

PELICAN HILL, RATED THE NO. 1 RESORT IN THE UNITED STATES, TO HOST EXECUTIVE CUP XV

Rated No. 1 Resort in America by Condé Nast Traveler



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The Resort's two Tom Fazio designed ocean-view courses are the ideal challenge to test the skills of America's club champions.

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NEWPORT COAST, CALIFORNIA: Executive Cup XV, America's only tournament for private golf club champions, will be held at the sophisticated, AAA Five-Diamond Resort at Pelican Hill on October 28 – November 2, 2012.

Since opening three years ago, Pelican Hill has welcomed some of the world's most discerning travelers to its "Italian Seaside Village." Now, club champions will have the opportunity to experience this extraordinary destination this fall. With its Palladian-inspired architecture from Northern Italy, the resort offers 204 oversized Bungalow guest rooms and 128 spacious Villas. Each Bungalow features hand-hewn, vaulted wood-beam ceilings; a limestone fireplace; granite wet bar; a 42-inch, flat-screen televisions with Bose audio; Italian linens; complimentary Internet, and spacious bathrooms with a marble walk-in shower and deep-soaking tub.

"We have been to twelve Executive Cup tournaments," recalled Carol Strobel, club champion at Salem Golf Club in New York. "It is exciting to have the chance to visit a new destination. I have done my research and

Pelican Hill has an outstanding reputation. I look forward to this year's competition."

The weather in Southern California in late October [high temperatures are in the mid-seventies] is perfect for golf. Playing conditions should be ideal with little wind, sunny skies, and only a 10 percent chance of rain on any given day. "The weather in our neck of the woods starts to get a little chilly come November," explained John Hoyt, club champion at Hillcrest Country Club in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. "The bright sunshine reflecting off the Pacific Ocean is going to feel nice."

For the non-golfer, you couldn't ask for a more centrally located resort than Pelican Hill. There is a myriad of activities to enjoy. The Resort offers complimentary coach service from your Bungalow (a five-minute drive) to Crystal Cove Beach with 3.5 miles of dramatic coastline and sandy beach. World-class boutique shopping is only five minutes away at Fashion Island and the art galleries of popular Laguna Beach are a short 15 minutes south on Pacific Coast Highway.



While At The Resort

- **Sample** resort-made gelato at The Caffe
- **Relax** at the Rotunda on the Event Lawn and watch the sunset over the Pacific
 - **Soak and steam** in the Acqua Colonnade at The Spa
- **Listen** to Adam Michaelson sing and play piano in the Great Room on Friday and Saturday nights
 - **Join** the 90-minute fitness walk daily at Crystal Cove
 - **Watch** the Golf Channel from your private Coliseum pool cabana
 - **Rent** a bike and sightsee around the area
- **Take** a complimentary coach to nearby Fashion Island for upscale, open-air shopping
 - **Enjoy** the Resort's complimentary, full-service Crystal Cove Beach Experience



Rated in the "Top 100 World's Best Hotels" by Travel + Leisure



The Spa at Pelican Hill rated Five Star by Forbes

Ten Activities

FOR THE NON-GOLFER WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF PELICAN HILL

1. **Imbibe** with a margarita at Las Brisas in Laguna Beach
2. **Ride** the ferry on Balboa Island and shop the boutiques
3. **Have** a cupcake at Casey's Cupcakes in Fashion Island
4. **Enjoy** the sunset and a milkshake at Ruby's Shake Shack on Pacific Coast Highway
5. **Plan** ahead and order tickets to the Ellen Show or The Price is Right (in Hollywood, about 90 minutes away)
6. **Spend** an afternoon admiring the flowers at Sherman Gardens in nearby Corona Del Mar
7. **Lunch** at In-N-Out Burger - a Southern California tradition
8. **Visit** See's Candies, locally made since 1921
9. **Drive** up to Huntington Beach pier and admire the surfers
10. **Rent** a duffy boat, paddle board, or kayak for an ocean adventure in Newport Harbor



Pelican Hill Resort: Host to Executive Cup XV



Details For Executive Cup XV

When: Check in Sunday, October 28; check out Friday, November 2, 2012
Eligibility: You qualify if you currently are, or have ever been a private golf club champion, senior champion, or couples champion in any one of America's 50 states or in Canada.

Format: A five-day event with practice rounds on Monday and Tuesday, followed by a 36-hole gross/stroke championship on Wednesday and Thursday. You will play both the North Course and South Course during one practice round and one tournament round.

Age Brackets: Titles to the national low gross champion (male and female); plus four divisional titles (1st and 2nd) for men and women: 49 and under, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 and over.

A popular gathering spot for all guests will be the Coliseum Pool, one of the largest circular pools in the world constructed from more than one million glass tiles that were cut and laid by hand.

"I plan on curling up with my Kindle in one of the private poolside cabanas after golf," beamed Arlene McKittrick, winner of over 150 golf tournaments and club champion at The Concession Golf Club in Sarasota, Florida.

A CELEBRATION OF THE GAME OF GOLF
Golf Digest has ranked both Pelican Hill designs on their list of "America's 100 Best Public Golf Courses."

"I can't think of two better courses to test the skills of America's club champions," stated Steve Friedlander, Vice President of Golf at Pelican Hill. "Deep ocean views to the horizon guide all 18 tee shots on our North Course. Open canyons and elevated plateaus with a palette of a hundred colors contrast the distinct green edges of the fairways and greens.



Tournament Week Includes

- Complimentary wireless Internet and valet parking
 - A spacious 847 square-foot bungalow
 - A welcome goodie bag of valuable gifts
 - Daily full breakfast
- Welcome Reception with dinner, open bar, and live entertainment
- "Taste of Italy" Diamond Party with a chance to win a diamond necklace
- Four days of golf: two practice rounds; two tournament rounds
 - Use of the driving range with unlimited balls
 - The 2-person best ball practice round tournament
 - Optional skins game during practice rounds
 - Demo Days on Tuesday and Wednesday
- A cocktail reception followed by the gourmet awards dinner



square-foot facility includes 22 private treatment rooms, luxurious Roman-soaking pools, and cedar saunas and eucalyptus steam rooms.

"Did someone say spa?" teased Teri Gangi, club champion at La Rinconada in Los Gatos, California. "Count me in."

CONVENIENT TRAVEL OPTIONS

Pelican Hill is located midway between Newport Beach and Laguna Beach. There are four airports to consider flying into. Orange County (SNA) is a short, 15-minute drive away; Long Beach (LGB) is 30 minutes to the north; Los Angeles (LAX) is a 60 minute straight shot down the 405 freeway; and San Diego (SAN) is two hours to the south. It is advisable to rent a car to be able to explore everything Orange County has to offer (there is free valet parking at the resort). Insider tip: JetBlue, via Long Beach, typically has the least expensive airfares into Southern California. ■

"One can feel complete isolation. With several golf holes on the cliff's edge, the Pacific Ocean draws focus from the green, beckoning players to experience one of the finer points of the course," relayed Friedlander.

"Our Ocean South is a flow of contrasts: from brush gardens framed by sage and eucalyptus trees to the greens dropped at every side by deep chasms. The variety of vegetation makes playing it quite the experience. Several holes permit 270-degree views of the vast Pacific, with the sight of seabirds and sailboats guiding the fresh ocean breeze."

A soothing way to relax at the end the day will be to unwind at The Spa at Pelican Hill, one of the world's only *Forbes* rated Five-Star spas in the world. The 23,000

square-foot facility includes 22 private treatment rooms, luxurious Roman-soaking pools, and cedar saunas and eucalyptus steam rooms.

For more information on Executive Cup XV, scheduled for October 28-November 2, 2012, phone Tournament Director Mark Pazdur at (949) 933-6478, or please e-mail him at Mark@ExecutiveGolferMagazine.com.

Special Discounted Tournament Week Pricing

Single, one player: \$3,995* • Double, one player: \$4,880* • Double, two players: \$5,710*

* All taxes, surcharges, gratuities, Internet, and valet parking are included; air fare is not.

* Upgrade from a garden view bungalow to a ocean view bungalow for an additional \$110/night.

* Extend your stay for an additional \$435/night (includes all taxes).