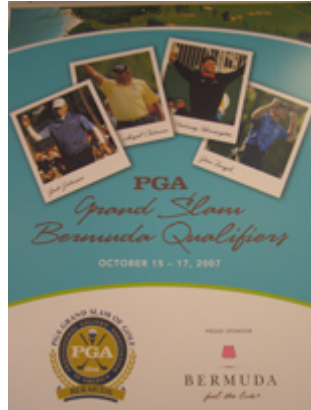


PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Bermuda

The Adventure Kids travel to [Bermuda](#) for the [25th PGA Grand Slam of Golf](#) to see what it takes to win a world-class championship!



As avid golf enthusiasts, watching a golf tournament is every bit as exciting as playing golf, especially when it involves the **PGA Grand Slam of Golf** on the stunning island of Bermuda.

In October 2007, we traveled to Bermuda to attend the 25th PGA Grand Slam of Golf, which took place from October 15-17, 2007 at the legendary 6,666 yard, par 70 [The Mid Ocean Club](#), designed by Charles Blair MacDonald in 1921. This was Bermuda's inaugural PGA Grand Slam of Golf, held for the first time outside of Hawaii.



The Mid Ocean Club

Imagine our excitement as we had the opportunity to witness first hand what it takes to win a major championship, as **2007 Masters Champion Zach Johnson** of the United States, **2007 U.S. Open Champion Angel Cabrera** of Argentina, **2007 British Open Champion Pádraig Harrington** of Ireland, and **2003 U.S. Open Champion Jim Furyk** of the United States competed for the coveted 25th PGA Grand Slam of Golf title.



The event started off with a bang, quite literally, with fireworks on October 14, 2007, at [The Fairmont Southampton](#) beach, which was the host hotel. We watched the fireworks lighting up the sky with fantastic color while dining on a Bermudian feast at tables on the sand.

The following morning, we took the shuttle to The Mid Ocean Club to watch Zach Johnson and Padraig Harrington warm up before the golf clinic. One of the many tips that we learned watching these golfers, is that Padraig Harrington practices driving with a golf glove tucked under his right arm to keep his arm close to the body, which is something that we will try the next time we go to the driving range.



Zach Johnson Warming Up



Brian Whitcomb, PGA President welcomed guests to the start of the PGA Grand Slam of Golf beginning with the Champion Golf Clinic broadcast by TNT to a worldwide audience, where Zach Johnson, Padraig Harrington, and Angel Cabrera took the appreciative crowd through a series of chip shots, flop shots, bunkers, and putting. Jim Furyk was not able to attend, as he was flying in from Korea where he had played in another tournament.



Padraig Harrington at the Campion Golf Clinic

Championship Golf Clinic over, it was time for the PGA Grand Slam of Golf Pro-Am where the many star-studded players included Dr. the Honorable Ewart F. Brown, JP, MP, Premier Minister of Tourism &Transport, as well as Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Twelve Pro-Am pairings lead by Zach Johnson, Padriag Harrington, and Angel Cabrera resulted in the following: First with a score of 118.3, Zach Johnson, Michael Breed - TNT, Alice Mastlair - Fairmont, Terry West - MOC, Nicki Levy - TNT Guest, and Jennifer Stone - TNT Guest; Second with 119.3, Zach Johnson, Sam Duncan - OfficeMax, Art Smith - RSM McGladrey, John Cooney - SI, David Long - SI Guest, and Bill Kratzert - TNT Talent; and Third with 121.3, Padraig Harrington, Wayne Chapman - Bank of Bermuda, Andrew Varga - Brown-Forman, Jack Kodesh - MPG, Joe Roberts - Max Bermuda, and Doug Meine - Rolex.

Longest drives went to: Casey Nelson of Brown-Forman with 286 yards on #9, and Jenny Storms of TNT with 208 yards on #15. Closet to the Pins: Jack Kodesh of MPG with 6'6" on #3, Peter Smith of MOC with 2'11" on #7, Joe Steranka of PGA with 3'1" on #13, and Joe Roberts of Max Bermuda with 6'6" on #17.

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The 25th PGA Grand Slam of Golf began on October 16, 2007 and at the end of the first day of the two day tournament, Padraig Harrington was leading with a 67 (Par 70) and a one shot lead over Angel Cabrera and Zach Johnson who shot a pair of 68's, and a 4 shot lead over Jim Furyk who shot a 1 over 71.



We arrived at the course on October 17, 2007, and followed the golfers from hole to hole, as the excitement rose with each subsequent drive taking each of them closer to the opportunity to win the 25th PGA Grand Slam of Golf title. By the 11th hole, Padraig and Angel were neck and neck at 3 under, with Zach 4 shots back at 1 over, and Jim 5 shots off the pace at 2 over. Going into the 15th hole, Padraig was leading Angel by 1, Zach by 2, and a 4 shot lead over Jim. The 16th hole brought some swings as Padraig now held a 1 shot lead over Zach, 2 over Angel, and 2 over Jim. Entering the 18th hole, the group had closed in on Padraig who now led Angel and Zach by 1, and Jim by 2 shots.

As the golfers approached the 18th green, it was almost possible to hear the gallery's collective heart beating as one as it was still anyone's match. When Angel dropped in an eagle putt forcing Padraig to sink a birdie putt to tie, the crowd went wild with excitement, as this would result in a Sudden Victory playoff.

It was now down to these two players to battle for the title as they replayed #18, which again resulted in a tie. More cheering by the audience as Padraig and Angel went on to play #17, also resulting in a tie! Golf play was now back to the #18, where we held our prime viewing position at about 20 feet from the flag, and thought that our hearts were going to leap out of our chests with excitement watching as Angel dropped in a birdie putt to win the 25th PGA Grand Slam of Golf title and the pink jacket! Two-day results: Angel Cabrera, 68-68 for a total of 136, Padraig Harrington, 67-69 for a total of 136, Jim Furyk, 71-67 for a total of 138, and Zach Johnson 71-68 for a total of 139.



To say that it was an exciting three-days would be an understatement, as we watched what it takes to win a major championship - namely hard work, patience, and in the end, it helps to have a bit of luck on your side.

Luxury Experience Magazine would like to congratulate all of the participants and the winners of the PGA Grand Slam of Golf Pro-Am as well as PGA Grand Slam of Golf participants Zach Johnson, Padraig Harrington, Jim Furyk, and 25th PGA Grand Slam of Golf Champion Angel Cabrera.



For information on the **PGA Grand Slam of Golf** and next year's dates, please visit the website www.PGA.com/GrandSlam/2007.

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