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A Sunday 68 gives Rick Persichetti the 2011 Harbour Pointe Open title and the 7th major championship of his Mulligan Tour career

The Majestic at Lake Walden -

Rick Persichetti shot a final round 68 to claim the 2011 Commercial Underwriters Harbour Pointe Open by 5 strokes over first round leaders Sam Akunuri and Klaus Juska.

Persichetti, known as Perch on Tour, finished the 2-round tournament at 6-under par 138 to secure his 2nd HPO title and his 7th major triumph.

Perch carded only 4 bogies over 36 holes and despite hitting only 1 green in regulation on Sunday, took only 24 strokes with the flat stick, a tournament record.

Ranked 2nd in the world most of the year, Perch moves to the #1 spot after the win, his first victory since the 2010 Ugly Pants Open.

Akunuri, one half of the reigning Memorial Tournament champs, found himself leading the 2011 HPO after Saturday's open round fueling talk about the possibility of a grand slam in 2011. Indeed, he was the front runner thru 31 holes before relinquishing the lead to Perch on hole #14 Sunday.

A final round 75 gave Akunuri a



Tale of the Tape Rick Persichetti

141 career starts (2003-2011)
19 Tour wins
7 Major victories
69 top-4 finishes
3-1 playoff record
\$1,516.07 in career earnings

2003 Money Title
2004 Money Title
2006 Commissioner's Cup win

share of 2nd place and a 4th place ranking on the Money Standings.

Juska, a rookie from Lake Orion, had just tasted victory for the first time with a playoff win at the Par-54 the day before Saturday's opening round. He also had a share of the first round lead with an opening 68 and, like Akunuri, closed with a 75 to tie for 2nd.

Among a group of 5 players that

were tied for 4th with even par 72's on Saturday, John Powell added another 72 to take solo 4th place. Tournament host Dan Schwartz shot a final round 73 to tie for 5th with Steve Prew at 1-over 143.

Saturday's opening round was a record fund raiser for a tournament charity. The players contributed generously to Open Door Food

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Ministry, the 2011 charity of choice for title sponsor Commercial Underwriters Risk Management, Inc.

Through the sale of extra mulligans, a 50/50 putting contest and raffle and auction prizes, the Tour players raised over \$1,300 for the charity.

And Persichetti raised his earnings for the year up to \$66.00 after receiving the \$50 first place check. He is currently ranked 6th on the Money List as the race for the 2011 Money Title heads into the 2nd half of the season.

Persichetti joined the Mulligan Tour in 2003 and promptly won the Money Title as a rookie. He followed that with a 4-win sophomore season that included his first Green Towel and his first HPO title. And, another Money Title.

The wins have continued to pile up for the Dearborn resident. Perch is now the career leader in wins (19) and prize money with over \$1,500.00 in earnings. He is 3rd all-time in number of tournaments entered (141) and 2nd in top-4 finishes (69). And, with his 7th major title, trails only Greg Kline (9) in the number of major championship won.

Persichetti now has his sights set on the Match Play Championship, a tournament that he has made no secret of his desire to win. He was runner-up there last year as well as in 2003 and 2004. If he maintains his #1 ranking on Tour he will enter as the top seed and certainly one of the favorites.

HPO in 2012

Eagle Crest Golf Club of Ypsilanti is the leading candidate to be the host course for the 2012 Harbour Pointe Open, tentatively scheduled for June 23-24. Eagle Crest was the host course for the HPO in 2000, 2004 and 2008.

FINAL STANDINGS 2011 Commercial Underwriters Harbour Pointe Open

	NET	PLAYER	GROSS
1	138 (-6)	Rick Persichetti \$50.00	41-42-41-40 – 164
2	143 (-1)	Sam Akunuri \$35.00	47-42-44-52 – 185
	143 (-1)	Klaus Juska \$35.00	40-42-46-43 – 171
4	144 (E)	John Powell \$25.00	38-40-38-40 – 156
5	145 (+1)	Steve Prew \$17.50	43-41-44-41 – 169
	145 (+1)	Dan Schwartz \$17.50	43-52-45-51 – 191
7	146 (+2)	Kevin Morin \$10.00	40-44-41-41 – 166
8	148 (+4)	Jan Crawford \$9.00	46-43-46-47 – 182
9	149 (+5)	DeVonne Mowry \$7.50	46-46-44-43 – 179
	149 (+5)	Karl Carter \$7.50	49-48-49-43 – 189
11	151 (+7)	Denny Ersig \$6.00	45-49-46-45 – 185
12	152 (+8)	Thom Bales \$4.50	41-44-47-46 – 178
	152 (+8)	Rich Dunmore \$4.50	41-49-44-44 – 178
14	155 (+11)	Tim Markel \$3.00	44-47-43-53 – 187
15	157 (+13)	Tom Sachs \$1.50	45-44-47-49 – 185
	157 (+13)	Mike Sikes \$1.50	41-47-52-39 – 179
17	158 (+14)	Don Morris	41-46-47-48 – 182
18	170 (+26)	Erik Meland	44-42-51-51 – 188
MISSED CUT (+6)			
19	78 (+6)	Lou Acosta	44-41 – 85
	78 (+6)	Jon Heikkinen	43-44 – 87
	78 (+6)	Charlie Roy	45-43 – 88
22	79 (+7)	Rob Gardner	45-54 – 99
	79 (+7)	Chris Dunmore	49-51 – 100
24	81 (+9)	Jeff Klipa	50-47 – 97
	81 (+9)	Tom Hoelzle	47-59 – 106
	81 (+9)	Greg Kline	44-47 – 91
	81 (+9)	Joe Brandenburg	45-50 – 95
	81 (+9)	Julie Gardner	58-60 – 118
29	82 (+10)	Gary Darby (4 th)	42-49 – 91
	82 (+10)	Sue Meland	52-56 – 108
31	83 (+11)	Phil Abele	47-53 – 100
	83 (+11)	Mike Harmon	52-57 – 109
	83 (+11)	Barb Hoelzle	53-48 – 101
34	84 (+12)	Ron Hiestand	50-46 – 96
	84 (+12)	Tom Moran	50-51 – 101
36	85 (+13)	Chris Gatz (a)	40-45 – 85
	85 (+13)	Tim Jakubowski	52-52 – 104
38	86 (+14)	Dave Oliver	44-42 – 86
39	87 (+15)	Dennis LeMaitre	52-46 – 98
	87 (+15)	Mike Percy	56-55 – 111
41	88 (+16)	Sally Darby (4 th)	53-51 – 104
42	89 (+17)	Sharon Prew	62-62 – 124
	89 (+17)	Eric Morris	49-53 – 102
44	99 (+27)	Gary Vich (a)	50-49 – 99

The Fast and the Furious

Behind the scenes battle continues over proper pace of play

The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

The subject is debated every winter at the Director's meeting and habitually makes the conversation after many tournaments. Pace of play is a real concern for the game of golf and for the Mulligan Tour.

Some people can play golf in 4 hours, or less if they are not a foursome. But the Mulligan Tour is not strictly recreational golf. It has always been about tournament golf for recreational players.

"We've had members not return to the Tour sighting slow play as a reason", stated Tour President Erik Meland. "I can appreciate that they want to play golf in 3 hours on a Saturday and then do other things, but that is not what the Mulligan Tour is about. It's about tournament

styled golf for bogey golfers who would not otherwise get to compete against other players at the sport of golf".

"I have no problem with 4 1/2 hour rounds", Meland continued. "And it can take longer depending on the conditions (i.e. wet)".

What is the difference between 4 1/2 hours and 4 hours 40 minutes? The obvious answer is 10 minutes, but realize that those 10 minutes make up only 4% of the total. Is this really significant over the course of the day?

The bottom line is - keep up with the group in front of you. If you do that you cannot be in trouble. But if you lose ground to the group ahead, then the whole group needs to push a little and get back into position.

Helpful Hints to keep things moving

- 1) Drop off one cart partner with the right clubs and drive to your ball to be ready to shoot as soon as possible
- 2) Read your putt while others are putting to be ready to go as soon as it is your turn
- 3) First player to putt out grabs the flagstick to return to the cup as soon as the last player finishes
- 4) Walk briskly off the green and announce your scores for all to hear not just the common scorecard holder.

Opportunity Knocks

Division Championships separated again



The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

After some deliberation, the Tour has rescheduled the division championships to allow players that qualify for more than one championship to be able to compete in them without choosing one over another.

The 2011 WESTERN Championship has an early start on Saturday, August 27th, at the Coyote Preserve GC. The 2011 PLAYERS Championship has a 3:00 start on the same day at the Golden Fox GC.

The travel time between the Coyote Preserve, in Fenton, and the

Golden Fox, in Plymouth, is about 30 minutes. There should be plenty of time to get from one venue to the other - as long as the player is not involved in a drawn out playoff.

The 2011 EASTERN Championship was moved from the 27th of August to Sunday, the 28th, to further accommodate the eligible players.

With the 2011 membership standing at 84 members, less than the hoped for 100 at the beginning of the season, Tour officials agreed to the new schedule for the division championships.

2011 Division Championships

The WESTERN Championship
Coyote Preserve GC
August 27 7:30am start time

The PLAYERS Championship
The Golden Fox
August 27 3:00pm start time

The EASTERN Championship
The Orchards GC
August 28 2:30pm start

One on One at the Woodlands

Thom Bales prepares to defend Match Play title in Van Buren

The Mulligan Tour LLC, Belleville, MI -

The Mulligan Tour Match Play Championship returns to the Woodlands of Van Buren golf course at the end of July marking the 10th anniversary of the event. The Woodlands hosted the first Match Play Championship in 2001 and with the 2011 tournament will have hosted, in whole or in part, 5 of the 11 Championships.

Thom Bales, currently ranked 2nd on the MT World Ranking, will enter as the defending champion of this 3rd major tournament of the season. Last year, Bales won the Match Play title to take the first 3 major championships of the season.

The top-16 on the MT World Ranking are invited to the 3-day Championship. Typically there are eligible players that decline their invitation and so invitations are extended down the ranking in order to fill the 16 player field.

The field is seeded 1 to 16 in order of their World Ranking as of the July 25 ranking. The tournament starts on Friday, July 29, with the 8 winners moving on to Saturday's quarter final round. The final 4 will play 2 rounds on Sunday with the semi finals in the morning and the finals and 3rd place matches in the afternoon.

There is one new twist for 2011. Matches that end regulation 18 holes all square will proceed in extra holes on the 1st or 10th tee if available from the course. In the past, tied matches were settled on the practice putting green with a 4 hole playoff. Now, tied matches will proceed in sudden death format on the course.

An exception will be made for those matches where both competitors agree to settle the tie on the practice putting green - but only if both players agree.

2011 Match Play CHAMPIONSHIP July 29-31 at the Woodlands of Van Buren

Entry fee: \$110

Registration deadline: July 20

First round loss (T-9) refunded \$85

Second round loss (T-5) refunded \$50

Purse: \$160

1st place = \$60

2nd place = \$40

3rd place = \$25

4th place = \$15

T-5 = \$5

SCHEDULE

First round = July 29 at 2:00pm

Second round = July 30 at 1:00pm

Semi-Finals = July 31 at 8:00am

Finals = July 31 at 2:00pm



Thom Bales
2010 Match Play Champion

Mulligan Tour World Ranking (as of July 1, 2011)

1. Rick Persichetti	54.24	11. Jon Heikkinen	32.33
2. Thom Bales	48.56	12. Charlie Roy	29.46
3. David Martin	46.75	13. Sam Akunuri	29.10
4. John Powell	42.14	14. Don Morris	28.08
5. Kelly Arnold	41.38	15. Jason Rectenwald	27.87
6. Greg Kline	40.83	16. Tom Sachs	27.59
7. Rob Gardner	38.81	17. Joe Robar	27.18
8. Mike Prieskorn	38.34	18. Tom R Litzler	25.65
9. Lou Acosta	33.70	19. Terry Baar	24.54
10. Karl Carter	33.02	20. Erik Meland	24.15

Mulligan Tour Match Play Championship

2010	Thom Bales	Woodlands of Van Buren
2009	Kelly Arnold	Links at Whitmore Lake
2008	Bob Bruning	Willow Metropark GC
2007	DeVonne Mowry	Links at Whitmore Lake
2006	Greg Kline	Links at Whitmore Lake
2005	Greg Kline	Links Whitmore Lake / Woodlands
2004	Greg Kline	Inkster Valley GC
2003	Steve Gregg	Woodlands
2002	David Martin	Inkster Valley GC
2001	Steve Gregg	Woodlands / Pheasant Run

2011 MULLIGAN TOUR RESULTS / SCHEDULE

DATE	WEST	CENTRAL	EAST
April 30	Pine View Classic Don Morris 73 (+1)	Tin Cup John Powell 77 (+5)	
May 7		Western Swing Tim Markel 70 (-2)	Sweet Sixteen Tim Jakubowski 6-under
May 14	Chelsea Classic David Martin 67 (-5)		Sparty Classic Rich Dunmore 72 (E)
May 21	The Memorial Tournament Sam Akunuri and Karl Carter 68 (-4)		
June 4	Animal House Classic Don Morris 70 (-2)		Cherry Creek Classic Erik Meland 71 (-1)
June 10 Friday	The Fox Hunt David Martin 51 points		
June 11			Big Dog Pro-Am Mike Prieskorn 136 (-8)
June 12 Sunday		Dudlee's Plymouth Open Rich Dunmore 68 (-2)	
June 18	The Holy Grail Tom Hoelzle 72 (+1)	Real McCoy Classic Terry Baar 65 (-6)	
June 24 Friday		Par-54 Classic Klaus Juska 56 (+2)	
June 25-26	Commercial Underwriters Harbour Pointe Open Rick Persichetti 138 (-6)		
July 9	Strokes on a Rope Huntmore GC		Casino Classic Twin Lakes GC
July 10 Sunday	Indigo Salon & Spa Ladies Open Pheasant Run GC		
July 16	Two-Stick Classic Links at Whitmore Lake	Doc's Sports Retreat Quad-Tour Challenge Whispering Willows GC	
July 17 Sunday	MT Senior Open Kensington Metropark		
July 23		Crazy Brit Fox Creek GC	
July 24 Sunday			East Side Charity Classic Rammler GC
July 29-31	Match Play Championship The Woodlands of Van Buren		
August 6			Fifty Cent Classic Stony Creek Metropark

2011 MULLIGAN TOUR SCHEDULE

DATE	WEST	CENTRAL	EAST
August 7 Sunday	Go Blue Classic Hudson Mills Metropark		
August 13		Carrington Classic Carrington GC	
August 14 Sunday			Caddyshack Classic Links at Lake Erie
August 20	Ugly Pants Open Downing Farms GC		
August 21 Sunday		UPS Store Golf Classic Northville Hills GC	
August 27	WESTERN Championship Coyote Preserve GC	The PLAYERS Championship Golden Fox GC	
August 28 Sunday			EASTERN Championship The Orchards GC
Sep 17	The TOUR Championship Polo Fields Golf & Country Club		
Sep 24-25		Commissioner's Cup Maumee Bay State Park (OH)	
Oct 2 Sunday	The Skins Game (West) Mystic Creek GC	The Skins Game (Central) Mystic Creek GC	The Skins Game (East) Mystic Creek GC
Oct 9 Sunday	The President's Cup TBD		
Oct 16 Sunday	MT Skills Challenge Riverview Highlands GC		
Oct 23 Sunday	The Division Bell Farmington Hills GC		
Nov 19	Runny Nose Open Harbor Club GC		

Missing trophies? - Just a matter of time

One of the unique features of the Mulligan Tour is that each tournament has its own trophy - a perpetual travelling trophy that the winner may hold through the winter and return the next season. Many trophies had "12-year lives" and need updating in their 13th seasons. Still others have not yet been commissioned. Two tournaments that have been around since 2005 are waiting for their trophy to be created. And of the 8 tournaments currently without trophies, 6 are in the 2-year old East Division.

The trophies were planned to be made this year until membership did not reach the expected level. Look for 1 or 2 to get commissioned later in the season and the others to follow next year - as long as membership grows.

Trophies to be commissioned:

Sweet Sixteen (2005-2011)
 Big Dog Pro-Am (2005-2011)
 Casino Classic (2010-2011)
 MT Senior Open (2010-2011)
 EASTERN Championship (2010-2011)
 Cherry Creek Classic (2011)
 East Side Charity Classic (2011)
 UPS Store Golf Classic (2011)

Scorecard 101

A lesson in proper player scorecard totaling

Too many mistakes on player's scorecards

Recent scorecard issues in June make it necessary for a refresher course in scorecard maintenance. Players are required to complete their scorecards accurately after the tournament. And attesters are asked to be careful and purposeful when checking another player's card.

- Column for "OUT" is front nine totals
- Column for "IN" is back nine totals
- Column for "TOTAL" is for 18 hole total
- Add up your gross scores across the card. Subtract your handicap strokes from the total gross and enter this number in your net score box in the "NET" column - outlined in black.
- Check your NET score by totaling your net scores across the card and entering this in the "TOTAL" column - also outlined in black. **Do the 2 NET scores agree with each other? If not, look for the error.**
(Don't just write the same net score from one box into the other)
- Total all of your stats (FH, GiR, and Putts)
- Box your net bogies (or worse)
- Circle your net birdies and triangle (or double circle) your net eagles (or better)
- Sign your scorecard and give it to another player to attest.
- **If you attest a player's scorecard, please do so diligently.** Add the gross scores across the card and confirm the total gross score and the net score. Give the card back to the player to submit to the tournament director.

Tournament Director's very much appreciate your help in turning in a clear and complete scorecard.

HOLE #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
PAR	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	5	4	36
Handicap	7	13	9	1	15	5	17	3	11	
Gross score	6	5	6	7	3	6	4	6	4	47
Adjustment	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-0	-1	-1	-8
Net score	5	4	5	6	2	5	4	5	3	39
Putts	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	1	16
FH		1				1		1	1	4
GiR							1			1

Example
Scorecard



HOLE #	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	Total	HCP	NET
PAR	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	36	72		
Handicap	8	10	2	6	12	4	18	14	16				
Gross score	3	6	6	4	4	7	5	4	4	43	90	-15	75
Adjustment	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-0	-1	-0	-7	-15		
Net score	2	5	5	3	3	6	5	3	4	36	75		
Putts	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	17	33		
FH		1	1	1			1		1	5	9		
GiR	1						1		1	3	4		