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Flaming Foliage – Playing Fall Golf in the Pocono Mountains Has It All



The Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort Blue Course Hole #7 Photo by Mat Siptroth



The Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort Blue Course Hole #2 Photo by Mat Siptroth

By John Zimich

Flaming foliage. Breathtaking views. Playing fall golf in the Pocono Mountains has it all. Especially at the 27-hole inland layout at The Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort and the 18-hole Great Bear Golf Club. The latter club, the only Jack Nicklaus Signature course in area, was purchased by Shawnee just a few years back and has all of the amenities and "feel" of a private country club.

The historic Shawnee Inn & Golf Club course was completed in 1911 and was A.W. Tillinghast's first-ever design.

Over the years entertainment and sports greats have challenged the golf course, including the late great comedian Jackie Gleason, who made the inn his summer residence and played the golf course on a daily basis.

The late great Arnold Palmer met his first wife, Winnie, while at the resort. Sam Snead, Walter Hagen, Lawson Little and Johnny Farrell also have played the 27-hole championship layout that sits alongside the Delaware River and natural Pocono Mountains setting.

Hale Irwin, former U.S. Open winner and PGA Tour pro, won an NCAA Golf Tournament crown at Shawnee.

And on October 8-9, PGA professionals from the Philadelphia Section and amateur players will be

challenging the Shawnee layout and Great Bear's outstanding golf course in the 2017 Shawnee Open.

Steve Taggart, director of golf at Shawnee, and staffers have the 27-holes in great shape for the fall season. Greens have healed nicely after being spiked and top dressed a few weeks back.

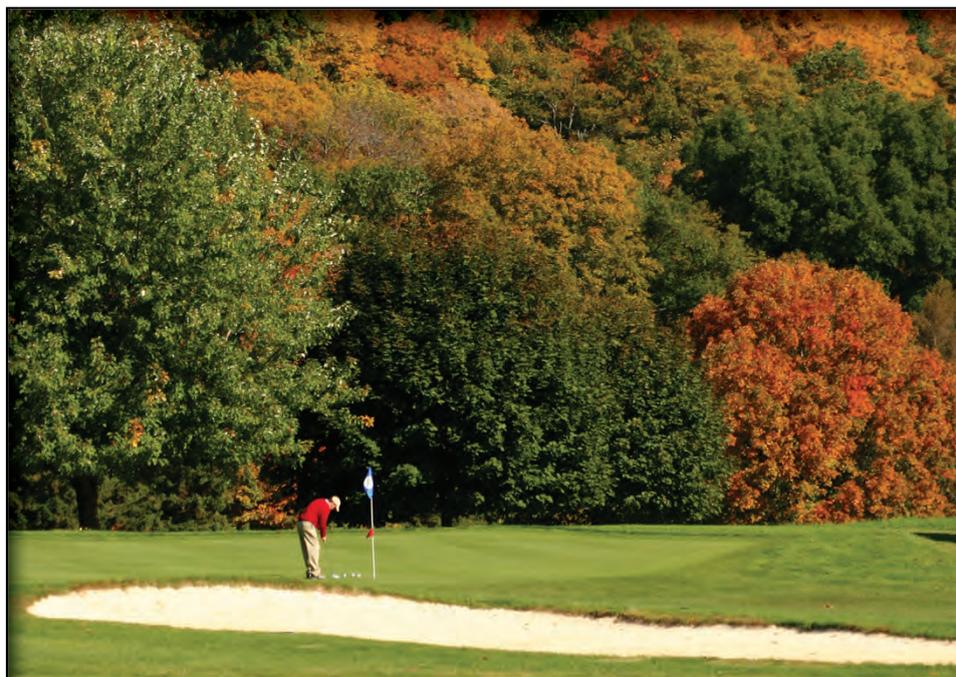
There are several sets of tees to play from, including championship, senior and forward at the Shawnee layout.

Two of the favorite holes of the many golfers who each year make their way to The Shawnee Inn & Golf Club are the par-3 (Blue) No. 7 and (Red) No. 2. Both involve tee shots over the Delaware River.

That seventh Blue hole requires a shot of anywhere from 140 to 165 yards of carry over the Delaware River to an undulating green. It's the hardest of the two.

"There certainly are breathtaking views at Shawnee," says Jason Hartline, a PGA staffer there. "Especially in the fall when the leaves are turning. It's so peaceful and tranquil and when the sun is setting it appears the mountains are on fire."

Shawnee also has an outstanding Tillinghast Chip'Putt six-hole par-3 course designed by golf architect Tom



The Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort Blue Course Hole #5 Photo by Mat Siptroth

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Fall Golf at the South Jersey Shore



The Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club – The Bay Course Hole #2

By **MIKE KERN**

It's that time of year again. Fall golf. Which means there is no better time to head to the South Jersey Shore and re-visit some of your favorite courses. Or make some new ones. That's what makes it such a great destination, especially when the weather back home maybe isn't as conducive to playing 18 holes. Anyway, the shoulder seasons down there are hard to beat as far as conditions go. Which is most of the attraction as far as I'm concerned. So here's a look at some of my go-to places, in no particular order of preference. I enjoy them all, over and over. Did I ever tell you that in that regard I'm one very lucky balding midget with a 15 handicap? Just saying. Yo, it works for me.

The Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club is so much more than just golf, but that's where I always start. Creature of habit. I've been covering the LPGA's Shop-Rite Classic since its inception back in the mid 1980s, and it's called Seaview home for some time now. So every year I get to go back to play in the media-day scramble, where our group somehow manages to do quite well despite having me in the foursome. Then I get to go back about a month later to write about the best women golfers on the planet. And I've never grown tired of either experience. Part of it is the competition, and part is the venue. You won't find many places that have two courses with as much going for them.

The Bay Course is where the ladies tee it up. Situated right across the water from the Atlantic City skyline, it doesn't overwhelm you with its length. Instead it's a shotmaker's layout. Donald Ross built it, which pretty much tells you everything you need to know. The approach shot to mostly smallish greens is what makes it the challenge that is, even though the distances on the scorecard might not suggest as much. Don't be deceived. The numbers lie. This is a throwback to another era, which of course is a good thing. Example: the second hole, which might be the toughest, is a long par 4 that goes toward the wetlands. If the wind is in your face, which it often is, you could be hitting a fairway wood into the green. And hoping that it's enough. If the wind is with you, you could be using an 8 iron. Seriously. But the fun part comes after that, since the third is a par 5 that's not much longer than No. 2. And if the wind is with you, or maybe even if it isn't, an eagle opportunity is definitely within the realm of possibility. I even saw somebody make a deuce there once. And so it proceeds.

There are some holes where if you make par you feel like you gave a stroke away. And others where you don't feel all that bad walking away with a bogey. It only stretches to like 6,250 yards from the blues. It has three par 4s that aren't much more than 300. And the three-shotters are all doable. But there are a couple of par 3s that are downright nasty, Nos. 7 and 11. I hit driver on 11, because it's 230. Those are offset by 17, which is barely over 100. Still, it's amazing how many times I've messed that one up. Why ask why? This track has a nice flow and plenty of doglegs to keep



The Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club – The Pines Course

your attention. Finding the fairway is usually not too big of a problem. But getting the ball into the cup can be, since the greens are big-time tricky. In our scrambles we've had 10-foot putts that we couldn't convert where we missed on both sides. And there's a few spots that are three-jacks in the making. It can take a few times around before you figure out where you have to be to leave yourself a chance. Until then ...

If you're into history, the Bay opened in 1914. Sam Snead won the first of his seven majors there, the PGA Championship in 1942, when he beat Jim Turnesa in the 36-hole final match, 2 & 1.

The Pines Course - which started as a nine-holer in 1927 and was completed two years later - is on the other (west) side of Route 9. And as the name implies, it has lots of trees. Even though they have eliminated a bunch of them in the past few years, a move that has made it much more playable. I still think they could take out some more, but this stuff takes time. They're trying. And it already was a worthy test. Just different from the Bay. Nothing wrong with that.

It plays longer, nearly 500 more from the tips. Even from the whites there's only one par 4 under 360. And unlike the Bay, you are just about always surrounded by forest. So there's few bailouts. But there are plenty of well-placed bunkers, many of which I've come to despise through the years. You'd better get the so-called easier holes, because the hard ones can extract a price.

The fourth is a 417-yarder that doglegs sharply to the right, with sand of course guarding the right side of the landing area. Not shockingly, it's the No. 1 handicap hole. There's back-to-back par 5s at 9 and 10, neither of which plays more than 490 but seem longer. The ninth entails a sharp dogleg left on the second shot over a hazard area. Good luck. The 10th is straightaway but all uphill at the end. And if you're short going for the green you're in a deep trap. The 11th is a 410-yarder, the 14th a 399. But you can't just be long. You have to be accurate. That can be a difficult proposition for many of us. There are back-to-back par 3s at 16 and 17, of 185 and 209, that can put a late crimp into a decent round. There are a few semi-breathers mixed in, but for the most part you have to earn what you get.

The hotel itself is something everyone should experience at least once. It has the feel of something from another era, in a very peaceful setting. There's nothing too pretentious about it. And the food is worth the trip all by itself. I've eaten in the Coastal Grille many times. And the Main Dining Room on occasion. There's also an inviting Lobby Bar and Lounge. Whether you're having a crab-cake sandwich over a beer or partaking of the Sunday Brunch (with bottomless mimosas) or the seasonal seafood buffet (including lobster tails), you can't go wrong. And you will not leave hungry, I promise. Or you can play 36 and squeeze something in between. That's what

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Sean Knapp Claims 63rd U.S. Senior Amateur Championship



MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (Aug. 31, 2017) - Sean Knapp tried to explain how, after competing in 40 previous USGA championships and losing twice in the semifinal round, he could be so calm in his first championship final, for the 63rd U.S. Senior Amateur.

The U.S. Senior Amateur is one of 13 annual national championships conducted by the USGA, 10 of which are strictly for amateurs. The championship is open to amateurs at least 55 years of age with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 7.4. It consists of two rounds of stroke play, after which the field is cut to the low 64 scorers for match play, which concluded Thursday with an 18-hole final.

"For a guy like me, getting [championship] exemptions is so important, so I knew what making the semifinals brought," said Knapp, 55, of Oakmont, Pa., who was competing in his first U.S. Senior Amateur. "I also knew what making the final brought. Once I had done that, I said, look, all we're playing for today is the championship, and while that is an enormous thing, at the same time, I was very relaxed, very calm. I don't know why, the whole day it was the calmest I was in any match."

That calmness translated to victory when Knapp converted a 20-foot par putt on the 17th green at The Minikahda Club to give him a 2-and-1 victory over Paul Simson, of Raleigh, N.C., a two-time champion who would have become the fifth-oldest winner had he prevailed on Thursday at age 66. Instead, Knapp finally broke through after semifinal-round losses in the 2008 and 2010 U.S. Mid-Amateurs, his farthest advances in USGA play. He also topped Simson for the first time after Simson had come out on top in two previous matchups: a U.S. Open sectional qualifying playoff and a U.S. Mid-Amateur quarterfinal match, both in 1998.

"The last two times in the Mid-Am in [2008 and 2010], I got to the semis, and then in 2012 I lost to Nathan [Smith, Knapp's best friend and a five-time USGA champion] in extra holes in the final 16," said Knapp, a 14-time Player of the Year in Western Pennsylvania. "He went on to win, and I really felt like it was so tough to accept that. I knew what to do to beat him, and I did everything but beat him. I just said, if I get in this situation again, I'm going to put the throttle down."

Throttle or not, Knapp stayed calm when opponent Simson birdied the first hole for a 1-up lead. Knapp, 55, responded with a winning par on the second hole. Twice more he calmly responded and brought the match back to even after Simson made birdies – both on par 5s, No. 4 and No. 9.

Simson's bid to join Lewis Oehmig, the only three-time champion of the U.S. Senior Amateur, went awry on the incoming nine, just after he had taken his third and final 1-up lead of the match with the birdie on the ninth. Knapp drew even for the third time on the next hole, then took his first lead on No. 11. In both instances, Knapp missed the green and converted the up-and-down, while Simson hit the green and three-putted, running his first putt past on No. 10 and leaving it well short on No. 11.

"You know, the putting on 10 and 11 just left me there, and I just didn't make any putts," said Simson. "Normally I make a lot of putts. It was just one of those unfortunate days."



Sean Knapp U.S. Senior Amateur Champion

Simson squared the match for the final time on No. 13, making a 5-foot putt for his third birdie on a par 5 after Knapp had missed from 8 feet away. Then a couple of Simson miscues while Knapp was making solid pars brought the match into Knapp's favor. Simson missed the 14th fairway to the right, and his approach shot clipped a branch and ended up in thick rough short and left of the green. Simson wedged out to 14 feet and missed his par try, while Knapp got up and down from in front of the green.

On the 410-yard par-4 16th, both players drove into the rough, and Knapp missed the green hole-high to the left from an awkward stance. Simson failed to extricate his shot from the rough, which snagged his clubface, and he left his third shot in the fronting bunker. After Simson missed his bogey putt, he conceded Knapp's short par putt.

"I probably made a tactical error on 16," said Simson, who won the U.S., Canadian and British Senior Amateur championships in 2010, the only man to do so in the same year. "I went and practiced that tee shot yesterday after my match because I had had problems with it, and just hit a real stinker there. Maybe if it was stroke play, I would have laid out and tried to make 4 the other way, but I thought maybe I had a chance to hit a good shot out of there and it didn't come out of the grass very well."

When Knapp got up and down from the front bunker on the par-4 17th after Simson missed a long birdie try, the match was over. Knapp became the latest 55-year-old to win and the first newcomer to win since Louis Lee prevailed in 2011. Again, Knapp gave a nod to his friend Smith.

"Nathan and I have played so much against each other and with each other," said Knapp, a graduate of Indiana (Pa.) University, where he played basketball. "There's a formula, and I'm well aware of it. I can't always execute it. He can. It's about being patient, not giving holes, and forcing your opponent to get uncomfortable. If you can force them into that level of uncomfortability, they might make poor decisions. I'm not saying that that's what happened today, but certainly it kept my emotions at bay."

Calmness despite the circumstances helped Knapp become the first champion to win the title without making a birdie since Mike Bell, in 2006 at Victoria National in Newburgh, Ind. While Simson was making four birdies, six pars, six bogeys and a double bogey in a topsy-turvy round, Knapp had 16 pars and one bogey, with six of the pars winning holes.

When told that he had prevailed without a birdie, Knapp's calm demeanor retreated for just a moment. Pointing to the Frederick L. Dold Trophy, he said, "I've got this big thing over there that says W. I don't care how it looks or what it is. If you're making double bogey, I'm going to make bogey. If you're making par, I'm going to try to make birdie."

On this day, Knapp was making himself into a USGA champion.

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Shore Gate Golf Club Hole #15



Atlantic City Country Club Hole #15

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I call a full day.

Quick bit of advice: if you do the buffet do not waste your time at the salad bar. Or with the veggies. You want to stick to the star attractions. Trust me. It's basic smorgasbord 101. But I see so many violations. That's why they made Ruby Tuesday.

Oops, almost forgot. There's also an Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa where you can unwind with a massage or score major brownie points with your wife by letting her go wild while you're out chasing the elusive birdie trail. Sounds like a fair trade-off. Especially if you prefer to remain happily married.

Shore Gate might be the toughest public course at the shore. I would put only the private Galloway National ahead of it. And I'm hardly the only one who feels that way. And I don't say that to be negative. I say it in appreciation. If you like to see what kind of game you have, Shore Gate is for you.

As I've said many times, if you choose the right set of tees you can have a blast. If you don't, well don't say you weren't warned. The seniors are close to 6,000, which is about my speed these days. The regulars are 400 more than that. There's also a 6,800 and 7,200, to go with a forward of 5,300. So know your limitations. It's pretty much up to you on how much you can chew off.

There are four par 4s of 350 or less. The second is not one of them. First you have to hit a pretty good tee shot over water, to a narrow landing area. And again, the closer you want to get to the green the closer you have to hit to the wet stuff. Priceless. If you can navigate that OK you have a mid-range approach to a large green with water on the left. It's a keeper. That's followed by a 375-yarder, another dogleg left with all kinds of sand and more water. A good drive gives you a chance. Otherwise you're playing not to make double. The seventh is about the same length, with a waste area to the right, which of course is the direction it doglegs. You usually have a really interesting shot in. The eighth is a strong par 4 of about 190. And No. 9, which might be the signature hole, is kind of like Pebble Beach. It measures like 575, and winds around a lake to the left. So the second shot can be a doozy. If you're still safe it's on to a narrow green that's about three clubs long with danger all over the place. Good stuff.

The back nine might be a tad more open/forgiving. But not by much. Ten is a long uphill par 4. Water comes into play on 12, excessive bunkerage on 13. The 14th is a neat little par 3 that I've actually had some success on. My kind of target. The 15th is a neat par 4 where you have to be careful on your tee ball not to find the H20. And the approach is even more demanding. If you make a 4 there you've done well. The 16th is a par 5 that can be had. Well, sort of. If you hit two reasonably good shots to get you into the proper position. But the green has some undulations to contend with. The 17th is a wonderful par 3 of 180, and the closing hole is about as good a finisher as you can find. It's about 390, with woods on the right. The second shot is going to be fairly long, if you can actually have an open look at the rather large green. It's not an impossible hole, but you have to earn it. Which is how it should be, right?

Atlantic City Country Club is one of those courses that I get excited about like a week in advance if I know I'm going to play it. And there's not too many courses

I'll say that about. Back in the old days, when the Fraser family owned it, it was really, really good. Since it underwent some renovations, it's only become better. And it's always in pristine condition, which you can't always say about every place. There's nothing not to like about AC. And now the public can play it. I call that progress. It might cost a little more, but it's worth it. What bona fide taste treat isn't?

There aren't many holes I don't like, although some can leave me saying a bad word or two after I've just messed them up. You stand on the first tee and look out and realize how lucky you are. It's breathtaking. And that's just the start. The first hole is a longish par 4 that you're just trying to make 5, but the next three are pretty doable. Two par 4s and a short par 3, the first of two on the premises. Have I ever mentioned how much I like short par 3s. Come to think of it, 4s and 5s too. You'd better do something early, because the closing stretch of this side is highly stressful. The ninth heads back to the ageless clubhouse, with a dogleg left. If you play 6 through 9 in like 2-over, get yourself a drink at the halfway house.

The back nine likewise starts out user-friendly enough. But 13 is a par 5 that has water all down the left and reeds guarding the opposite side. The 14th is a short par 4 with a forced carry on the tee ball. Good players might even be able to go for the green. But even a mid-handicapper can have a shot at birdie here, if they avoid the trouble. Next is a great par 3 that is all carry heading back toward the bay. If the wind is howling it can get seriously tricky. It measures about 175, but you can find yourself hitting a lot to have a chance. The 16th comes back across the trouble and doglegs right to a small green that's well protected. The 17th is a tough par 3, all uphill to a hidden green. And 18 bends right to a green that sits in front of the dining room. So you might have a gallery. And maybe the best part about AC is the food and beverage. Which go really well with the view looking out from the veranda. It can make you forget about the golf, just in case that didn't go the way you hoped.

One place that has really grown on me over the years is McCullough's Emerald Golf Links, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Doesn't seem that long, but I'm getting old. It was built on the site of a waste dump, mostly through the hard work of the mayor, Mr. Sonny, who I've had the pleasure of playing a round with there. Anyway, the first couple of times I went I wasn't too overwhelmed. But that's the thing about it. It wasn't meant to overwhelm. It's more subtle. And that's more than OK. There are some parts of the course where the wow factor does come into play. But for the most part it's just a pleasant way to spend four hours. It won't beat you up that badly, but it can surely get you, especially in spots. And if the wind is blowing, which it often is, proceed cautiously.

My favorite hole is probably the short par-4 15th, which doglegs almost 90 degrees to the right through and around trees. You don't have to hit driver off the tee, but I do because that's me. You should have nothing more than a wedge into the two-tiered green, which has a few traps lurking. I've made birdie there several times, but I've seen people try to bite off too much and make at least bogey. I've also seen people play it the right way only to three-putt. It happens.

The eighth and ninth holes are back-to-back monsters. First you have a dogleg

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Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort Spa and Marina

Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort

By Tony Leodora

One of the greatest rewards that golf brings to its avid followers is the Fall Golf Getaway. The temperatures cool. The colors change. The regular routine of summer golf is in desperate need of alteration. It is the best time of the year to get away for a golf vacation – for a weekend or for an entire week.

Here are a number of Fall Golf Getaway suggestions. Some are very familiar. Others fit the category of someplace “new and different” for the traveling golfer.

Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort Spa and Marina

There are a lot of great destinations throughout America that present themselves as outstanding venues for fall golf. Most golf courses seem to evolve into their most pristine state, as if to present one last blast of magnificence before winter hibernation.

The greens are slick. The colors are vibrant. The temperatures are moderate.

But there is arguably no surrounding environment for fall golf that is more captivating than Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay. Ask anyone who has spent any time surrounded by this aquatic paradise and they will tell you it is one of their favorite places on earth.

In this setting vacationing golfers will find the crown jewel of the area – the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort Spa and Marina. If that name sounds like a mouthful, don’t be alarmed by its size. It still does not encompass all of the splendor that can be found at this luxury property on the banks of the Choptank River in Cambridge, Maryland.

This 340-acre resort is ideal for family vacations, weekend getaways and business retreats. It is conveniently close to both Baltimore and Washington ... and an easy drive from just about anywhere in the Mid-Atlantic region. Hyatt Regency’s signature service is only part of the experience.

There is a beautiful 400-room hotel, situated on the banks of the Chesapeake’s Eastern Shore. There is the Sago Spa and Salon – a sanctuary where guests can ease the body and the soul. There are a number of fine dining and casual restaurants on property, all of which feature traditional Eastern Shore specialties.

But, of utmost importance to many who find this great fall getaway, is the 18-hole River Marsh Golf Club, designed by acclaimed architect Keith Foster. Yes, the same Keith Foster who did the extensive renovation of the Wissahickon Course at Philadelphia Cricket Club that has been drawing rave reviews.

Foster designed and opened the River Marsh course in 2002. Abby Messick, the Resort Experience Director, has been on property since that time.

No, not always involved in golf. She was first hired as the tennis pro but evolved

into the golf side and wears many hats. Aside from the administrative job of a golf director, she also handles merchandising, instruction, tournament operation and even team-building events.

“I was very lucky to find a job with Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay and even luckier to be able to grow into the position I now occupy,” says Messick. “I remember Keith Foster when he was working here. I have seen the golf course evolve into something special. He did a great job of incorporating all of the local feel, the local vibes, into the golf course. He left a lot of the environmentally protected areas. He left a lot of the grasses and the tall trees. It just gives a great low country feel to the golf course.”

Although the elements can add challenge to the layout, for the most part, River Marsh is a golf course that can be enjoyed by any level of golfer. The gold tees stretch the course to 6,800 yards, but rating and slope are a not-too-daunting 72.5/127.

There are even more friendly tees: the blues playing to 6,391 yards, the whites at 5,845 and the reds at 4,780. The goal at River Marsh is to excite the golfers ... not bloody them.

But, before anyone leaves the course feeling too cocky, the final two holes will bring them back to earth. The par 3 17th stretches to 200 yards from the tips and features a dramatic carry over Shoal Creek to a bunker-protected green. The 18th is a memorable finale, a classic risk/reward par 5 hole. The Choptank River runs along the entire left side of the hole, while stately oak trees guard the right side of the fairway. Nobody ever forgets the finish.

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McCullough's Emerald Golf Links Hole #2



Twisted Dune Golf Course Hole #16

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right par 4 to a hidden green. Then it's a medium-length par 3 over water with virtually no bailout. Good stuff. You will encounter some blind shots, some shots you might not encounter anywhere else, and basically have a good time. You can make some birds and maybe even a double or two. It's become something I look forward to. Who knew? So much for my initial impressions. Nothing wrong with a successful evolution. Sometimes it can just take some time.

Twisted Dune is as unique as it gets. And it's just up the road from McCullough's, so if you're really ambitious you can do a daily double. I've had worse ideas. This is a Scottish style links that plays unlike most anything you're going to find this side of the British Isles. There's high grass all over the place, but almost no trees. If you hit it straight you're going to do well. If only it were that simple.

The first time you play it, you might not walk away being the biggest fan. It's like an acquired taste. I loved it from the start, because I've always enjoyed playing in Scotland and Ireland. It's a different approach to the game. You have to be creative in getting around. It forces you to think, and maybe pull off some shots that you wouldn't normally encounter. Just go in knowing you're probably going to lose a few balls, just because, and you're most likely going to have fun. And that's what it's supposed to be about.

The second and third holes might make you think twice about what you've gotten yourself into. The second is a long par 4 that bends left. That's followed by a long par 3 with all kinds of trouble. There are some holes that allow you to breathe a little, but you will be tested early and often. Again, if the wind is a factor then it's going to be a harder day.

There are holes where water comes into play. The back side has a medium-length par 3 that's really stout. Wet stuff on the right and bunkers on the left. And short and long aren't going to help you out much either. Once you're on the green your work isn't finished. Then there's the 16th and 17th. The first is a fairly long par 3 over a ravine that's surrounded by sand. The green is big, but standing on the tee it doesn't look that way. Up next is a par 4 that, if you hit a decent drive, will leave you with a medium iron over more junk uphill to a small green that's got a menacing bunker in front.

Cape May National is a place I don't get to as much as I would prefer, mainly because it's the southernmost course down there and I usually stay in Ocean City. But that's a me problem. Every time I've been there I've never been disappointed. The people who run it are accommodating, and the course itself is hardly a slouch. Whenever anyone does a ranking of the best holes at the Jersey Shore Cape May always has at least two or three listed. It's easy to understand why.

It's fairly open in spots, but the trees and water do come into the equation. I was supposed to play there this summer but got rained out. The next time I'll make sure Mother Nature cooperates. But what stands out for me from previous visits is the natural beauty that is so prevalent. I don't know if you're into that kind of thing, but

for me it's always been an added bonus. Sometimes you have to step back and take a look around and just realize how lucky you are to even be out there. Then you can get back to trying not to hit another shot into some place you'd rather not be. That's part of it too.

The finishing hole alone is enough to keep you coming back. It's a medium-length par 4 to a green that is nothing short of diabolical. And there's water on the left. Also to the front. If they put the pin in a certain spot it's almost impossible to get it close. But that might leave you in prime three-putt position. And there's nothing you can do. There are certain hole locations, given the undulations, that are simply impregnable. Unless you want to let the water come into play. And who wants to do that? You make a 4 here and your day is made.

Blue Heron Pines was always a fave. But ever since Ron Jaworski took over and made it part of his growing golf empire it's only gotten way better. In almost every way. He took all the unnecessary junk out that was really serving little purpose and slowing down the pace of play. Which, for a public facility, is about the worst thing you can have. Because word gets around.

Now it's in as good a shape as you're going to find. The front nine is the easier of the two, but it still has a few holes that can get you. This course has a wonderful flow to it. The first hole should be a gimme but for whatever reasons often isn't. Call it opening jitters, and the fact that if you don't make par there it can gnaw at you for a few holes. The third is a neat par 5, followed by a really good par 3 with water on the right and trees on the left. I almost made an ace there once (few inches). But these days I'm happy if I'm on the green. The fourth is a tremendous hole, a fairly long par 4 with trouble on both sides which then leaves you a tough shot into the putting surface. I love seven, since it's a short par 4 where the main problem is avoiding bunkers off the tee and into the green. I could play it 18 times and call it a round.

The back side I think is more treacherous. I don't know if I've ever been on the 10th in two. OK, maybe once. But it's a brute. The 11th is a 110-yard par 3 over water that I often seem to misclub. The 12th is a par 4 1/2 for me, it's that long. The 13th is more my speed, a dogleg left around sand and trees that is more about accuracy than anything else. The 14th is supposed to remind us of Pine Valley, with a huge waste area right in the middle. But I don't know if anything other than Pine Valley really reminds me of it. The 15th to me might be the signature hole. You have to hit a decent drive, avoiding the trouble left and right. If you get that far you have about a 6 iron (it used to be shorter for me) into a narrow green. It's all over water. At least you can bail out to the right if you want. But that still doesn't leave you much chance of getting up and down. The 16th is a long par 3, the 17th a way long par 4 and the 18th a short enough par 5 that you can have something to talk about over a drink afterward.

And remember, Jaws always values hospitality. It's his top priority. And it shows. Maybe you'll get to see him hanging around. Or his son B.J., who hits the ball even longer than him. And that's saying something.

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A "New" Mid-South Club in Pinehurst Renovations

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and Conference Center near the city of Wheeling.

Less than an hour south of Pittsburgh, Ogelbay Resort was once considered quite a hidden gem – at least on a national scale. Now, the secret is getting out quickly.

The land was originally owned by business tycoon Earl Waddington, who willed the 2,000 acres of natural beauty to the city of Wheeling, "as long as they shall operate it for public recreation."

The "park" evolved over the years and now includes four golf courses – including the two championship layouts.

The first course, or the Speidel Course, was designed by Robert Trent Jones and opened in 1971. It is regarded as the most difficult course on the property, but still boasts reasonable rates for daily fee play.

The Klieves Course, designed by Palmer, is kept in outstanding condition and possesses the best views on the property.

After all of the golf (unlimited golf packages are available), the accommodations and dining take center stage.

There are 271 rooms at the resort's Wilson Lodge, which has been undergoing improvements throughout its more than a half-century in existence. With a stone and natural wood exterior, the Lodge also houses restaurants, a gift shop, meeting spaces, an indoor pool and the West Spa.

There also are 54 cottages, some as large as eight-bedroom. One of the most popular is the Palmer Estate, which has six bedrooms and overlooks the golf courses.

Wilson Lodge also has two of the resort's main dining options. The Ihlenfeld Dining Room, which overlooks Schenk Lake, offers breakfast and a Friday American seafood bounty. The Glassworks Grill, which has a pub atmosphere with big screen TVs, is perfect for a cold beer, enormous sandwiches and even full dinners.

Nearby Wheeling also has several restaurant options, including the Metropolitan Citi Grill, which serves the finest steaks, seafood, appetizers and wines in an elegant atmosphere. On weekend nights, reservations are suggested.



Ogelbay Golf Resort and Conference Center West Virginia Hole # 4

For more information about Ogelbay Resort and Conference Center or to book a reservation or package, visit www.ogelbay-resort.com or call (800) 624-6988.

A "New" Mid-South Club in Pinehurst

Pinehurst is one of America's oldest golf destinations. The North Carolina area likes to refer to it as "America's Home of Golf."

But that doesn't mean everything in Pinehurst should be old.

Management at the sister resorts – Talamore Resort at Pinehurst and the Mid-South Club – keep doing their best to make the courses the newest attractions in the Sandhills. Although both clubs were designed and opened about 25 years ago, each has undergone massive recent renovations – or "rejuvenations" as they like to say.

Talamore Resort, designed by Rees Jones, got its facelift in 2016 – with re-routing of many cartpaths, removal of many bunkers and instillation of Champion Bermuda grass on the greens. The changes have been met with rave reviews.

This summer it was the Arnold Palmer-designed Mid-South Club that got a new look. The same Champion Bermuda grass, which has been heralded as the savior of hot and humid climates, was installed on the greens. Also, the greens were restored to their original size or, in some cases, enlarged.

All of the bunkers were completely rebuilt and new sand was installed. In some cases, like the dramatic 9th hole, a major change was made. A split fairway was created to add even more drama for the final shot to the green over water.

"Mid-South has always been one of the favorite courses for visitors to the Pinehurst area," said General Manager Matt Hauser. "So it made you a bit nervous about changing the product. But the changes have honestly made this an even better golf course. The greens are among the best in the area. The bunkers are perfect. Visitors this fall will find a golf course that will make them want to come back over and over." Add 14 lodges that are among the finest accommodations available anywhere in the Sandhills area and a fall golf trip seems like a must.

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Jarmas Rallies to Win Open Title



Gulph Mills Golf Club hosted the 101st Pennsylvania Open Championship Presented by LECOM. Greg Jarmas, of Nartberth, rallied with a closing round of 66 to post a record-setting total of 16-under 197 to win by two

KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. - After nine holes of Wednesday's final round of the 101st Pennsylvania Open at Gulph Mills Golf Club, Greg Jarmas trailed J.D. Dornes by two shots. But Jarmas rallied with a trio of back nine birdies, including a pair of two-shot swings over Dornes, to finish at 16-under par and win the championship, which was presented by LECOM. For his efforts, Jarmas claimed the \$8000 first place prize. The winning score of 197 set a record as the lowest winning total at the event since it moved to 54 holes in 1997.

"I was so happy to win this event," Jarmas said. "I've said it all week but it's been on my calendar all year and I was really excited to come here. And to win at a course like Gulph Mills, it just makes me love this place even more."

Dornes began the morning with a one-shot advantage but the leaderboard fluctuated throughout the day. Jarmas began the round with a birdie after hitting his 8-iron approach shot to 10 feet and made the birdie putt to get into a tie for the lead. The two were neck and neck for the next five holes but then Dornes caught fire, making eagle on No. 7 and birdies on No. 8 and No. 9.

"I didn't have a great start but I finished that front nine very well," Dornes said. "I was feeling pretty good at that point but I knew there was a lot of golf left."

When the group made the turn, Dornes was 15-under par while Jarmas was two strokes back, and Beau Titsworth and David Denlinger, playing one group ahead of them, were both 12-under par.

"I didn't press or anything," Jarmas said. "I knew I was still in it."

Dornes then made another birdie on No. 12 to extend his lead over Jarmas to three shots. But the former Princeton University golfer was able to stay in contention despite hitting his tee shot on the par-5 12th into the water. He hit an excellent shot from 205 yards on his drop to about 15 feet, where he made a clutch par save.

"That was a big moment, with J.D. coming off birdie there, to save that par," Jarmas said.

The first of the two-shot swings on the back nine came on the 13th, where Jarmas hit 7-iron to five feet. After he saw Dornes miss a par putt, Jarmas sank the putt to get to within a stroke of the lead.

On the 15th hole, Jarmas moved ahead for good. Dornes hit his approach over the green on the 394-yard par 4. Meanwhile, Jarmas smacked an 8-iron from 156 yards to a good position on the back left side of the green. After Jarmas failed to convert the par, Jarmas rolled in a left to right foot birdie, moving ahead by a stroke.

With the lead, Jarmas finally saw the time to be a little conservative after 51 holes of nothing of the sort. As he approached the par-4 16th, Jarmas remembered the first two rounds, where he bogeyed the hole each day. With that in mind, he pulled out 3-wood and hit his tee shot safely in the fairway.

"If I'm trailing, maybe I pull out driver there," Jarmas said. "But I felt like that was the right play."

Both players made par there, and with two holes remaining, Jarmas (-15) had a two-shot lead on Dornes and Titsworth. Knowing that he needed to make up ground, Titsworth sank a birdie on the par-3 17th to get to 14-under par and keep the pressure on Jarmas.

"I figured I had to make birdie every hole coming in," said Titsworth, who was able to do just that on the 17th.

After Jarmas and Dornes both made pars on 17, the action and attention on the classic Donald Ross design moved to the par-5 18th hole.

Needing a birdie to get to 15-under and tie for the lead, Titsworth hit his tee shot left and had to pitch out. His third shot was a little long, and his birdie just from just off the green didn't go in. Titsworth made his par putt, but he came up short at 14-under par.

"I played about as well as I could," said Titsworth, who shot 66 on Wednesday. "I was 12-under par in the past two days, so I'd be getting really nitpicky if I complained about that."

As they stepped up to the 18th, Dornes needed an eagle to have a chance as he was down two shots. Jarmas found the left rough off the tee, but was able to get on the green in two, albeit with a really long look at eagle. Dornes, meanwhile, hit his second shot about 20 feet away. Jarmas lagged his eagle putt to a few feet away from the hole. Dornes then putted for eagle, but failed to convert, giving Jarmas two tries to win the title. He sank the first one from three feet, giving him the championship with the record-setting total.

"I played a practice round with Cole Willcox on Sunday, and I told him that I thought 6-under par would be a great score here after three days," Jarmas said. "I guess I was wrong."

Jarmas cited a recent session with Chris O'Connell, teaching professional at Friars Head Golf Club on Long Island, with assisting him for the event.

"I worked with him for the first time two weeks ago," Jarmas said of O'Connell, who also works with PGA Tour player Matt Kuchar, among others. "We worked on my release and it definitely helped me out."

Carey Bina and Ryan Rucinski tied for low amateur honors, as each finished at 6-under par for the championship. Jarmas, Titsworth, Dornes and fourth place finisher David Denlinger (-13) all finished at 200 or below for the 54 holes, topping the previous best score, which was set by Robert Rohanna at Applebrook Golf Club with a score of 201 in the 2010 championship.

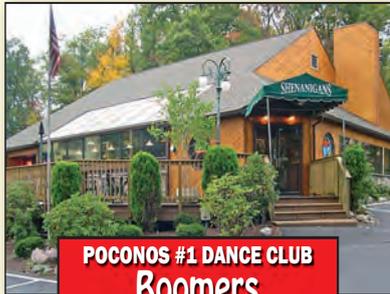
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Results	R1	R2	R3	Total
Jarmas, Greg, Narberth, PA -16	67	64	66	197
Titsworth, Beau, Wexford, PA -14	69	64	66	199
Dornes, J.D., Lancaster, PA -14	62	68	69	199
Denlinger, David, Lancaster, PA -13	65	68	67	200
Hilgers, David, Hershey, PA -12	66	70	65	201
Rohanna, Robert, Waynesburg, PA-10	65	67	71	203
Obremski, Daniel, Irwin, PA -10	69	64	70	203
8 Stewart, Billy, Devon, PA -7	66	72	68	206
Bina, Carey (a)Villanova, PA -6	65	73	69	207
Renwick, Easton, Dubois, PA -6	71	65	71	207
Rucinski, Ryan (a)Wilmington, DE -6	67	71	69	207
Willcox, Cole, Malvern, PA -6	67	72	68	207
Gibbs, Jordan, Philadelphia, PA -6	65	68	74	207
Kraft, Kevin, Newport, PA -5	69	70	69	208
Wambold, Kyle, Macungie, PA -5	69	70	69	208
Hughes, JD (a) Carlisle, PA -4	69	72	68	209
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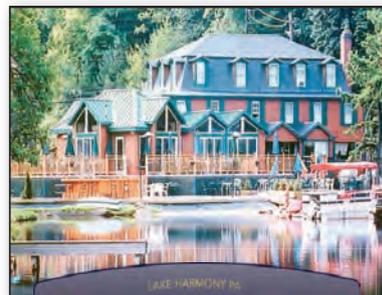
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Great Bear, rated one of the top golf courses in the state by Golf Digest, is located just five miles from The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

This magnificent 18-hole championship layout is of the modern design. No money was spared when it was constructed for a private membership

And when you arrive at Great Bear, veteran PGA pro Vince Yanovitch and fellow staffers will give you the royal treatment, the same as what you will find at Shawnee.

At 7,025 yards Great Bear offers a real challenge to top notch players with its par 71. But with five sets of tees it can be enjoyed by both men and women of all ages.

There are four par-5s and four par-3s at the Great Bear layout. Nicklaus integrated three lakes, several streams and wetlands, small bridges and rolling terrain in his design of Great Bear. Longest of the par fives is the 18th hole measuring 575 yards from the back tees.

Par 3s measure 175 yards, 189, 191 and 222 from the championship markers. One of the longer par-4 holes is No. 10 measuring 460 yards from the back or championship tees. It involves a blind tee shot for the most part over a pond and a downhill second shot to an undulating green.

Nicklaus, who liked to work the ball from left to right, has several holes at Great Bear that require that shot.

Like Shawnee, Great Bear is always in great shape and both are must plays for all golfers, men and women.

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Pro-Assistant Pro-Championship

Seaview Resort: Bay & Pines, Galloway, NJ Par 70

	BAY:	Total
John Kellogg Radley Run CC		
Brett Melton Radley Run CC	-10	61
Paul Viola Bethlehem GC		
Alex Knoll Bethlehem GC	-7	64
Tom Michaels Berkshire CC		
Ben Bewley Berkshire CC	-6	65
Michael Ferguson Philadelphia Cricket Club		
Tony Perla Philadelphia Cricket Club	-6	65
Chris Wilkinson Llanerch CC		
Jared Murosky Llanerch CC	-6	65
	PINES:	
Hugh Matthis Tavistock CC		
Greg Matthias Tavistock CC	-8	63
Linda Nevatt ACE Club		
Billy Stewart ACE Club	-6	65
Curtis Kirkpatrick Indian Springs GC		
Brett Fernandes Indian Springs GC	-6	65
Curtis Kirkpatrick Indian Springs GC		
Stephen Sieracki Indian Springs GC	-6	65
John Petronis Greate Bay GC		
Ryan Owens Greate Bay GC	-5	66

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Radnor Valley C.C.- Villanova, PA Par 70

		Total
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	32 35	67 -3
Stu Ingraham M Golf Range	34 33	67 -3
Greg Farrow Deerwood CC	36 33	69 -1
John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	34 35	69 -1
Brian Kelly Bucknell GC	35 34	69 -1
Don DeAngelis Center Square GC	37 33	70 E
John Allen Huntingdon Valley CC	35 36	71 +1
Jack Connelly North Hills CC	36 35	71 +1
Mark Anderson Philadelphia Cricket Club	36 35	71 +1
Mike Moses Concord CC	36 36	72 +2
Don Allan Burlington CC	34 38	72 +2
Dave Quinn Philmont CC	37 35	72 +2
Terry Hertzog CC of York	37 36-	-73 +3
Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	36 37	73 +3
Bob Lennon Wilmington CC	37 36	73 +3
Tom Carpus Kennett Square G & CC	34 40	74 +4
John Kellogg Radley Run CC	37 38	75 +5
Paul Galczyk Westover CC	40 35	75 +5
Harvey Williams Philly PGA	37 38	75 +
Mickey Sokalski Philmont CC	39 37	76 +6
Mike Dynda LuLu CC	37 39	76 +6
Rick Flesher Applebrook GC	39 37	76 +6
Kerry Mattern Cedarbrook CC	39 37	76 +6

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Professional Champ

The Union League GC, Phila., PA Par 70

	R1	R2	Total
QUALIFIERS (5)			
Brian Bergstol Shawnee Inn and GR	34	34	68 -2
Billy Stewart ACE Club	33	36	69 -1
Jakob Gerney Trump National GC- Philly	33	37	70 E
Andrew Turner Sunnybrook GC	34	37	71 +1
Jordan Gibbs Gulph Mills GC	35	36	71 +1
ALTERNATES - IN ORDER (4)			
Greg Matthias Tavistock CC	35	36	71 +1
Rusty Harbold Philadelphia Cricket Club	35	37	72 +2
Mike Furey Mahoning Valley CC	37	36	73 +3
James Hoke The Union League GC	36	37	73 +3
DID NOT QUALIFY			
Tony Perla Philadelphia Cricket Club	35	36	71 +1
Ashley Grier Overbrook GC	38	35	73 +3
David Henry Huntingdon Valley CC	38	36	74 +4
Shawn Matthews Huntingdon Valley CC	36	38	74 +4
Michael Little Lookaway GC	35	39	74 +4
Jordan Shuey West Shore CC	38	36	74 +4
Brett Melton Radley Run CC	33	41	74 +4
Matt Episcopo Pine Valley GC	37	37	74 +4

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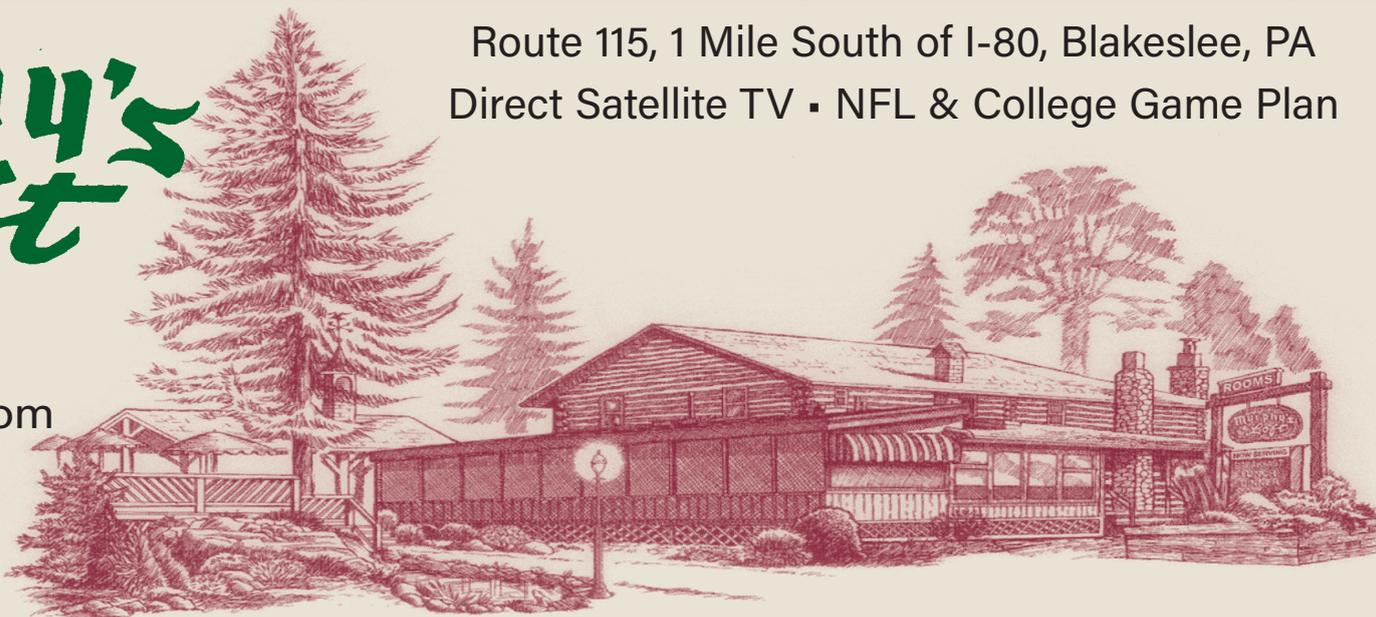
Radnor Valley C.C. - Villanova, PA Par 72

	R1	R2	Total
QUALIFIERS (8)			
Dave Quinn Philmont CC	68	67	135 -5
Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	68	68	136 -4
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	67	70	137 -3
John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	69	69	138 -2
Greg Farrow Deerwood CC	67	71	138 -2
Stu Ingraham M Golf Range	65	73	138 -2
Wayne Phillips Lehigh CC	71	70	141 +1
John DiMarco Laurel Creek CC	71	71	142 +2
ALTERNATES - IN ORDER (5)			
Don Allan Burlington CC	74	68	142 +2
John Allen Huntingdon Valley CC	72	71	143 +3
Brian Kelly Bucknell GC	71	72	143 +3
Rick Flesher Applebrook GC	69	74	143 +3
John Appleget Wildwood Golf & CC	71	73	144 +4
DID NOT QUALIFY			
Jeff Bonicky Sea Oaks GC	74	72	146 +6
Don DeAngelis Center Square GC	76	71	147 +7
Jack Connelly North Hills CC	76	72	148 +8
Rob Shuey Colonial GC	74	74	148 +8
Gary Hardin Northampton CC	73	75	148 +8
Harvey Williams Philly PGA	69	79	148 +8

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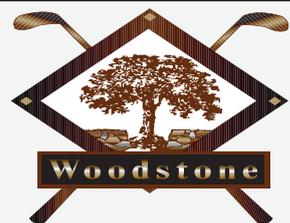


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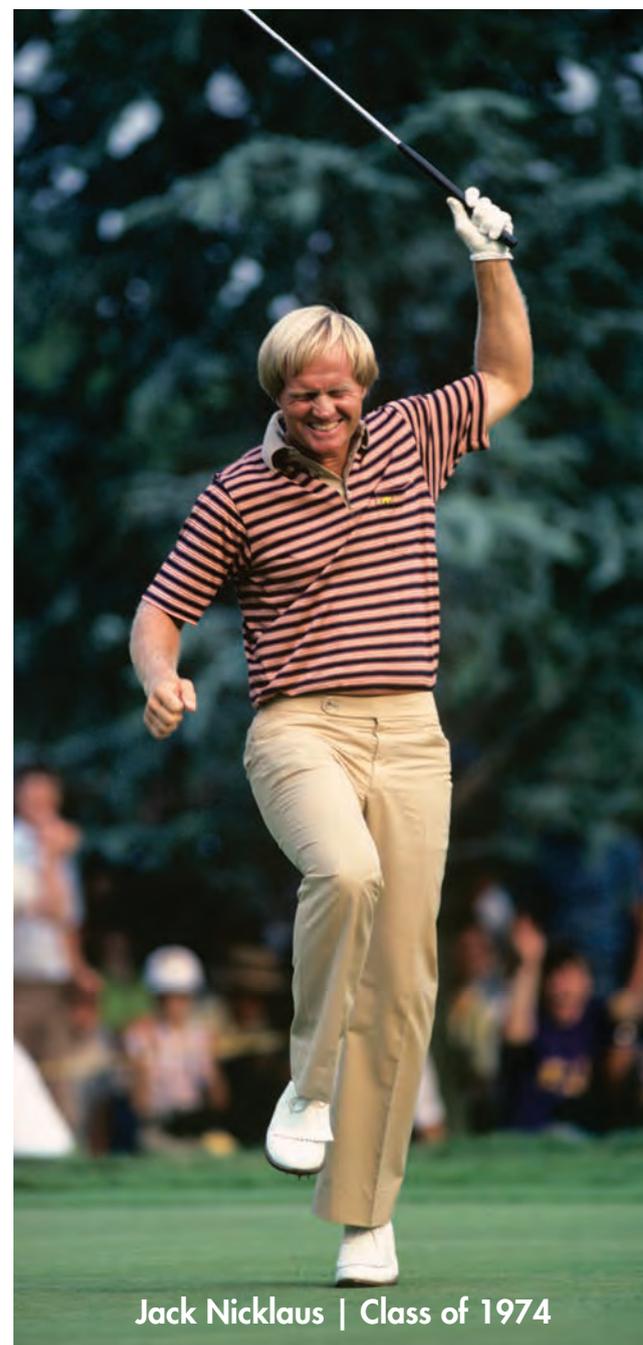
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Mahoning Valley Pro-Am Mahoning Valley G.C. Par 72

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Mike Furey (Mahoning Valley)	63
Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	70
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee Inn)	70
Gregg Meyer (Woodstone)	72
Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	73

LOW SENIOR PRO

Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	73
Jim Booros (PGA)	75
Wayne Phillips (Lehigh)	75
John Kulhamer (Green Pond)	75

LOW AMATEUR

Dave Figura	74
Riley Hogan	76
S. Gonzales	76

TEAM LOW GROSS

Mike Furey (Mahoning Valley)	62
Gregg Meyer (Woodstone)	62
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee Inn)	65

TEAM LOW NET

Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	59
Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	59
Howie Van Buskirk (Mountain Laurel)	60

Pocono Manor Pro-Am Pocono Manor C.C. Par 72

LOW PRO

Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	69
Wayne Phillips (Lehigh)	72
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	72
Gary Clark (Buck Hill)	72

LOW SENIOR PRO

Jim Booros (Phila. PGA)	73
Joe Ambrose (Keystone)	73
Bob Fritz (Manufacturers)	74
Harvey Williams (Glen Oak)	77

LOW AMATEUR

Mike Guro (Bethlehem)	69
George Williams (Skytop)	72
Craig Scott (Wolf Hollow)	72

TEAM LOW GROSS

Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	62
Mike Molino (CC of Scranton)	63
Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	64
Bill Lee (Wolf Hollow)	66

TEAM LOW NET

Brian Boyle (Skytop)	57
Kevin Edwards (Olde Homestead GC)	59
Jim Booros (Phila. PGA)	60
Bob Fritz (Manufacturers)	60

Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort Pro-Am Shawnee on Delaware, PA Par 72

LOW PRO

Mike Molino (CC of Scranton)	69
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	69
Jeff Fick (Chapel Hill)	72
Harvey Williams (Philly PGA)	72

LOW SENIOR PRO

Jim Booros (Phila. PGA)	74
Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	75
John Kulhammer (Green Pond)	75

LOW AMATEUR

Grant Schumaker (Golf Galaxy)	71
Kyle Pillar (Woodloch Springs)	72
Nate Fry (Whitetail)	72

TEAM LOW GROSS

Brian Boyle (Skytop)	62
Mike Molino (CC of Scranton)	65
Paul Viola (Bethlehem)	66
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	66

TEAM LOW NET

John Suter (Golf Galaxy)	59
Joe Manley (Great Bear)	61
Jim Booros (Philly PGA)	61
Mike Furey (Mahoning Valley)	61

Whitetail Pro-Am Whitetail G.C. Par 71

LOW PRO

Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	65
Sean Szerencsits (Southmoore)	69
Mike Paukovits (St. Davids)	70
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	70

LOW SENIOR PRO

Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	79
Joe Ambrose (Keystone)	79

LOW AMATEUR

Nate Fry (Whitetail)	69
Evan Notaro (Willow Brook)	70
Ryan Matuczinski (Olde Homestead)	71
Mike Sweigert (Chapel Hill)	73

TEAM LOW GROSS

Dan Richie (Willow Brook)	62
Paul Viola (Bethlehem)	64
Kevin Edwards (Olde Homestead)	65

TEAM LOW NET

Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	58
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	62
Mike Paukovits (St. Davids)	63
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POCONO PRO GOLF SERIES

Fox Hill CC Claims 2017 AGA Super Senior Coal Scuttle Championship



Exeter, PA - On Wednesday, August 30th Fox Hill Country Club successfully defended its Anthracite Golf Association Super Senior Coal Scuttle title. Fox Hill Country Club carded a round of 224 to capture the team title for the third consecutive year.

The format was 4 players 65+, counting 3 scores. Leading the way for the champions was Bill Lawler who finished at even par 71. Ed Hennigan finished just one shot back for the team with a round of 72. Rounding out the team for the champions were Frank Berman (81) and Jim Devers (82).

In the individual portion of the event Fox Hill Country Club's Bill Lawler captured the title for the second year in a row with a score of 72. Finishing in second just 1 shot back was his team mate Ed Hennigan (73).

Glenmaura National Golf Club's Mike Sokoloski (74) and Elkview Country Club's Jack Crotti (74) captured the other top spots.

The Anthracite Golf Association would like to thank host Fox Hill Country Club, all participants, and volunteers who helped make the event a success.

RESULTS	R-1	R-2	Total
Fox Hill CC			224
Bill Lawler	36	35	71
Ed Hennigan	36	36	72
Frank Berman	38	43	81
Jim Devers	44	38	82
Glenmaura Natl. GC			231
Mike Sokoloski	37	37	74
Tony Santiago	37	40	77
Bob Galdieri	40	40	80
Gene Smargiassi	41	43	84
Elmhurst CC			232
Tom McCormick	36	41	77
Sam Neuman	37	40	77
Paul Fruehan	38	40	78
Jerry Stanvitch	41	40	81
Elkview CC			232
Jack Crotti	37	37	74
Doug Randal	39	38	77
Jack Sudlesky	40	41	81
Pete Larioni	43	44	87



Green Pond Pro-Am Green Pond G.C. - Green Pond Par 72

LOW PRO

Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	68
Sean Szerensits (Southmoore GC)	69
Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	70
Mike Furey (Mahoney Valley CC)	71

LOW SENIOR PRO

John Pillar (Woodloch Springs)	69
John Kulhamer (Green Pond)	75
Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore GC)	76
Jim Booros (Phila. PGA)	78

LOW AMATEUR

J. Wilson	68
C. Cox	70
D. Spadt	70

TEAM LOW GROSS

Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	127
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem GC)	131
John Pillar (Woodloch Springs)	132
Dan Richie (Willowbrook GC)	136

TEAM LOW NET

John Pillar (Woodloch Springs)	123
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	127
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem GC)	127
Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	131

Pro-Am Stroke Play Championship

Buck Hill G.C. - Rnd. 1 Par 71 C.C. of Scranton - Rnd. 2 Not Played

	Buck Hill	CC Scranton	TOTAL
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	68	0	68
John Pillar (Woodloch Springs)	71	0	71
Jeff Fick (Chapel Hill)	72	0	72
Mike Molino (CC of Scranton)	72	0	72
Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	76	0	76
Harvey Williams (Glen Oak)	76	0	76
Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	76	0	76
Spencer Lunger (Scranton Canoe Club)	76	0	76
Bill Smith	77	0	77
Jeremy Mangine (Woodstone)	77	0	77
Kevin Edwards (Olde Homestead)	77	0	77
Mike Furey (Mahoney Valley CC)	80	0	80
John Roche (Elmhurst CC)	80	0	80
SENIORS			
Jim Booros (Phila. PGA)	71	0	71
Mark Monahan (PGA)	76	0	76
John Kulhamer (Green Pond)	79	0	79
Vince Yanovitch (Great Bear)	80	0	80
Joe Ambrose (Keystone)	81	0	81

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M and M Boys win 2017 Irem Temple Country Club Potentate Tournament



Mariano Medico from the 6th Tee at Irem Temple Country Club



Tyler McGarry from the 2nd Tee at Irem Temple Country Club

By John Zimich

Move over Jim Breck and John Mulhern, Lou Belgio and Scott Francis, Mike Lazevnick and Rob Michaels, Jim Hoover and Brett Slocum, all former winners of Irem Temple Country Club's Potentate Golf Tournament.

The young guns are making their move in the club's premier golf tournament. For the second straight year it was the younger players making it to the winner's circle. In 2016 it was Jeff Carter and Christopher Konicki.

Mariano Medico and Tyler McGarry never trailed in any of their four championship matches to win the 2017 Potentate.

In the finals on a beautiful sun-splashed Sunday afternoon the "M and M Boys" closed out the title match with runners-up Ryan Georgetti and Jonathan Wilson, another of the younger teams making their mark in the Potentate, on the 14th hole.

On the downhill 398-yard downhill 14th, Medico hit a booming drive and carded an eagle two when his short lob wedge shot slowly trickled down the green and into the cup.

Medico, who will be attending Syracuse University in the Fall, said it was a "lucky" shot as he was just trying to get it close and conclude the match with Georgetti and Wilson with a bird.

Booming drives, particularly from the six-foot, six-inch well-built McGarry, were common in this pairing. McGarry, who only began playing the game of golf five years ago after giving up basketball, drove the second green in the finals but three putted from some 50-feet. That hole measures 291 yards from the black tees.

It was on the tough 406-yard third hole that features a pond on the right side of the fairway some distance from the tee that drew some "awes" from the large number of the spectators in the gallery.

McGarry's drive flew some 15 to 20 yards over the pond and had to be one of the longest ever driven on that hole from the championship markers. He then hit his wedge some four-feet from the pin and sank the uphill putt for a three and get his team off to another great start.

On the par-five fourth hole it was Medico, who was on the PIAA State Championship Holy Redeemer golf team of coach Art Brunn, Jr., several years

ago, put the winning Potentate twosome two up in the finals by sinking a birdie putt of some 12-feet.

Medico and McGarry increased their lead on the par-4 dogleg fifth hole with a par as Georgetti and Wilson's chips from around the tricky green rolled by several feet and neither player could sink the putts for pars.

On the tough par-3 seventh hole, measuring 229 yards, Georgetti, who will be the No. 1 player on coach J.P. Andrejko's King's College golf team in the Fall, sank an uphill 10-foot par putt to win the hole and go two down.

But that momentum in the match was short-lived as McGarry hit another booming drive on the tough uphill par-4 eighth hole that measures 380 yards from the championship markers and had only a wedge to the green, knocking it some 12-feet from the pin and sinking the birdie to go back to three-up and take control of the match.

McGarry, who ironically played his first two years of collegiate golf for Irem's head golf professional Paul Roman, will conclude his final two years of college golf at St. Andrew's College, a NAIA Division II school in Laurinburg, N.C.

At St. Andrew's, a branch of Webber International University, McGarry will be joining the Knights golf team that includes senior Joe Hurn of Mountaintop, who transferred from Lackawanna College.

Georgetti and Wilson played outstanding golf in making it to the 2017 Potentate finals, beating the twosomes of Breck and Mulhern, Frank Pinnacoli and Earl Thompson and Lazevnick and Michaels.

Wilson, the only Irem member in the finals, attends Penn State University and played his high school golf for Dallas High School for the late Tom Kilduff and his daughter, Jane.

Medico and McGarry, who were medalist in Friday qualifying, knocked off Belgio and Francis, Dr. Santo LaFoca and Gary Sagan and Jeff Hodorowski and Jim Fronzoni before facing Georgetti and Wilson.

It was arguably the best field in the history of the Potentate since it became a member-guest format. This year's tourney was opened to reciprocal country clubs in Northeastern Pennsylvania, including Fox Hill and Wyoming Valley.

Chris Pries, golf course superintendent and his Irem staff, had the course in great shape and drew praises from the players. Likewise, Roman and his pro shop staff did a great job in making the 2017 Potentate a memorable one.

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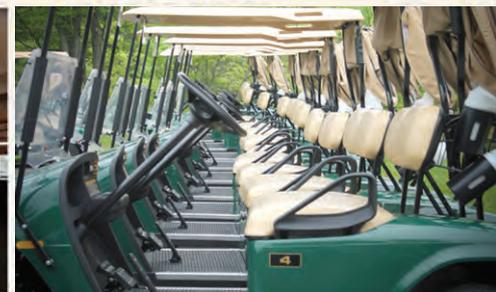
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Peoria, AZ - The Antigua Group, Inc. - one of the nation's leading designers and marketers of lifestyle and golf apparel under the distinguished Antigua brand congratulates Stacy Lewis on her LPGA Tour victory at the Cambria Portland Classic.

Lewis fired a 3-under par 69 on Sunday at the Cambria Portland Classic and finished at 20-under par for the tournament. This was the 12th win for Lewis on the LPGA Tour and her first of 2017.

Lewis has lived in the Houston area since age 11 and considers the city as her "hometown," and has been affected by the extensive damage that Hurricane Harvey has unleashed on Houston. Her winning share of the purse from the tournament - \$195,000 - is being donated to the Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts.

"All of us at Antigua are so proud to have Stacy Lewis represent our brand," said Ron McPherson, President & CEO of Antigua. "Stacy is a great champion but an even greater human being."

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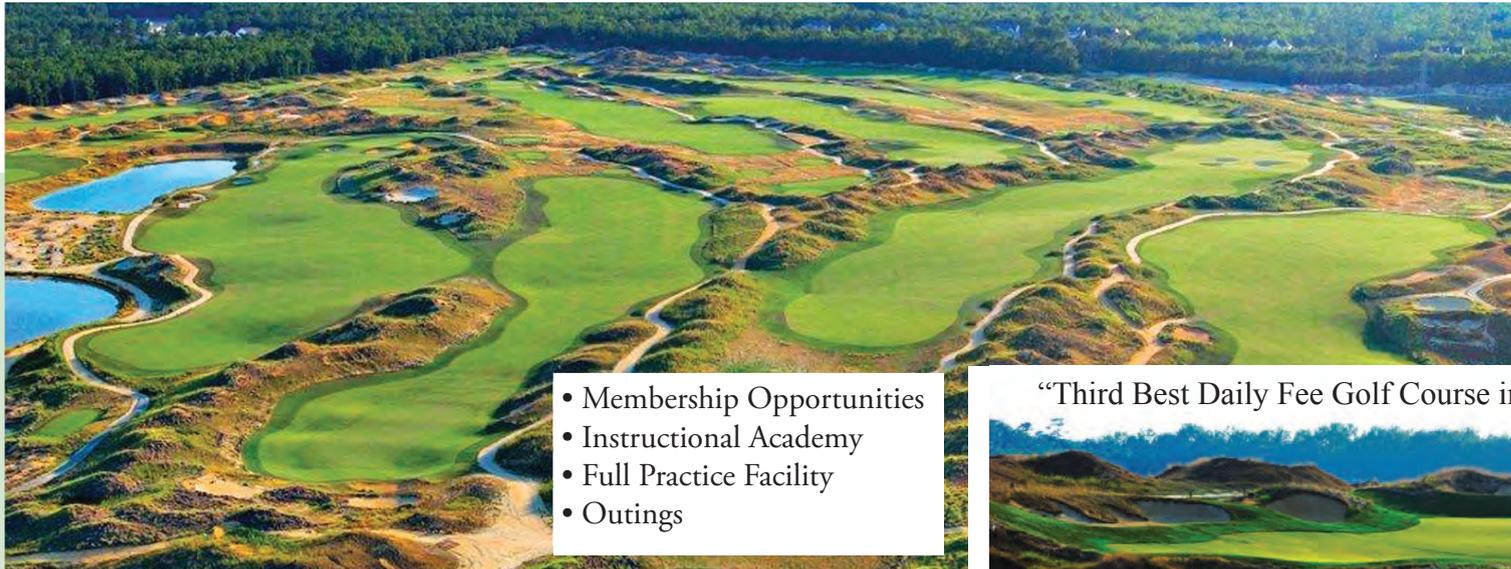
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CC of Scranton wins 2017 AGA Senior Coal Scuttle



Crystal Lake, PA - On Wednesday August 23rd at Elkview Country Club, the team from the Country Club of Scranton captured the 2017 Anthracite Golf Association Senior Coal Scuttle Championship.

The Country Club of Scranton combined for a 309 total, good enough for a one shot victory over Elmhurst Country Club (310) and the Scranton Muni. Golf Club (310).

Leading the way for the team champions, Country Club of Scranton, was Mike Vassil and Brian Corbett who each carded rounds of 76. The other scores for the winning team were Jim Tressler (77), Bill Brown (80), and John Voight (85)

The Scranton Muni. Golf Club's Bob Andrejko captured the individual title in a playoff over Wyoming Valley Country Club's Art Brunn Jr. after both players finished with a round of even-par 72. Finishing in third in the individual portion was Scranton Canoe Club's Jody Fitzsimmons who shot 73 on the day.

RESULTS			Total
CC of Scranton			309
Mike Vassil	38	38	76
Brian Corbett	37	39	76
Jim Tressler	36	41	77
Bill Brown	39	41	80
John Voight	38	47	85
Elmhurst CC			310
Ed Knight	36	38	74
Dave Lopatka	40	37	77
Tim Hinton	39	39	78
Tom Sohns	40	41	81
Tom McCormack	42	40	82
Scranton Muni. GC			310
Bob Andrejko	34	38	72
Mark Bartkowski	38	36	74
Jed Byron	39	42	81
Chris Kearney	46	37	83
Robin Bonda	42	43	85



NJSGA's Lostumbo & Stevens Capture 2017 Anthracite Junior Invitational Tournament.



Clarks Summit, PA - Friday, August 11th the Anthracite Golf Association conducted it's annual Junior Fourball Invitational Tournament. The event showcased some of the top players in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New Yorks Southern Tier at host Country Club of Scranton.

This years event was captured by players representing the New Jersey State Golf Association, Joseph Lostumbo & Erik Stevens combined to shoot a 5-under par 67 to take the title. The duo shot 1-over par 36 on the front nine, before Erik Stevens birdied 6 of the 9 holes coming in, combined with his partner to card a 31 on the inward nine.

The 67 was good enough for a 1-shot victory over the NCPGA's William Knauth & Vincent Bender who carded a round of 69.

Anthracite Golf Executive Director Patrick A. Lloyd said of the event, "once again the event was a great success, we get the chance to showcase one of the top courses in the Northeast, and the players get the opportunity to meet some of the top players from the other golf associations who are closest to the AGA."

The 2017 host club Country Club of Scranton, Old Course, was designed by Golf Course Architect Walter Travis in 1927. Ranked #92 in Golf Week's "Top 100 Classical Courses in 2013."

CHAMPIONS*	Total
* Joseph Lostumbo, Copper Hill C.C., NJSGA	67
* Erik Stevens, Hawk Pointe C.C., NJSGA	
William Knauth, White Deer G.C., NCPGA	69
Vincent Bender, White Deer G.C., NCPGA	
Jack Habeeb, C.C. of Scranton, AGA	70
Troy Kelleher, C.C. of Scranton, AGA	
Robert McHugh, Darlington C.C., NJSGA	71
Stephen DiPola, Wayne G.C., NJSGA	
Kyle Pillar, Woodloch Springs C.C., AGA	71
Alex Pillar, Woodloch Springs C.C., AGA	
Justin Susarchick, Suburban G.C., NJSGA	72
Aidan Devlin, Fiddlers Elbow C.C., NJSGA	
Brett James Wagner, Buck Hill G.C., AGA	73
Allan Diffenderfer, Mark Twain G.C., NYSGA	
Shane Angle, Blue Ridge Trail G.C., AGA	73
Ryan Keyes, Wyoming Valley C.C., AGA	
Daniel Flickinger, C.C. of Scranton, AGA	76
Will Brown, C.C. of Scranton, AGA	



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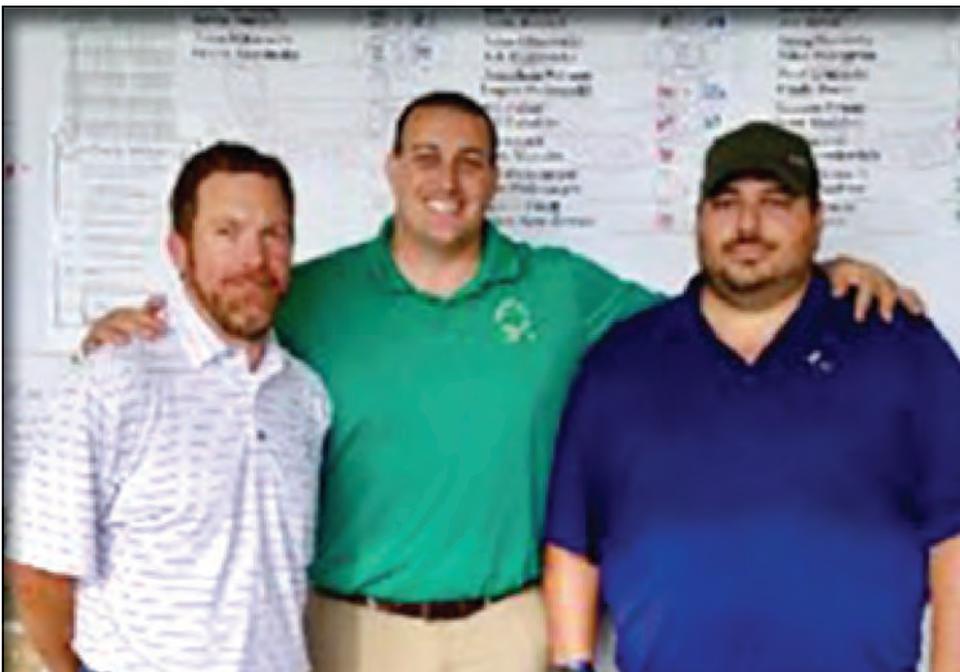
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Teams Card 65 to Take 2017 AGA Founders Fourball Titles



AGA Founders Fourball Tournament where the team of Brad Flickinger (C.C. of Scranton) and Bob Zaleski (Emanon C.C.) combined for a 6-under par 65 to win the overall title.

In the senior division the Scranton Muni. Golf Club's Bob Andrejko and Mark Bartkowski teamed up to card a 6-under par 65 to win the senior title.

Moosic, PA - Glenmaura National Golf Club was the host site for the 2017 AGA Founders Fourball Tournament where the team of Brad Flickinger (C.C. of Scranton) and Bob Zaleski (Emanon C.C.) combined for a 6-under par 65 to win the overall title. The team combined for 8 birdies, including 5 in a row, to win the title by 1 shot.

Finishing in second place were irem Countr Club's Jonathan Wilson and Logan Paczewski who carded a round of 5-under pa 66.

In the senior division the Scranton Muni. Golf Club's Bob Andrejko and Mark Bartkowski teamed up to card a 6-under par 65 to win the senior title. The total was good enough for a 4 shot victory in the senior portion of the event.

The "shot-of-the-day" came courtesy of Tom Miller who recorded his first career hole-in-one on the par 3 11th hole.

The Anthracite Golf Association would like to thank all participants, volunteers, and especially host Glenmaura National Golf Club for a wonderful event.

OPEN DIVISION

Flickinger, B. / Zaleski, B.	65
Wilson, J. / Paczewski, L.	66
Evans, E. / Madden, S.	68
Mitchell, P. / Cerminaro, C.	68
Dougherty, M. / Solfanelli, M.	69
Pabst, B. / Pabst, B.	69
O'Dell, D. / Kowaleski, A.	70
Shanley, S. / Nieto, J.	70
Vasil, J. / Mancini, M.	70
Ianieri, B. / Grenkevitch, E.	71
Olszewski, J. / Olszewski, A.	71

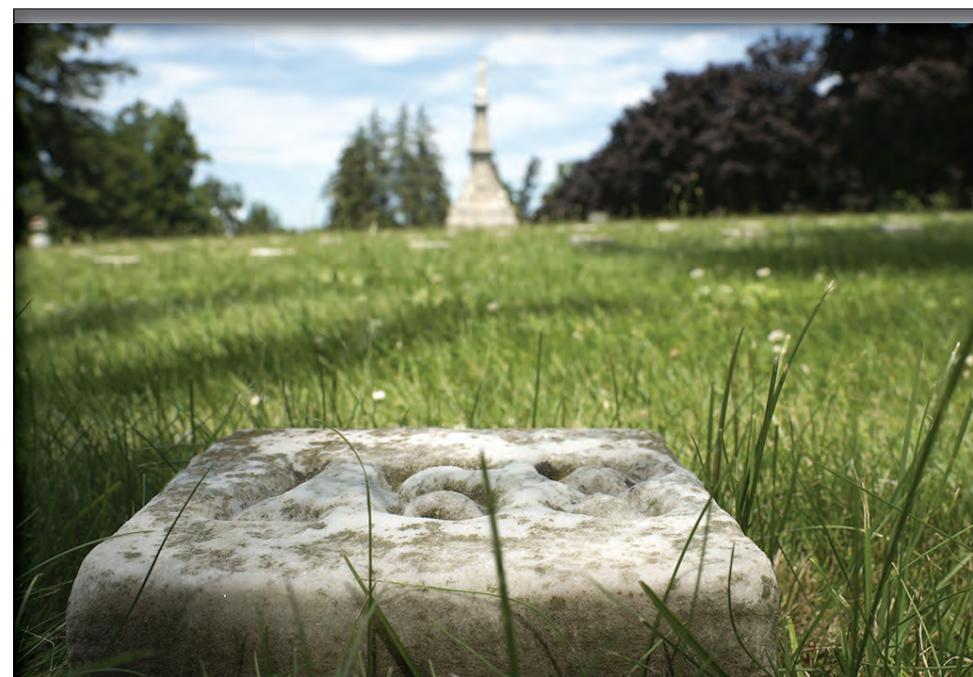
Rossi, K. / Rossi, J.	71
Burns, J. / Pantzar, J.	72
Mikiewicz, J. / Kacvinsky, F.	72
Nardella, D. / Peregrim, M.	72
Nardella, L. / Nardella, K.	72
Bowen, F. / Barth, S.	74
Weiscarger, J. / Weiscarger, E.	74
Hurn, J. / McGarry, T.	75
Bedford, J. / Bedford, J.	77

Senior Division

Andrejko, B. / Bartkowski, M.	65
Brunn Jr., A. / Behm, M.	69
Tolerico, J. / Zavada, J.	69
Miller, T. / McCloskey, B.	70
Nestor, K. / Mikucki, W.	70
Smitreski, J. / Deiningner, M.	70
Bonda, R. / Tonkin, J.	71
Bolcavage, K. / Froncek, M.	72
Girman, B. / Ranieli, J.	73
McClure, L. / Boone, M.	73
Swanson, M. / Wilbur, M.	74
Andrejko, T. / Savitts, W.	75
Galdieri, B. / Smargiassi, G.	75
Mantione, J. / Answini, M.	75
Mazzoni, R. / Heck, M.	75
Mazur, S. / Besket, J.	78
Orr, B. / Cunningham, N.	78



True Blue Course Beach Bunker



Gettysburg is the Family Fall Golf Destination

Fall Golf Getaway A must from page 15

Ooops. Almost forgot Mid-South's massive clubhouse. It also has been gutted and undergone a major renovation. The finished product presents the best after-golf experience in the area.

As was mentioned previously, not everything in Pinehurst needs to be old. The "new" Mid-South Club is the talk of the area.

Technology has Improved Fall Golf in Myrtle Beach First it became famous as America's favorite destination for the spring golf vacation. Golfers from the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest portions of America flocked to Myrtle Beach to get their spring tuneup. And, of course, with 60 miles of great beach, Myrtle Beach always was a popular family spot for a summer vacation.

But then, golfers discovered fall golf along the Grand Strand. Cooler temperatures. Slightly less crowds.

But, there also were a few inconveniences.

"Not too many years ago our fall business was hampered by effects of overseeding the golf courses," admitted Bill Golden, president of Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday. "In order to present a green, attractive product throughout the winter, courses had to overseed in the early fall. Greens and fairways were out of play for a number of weeks, then they still were wet and slow as the grow-in period was completed."

That is no longer the case.

"The new agronomic advances have been a godsend to Myrtle Beach," concluded Golden. "Not only are the new strains of Bermuda grass resistant to the hottest weather in the summer but there is no longer the need for wall-to-wall overseeding in the fall."

Bob Seganti, general manager of two of the finest courses in the Myrtle Beach area – True Blue and Caledonia – is quick to agree. "Our business has increased so much in the fall that it might even be busier than the spring," said Seganti. "Golfers are finding the best conditions of the entire year and they are taking advantage of some great golf before the winter sets in."

Courses from Wilmington, North Carolina on the north end of the Grand Strand, to Georgetown, South Carolina on the southern end have installed the new strains of hybrid Bermuda grass. The result is easier maintenance and better putting conditions. And the visiting golfers are reaping the benefits.

Gettysburg is the Family Fall Golf Destination Economists love to fall back on a long list of buzzwords. If there was a favorite one of modern economists, it might be "consolidation."

Corporations have consolidated their plants. Businesses have consolidated departments. Now, if we could only get the government to consolidate a few of its agencies. In the meantime, families also have found ways to consolidate. Since a family of five can't be consolidated into a family of four or three – at least not legally – families have to find ways to consolidate activities so that money can be stretched a bit farther. Welcome to the consolidated family vacation. In years past, Dad might go off on his annual golf vacation. Or Mom and Dad would go off on a golf vacation.

Then, later in the year, everyone would get together for the family vacation. It could be the beach. It could be the mountains. It could be a driving trip to some new part of this beautiful United States of America. But golf often was not a big part of the family vacation.

Now, in this new era of consolidation, two separate vacations are often being rolled into one. And in that one vacation, there must be room for some golf or else there might be a fair amount of family discord. Now, Dad gets in his round of golf in the morning, then joins the rest of the family for some typical vacation activities. Or, the vacation activities occur early in the day, followed by the entire family heading to the golf course for a late-afternoon discounted round. That is the way of life – in today's America. And, when we look back at it 10 or 15 years down the road, it may not seem so bad. The consolidated vacation could actually be a positive byproduct.

At least that's the way the folks see it in tourism areas such as Gettysburg. It could be the national capitol of the consolidated vacation.

For years Gettysburg – its historic battlefields, its quaint villages, its colorful fall festivals and its educational presentations – has been considered one of the top family vacation destinations in the country. And, the Gettysburg area has always been recognized as a wonderful golf destination – where outstanding value and exceptional golf collide head-on at places like the Links at Gettysburg, Carroll Valley and Penn National.

"When travelers start to get a little tighter with their money, destinations such as Gettysburg actually fair well," said Stacey Fox, vice president of sales and marketing with the Destination Gettysburg.

"We are within a five-hour drive of nearly 70 million Americans. That makes us an attractive vacation, especially when the economy is poor and gas prices are high." "In addition, more and more travelers are visiting in the fall season, hoping to avoid the crowds and the summer heat," added Fox. "It's becoming one of our most prime seasons for travel." The formula seems all too simple. Appeal to the interests of the entire family and package it at an affordable price. That's why you see established places like Carroll Valley Resort catering more to families than they ever have. "We have a special deal for families," explained Phil DelPopolo, the longtime head professional at Carroll Valley. "When the adults book a stay and play package, the kids play golf for free."

Fall weekends in Gettysburg percolate activity, as families take advantage of special packages.

"We have plenty to do for families, with our pool, tennis courts and putt-putt courses," reported Dave Beegle, head professional at Penn National Golf Club. "But Fall is our busiest time of year. The five or six weeks after Labor Day are extremely busy. We do all of our aerification in late August so the courses are perfect for fall."

"We have a lot of great packages and that makes things even more attractive. And the golfers are ready to squeeze in those last rounds of golf before the time changes and the days get short."

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