



2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEPTEMBER 27th - OCTOBER 1st

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LADIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



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NAKAGAWA, TOCHIGI, JAPAN



KYLE GABBARD
AMATEUR CHAMPION

JEFF GAVIN
SENIOR CHAMPION

KANANI LODGE
LADIES CHAMPION

KYLE BERKSHIRE
OPEN CHAMPION



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2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT SCHEDULE

2022 SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

27
TUE

Open Division (Group 1) - 8:30 AM
Open Division (Group 2) - 10:30 AM

Open Division (Group 3) - 1:00 PM
Open Division (Group 4) - 3:00 PM

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WED

Open Division (Group 5) - 8:30 AM
Open Division (Group 6) - 10:30 AM

Open Division (Group 7) - 1:00 PM
Open Division (Group 8) - 3:00 PM

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THU

Open Division (Top 64 Group 1) - 8:30 AM
Open Division (Top 64 Group 2) - 10:30 AM

Open Division (Top 64 Group 3) - 1:00 PM
Open Division (Top 64 Group 4) - 3:00 PM
Amateur Division (Group 1) - 5:00 PM

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FRI

Senior Division (Group 1) - 8:30 AM
Senior Division (Group 2) - 10:30 AM

Open Division (Top 32 Group 1) - 1:00 PM
Open Division (Top 32 Group 2) - 3:00 PM
Amateur Division (Group 2) - 5:00 PM



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Super Senior World Championship - 8:30 AM
Amateur World Championship - 10:30 AM

Senior World Championship - 1:00 PM
Open World Championship - 3:00 PM



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2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN DIVISON

GROUP 1

Andrew Eigner
Bryce Verplank
Clint Oliver
Connor Sterritt
Daryl Lim
Earl Weidner
Jacob Golliday
Joey Belden
Karter Adams
Kazuya Ikeda
Kyle Berkshire
Kyle Culver
Paul Kuehn
Ruan Potgeiter
Steve Kois
Victor Bourget

GROUP 2

Brandon Flynn
Cody Albertson
Damyon Dooley
Gavin Yociss
Isaiah Joyner
Issei Matsumoto
Jim Waldron
John Zook
Matt Thorman
Rob Tiettmeyer
Sebastian Twaddell
Taiga Tazawa
Tanner Roberts
Wes Patterson
Yuto Nishijima

GROUP 3

Campbell Macmillan
Dong Hyuk Lee
Dwight Riddle
Fumi Kobayashi
Jared Foerter
Kyle Gabbard
Kyota Koido
Matt Kindou
Mike Zulauf
Sam Judah
Scott Odekirk
Scottie Pearman
Shintaro Yamada
Wes Campeau
Will Hogue

GROUP 4

Aaron Hoffman
AJ Doherty
Andrew Mare
Brady Torbitt
Cam Swanson
Colton Kalkanis
Jeff Gavin
Justin James
Landon Gentry
Luke Moore
Mike Dobbyn
Ryan Steenberg
Soya Matsumoto
Travis Geerts
Wes Buntенbach

GROUP 5

Antony Livingston
Bobby Bradley
Bobby Ray
Bryan Kelly
Cody Wheeler
George Haggerty
Joshua Bryson
Luke Wood
Marco das Neves
Matthew Nicolle
Naoto Misumi
Ryan Reisbeck
Travis Eakin
Tyler Catalina
Yuya Ohkawa

GROUP 6

David Waud
Grieg Mooney
Hong Hyeon Jun
Jeff Brumley
Josh Koch
Juan Nel
Ken Long
Mark Costello
Mitch Grassing
Reid Russell
Ryan Gregnol
Spencer McDaniel
Tensei Hirano
William Ruga
Zac Adams

GROUP 7

Andrew Fernandes
Brendan Wise
Bryce Mooney
Colton Casto
Jacob Hignite
Jeremy Nowak
Kauner Kay
Kennichi Jo
Matthew Love
Ryan Winther
Sam Attanasio
Scott Littlefield
Thorne Van Zyl
Tomohiro Toyonaga
Zack Holton

GROUP 8

Cody Billingham
Bryson DeChambeau
Cole Brightman
Dan McIntosh
Hunter Noell
Jorge De Leon
Katusnori Sakurai
Manny Sumaya
Martin Borgmeier
Munashe Masawi
Rick Scarfia
Rocco Gondek
Sandy Porter
Sean Johnson
Tyler Culver
Zack Duggan

COMPETITOR LIST



SENIOR DIVISON

GROUP 1

Antony Livingston
Bobby Peterson
Don Beck
Gerard Pera
Gideon Stander
Jason Cook
Jeff Gavin
Jon Graves
Michael Dale
Rick Scarfia
Rob Sippl
Ryan Gearhart
Seiichi Sugashima
Troy Caley
Vincent Ciurluini
Zac Adams

GROUP 2

Bill Ebersole
Chris McLean
David Mobley
Doug Wallingford
Eddie Fernandes
EJ McDonnell
George Nagy
Jeff Farley
Jim Heflin
Koji Shimizu
Mike Bauman
Noritaka Osaka
Nyle Pruitt
Tom Peppard
Wynand Roos

AMATEUR DIVISON

GROUP 1

Adam Graziani
Cameron Hill
Casey Steed
Cody Albertson
Colton Kalkanis
Daniel Owen
Derek Kness
Earl Weidner
Kauner Kay
Kyle Gabbard
Matt Stubbs
Mitch Erikson
Peter Anderson
Stephen Hopper
Thomas Fliniks
Wes Campeau

GROUP 2

Clint Oliver
Cody Gebhart
Connor Sterritt
Damien Da Silva
James Anderson
Jay Helstowski
Jeff Allen
Keith Hawkins
Kevin Mudron
Matthew Love
Matthew Moskalski
Michael Freeman
Paden Vendrely
Sandy Porter
Wesley Bryant
Zach Hammer

SUPER SENIOR DIVISON

Chris McLean
Daniel Fournier
Danny Beck
David Mobley
Kevin Hughes
Lance Reader
Lynn Ray
Mark Frampton
Mark Lawrence
Michael Dale
Nyle Pruitt
Rick Scarfia
Scott Kennedy
Todd Baxley
Tom Celone
Vincent Ciurluini



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OPEN DIVISION



KYLE BERKSHIRE 2021 WORLD CHAMPION

Kyle Berkshire finished the 2022 long drive season like he had the three previous seasons, as the player to beat.

Winning 5 of the 8 Open Division tour stops including the Desert Launch, Sunshine Smash, Diamond in the Desert, Bluff City Shootout, and Connecticut Challenge. He's primed to make another run at a third world championship.



JEFF GAVIN 2021 WORLD CHAMPION

Jeff Gavin has had his hands full all season battling for tour wins against a very strong Senior Division field. Winning the Diamond in the Desert in May, on the same tee box he captured his second Senior Division World Championship victory, he'll try to recreate that same winning formula to win a third Senior division title.

SENIOR DIVISION

AMATEUR DIVISION



KYLE GABBARD 2021 WORLD CHAMPION

Kyle Gabbard is back to defend his Amateur Division World Title against an influx of hot new talent and a championship field that has doubled to 32 competitors. After winning the Mile High Shootout and qualifying for the Open Division World Championship, he'll be a formidable opponent as he attempts to repeat as Amateur Champion.



KANANI LODGE 2021 WORLD CHAMPION

Kanani Lodge started off the season the same way she ended last season, winning in Mesquite. She managed to keep her undefeated streak alive through the Desert Launch in another strong performance. The sky is the limit for Kanani in long drive as she possesses unmatched speeds.

LADIES DIVISION

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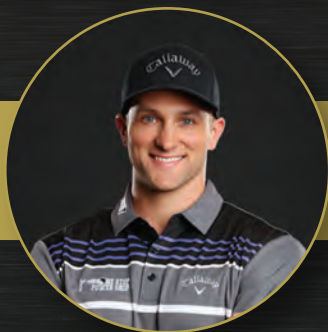
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ABOUT THE HOST



Steve Kois - Tucson, AZ

Steve started competing in long drive in 2015 and continues to be one of the top hitters - he climbed to #10 in the world rankings, taking numerous top 10 finishes in tour events and world championships, with a longest drive of 464 yards. He has also competed in a variety of mini-tour events with a career low round of 62 (-10, course record). Steve (B.S. Mathematics, TPI, NASM, CrossFit Level 1 and Kettlebell) is also a personal trainer for golfers and long drivers looking to improve their fitness and golf abilities.



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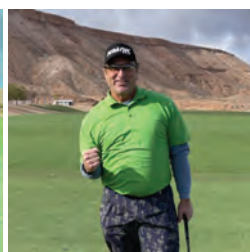
KANANI LODGE
LADIES DIVISION WINNER



KYLE BERKSHIRE
OPEN DIVISION WINNER



KAUNER KAY
AMATEUR DIVISION WINNER



DAVID MOBLEY
SENIOR DIVISION WINNER

Kyle Berkshire and Kanan Lodge started the season right where they left off on the championship teebox winning the first tour event of the season in the Open and Ladies Divisions. David Mobley, the 2021 Senior Division player of the year, got back to his winning ways after finishing runner up at the World Championships last year. Newcomer Kauner Kay, the youngest ever PLDA tour event winner, captured his first harvest in the Amateur Division and the runner up at the World Championships last year.



SUNSHINE SMASH

APR 15-17 HOBE SOUND, FL
HOBE SOUND POLO CLUB

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KELLY RUDNEY
LADIES DIVISION WINNER



KYLE BERKSHIRE
OPEN DIVISION WINNER



CODY BILLINGHURST
AMATEUR DIVISION WINNER



ZAC ADAMS
SENIOR DIVISION WINNER

The PLDA headed east to Florida in the first ever long drive competition at the Hobe Sound Polo Club. The polo club proved to be a proving ground as we once again saw Justin James and Kyle Berkshire battling it out in the Open Division. Zac Adams captures his first ever Senior Division tour win and Canadians Kelly Rudney and Cody Billinghamurst flew south to claim the Ladies and Amateur Division title.



DIAMOND IN THE DESERT

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MAY 13-15 MESQUITE, NV
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Under the lights of the desert night, 3x World Champion Phillis Meti, made her way to the winner's circle again defeating Mai Dechathipat of Thailand. Kyle Berkshire and Jeff Gavin continued right where they left off from the 21' World Championships. Newcomer Keith Hawkins battled his way to victory through a strong field of competitors in the Amateur Division.



PHILLIS METI
LADIES DIVISION WINNER



KYLE BERKSHIRE
OPEN DIVISION WINNER



KEITH HAWKINS
AMATEUR DIVISION WINNER



JEFF GAVIN
SENIOR DIVISION WINNER



MILE HIGH SHOOTOUT

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JUNE 10-12 LA SALLE, CO
BIG FOOT TURF FARM

Kyle Gabbard, the 21' PLDA Amateur World Champ, comes up big in the Rockies. Devon Casazza knocked the door down to take home her first win in long drive. David Mobley with another masterful performance wins his second tour event of the season. In the Open Division Josh Koch hammers a PLDA record-breaking 496 yard drive, but gets edged out in the finals by Martin Borgmeier from Germany.



DEVON CASAZZA
LADIES DIVISION WINNER



MARTIN BORGMEIER
OPEN DIVISION WINNER



KYLE GABBARD
AMATEUR DIVISION WINNER



DAVID MOBLEY
SENIOR DIVISION WINNER



ATC BLUFF CITY SHOOTOUT 5

JUN 24-26 MEMPHIS, TN
GOLF AND GAMES FAMILY PARK



KYLE BERKSHIRE
OPEN DIVISION WINNER



DANIEL OWEN
AMATEUR DIVISION WINNER



DAVID MOBLEY
SENIOR DIVISION WINNER

Battling the heat, David Mobley picks up his third Senior Division tour win of year while first timer Daniel Owen wins the Amateur Division. Kyle Berkshire returns for his fourth tour win of the 2022 season after climbing back from the losers bracket in the Open Division.



BASH FOR CASH

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JUL 8-10 PORT ROWAN, ON, CANADA
STARK'S GOLF COURSE



MAI DECHATHIPAT
LADIES DIVISION WINNER



BRANDON FLYNN
OPEN DIVISION WINNER



CURTIS MUTTER
AMATEUR DIVISION WINNER



TROY CALEY
SENIOR DIVISION WINNER

The PLDA headed north of the border to Port Rowan, Canada. Brandon Flynn manages to make all the right adjustments to get his second Open Division tour win on the tightest grid this season. An emotional Troy Caley dedicated his win in the Senior Division to his ailing father. Former baseball player, Curtis Mutter and Mai Dechathipat both brought the good wood with them as they each captured their first PLDA tour event wins.



CONNECTICUT CHALLENGE

JUL 29-31 PORTLAND, CT
CHRIS COTE'S DRIVING RANGE

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Not able to stay away for long, Kyle Berkshire picks up his fifth tour event win of the year in the Open Division. Eddie Fernandes, the hometown favorite, takes home the Senior Division trophy with a dominant performance of speed. Phillis Meti showed why she's still the player to beat in Ladies Division and Colton Kalkanis picks up his first Amateur Division tour win.



PHILLIS METI
LADIES DIVISION WINNER



KYLE BERKSHIRE
OPEN DIVISION WINNER



COLTON KALKANIS
AMATEUR DIVISION WINNER



EDDIE FERNANDES
SENIOR DIVISION WINNER



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ROCKWELL BLAST

AUG 25-27 BOUNTIFUL, UT
LAKESIDE GOLF COURSE

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In the season-ending event there was tremendous display of firepower from all divisions. After struggling early, Ryan Gregnol put six balls in play with the longest total set in PLDA history of 2,580 yards. Eddie Fernandes doubled up and went back to back in the Senior Division. Monica Lieving was the winner of the Ladies Division in just her second event as a professional long driver. Connor Sterritt finishes the regular season on top as he gets his first win and Reid Russell pulled out all the stops in a heavily contested Open Division battle.



MONICA LIEVING
LADIES DIVISION WINNER



REID RUSSELL
OPEN DIVISION WINNER



CONNOR STERRITT
AMATEUR DIVISION WINNER



EDDIE FERNANDES
SENIOR DIVISION WINNER



LADIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 9

SEP 7-9 NAKAGAWA, TOCHIGI, JAPAN
NASU OGAWA GOLF CLUB



ALI MULHALL
3RD PLACE

SARA OWADA
2022 WORLD CHAMPION

SANA YANAI
2ND PLACE

The Ladies World Championship was hosted by the Japan Pro Dracon Association (JPDA) and was the first overseas PLDA competition since its origination in July 2020. Adopting a combination of the three-ball average scoring system (commonly used in Japan) and the PLDA points format, competitors were tasked with hitting more balls in play while hitting it as far as possible. The 32 players slugged it out over two days time for a \$100,000 prize purse. Japanese competitors Sara Owada and Sana Yanai battled it out in the finals with Owada winning the title and the first Japanese World Championship in the sport of long drive. Other strong performances to be noted were by Ali Mulhall (most balls in play) from Henderson, NV and 3x World Champion Phillis Meti from New Zealand with the longest drive of the competition.

LADIES DIVISION COMPETITORS

SANDRA CARLBORG
MAIMI KAKAZU
KELLY RUDNEY
MIHO SUGIYAMA
THERESA REIL
MISAYO TANAKA
GABI POWEL
KYOUKO SAIKI

CHELSEA ODEM
SANA YANAI
MAI DECHATHIPAT
SARA OWADA
IRENE CROWCHILD
MAI FUKUMOTO
AVEREE DOVSEK
NATSUKO HIGANO

ALI MULHALL
PHILLIS METI
KYOUKO KAWAGUCHI
AYARI YONEZAWA
ALEXIS BELTON
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CORY ANN POND
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