



# RADIX Cup

**The 62nd Playing of the Radix Cup**

**Thursday, June 13, 2024 | Oak Park Country Club**





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*62nd Radix Cup Matches Oak Park  
Country Club Thursday, June 13, 2023*

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**12:45 PM**

**Brian Carroll (The Hawk CC) & Kevin Flack (Mauh-Nah-Tee-See CC)**  
vs.  
**Chadd Slutzky (Royal Fox CC) & John Ramsey (Glenview Park GC)**

**12:55 PM**

**Travis Johns (Medinah CC) & Roy Biancalana (The Hawk CC)**  
vs.  
**Derek Meinhart (Mattoon G&CC) & Mike Henry (Weibring GC)**

**1:05 PM**

**Andy Mickelson (Mistwood GC) & Jeff Kellen (North Shore CC)**  
vs.  
**Nick Feinberg (Olympia Fields CC) & Jeremy Schwab (Glen Flora CC)**

**1:15 PM**

**Carson Solien (Oak Park CC) & Jim Billiter (Ivanhoe Club)**  
vs.  
**Kevin Economos (Oak Park CC) & Will Hickey (Edgewood Valley CC)**

**1:25 PM**

**Chris Green (Glen View Club) & Tim Streng (Wildcat Golf Academy)**  
vs.  
**Justin Schwab (Club at Strawberry Creek) & Rick Stewart (Arrowhead GC)**

**1:35 PM**

**Kyle Donovan (Oak Park CC) & Chris French (Aldeen GC)**  
vs.  
**Robert Beaubien (Biltmore CC) & Charlie Kulwin (The Glen Club)**



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**ILLINOIS PGA NEWS**

## **ILLINOIS PGA PROFESSIONALS AND CDGA AMATEURS FACE OFF IN THE 62ND RADIX CUP MATCHES**

**OAK PARK, Ill. – June 7, 2024** – The 62nd Radix Cup Matches will take place Thursday, June 13 at Oak Park Country Club. First played in 1962, the Radix Cup annually features a team of Illinois PGA Professionals squaring off against a team of Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) Amateurs. The format consists of six better ball matches utilizing Nassau scoring, with the team accumulating the most points hoisting the Radix Cup. The Illinois PGA leads the all-time series 37-22-2. The CDGA Amateurs won the 61st iteration of this event 11.5 – 6.5 in 2023.

The Illinois PGA Professional team is based on the previous year's Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points list. The amateurs are selected using CDGA Player of the Year points from the previous year. The top 11 players from each list are invited to compete in the Radix Cup.

### **About the Illinois PGA/Illinois PGA Foundation**

The Illinois Section of the PGA of America is a professional organization serving men and women golf professionals in northern and central Illinois who are recognized experts in growing, teaching, and managing the game of golf. The Illinois PGA is responsible for the administration of competitive golf tournaments, educational opportunities, support programs, and growth of the game initiatives. With over 760 members and associates, the Illinois PGA is one of the 41 regional Sections that comprise the PGA of America. The Illinois PGA Foundation focuses its community efforts on promoting the goodwill and growth of the game with an emphasis on activities that benefit youth. Foundation initiatives include: GolfWorks Illinois, youth-based Scholarship funds, PGA HOPE (Helping our Patriots Everywhere), Illinois PGA Birdies for Charity, and the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame. For more information about the Illinois PGA and the Illinois PGA Foundation, please visit [www.ipga.com](http://www.ipga.com) and join us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

### **Chicago District Golf Association**

The CDGA is authorized by the United States Golf Association (USGA) as the governing body for amateur golf in our region. The CDGA is a membership organization consisting of more than 106,000 individual golfers and 400 clubs in Illinois and parts of Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Golfers receive member offers, a Handicap Index® from the USGA® and competitive playing opportunities, while clubs receive Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™ measuring services, turfgrass diagnostics and educational seminars. The CDGA also creates opportunities for everyone to experience the benefits of the game through adaptive, therapeutic and youth Sunshine Programs, with an emphasis on serving disabled and veteran communities.

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## ILLINOIS PGA SECTION PLAYER PROFILES

### 62nd RADIX CUP

#### **Roy Biancalana**

*The Hawk Country Club – PGA Teaching Professional*

- Finished T12 at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Finished T1 at the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #5 at Oak Park Country Club.
- Finished third at the 2023 E-Z-GO Illinois PGA Players Championship at Twin Orchard Country Club.
- Won the 2023 Illinois PGA Errie Ball Senior Player of the Year and finished ninth in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.
- Currently 17th in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.

#### **Jim Billiter**

*Ivanhoe Club – Head PGA Professional*

- Finished seventh at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Finished T1 at the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #6 at Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club.
- Finished second at the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #3 at Beverly Country Club.
- Finished sixth in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.
- Currently 10th in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.

#### **Brian Carroll**

*The Hawk Country Club – General Manager/Head PGA Professional*

- Finished T8 at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Won the 2023 E-Z-GO Illinois PGA Players Championship at Twin Orchard Country Club.
- Finished T1 at the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #5 at Oak Park Country Club.
- Finished fourth in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.
- Currently fifth in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.

#### **Kyle Donovan**

*Oak Park Country Club – Assistant PGA Professional*

- Finished T42 in the 2024 PGA Professional Championship.
- Finished T5 at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Finished T1 at the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #5 at Oak Park Country Club.
- Finished second at the 2023 E-Z-GO Illinois PGA Players Championship at Twin Orchard Country Club.
- Finished third in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.
- Currently sixth in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of Year points race.

### **Kevin Flack**

*Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club – Assistant PGA Professional*

- Finished T12 at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Finished T1 at the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #2 at Schaumburg Golf Club.
- Won the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #4 at Cress Creek Country Club.
- Won the 2023 Don Drasler Illinois PGA Assistant Player of the Year and finished second in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.
- Currently 12th in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of Year points race.

### **Chris French**

*Aldeen Golf Club – Head PGA Professional*

- Finished fourth at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Won the 2023 Harris Golf Cars Illinois PGA Match Play Championship at Bull Valley Golf Club.
- Finished T10 at the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #6 at Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club.
- Finished fifth in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.
- Currently seventh in the Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.

### **Chris Green**

*Glen View Club – PGA Director of Instruction*

- Finished T8 at the Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Finished T1 at the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #5 at Oak Park Country Club.
- Finished T5 at the 2023 E-Z-GO Illinois PGA Players Championship at Twin Orchard Country Club.
- Finished 11th in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.
- Currently 13th in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.

### **Travis Johns**

*Medinah Country Club – PGA Director of Instruction*

- Won the 2024 Harris Golf Cars Illinois PGA Match Play Championship at Bull Valley Golf Club.
- Finished T24 at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Finished T2 at the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #2 at Schaumburg Golf Club.
- Finished 12th in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.
- Currently third in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.

### **Jeff Kellen**

*Butler National Golf Club – Head PGA Professional*

- Finished T8 at the 2024 PGA Professional Championship and qualified for the 2024 PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club.
- Finished T2 at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Finished T3 at the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #6 at Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club.
- Finished seventh in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.
- Currently fourth in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.

**Andy Mickelson**

*Mistwood Golf Club – PGA Director of Golf*

- Finished T2 at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Was the runner-up in the 2023 Harris Golf Cars Illinois PGA Match Play Championship at Bull Valley Golf Club.
- Finished T5 at the 2023 E-Z-GO Illinois PGA Players Championship at Twin Orchard Country Club.
- Won the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year Award.
- Currently second in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.

**Carson Solien**

*Oak Park Country Club – PGA Head Professional*

- Finished T24 at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Making his sixth Radix Cup appearance as Head Professional at Oak Park Country Club.
- Finished T1 at the 2023 Illinois PGA Pro-Assistant at Exmoor Country Club with fellow Radix Cup team member, Kyle Donovan.
- Finished 51st in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year pints race.
- Currently 39th in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.

**Tim Streng**

*Wildcat Golf Academy – PGA Teaching Professional*

- Finished T7 at the 2023 Nadler Golf Cars Illinois PGA Professional Championship at Thunderhawk Golf Club.
- Won the 2023 Illinois PGA Stroke Play #3 at Bevely Country Club, setting a new course record of 10-under-par 61.
- Finished seventh at the 2023 E-Z-GO Illinois PGA Players Championship at the Twin Orchard Country Club.
- Finished 13th in the 2023 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.
- Currently 16th in the 2024 Illinois PGA Bernardi Player of the Year points race.

*\* The 2024 Illinois PGA Radix Cup team is based on the 2023 Bernardi Player of the Year points race.*



## CDGA PLAYER PROFILES 62nd RADIX CUP

### **Robert Beaubien, Jr.**

*Biltmore CC • Barrington • 1st Radix Cup*

- 2023 CDGA Amateur champion
- Played college golf at Illinois Wesleyan University, winning the individual CCIW Championship in 2024
- Two-time GCAA PING All-Region selection (2023, 2024)

### **Kevin Economos**

*Oak Park CC • Elmwood Park • 3rd Radix Cup*

- Oak Park Country Club club champion
- First Radix Cup appearance since 2019
- Has earned a total of 1.5 points in previous two Radix Cup appearances

### **Nick Feinberg**

*Olympia Fields CC • Chicago • 1st Radix Cup*

- Qualified for match play in the 2023 CDGA Mid-Amateur and CDGA Amateur Championships
- Finished T5 in the 2023 Illinois State Mid-Amateur Championship
- 2022 Blackberry Amateur champion

### **Mike Henry**

*Weibring GC at ISU • Bloomington • 5th Radix Cup*

- 2023 CDGA Senior Player of the Year
- Reached the Quarterfinals in the 2023 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship
- Finished T7 in the 2023 Illinois State Amateur Championship at Bloomington Country Club, following a fourth-place finish at the same course in 2018
- Advanced to match play in the 2024 CDGA Senior Amateur Championship in June at Kishwaukee Country Club

### **Will Hickey**

*Edgewood Valley CC • Burr Ridge • 1st Radix Cup*

- 2023 Illinois State Mid-Amateur champion
- Advanced to match play in the 2024 CDGA Mid-Amateur Championship at Elgin Country Club in May
- Accomplished amateur golfer in Minnesota before moving to Illinois in the summer of 2023

### **Charlie Kulwin**

*The Glen Club • Chicago • 1st Radix Cup*

- Advanced to match play in the 2023 CDGA Amateur Championship
- Finished T7 at the 2023 Illinois State Amateur Championship
- Rising junior at Loyola Chicago

### **Derek Meinhart**

*Mattoon G&CC • Mattoon • 4th Radix Cup*

- Finished as runner-up in the 2024 CDGA Mid-Amateur Championship at Elgin Country Club in May
- Qualified for the 2023 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship
- Advanced to 2023 U.S. Open Final Qualifying

### **John Ramsey**

*Glenview Park GC • Glenview • 4th Radix Cup*

- Past champion of the CDGA Mid-Amateur (2023) and Illinois State Mid-Amateur (2020) Championships
- Four-time winner of the CDGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship alongside Chadd Slutzky, including 2023 at Glen Flora Country Club
- Earned all three points at last year's Radix Cup alongside Chadd Slutzky

### **Jeremy Schwab**

*Glen Flora CC • Gurnee • 1st Radix Cup*

- Advanced to the semifinals of the 2023 CDGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship alongside Bradley Goldstein
- Made the semifinals of the 2023 CDGA Mid-Amateur Championship
- Played college golf at Central College in Iowa

### **Justin Schwab**

*Club at Strawberry Creek • Beach Park • 1st Radix Cup*

- Finished T7 at the 2023 Illinois State Amateur Championship
- Made match play in the 2023 CDGA Amateur Championship
- Played college golf at Methodist University in North Carolina

### **Chadd Slutzky**

*Royal Fox CC • Deer Park • 10th Radix Cup*

- Winner of eight CDGA-administered championships, including the 2024 CDGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship
- 2022 CDGA Player of the Year, a season in which he won the Illinois State Mid-Amateur and CDGA Amateur Four-Ball Championships
- Qualified for the 2016, '17, '21 and '22 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championships
- Earned all three points at last year's Radix Cup alongside John Ramsey

### **Rick Stewart**

*Arrowhead GC • Park Ridge • 1st Radix Cup*

- Earned medalist honors in the 2024 CDGA Mid-Amateur Championship at Elgin Country Club in May, advancing to the Quarterfinals
- Notched two solid results in both 2023 mid-amateur events, reaching the Semifinals of the CDGA Mid-Amateur and placing 12th in the Illinois State Mid-Amateur
- Made the cut at the 2023 Illinois State Amateur Championship, finishing in 31st place





## **Illinois PGA Fact Sheet**

**Founded:** The PGA of America was founded on January 17, 1916, in New York City. What started as eighty-two charter members has now grown to include over 28,000 PGA professionals and associates – making the PGA the world’s largest working sports organization.

**Illinois Section:** The Illinois Section is one of the 41 regional sections of the PGA of America and consists of over 750 PGA Professional Members and Associates across the State.

**Central Illinois Chapter:** The Central Illinois Chapter serves the cities of Peoria, Decatur, Champaign, Bloomington, and surrounding communities.

**Executive Director:** Carrie Williams

### **Board of Directors**

<b>Alex Mendez, President</b> <i>Srixon/Cleveland/Nike</i>	<b>Tim Krouse, Director</b> <i>Effingham CC</i>
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<b>Andy Mickelson, Secretary</b> <i>Mistwood GC</i>	<b>Jamie Nieto, Director</b> <i>Royal Fox CC</i>
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<b>Ian Grant, Director</b> <i>Oak Brook Golf Club</i>	<b>Vince Juarez, Director</b> <i>KemperSports Management</i>

**Foundation:** The Illinois PGA Foundation initiatives include the Illinois PGA Junior Tour, Birdies for Charity, GolfWorks Illinois, Youth-based Scholarship Funds, PGA HOPE, PGA Jr. League, Drive Chip and Putt, and the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame.

**Home Office & Headquarters:** 1 Briar Road. Golf, IL 60029

**Tournaments:** The Illinois PGA Section operates numerous tournaments throughout the season for PGA Professionals as well as top amateurs. This includes the Illinois Open, the Illinois Senior Open, the Illinois Super Senior Open, as well as Section Championship Events. The Illinois PGA also introduced its Junior Tour in 2021, which offers an exceptional tournament experience for junior golfers ages 14-18.

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# Better Through Golf

with the Chicago District Golf Association

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Founded on March 18, 1914 by a group of 25 local clubs, the CDGA is one of the largest and oldest golf associations in the United States.

The CDGA is directed by a district-wide board of directors and an advisory committee comprised of past presidents of the Association. Directors, known as "Blue Coats," donate their services and time, amounting to more than 15,000 man-hours a year. The Association is serviced by a full-time staff of 28 and is based at Midwest Golf House and the Bob Berry Sunshine Course in Lemont, Illinois. A Central Illinois office is located in Peoria, Illinois.

The Blue Coats and staff handle thousands of inquiries annually through personal visits, phone, email and correspondence regarding rulings, handicap indexes, tournament procedures, places to play-and-stay, greenskeeping practices and various information requests from golfers across the country. In addition to these services, the CDGA is the only state and regional golf association in the country to provide turfgrass services to its member clubs.

**To learn more, visit [CDGA.org](http://CDGA.org) or [@CDGAGolf](#) on social media.**