# Alejandra Llaneza Wins Pennsylvania Women's Open



Alejandra Llaneza, sank 2 long birdie putts to win the 2017 Pennsylvania Women's Open at Valley Country Club.

## Mexican Olympian sinks two long birdie putts to win on second playoff hole.

**SUGARLOAF, Pa.** – Alejandra Llaneza, a 2016 Mexican Olympian, sank long birdie putts on two sudden death playoff holes with American Clariss Guce – the last a 15-footer on number 10 to win the 2017 Pennsylvania Women's Open at Valley Country Club.

Llaneza shot a final round one-under-par 70 for a 36-hole total of one-over 143, but missed a short par putt on 18 that would have won the tournament in regulation. But after Guce made a tap-in birdie on 18 in the first playoff hole, Llaneza sank a 20-footer to send it to a second playoff hole. She made her winning putt after Guce missed her own long birdie putt.

"I had been struggling with my putting until after last week. Actually, a good friend of mine gave me a good tip," Llaneza said. "On 18 [in the playoff], I had nothing to lose, she [Guce] had already birdied. And I just had this excitement like, 'Let's see if I can make this.' And the same here on 10; I just gave it a good stroke and it went it."

Llaneza became the first Pennsylvania Women's Open champion in 22 years since the tournament was last played in 1995. In doing so, she won both Carol's Cup – named for World Golf Hall of Famer Carol Semple Thompson, who won the first three Pennsylvania Women's Opens – and a check for \$20,000, part of a record \$100,000 purse.

Guce posted the low round Saturday with a three-under 68 to get into the playoff.

First-round leader Kristy McPherson, an LPGA player from Conway, S.C., shot two-over-par 73 in the final round, but birdied 18 to finish third – just one shot back (+2, 144).

Jean Reynolds, Jenny Suh and Nannette Hill all finished in a three-way tie for fourth, two shots behind (+3, 145).

Kate Scarpetta, the Symetra Tour player and tournament director from Catherine O'Donnell, Ponte Vedre, FL



Valley Country Club Sugarloaf, PA

nearby Clear Lake who led the effort to restore the tournament, finished tied for 16th at seven-over 149, but considered the event a victory for everyone.

"I think it was a tremendous success. I couldn't have asked for anything more as tournament director and a participant," Scarpetta said. "It's a beautiful golf course, it's a great cause, it's good money, and the field showed up and showed how and I think everyone who came out to watch today had a great time." Computer Aid, an IT services company, was the tournament's title sponsor. Geisinger's Autism and Developmental Medicine Institute (ADMI) was its beneficiary.

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VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB	R1	<b>R2</b>	Total
Alejandra Llaneza, Mexico City, Mexico	73	<b>70</b>	143
Clariss Guce, Artesia, CA	75	68	143
Kristy McPherson, Conway, SC	71	73	144
Jean Reynolds, Newnan, GA	72	73	145
Jenny Suh, Fairfax, VA	72	73	145
Nannette Hill, Pelham Manor, NY	<b>74</b>	71	145
Christine Song, Fullerton, CA	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	146
Michelle Piyapattra, Eastvale, CA	75	71	146
Cindy Lacrosse, Tampa, FL	77	71	148
Sue Kim, Langley, BC, Canada	75	73	148
Emily Gimpel, Lafayette Hill, PA	75	73	148
Jennifer Hahn, Henderson, NV	73	75	148
Princess Superal, Manilla, Phillipines	75	73	148
Sarah Schmelzel, Pheonix, AZ	77	71	148
Whitney Hillier, Perth, Australia	79	69	148
Kate Scarpetta, Crystal Lake, PA	75	<b>74</b>	149
Amira Alexander, Alpharetta, GA	<b>74</b>	75	149
Alessandra Liu, Bala Cynwyd, PA	72	<b>78</b>	150
Catherine O'Donnell, Ponte Vedre, FL	73	77	150

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# LPGA ShopRite Classic At Seaview



Anna Nordqvist hits a tee shot at 14th Hole of second round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic golf tournament in 2016 AP photo by Mel Eavans By MIKE KERN

GALLLOWAY, N.J. — When Sweden's Anna Nordqvist came to America roughly a decade ago, pretty much all she brought with her was some dreams.

She had to start somewhere, and that turned out to be Arizona State, where she would stay for 21/2 years. But she did a lot of growing up in that time.

"I picked the perfect place for me," said Nordqvist, who last year became the first player to repeat at the LPGA's ShopRite Classic, which will be played June 2-4 at Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club. "I loved it from the first. I had two suitcases and my golf clubs. That's all. But I was never homesick until I moved to Florida in 2010.

"I never really saw it as leaving my home. I was going somewhere that would get me one step closer to reaching my goals, to create a better chance for me to make it out on (the women's) Tour. That's what I wanted. I didn't study all that hard. My main focus was on golf, all-year round. That's what I did. I wasn't the most fun college student. I was pretty boring. Practice, study, go to class. I committed so many hours. I don't regret it, because it got me to where I wanted. When I set my mind out to do something, I want to succeed at it."

Nordqvist, who will turn 30 right after the tournament, has seven LPGA victories. That includes one earlier this season. She's also won twice in Europe. She has a major, the 2009 PGA Championship. And she almost had another, at last year's U.S. Open. But she lost in a three-way playoff to Brittany Lang, though not until she was given a controversial two-stroke penalty by the USGA for grounding her club in a fairway bunker. The infraction was noticed by a member of the Fox Sports production crew. But she wasn't told until a hole later. She handled it with class, and the rules have since been tweaked so that it won't happen again.

"There are just so many things that are out of your control," she said at the recent media day. "I shot 67 (in the final round), when only one other player broke 70, playing (in) a good three-club (wind). I was really proud of myself, even getting to the playoffs. I still haven't seen (the violation). I was there. So I don't feel like I have to rub it in. I take full responsibility for it. I was disappointed in the way they handled the ruling. I learned a lot from the



Sweaview Golf Resort Bay Course Hole #2

"I still feel like a winner that week. There's nothing I could have done much different. I didn't get the trophy, but I gained so many other things. The support on social media was tremendous. So many people reached out. I kind of felt my character was that way I'd like it to be.

"I think people made it bigger than what I thought it was. Obviously, I came so close to winning the U.S. Open. It's a small margin. But it really didn't affect me. I didn't feel like I lost."

Speaking of which, not only has she not lost on the Bay Course since 2014, but in her career she's also has a third-place finish and two fifths there. So it obviously suits her.

"It's a tough course, especially with the wind," Nordqvist said. "There's small greens, so you have to be pretty accurate. Ball-striking is one of my strengths. I like the challenge. You have to hit it well. There's always a couple of shots you have to pull off."

Last year her winning score was 17-under par 196, which tied the event record held by fellow Swede Annika Sorenstam, who will captain the Euro Solheim Cup team that Nordqvist hopes to play for this August in Des Moines, Iowa. Sometimes it's all about the company you keep.

"I started playing golf in 2000, when I was 13 and she was in her prime," Nordquist noted. "I know how hard she worked, how she dominated. I never quite had those big dreams, or to tie a record like that with her. That's very special. I think it would be really cool to play for her."

Nordqvist got a late start with the game because she was also involved with other athletic pursuits back home.

"I loved playing a lot of different sports," she explained. 'I think it helped. These days, everyone is so good by 12 or 13. I was just beginning. Golf really has no age. Some players turn pro when they're 25 or 30. I think it was an advantage for me. I wasn't burnt out (early).

"I liked practicing on my own terms. I liked being a lone wolf, doing my thing. If I wanted to practice eight hours, that's what I'd do. On a team, you might practice one or two hours. I got to be pretty good pretty quick. I lowered my handicap quite a bit. Me and my brothers (one three years older, the other three years younger) traveled around Sweden playing in tournaments. I had

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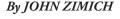
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hole course is framed by the forested



Jack Frost National Golf Club Hole #10

mountains of the Poconos.

O'Malley said the club prides itself on being a place that makes golf fun and a place where the pro knows the names of all of your family members.

Besides the 27 holes Buck Hill also features a driving range and putting green. There are plenty of events male and female members can participate in throughout the golf season, including member-guests, Nine and Dine and club championships. Buck Hill also has an active junior program for the kids.

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Jack Frost National Golf Club isn't one of those older courses in the Poconos but quickly has made its name as one of the best to play. This 18-hole course covers 200 acres with scenic views and elevation changes.

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Freedom Trail Challenge Winners North Team in Blue (Left) and South Team in Grayb(Right)

By Tony Leodora The Traveling Golfer

Fifteen years had passed since the first golf trip to the Biloxi, Mississippi area. In those days Biloxi was in the beginning stages of a double boom – casinos and golf courses. It was just beginning to find its stride.

Fast forward to 2016 and the development in both areas is quite evident. There are now in the neighborhood of a dozen casinos and 15 golf courses in the area. And, despite a recession, hurricanes and other factors, all seem to have gotten better with age.

"There really is a lot of great golf in the Biloxi area," says Kenny Hughes, PGA professional, owner at Shell Landing GC and president of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Golf Association. "We started with some great natural sites for golf courses, then brought in some of the greatest golf course architects in the country. The end-result is a varied assortment of golf that appeals to a wide range of players."

The list of architects is an impressive one – Tom Fazio, Jack Nicklaus, Davis Love III, and Mark McCumber, to name a few.

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And the casinos have developed into handsome properties that provide more than just gaming. They are centers for entertainment, dining and healthy relaxation. Beau Rivage is the most known, and Hard Rock has a national



Clubhouse at Grand Bear -- from 18th fairway



Tony Leodora Host of GolfTalk Live



name. But others, such as IP Casino Resort and Spa proved to be a quality experience – from the suites and rooms, to the highend dining, to one of the largest sports bars in the area, to a festive casino floor with live entertainment.

For those who want to venture out into the town for a different restaurant experience, there is the nationally-known Mary Mahoney's seafood restaurant. It is a rustically elegant mix of southern and Cajun food ... and hospitality. For those who like southern ribs and barbecue, there are a number of good ones in the area, led by the incredibly eclectic Slap Ya Momma's BBQ.

The reason for the recent trip was the Freedom Trail Challenge – a North-South Ryder Cup-style event that has travelled the country and the world since 1995. The players stayed at the IP Casino and played four rounds of golf -- Grand Bear, Shell Landing, The Oaks and Windance.

"Biloxi proved to be a great mixture of solid golf and aftergolf fun," Joe Sosnowski, the veteran captain of the North team.

"The guys really enjoyed themselves on this trip."

After a very close competition that came down to the final match on the last day, the North squeezed out a close but hard-fought victory. No records exist of the won-loss record in the casinos, but it was all part of a good golf trip.

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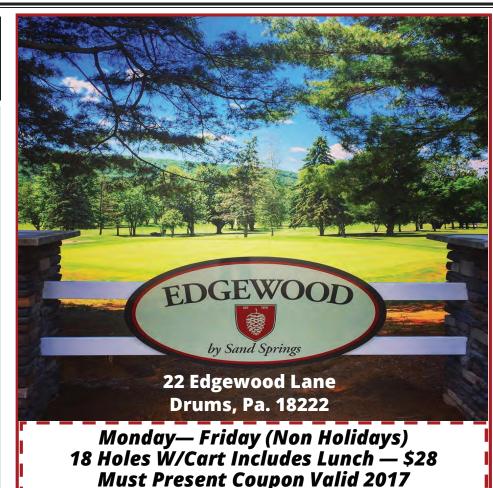
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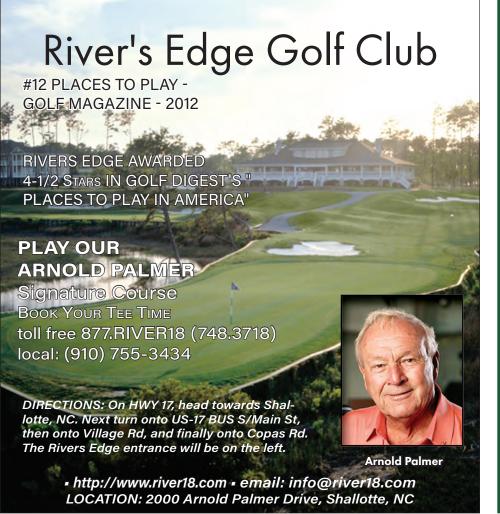
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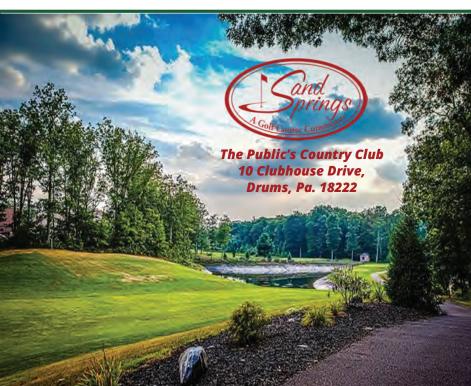
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Anna Nordqvist hits fairway shot on Hole #13 LPGA Shoprite Classic

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quite a bit of success. But I didn't get on the national team until I was 17. Then I started traveling around Europe for team events. I knew I had a little bit of talent. When I started getting recruited by schools over in the U.S., that's when I knew I was going to give (a pro career) a go."

If not she might have become a graphic designer, for which she also had a great deal of passion. Then there was swimming, at least for awhile.

"I was a very dedicated swimmer," Nordqvist smiled. "I just wasn't very fast. But I practiced like seven days a week. I loved competing. I never won anything. The breast stroke was probably my best, because you really don't have to be fast or explosive. I could have tried handball too. I think I would have been pretty good at it. Looking back, I never gave it the chance ...

"My little brother (Mattias) can beat me any day without practicing. He tried to play professionally a little bit, but he wanted a family life. I don't blame him. He saw the sacrifices I had to make. I think that scared him away."

It's a dilemma she's had to wrestle with herself along the way.

"I mean, I never really thought I'd be turning 30 this year and not (be) married and not having kids," Nordqvist conceded. "It's a life. There was a different plan for me. Looking back, I wouldn't trade what I've gone through for much. I've lived out of a suitcase at times, but I've traveled the world, met some great people, seen all the cultures. At first I was all on my own. So I've come pretty far, I would say. I don't know if there's anything else that could have taught me these things. I was really shy before. I had to find my way. That I would never take away.

"Am I jealous of my brothers? I tell them they have a great family. There's a time and place for everything. I still have some time ahead of me. I've surrounded myself with good people. I can't say the road hasn't been bumpy. I've had a couple of major struggles over the years. That just makes everything better when you do work it out. At the end of the day it's not just about results, even though people treat you like that."

Bumps? She said she almost quit the game five years ago, because she just wasn't enjoying it any more.



Stockton Seaview Resort Bay Course Clubhouse

"I didn't have the best people around me," Nordqvist pointed out. "I just had no desire to be on the golf course. My brother came out to caddy for me. It was the best summer of my life. He pretty much gave up his career to save me. I'm forever grateful.

"I had to change a couple of things. He really helped pick me up. It's not just about the golf. This is your life. He told me you have to happy off the course. You have to have a good perspective. It is hard. You miss a lot. All the family dinners, reconnecting with my childhood friends. I actually got to spend Easter at home this year for the first time in 11 years. You can't just say off we go and go back to Sweden. A lot of girls do go home. They have their environment, what they're comfortable in. I had to find mine."

It's a work in progress. But whatever it is, it's working for her. Because she won't be out here forever. She wants to make the most out of what she has left, and still enjoy the rest of it.

"Sometimes you're packing, unpacking, repacking, going to the next tournament," she said. "I'm playing less now, which gives me a little more time. My older brother (Mikael) has three kids. So I face time with them every day. There's something more important than the golf. I can be a person, not just a golfer. You have to switch off your mind. The first six or seven years, it was golf 24/7. Now it's more I can shut off.

"When I leave the course, I don't think much about golf until the next morning. Getting over a bad round would ruin the whole day before. The competitor inside of you is disappointed, but for maybe two hours instead of the rest of the day. I feel there's a maturity in there. I'm enjoying the game in a different way, without putting so much pressure on yourself.

"If I have five years left, I don't want to look back in five years and say, 'Why didn't I enjoy it?' Your mind is so forward. I'm trying to be more in the present, enjoy the moment a little bit more instead of trying to chase the future."

Sounds like the kind of game plan that can serve her well as she enters whatever remains of her journey.

Only two players, Sorenstam and fellow Hall of Famer Betsy King, have won the ShopRite three times. If Nordqvist can join them by lifting the trophy again this year, her threepeat is a trump card.

again this year, her threepeat is a trump card.

"That's never really crossed my mind," she said. "Just defending is really

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Pocono Manor's East Course was built in 1903 and redesigned by Ross in the 1920s. This legendary layout has hosted several pro tournaments and was

the site for the filming of several All-Star Golf competitions in the 1950s.

More recently, the Kalahari Corporation purchased the property that included the inn and two golf courses. The corporation closed the West Course to build a water park and has been making plenty of improvements to the East Course.

One of the features on the East Course is the downhill 77-yard par-3 hole that has a small stream guarding the green.

Greg Wall, head golf professional at Pocono Manor and son of the late great pro golfer Art Wall, Jr., conducts the Greg Wall Golf Academy at the East Course annually. Like other Pocono Mountain golf courses Pocono Manor also has yearly memberships



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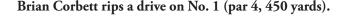
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# Huntsville's Corbett Catapults to Senior Title in WARNER CUP (Gross)





ROYERSFORD, Pa. — Brian Corbett turned a golfer's nightmare into tournament reverie Thursday at Spring Ford Country Club (par 72, 6,520 yards).

As the Senior Division leader with two holes remaining in the 83rd Francis B. Warner Cup (Gross), Corbett took an untimely unplayable lie on the 17th hole. He then sunk a sand shot for a vital par and soon-to-be score of even-par 72. That number translated into a two-stroke victory for the longtime Golf Association of Philadelphia competitor.

Lancaster Country Club's Kenneth Phillips and Little Mill Country Club's Joseph Roeder tied for second at 2-over-par 74.

"It doesn't feel any better than this," an overwhelmed Corbett, 58, of Clarks Summit, Pa., said. "I've always wanted to win a GAP event. I'm really happy with what I've accomplished today. It's going to be a great car ride home."

On the aforementioned No. 17, a slight dogleg right measuring 413 yards, Corbett faced a known and unknown on the tee: go right, and he can't carry the trees on his approach. Slam it straight,

and he risks the dreaded fairway-runner into trouble.
"I hit it right down the walking line, thinking I'm perfect. It went through the fairway," Corbett, an insurance agent, said. "My ball was lying right against a root in between two roots. I may have been able to hack down on something and punch it out to maybe 160 yards, but I was afraid that if I hit the root — and I've had it happen before — the club would hit the root, bounce over the ball and then I whiff. So, I took an unplayable."

With 175 yards for his third shot, Corbett pushed a 5-iron into the right greenside bunker. He

holed the ensuing extrication for par.

"I was kind of stunned. I was happy, but I was stunned," Corbett said. "At that point of a round in any tournament, I don't think I've ever holed out on the 17th hole from a bunker, whether it be

Although he escaped No. 17 unscathed, Corbett encountered another test of nerves on the closing 18th hole (par 5, 492 yards). Another striped drive cut through the fairway and settled two inches outside the right fairway bunker. Exhibiting a Hokey Pokey stance, Corbett cleared the water hazard with a 4-hybird. He then knocked a wedge 90 yards to 10 feet above the hole, rolled a slippery slider 18 inches by and dropped the anxious comebacker.

Corbett's championship round started in non-championship form. On the V-shaped No. 1 (par 4, 450 yards), Corbett dealt with a 180-yard uphill approach out of a downhill lie. Ruling out a hybrid, he chose a hard 5-iron and came up short of the green. A two-putt from 15 feet resulted in a bogey. Corbett splashed a drive into the water hazard on No. 2 (par 4, 406 yards) for another 5. Next

"I actually hit the ball very well once I got past No. 2, which was critical. I really didn't miss a shot from No. 3 tee through No. 9 green," Corbett said.

Corbett, playing in the afternoon's first group, birdied the par 5, 520-yard No. 5 after flipping a wedge to 10 feet above the hole location. He drained an uphill, left-to-right breaking 25-footer on No. 7 (par 3, 187 yards) following a splendid 5-iron. On the par 5, 522-yard No. 9, Corbett hit a wedge 50 yards to four feet below the flagstick and made the birdie putt.

Corbett's inward nine mirrored his outward start. Old habits created a bogey on No. 10 (par 4,



**Spring Ford Country Club** 

412 yards).

"I always hit driver. I always aim at the right bunker, and I always hit it right where I'm aiming," Corbett said. "Then I have to hit a 9-iron up to the green because you have to get over the lip. I missed about a 10-footer [for par].'

On No. 11 (par 4, 354 yards), Corbett, thinking extra club to avoid a guarding bunker, flushed a 9-iron over the green and failed to get up-and-down. As the sun sheltered in cloud cover, temperatures dipped slightly; the winds not so much. Corbett, however, withstood any interference from Mother Nature — and the rest of the field. He reached the 15th green (par 5, 485 yards) in two with a 4-wood from 230 yards for a two-putt birdie. A save on No. 16, a treacherous downhill, upwind par 3 measuring 196 yards, preluded Corbett's heroics on the 17th hole. Again, old habits caused trouble.

"It always plays the distance, and I always hit it into the front bunker," Corbett said. He did just that, but splashed out to eight feet and wiggled a par putt in the side door.

Corbett, who's competed in two U.S. Mid-Amateurs, credits his instructor, John Spina, with an

assist in his breakthrough performance at Spring Ford.

"I've been struggling for a few years. I've been working on my game for about a year now with John," he said. "I'm always migrating back to what I used to do, which is bad shots. I really stayed in the moment and did some things he tells me that I'm supposed to do. It was quite gratifying to, down the stretch, do the things I'm supposed to do. I've been playing a long time and have been really

frustrated with golf. Right now, it feels pretty good."

Francis B. Warner of Philadelphia Cricket Club served as the Golf Association of Philadelphia's secretary-treasurer for 18 years. After his death in 1933, the Association started the Francis B. Warner of Philadelphia's secretary-treasurer for 18 years. ner Cup as an ongoing tribute in his memory. It is the first Senior Major of the Golf Association of

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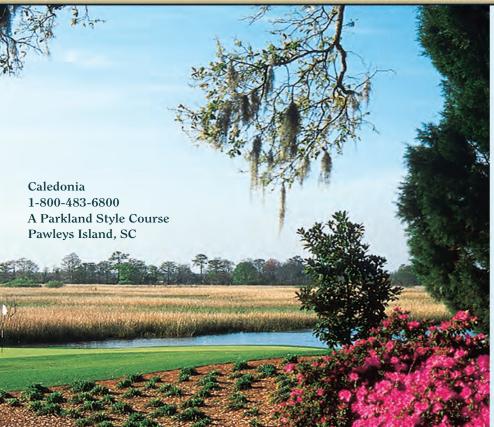
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OVER ALL	Total
Brian Corbett, Huntsville Golf Club	72
Kenneth Phillips, Lancaster Country Club	74
Joseph Roeder, Little Mill Country Club	74
Drew Panebianco, Five Ponds Golf Club	75
Doug Fedoryshyn, Applebrook Golf Club	75
Roc Irey, Lookaway Golf Club	75
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# Club Champion – Club Fitting At Its Best



#### By Mike Kern

So what do you think 20 yards looks like? And I'm not talking about the distance of your average NFL pass play. Or the length of some putts I leave myself.

No, I'm talking about 20 extra yards off the tee, which was the promise a friend of mine in the business made to me if I got fitted by his people for a driver.

I'm occasionally stupid but rarely nuts. So of course my interest was, well, piqued. And that's not always easy to do. At the same time, I'd heard claims like this before, so I remained cautiously curious. Because who needs to be disappointed for no valid reason? It was up to them to prove otherwise.

And darned if they didn't. Maybe I should learn to be more trusting, especially when someone supposedly in the know is involved. Turns out the good folks at Club Champion actually have a clue. And in this instance I was fortunate enough to become one of their many satisfied customers. I told them if they could get me 20 extra yards I'd marry them. I should probably be more careful what I wish for, since that's pretty much how many yards whatever they wound up putting in my grubby midget hands got me. At least that's what the data showed. Can't wait to get out on a course and check it out for myself all over again. This, coming from a card-carrying skeptic.

I don't know how much of an investment you're willing to make in your game. We're not all created equal. A lot of us are content to shoot bogey golf. And there's nothing wrong with that, as long as you're having fun. That's what it should be about. But if you are so inclined, there's also nothing wrong with trying to find the right equipment that works best for you. That's all I was doing. I could have been looking for a whole set of irons, or a putter. They're there to assist with just about anything. It's pretty much up to the individual. Because what makes one mid-handicapper better might not have any impact whatsoever on the next guy.

"This is another level of detail," said Steve Harrow, one of three Master Fitter & Builders staffing their Philadelphia store on Presidential Boulevard at City Avenue. "We can do anything, when it comes to a variety of options out there versus other places. We don't care about brand. It's about what works. And we're going to show you why. Because everybody that walks in here is different."

Club Champion has grown from three stores in the Chicago area not that long ago to 20 nationwide, which makes them the largest company-owned premium golf-club fitting retailer in the country. And when it comes to selling, they don't have a horse in the race. Whenever I've brought clubs in the past, I usually did. You know, you're into Titleist. Or maybe the look of the new Callaway head. Doesn't matter with these guys. They just want to find the right fit for you. And it all starts with the shaft.

"We don't get anything extra for selling one brand over another," said Jim Yenser, Harrow's colleague and the person who worked with me. "And we've very serious about keeping it that way. We have to sell golf clubs. But because of our guarantee performance, we just can't sell willy nilly. That's going to come back to haunt us.

"The shaft is the connection between the clubface and you. That's critical. If it's wrong, you have to manipulate and compensate to make up for that. And that's hard to do. It's like going to the eye doctor. It's not just hit or miss. It's a guided progression to a perfect prescription. But most golfers, the first thing they fall in love with is the clubhead.

"Amateurs need more help with misses, to be honest. More distance is the carrot that's out there. But you can't play golf from the trees. And there's so much variance in shafts. Every one is made to do something different. But 90 percent of golfers never think of that. Manufacturers never talk about shaft. If it looks great, they just tell you here's the head that's going to make everything better."

Come prepared to hit balls, lots of balls, which is a good thing, even though I hadn't hit any in about five months. So I was huffing and puffing a little by the end of my fitting, which was mostly because I'm old and a midget. Jim's job was to monitor my numbers, give me feedback and then try a different combination, sometimes just to be sure. He was nothing if not thorough. They tell you to allow 90 minutes for a driver fitting, and more than that for an entire set. And less than that for a

putter or a wedge. It was impressive. And if you didn't understand somehting all you had to do as ask. That's what they're there for.

At the end of my session Jim actually asked if I would mind coming back later that day, since I was going to still be in the area anyway. He just wanted to check on a few more parts of the equation. Because the last thing he wants to do is give you something that doesn't work as well as it could. That's not good for anyone. The best advertising is always satisfied customers. And I don't think many folks walk away from Club Champion feeling they didn't get their money's worth.

So you go through the trial and error knowing it's going to pay off in the end. Otherwise what't the point. The service they provide isn't necessarly cheap. But it is an investment. Because in golf there

really aren't any shortcuts to improving your game.

"We're expensive for a reason," said Harrow. "You can get something built for you, or something off the rack. And we're not for everybody. It's what value does golf have for you, in your life. Some guys will spend \$400 every year for a new driver. But you could have come to us and paid that much for a driver that will work for however long you want it to. Hard to put a price on that. When it works it works.

"We want you to be confident with what you're using. It's there, if you're willing to find it."

I can appreciate the kind of commitment they put into it. They're being judged on one thing. Performance. It's as fundamental as that. Obviously they're not the only place you could go to get new clubs. So they've got to be doing something right.

"We have goals, just like the customer," Harrow said. "I just got a call from a guy who got irons three weeks ago and took them out to Arizona. He exact words were, 'Don't know if was just the maiden voyage, but you saved me eight strokes.' He was a mid-teens handicapper. I had to spologize. I couldn't get him any more shots.

"A month later, you're going to hear back from me. We had this guy, a lefthander, who 10 months later said he was losing it left. So let's get him back in and see. You usually see something in the first 10 rounds, not 10 months. Somehow he'd picked up almost nine miles per hour in clubhead speed. I asked him if he was overswinging. What's going on? He went, 'Oh, I lost 25 pounds and I've been working out.' Great. I had to swap the shaft out and put something in his hands that made sense. There is the human element. But we're going to be there for you."

Eventually, Jim found specs that worked best for me. I didn't even ask him what brand it was. I didn't find out it was a Callaway head until the club arrived at my door a week later. The computer liked what it saw. Maybe it'll allow me to carry a few more fairway bunkers, make my round a bit

more fun, perhaps even lower my score. Because what else is there?

I didn't understand all the technical stuff. I do think Jim's probably had easier assignments. But I did get enough of what he was explaining to connect the dots. We'll find out for sure soon enough. I can't wait. It won't tranform me into Dustin Johnson, but even if it just gives me an extra birdie op or two then what's not to like.

"We're looking to find the optimums," Yenser said. "Everyone has their own sense of value. You make to make the game more enjoyable. And frankly, I can do that. Then I'm their best friend for life."

Sounds like a win-win. Golf is hardly one size fits all. Trust me I should know. A Golf Magazine study found that 90 percent of American golfers may be playing with inproperly fitted clubs. Club Champion offers over 35,000 combos that could correct that.

"Think about going to a Demo Day, and the club you hit so well is the one you should be taking home," Harrow noted. "That's what we do. We put something in your hand that you should be

Again and again and again. As a club pro friend of mine once told me, when you find something you like keep it in your bag. Sounds like a plan. Especially now that I know what two extra first downs looks like. Now I just have to put my new-found advantage to proper use. *Fore!* 



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# Destination Montco Golf Sets Goal To Attract More Golfers to the Area



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Rivercrest Golf Club Clubhouse

#### By Tony Leodora

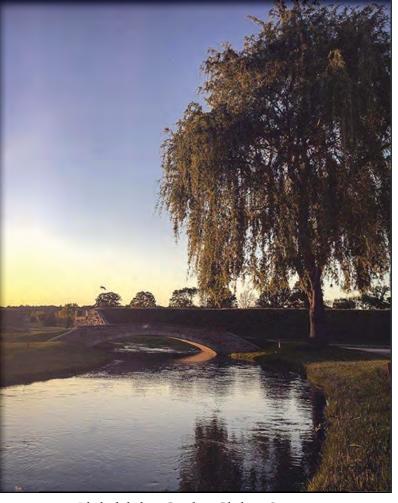
The iconic golf destinations of America are well-known. For years locations such as Orlando and West Palm Beach in Florida, Phoenix and Myrtle Beach led the way. In recent years places such as Maryland's Ocean City, the Greater Atlantic City area and even the Pocono Mountains have made their case luring vacationers with plenty of quality golf and other activities.

Now another area – one that is very familiar to travelers of all types – is trying to grab a piece of the golf market. Announcing: Destination Montco Golf.

The team at the Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board is extremely proud of all there is to offer in the suburban megaplex, just west of Philadelphia.

The area boasts Valley Forge National Historical Park, site of the 1777-'78 winter encampment for General George Washington and the Revolutionary Army.

It also has the King of Prussia Mall, the largest shopping mall in the United States, in



Philadelphia Cricket Club at Sunset

terms of leasable space. For bargain hunters, there are the Philadelphia Premium Outlets in Limerick. And those interested in winning money, instead of saving money, will find Valley Forge Casino Resort.

There is plenty of activity for children, as the area hosts a myriad of youth sports tournaments throughout the year. And nearby is the Elmwood Park Zoo, the fastest growing zoo in America.

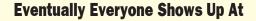
All of these attractions are the central focus of the folks at the Valley Forge Convention and Tourism Board. But now they have set their sights on adults who might be inclined to spend some time on the 54 golf courses that are located in this tiny county.

How tiny?

Those golf courses are squeezed into an area of only 487 square miles. By comparison, Horry County, home to Myrtle Beach, has about 75 golf courses in 1,255 square miles. Palm Beach County in Florida boasts more than 200 courses - but it is massive county of 2,383 square miles. And Maricopa County in Arizona leads the way with more than 220

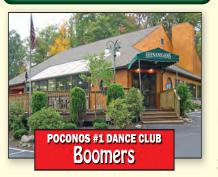
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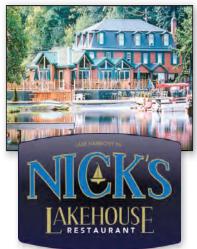
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Beach and Florida are always going to be at the top of the list when people are

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courses ... but they are placed on 9,224 square miles.

Do the math. It quickly becomes obvious that Montgomery County, Pennsylvania has more golf courses – per square mile – than any county in the United States.

"We knew we were sitting on something special," explains Mike Bowman, president of the Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board. "It's just that nobody was touting it. Now we are."

And in a big way. The tourism board has created a sub-group – Destination Montco Golf. It is dedicated to promoting golf in Montgomery County. It was launched last year with the Montco Golf Classic, a large outing held at Riv-

erCrest Golf Club near Collegeville. This year the event grew dramatically and was held on both courses at the famed Philadelphia Cricket Club.

They even debuted a new mascot, Monty the Fox, who entertained during a well-attended dinner at the Golf Classic.

The outing was followed immediately by the launch of a new summer television ad campaign – "We're Ready" - that will air in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, Washington D.C. and Philadelphia. Golf is an important part of that ad campaign.

Destination Montco Golf also has partnered with the syndicated GolfTalk Live radio show in an initiative to spread the word about golf in Montgomery County.

"We know that places like Myrtle

planning a golf vacation," says Bowman. "But we bring many millions of visitors to the Valley Forge area every year.

They come for a number of different reasons – ranging from business, to youth sports tournaments, to vacations. Our goal is convince some of them to stay an extra day, or more, and enjoy one of our many quality golf courses."

All of the necessary ingredients are already in place. In the Valley Forge area, there are more than 70 hotels nearby. The dining scene in Montgomery County - with hubs like King of Prussia, Ambler, Phoenixville and Conshohocken - now rivals Philadelphia's renowned culinary experience. And, again, for those who look for another activity while their vacation partners play golf, there is world-class shopping.

"The people are already coming to the area," stresses Bowman. "We feel

all we need to do is tell them about the great golf we have to offer and they will take advantage of that feature also."

And Destination Montco Golf is certainly telling people about golf in Montgomery County. The website, www.valleyforge.org/golf, is the perfect place to start. It already is being seen by thousands of visitors monthly. And a Golf Guide has been published to help people navigate their way around the 54 golf courses in the county.

"Everyone involved is genuinely excited about this project," says Ed Harris, vice president of marketing and communications for the Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board. "They know that golf is a great product in Montgomery County and they are excited to tell everyone about it."





Mascot, with Ed Harris -- VP of marketing and communication Monty the Fox Representative Mascot for Montco Golf

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Michael Little Lookaway GC	$\mathbf{E}$	72
Kevin Kraft Bumble Bee Hollow	$\mathbf{E}$	72
Brett Melton Radley Run CC	+1	73
Dave Quinn Centerton GC	+1	73
Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	+1	73
Brendon Post University of Delaware	+2	<b>74</b>
Mark Sheftic Merion GC	+2	<b>74</b>
Bob Lennon Wilmington CC	+2	<b>74</b>
Michael Rushin Bear Trap Dunes Golf Club	+2	<b>74</b>
Corey McAlarney Squires GC	+3	75
Pat Butkus Overbrook GC	+3	75
Zac Oakley Heritage Shores GC	+3	75
Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	+4	76
Andrew Turner Sunnybrook GC	+4	76
Joe Kogelman GolfTEC Moorestown	+4	76
John Bierkan Aronimink GC	+4	76
Bill Walker Riverton CC	+4	76
Brian Hollins Trenton CC	+4	76
Terry Hatch Hidden Valley GC	+4	76

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Michael Little Lookaway GC	34	35	69 -2
Shawn Matthews Huntingdon Valley CC	35	35	70 -1
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Brian Kelly Bucknell GC	37	35	72 +1
Corey McAlarney Squires GC	36	36	<b>72</b> +1
Zac Oakley Heritage Shores GC	36	36	72 +1
Greg Farrow Deerwood CC	35	37	72 +1
Brett Melton Radley Run CC	36	37	73 +2
Scott Reilly Philadelphia CC	37	36	73 +2
Andy Watters Talamore Country Club	36	37	73 +2
Mark Sheftic Merion GC	35	38	73 +2
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	36	37	73 +2
Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	36	37	73 +2
Kevin Kraft Bumble Bee Hollow	37	36	73 +2
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Brandon Matthews, Dupont, Pa.,	<b>72</b>
John Pillar, Hawley, Pa.,	72
Andrew Turner, Honeybrook, Pa.,	72
(a) Kyle Wambold, Macungie, Pa.,	73
Alt-(a) Grant Skyllas, Wyomissing, Pa.,	<b>74</b>
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Dave Quinn Philmont CC	64
Brian Bergstol Shawnee Inn and GR	65
Brett Melton Radley Run CC	65
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Bill Walker Riverton CC	68
Corey McAlarney Squires GC	68
Steve Swartz Regents' Glen CC	68
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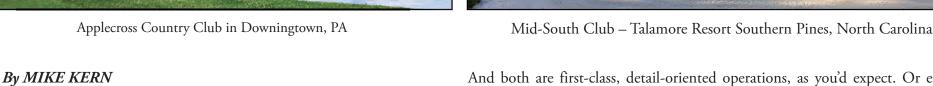


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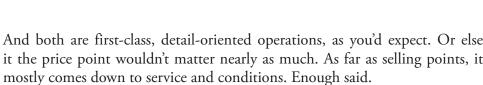
For one price you now join four clubs, two in our area and two more in Pinehurst, all owned by Bob Levy. It's hard to find a better deal. Four different places with the same goal: giving you a golf experience unlike many others. The partnership includes Talamore in Ambler, Applecross in Downingtown plus Talamore Resort and Mid South in the sandhills of North Carolina. Which, if you've never been, is about as good as a destination can get.

They can each stand very much on their own. Together they're close to an unbeatable value.

"You pay an annual fee and everything's included," said Gregg Russell, the Membership Director at Applecross. "It became this thing where a guy can come out after work to maybe play four or five holes and not worry about getting banged for a cart fee. So that kind of was really cool.

"The biproduct of it, because we have four properties, is seamless. It works the same way between all four. If I've got a gentleman here who has clients in Montgomery County, he can bring them over. All of our billing is done through a credit card you put on file in your account. So it's as simple as showing up. We've got a tee sheet online, so you can book your foursome, go play, got have a beer and just sign your name like you're signing anything else. No problem."

And the fee is reasonable, about \$5,700 a year. Right now there's still a difference between Applecross and Talamore, since Talamore has a food and beverage minimum. But that too is only \$250 a quarter. Applecross just opened its restaurant/bar building, so it will also have something similar at some point.



"This made sense," said Russell. "It became one of those, if you're going to be a member at one you might as well belong to all of them. That's the way we introduced it. Right now 16 of our members are down at Pinehurst. They've gotten used to the idea that they're going to go there and make a road trip out of it. They don't feel like strangers. They do it every year. They go through Talamore travel, they're going with a bunch of guys, they get discounts on lodging and they can also play Pine Needles or wherever. I had a group that got the member rates at a condo. From an entertainment standpoint, you can put it to good use."

Talamore was one of Golf Digest's Best New Private Courses, and a Top 100 Course in Golf for Women. Plus it boasts a year-round practice facility directed by Top 100 instructor Lou Guzzi.

Applecross, a Nicklaus Golden Bear design, is carved out of the Chester County countryside. The setting can't get much more scenic. It too has about everything a golfer is looking for, including a state-of-the-art instruction center headed by PGA Philadelphia Section Teacher of the Year Eric MacCluen.

The other Talamore, the work of Rees Jones, has all the amenities, right down to the accomodations. Ditto Mid South, an Arnold Palmer creation that was ranked the top private course in that area by Pinehurst Magazine.

Put it all together and it's quite enticing. Especially if your travels take you here and there.

"What's different in the modern golf club is equity versus non-equity," Russell said. "There are so many member-owned clubs around Philadelphia. Here, there's one owner. You still have a golf committee. But it's not this ... For

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Joe Ambrose (Kings College)

Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)

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### **LOW PRO**

Mike Furey (Mahoning Valley)	71
Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	72
Brian Bergstol	73
Greg Myer	74
John Pillar (Woodloch)	74
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Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	76
Mike Grabosky (Heidelberg)	76
Bob Fritz, Manufactures Golf and CC	77
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Bob Andrejko (Kings College)	72
Jason Wilson (Green Pond)	75
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Mike Grabosky (Heidelberg)	65
Ray Silnik (Blue Shamrock)	67
George Petrole (PGA)	67
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Mike Furey (Mahoning Valley)	59
John Pillar (Woodloch)	60

### Southmoore Pro-Am Southmoore Golf Course Par 72

#### **LOW PRO** Sean Szerencits (Southmoore)

Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	68
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	69
Gregg Meyer (Woodstone)	70
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	70
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Sean Szerencsits (Southmoore)	71
Dan Richie (Willow Brook)	72
Brad Paukovits (Whitetail)	75
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	75
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Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	76
John Kulhamer (Green Pond)	78
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Shane Gunning (Bethlehem)	72
Kyle Pritchard (Willow Brook)	75
Mike Buschta (Willow Brook)	76
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Dan Richie (Willow Brook)	63
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	65
Sean Szerencsits (Southmoore)	68
Kyle Monahan (Pocono Farms)	68
TEAM LOW NET	
Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	59
Jim Booros (Philadelphia PGA)	62

### Glen Brook Pro-Am Glen Brook Golf Club Par 72 **LOW PRO**

Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	69
Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	71
Kevin Edwards (Woodstone)	72
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Bob Fritz (Manufacturers)	74

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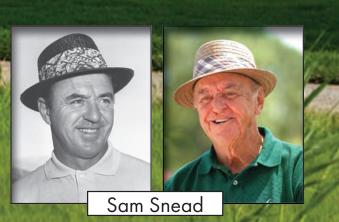
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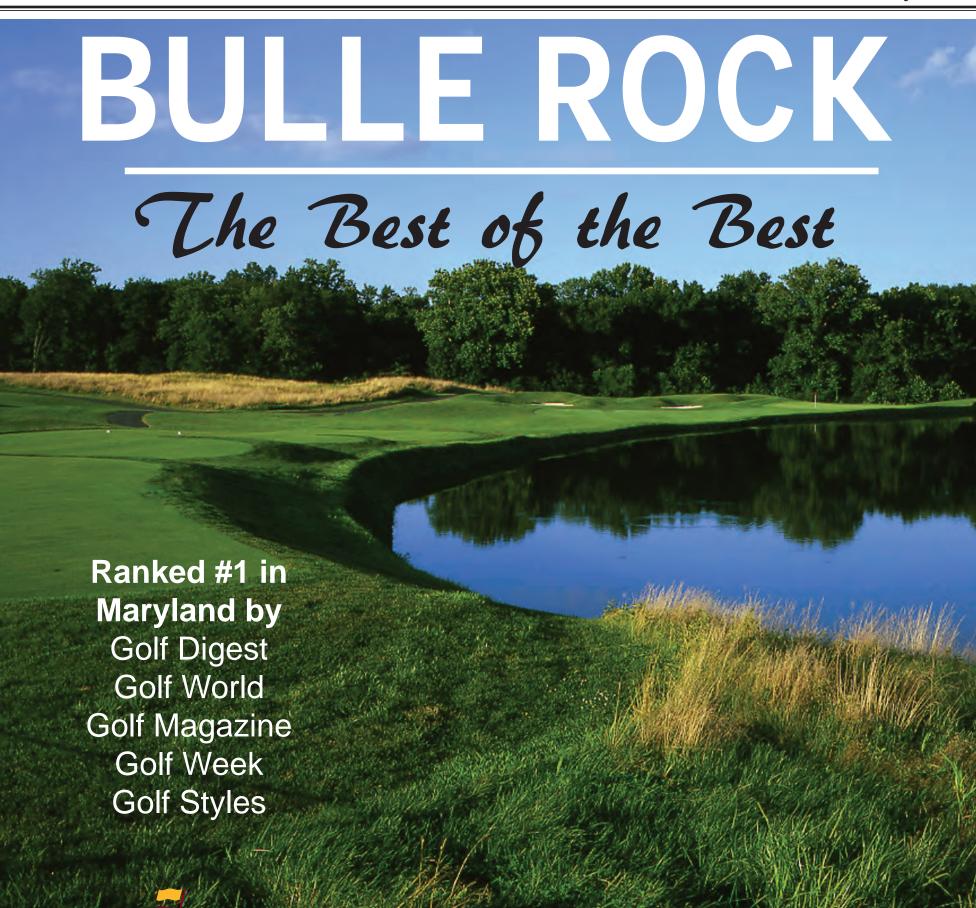


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a long time in the private industry, you might see the board of directors be all these low handicap guys, and all of a sudden you'd see the club turn to 12 on the Stimpmeter. Then the next board would be family friendly, and they're all about renovating the pool next. In this world, here's who we are. You're going to enjoy it, have fun, and don't worry about that part of it. It's about golf and family.

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can't really be a modern club."

Sounds like a plan well worth exploring. If that's what you're looking for. And more than a few folks might

I've been fortunate enough to have played both Talamore and Applecross several times. I've never been disappointed. But if pressed, I'd have to say I probably like Applecross a little more. Although it's almost too close to call. They're different layouts. While Talamore is mostly tree-lined, Applecross is much more open. So the winds come into play a great deal. Sometimes up to two or three clubs. Some of the scenery is spectacular, particularly on those holes where there are no homes. They had a tremendous piece of land to work with. A former



Talamore Country Club Pinehurst, NC Hole #12

farmland as a matter of fact. Some of the holes are real keepers. The second is a wonderful, and testing, uphill par 4 with out of bounds on both sides. That's followed by a downhill par 3 of about 180 or so that was playing longer due to the prevailing breeze. I hit driver to the back fringe. A man's got to know his limitations. And a par is a par. The 10th is a neat, short par 4. I made a rare birdie there from about 80 yards out, then somehow made another on the short par 3 that was next. First time I went back-to-back in forever. But the best hole on the back side is probably the 15th, a big-time dogleg right that demands a well-placed approach with a longer iron or fairway wood/hybrid. Choose your weapon carefully. And the 18th, a straightaway par 5 with birdie possibilities, is much better now that they've added a pond to the left front of the putting surface.

Applecross is a long drive for a Northeast Philly boy. But I'd make it anytime, knowing what I'm in for. And isn't that the whole point?

"We are as much a family club as we are anything else," Russell emphasized. "We have a category where a guy can pay an extra \$500 and he owns 15 rounds

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"And we do a couple of joint events, like a Ryder Cup or the ladies version, a Solheim Cup. I talk every day with the general manager over there, to see how we can make the processes more similar. And we have a bunch of incentives that help make it work. But the bottom line is, it does work. At least for us."

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# New Rules of Golf Decision Limits Use of Video Review



USGA and The R&A Prioritize Working Group to Assess Role of Video in Applying Golf's Rules

FAR HILLS, N.J., USA AND ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND (April 25, 2017) - The USGA and The R&A have issued a new Decision on the Rules of Golf to limit the use of video evidence in the game, effective immediately.

The two organizations have also established a working group of LPGA, PGA Tour, PGA European Tour, Ladies European Tour and PGA of America representatives to immediately begin a comprehensive review of broader video issues, including viewer call-ins, which arise in televised competitions.

New Decision 34-3/10 implements two standards for Rules committees to limit the use of video: 1) when video reveals evidence that could not reasonably be seen with the "naked eye," and 2) when players use their "reasonable judgment" to determine a specific location when applying the Rules. The full language of the Decision can be found here.

The first standard states, "the use of video technology can make it possible to identify things that could not be seen with the naked eye." An example includes a player who unknowingly touches a few grains of sand in taking a backswing with a club in a bunker when making a stroke.

If the committee concludes that such facts could not reasonably have been seen with the naked eye and the player was not otherwise aware of the potential breach, the player will be deemed not to have breached the Rules, even when video technology shows otherwise. This is an extension of the provision on ball-at-rest-moved cases, which was introduced in 2014.

The second standard applies when a player determines a spot, point, position, line, area, distance or other location in applying the Rules, and recognizes that a player should not be held to the degree of precision that can sometimes be provided by video technology. Examples include determining the nearest point of relief or replacing a lifted ball.

So long as the player does what can reasonably be expected under the circumstances to make an accurate determination, the player's reasonable judgment will be accepted, even if later shown to be inaccurate by the use of video evidence.

Both of these standards have been extensively discussed as part of the Rules modernization initiative. The USGA and The R&A have decided to enact this Decision immediately because of the many difficult issues arising from video review in televised golf.

The standards in the Decision do not change any of the current requirements in the Rules, as the player must still act with care, report all known breaches of the Rules and try to do what is reasonably expected in making an accurate determination when applying the Rules.

Video-related topics that require a deeper evaluation by the working group include the use of information from sources other than participants such as phone calls, email or social media, and the application of penalties after a score card has been returned

USGA Executive Director/CEO Mike Davis said, "This important first step provides officials with tools that can have a direct and positive impact on the game. We recognize there is more work to be done. Advancements in video technology

are enhancing the viewing experience for fans, but can also significantly affect the competition. We need to balance those advances with what is fair for all players when applying the Rules."

Martin Slumbers, Chief Executive of The R&A, said, "We have been considering the impact of video review on the game and feel it is important to introduce a Decision to give greater clarity in this area. Golf has always been a game of integrity and we want to ensure that the emphasis remains as much as possible on the reasonable judgment of the player rather than on what video technology can show."

The USGA and The R&A will consider additional modifications recommended by the working group for implementation in advance of Jan. 1, 2019, when the new code resulting from the collaborative work to modernize golf's Rules takes effect.

#### About the USGA

The USGA conducts the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Open, as well as 10 national amateur championships, two state team championships and international matches, attracting players and fans from more than 160 countries. Together with The R&A, the USGA governs the game worldwide, jointly administering the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status, equipment standards and World Amateur Golf Rankings. The USGA's reach is global with a working jurisdiction in the United States, its territories and Mexico, serving more than 25 million golfers and actively engaging 150 golf associations.

The USGA is one of the world's foremost authorities on research, development and support of sustainable golf course management practices. It serves as a primary steward for the game's history and invests in the development of the game through the delivery of its services and its ongoing "For the Good of the Game" grants program. Additionally, the USGA's Course Rating and Handicap systems are used on six continents in more than 50 countries. For more information, visit http://www.usga.org.

#### **About The R&A**

Based in St Andrews, The R&A runs The Open, elite amateur events, international matches and rankings. Together The R&A and the USGA govern the sport of golf worldwide, operating in separate jurisdictions but sharing a commitment to a single code for the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status and Equipment Standards. The R&A, through R&A Rules Ltd, governs the sport worldwide, outside of the United States and Mexico, on behalf of over 36 million golfers in 140 countries and with the consent of 152 organizations from amateur and professional golf.

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# Antigua Announces Spring 2017 Men's Performance 72 Collection



Antigua Performance-72 Primary/Primary Color Polo Shirt



Antigua Perfected Pique style Channel stripe Polo Shirt



Antigua Perfected Pique inspired stripes Polo Shirt

PEORIA, AZ - The Antigua Group, Inc. - one of the nation's leading designers and marketers of lifestyle and golf apparel under the distinguished Antigua brand - announced its Spring 2017 Men's Performance 72 Collection.

This latest apparel offers the technology of today's functional fabrics and the garments they're styled into -- well worth a wardrobe update. "As this new performance collection sits alongside comparisons to styles of previous decades, a picture wouldn't do it justice - there's a need to touch, feel, wear and play it, to truly get a sense of its inherent value," says Sean Gregg, Antigua's Vice President of Product Development and Marketing Support.

Spring 2017 Color: Primarily Primary

The efforts made in fabric and function research and development for Antigua's Men's Spring '17 golf wear collection are almost overshadowed by the selection and updated use of color. As trend blatantly dictates all things in fashion, Antigua's Spring '17 color palette optically represents the current synergy of the apparel fashion direction as a whole and its interpretation into golf wear.

The bright primary color offering for '17 has shifted from last season's on-the-nose primaries to now being a rich weight of color leaning off center of the classic primary colors, while still maintaining a clean bright hue. The color names Cajun, Cabana, Cypress, Mulberry, Marmalade, Harbor and Pineapple represent the distinct saturation of these new bright colors.

Reflecting on current trends, Antigua's effectively assimilated color onto color this season. Instead of pitting the neutrality of black, white and grey accents against bright shades that typically allows the latter to be in the forefront of any style, Antigua juxtaposed a primary color against another primary -- bringing a truly fresh aspect to the Spring performance fashion color direction this season. Cabana royal is set against Cypress green. Harbor navy offsets Pineapple yellow. Taupe appropriately distinguishes Cajun red. Mulberry embraces Light Cabana blue, and Marmalade orange nostalgically pairs with neutral shades.

with neutral shades.

"Consistently pairing these colors throughout the collection allows for a tastefully dramatic merchandised presentation of color," says Gregg. "Striped and color blocked polos, as well as functional outerwear alike, can be interspersed with solid styles that offer the same color shades. It also uniquely allows for multiple colors to become a merchandise story. For instance,

the ombre stripe of the style Domain offered in Cypress green and accented with Cabana blue can hang next to the shadowy, embossed style Survey offered in both solid colors of Cypress and Cabana. Add to the mix the mid-weight knit outerwear style Vista, made of a tonal Cabana twill body with its complementing accent of Cypress elastic tape seam detailing, and you have a representation of this season's Cabana/Cypress color story. The complements of combined color are a new spin on classically updated apparel, and can be seen in an assortment of pairings throughout our Spring '17 fashion golf wear collection."

Antigua's seasonal Performance 72 fashion golf wear collection also represents a complete fabric story. Each garment is uniquely styled using a distinct fabrication that's been made to complement the style while accenting its use of color.

Perfected Pique

This season's presentation begins with an undated translation on a classic. Antigua has deconstructed - and then reconstructed -- pique by creating a specific combination of a yarn filament count in a denier, and then combining the finished fiber along with a distinct spandex size and count to create the perfect pique fabric. We call it Perfected Pique. The fabric developed exclusively by Antigua for its 2017 performance collection is one of the most comfortably classic polos to date. These styles are must-haves this season.

Antigua's number one-selling shirt to date is its Pique Xtra-Lite that's offered in 30-plus colors. It's a beautiful pique fabric made into a well-constructed garment and is utilized by the licensed, corporate and golf divisions alike as a go-to piece for every league, event and corporate application. While the Pique Xtra-Lite is a hard-working functional staple, Antigua's newly developed Perfected Pique is the luxury counterpart.

A selected offering of styles were created to represent this enhanced pique fabric. Style Endure demonstrates the class of styling that this new fabric elicits. This soft, fine pique is offered in this season's full-color palette and is simply styled with understated details that include a self fabric collar with under-collar edge stitching and a reverse hem cuff. With the simplicity of styling and drape of the spandex embellished fabric, it exudes elegance.

Revive's pattern is a classic color-to-white, one-inch repeating

Perfected Pique has also inspired stripes that use the same yarns and construction as Endure's solid fabrication. Style

stripe with a matching flat knit collar and hemmed cuff. Its styling appeal speaks to nostalgic vintage while the fabric reflects its high-end technical quality.

Style Adept, with the same contrasting primary bright and white yarns used in Revive, offers a versatile distinction away from the classic look toward a contemporary feel. A modestly constructed stripe pattern in a tight end-on-end, bright-and-white repeat is intermixed with a bird's-eye construction. It offers what appears to be a pixelated blur of color that results in a beautifully handsome subtle stripe. With its self fabric striped collar, Adept is an extremely versatile on-and-off-course fashion polo.

Rounding out the mix of the Perfected Pique offering is style Channel. Its distinctly engineered stripe is a mix of color versus color offset, with white accents and a mix of fabric constructions that incorporate a smooth linear jersey knit contrasted to the micro pique mesh construction. Knit as solid color stripes mixed with bird's eye stippling, the effect is an intermittent display of pattern engineered from the chest panel down to the garment's bottom hem. With a flat knit collar corresponding to the garment's main color, Channel is equally youthful while being currently classic.

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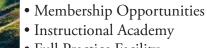
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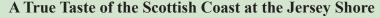


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Finishing in second place were Elmhurst Country Club, and Temple University standout John Barone and Fox Hill Country Club's Tyler McGarry 67-68-67-202.

Rounding out the top spots were Fox Hill Country Club's John Mikiewicz and Wyoming Valley Country Club's Tom Biscotti who



Austin Renz (L) Director (C) & C.J. Tyler

#### Course Played Senior Championship Results

Bob Andrejko; Robin Bonda - 72-68-69--209 Jim Fronzoni; Bill Lydick - 72-68-73--213 Rich Petrillo; Chuck Musto - 73-66-74--213 Ken Bolcavage; Santo LaFoca - 76-69-71--216 Mike Heck; Paul Pisarcik - 76-74-69--219 Charlie Gelso; Matt Cuddy - 78-71-71--220 Joe Coleman; Len Coleman - 74-69-77--220 Mark Occhipinti; Ed Knight - 78-71-75--224 Mark Bartkowski; Mike Bartkowski - 80-72-73--225 Chris Kearney; Jed Byron - 79-72-75--226 Chris Mathewson; Frank Colosimo - 77-79-77--233 Mark Eyet; John Zelonis - 83-74-77--234 Jerry Gavin; Jim Davis – 83-72-85—240

#### Course Played Flight 1

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shot 70-68-67-205.

In the Senior Division Scranton Muni's Bob Andrejko and Robin Bonda shot 69 in the final round to move up to capture the senior title with a 72-68-69-209 total. Huntsville Golf Club's Bill Lydickaand Jim Fronzi shot 72-68-73-213 total to finish second on a match-of-cards agaisnt the team of Rich Petrillo and Chuck Musto who shot 73-66-74-213.

In the "Flights" Jack Frost National Golf Club's Jerry Ranielli and Bill Dessoye took the overall title. The team went 74-72-70-216 to capture the "Flights" tournament title.

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#### Course Played Championship Results

C.J. Tyler; Austin Renz - 67-67-66--200 John Barone; Tyler McGarry - 67-68-67--202 John Mikiewicz; Tom Biscotti - 70-68-67--205 Brian Marzolino; Ken Sames - 67-67-71--205 Eric Williams; Jim Gardas - 66-66-77--209 John Pash; Frank Osborne - 71-69-69--209 Jason Troutman; Matt Swanson - 72-70-69--211 D.J. Chernosky; Chris Fulda - 72-70-69--211 Kevin Rossi; Josh Johnson - 70-71-70--211 Ryan Knolles; Cody Taylor - 75-66-72--213 Matt Hoover; Ryan Tracy - 73-71-69--213 Ted Matthews; Mike Lazevnick - 74-69-70--213 Bob Gill; Brian Corbett - 74-67-72--213 Mariano Medico; Chase Makowski - 72-69-72--213 Doug Nardella; Mike Peregrim - 72-70-72--214 Bryan Ranallo; Nick Dabbieri - 76-70-69--215 Eamon Evans; Brandon Jackson - 79-69-68--216 Frank Kacvinsky; Corey Sabato - 74-69-74--217 Joe Carroll; Bob Zaleski - 76-71-71--218 Mike Haley; Andrew Crossin - 77-68-73--218 Brian Brown; Dave Osborne - 75-70-73--218 Vince Scarpetta; Vince Scarpetta III - 76-74-71--221 John Mulhern; Zach Mulhern - 76-75-71--222

Sean Carey; Anthony Bellino - 72-77-74--223

Carmen Winters; Bernie Brown - 76-74-74--224

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## Bonavoglia & Evans Card 65 Kacvinsky & Sames Combine to Win AGA Ben Marshall Fourball Tournament 2017



Hanover, PA - Wyoming Valley Country Club, Elmhust Country Club's Mike Bonavoglia teamed up with Glenmaura National Golf Club's Eamon Evans to capture the 2017 Anthracite Golf Association Ben Marshall Spring Fourball. Bonavoglia and Evans carded a round of 6-under par 65 to win the overall title.

The father son team of Irv and Eric Williams, Honesdale Golf Club, finished in second with a round of 66.

In the senior division the team of John Tolerico and John Zavada of Elkview Country Club won on a match-of-cards with a roun of 34-33-67. Marty Behm and Art Brunn Jr. of the host Wyoming Valley Club finished in second (67).

Top finishes in each AGA event will earn points for our player of the year chase for a chance to compete in the year end Challenge Cup.

OPEN DIVISION				Total
Bonavoglia, M. / Evans, E.		32	33	65
Williams, E. / Williams, I.		34	32	66
Gardas, J. / Stephens, W.		33	34	67
Biondi, N. / Hemak, J.		35	33	68
Haley, M. / Donatoni, A.		35	33	68
Manci, M. / Sebastianelli, A.		35	34	69
Biscotti, T. / Mikiewicz, J.	MACITE	38	32	<b>70</b>
Bonda, R. / Peregrim, M.	(2)	35	35	<b>70</b>
Lasko, J. / Thompson, E.	(4) · ()(-)	34	36	<b>70</b>
Masters, J. / Rossi, K.	10 10 T	35	35	<b>70</b>
Zaleski, B. / Carroll, J.	SOCIATIO	33	37	<b>70</b>
SENIOR DIVISION				
Tolerico, J. / Zavada, J.		34	33	<b>6</b> 7
Behm, M. / Brunn Jr., A.		32	35	<b>6</b> 7
Froncek, M. / Bolcavage, K.		33	35	68
McClure, L. / Boone, M.		35	<b>34</b>	69
Occhipinti, M. / Sohns, T.		35	35	<b>70</b>
Heck, M. / Pisarcik, P.		35	37	<b>72</b>
Lydick, B. / Fronzoni, J.		38	<b>34</b>	<b>72</b>
Mantione, J. / Answini, M.		36	36	<b>72</b>
Andrejko, B. / Mazur, S.		38	35	73
Gelso, C. / LaFoca, S.		38	36	<b>74</b>
Mirabelle, P. / Stankiewicz, J.		34	40	74

# to Capture AGA Modified Stableford Title 2017



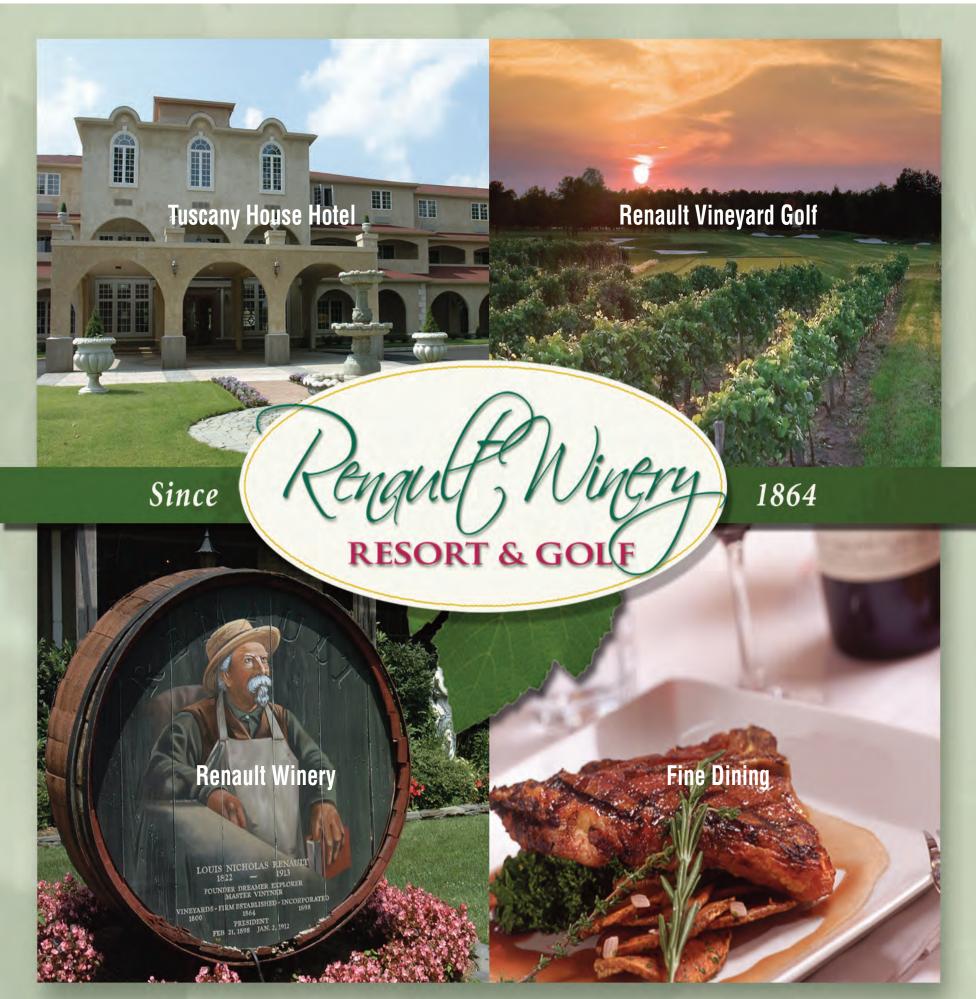
Shavertown, PA - Hunstville Golf Club, the 2017 Anthracite Golf Association tournament season got underway with 100 golfers competed in the annual AGA Stableford Tournament. The event consisted of two divisions: Open and Senior. Winners were determined by points awarded on each hole for bogeys (1point) pars (2 points), birdies (4 points) and eagles (6 points).

Elhurst Country Club's Frank Kacvinsky and Ken Sames (48pts) teamed up to edge out Wyoming Valley Country Club's Art Brun Jr. and Joe Weiscarger (48pts) on a match-of-cards to win Open Division title. Kacvinsky and Sames combined for 7 birdies, 2 bogeys, and 9 pars on the day.

In the Senior Division Scranton Muni's Bob Andrejko and Chris "Skeeter" Mathewson combined to capture the title. The team had 4 birdies, 1 eagle, 1 bogey, and 12 pars for a total of 47 points.

The Anthracite Golf Association would like to thank host Huntsville Golf Club and its staff. Please check us out on facebook for additional news and photos from the

Modified Stableford Tournament.		
OPEN DIVISION Frank Kacvinsky; Kenneth Sames Joe Weiscarger; Art Brunn Jr. Patrick Mitchell; Christian Davis Eric Williams; Wayne Stephens Tyler McGarry; Mike Haley Matt Dougherty – Vince Scarpetta III Matt Cuddy; Earl Thompson Frank Pinnacoli; Alex Anderson Jason Barkley; Todd Vonderheid Dom Castrignano; Gary Sagan Jr. Jim Gardas; Joe Adams	A CITE CO	Total 48pts 48pts 46pts 44pts 43pts 42pts 41pts 40pts 40pts 40pts 39pts
SENIOR DIVISION Bob Andrejko - Chris Mathewson Charlie Gelso; Brian Corbett Mark Bartkowski; Mike Bartkowski Chuck Brand; Jim Breck Jim Fronzoni; Bill Lydick Robin Bonda; Mike Peregrim Ken Nestor; Walter Mikucki Dennis Harding; Mike Piorkowski Mark Occhipinti; Tim Hinton John Tolerico; Mike Heck Matt Froncek; John Zavada		47pts 44pts 44pts 42pts 37pts 36pts 35pts 35pts 34pts 34pts 34pts



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