from a separate set of tees. All prize awards will be made on the basis of Gross & Net finish. Merchandise certificate awards will be given to top finishers. Special awards from Jones Sports Co. will be issued to the Gross Men’s, Women’s and Senior Men’s Champions. In the event of a tie for the Men’s, Women’s or Senior Men’s Championship, the Champion will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff.

ENTRY DEADLINE
Entries will be accepted according to the date of receipt of entry and entry fee. Entries must reach the OGA office by 5pm on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Entries by telephone, FAX, or email must accompany payment. Online entries are accepted until midnight at www.oga.org. Late entries will be accepted and placed on the alternate’s list to fill spots if they become available up until a time that the OGA Staff establishes. Late entries will not be accepted unless they are accompanied by the correct entry fee, plus an additional fee of $25. Contestants must contact the OGA in order to submit a late entry.

EXEMPTIONS
Defending Champions Riley Elmes and A Ram Choi are exempt into the Championship. Exempt players must meet all eligibility requirements and must file an entry by the entry deadline.

FIELD LIMIT
Field will be limited to the first 21 qualified women, 87 qualified men and 36 qualified senior men. Entries will be accepted according to the date of receipt of entry and entry fee.

STARTING TIMES & PRACTICE ROUNDS
Starting times, pairings, and practice round information will be forwarded via email. Complete tournament information will be at www.oga.org.

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION & CADDIES
Contestants may use automotive transportation and fees must be paid by the contestant to the club at the time of rental. A maximum of two carts is allowed per group. Spectator carts are not allowed. Official carts are not allowed without prior approval of the committee in charge of the competition. Contestants may use a caddie.

RULES
USGA Rules of Golf will govern all play except for those conditions modified by Local Rules which will be published prior to the start of the Championship on www.oga.org. All questions will be resolved by the committee in charge of the competition, whose decision shall be final.

GOLF BALLS
Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls shall be used. The "One-Ball Rule" shall NOT be in effect.

GOLF EQUIPMENT
Golf clubs on the latest list of USGA Non-Conforming Driving Clubs will be prohibited from all OGA Championships. A copy of the USGA Non-Conforming Driving Clubs list will be available at the starter’s table prior to each round. The penalty for carrying but not making a stroke with a non-conforming club in stroke play is two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty of four strokes. The penalty in match play, at the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction of two holes. The penalty for using a non-conforming tee or any other object to raise the ball off the ground is DISQUALIFICATION.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMD)
The use of conforming DMD are permitted during the competition. The Local Rule as prescribed by Appendix I will be in effect at the Championship. All devices must conform as described in Appendix IV.

RESTRICTIONS ON OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES
To avoid distractions the use of cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets and other similar electronic devices for communication purposes will be prohibited during OGA tournament play. Multifunctional devices may be used as a DMD or as otherwise provided under the Rules. Clarifications and special requests regarding this condition should be directed to the committee in charge of the competition.
DRESS CODE
Suitable attire must be worn at all times. Suitable attire does not include spandex body wear, cutoffs, running shorts, running suits, short-shorts, tank tops, tee shirts, denim of any kind or color, or unkempt clothing of any kind. Neat and clean pants, skirts, slacks, cords, or appropriately hemmed, tailored shorts no more than 6 inches above the knee (men’s shorts must have a minimum of three pockets) are acceptable as are sweaters, sweatshirts, and golf shirts (men’s shirts must have collars), women’s golf shirts and golf blouses. Shoes must be worn at all times. Contestants failing to meet the OGA Dress Code will not be permitted to play.

SPIKELESS SHOES
It is a condition of this competition that contestants in the Tournament of Champions will not be permitted to wear metal spikes on their golf shoes during Championship play. Contestants may wear golf shoes with any of the alternative “spikeless” products, or any golf teaching shoes, tennis shoes, sneakers or any other hard or soft soled shoes that will not penetrate or damage a soft putting green.

UNOFFICIAL WITHDRAWAL
Entrants who unofficially withdraw without an acceptable reason and without notifying the OGA will not be granted entry into any future OGA events for a minimum of one year.

CODE OF CONDUCT
Contestants are expected to (1) know and play by the Rules of Golf, (2) conduct themselves at all times in a sportsmanlike manner, (3) respect the golf course and the rights of other contestants, (4) fulfill their playing obligations and (5) know and abide by the OGA Pace of Play Policy. If the Committee considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, including but not limited to unsportsmanlike conduct (cheating, damaging the golf course, defacing club property, using loud obscene language, throwing clubs, etc.), it may impose a penalty of DISQUALIFICATION and possible suspension from future play in OGA Championships. Any disciplinary actions imposed on a contestant by the OGA may be formally communicated to a representative of the contestant’s club and/or to any other allied golf association that the OGA deems appropriate.

CONDITIONS & SCHEDULES
The OGA assumes no liability for any conditions of the competition. Upon submitting this entry form and subsequently playing in this competition, players agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the OGA and its respective affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities and losses, including, without limitation reasonable attorney’s fees and costs and expenses of litigation, arising out of any negligent act or omission of the indemnifying party in connection with the conditions herein. The committee in charge of the competition reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the Committee in any matter shall be final.

INCLEMENT WEATHER
The OGA will make every effort to complete the scheduled number of rounds of the tournament. As a general policy, in circumstances under which the final round is suspended due to inclement weather and it becomes impossible to complete the round on the same day, 1) if all players in the field/division have not completed at least 9 holes, the results of the Championship will be determined by reverting to the previous round’s totals and the suspended round will be canceled, and 2) if all players have completed at least 9 holes of the final round, every effort will be made to finish the final round on the following day. All decisions to suspend or resume play will be at the discretion of the Committee. Any additional information regarding guidelines for suspensions and cancelations can be obtained by contacting the OGA.

OGA NET PERFORMANCE POINTS ADJUSTMENT (KTPS)
The OGA Tournament Committee has instituted a policy by which they reserve the right to adjust the Course Handicap of any competitor in future competitions. This policy is based on a modification of the Knuth Tournament Performance Points System (KTPS) as licensed from Dean Knuth. A reduction of a competitor’s Course Handicap will be based on the following criteria. High finishes in any Net portion of a 36 hole OGA championship with 81 participants or more in a division during a two year period will be awarded points accordingly: 1st=12, 2nd=10, 3rd=8, 4th=6, 5th=4. High finishes in any Net portion of a 36 hole OGA championship with 80 participants or less in a division during a two year period will be awarded points accordingly: 1st=8, 2nd=6, 3rd=4, 4th=2. High finishes in any Net portion of an 18 hole competition (OGA Tour) during a one year period will be awarded points accordingly: 1st=3, 2nd=2, 3rd=1. Any contestant who accumulates 17 points over the stated period may have their Course Handicap reduced by 1 stroke for use during the competition. Any contestant who accumulates more than 17 points during the stated period will have their Course Handicap reduced an additional 1 stroke for each additional two points accumulated.