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Spring Golf at the South Jersey Shore



Award Winning Taproom Bar & Grille

By MIKE KERN

It's that time of year again. Despite the mild winter, I as usual have not picked up a golf club since last October. Maybe that's a me thing and I have to try harder. But at this stage of my life I'm probably not going to change much. So here I am, with spring finally upon us, itching to take some swings. I can't be the only one. Hey, I just got fitted for a new driver, so I must be doing something right.

Anyway, one of the best places to play right now is the South Jersey Shore. Of course it's also one of the best places to play year-round. But I'm partial to spring and fall. It's not as crowded, you can usually find more bargains and the courses are generally in really good shape. What more do I need? As I've said many times, the best thing about going down there -- and it's only about an hour or so drive from my Northeast Philly home -- is the quality and the variety. I vacation there for a week with my family each summer, so I've done that too. And yes it can be hot. And yes the bugs can sometimes be a problem. But in the spring and fall, not so much. You might even need to wear a sweater. But it's all good. And in many ways it's like catching up with some old friends.

I have my favorites, I'm sure you have yours. That's what it's all about. But here's some of the places I enjoy going back to the most. A few I have to admit I haven't seen in longer than I'd like to admit. And others I always seem to play at least once a year. It depends on how lucky I am. All you can do is try. Speaking of which, I always get goosebumps when I'm going to play **Atlantic City Country Club**, which is now being run by the Ottinger family, which also operates Ballamor and Scotland Run. Even if I got rained out there the last time after 13 holes. It happens. But it's about as good as it gets, in terms of playability, conditions and overall atmosphere. But in some ways it just keeps getting better. The Taproom Bar & Grille was recently awarded a Golf. Inc. Golden Fork Award as the most improved public golf course restaurant category. This comes after extensive renovations were made to the course, restaurant and clubhouse the last two years. And if you've never experienced it, the view from the restaurant looking out over the bay towards the casinos is beyond compare.

But I digress. The award was based on improvements in revenue, traffic, guest satisfaction, aesthetics, service, menus and capital upgrades. Which about covers everything. The Taproom was one of only 12 facilities so recognized.

"Diners today want casual settings, defined by high-quality decor, rustic ambiance and local food offerings," said Golf. Inc. Editor-in-Chief Jack Crittenden. "Several of this year's honorees combine those features with outdoor seating, which provides unparalleled views of the golf course and in a few cases of nearby city skylines. The Taproom certainly fits that bill."

And when you combine it with the 18 holes that are the main attraction, it makes for an almost unbeatable combo. Some of the renovations included an expanded kitchen with wood-stone oven, grill and rotisserie. Two private dining rooms were gutted and refurbished. And then there's the new Country Club Skydeck, an elevated open-air terrace that's perfect for an after-round beverage of choice or two. It offers entertainment possibilities that weren't previously available. It's called progress. And even though I loved AC for what it was, which was a throwback to another era, there's nothing wrong with bringing things into modern times



Blue Heron Pines Hole #10

either. You can have both without sacrificing what made it so great in the first place. I just wish they would reconsider putting the snapper soup back on the menu. I have an addiction.

Even if there wasn't such a storied clubhouse in place, the layout could more than stand on its own. There's a wonderful flow to it. And even though it's undergone some tweaking since the Fraser family owned it, the new holes have only enhanced the property. There's some outstanding short par 3s, which you don't see as much of any more. But you can easily make double bogeys. There's definitely some birdie opportunities, but there's plenty of holes where you're just glad to get off with a bogey. Water does come into play, especially on the back side. The holes back by the marshes are obviously the most scenic. And most treacherous. The closing stretches on both nines are keepers. Good luck with the doglegs and forced carries.

The 15th, a par 3 of about 175 or so over stuff you don't want to be in, can be nearly unplayable if the wind is blowing, which of course it often is. Some fun, eh? But really, would you want it any other way? And by the time you reach the clubhouse, at least you know something just as appetizing awaits. Never a bad thing. So by all means enjoy. Maybe you'll even have some stories to share on the veranda.

Just in case you ever decide to leave here's some other favorites that are also very worth checking out. Trust me, I speak from experience. **Blue Heron Pines** was the place that really started the public golf explosion at the shore in the early 1990s. There was a time when it had two courses, and one even hosted the 2003 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship that Brandt Snedeker won. That East course hasn't been around for awhile now, a victim of the evolving business landscape. But the original course is very much alive and well. Ever since Ron Jaworski took it over a few years ago and did the things that needed to be done to bring it back to the standards original owner Roger Hansen (who now owns the private Hidden Creek) proudly put in place. This is the gem of Jaworski's growing golf empire, for all the right reasons. I've never spent an unpleasant morning or afternoon there, and I've been there a lot through the years. But it had become overgrown in spots. That's no longer the case. And it shows. There are enough holes that you can attack to make it user-friendly. And just as many that will really make you work, particularly on the home half.

I don't think I've ever parred No. 10. Or the 12th. OK, maybe once. And 15 is nothing short of spectacular. I have parred that. I think. It's probably the signature hole, even though Hansen liked to call 14 that. But it's hard to argue with a par 4 that demands a good drive and then leaves you a shot over water to a well-protected green. There's just nothing bad about it, except sometimes my score. And whenever Jaws is involved, you know the hospitality is going to be a priority. Not only at Blue Heron but any of his facilities. He wants you to have a good time during and after, because he wants you coming back. You won't be disappointed.

McCullough's Emerald Golf Links is a place that's grown on me over the years, in many ways because of the people. I've gotten to know and play with Sonny McCullough, the mayor of Egg Harbor Township and the man behind the idea of building a course on a former dump site. It's a course with no pretenses, which is kind of how I prefer it. Here it is, go see what you can do. And I have a good friend who worked there and plays there, so I've had some nice

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Bob Ford Selected by USGA as 2017 Bob Jones Award Winner



Bob Ford Head Professional at Oakmont

Oakmont Country Club Hole #3 The Pews

Longtime Oakmont Head Professional to Receive USGA's Highest Honor

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Feb. 4, 2017) – The USGA will present its highest honor, the Bob Jones Award, to longtime Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club professional Bob Ford in a ceremony on June 13, 2017, during the week of the 117th U.S. Open Championship at Erin Hills in Erin, Wis.

Presented annually since 1955, the Bob Jones Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates the spirit, personal character and respect for the game exhibited by Jones, winner of nine USGA championships.

Ford, considered one of the game's great ambassadors, served as the head professional at Oakmont, a nine-time U.S. Open host site, for 37 years before retiring in October. He continues to work in a similar capacity at Seminole Golf Club in Juno Beach, Fla.

"We are proud to recognize Bob Ford with the USGA's highest honor, for exhibiting the ideals and traditions of the game brought forth by Bob Jones," said Diana Murphy, USGA president. "Bob has set the gold standard in his profession and has left an indelible mark on countless young club professionals whom he has mentored. He has instilled in each of them a passion, love, and appreciation for the game through his exemplary character, humility and respect for people. He is the best at what he does and uses his skills and time to bring out the best in them."

During his tenure at Oakmont, the Philadelphia-area native served as a mentor to more than 100 golf professionals, instilling the values of honor and hard work that he continues to espouse. A gifted player, administrator and teacher, Ford left an indelible mark on the membership and the staff over more than four decades of service.

"I was blown away by President Murphy's call," said Ford, who started at the club in 1975 as an assistant to 1947 U.S. Open champion Lew Worsham. "Being selected as the first PGA club professional to win the award makes it ever more special. I'm not so sure I belong in the company of former recipients, but nonetheless I'm very flattered and humbled. Bob Jones has impacted all the lives of those who serve and play this great game. Arnold and Jack were his friends and hold him in the highest regard and they both have handed the game down to my generation as Bob Jones did for them."

During Ford's tenure at Oakmont, he played a valuable role in helping the USGA provide the game's grandest stage for four U.S. Opens.

"Throughout his lengthy career at Oakmont, Bob has been a friend to me and a generous host to the USGA," said Mike Davis, executive director/CEO of the USGA. "He has worked closely with us on eight championships, including four U.S. Opens. During that time he never said no, never walked away and never failed to offer support. He shares the spirit and dedication to the game of golf that were the hallmarks of Bob Jones' life."

Ford's impact on club professionals and advocacy for the game have translated to partners and professionals throughout the sport.

"During my eight years with Bob at Oakmont, I watched as he made the transition from assistant professional to head professional," said Jack Druga, PGA head professional at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, which will host its fifth U.S. Open in 2018. "There were no policies, procedures or manuals; we watched him in action. He led by example and made a significant impact on how I handle myself and what I bring to the job."

In addition to his contributions to his profession, Ford is an accomplished player who qualified for three U.S. Opens, two U.S. Senior Opens and 10 PGA Championships. Ford also served as president of the Tri-State PGA from 1994-98 and has received four national awards: 1985 and 1997 PGA National Merchandiser of the Year, 1987 PGA National Professional of the Year and 1988 PGA National Club Professional of the Year.

The Pittsburgh City Council acknowledged Ford's contribution to the community during the 2016 U.S. Open by declaring it "Bob Ford Week."

Ford, 63, and his wife, Nancy, have three children, daughter Kelly and sons Jay and Chandler.

Ford joins a list of Bob Jones Award winners that includes national champions such as Francis Ouimet (1955), Babe Didrikson Zaharias (1957), Arnold Palmer (1971), Jack Nicklaus (1975), Ben Hogan (1976), Annika Sorenstam (2012) and Payne Stewart (2014), as well as those who have contributed to the fabric of the game in other meaningful ways, such as Richard S. Tufts (1967), Joe Dey (1977), Bing Crosby and Bob Hope (1978), P.J. Boatwright Jr. (1993), President George H.W. Bush (2008), Barbara Nicklaus (2015) and 2016 winner Judy Bell. A complete list of winners can be found here.

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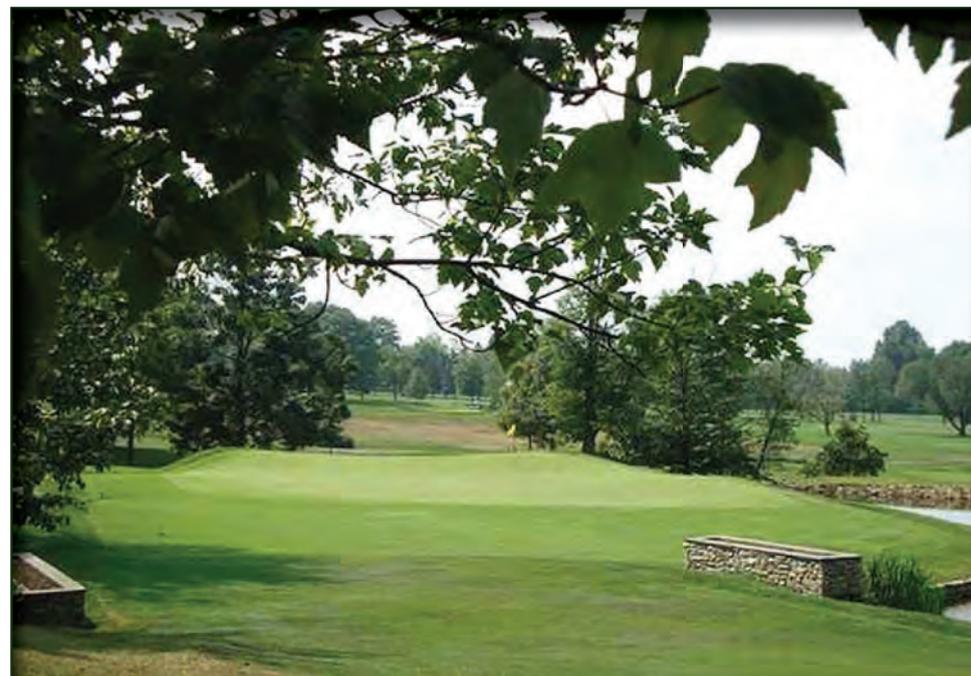
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Valley Country Club --

By Keely Levins from Golf Digest

Every so often you hear about a tournament being “retired” or shut down for various reasons, mostly financial. But a tournament being revived, particularly one that had been dormant for 22 years?

At the end of May, the Pennsylvania Women’s Open will be held for the first time in nearly a quarter century, the event set for Valley Country Club in Sugarloaf, Pa.

There are a lot of pieces that came together to bring the event back to life. Strangely enough, it starts with a struggling golf course. The Valley C.C., designed by A.W. Tillinghast, was founded in 1909. The course recently faced financial problems, until a local resident, Tony Salvaggio, chairman and founder of Computer Aid, an IT services company, purchased it in 2016.

“It is an absolute gem of a golf course,” Salvaggio said. “It also was important to me to maintain this great course and complex for the people of the Hazleton area, which I have a deep family and personal affinity for.”

Subsequently, another local, Symetra Tour pro Kate Scarpetta, played Valley C.C. with Salvaggio, and the idea arose about hosting a tournament in order to help revitalize the course.

“Nothing brings life to a course like a tournament,” Scarpetta said. “The guys were talking about a Pennsylvania Senior Open. But I was like, we should get the women’s back first.”

Salvaggio liked the idea, and Computer Aid became the title sponsor.

“The opportunity to support and help create a Pennsylvania Women’s Open is extremely exciting for me,” said Salvaggio.

With support from sponsors, help from the Pennsylvania Golf Association, and the rent-free workspace of her parents’ kitchen table, Scarpetta has been

working since December to pull the tournament together. Competitive rounds will be held May 26 and 27, with a pro-am on May 25. Players on the Symetra Tour, including Madison Pressel, Morgan Pressel’s younger sister, have committed to the event.

Making the event’s return even more notable is what the 60-some players in the field will be competing for—a sizable \$100,000 purse. By comparison, notable state opens around the country often have purses in the five-figure range. The prize money is also more than double the \$40,000 up for grabs in the men’s state Open, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016.

“The purse isn’t crazy,” contends Scarpetta. “It’s what these players should be playing for.”

The tournament also has a cause its promoting—autism. The Autism and Developmental Medicine Institute, which provides care for people with autism and other developmental disorders and is located in Lewisburg, Pa., has been designated the beneficiary of the event. Scarpetta said they chose ADMI as the foundation they wanted to support because of how difficult it is for rural residents with autism in the state to receive care.

“One in 68 kids have autism,” says Scarpetta. “This is a real problem in this area, and we want to help the local community.”

The cause aligns well with the title sponsor, Computer Aid, Inc., which has an Autism Initiative Program, where adults with autism are trained for careers in IT.

Scarpetta, who hopes the event can return on an annual basis, believes it can once again be a mainstay on the state’s competitive calendar, as well as do a lot of good for the Valley C.C. and ADMI in the process.

Said Scarpetta, “The perfect team of people came together at the right time.”

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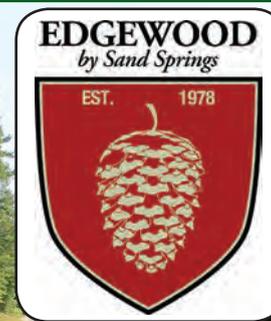
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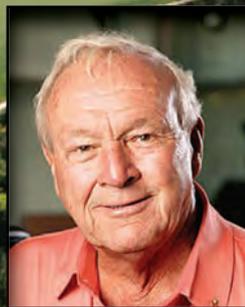
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Twisted Dune Country Club Hole #16



McCullough's Emerald Golf Links Hole #2

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times with him and some of his friends too. Maybe that makes a difference. All I know is I seem to like it more and more every time I go back. They also have a rebranded restaurant that overlooks the 18th fairway that's been open for a little over a year after Library III closed. I've had some good meals there. That's all I need to know.

The course itself is challenging in spots. It's mostly wide open, so if the wind is up look out. I've been there on some of those days. The eighth and ninth holes are a terrific way to end the front side. A par-4 dogleg right with water to the left with maybe a blind approach shot followed by a par-3 over water of about 175 yards with wet stuff also to the left. One time I had to meet my group late after suffering a bout with vertigo and that was my first shot. Ugh. My head was still spinning, but somehow I hit it straight and almost made the putt. Just don't ask me how. Maybe I need to play a little fuzzy more often. You never know.

My favorite hole is probably the 15th, a sharp dogleg right of only about 300 yards tops. Some guys even try to cut it over the trees and go for the green. All I can do is hit it down the fairway and leave myself a short wedge to a two-tiered putting surface. I almost holed out once in a scramble. For whatever reason it's my kind of hole. Of course the next one, a par-3 of no more than 120, bites me every time. So there is that.

Seaview of course hosts the LPGA Shop-Rite Classic each year on its **Bay Course**. So I don't know what more you can say, except that it's a shotmaker's paradise. It's not long, but you have to be accurate, especially coming into the smallish greens. The wind usually comes into play. It's one of the few places where you can play a par-4, the second, into the wind and have to hit a fairway wood into the green going toward the bay. And then come back on the third, a par-5 that's not much longer, and being maybe a hybrid to try and give yourself an eagle opportunity. I even saw a friend hole out for a two once. Very nice. This layout won't beat you up too much. But it can still give you some angst. And you want to play it just so you can get a shot at the par-3 17th, which measures about 100 but seems to not give up many birds.

Across Route 9 behind the stately resort hotel is the Pines, which is the total opposite. Even though they took a load of trees out a few years ago, which only made it better, it's still mostly cut through woods. So you have to be more precise off the tee. And there's a bunch of doglegs, which only makes that a little harder proposition. I think it's obviously the tougher of the two. If nothing else it's an option. There's back-to-back long par 3s on the closing stretch that can eat your lunch. Speaking of which, you might want to treat yourself to eating there. Either in the pub or dining room. I went to the Friday night seafood smorgasbord there once and didn't eat again for about a week. What can I say, I'm a sucker for lobster. And I've stayed in the hotel, which is a step back in time. There's also a spa there, to keep your better half interested. Those brownie points can add up.

Shore Gate might be the toughest course down there. But mostly if you play it from the wrong set of tees. This has been a pet peeve of mine for some time. I see players go back to a distance they can't handle, just because. And then they shoot 100 and complain that it was too demanding. Well no kidding. As I've gotten older and lost distance, I gladly move up to what makes me comfortable. It's about having a good time. I'm not going to run in and tell

somebody I broke the course record if I play from the forward tees. And to be honest, nobody cares about my score anyway. Sometimes not even me. I don't play Marquis of Queensbury rules anyway. So sue me. All I know is I feel better hitting 7-irons into greens instead of 3-woods. I can torture myself in other ways.

But even from 6,000 yards or so, Shore Gate can be brutish. Nothing wrong with that. You will be tested, the whole way around. Which of course only makes you feel better about yourself when you do something good. I don't know if there's really many bad holes. I do know nine, a par-5 that just keeps bending left around water like the 18th at Pebble Beach, is the signature hole. They could have just as easily went with a few others. The par-4 18th provides a stout finish. And the par 3s as a group are outstanding. The thing here is to take advantage of the holes you can maybe take advantage of. Or else it could be a long round. I've never taken anyone there who didn't think it was worth the effort. Even after they were humbled, which can be good for the soul too.

Twisted Dune is unlike anything you're going to face, at least in these parts. If you like playing in Scotland or Ireland, this is for you. And if you've never been over there, this might be as close as you're going to get. I'm not sure if there's a tree that comes into play. But a lot of other things can and do. If you keep it in play it's navigable. Of course you can say that about most places. But it's especially important here. The junk that's off the fairways can throw you off your game. Quickly. But the landing areas are wide, and the greens generous. Over there they tend to play the ball on the ground a lot, which works for me. You have to be creative, and use your imagination, since there's no one way to play most of these holes. In other words it's hardly cookie cutter. What a concept.

You'll face blind shots, semi-blind shots, forced carries and putting surfaces with some character. And you learn that sometimes it's a better play to bounce or roll your ball onto the green that try and land it near the flag. Just saying. That's how they do it on the other side of the pond. But some folks can't handle it. The closing stretch is something else. The 16th is a par-3 of about 170 over a ravine to a green with sand traps in every direction. I've actually been on it in regulation. Very nice feeling. I've also been short and had to take a mulligan. The 17th is a straightaway par-4 with an uphill second shot over more junk to a green that slopes back toward you. And then you close with a long par-4 with an opening that lets you run it on if you're lucky enough to hit your second shot long enough or low enough. Whenever I make par there, and it's rare, I feel like I made a bird. And if I make a bogey I chalk it up to the hole just isn't fair for someone with my limitations.

That's a pretty good sampling. But there's more. Ballamor is no pushover, with a lot of two-tiered greens. It can bite you, but nothing too serious that you can't walk off feeling good about the four hours you invested there. Cape May National is about as natural as you're going to come across, and several of its holes always seem to make the list of 18 best down there. For all the right reasons. The Vineyard at Renault Winery has some of the more unique holes anywhere. One has a fairway divided by a huge bunker, another bends around the grapevines, and a par-3 has a teebox that just keeps bending around a lake to make the hole play differently for every level of golfer. And the food at Joseph's restaurant has won awards. The blueberry cheesecake was to die for. Unlike my handicap, I would never fib about that.

So if you haven't already, bring your bag out of the closet and head down the AC Expressway. There's a whole lot of good golf waiting for you, as always. It's just a matter of where and when. And the shoulder seasons are the best places to start. Tell them the midget sent you.

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by Tony Leodora

For years the golf industry has talked about innovation ... and how change has been a driving force in the business. But much of that unique innovation has been followed by imitation.

Introduce a new material to clubmaking – such as titanium – and, soon, everybody is using titanium. Increase the size of the head on drivers and, soon, everybody is making bigger drivers.

In many cases, that imitation is not a bad thing. For example, despite an initial wave of resistance, soft plastic cleats on golf shoes soon became the standard for the industry and they were being manufactured by a number of companies. The net result is that putting surfaces have benefitted from the change.

Often, the new trends make their debut at the annual PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando. This year's 64th PGA Merchandise Show was no exception. More than 1,000 exhibitors greeted visitors from all 50 states and from 90 countries around the world. While the show is put on by the professional golfers who make up the PGA of America, the latest trend seemed to be increased attention on the average golfer – the ones who make up the overwhelming majority of the world's 60 million golfers.

A number of the products that caught the eye of our roving research team serve the specific purpose of making the very difficult game of golf a bit easier for the average player. Other noteworthy products merely attracted attention because of their style or unique nature. In any case, there is a sense of optimism about the upcoming golf season.

Riding that wave of optimism – for the 15th straight year – “Tony’s Top Ten” brings reviews that provide information about these products – the newest and best from PGA Merchandise Show week.

Four Yards More Tee

In the iconic movie, “The Graduate”, actor Dustin Hoffman played the part of Benjamin Braddock. Upon graduation from college, he was given the stark single word of career-path advice, “plastics.”

By movie's end there was no evidence that the 1960's version of a disillusioned millennial heeded the advice ... but Frank Carroll certainly has.

Carroll, whose Philadelphia-based business is mainly devoted to manufacturing injection-molded plastic parts for industry, has crafted a world of plastics for the golf industry through his Greenkeeper line of accessories. His initial entry into the golf world was making plastic cleats for golf shoes. Then there was the Line-M-Up Pro, a device for marking golf balls with a directional line. He followed with the 4 Yards More tee, the first and only tee proven in two tests to improve distance. It was followed by the Survivor Tee, another performance tee but one made in a single piece so that it could be inserted in the ground like a wooden tee. Then came the PosiSet for putters, a counter-balancing device added to the grip.

Every year since 1996 the Greenkeeper research team continues to come up with new products. Then they develop new outgrowths of those new products.

“It's been a rather amazing ride,” admits Carroll, who was busy hosting visitors from around the world to his booth at the PGA Show. “We had a successful business that was started by my father. Then my brother and I found a way to apply the science of that industry to the golf world. Our products have been accepted by amateur players and the best professionals.”

The 4 Yards More tee has moved to the front of the line in recent years, as it is now the best-selling performance tee in America. www.gkspikes.com

Antigua Quilted Designs

There has been no secret about the rise of Antigua to the upper echelons of the golf apparel business. The Phoenix-based company has discovered the key combination of form and function.

Many years it was the function part of the equation – such as their highly regarded Desert-Dri material – that garnered the attention. This year, form has taken center stage. In particular, Antigua's new quilted designs – in both the men's and women's lines – were the hottest thing at the PGA Merchandise Show. “Our men's piece is called the Arctic Pulllover. Our women's piece is called the Gossamer,” explained Antigua president Ron McPherson. “We do them in a number of different beautiful colors. Quite frankly, it's been on every order that we've seen for our spring booking.”

The quilted design gives a rich texture to the outerwear pieces ... so rich that they might even be more appropriate for off the golf course. “The pullover certainly can be worn to play golf,” continued

McPherson. “But I'm wearing it currently with a tie and I know a lot of people look at it as a quarter-zip they are going to wear when they go out to dinner. It has a lot of functionality to it.” The women's style comes in a full-zip jacket, sizes small through XL. The men's style comes in a long-sleeve quarter-zip pullover, sizes small through XXL. Each are available in six colors. www.antigua.com

Cleveland RTX-3 Wedges

Cleveland Golf has had a longtime status as king of the wedge world. So, how can they possibly go up from there? They can attempt to make an even better wedge ... and that's exactly what John Rae, vice president of research and development for Cleveland Golf, has been charged with doing.

“I like to simplify wedges down to three things,” Rae explains. “All wedges are about shape, feel and spin. For 30 years at Cleveland we have been making the best looking, the best feeling and best spinning wedges out there.” Now the company claims that the new RTX-3 wedges have risen above their past successes. What separates the new line is that for the first time we have three different technologies,” Rae continues. “There is a shape technology, a feel technology and a spin technology that are all specifically catered to get the ball closer to the hole.”

The goal of getting the ball closer to the hole is achieved by shifting the center of gravity closer to the center of the wedge face – the impact zone – to decrease vibration and maximize head stability at impact.

“There's a difference between some companies that are putting out new products all of the time and at Cleveland, where we take a lot of time to develop a new product,” stresses Rae. “These new wedges, we started working on them in 2013.” The wedges are available in four finishes – black satin, tour satin, tour raw (a copper color) and CB tour satin. The wedges also are available in lofts from 46-degree all the way up to 64-degree. www.clevelandgolf.com

Copper Tech Golf Glove

The late, great Ben Hogan loved to hit golf balls. Even long after his competitive days were over, he still spent hours on the range hitting balls. And he always did it bare-handed, i.e. without wearing a golf glove. If the Copper Tech golf glove had been around in Hogan's days, the irascible pro might have changed his life-long habit. The Copper Tech glove, infused with copper, provides near-miraculous relief from hand pain – whether from arthritis, tendinitis or muscle fatigue. The secret is the copper that is infused into the glove. It supports improved blood circulation, which provides oxygenation of working muscles. It also helps prevent strain and fatigue by keeping muscles warm. After golf, it reduces the recovery time of muscles.

“Copper moves blood,” says company president Lloyd Cohn. “It aids circulation, but rather than listen to me talk about it, listen to what our customers are saying. Go to our website and read the testimonials. We have people telling us that they work like magic.” The best part about the “magic” of the Copper Tech glove is that it can be felt almost immediately. The compression fit starts the blood moving and the copper-infused silicon palm weave technology provides a catalyst for circulation.

In addition, the new Spider Tacky Grip glove provides better grip and less slippage than other one-size-fits-most golf gloves. The Copper Tech glove is available in both left-hand and right-hand models and sells at a retail price of \$19.95. www.coppertechglove.com

1st Tee Bar/10th Tee Bar

There is no secret that golfers need the proper fuel to perform at peak efficiency and think their way around the golf course. The 1st Tee Bar and 10th Tee Bar from SCNS Sports Foods has been addressing that issue for 15 years. Now they are addressing it in a better form. The new line of energy and nutrition bars no longer uses high fructose corn syrup or any artificial additives. They are the healthiest line of meal replacement bars and snack bars designed specifically for golfers. In addition, the newest addition to the line of bars features a number of gluten free options. “We wanted to have the best bars on the market, so we listened to what people said and took out all of the unwanted ingredients,” says Bill Stewart, COO of SCNS Sports Foods. “We're getting great feedback, not only from having a cleaner bar, but on the flavor and texture of these new bars.” The 1st Tee and 10th Tee bars are available at many golf shops across the country, or directly from the manufacturer online. www.golfenergybar.com

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Orangeburg Country Club Returns to Greatness



Orangeburg Country Club Hole #2

By Reid Nelson

Not that **Orangeburg, South Carolina** is – or ever was – the middle of nowhere. But a classic, 1960s-style Ellis Maples design and a successful businessman-turned-benevolent-course-owner have indelibly put the humble community on golf's radar screen in a way that could have hardly been imagined less than a decade ago.

Don't believe it? Golf Pennsylvania publisher Don Allan was recently paired with Ron and Wendy – we'll forego last names here – a couple from Peterborough, Ontario, for a round at a popular Myrtle Beach resort course when yours truly, a Palmetto State resident for more than 35 years who was completing the foursome, happened to mention Orangeburg Country Club, adding how the couple should really make an effort to play that one before heading back home to Canada.

"Oh, Orangeburg? I love that course," Ron from Peterborough retorted. "I come down with my golf buddies in the fall and we always play Orangeburg. It's one of our favorites."

Maybe Ray Kinsella, a.k.a. Kevin Costner, was right. If you build it, they really will come. And if you're talking golf, as opposed to baseball, they will come a long way.

Frank Tourville, who purchased the struggling club on May 19, 2009 for the princely sum of \$1, has proven the mystical storyline from "Field of Dreams" can be more than the emotional seed for a Hollywood movie. In Orangeburg, S.C. – where the population of the entire county doesn't crack six figures – Tourville has and continues to prove that if you build it, they will, in fact, come.

Or in this case, if you rebuild it, they will come.

Tourville, now in his 80s but still the ever-active and dynamic owner of Zeus, Inc., a world leader in the production of polymer tubing used in everything from medicine to aerospace, rescued the former Country Club of Orangeburg from impending bankruptcy at a time when the club membership had slipped below the 300 mark and both the course and clubhouse were in serious need of some TLC.

Almost immediately, Tourville began pumping millions of his own dollars into the facility, hiring noted Pinehurst architect Richard Mandell to restore the integrity of Maples' design. By Halloween, when it re-opened for play, the course had been completely reworked – tees, fairways, roughs, bunkers. Yet to Mandell's credit, he never put his ego ahead of Maples' creativity.

In other words, the newly refurbished Orangeburg Country Club was still the gem the late Donald Ross protégé had created back in 1961. Only now, it is better – better conditioned, better maintained and better suited to the modern game.

For evidence of Mandell's devotion to Maples' original design, look no further than the greens. Already the first east of the Mississippi to sport Champion Bermuda, one of the latest strains of ultradwarf hybrids, before Mandell was brought in, the putting surfaces at OCC were well known as being some of the best in the state, if not beyond.

But they were small. Shrinking mowing patterns had robbed the greens of roughly one-third of their initial size. So, using 1963 aerial photos, Mandell restored the greens to their original footprints, pushing the total putting surface area from just under 82,000 square feet – roughly 4,500 per green – to 122,881 square feet or more than 6,800 square feet, on average.

"We massaged the greens to fit a bigger area and adjusted things to soften slopes for modern green speeds," Mandell explained. "Once we connected all those things, I think they're the best greens complexes I've ever done."



Orangeburg Country Club Hole #18 approach to Clubhouse

While the golf course restoration is impressive in and of itself, Tourville didn't stop there. To complement the work done on the course, he directed a complete facelift of all club facilities, including the expansive practice range and short-game area, tennis courts and pool area. Then, 'to pull the room together,' as a decorator might say, the benevolent owner transformed a dated and unexciting clubhouse into an elegant, yet comfortably inviting "home" that members are proud to show off to their guests.

How much has Tourville spent making OCC into what it is today – a course whose reputation has spread far beyond the sandy pine barrens of South Carolina? The actual number has never been disclosed, but several close to the subject estimate it to be well into seven figures.

Why did the man known to so many as Mr. T reach so deeply into his own pocket to rescue a club that was nearly \$1 million in debt, not to mention sinking farther and farther into disrepair, and spend millions into turning it into the gem it is today? The answer to that question is much easier to pinpoint.

Tourville, who has lived in a home adjacent to the fourth fairway since relocating the headquarters for his multinational business from New Jersey to South Carolina in the early '80s, once told a local reporter, "The last thing I wanted to do was get into the golf course business. But I didn't want a cotton field in my backyard, either."

But don't let Tourville's outward pragmatism fool you, either. Inside Tourville, there is a sense of community pride and philanthropy that burns as intensely as his desire for excellence. And if you can't put a measuring stick on that yourself, just ask Mandell about the marching orders he was given upon being awarded the job of restoring the course.

"He said he wanted 'the best goddamn golf course in South Carolina,'" Mandell vividly recalled. "I found out pretty quickly that Mr. T doesn't do anything second-class."

What does all this mean to the traveling golfer? After all, the name is Orangeburg Country Club, overtly implying this is a place for members and their guests, right?

Yes and no. Orangeburg is most certainly a private enclave for its members, a place to enjoy a first-class golf course worthy of the most skilled players but accommodating to players of widely varied abilities, a club whose overall facilities belie the small-town rural Americana setting it graces.

But because of its affiliation with two area golf package groups – Santee Cooper Golf and Golf Santee – Orangeburg Country Club is available to a limited number of traveling golfers. And those who discover OCC be taking advantage of this access portal almost unanimously return to the club again and again.

According to Director of Golf David Lackey, one group of vacationing golfers insisted on playing OCC three times during a single six-day visit to the area. He said it was because of the quality of the course and its facilities, but first-hand experience has proven to this writer that the hospitality of the club's staff – from the pro shop to the grillroom and beyond – adds just as much to the OCC experience as course conditions. Lackey and his colleagues give new meaning to that "member for a day" feeling that every traveling golfer appreciates.

For more on Orangeburg Country Club, go to www.orangeburgcc.com. Or to book a golf trip that affords access to the club whose reputation is rapidly spreading throughout the golf world, go to either www.golfsantee.com or www.santeecoopergolf.com.

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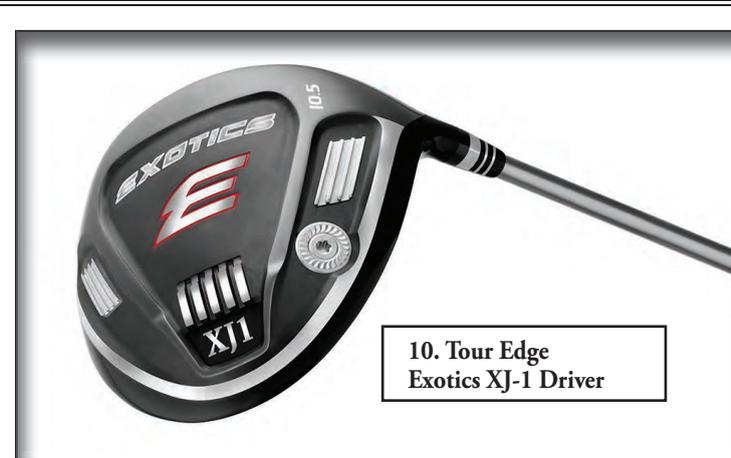
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High Heat Fairway Woods and Hybrids

There's an old saying: "If at first you don't succeed – try, try again."

In the world of golf, the saying is amended to: "If at first you DO succeed – try, try again."

And that's exactly what the people at High Heat have been doing for three years.

Dean Knuth, the mastermind behind that High Heat driver that took the golf world by storm in 2015, keeps expanding the line of clubs. Last year he debuted a 3-wood and a 3-hybrid.

Employing the same philosophy that fueled success in his driver, he continued to use the highest technology and most expensive materials ... but he used them to build clubs for the amateur player, not tour pros. This year he expanded his fairway wood line by adding a 4, 5, 6 and 7-hybrid. And he expanded the hybrid line by adding a 4, 5, 6 and 7-hybrid.

"We're the only company making titanium-faced fairway woods and hybrids," explains Knuth, who gained his initial fame working for the United States Golf Association. "They are just much hotter than the steel that you are going to see out on the market. Second, the center of gravity is deeper and lower, which is what amateurs need."

The bottom line is that High Heat boasts a line of fairway woods and hybrids that has amateurs raving. On Demo Day at the PGA Merchandise Show people were lined up all day to hit the newest offerings from High Heat. The comments were consistent throughout the day as players of all handicap ranges claimed that both the fairway woods and hybrids were "effortless" and "incredibly easy to hit."

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Nexbelt Pebble Grain Series

The Nexbelt story is one of the most intriguing stories in the golf apparel business. In 2011 the original "belt with no holes" debuted on a very small scale. A few years later it made its debut at the PGA Merchandise show and it was an immediate hit – nationally and internationally. It began as a golf belt but now is considered a belt for all occasions.

Each year Nexbelt adds to its product line and this year the new Pebble Grain Series was the hit of the PGA Show.

As part of Nexbelt's Premiere Line of belts, the Pebble Grain Series uses the highest quality leather. The belts come in five different colors and are accented by a number of different contrasting colors that are used in the stitching and edges of the belts. For example, a black pebble grain belt can be accented by cobalt blue stitching and trim. Or, for a bright change of pace, an aqua pebble grain belt can be accented by lime stitching and trim.

"The major attraction to this new belt is it's a premium belt with a very supple finish," explains Nexbelt President Tom Hunsucker. "It's soft but at the same time very durable. The different color variations really add to the wardrobe, without overpowering it."

As a result of the success of the line, Nexbelt had to move to a larger booth at the PGA Show this year ... and it still proved to be one of the busiest booths, per square foot, at the golf industry's largest business event.

The Pebble Grain Series belts are currently available in eight different color combinations and carry a retail price of \$89.99. www.nexbelt.com

Snell Golf

In keeping with the trend of high quality products being designed for the masses, the new Snell golf ball proved to be exactly what the majority of golfers have been demanding for years. The highest quality golf ball at an affordable price.

Dean Snell spent many years working for two of the biggest companies in golf – Titleist and TaylorMade. At Titleist he was part of the team that designed the Pro VI golf ball. At TaylorMade, he

helped the company when they launched their line of golf balls and gained market share.

Now, Snell is out on his own – shouting a well-received mantra.

"We started out about a year-and-a-half ago on a mission to take what I've done in 26 years with the tour players and bring that to the consumers," says Snell. "We've taken the best materials, the best processes, created the best performance – but I don't have the big overhead, the big marketing, the big tour contracts. I took all that savings and created a high-end, top-level, cast urethane tour ball and passed that savings back on to the consumer."

Remarks about the performance of the new ball have been amazing. What is even more amazing is the price. Snell golf balls are available only online and the My Tour Ball is priced at \$31.99 per dozen or \$157.99 for a six-dozen pack. For those who prefer a two-piece ball, Snell Golf offers the Get Sum ball, which is priced at \$20.99 per dozen or \$85 for the six-dozen pack. The Get Sum ball is available in white or optic yellow. www.snellgolf.com

Srixon Golf Balls

Srixon has made a name for itself in the world of golf balls, but nobody is resting on the company's reputation. They continue to fine-tune their product line.

The new Z-Star and Z-Star XV golf balls are the fifth generation of a product that has won many global professional golf tournaments and draws the praise of some of the best players in the world.

"We've put a lot more technology into these -- from a new dimple pattern, new spin skin and fine-tuning of the core," explains Jeff Brunski, director of research and development for Srixon. "It's going to give you distance and more control around the greens."

But the big news – news in keeping with market trends – is the development of the new Q-Star Tour golf ball. It is a tour golf ball – just like the Z-Star – but it is tuned to the swing speeds of the average golfer. It's got a soft urethane cover and promises to provide tour-like control around the green. The combination of lower compression and "a softer energetic gradient growth core" is going to produce shots that launch higher and spin less off the driver and irons.

"That combination, for most players, allows them to hit the ball straighter and farther," concludes Brunski. "For the majority of golfers in the world, this is the best golf ball anyone ever has produced."

The Z-Star and Z-Star XV golf balls retail for \$39.99. The Q-Star Tour, which will be available in the spring, retails for \$29.99. www.srixon.com

Tour Edge XJ1 Driver

It would be crazy to put an Indy Formula race car in the hands of most people who are driving down on the way to work. They would crash before they ever got there.

But putting a golf club of similar space age technology in the hands of the average player actually makes a lot of sense – if the club is designed properly.

That's exactly what clubmaker Dave Glod, founder of Tour Edge Golf, has done with his new XJ1 driver. Or, for a better analogy, he has given a rocket-powered piece of artillery to the world of peashooters.

"We have a new titanium that's called 911," said Glod, with a genuine sense of excitement in his voice. "It's so special, we call it the super metal. An average player can actually compress this titanium better than normal titanium. So the average player gains distance much more easily than any other driver out there today."

While most players can benefit from this driver, when it comes time to purchase the new XJ1 driver, many will shy away. Retail price is \$699 and it only can be purchased online or in limited locations.

Glod defends the value of his latest creation.

"Most of the companies make tour drivers first and then they kind of dummy-down the shafts for everyone else," explained Glod. "We started with the head itself and designed it for the amateur player. There is a lower center of gravity, a faster face and a whole new titanium body, which reacts at slower swing speeds." www.touredgogolf.com

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Bay Hill Club and Lodge Golf Course Hole #18

By Holly Geoghegan

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If watching the Arnold Palmer Invitational during the Florida Swing has you dreaming of walking the same fairways as the PGA TOUR professionals play, you can check this one off your bucket list.

Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge has announced their "Bucket List Golf Package" which includes a comfortable lodge guest room, full breakfast, and one round of championship golf. Guests also receive the trademark umbrella logo pin, the symbol of the King's brand around the world, and one dozen Bay Hill logo'ed golf balls upon check-in. The Bucket List Package is offered from \$167 per person, per night based on double occupancy, making it surprisingly affordable to plan your trip to this legendary venue. (www.bayhill.com.)

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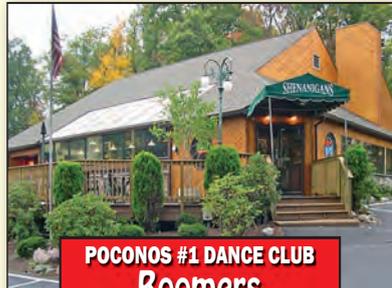
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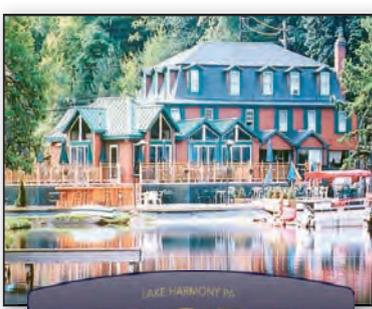
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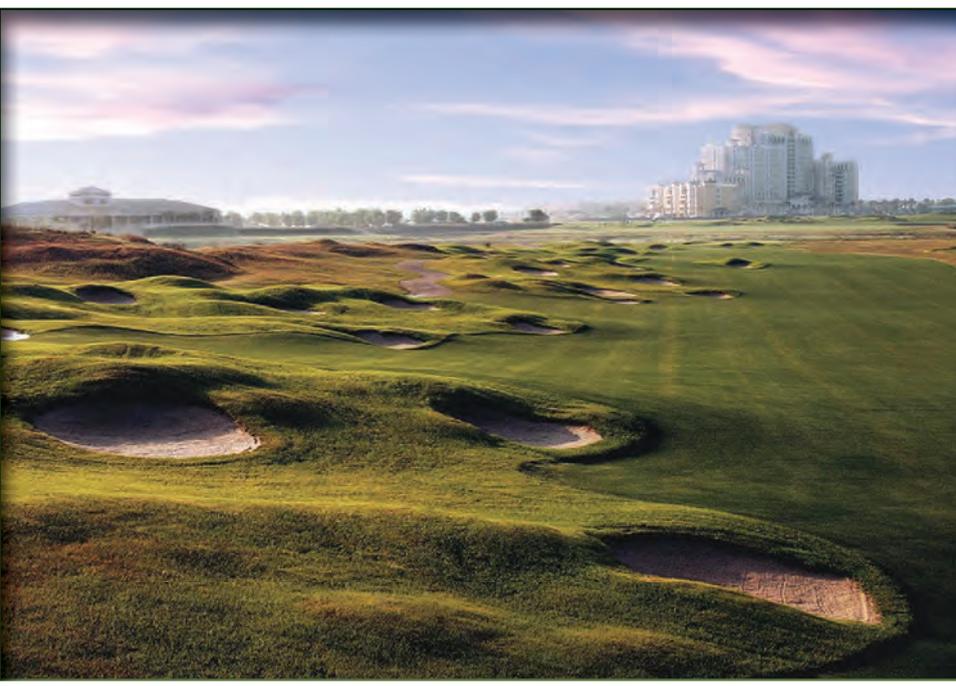
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Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate. International Hole #18

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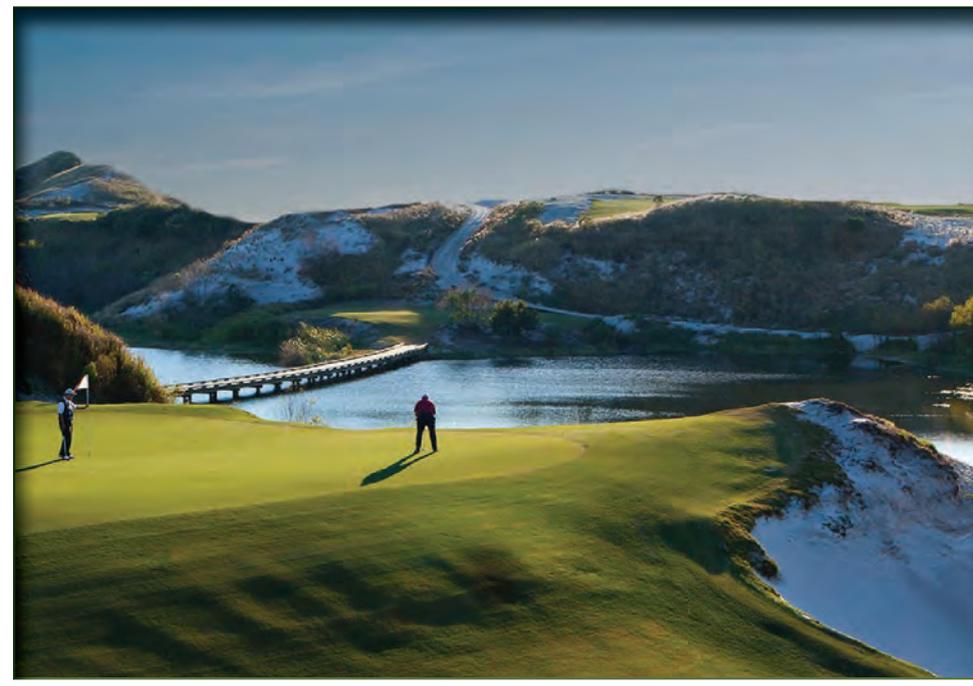
1,500-acre resort, currently ranked the #1 Orlando resort on TripAdvisor, features a variety of unparalleled recreational activities, a 21-acre Academy of Golf and a relaxing resort pool in the heart of the villas. (www.grandcypress.com)

Another popular destination is the **Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate**. The secluded setting makes it seem like you are miles away from civilization, and yet the 4-diamond Orlando golf resort is less than 15 minutes from Walt Disney World if you want to mix in a visit to everyone's favorite theme park. ChampionsGate is home to the National and International golf courses, two unique championship Greg Norman designs and is also the world headquarters of The David Leadbetter Golf Academy.

The International reopened this past October following a significant renovation project, the first since its grand opening in 2000. The project included a complete restoration of all 18 greens and greenside bunker complexes. GOLF Advisor recently ranked the International Course no. 9 in its overall rankings. The 7,363-yard links-style design features sprawling greens and wind-swept dunes providing some of the most dramatic and challenging holes in the state.

The National is a classic American parkland-style course design with 18 contiguous holes that wind through 200 acres of secluded woodlands, wetlands, and former orange groves. With its lush fairways and greens, and stunning natural beauty, playing the National is truly a nature lover's adventure. The National Course has one of the best finishing stretches in the Orlando area, highlighted by the par 3, 15th hole that requires a short, but intimidating shot over wetlands – and is known to “eat” over 15,000 balls annually. (www.championsgategolf.com)

If you're a snowbird thinking of an extended stay, **Orange Tree Golf Club** is a private club that offers a va-



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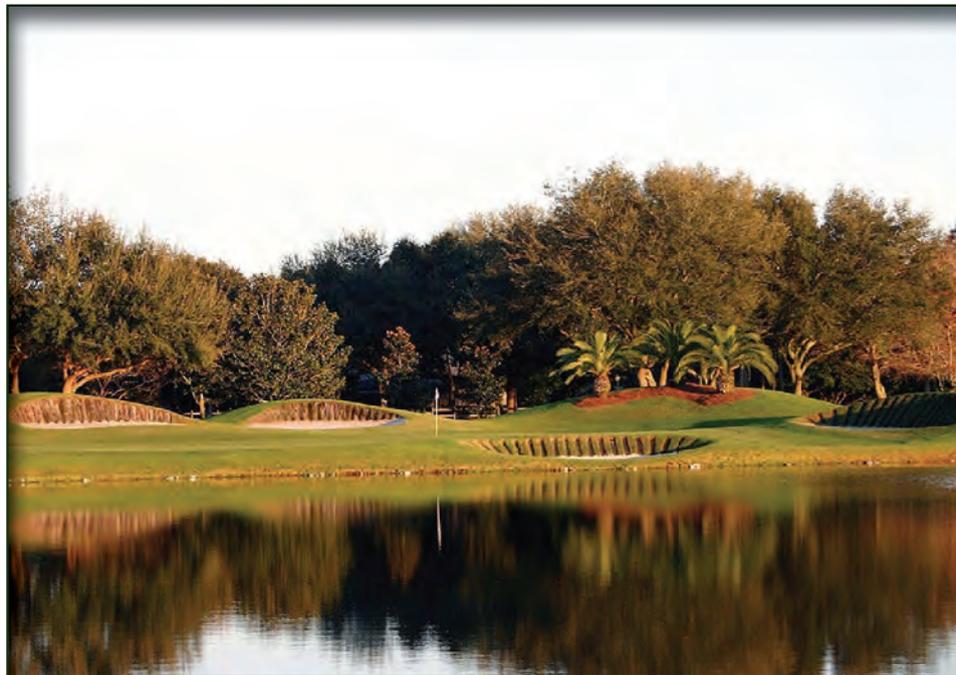
riety of seasonal memberships. Orange Tree is one of the most challenging courses and best-kept secrets in the state of Florida. Often overshadowed by its more notable neighbor Bay Hill, Orange Tree is every bit the championship test. Many local tour professionals frequent Orange Tree to sharpen up their games. The atmosphere is warm, friendly and welcoming providing a great environment for players of all levels. Orange Tree is part of the Private Club Network. (www.orangetreegolfclub.com)

Finally, if you've got a day (or more) to venture off the beaten path and knock another couple courses off your bucket list, Streamsong, just 90 minutes south of Orlando, is a must journey. Surrounded by nothing but nature as far as the eye can see, Streamsong offers a golf experience like no other in Florida, or possibly the country, outside of Bandon Dunes, Oregon.

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Golf Magazine ranks these two gems in the Top 20 “Best Public-Access Courses in America.” To further enhance your “experience,” Streamsong is designed for walking so that you can enjoy every step of your round and lose yourself in the sights, sounds and peaceful surroundings. A forecaddie is required for players who choose to ride.

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McAlarney Outlasts Field to Capture Second Match Play Championship



Ardmore, Pa. – **The third and final day of the 2016 Match Play Championship** was played at Merion Golf Club – West Course on Wednesday, October 19. After two exciting days of golf the field was whittled down from 64 players to just four all looking to capture the season's final point's event.

The first semifinal match featured Dave Quinn (Links Golf Club) versus Cory McAlarney (University of Delaware). Neither player was able to gain an advantage on the other and the match went the full 18 holes before Post was able to put away defending champion Quinn 1-up. The second semifinal match featured 2014 Match Play Champion Corey McAlarney (Sunnybrook Golf Club) and current Philadelphia PGA Professional Champion Jordan Gibbs (Gulph Mills Golf Club). Like the first match, neither player was able to gain a lead and the match went extra holes before McAlarney was able to put away Gibbs on the 19th hole.

Post's road featured wins over Gregg Gipp (3&2), Andrew Turner (3&2), Eric Figueroa (5&3), Jakob Gerney (19th hole) before his win over Quinn in the semifinals. McAlarney had wins over Dave Roberts (6&5), Mike Meisenzhal (1-up), Stu Ingraham (1-up), Trevor Bensel (5&4) before his win over Gibbs gave him a spot in the finals.

After trading pars on the opening hole, McAlarney was able to strike first in the final match with a birdie on the second hole giving him a quick 1-up lead. McAlarney and Post would then trade pars over the next four holes before breaking the trend with a pair of birdies on the par-4 7th hole. McAlarney would take his 1-up advantage into the driveable par-4 8th hole and would capitalize on his excellent drive. After his tee shot found the green, McAlarney was able to two-putt for birdie to increase his lead to 2-up through nine holes. The duo would halve the par-4 9th hole meaning McAlarney would take a 2-up lead into the back nine.

However as they made the turn, Post was able to turn the ship around and won both the 10th and 11th holes to get the match back to all square as they headed to the 12th tee. Unfortunately for Post that was where the streak ended. McAlarney would go on to birdie both the 12th and 13th holes to bring his lead back to 2-up. The pair traded pars on the par-4 14th hole before Post gave it one last charge. Post would win the par-3 15th hole to put him only 1-down with three holes to play. However, after Post's tee shot found trouble on the 16th hole McAlarney would go on to win the hole putting the match dormie as they headed to the par-3 17th hole. Unable to find the green, Post would go on to concede the hole to McAlarney giving him a 3&1 victory and his second Philadelphia PGA Match Play Championship.

The Section would like to thank the membership and staff at Merion Golf Club, especially host professional Scott Nye, for their hospitality during the week. The Section also thanks event sponsors Omega, the PGA Tour and Greg Norman for their continued support of our tournament program.

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TEAM	Total
John DiMarco Laurel Creek CC	
Joe Kogelman GolfTEC Moorestown.....	61
Stu Ingraham M Golf Range	
Andy Watters Talamore Country Club	62
John Appleget Wildwood Golf & CC	
Mike Meisenzahl Shore Gate CC	64
J R Delich Applebrook GC	
Robby Bruns Merion GC.....	64
Brian Kelly Bucknell GC	
Judd Caruso Belles Springs GC.....	64
Mike Thompson The Golf Zone@Honeybroo	
Andy Fisher AF Golf Ctr.	64
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Brian Dionisio Aronimink GC	65
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TEAM	Total
Robert Kleckner Linfield National GC	
Steve Byrne	64
Mickey Sokalski Philmont CC	
Scott Landsberg	65
Jameson Wallace Chambersburg CC	
Mike Jackson	65
Frank Palumbo Rolling Green GC	
Dwight Diorio	66
Steve Swartz CC of Harrisburg	
Keith Fetterolf	66
John Appleget Wildwood Golf & CC	
Bill O'Connell	67
Ian Dalzell Huntingdon Valley CC	

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Kogelman/Ingraham	-12	59
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McAlarney/Edwards	-10	61
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Kirkpatrick/Sieracki	-9	62
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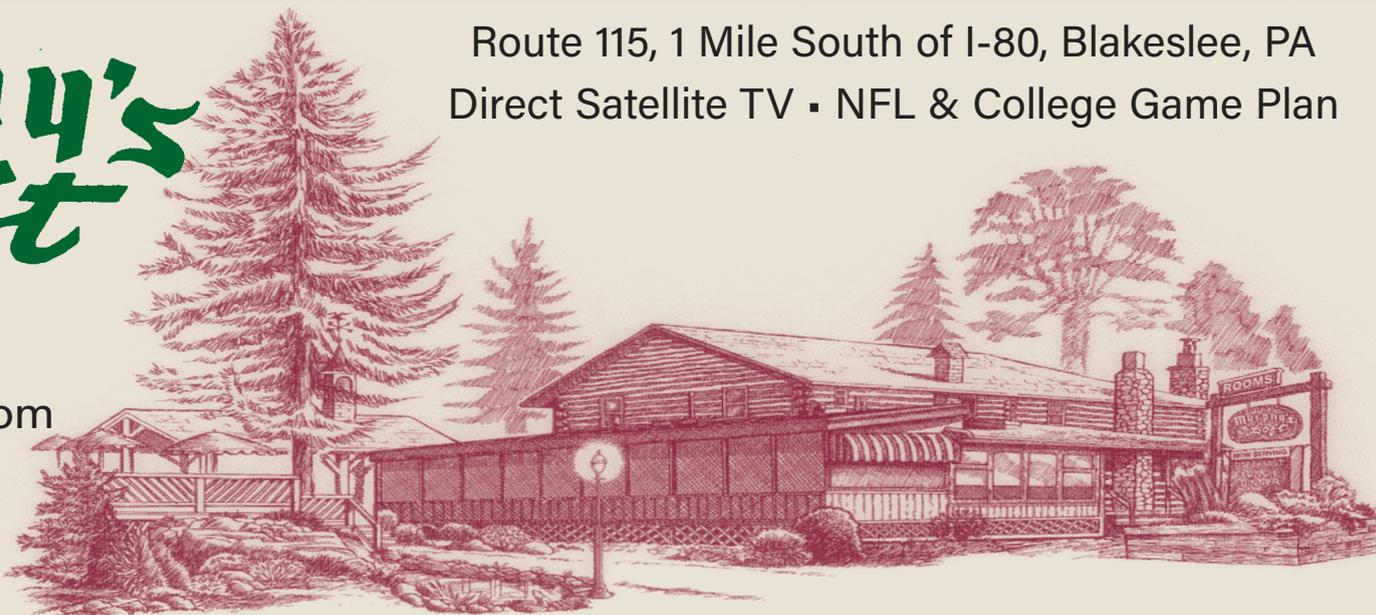
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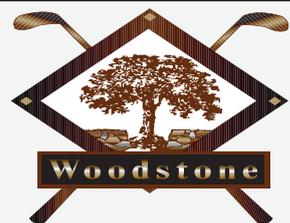
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Fourball Totals: Blue Team 3 - Gold Team 3

Foursomes Totals: Blue Team 1 - Gold Team 5

Singles Totals: Blue Team 4 - Gold Team 8

The Dick Smith Cup Matches were established in 1993 to celebrate 24 of the best PGA Assistant Professionals in the Philadelphia Section. The event is held each year in Atlantic City, NJ where these professionals join together for two days of friendly competition and get the wonderful experience of spending time with some of the most well respected PGA Professionals in our Association.

The Matches honor the service and legacy of the 27th President of the PGA of America, Dick Smith, Sr. A native of Baltimore, MD, Mr. Smith started playing golf at the age of 10 in the Baltimore City Junior Golf Program and in 1959 he won the Maryland State Jaycee Junior Championship. In 1962 he came to the Philadelphia Section working as an Assistant Professional at Green Valley CC and in 1964 he attained his PGA Membership and spent time at a few different clubs in NJ. Then in 1981 he became the head golf professional at Woodcrest CC where he would stay for 12 years.

Along with being a wonderful club professional Mr. Smith is regarded as one of the best players in the history of the Dick Smith 22(3) Philadelphia Section. He is a five time Section Champion with three of those wins coming in succession. He is a six-time Player of the Year and he won the DeBaufre Scoring Average Trophy six times as well. On the National stage he has played in five PGA Championships and the 1970 U.S. Open. He qualified for the PGA Club Professional Championship fifteen times and the PGA Senior Club

Professional Championship three times. In 1970 he tied for fourth at the Club Professional Championship and he won the Philadelphia Open. He has also played in two U.S. Senior Opens and two PGA Senior Championships.

As great as his playing record is he is more well known for his service to the Section and the Association. Mr. Smith was elected to the Section office of first Vice President at the 1974 fall meeting. This was his first political step in what would take him to the highest office in the PGA of America. After three years as the Section's first Vice President he was elected as the 22nd President of the Philadelphia Section. He served the Section as its 22nd President for three years, 1978 to 1980. Also in 1980 Mr. Smith was selected as the Philadelphia Section's Golf Professional of the Year. In late 1983 the Philadelphia Section selected him to represent District 2 as a PGA District Director for a three-year term. At the PGA national meeting in 1986 he was elected to national office for a two-year term as Secretary. After that he served as the Vice President in 1989-1990 and finally President in 1991-1992. He was inducted into the Philadelphia Section Hall of Fame in 1992 and he was inducted into the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame in 2005.

Currently Mr. Smith owns and operates the Dick Smith Golf Academy at Valleybrook Golf Course in Blackwood, NJ. He is still very active as a past President of the Section and the Association.

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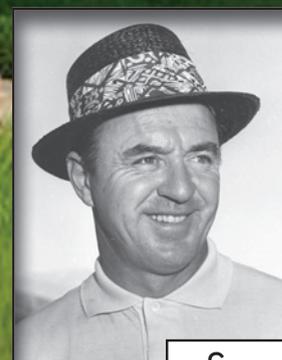
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Anthracite Golf Association Awards 2016 Player of the Year & Senior Player of the Year.



Moscow, Pa - The 2016 Anthracite Golf Association season officially came to a close on Sunday at Elmhurst Country Club with the year-end Challenge Cup and Player of the Year presentations.

The Anthracite Golf Association annual Challenge Cup, is a match-play event comprised of two teams chosen based on the final standings of the Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year point charts. Player of the Year points are awarded based upon top finishes for all AGA events.

Following the Challenge Cup,

Anthracite Golf Association Executive Director Patrick A. Lloyd (pictured



Player of Year Eric Williams (L) Director Patrick Lloyd (C) & Bob Andrejko

the Year points.



above) awarded the 2016 AGA Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year trophies.

Honesdale Golf Club's Eric Williams captured the AGA Player of the Year title, while Paupack Hills Country Club's Bob Andrejko claimed the AGA Senior Player of the Year, earning an exemption into the 2016 North-South Tournament in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The Anthracite Golf Association would also like to thank Dennis Corvo for his time and efforts and P.J. Farrell for compiling the Player of

Phillips & Thompson Cruise to Victory in Dustin Johnson World Junior Golf Championship

Myrtle Beach, S.C. – Trent Phillips and Skylar Thompson each led wire-to-wire en route to winning the second annual Dustin Johnson World Junior Golf Championship at TPC Myrtle Beach. Phillips entered the final round with a one-stroke lead and left little doubt about who the best player in the boys field was this weekend, besting second place finisher Teddy Tetak by six strokes. Phillips birdied the par 4 second hole and was never seriously challenged.

After playing the front nine in even par, he birdied the 11th, 12th and 14th holes, making the event's final holes a coronation for the University of Georgia verbal commitment. Phillips shot a one-under 71 Sunday and finished the event at 5-under.

Thompson, a South Carolina commitment, never relinquished her third round lead as her two closest competitors heading into the final round – Canada's Emily Zhu and Natalie Petersen of Holly Springs, N.C. - struggled. Thompson earned an 8-shot win over Smith Knaffle, the Murrells Inlet resident whose round of 4-over 76 was the second best of the day on the girls side.

Thompson shot 77 in the final round but closed with flourish, playing the back nine in one-under par to insure a comfortable margin of victory. The event's 104-player field, which included boys and girls divisions, was comprised of the game's next generation of stars. Players from 19 states and five countries are participating in the 54-hole tournament.



Newly minted World No. 1 Dustin Johnson was on hand to welcome players to his event and the hit Golf Channel show Morning Drive is broadcast live from the tournament all weekend. Charlie Rymer and Chantel McCabe anchored the network's coverage. Eight of the top 10 junior boys and 11 of the top 12 junior girls in South Carolina played in the tournament. Twenty participants have signed National Letters of Intent to play collegiate golf this fall.

With the support of Johnson, who secured the No. 1 spot in the World Golf Rankings with his win at Riviera Country Club on Sunday, the tournament will provide participants a PGA Tour-like experience, and the chance to challenge themselves against their peers from others parts of America and the world.

The Dustin Johnson World Junior Golf Championship is being sponsored by Founders Group International, the Dustin

Johnson Golf School, and Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday.

Johnson's involvement with the tournament reflects his long-time commitment to junior golf, particularly in South Carolina, where he grew into one of the world's best players. Through the Dustin Johnson Foundation, which is headquartered in Myrtle Beach, Johnson has donated more than \$250,000 to junior golf, sponsoring numerous events throughout the state and helping cover entry costs for kids who need financial assistance.

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"Critically, the end tip's design is not bulky or cumbersome; the divot tool sleekly slides out of the tail," noted Marty Hackel, Fashion Director for Golf Digest in a product review earlier this year. "Add this to the list of items that you didn't know you needed until you finally had it."

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The belts also come in a variety of styles. Colorful ribbon belts are trending on tour and KenRick offers several unique designs of their own. 'USA' sports stars and stripes, 'Pin High'

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The other collection features fine-grain leather in black or white. Black belts come with the choice of either white topstitching or black. The brown belt features elegant faux crocodile embossed leather.

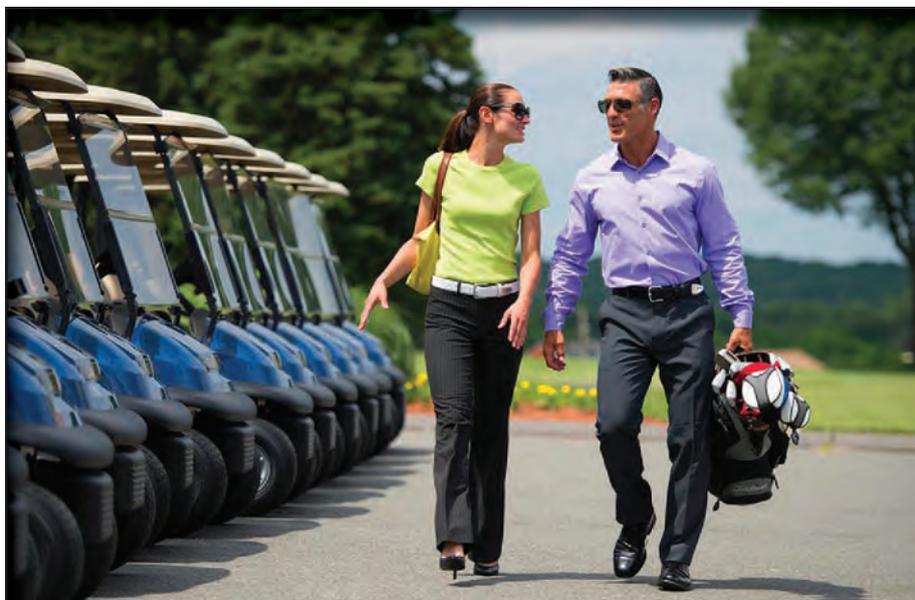
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Antigua Announces 2017 Men's Outerwear Collection



Antigua Regime-Outerwear



Antigua Tsunami-Outerwear



Antigua Arctic Pullover

PEORIA, AZ - Focusing on an updated fabric story, the Antigua Group, Inc. - one of the nation's leading designers and marketers of lifestyle and golf apparel under the distinguished Antigua brand - announces its Spring 2017 Men's Outerwear Collection.

"It's a diverse offering of style, fabric, weight and content," says Sean Gregg, Antigua's Vice President of Product Development and Marketing Support. "Designed for practicality and style appeal, this season has all that's needed in outerwear to complement Antigua's polos while offering golfers the ability to layer as needed."

Style Vista is a creatively constructed loopback, two-color twill face fabric. Designed as a mid-weight, long sleeve, half-zip outerwear garment, the tonal twill knit in this season's rich shades is set off with contrasting elastic tape sewn into coverstitch seam details -- creating a color block pop of complementing color. Its reverse coil zipper is enhanced with the same corresponding accent colors, to bring the accent front-and-center.

One of the most versatile outerwear pieces this season, style **Regime** combines a heather neutral twill knit with a solid jacquard lightweight stretch woven style -- it's a great lightweight outerwear layering garment. Golfers can barely feel the fabric's weight throughout their swing. Because of its lightweight breathability, it can be left on even as morning temperatures progress towards midday.

Style **Promenade** is a mid-weight complement to the polo collection and more specifically to the bird's eye effect used throughout the fashion pique offering. Its use of primary color and white yarn evenly knit into a solid fabric optically creates a mid hue shade of its originally saturated primary color. It uses both sides of the fabric, creating a tonal color block effect style, and can be worn actively or casually.

"As Antigua's Spring '17 outerwear offering looks to mirror the design direction incorporated in the polo

collection, there's also an element of sophistication that's interpreted in the outerwear offering," says Gregg.

Lightweight style **Tsunami** is created with heather and solid feed stripes undulating as a horizontal all-over repeat. The color's subtlety is circumstantial to the heather yarn being used to define the stripe pattern. A derivative of the tight repeating feed stripe seen in the main fabric has been isolated and knit into a pattern variation of the main fabric. This derivative fabric is then utilized as a complementing inset fabric in the garment's side panels, to enhance the design of the long sleeve, half-zip outerwear style. The placket zipper showcases contrasting color nylon coil teeth that tie the garment to the season's vibrant color stories.



Antigua Promenade mid-weight Outerwear

Perhaps the most directional outerwear style of the Spring '17 performance fashion collection is the **Arctic Pullover**. With two uniquely different fabric constructions that make up this long sleeve mid-to-heavyweight garment, it's intentionally understated. Its front body panel is double knit into a quilted diamond pattern using heather yarns and is pieced together with singularly knit jersey heather sleeves and back fabric. The fabrics are overdyed in deep hues corresponding to bright shades. This half-zip, long sleeve pullover is handsomely sophisticated and is a multifunctional lifestyle garment that can complement golf wear, dining out, and a casual pair of jeans.

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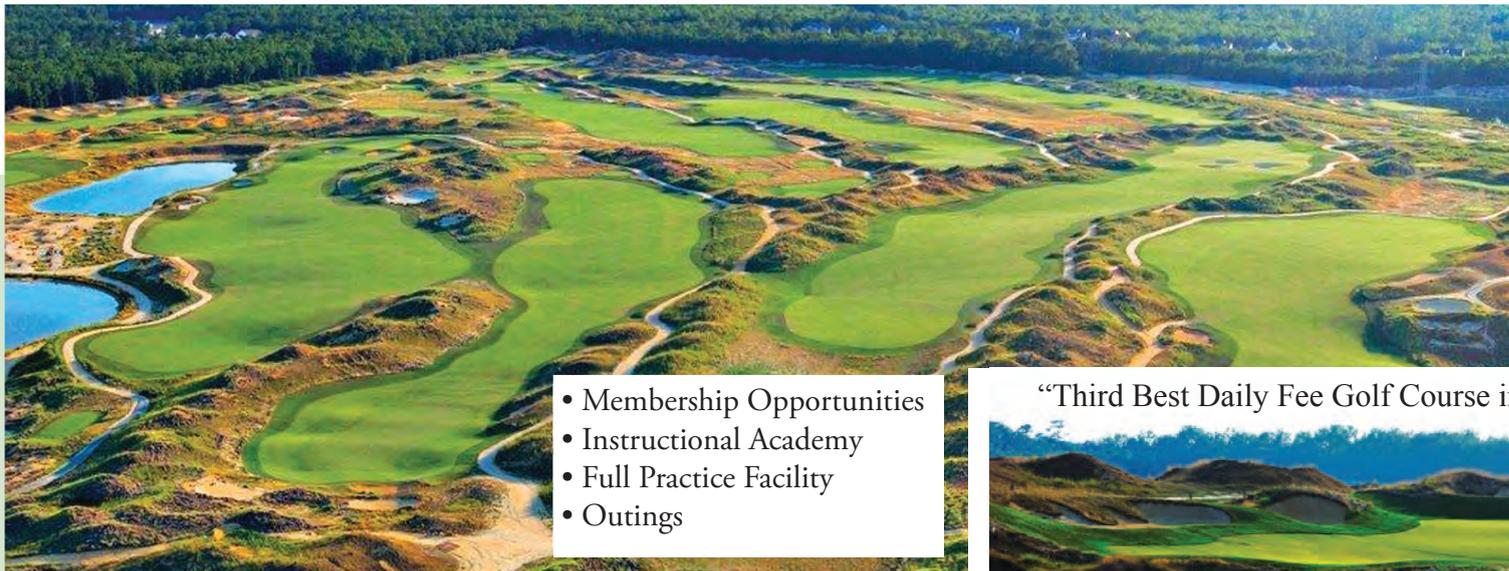
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2016 AGA Challenge Cup



Moscow, Pa - The final event of the 2016 season took place on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at Elmhurst Country Club, the AGA Challenge Cup.

The Anthracite Golf Association annual Challenge Cup, is a match-play event comprised of two teams chosen based on the final standings of the Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year point charts. Player of the Year points are awarded based upon top finishes for all AGA events. The AGA also invited the club champion and senior club champion of the host club as well as some volunteers from the 2016 season.

The day began with breakfast and team selections at Elmhurst Country Club. The teams then played a rain shortened tournament followed by a presentation to the top AGA Amateur and Senior Amateur golfers for 2016. Honesdale Golf Club's Eric Williams captured the AGA Player of the Year title, while Paupack Hills Country Club's Bob Andrejko claimed the AGA Senior Player of the Year, earning an exemption into the 2016 North-South Tournament in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

This year's Challenge Cup consisted of mixed teams, results are listed below.



COMPLETE MATCH RESULTS WITH (POINTS)



TEAM: ANDREJKO (113/4)

MATCH 1 EAMON EVANS - ROBIN BONDA (1 1/4)

MATCH 2 BOB ANDREJKO - FLOYD BOWEN (1 3/4)

MATCH 3 MATT SWANSON - TOM BISCOTTI (1 1/2)

MATCH 4 JOE WEISCARGER - JUSTIN MASTERS (1 3/4)

MATCH 5 KEN NESTOR - JIM GARDAS (2 1/2)

MATCH 6 KEN BOLCAVAGE - BRIAN MARZOLINO (3)

TEAM: WILLIAMS (7 1/4)

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VS. MIKE VASSIL - DOUG NARDELLA (1 3/4)

VS. CARL STACKHOUSE - ERIC WILLIAMS (1 1/4)

VS. TIM HINTON - MIKE PEREGRIM (1 3/4)

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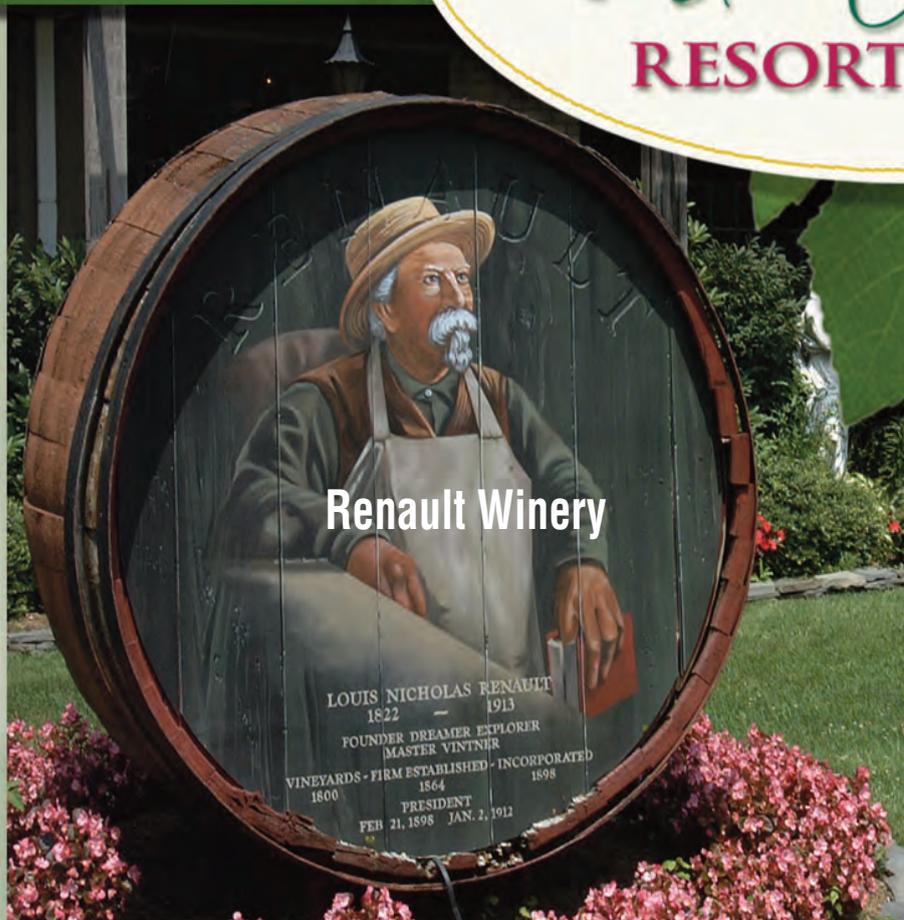


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