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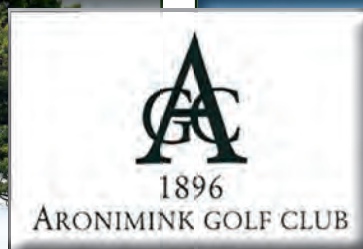
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# BMW Championship at Aronimink

## September 4-9, 2018



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**Aronimink Golf Club Hole #9 Photo by Russell Kirk**

By Mike Kern

Big-time golf is returning to the Philadelphia, for the first time since the 2013 U.S. Open at Merion.

This time it's the PGA Tour that will call our area home for a week. And for the second time in less than a decade, Newtown Square's refurbished Aronimink Golf Club will serve as the host venue. Just as it did for the AT&T National, hosted by Tiger Woods around the Fourth of July, in 2010 and '11. Only this time, the stage will be even bigger. And if you were there in 2010, when Tiger actually played, that might be hard to imagine. But it's true.

Because this time, the second-to-last tournament of the season-ending FedEx Cup Playoffs, the BMW Championship, will be held at Aronimink from Sept. 6-9. Which means the first round is the same day as the season-opener for your world champion Eagles, who begin their title defense that night in South Philly against Atlanta in what's become the traditional NFL kickoff.

The penultimate event is the fourth leg of the playoffs. It will feature the top 70 players in the points standings, and that number will be pared to the 30 that will continue on to the Tour Championship two weeks later. There's every chance that most of the marquee names will be here, including Tiger as he continues with his comeback from three years in purgatory.

Last year, Australia's Marc Leischman was the winner at Conway Farms in suburban

Chicago.

"It's one of my best memories in golf," he said via skype on the recent media day. "It was a massive honor to lift such an historic trophy."

For those who aren't aware, the BMW is the former Western Open, which way back in the day was considered a major. That's before the Masters came into being in 1934.

"With what's at stake, it feels like the stature is so elevated," he went on. "It's almost like winning three or four events, with the amount of points you get. It can really boost you. And the players treat it that way."

When the AT&T was here, the players seemed to agree that the course was more than worthy. Justin Rose, who would of course win the Open at Merion three years later, won the first one with a score of 10-under par 270. The next

year the winner was Nick Watney, at 13-under. Leischman, who was a rookie in 2009, tied for seventh in 2010.

"I think this is the first time I've ever defended at a different venue," said Leischman, who was two second-place finishes this year. "That probably takes a little pressure off. It is hard to win. Obviously you have to be playing well the right week. Some weeks you feel you're playing well and finish 30th. Sometimes someone just plays better than you. That happens. There's a lot of great players out there."

"There's probably 20 or 30 guys who've played it (who will be in the field), but it's been so long. So it's almost like learning a new course. I remember about half the holes. So I'll have a little more work to do early in the week."

"I remember it was quite tough. It



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was very important to be coming into greens out of the fairway. The greens were very undulating. Very firm and fast. There's an emphasis on ball-striking.

"It's how I pictured a PGA Tour course to be, before I came to America," he went on. "The season is coming to a close pretty quickly. But there's still a lot of golf to go."

The course they will all see has changed. Designer Gil Hanse, who is also overseeing a project that's going on at Merion, was brought in to bring the layout back to what Donald Ross had originally envisioned back in the late 1920s. The result is the greens have been enlarged, the fairways have been widened and some 100 bunkers have been added, bringing the total to 176. That's a little distorted, since some bunkers that were in place have been split into three or four. Hey, Aronimink was a wonderful design to begin with. Now it's only better. Which is saying something. It's longer, but length doesn't really impact the best players that much. It's a pretty stout test for a par 70. The par 3s are particularly good as a group. Some of the par 4s are downright nasty. At least for most golfers. It'll be interesting to see where they put some of the pins and how fast the greens are running and how deep the rough will be grown. Other than that ... well it's not supposed to be your average Pensacola Open.

After all, Aronimink will be hosting the LPGA Championship in 2020 and a PGA Championship in 2027. Gary Player won the PGA title there in 1962, and the club was scheduled to be the site again in 1993 but had to withdraw late since it didn't comply with minority membership policies at the time. It's also the home course of Jay Sigel, one of the greatest amateur golfers of all time.

"When you're asked to come in for something like this, you have to respect everything (Ross) put into the landscape, that genius," said Hanse, who built the course they used for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Brazil. "You just want it to still make sense for the modern game. So how do you recapture that?"

"We had the aerial images from back then, and worked off them. We'll have hole locations that you couldn't have seen in 2010 or '11. We wanted to restore the scale of the golf course to his vision. Throughout the process we thought about angles. Now it's better to be on certain sides of the fairway instead of just trying to be in the fairway. That's why we made them wider. We actually shortened the (par 4) fifth hole. We brought back some elements that were lost over time, because of the encroachment of the rough.

"Bunkers are now in clusters. The different layers show off the elevation changes. We repainted his picture. No question it's going to shine come

September."

And since many of the trees are gone from a decade ago, everything is opened up to offer some stunning vistas. You can stand at certain parts of the course and see parts of as many as 10 or 12 holes. Which is how famed Oakmont evolved near Pittsburgh. And Philadelphia Cricket. Nothing wrong with that.

"We had to convince the membership how to make it better. Ultimately it was the right thing to do, and it all fell into place. We hope it will be a true test. No matter what the scores are, it's a great golf course. (Ross's) genius and design skill will come through."

Even Sigel admits he was a bit skeptical at first. But he's been converted into a believer. And his opinion counts as much as anyone's.

"I think it will be very exciting," he said. "How could you make Donald Ross better? Which had already been viewed and reviewed a number of times by so-called experts. We're very lucky to have had Gil on this. The (previous) re-dos weren't really as good as they could have been. So what he's done, I think you're going to hear a lot about it. I'm very pleased.

"I mean the bunkering, to go from 70-some to 170 seems amusing, but the bunkers now are far more playable. So that makes it more fun for the player. I thought it was a little overkill. But the beauty, I would call him an artist. To put this together, we can be really, really happy with what we've got here. To me, it all makes sense, if you listen to him. It's really making a picture 3-D. Or 4-D, 5-D if there's such a thing. That's pretty cool."

The biggest winner, as is often the case, might be the charity. Run by the Western Golf Association, it supports the Chick Evans Foundation caddie scholarship program. Since 2007 it has raised over 27 million for the cause, and all the proceeds go towards making sure young people get the help to get their adult lives started. This year local caddies from nine Golf Association of Philadelphia clubs who are going to Penn State will be the beneficiaries. And money is also establishing a scholarship house in Happy Valley to house present and future recipients. It should be completed by the fall of 2019.

Aronimink was one of Ross's prized creations. It's easy to see why. We think the top of the food chain will agree.

This, by the way, is the 11th year of the FedEx Cup playoffs. Hard to believe. Other previous BMW champions are Woods (2007 and '09), Camilo Villegas ('08), Dustin Johnson ('10 and '16), Rose ('11), Rory McIlroy ('12), Zach Johnson ('13), Billy Horschel ('14) and Jason Day ('15). So there's some pretty serious names who've lifted this hardware. And as a wise man once said, it's mostly about the company you keep.

So who might it be this time? We'll find out soon enough.



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# Koepka Repeats at Shinnecock U.S. Open



Shinnecock Hills Southampton, N.Y.



Brooks Koepka kisses the Golf Champion Trophy after winning the U.S. Open Golf Championship, Sunday

By MIKE KERN

Brooks Koepka was your defending U.S. Open champion. So why was he only installed as the ninth favorite to win it again in the pretournament betting odds, albeit behind many of the usual suspects? After all, he was also ninth in the world rankings. But Tiger Woods was 16-1, mostly just because. Hey, it happens, especially when Tiger's involved.

Maybe it had something to do with the fact that this was only Koepka's eighth start of the season, thanks to a wrist injury he had to deal with earlier this year that was thought to even be potentially career-threatening. Yet he did have three top-six finishes (and no worse than a 13th) in his previous five majors, including last year's national championship at Erin Hills, where he ran away from the field on the final nine to shoot 16-under, which was four lower than anyone else. So there was that.

Anyway, by the time the dust had settled at Shinnecock Hills on Father's Day, they were handing another trophy to the 28-year-old Floridian. Who, by the way, has only one other PGA Tour first on his resume, the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open. Can't make that up, although in fairness he has seven more victories around the globe. Still, that's a pretty decent ratio.

In case you're wondering, next year's Open moves back to the opposite coast at Pebble Beach. And yes, Willie Anderson is the only man to win this major three straight times. That was back in 1903-05. Koepka is the seventh to go back-to-back, joining Bobby Jones (1929-30), Ralph Guldahl (1937-38), Ben Hogan (1950-51, with the first coming at Merion) and Curtis Strange (1988-89), who was there to congratulate Koepka as he walked off the 72nd green as a member of the Fox coverage crew who actually got to follow Koepka around during the final round.

You know what they say about the company you keep.

For awhile it looked like the ultimate winner might be the course, which had been the source of much controversy when it last hosted this thing in 2004. On Sunday that year the green on the par-3 7th became so impossible to stay on

that the USGA took to watering it between groups. Not the kind of look you want. But this time, on Saturday, the place became borderline unfair, at least in a few spots. The problem was created, as it usually is, largely by the wind, which kicked up in the afternoon. But the forecast had called for that. So why did the USGA put a few pins in spots they shouldn't have been in, which made the face of the organization, Mike Davis, go on TV and acknowledge they had made a mistake? By then of course it was too late. And several players were critical of what had transpired.

Phil Mickelson even went so far as to hit his ball as it was rolling back to him on one of the greens on the back side that had turned borderline unfair. He said later the 2-stroke penalty he was given was better than having to play the ball from where it would have ended up. OK, so he was ticked. At 48, the record six-time runnerup looks like he might never get the one major that's eluded him. But he has to be better than that. He's not John Daly, who did something similar in the 1999 Open at Pinehurst. There were many that called for him to be disqualified, or just withdraw. But neither had much realistic chance of actually happening, for whatever reasons. Once more, it wasn't a good look. Especially from one of the game's best ambassadors. A lot of folks were understandably not happy. But the world will continue to spin. And Lefty, who wasn't apologizing, would tie for 48th, following up his 81 with a closing 69, his second in three days.

He was still better off (we think) than Woods, Jason Day, 2015 champ Jordan Spieth and 2011 champ Rory McIlroy, who all missed the cut. It was that kind of week.

Dustin Johnson, who won in 2016 at Oakmont after nearly winning the year before that at Chambers Bay, was leading by four after 36 holes, when he was the only player under par. Then he shot 77 on Saturday, when he said he didn't really play that badly. And he was probably right. It was that kind of afternoon, just what you figure you're going to get from the USGA at some point. It's what can occur when you take a course to the edge, which admittedly is what

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# Park Takes LPGA ShopRite Classic



The Stockton Seaview Club House

By **MIKE KERN**

**GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J.** – Annie Park, who was born in the Bronx and lives on Long Island, had played in only four LPGA events this season before the 54-hole ShopRite Classic. She began the year with conditional status, made it into one tournament via a Monday qualifier and was 146th on the priority list. Which means she mostly got into the ShopRite field because enough players opted not to come, in large part since it fell the week after the U.S. Open on the schedule.

Yet she had won the NCAA championship in 2013 as a freshman at Southern Cal. So she'd shown what was possible. And for three days on the Bay Course at Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club, Park finally proved that she might have what it takes to get it done at the next level too.

It's the biggest annual sporting event at the South Jersey shore. And now it's the biggest thing to happen for Park, who pocketed \$262,500 for her first professional victory. Which was about half of what she had earned in her career up to that point.

"I can't really describe it in words," she said immediately afterward near the 18th green, surrounded by friends and family who were crying and laughing at the same time. "There's been a lot of struggles. But so many people supported me. Without them I couldn't be here.

"There are so many people to thank. I can't explain it. It's just amazing. It was a great day. Such a crazy day."

One she'll never forget. She started the final round, which had to be completed on Sunday morning due to bad weather the previous afternoon, four shots off the lead in a tie for fourth. She would close with an 8-under par 63, which included a three-putt for bogey at the par-5 18th from all the way across the width of the green. Didn't matter. Park, who started out 69-65, finished one ahead of Sakura Yokomine, who posted a third-round 61 to match the course record set in the second round by Sei Yong Kim.

North Jersey native Marina Alex, also going after her first pro win, got third, one in back of Kim, with a closing 64. She aced the 17th and narrowly missed an 18-foot putt for eagle at 18. It was crowd-pleasing stuff.

Kim, who closed with a 70, was fourth, one behind Alex. She needed to hole out her second shot at 18 to force a tie, but she shanked a 5-iron from 185 yards that nearly went out of bounds to the right. Not that anyone was expecting her to actually pull it off, but you never know for sure.

Park's 197 total was one off the tourney record, held by Annika Sorenstam (twice) and Anna Nordqvist.

She had won three times on the Symetra Tour in 2015. Still, this was obviously



Annie Park holds the trophy after winning the ShopRite LPGA Classic

way different. Even though her best LPGA finish had been a tie for sixth at the ShopRite two years ago. When she also had a closing 63, which by the way was her best score as a pro. And now she's done it twice.

"It helped me to have that experience," Park, who was making her 47th LPGA start, acknowledged. "I kind of got comfortable out there after the front nine. I was more nervous on the front nine, honestly. My putting was great. It was like everything I looked at went in. But just focusing on every shot was the key."

She had injuries. And went through swing changes. It's a process. Sometimes life gets in the way.

"That makes it more special," Park said. "I still can't believe I won. At times I was going, 'Oh my gosh, am I really leading?'"

She switched to a long putter in January.

"I've always struggled with my putting," she said. "It took awhile to get used to it. But I really like it."

You think?

If nothing else, Park no doubt appreciates it more. She's seen both sides of the journey.

"I think I finally got used to all the travel and being out on Tour," she said. "I felt I was more ready than ever, that my best golf was yet to come."

Even at the start of the week?

"Well, yes and no," Park smiled. "I just wanted to play my best. Whatever happens, you have to accept. I tried to think about the present moment."

Which, as it turned out, was a forever snapshot.

Who knew? It's kind of what makes golf the goofy game it is.

**TAP-INS:** Park played the first two rounds with Jackie Rogowicz, an amateur from Bucks County (Pennsbury High) who missed the cut. She's now in her senior year at Penn State ... Defending champ I.K. Kim, who struggled earlier this year after an airline lost her clubs, tied for 17th at 207. One of those she tied with was former world No. 1 Lydia Ko, who was making her first appearance at ShopRite in four years ... Ireland's Leona Maguire, the former top-ranked amateur, tied for 15th at 205 in her first pro start ... Two-time champ Anna Nordqvist also tied for 17th ... Mariah Stackhouse tied for seventh at 202. That's the best showing on the LPGA Tour by an African American since Cheyenne Woods came in sixth almost two years ago. And those are also the only two times since 1972 (Renee Powell, tie for fourth) that an African American has finished that high ... Two-time champ Stacey Lewis, who will be taking maternity leave soon, tied for 36th. So did 54-year-old Laura Davies, who remains a gallery favorite.



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Shinnecock Hills Southampton, N.Y.



Brooks Koepka shot 67 on Sunday at Shinnecock Hills to finish his tournament at even-

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a national championship should be about. I just wish they would tend to err on the side of caution rather than the other way around. And so a demolition derby broke out.

How bad was it? Well, for the first time since 2007 (at Oakmont) nobody was under par entering the final round. There were four leaders, at 3-over. The last twosome on Sunday was Tony Finau and Daniel Berger, who shot 66s on Saturday before it got nasty, when they finished several hours ahead of the final group. It was a little unreal, unless you've seen U.S. Opens before. The cut was 8-over. By the end of Saturday that would have got you into a tie for 17th.

Koepka was playing in the next-to-last pairing, with his good friend Johnson. He would card a 68, for a total of 281 on the iconic par-70 layout at the Eastern tip of Long Island. He made a bogey on the 18th, when he pulled his approach left of the green, but it didn't matter. He left himself a tap-in for the win. Tommy Fleetwood, who thrilled everyone with a 63, the second-lowest score ever in a major and the sixth time anyone's done it in a U.S. Open, got second at 282. He finished a good two hours ahead of Koepka, after missing a 10-footer for birdie at 18. He'd shot 78 a day earlier. A year before he came in fourth, five behind Koepka.

Johnson was next, at 283. His putter didn't help him over the weekend. He was trying to become the first player to win the week before the Open and then take the second major on the schedule too. The win the previous week in Memphis had put him back to No. 1 in the world.

Patrick Reed, who was trying to become the first to win the Masters and Open in the same year since Tiger in 2002, and third since Jack Nicklaus did it in 1972, made a run early on Sunday but had to settle for a 68 and 284. And Finau had a 72 for 285.

The Open will return to Shinnecock in 2026. It will return to the East coast in 2020, at Winged Foot in suburban New York. The Country Club near Boston will get it in 2022, for the first time since 1988. But it did host

a memorable Ryder Cup in 1999. And Oakmont, which might be the best course for an Open, gets it back in 2025. For the record 10th time.

Hopefully, Merion will get its sixth Open in 2030, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Jones completing the grand slam at the U.S. Amateur there. The setup is worthy. It's mostly a matter of making sure the logistics can properly be put back in order. We'll see.

Congressional, outside of the nation's capital, could be in line again at some point as well. Bethpage Black, also on Long Island, was the venue in 2002 and '09 but is instead changing its affiliation by hosting a PGA next year (the first year that event will move from August to May) and a Ryder Cup in 2024. That's the way this stuff works sometimes.

Next month's British Open will be held at Carnoustie, for the first time in 11 years and just the third time since 1975. The most infamous of course was Jean van de Velde's meltdown in 1999. Last year, Spieth pulled away from Matt Kuchar down the stretch at Royal Birkdale to win by three. He nearly won at St. Andrew's in 2015. This will be Koepka's fifth Open. He's been 10th and sixth in his last two (2015 and '17).

For those really into planning ahead, the PGA Championship (the last time it will be the last major of the year) will be at Bellerive near St. Louis. The last time it was there, in 1992, the winner was Nick Price, who would capture two more majors (British, another PGA) two years later.

Koepka is one of only three players under 30 with multiple majors, joining Spieth (three) and McIlroy (four). Not too shabby, for a later-bloomer.

It might be interesting to see how much of a factor he can be when the U.S. tries to win a Ryder Cup on European soil (this time in France for the first time), something it hasn't been able to do since 1993. He made his debut two years ago at Hazeltine and went 3-1-0 as the Americans won for the first time since 2008. But going over there can be different. First things first though. There's still two majors to go, the weeks that define careers. The first two, flaws and all, have kept us tuned in until the end. That's never a bad thing.

Yes, there were issues at Shinnecock. You just hope they're not the images that linger most. Because the golf, specifically on Sunday, was up to the moment. A moment that ultimately belonged to one. And history.

Koepka said he was confident coming in. He was right.





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In recent years, the Outer Banks has morphed into a true golf destination — North Carolina's No. 3 destination according to Golf Advisor — with an array of courses more closely tied to nature's coastal elements than most along the East Coast, all at a cost that won't break the bank. The Outer Banks offers everything a golfer looks for when enjoying a golf vacation — well-manicured courses, world-class restaurants, a variety of housing options and unique activities other than golf. Plenty of "shore" things make the Outer Banks of North Carolina a perfect destination for an affordable autumn golf excursion.

For larger groups headed for the barrier islands and their nearby inland activities, an ideal itinerary might include renting a spacious and well-appointed golf cottage like the one situated next to the clubhouse at Kilmarlic Golf Club. The Club Cottage offers four comfortable bedroom suites with master baths, a large adjoining living area and fully equipped kitchen, and is picturesquely perched adjacent to the clubhouse, practice area and first tee box.

Kilmarlic is currently constructing 18 new cottages on the property. These cottages are two bedrooms, each with its own bath, along with a loft that has two more twin beds, meaning a total of six golfers or a family can comfortably stay in one cottage. Thirteen of the cottages are designed around a 5,000-square-foot, lighted putting green, with five others set on a small pond. In addition to the putting green, there is also now a four-hole Short Course, offering a quartet of par-3 holes that play between 27 and 40 yards. So grab your lob wedge with your other hand, slide the porch door open and walk out on the course in your bare feet for a few side bets with your buddies as the sun goes down. For golf groups Kilmarlic also offers breakfast and will host an occasional pig-pickin'.

And Kilmarlic's golf is pretty good too. The popular Tom Steele design is nestled along the marshland of the Albemarle Sound and serves as annual host of the Old Dominion/Outer Banks collegiate championship each autumn. A wonderful mainland course amidst 605 beautiful acres of maritime forest provides a pure OBX layout with water and wetlands virtually in play at all times.

As the southernmost course, Nags Head Golf Links provides a different playing experience on a daily basis. Uniquely and gorgeously situated along the Roanoke Sound, with its ninth and 18th holes finishing hard along the sound-side waters, the layout is shaped by its constant coastal winds. Bob Moore designed this seaside stunner in 1986 and Golf Digest almost immediately dubbed it "the longest 6,126 yards you'll ever play."

Up in Corolla, The Currituck Club, routed by Rees Jones, rolls across diverse coastal terrain with sound-side views distinctly its own. The grandest design along the coast is also the area's most exacting, particularly when the wind

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Currituck Club Golf Course, North Carolina-9



Pointe Golf Club, North Carolina

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kicks up. Jones is known for moving large amounts of dirt during construction, which is part of the reason his finished product offers a true, championship feel. You won't find a weak hole here and the par-3s are particularly stunning, including two that play over water. The best is arguably the signature sixth, located at the hub of the front nine where four holes converge, which plays anywhere from 150 to 200 yards over water, with stunning views of the Currituck Sound off in the background.

While there is golf to be found out on the island, those courses are fewer and farther between along this protective strip of ocean paradise. Of course, they are unusually good, but sometimes an escape to the "quiet" side is really what is desired — to the haunts where the "locals play."

The Pointe Golf Club is the area's most player-friendly design and features a peaceful setting. In fact, it is the only course in the area that is not in a residential community. What also makes a round at The Pointe enticing is the fact that little or no development surrounds the traditional design, though a few scattered farm buildings and even a couple of family graveyards add to the throwback ambiance.

At a par of 71 with five par-3s, The Pointe can usually be played in four hours, which means more time exploring the area. Overlooking the Currituck Sound, The Pointe is a wonderful Russell Breeden design that broke ground in the mid-1990s and then became a groundbreaking achievement as a pioneer in golf course turf management. Since the course was built on a turf farm, it was only natural that the

staff devoted its time to the finest playing conditions — and that process continues to this day. The Pointe Golf Club's A-1 bentgrass greens are considered second to none.

Meanwhile, the seventh hole at The Carolina Club is one of the most memorable offerings along the entire North Carolina coast. An island green aged to perfection can create that kind of legend. The 166-yard one-shotter features a TPC Sawgrass-type island green with water, water everywhere. It's truly an experience to be had. Still, The Carolina Club is more than a one-hole wonder. The Pointe's sister course features a strong mix of holes with several scenic par-3s and two good risk-reward par-5s to complete each nine. As the longest OBX course, it will delight you with liquid challenges that are often compounded by ever-shifting coastal breezes.

When you are budgeting your fall trip to the Outer Banks, don't forget scheduling time for experiences away from the links. From the time Orville and Wilbur Wright first took flight in the updrafts of Kitty Hawk, the Outer Banks have gained renown for far more than relaxing, wide sandy beaches, mild year-round temperatures and historical attractions. For those who like hunting lighthouses as much as they do birdies, the region is also well known for a beautiful string of lighthouses that stretch from Corolla in the north all the way to Cape Hatteras in the south.

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By **TONY LEODORA**  
**The Traveling Golfer**

Most people can remember their first Myrtle Beach golf trip in much the same way.

A young group of golfers – usually making the trip in jam-packed cars/vans. Crowding into hotel rooms. Playing as much golf as possible. Gorging themselves at Calabash seafood buffets. Out late enjoying the local nightlife. Repeat each day, until rest is critically needed.

Not that there was anything wrong with that.

We all grow older. The body grows weaker. Tastes (thankfully) change.

In the year 2018 many people are looking for a more civilized Myrtle Beach golf trip.

To answer that trend – over the last 20 years – upscale golf courses have been built. Restaurants cater to more refined tastes. Accommodations have reached new levels of comfort ... even luxury.

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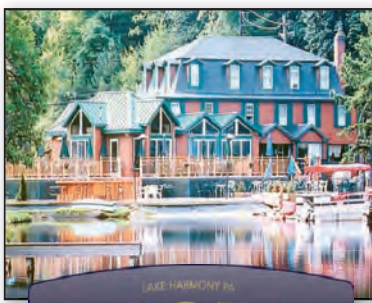
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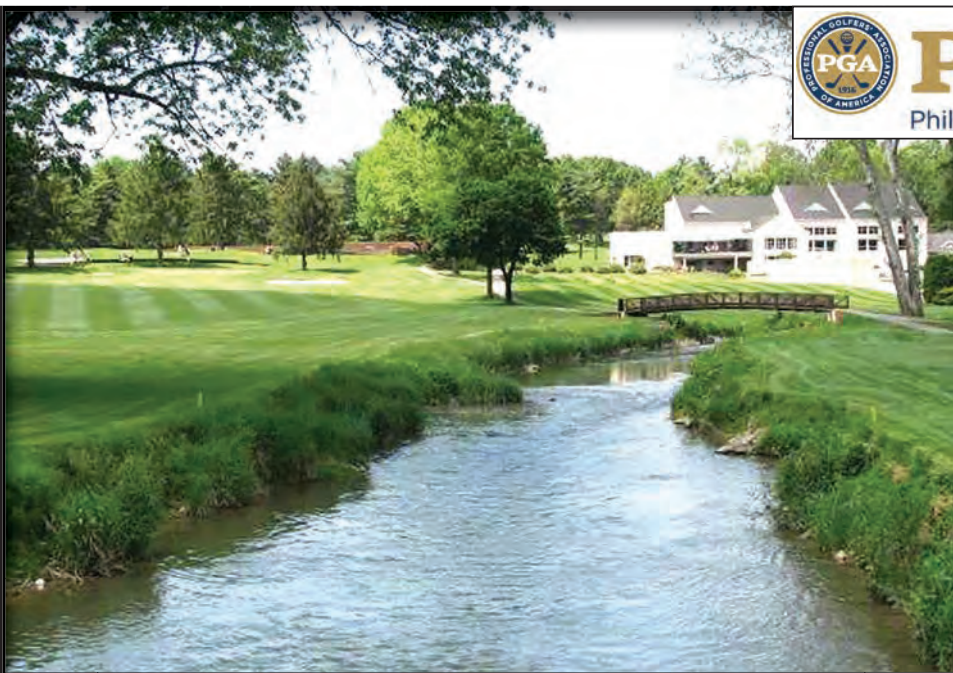
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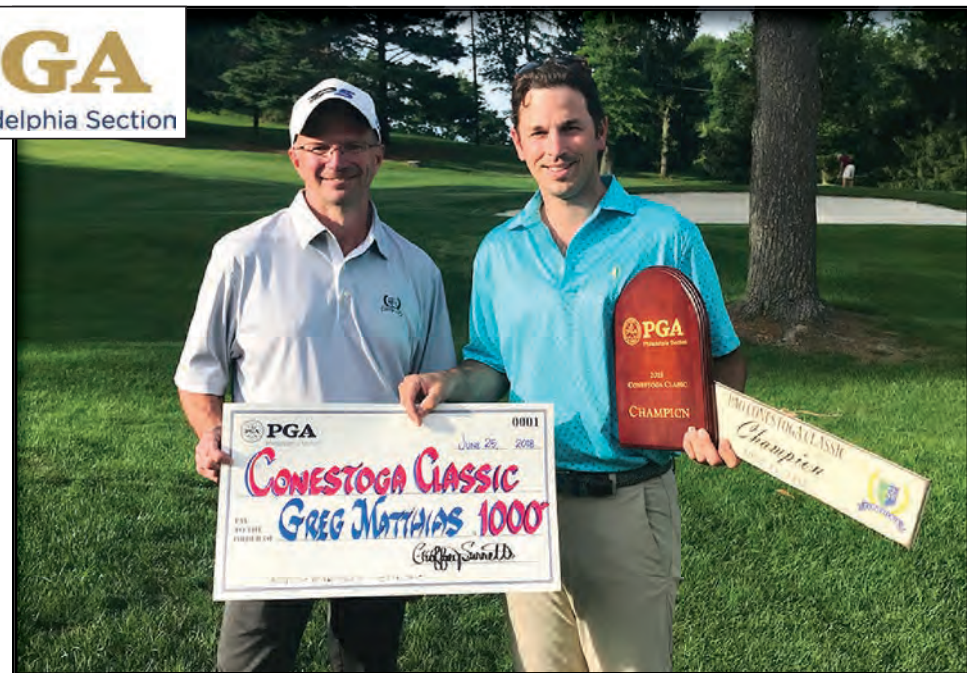
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# Tavistock's Matthias Goes Low to Win Conestoga Classic



Conestoga Country Club, Lancaster, PA



Tavistock's Greg Matthias Goes Low to Win Conestoga Classic

## Philadelphia PGA

Lancaster, Pa. – On a beautiful early summer day, the Philadelphia PGA traveled into Amish Country and Lancaster County for the 2018 edition of the Conestoga Classic. Even with the heavy rains that came through overnight the golf course was in near perfect condition.

Playing in the tournament's first pairing, 2017 Conestoga Classic runner-up Brian Bergstol (Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort) posted the tournament's first under par score with a 2-under (68). Bergstol carded three birdies and two bogeys on his outward nine to make the turn at 1-under. As he played his way back to the clubhouse Bergstol carded two additional birdies and one bogey to post his second 1-under split en route to his 2-under overall number.

With the rest of the field to play, Bergstol needed to watch the leaderboard to see if his number was good enough for a win. However as group after group finished it looked as though the closest anyone would get would be even par. The first player to post an even par score was Alex Knoll (Bethlehem Country Club). Knoll had two birdies and two bogeys on his round to finish at even par. The next to join Knoll at that number was Rich Steinmetz (Spring Ford Country Club). Although Steinmetz had four birdies on his day, his four bogeys would ultimately bring him back to even par. The final player to finish at even par was Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook Country Club). McCormick got off to a fast start with birdies on his first three holes but that is where his luck ran out. McCormick went on to post a bogey on his ninth hole as well as a double bogey on the par-4 12th hole to join the players at even par.

However a player in the tournament's next to last group had his own plan. Greg Matthias (Tavistock Country Club) played a near perfect round of golf as he made his way around the 6400 yards long golf course. Matthias carded four birdies through his first nine holes to make the turn at 4-under. Matthias quickly added a fifth birdie on the par-5 10th to get to 5-under par. Matthias'

lone bogey came at the par-4 13th hole but he quickly recovered to post two additional birdies on holes 14 and 16 respectively giving him a final score of 6-under (64) and his first Philadelphia PGA points win.

"I felt really good coming into today's tournament," said Matthias. "I need to thank my head professional Pat Butkus for helping me out with my posture and putting leading into the round. I had a couple of early birdies and that gave me a lot of confidence for the rest of the day. This is my first Section win and it feels great to join the long list of tournament winners in the Philadelphia Section. I also have to thank Robert Leeman and the membership and staff of Conestoga Country Club for their support of this event."

Leading the way in the tournament's senior division was a trio of players who all finished with scores of 1-over (71). John Allen (Huntingdon Valley Country Club), Rob Shuey (Colonial Golf Club), and Terry Hertzog (Country Club of York) shared the top spot and will split the first place points in today's event.

The Conestoga Classic also featured a super senior division. Finishing in the top spot in the super senior division was Don DeAngelis (Center Square Golf Club). DeAngelis carded a 1-under (69) to finish three shots clear of division runner-up George Forster (Radnor Valley Country Club). Rounding out the top three was Bill Sautter (Philadelphia Cricket Club) who finished with a score of 3-over (73).

Matthias also took the top spot in the Philadelphia Assistants' Organization (PAO) event which was taking place at the same time. Matthias once again finished four shots clear of tournament runner-up Brian Bergstol.

The Section would like to thank the members and staff of Conestoga Country Club for hosting our event as well as our tournament sponsors, Jani-King, Golf Max and the PGA Tour.

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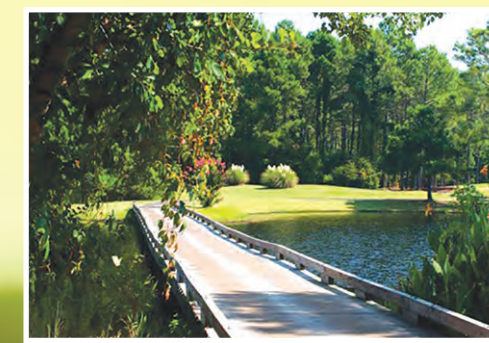
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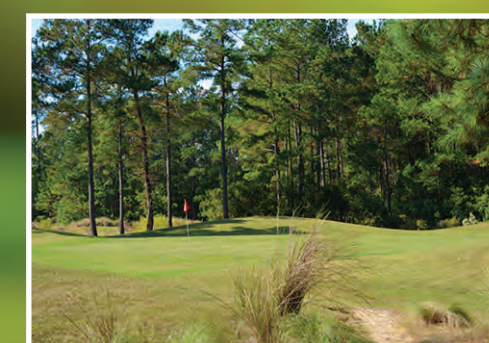
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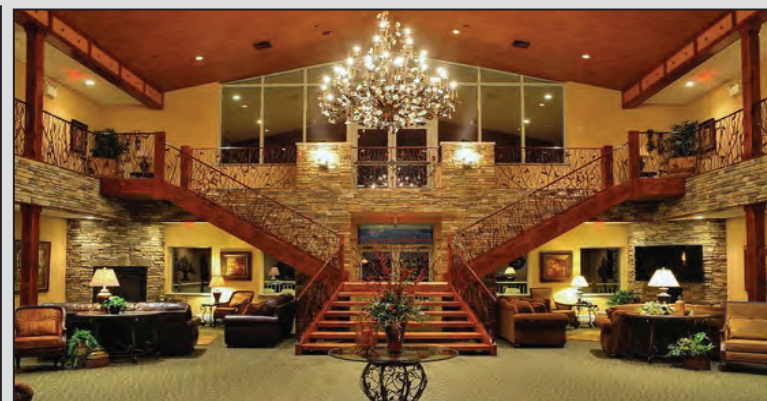
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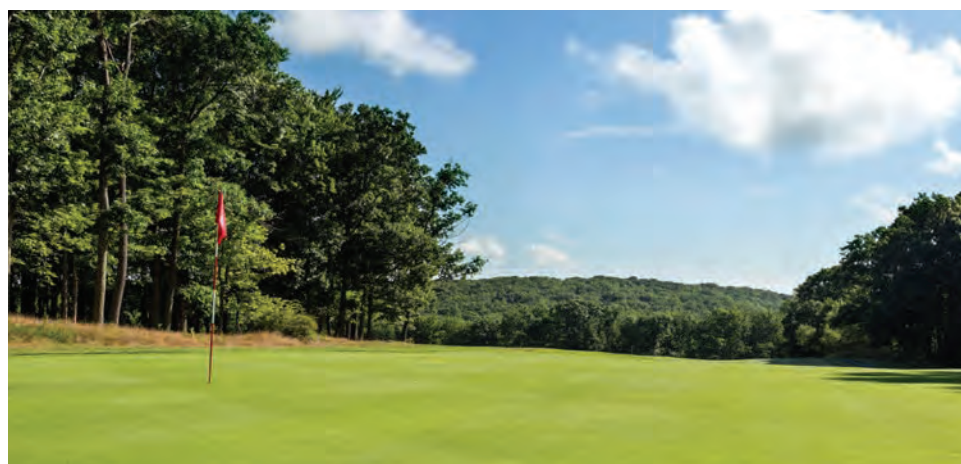
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Will Gruppo (Glen Brook)	66

### TEAM LOW NET

Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	56
Brad Paukovits (Whitetail)	56
Evan Grube (Morgan Hill)	63





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# Philadelphia PGA Section

## SCOREBOARD



### Jack Jolly/Golf Pride Championship

Trump Nat'l G.C.-Phila - Pine Hill, NJ Par 71

	R1	R2	Total
Brett Melton Radley Run CC	35	32	67 -4
Mark Sheftic Merion GC	32	36	68 -3
Mike Tobiason Deerfield GC	32	36	68 -3
Billy Stewart ACE Club	33	36	69 -2
Corey McAlarney Squires GC	35	34	69 -2
Stu Ingraham M Golf Range	36	33	69 -2
Ashley Grier Overbrook GC	37	33	70 -1
Dave Quinn Philmont CC	38	32	70 -1
Alex Knoll Bethlehem GC	34	36	70 -1
Ross Seaman Manufacturers GCC	38	33	71 E
Michael Congdon Aronimink GC	37	34	71 E
Zachary Kempa Chester Valley GC	36	35	71 E
Brendon Post University of Delaware	39	33	72 +1
Greg Farrow Deerwood CC	36	36	72 +1
Terry Hertzog CC of York	36	36	72 +1
Jakob Gerney Trump National GC- Philly	37	36	73 +2
Michael Little Lookaway GC	39	34	73 +2
John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	36	37	73 +2
Trevor Bensel Overbrook GC	37	36	73 +2
Dustin McCormick Glen Brook GC	35	38	73 +2
Brian Bergstol Shawnee Inn and GR	38	35	73 +2
John Spina Philadelphia Cricket Club	38	36	74 +3
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	38	36	74 +3
Andrew Turner Sunnybrook GC	38	36	74 +3

### Conestoga Classic

Conestoga Country Club, Lancaster, PA Par 70

	Total
Greg Matthias Tavistock CC	-6 64
Brian Bergstol Shawnee Inn and GR	-2 68
Alex Knoll Bethlehem GC	E 70
Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	E 70
Dustin McCormick Glen Brook GC	E 70
Pat Butkus Tavistock CC	+1 71
John Allen Huntingdon Valley CC	+1 71
Rob Shuey Colonial GC	+1 71
Corey McAlarney Squires GC	+1 71
Joe Kogelman GolfTEC Moorestown	+1 71
Terry Hertzog CC of York	+1 71
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	+2 72
Matthew Hillier Pine Valley GC	+2 72
Michael Little Lookaway GC	+2 72
Billy Stewart ACE Club	+2 72
Mike Paukovits St. Davids GC	+2 72
Andrew Geesey Meadia Heights GC	+3 73
Rusty Harbold Philadelphia Cricket Club	+3 73
Ben Schlesman Manufacturers GCC	+3 73
Brett Melton Radley Run CC	+3 73
Jaime Gylan Royal Manchester GL	+3 73
Bill Sautter Philadelphia Cricket Club	+3 73
Steve Swartz Out Door CC	+3 73
Bob Lennon Wilmington CC	+3 73

### AC Team Stableford Championship

Hidden Creek GC - Egg Harbor Twnshp, NJ Par 71

TEAM	Points Total
Parson/Matik/Klingert/Clark	91
Wetherbee/Meis/Meisenzahl/Maglio	86
Kulhamer/Lusto/Wilson/Leon	86
Gebhart/Dobbeck/Hovis/Terroso	85
Trauner/Davis/Gmitter/Borgia	85
Shine/Gerdelmann/Manfred/Petrellis	83
McCormick/Fuller/Higgins/Rosetti	82
Hall/Shanahan/Delvescovo/Mansueto	82
Figueroa/Stein/Reynolds/McCabe	82
Lagergren/Kahn/O'Doherty/Valyo	81
Borsavage/Schaefer/Burns/Enwright	79
Madsen/Hill/Goddard/Menet	79
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Ladden/Larosa/Von Urff/Bricker	76
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Walker/Shetler/Gepp/Iberti	75
DiMarco/Celluzzi/Zimmer/Cooper	74
Robinson/Sharkey Jr/Pasquariello/Craven	74
Mackay/Foster/Davis/Slonim	74

### Connelly Cup-Head Pro Champshp

Applebrook GC, Malvern, PA Par 71

	Total
John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	-6 65
Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	-3 68
Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	-2 69
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	E 71
Scott Chisholm Rolling Green GC	E 71
Scott Reilly Philadelphia CC	E 71
Mike Tobiason Deerfield GC	E 71
Tom Michaels Berkshire CC	+2 73
Ryan Shaughnessy Woodstone CC	+2 73
Mike Molino The CC of Scranton	+2 73
David Clark Pine Valley GC	+3 74
Mike Wood Saucon Valley CC	+3 74
Ryan Lagergren Stonewall	+3 74
Dustin McCormick Glen Brook GC	+3 74
Eric Kennedy Overbrook GC	+4 75
John DiMarco Laurel Creek CC	+4 75
Kyle Tasselmyer CC at Woodloch Springs	+4 75
Michael Ferguson Philadelphia Cricket Club	+5 76
Dave Pagett Whitmarsh Valley CC	+5 76
Pat Butkus Tavistock CC	+5 76
John Kellogg Radley Run CC	+5 76
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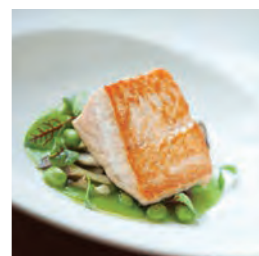
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# Update On 2018 BMW Championship

## The Perfect Outing For Business Or Pleasure



Aronimink Clubhouse Hole #8 Photo by Russell Kirk

Aronimink Clubhouse Hole #18 Photo by Russell Kirk

**NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa.**— Whether you're a golf fan who is looking to entertain a business client or chaperoning your children to their first PGA TOUR event, the BMW Championship at Aronimink Golf Club, September 4-9, is the ultimate opportunity to experience world-class golf in the greater Philadelphia region this year.

With 18 scenic holes that have been restored to their original 1928 Donald Ross blueprint by Malvern-based course architect Gil Hanse, Aronimink is the perfect site for fans of all ages to watch the top 70 players in the PGA TOUR FedExCup standings compete for the historic J.K. Wadley Trophy and one of 30 coveted spots in the TOUR Championship in Atlanta.

Hospitality and daily and weekly ticket options are still available at many price points, so fans who want to witness the topnotch competition on Aronimink's historic course still have the opportunity to reserve a spot at this unforgettable event.

Daily grounds tickets, which include both weekly booklets and single day options, allow patrons access to the tournament grounds and public seating. Trophy Club ticket holders gain access to overlook the 14th green, as well as the tournament grounds on a single tournament day. For even greater access, Clubhouse tickets are valid one day only with access to the Aronimink clubhouse, as well as the Trophy Club overlooking the 14th green and the tournament grounds. An all-inclusive food and beverage single day ticket option is also available with the 1899 Club ticket, with tournament grounds and special 15th green access.

Small and mid-sized businesses have the opportunity to host clients and prospects in one of several exclusive hospitality venues at the iconic golf club. The 2018 BMW Championship's Green Coat Club offers the perfect opportunity to entertain clients greenside while watching a field of the PGA TOUR's top 70 players compete in the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR FedExCup Playoffs.

The Green Coat Club provides a premium hospitality experience with the most spectacular views of the golf

course, including access to stadium seating along the 9th and 18th greens and an exclusive second-floor Skybar overlooking both holes. Green Coat Club patrons also have VIP valet parking privileges at the steps of Aronimink's iconic clubhouse, as well as access inside the clubhouse throughout the day, where the club's executive chef, Jim Byrnes, will be serving local and regional delicacies.

For businesses looking to entertain clients throughout tournament week, the 2018 BMW Championship is proud to offer the Donald Ross Club. Named for the iconic golf course architect who designed Aronimink and many other classic courses, this upscale hospitality venue provides executives the opportunity to treat clients to the elegant surroundings of Aronimink's grand ballroom with open seating, live tournament coverage on big screen televisions and private, upscale accommodations. The tickets also include complimentary continental breakfast, full lunch buffet, afternoon hors d'oeuvres and open bar service.

Donald Ross Club patrons have access to an exclusive viewing platform with views of the 8th and 10th greens. The Donald Ross Club includes 10 tournament-round tickets per day, Thursday through Sunday.

The BMW Championship has been named the PGA TOUR's Tournament of the Year a record four times. All net proceeds from the 2018 BMW Championship will be used to fund Platt Evans Scholarships for caddies attending Penn State University and to establish a scholarship house at Penn State-University Park, where scholarship recipients will live together. Since 2007, the BMW Championship has raised \$27 million for student scholarships for caddies of modest means.

This year, Parker Bria of Huntington Valley Country Club, John McCormick of Manufacturers' Golf and Country Club, and William Morris of Philadelphia Cricket Club were awarded the Platt Evans Scholarship and will start school in the fall.

For more information about the 2018 BMW Championship and to secure your tickets today, visit [www.bmwchampionship.com](http://www.bmwchampionship.com).

### PGA Tour Golf Rankings - Money List 2018

Rank	Player	Wins	Top 10	Money
1	Justin Thomas	2	6	\$5,843,300
2	Dustin Johnson	2	8	\$5,599,752
3	Justin Rose	2	7	\$5,007,303
4	Patrick Reed	1	7	\$4,486,125
5	Bryson DeChambeau	1	7	\$4,273,598
6	Jason Day	2	4	\$4,200,887
7	Brooks Koepka	1	3	\$3,955,417
8	Phil Mickelson	1	6	\$3,939,971
9	Bubba Watson	3	5	\$3,740,485
10	Webb Simpson	1	6	\$3,708,918
11	Tony Finau	0	6	\$3,318,222
12	Patton Kizzire	2	4	\$3,209,701
13	Rickie Fowler	0	4	\$3,180,897
14	Marc Leishman	0	6	\$3,120,596
15	Jon Rahm	1	4	\$3,070,168
16	Patrick Cantlay	1	5	\$2,860,039
17	Tommy Fleetwood	0	4	\$2,738,680
18	Paul Casey	1	5	\$2,732,620
19	Pat Perez	1	4	\$2,701,828
20	Aaron Wise	1	2	\$2,563,642
21	Luke List	0	5	\$2,534,209
22	Chesson Hadley	0	6	\$2,502,722
23	Rory McIlroy	1	3	\$2,502,063
24	Henrik Stenson	0	5	\$2,412,647
25	Alex Noren	0	3	\$2,411,126
26	Chez Reavie	0	3	\$2,370,611
27	Xander Schauffele	0	4	\$2,357,790
28	Brian Harman	0	8	\$2,350,930
29	Ian Poulter	1	3	\$2,324,927
30	Andrew Landry	1	4	\$2,269,617
31	Kyle Stanley	0	4	\$2,213,020
32	Brendan Steele	1	3	\$2,189,548
33	Cameron Smith	0	5	\$2,158,880
34	Gary Woodland	1	2	\$2,065,756
35	Jordan Spieth	0	4	\$2,055,894
36	Emiliano Grillo	0	5	\$1,998,661
37	Austin Cook	1	2	\$1,929,136
38	Charles Howell III	0	4	\$1,928,319
39	Si Woo Kim	0	4	\$1,910,948
40	Jimmy Walker	0	4	\$1,905,512
41	Kevin Kisner	0	3	\$1,898,669
42	Scott Piercy	1	2	\$1,804,049
43	Billy Horschel	1	2	\$1,781,351
44	Byeong Hun An	0	3	\$1,779,524
45	Keegan Bradley	0	3	\$1,739,217
46	Ted Potter, Jr.	1	1	\$1,735,138
47	Rafa Cabrera Bello	0	3	\$1,632,869
48	Beau Hossler	0	4	\$1,604,961
49	Charl Schwartzel	0	3	\$1,602,147
50	Peter Uihlein	0	4	\$1,574,178
51	Kevin Na	0	3	\$1,546,854
52	Brian Gay	0	3	\$1,509,851
53	Tiger Woods	0	2	\$1,505,312



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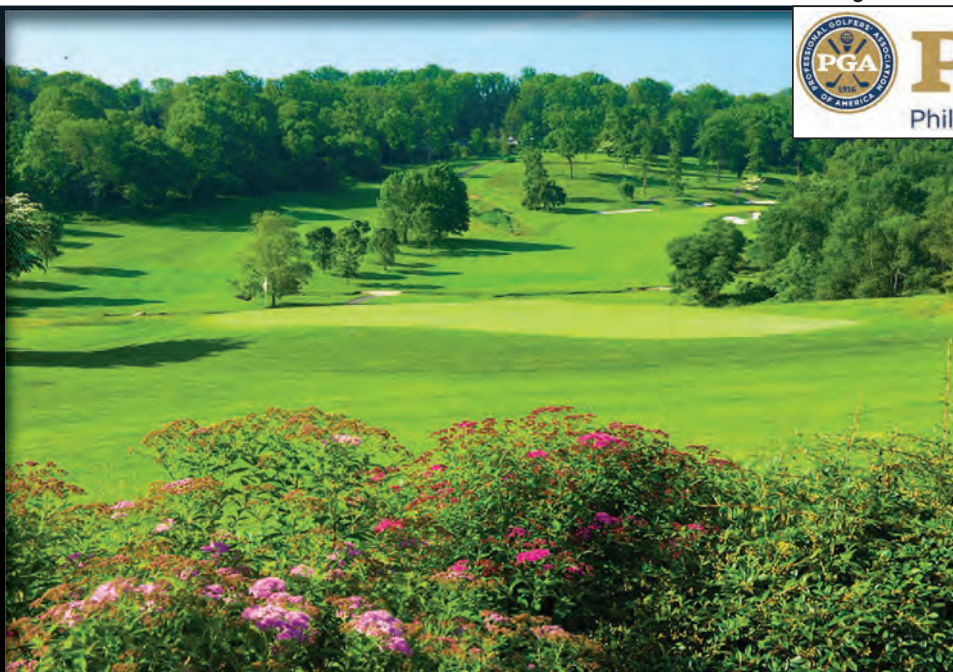


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# Matthias Wins Wm. Hyndman III Memorial Classic



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Tavistock's Greg Matthias Wins Hyndman Memorial Classic

Philadelphia PGA

**HUNTINGDON VALLEY, Pa.** – The 2018 edition of the William Hyndman III Memorial Classic was played on Monday, July 9 at perennial host course Huntingdon Valley Country Club. This year's tournament brought together 140 Philadelphia PGA professionals to compete in the Section's seventh Omega Player of the Year points event presented by the Haverford Trust Company. The event also served as a points event for the Section's Philadelphia Assistants' Organization (PAO). The PAO event featured 50 players most of which were also competing in the main event.

Three players in the tournament's morning wave set the early pace as each carded a score of 2-under (68) to share the lead. The first player to reach the number was Eric Kennedy (Overbrook Golf Club). Kennedy got off to a hot start with birdies on three of his first four holes. After a bogey on the par-3 5th hole, Kennedy quickly recovered and posted consecutive red numbers on holes 6 & 7. With a second bogey on the tough par-4 8th hole, Kennedy made the turn at 3-under. As he played his way back to the clubhouse, Kennedy found one additional birdie but bogeys on holes 12 & 18 dropped Kennedy back to 2-under for the day.

The first player to join Kennedy with a score of 2-under (68) was Michael Little (Lookaway Golf Club). Like Kennedy, Little got his tournament started on Huntingdon Valley's first hole. As he played the outward nine, Little traded two birdies and two bogeys to make the turn at even par. However, as he played the back nine, Little played great golf managing to card two additional birdies joining Kennedy at the top of the leaderboard.

The final player to post a score of 2-under (68) in the morning wave was Alex Knoll (Bethlehem Golf Club). Unlike Kennedy and Little, Knoll got his tournament underway on the 10th hole at Huntingdon Valley. Despite a quick start with two early birdies, Knoll made the turn at even par after bogeys on holes 15 & 17. As Knoll played the course's front nine, his back nine, he once again got off to a quick start and found himself 3-under for the tournament with only two holes to play. Unfortunately for Knoll a bogey on the par-4 8th hole dropped him back to 2-under and into a first play tie.

With the morning wave in the house, the players in the afternoon now knew the number to beat. However, as groups finished no one was able to best the players at 2-under but two additional players did manage to join the group. Playing in the first group off the 10th hole in the afternoon, Zac Oakley (Waynesborough Country Club) was the next player to finish with a 2-under (68). After a bogey on his second hole of the day, Oakley quickly recovered with three birdies and an eagle on the par-5 15th hole to make the turn at 4-under. Unfortunately for Oakley that is where his luck ran out as he bogeyed two of his final three holes to finish at 2-under becoming the fourth player to tie for the lead.

The fifth and final player to finish at 2-under (68) was Greg Matthias (Tavistock Country Club). Matthias, also starting on the 10th hole, paired one birdie and one bogey to make the turn at even par. As his played Huntingdon Valley's outward nine, Matthias birdie holes 2, 3, and 5 to jump out to a one shot lead. However an untimely bogey on the par-5 7th hole dropped Matthias back to 2-under which is where he finished to become the last to join the leaders.

With no other players finishing at 2-under or better, the five players, Kennedy, Little,

Knoll, Oakley, and Matthias headed out to Huntingdon Valley's 18th hole for the first of hole of sudden death. On the first playoff hole Knoll, Matthias, and Oakley all carded pars and moved on to the second playoff hole (hole #1). With all three players nearly driving the green, it was Matthias and Oakley who walked away with birdies and moved on to the third playoff hole (hole #17). With neither player finding the green on the difficult par-3 it was Matthias who managed to get up and down for par crowning him champion of the 2018 William Hyndman III Memorial Classic, his second consecutive points victory.

"Getting my first win at Conestoga definitely gave me a lot of confidence" said Matthias. "We have so many good players in our Section so to walk away with consecutive wins is a great experience. The playoff had so many great players so it means a lot to be able to walk away the winner. I want to thank all of our sponsors today as well as the membership and staff of Huntingdon Valley Country Club for their support."

In the tournament's senior division Dave McNabb (Applebrook Golf Club) walked away with the top spot. Although McNabb finished one shot off the lead in the tournament's main division his score of 1-under (69) was good enough for a two shot senior win. Finishing in solo second place was George Forster (Radnor Valley Country Club) who posted a 1-over (71). Rounding out the top three was Greg Farrow (Deerwood Country Club) was finished with a score of 2-over (72).

Don DeAngelis (Center Square Golf Club) walked away as the tournament's super senior champion. DeAngelis carded a 3-over (73) for a six shot victory in the division.

Matthias was a dual champion as his first place finish in the tournament's main event also gave him the top spot in today's PAO tournament. With the exception of Eric Kennedy the other members of the tournament playoff were also members of the PAO meaning Alex Knoll, Michael Little, and Zac Oakley will share the runner-up spot.

The Section would like to thank our tournament sponsors The Hyndman Family, Jack Jolly & Son, Golf Pride and Levelwear.

## William Hyndman III Memorial Classic Results

	R1	R2	Total
<b>Greg Matthias</b> Tavistock CC	33	35	68 -2
<b>Eric Kennedy</b> Overbrook GC	32	36	68 -2
<b>Michael Little</b> Lookaway GC	35	33	68 -2
<b>Alex Knoll</b> Bethlehem GC	33	35	68 -2
<b>Zac Oakley</b> Waynesborough CC	37	31	68 -2
<b>Dave McNabb</b> Applebrook GC	32	37	69 -1
<b>Billy Stewart</b> ACE Club	34	35	69 -1
<b>Jordan Shuey</b> West Shore CC	35	34	69 -1
<b>Andrew Turner</b> Sunnybrook GC	33	37	70 E
<b>Mike Tobiason</b> Deerfield GC	35	35	70 E



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# 18th Sam Spencer Four-Ball At Glen Oak Country Club



**John Barone (l) and Patrick Mitchell won the Open Division**



**Joe Mantione (l) and Mark Answini repeated as Senior winners.**

Winning back-to-back titles, in any event, is hard especially when you have to play well each time to do so. But that was no problem at all for Fox Hill Country Club's Mark Answini and Joe Mantione, who claimed the Senior flight (age 50 and over) of the 18th AGA/GAP Sam Spencer Four-Ball Championship at Glen Oak Country Club July 11 (par 72, 6,190 yards) with a best-ball score of 7-under-par 65 to win by four shots.

The longtime duo used precision off the tee and a tremendous putting display to gain their second straight title. "We have played in events like these for so many years and Mark said, 'Let's finally defend one,'" said Mantione. "We just clicked together all day. When you know your partner is going to be there no matter where your golf ball is, you can play more aggressively and accept the consequences. Some of us old guys can still move it around."

The key at Glen Oak is to not go above the hole. But Answini, 52, and Mantione, 55, both of Laflin, Pa., did on multiple occasions and escaped without harm.

The highlight of the day came on No. 7 (par 5, 453 yards). Mantione had a 45-foot birdie putt down the hill that he said was like a rollercoaster and had about 15 feet of break from right to left. With perfect speed, Mantione rolled it dead center and moved the duo forward and on its way to the title. At that point, the duo was 3 under and made the turn at 4 under. After Mantione made four birdies on the front, Answini, answered with three of his own.

He birdied No. 16 (par 4, 408 yards) after stuffing an 8-iron from 150 yards to 10 feet. The final birdie came on No. 17 (par 3, 202 yards) after Answini precisely lasered a 5-iron to three feet from 202 yards. That was all they needed.

"Each time Mark and I head out to play in one of these events we always want to have a good time and enjoy the camaraderie," said Mantione. "For some reason, Glen Oak suits our golf games well and we feed off of each other. It was a perfect blend of our games versus the course."

In the Open Flight (age 19-49), the Glenmaura National Golf Club duo of John Barone and Patrick Mitchell held off Huntsville Golf Club's Mariano Medico and Anthony Sebastianelli, a recent U.S. Amateur qualifier, with a 7-under-par 65 total at Glen Oak (par 72, 6,608 yards).

They were assisted by two 25-foot birdie putts by Barone on Nos. 9 (par 3, 141 yards) and 11 (par 5, 515 yards) to ultimately give them the advantage over the Huntsville pairing.

"John making those two of those putts was huge," said Mitchell, 37 of Scranton, Pa. "Those putts gave us some separation. We knew where we stood on No. 9 and No. 11 and those two long putts were huge. We knew it was only a matter of time before they made a run since Anthony has been a member there his whole life. It ended up being good enough."

Barone, 22, of Dunmore, Pa, as well as Mitchell, both qualified for the Pennsylvania Golf Association's R. Jay Sigel Match Play Championship at Schuylkill Country Club July 9-11 as a result of their Top 16 finish in the stroke play portion. But Barone lost in the quarterfinals and Mitchell lost in the Round of 16.

"It is never fun to lose," said Mitchell. "But it is nice to know that you can make the Top 16 and compete with those guys. It is a positive going forward."

Barone's original partner, Chris Cerminaro also of Glenmaura National, made the semifinals of the Match Play so he couldn't tee it up.

"I subbed in as an emergency fill-in," said Mitchell. "I wasn't going to play but I play with these guys a lot so it was fun."

"The Sam Spencer was part of the AGA for a long time and it has always been one of the best better-ball tournaments in the area. It's really nice to win because it brings a lot of the best players especially with the merger with GAP."

## FINAL RESULTS

### OPEN FLIGHT

		Total
Barone, John + Mitchell, Patrick		
Glenmaura National Golf Club	-7	65
Medico, Mariano + Sebastianelli, Anthony		
Huntsville Golf Club	-6	66
Solfanelli, Matthew + Dougherty, Matthew		
StoneHedge Golf Course, Glenmaura Natnl GC	-5	67
Hudacek, III, Stephen + Jackson, Brandon		
Glenmaura National Golf Club	-4	68
Mikiewicz, John + Zaleski, Robert		
Fox Hill Country Club, Emanon C.C.	-4	68
Brown, Ryan + Montella, Eric		
The C.C. of Scranton, Glen Oak Country Club	-3	69
Williams, Ben + Williams, Eric		
Honesdale Golf Club	-3	69

### SENIOR FLIGHT

Answini, Mark + Mantione, Joseph		
Fox Hill Country Club	-7	65
Bartkowski, sr, Mark + Andrejko, Robert		
Scranton Municipal Golf Course	-3	69
Nestor, Sr, Kenneth + Heck, Michael		
Elkview Country Club	-1	71
Andrejko, Anthony + Savitts, Walter		
Scranton Municpl Golf C, Scranton Canoe Club	-1	71
Westington, Barry + Vassil, Michael		
Country Club of Scranton	E	72
Zavada, John + Vladika, Gregory		
Elkview C.C, Glenmaura National Golf Club	E	72





**The Inlet Sports Lodge an upscale boutique hotel**



**Murrell's Inlet Marsh Walk**

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The Inlet Sports Lodge is an upscale boutique hotel that makes no bones about its focus – catering to lovers of golf, fishing, boating and outdoor enthusiasts. Photos and artwork depicting great moments in the world of golf and fishing adorn the walls. The open courtyard in the middle of the three-story, rectangular-shaped hotel is the perfect spot for gathering at the end of the days ... and telling the “lies” about the length of the birdie putt, or the size of the one that got away.

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Inlet Sports Lodge as well as one of the owners of the True Blue and Caledonia golf courses. “All of our staff stops to say hello to the guests and they are genuinely interested in their day’s activities. We pride ourselves on a special level of hospitality.”

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**Caledonia Golf and Fish Club Tee #7**





# Neighbors, AGA Newcomer Nab Mid-Am/Senior titles



Pictured, from left to right, are team winners Kenneth Bolcavage and Christopher Cerminaro, Senior Division winner Don Donatoni and AGA/GAP tournament volunteer Deborah Hokienon.

**Elmhurst Country Club** –They’ve known each other for years. They reside in the same neighborhood. Their families are close. They share a passion for golf, yet Kenneth Bolcavage and Christopher Cerminaro never played in a better-ball tournament until this week.

And what a week it’s been. Bolcavage and Cerminaro captured Elkview Country Club’s President’s Day event Monday. Two days later, they reconvened to take the 20th AGA/GAP Mid-Am/Senior Tournament at a rainy Elmhurst Country Club (par 72, 6,691 yards).

Bolcavage and Cerminaro carded an 8-under-par 64 to top the 53-team field. The AGA/GAP Mid-Am Senior Tournament pairs a middle-amateur (age 19-49) with a senior (age 50 and over) in a better-ball format. An individual stroke-play format runs concurrently.

“Our paths never crossed before. We’ve wanted to play in several events, with my state tournament schedule and his schedule, better-ball events haven’t been able to match up,” Cerminaro, 21, said. “Luckily it matched up this year and we were finally able to play together.”

“I’ve known Chris since he was a young kid. I’ve watched Chris progress [in golf] since he was in high school,” Bolcavage, 54, added. “Monday at Elkview was the first time Chris and I played together. We shot 6 under and won it by five shots. That turned out well.”

As did outing No. 2 at Elmhurst.

The Carbondale, Pa. residents caught fire on the property’s back nine. It started with a Bolcavage eagle on the par 5, 481-yard 10th hole. He missed the green by a mere three feet left with a 6-iron from 182 yards. Bolcavage, an Elkview member, then nudged a chip onto the fringe, down the green’s slope and into the jar.

Next came an impressive stretch of golf from his playing partner. Cerminaro, a Glenmaura National Golf Club member, added four consecutive birdies to the team’s scorecard: an up-and-in from 30 yards on No. 11 (par 5, 500 yards), an 8-iron 150 yards to 25 feet on No. 12 (par 4, 434 yards) and pair of three-footers on Nos. 13 (par 3, 161 yards) and 14 (par 4, 323 yards).

“Our target was to shoot 5 under on the back and see where that put us. I got on a hot streak and hit some very good golf shots,” Cerminaro, an incoming senior at the University of North Carolina, said. “It was quite a run.”

Not to be unlisted on the back-nine birdie board, Bolcavage, an insurance consultant, hit a knockdown wedge 96 yards to 20 feet for a 3 on No. 17 (par 4, 365 yards). He and Cerminaro affirmed future playing opportunities on the 18th hole.

“We’ll try to defend our titles in the coming summer,” Cerminaro said.

Individually, Cerminaro won the Mid-Am Division by a stroke over Honesdale Golf Club’s Eric Williams. Bolcavage came a stroke shy of matching White Manor Country Club’s Don Donatoni, who carded a 2-under-par 70 to claim the Senior crown.

Donatoni, the Golf Association of Philadelphia’s five-time reigning Super-Senior Player of the Year, made the two-hour drive to compete alongside son A.J., a Fox Hill Country Club member.

“Anytime you have an opportunity to play with one of your sons or daughters, it’s a special occasion. I committed a while ago to make the trip up there, rain or shine,” Donatoni, 70, of Malvern, Pa., said. “It was more rain than it was shine unfortunately, but it was well worth the

trip.”

The rain and wind intensified when Donatoni arrived at the 15th tee (par 3, 173 yards), causing club confusion and an ensuing double bogey.

“I told A.J. along the way that in conditions like this, the one thing that’s more important than anything else is patience because everybody else is playing in the same conditions,” Donatoni said. “Those who can deal with the elements are the ones who have an opportunity to come out on top. Of course, I let it get to me on that hole.”

In true champion fashion, Donatoni recovered with back-to-back birdies. He striped a drive on No. 16 (par 4, 357 yards) and sunk a six-footer following a sharp 56-degree wedge setup. Donatoni chipped in on No. 17 (par 4, 351 yards) with his newly purchased and fitted Callaway Mack Daddy wedge.

Complete results: <http://bit.ly/2KdC7VT>

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### FINAL RESULTS

#### Individual (19-49) - Mid-Am

		Total
Cerminaro, Christopher -Glenmaura National Golf Club	-5	67
Williams, Eric -Honesdale Golf Club	-4	68
Thomas, Michael -Scranton Municipal Golf Course	-1	71
Wilson, Jonathan -Irem Country Club	E	72
Troutman, Jason -Frosty Valley	E	72
Bonavoglia, Michael -Elmhurst Country Club	+1	73

#### Individual (50+) - Senior

Donatoni, Don -White Manor Country Club	-2	70
Bolcavage, Kenneth -Elkview Country Club	-1	71
Brunn, Art -Wyoming Valley Country Club	-1	71
Scarpetta, Jr., Vincent -Nittany Country Club	+1	73
Andrejko, Robert -Scranton Municipal Golf Course	+1	73
Froncek, Matt -Elkview Country Club	+1	73





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