

History of "The National"

"The National" has a long history in the Las Vegas Valley. Just after completion in 1961, The National, then called The Stardust Country Club, hosted its first professional golf event, the LPGA Championship. From that date forward, history was made. The layout, designed by Bert Stamps, is traditional in design and even today is a challenge for the best players. The National has become a landmark over the last 50 years. It was host to the movie "Casino" starring Robert DeNiro, Sharon Stone and Joe Pesci. The house used in the film sits to the left of the first tee box between the 1st and 18th fairways.

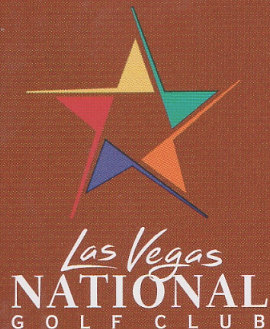
Over the years, The National has hosted many professional tournaments beginning with the LPGA in 1961. The PGA Tour hosted events beginning in 1967 with the Tournament of Champions. The list of tournament winners of both the LPGA and PGA events reads like a who's who of professional golf - Mickey Wright, Sandra Haynie, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Lanny Watkins, Al Gieberger, Davis Love III and Jim Furyk. Tiger Woods won the Las Vegas stop on the PGA Tour in 1996 for his first win on tour. The highest score he posted during the 5 day multi-course tournament was at The National, where he posted a 70.

Arnold Palmer initially set the course record of 63 in 1967 during the Tournament of Champions. That record held for 28 years until it was broken in 1991 when Tom Kite shot 62. David Graham has since tied this record.

During the 1960's, The National played host to the biggest names on the Strip. The Rat Pack frequently played golf and then spent time in the bar. Locals tell great stories about late night matches under the glow of the driving range lights. Many nights would have Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Peter Lawford, Joey Bishop and Sammy Davis Jr. around the piano, entertaining their guests with songs and stories while enjoying the cuisine at The National.

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