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# John Pillar Captures Philadelphia Senior PGA Professional Championship



John Pillar of (Hawley, Pa.), winner of the Philadelphia Section Senior PGA Professional Championship August 19-20, 2019 at Applebrook Golf Club

**(Malvern, Pa.)** – John Pillar of (Hawley, Pa.), winner of the Philadelphia Section Senior PGA Professional Championship August 19-20, 2019 at Applebrook Golf Club will lead seven Section PGA Professionals to compete Oct. 3-6, in the 31st Senior PGA Professional Championship.

The national Championship, presented by Cadillac and supported by Golf Channel and John Deere, will be held at Omni Barton Creek Resort and Spa in Austin, Texas.

Pillar turned in a winning total of 8-under-par 134 to capture the Philadelphia Section Senior PGA Professional Championship presented by Cadillac. Bob Lennon of (Wilmington, Del.) finished three strokes back at 5-under-par 137. They are joined by Brian Kelly of (Lewisburg, Pa.), Terry Hertzog of (Lititz, Pa.), George Forster of (Blue Bell, Pa.), Dave Quinn of (Marlton, NJ), Eddie Perrino of (Mountain Top, Pa.).

“I feel grateful to join the list of Philadelphia PGA Senior Champions,” commented Pillar of his win. “We have such a strong contingent of senior players in our Section and to be considered in the same sentence as those legends is truly an honor. “I’d be remiss if I didn’t recognize everyone at Woodloch Springs, especially my staff, who do such an outstanding job at home allowing me to compete in these events. I also need to thank the membership and staff of Applebrook Golf Club for providing such an outstanding venue for us to play these past two days. I am looking forward to the National Championship and playing with the best players from across the country.”

Pillar now joins a short list of players who have won both the Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship (2009) and Philadelphia PGA Senior Championship.

The Senior PGA Professional Championship brings together a field of 264 contestants representing the PGA of America’s 41 nationwide Sections and features a total purse of \$300,000. The first two rounds will be conducted on the Foothills and Coore Crenshaw Courses. The first cut will be made after 36 holes of play to the low 90 scorers and ties. The second cut will be made after 54 holes of play to the low 70 scorers and ties. The final two rounds will be played on the Foothills Course.

Designed by Tom Fazio, the Foothills Course was recently ranked as one of the top courses in Texas by Golf Magazine. The course is protected by cliffs, waterfalls and creeks, making for a beautiful, scenic round, but also emphasizes the importance of accuracy. Drives from the elevated tee boxes must be precise to hit the fairways, and even more so when approaching the small greens. Previously, the Foothills Course was home to the PGA Tour Champions Legends of Golf tournament from 1990-1994.

A collaboration between course architect Bill Coore and two-time Masters Champion, Ben Crenshaw, the Coore Crenshaw Course is designed with the ideology that

nature is the best architect. Although the holes feature lush, wide fairways, the dense trees to their sides will swallow any ball that misses its mark. However, the real challenge is found on the large, undulated greens that are sure to stump and frustrate players. The course’s beauty is really seen on the signature 18th hole. Running slightly uphill, approach shots must carry a creek to the low-lying green which is designed to appear as though it was carved into the hillside.

Begun in 1989, the Senior PGA Professional Championship is modeled after the PGA Professional Championship, with a field of 50-and-older senior PGA Professionals who advanced through 41 Section Championships conducted from June through August this year.

The top 35 finishers in the national Championship earn a berth in the 81st KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, which will be conducted in May 21-24, 2020, at Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

The top five finishers earn an exemption into the final stage of the 2020 PGA Tour Champions National Finals in November 2019. Since its debut, many participants in the Senior PGA Professional Championship have used their success in the event as a springboard to a PGA Tour Champions career.

**Results:**

	Total To			Total
	Gross	R1	R2	Gross
<b>John Pillar, CC at Woodloch Springs</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>134</b>
Bob Lennon, Wilmington Country Club	-5	64	73	137
Brian Kelly, Bucknell Golf Club	-3	66	73	139
Terry Hertzog, Country Club of York	-3	68	71	139
George Forster, Radnor Valley C.C.	-2	72	68	140
Dave Quinn, Laurel Creek Country Club	-1	70	71	141
Eddie Perrino, Eagle Rock Resort	-1	67	74	141
Stu Ingraham, MGolf Range & Learning Ctr	E	70	72	142
Mike Moses, Concord Country Club	E	72	70	142
Mark Anderson, Philadelphia Cricket Club	+2	73	71	144
Dave McNabb, Applebrook Golf Club	+2	71	73	144
Rick Flesher, Applebrook Golf Club	+2	72	72	144
John Cooper, Green Valley Country Club	+2	66	78	144
Jim Bromley, Raven's Claw Golf Club	+2	73	71	144
John Allen, Huntingdon Valley C.C.	+3	73	72	145



# Jersey Shore Golf & Some New looks



The Shore Club 6th Hole formerly Wildwood Country Club under renovations, Photo By Dale Gerhard



The Shore Club formerly Wildwood Country Club

*By Mike Kern*

No one has to remind us that the golf industry has been forced to go through some tough economic times. And that is especially true for some private facilities. Wildwood Country Club, which has been around for a century, was no different. A few years ago there was some serious doubt about what the future might hold. It faced a crossroads. And it was going to need to find some change, some help, if it indeed was even going to survive.

Enter Morningstar Golf and Hospitality Group, a comprehensive club management service company that took over the leadership role in December of 2017. And in less than two years, it has already made a difference. But there's still much more to come. The perspective has completely altered, in an ever-fluid landscape at the South Jersey Shore.

Now it's called the **Shore Club**. Fred Riedel is the Director of Golf. He's been a part of the club for most of the last two decades. And what he's seeing has him feeling more optimistic than ever.

"The vibe is really positive," he said recently. "For like six or seven years prior to (Morningstar coming aboard), it was pretty tough for us in particular. You're trying to make ends meet, working hard to make it work. Everyone did. But sometimes you felt like you were beating your head against the wall. It's an uphill battle. And you also have the naysayers, people doubting that you can actually succeed in this environment. So there was a lot of negatives. And a certain contingent that didn't think we would make it, from within the membership.

"But now, since this has all taken place, people are coming in the door and going, 'Wow,' you guys are doing amazing things. It makes you feel proud. And people are bringing more guests out. The word on the street is reaching a lot of people in a lot of areas. Word of mouth is huge. That's our best marketing. That's anybody's best marketing. It's Marketing 101. They always say that if you have an unhappy customer, 50 people will hear about it. And a real happy customer may talk to only five people. Unfortunately, not enough people tweet the good stuff."

It's still the same golf course, which I could play three or four times a week

and never get tired of. It's a little bit like the Bay Course at Seaview. And it's the only course south of Ocean City that's on the east side of the Garden State Parkway, which means you can have views of the bay and Stone Harbor/North Wildwood beyond that. No minor detail. And they're doing things to enhance that attribute, like taking down a bunch of trees to improve the sightlines. They're also making changes to the clubhouse, which will offer a second-floor deck overlooking the first tee. The layout itself is getting extensive work done on the bunkers and the tees, not to mention upgraded irrigation. It's a process. It won't all happen immediately. But the people involved are convinced it is going to become a reality at some point, hopefully sooner.

"We have certain projects that, over time, became necessary to address," Riedel said. "Some of it comes down to aesthetics. The new owners had a vision, for what they want this to be. The land was a farm, right on the salt marshes. So that's what they were working with. And it's essentially stayed the same for all that time.

"In the '60s, like a lot of courses, they planted more trees to define the holes a little bit more. But they started to obstruct the views. This will give people a reminder of where they are. Before, you could have been anywhere. Now you know you're at the Jersey Shore. We want people to realize that. It's important. We want it to have that feel, since we're in a unique position to do so. There's a lot of nice courses down here, but how many of them can say that?"

They've hired a new chef. And I can tell you that the food is as good as the golf. We had the Sunday gravy special and the meatballs were maybe the best I've ever had. And I make my own, from a recipe that was handed down a long time ago, and I consider to be better than the average non-Italian version. But these melted in your mouth. As did the sausage, beef and pork that went with it. I guess they were only simmered for about two months. I would go back for that alone.

"Members expect the full experience," said Riedel. "Not just a golf course

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The Shore Club formerly Wildwood Country Club



The Shore Club formerly Wildwood Country Club 9th Green  
Photo by Dale Gerhard

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that's nice. They want it to be a place where they can come and hang with their friends, grab a bite to eat or have a drink. That's huge."

And yes, you can buy a social membership. They also offer associate, youth and intermediate deals. Right now they have about 225 full-timers, which is about what they had before. The overall total is about double that.

"It's really not so much the numbers, but the revenue (that's generated)," Reidel explained. "There's a certain number we need to get to, and we're not there yet. But we'll get there.

"Business is still difficult, because of the industry itself. But a bona fide private club in this market, there's a certain need for that. And we kind of fit into that little niche. We're not the Union League (which purchased Sand Barrens). That's not really our competition, to a certain extent. And Linwood is in a different market altogether.

People from Northfield and up that way aren't going to travel down here. They will come from Ocean City, and And people from Philly will come if they have a place at the shore. And we have a nice little thing going with Linwood, as far as (being) reciprocal. We're comfortable with each other, and we don't consider that competition.

"We're still going through some growing pains. But it's headed in the right direction."

The wind comes into play, which only makes it more interesting. Water comes into play too. There are doglegs, and even though I play from the senior tees these days I can assure you I used almost every club in my bag. So it's in no way boring. As I said, I find it enjoyable. And isn't



The Shore Club formerly Wildwood Country Club 12th Green  
Photo by Dale Gerhard

that supposed to be the main thing? And I have to say that while the pro shop is relatively small, the merchandise they have to offer is very attractive. Since I have a million shirts in my closet, I couldn't help leaving with yet another T-shirt for my wife. Very cool. I picked out a nice kind of mango color. How's that for insight? Whoever is doing their selecting, pastels are very big. Which makes sense, given where you're buying. It all looks very beachy/summery.

"We're going to have a state-of-the-art practice facility, which has probably been long overdue," Reidel said. "There will be teaching and fitting areas. It's another amenity. We're not there yet. But everything here has to be an amenity. When you join a club, you have a certain level of expectation. Ten years ago, that level was here (holding his hands out near his waist). Now, it's here (holding them higher). And five years from now, it's going to be here (raising them up to his eyes). All the things you see in the renderings (drawings that greet you in the lobby), that'll all be real. When we're finished with one job, we'll move on to the next one.

"The renderings tell you the story. We have an upstairs space that was basically used for storage. It's been there for 25 years. That will be the member's lounge and bar, looking out over the opening hole. This will become so much more attractive for weddings, which again is a major part of making this whole thing work. We've doubled our number this year, and we're doing more next year. We're selling the fact that you can have our porch and pub to use for cocktail hour.

"In our case, we need all of it. The revenue from dues, the daily revenue from cart fees and bringing guests and all that. Some facilities don't care as much about those things. This was a real eye-opener to me: a few years ago I was playing in a PGA





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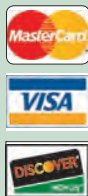
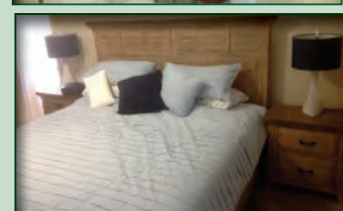
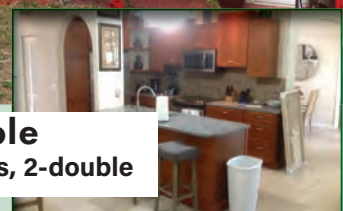
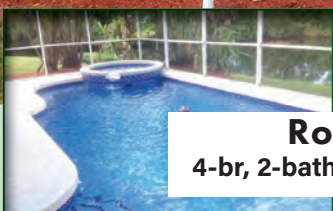
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Shore Gate Hole #5



Seaview The Bay Course

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event and I went into the locker room and I'm looking around and there's not very many name plates on the lockers. Just a few here and there. It was just an observation. Out on the course one of the other pros I was playing with, about halfway through the round I asked him if he'd noticed that. And he knew that particular facility pretty well. And he said, 'They don't have many members. They don't get much play and they don't care. They make all their money in the banquet end of it, and that carries them.' But we are not a for-profit entity, like some others. It's different. We can only take so much of the money over and above the cost of doing business. We actually have to put it back into the club.

"Once we get to the point where everything and everyone is bringing in enough, with additional investors, we can finish off more of these projects. We have a very active clientele. One group comes on Sundays, 20 to 30 of them, for a throwaway game. And when they're done they come in and lie to each other for awhile over drinks or whatever. It's like they feel right at home. And that's the way we want it to be."

And there's never anything wrong with that. I can't wait to watch the ongoing evolution.

The best thing about golf at the South Jersey shore, of course, is that there's so much of it. And not just quantity but quality. And there's something to suit almost any taste. Sadly I have to admit that I don't get down there as much as I used to, since in the last few years our annual family vacations have taken a detour as my



Seaview The Pines Course

kids grew up and had lives of their own. But I will always try, as best I can. Heck, there were many years where I might have played more golf down there than I did back home in Northeast Philly. It happens. So here are some of my suggestions/recommendations/faves, though I'm sure many of you have a list of preferred stops of your own. That's why they have vanilla and rum raisin. Or is that butter brickle?

Anyway, a good place to start is **Shore Gate**, which I think is the toughest course in those parts. At least on the public side of things. But maybe overall too. Or this side of Galloway National, which is a whole other animal. The degree of difficulty at Shore Gate can be dealt with, if you're willing to play from the proper set of tees. We all know this isn't always possible, with egos getting in the way. I've never had a problem swallowing my pride in that regard. And many others. There's a lot of obstacles here, including a bunch of forced carries and such. More than a few holes are downright memorable, highlighted by the ninth and 18th. Great ways to close out a nine, particularly if a bet is at stake.

Or even just for pride. The set of pars are as good as it gets. So in my book there's no reason not to give this place a shot. Maybe even more than once. Providing your game is up to it. Hey, it's supposed to be a challenge once in awhile. Even from my shortened tees.

**Seaview** offers two layouts, and both are worth taking the time. **The Bay**, a Donald Ross design that hosted the 1942 PGA Championship won by Sam Snead (the first of his seven major titles), is open with small greens. It's target golf. And it's perfect for the LPGA, which comes in for the Shop Rite Classic in early June each year. I get to play there a month or so earlier in the media event, and it's always a taste treat we look forward to. It can

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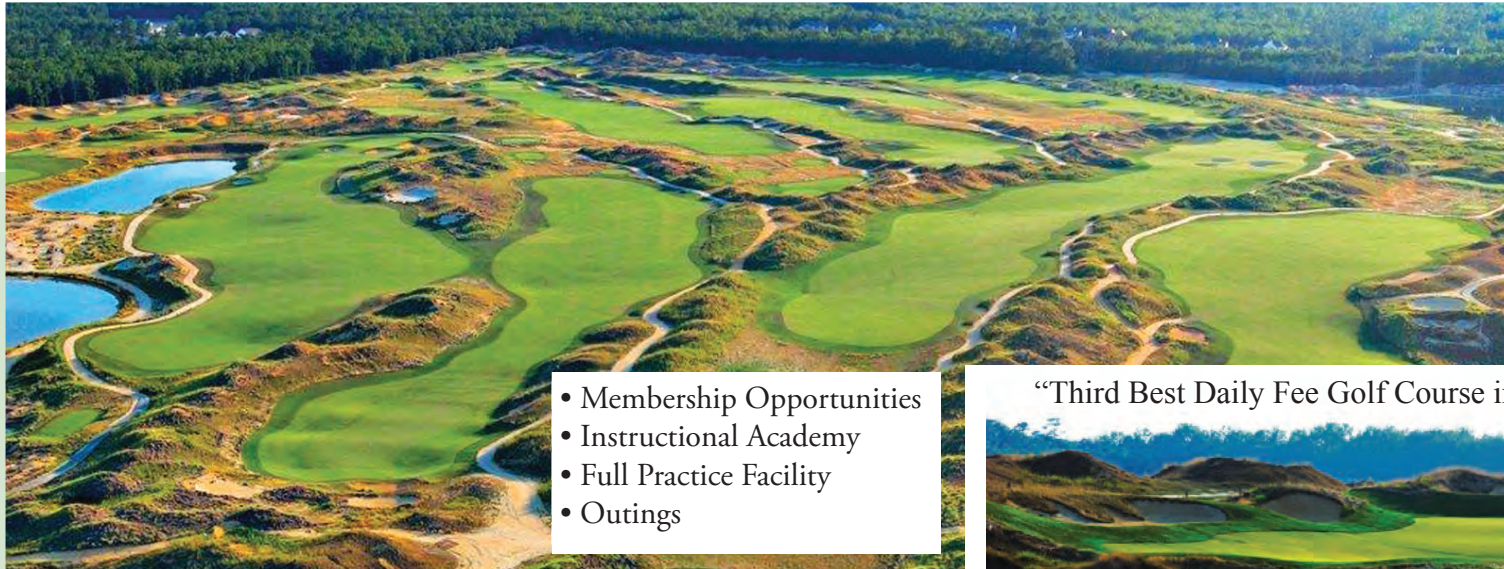
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Atlantic City Golf Course Skyline Hole #15



Blue Heron Pines Hole #15

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bite you in places if you're not careful, but you have to love a place where the wind can have you hitting 8 iron into a green one day and a 4 the next. And no two holes every seem like they go in the same direction. But it also offers birdie opportunities, which makes it fun.

**The Pines**, across Route 9, is the exact opposite. Everything is cut through woods, so you have to be a little more precise, especially off the tee. Or you will pay the price. There are some really tough holes, particularly on the closing stretch that includes back-to-back long par 3s at 16 and 17 that can rattle your nerves.

**Atlantic City** is one of those places that always gets me excited just thinking about. And I've never been there when it wasn't in immaculate condition. The views on one stretch late in the back nine are second to none. And it has a really nice mix of long and short holes. There are two par 3s, one on each side, that can't measure 250 yards combined. But I'd like to have a buck for every time I've made bogey or worse on either or both. Often in the same round. Go figure. And God forbid if you don't golf, just go to have your favorite beverage of choice and spend a half hour or so on the back veranda simply watching the world go by. It beats whatever else you could be doing. Trust me on this. The setting is serenely spectacular. Which is worth the price of admission all by itself.

**Blue Heron Pines** was the one that started the whole concept of country-club-for-day at daily fee courses back in the early 90s. And it went through some up and down

times before Ron Jaworski took it over some six years ago to restore it to what it once was as part of his growing golf empire. It's a place where you can truly have a good time. In fact if you don't it's your fault. From what he did to remove all the overgrown stuff he didn't need on the grounds to his Seven Tap Tavern, it's a winning combination all around. The course itself isn't necessarily the hardest you'll ever tackle, although there are more than a few holes that have eaten my lunch through the years. But there's also many that are user-friendly enough to ensure that I will have some good things to talk about over a cold brew afterward. And you might run into Jaws while you're there. If you do tell him he still owes me on that bet he made with me where I hit a wedge in night golf to within a few feet from 100 yards away – after shanking one about 10 feet. I'm sure he might not want to remember, but the truth is a valid defense in most precincts. And Jaws is one of the real good ones.

**Greate Bay** was the home for the LPGA event for the longest time. And what I remember most is the closing stretch. The 18th, a par-4 that bends slightly right, was annually ranked as the toughest on the women's circuit. That's something. Pat Croce's right-hand man down there, Mark Benavento, runs things the way they should be run. First class in every way. And there's always a chance that you might run into some former Flyer greats, or even Steve Coates (only kidding). There's a few really stout holes where water comes into play, including the par 3 that you can see from the Parkway as you head northbound. And the food is top notch. As is the case with the Shore Club, there are a number of membership options available to fit almost any need. And it's just outside Ocean City, so like Shore Gate, which is just outside Sea Isle, proximity is a



Greate Bay, home of the LPGA event

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Cape May National



McCullough's Emerald Golf Links Hole #16

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plus. Especially if you're trying to get back to the beach early enough to keep the family peace. Never a minor detail.

**Cape May National** is about as natural as you can get. I know this gets said maybe too much, but it really is a beautiful setting. And whenever somebody puts together a list of the top holes in that area, Cape May usually has at least two or three on it. I know the closing two in particular got my attention. The 17th is a relatively docile par 3. Except for the fact that it's all carry over water and there are bunkers on both sides of what is a rather large green. So that's fair enough. The closer is a solid par 4 into a green that's not only protected by H2O to the front left but also plenty of sand. And on top of that, the putting surface has some serious twists and turns. So you might get on in two, which is hard enough, and still make a bogey. It happens.

**McCullough's Emerald Golf Links** is one of those places that has continued to grow on me. Now I can't wait to go back, every chance I get. Maybe I'll even get to play again with the owner/mayor of Egg Harbor, Mr. Sonny. Priceless. It was built on a former landfill, but you wouldn't know it. Other than the elevation changes, which are not the norm down there. My favorite hole is 15, a short par 4 where a big hitter could try to cut the dogleg and go over the trees straight for the green. People like me try to hit it straight and leave themselves a wedge in, which I'm usually able to do. I've made more than my share of birdies there. What I don't

understand is why I've made more than my share of bogeys at the next hole, a 115-yard par 3. Sometimes it doesn't have to make sense. The 8th and 9th are also a great finish to the front. A dogleg par 4 with maybe a blind approach, followed by a medium-length par 3 that's all over the wet stuff. I started there one time (don't ask), and actually hit a 5 wood to about 10 feet. Too bad it was mostly downhill after that.

**Twisted Dune** is what you would expect to find on the other side of the pond, as they say. And I happen to really like that kind of golf. Sure you can get lost in the high grass sometimes, but that's what an extra sleeve of balls is for. You will see things here that you won't see most anywhere else unless you go to Scotland or Ireland. And I've played enough over there to know. There's a lot of movement, and a little bit of everything. Some that you might not even have expected. Whatever it is, I love it. Even when it gets the best of me. There's two tremendous par 3s on the back. The first is about 150 yards with water getting involved, and the second (the 16th) is a gorgeous shot over a quarry. You make par on either of those and you feel really good. The 17th is another keeper, a par 4 with a short approach over a bunch of stuff you don't want to be in, to a smallish green that runs back at you. Rub of the green comes into play here more often than usual, which is the whole point. And again, it's something I can more than live with. Sometimes you just need an anti cookie cutter. Just because.

The fall, by the way, is one of the best times to head down there. The weather is much more conducive, the bugs aren't as prevalent, and there are deals to be had. You just have to find them. And that's part of the journey. So go for it. You won't be disappointed. And hopefully some of my thoughts will help you figure it out. Fore!



Twisted Dune Hole #13





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# Cryan, McClellan Take Titles in AGA/GAP Lawler Junior TOC



Martin Cryan, Fox Hill Country Club Takes Boys' Division of the AGA/GAP Lawler Junior Tour Tournament of Champions and Jessica McClellan, Wyoming Valley Country Club took the Girls Division in the Lawler Junior TOC.

Martin Cryan kept his head down, swung with all his might and saw a cascade of sand take his hand to the promised land. The Fox Hill Country Club youngster executed a bunker blast that resulted in a 12-footer for birdie and a victory in the Boys' Division of the AGA/GAP Lawler Junior Tour Tournament of Champions July 30 at Huntsville Golf Club (par 72, 6,477 yards). Cryan defeated Country Club of Scranton's James Flickinger, Jr. in a sudden-death playoff.

Both players finished regulation tied at 12-over-par 155. Cryan carded rounds of 75 and 80; Flickinger 73 and 82. Round One of the 18-hole event took place at Fox Hill (par 71, 5,587 yards) Monday. In the aforementioned playoff, Cryan powered his drive through the fairway and into the bunker on No. 1 (par 5, 482 yards), the first playoff hole. He attempted to reach the green in two strokes with a 5-iron from 210 yards.

"It was going straight at the pin, which they moved from the morning. It was actually back right in the morning, and when got into the playoff, it was front right," Cryan, 17, of Forty Fort, Pa., said. "I didn't know that and I thought I could cover the bunker. It just landed on the top and rolled down into the bunker. Someone's footstep was at the edge of the bunker, so when my ball came back down in, it stopped in it. My ball was kind of embedded."

"I knew I had to make the putt just to have a chance to stay in it."

**MARTIN CRYAN**

With Flickinger facing a six-footer for birdie, Cryan hoped for miracle shot. Prayer answered. His golf ball ingested the proper sand dosage and stopped 12 feet from the jar.

"I knew I had to make the putt just to have a chance to stay in it. It felt great (to make it and win)," Cryan said. Flickinger missed his birdie to match.

Cryan's playoff putt contrasted those prior at both Fox Hill and Huntsville. Cryan struggled on the greens — see a four putt for double bogey on No. 2 (par 4, 385 yards) for evidence — but managed to find an effective stroke down the stretch. Home-course knowledge, too, allowed the incoming Holy Redeemer High School senior to fend off putting woes.

"Knowing where I could miss at Fox Hill helped," Cryan said. "I hit a couple of tee shots that, even though I was in a bad place, they were places I'd been in before where you could get out easy and still hit the green. I was on most of the par 5s in two. It was just tough to get the putter going there."

"I knew I just had to stay in it because the two-day total is what was going to matter. I knew that if I was in the mid-to-low 70s after the first day, then I'd have a great chance at Huntsville."

A 1-over-par 73 in a practice round at Huntsville also reassured Cryan's thinking. However, challenging conditions complicated a balky putter. Cryan nearly slipped back of Flickinger on the par 4, 366-yard 16th hole at Huntsville. But an up-and-in for bogey after a poor bunker shot from 170 yards allow the former to match the latter's three-putt for 5.

Tuesday's victory may be difficult to match in Cryan's golf memory bank.

"It's at the top right now. Hopefully I can get some better victories as I go along," he said.

**Girls' Division**

Gone are Jessica McClellan's days of strictly practicing and playing golf. Now she incorporates both tasks into a busy work schedule at Split Rock Golf Club and a college preparation itinerary. "It's been a different summer than other years when I just played golf and practiced all of the

time. There are more things on my plate," McClellan, 18, of Freeland, Pa., said.

She cleared space on her daily dish for the AGA/GAP Lawler Junior Tour Tournament of Champions July 29-30 at Fox Hill (par 72, 5,319 yards) and Huntsville (par 72, 5,396 yards). McClellan now needs to make room for a trophy. She carded rounds of 83 and 88 to edge defending champion Gwendolyn Powell of Madison Township, Pa. by a stroke.

"It means a lot because I've been playing on the Lawler Junior Tour since I was 13. I won in 2017 as well, so I kind of wanted to come back in the last year I was able to play in it and win again," McClellan, a Wyoming Valley Country Club member, said.

McClellan, who held a three-stroke lead in the Girls' Division entering the final round, opened with a setback at Huntsville. She sailed over No. 1 (par 5, 401 yards) green with a 52-degree wedge.

"I was on a huge bank right behind the green and short-sided. I was in some tall grass. The chip shot was very difficult. That led to a 7," McClellan said. "I bounced back after the first hole, though."

Four consecutive pars suggest so. McClellan relied on front-nine familiarity to settle in. She played Huntsville at least twice a year for high school matches during her time at MMI Preparatory School. A comfortable pairing also eased early nerves. McClellan, who will study professional golf management at Penn State University in the fall, played alongside friends Grace Babinchak of Hazleton, Pa. and Marin Dremock of Drums, Pa.

"We've been on the tour for a while now. We've played high school golf against each other, too. We know each other pretty well. We had fun," McClellan said.

Launched in 1999, the AGA/GAP Lawler Junior Tour Series Tournament of Champions is a two-day, 36-hole stroke play event. Winners of a Lawler Junior Tour Series event, in addition to those who ranked high in scoring average/finish, make up the field.

RESULTS:				Total
BOYS				To
Gross	R1	R2		Total Gross
Martin Cryan, Forty Fort	+12	75	80	155
James Flickinger, Jr, Clarks Summit	+12	73	82	155
Michael Maslanka, Taylor	+14	77	80	157
Collin Ennis, Pleasant Mount	+15	78	80	158
Will Brown, Waverly Township	+16	79	80	159
GIRLS				Total
Jessica McClellan, Freeland	+27	83	88	171
Gwendolyn Powell, Madison Twp.	+28	90	82	172
Grace Babinchak, Hazleton	+33	87	90	177
Marin Dremock, Drums	+39	86	97	183
Isabelle Ritz, Conyngham	+42	93	93	186



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# Penn State Graduates Wilson & Green Win 2019 Potentate



Irem Temple Country Club

By John Zimich

Irem Temple Country Club sets just below the mountains in Dallas Township and on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at the par-72 hole golf course the Nittany Lion "roared."

It certainly was Penn State Proud as Irem member Jonathan Wilson and partner Austin Green of Chambersburg bested Chris Jones and Tony Bevevino, 2-1, to win the 2019 Potentate, the club's premier better ball event.

Both winners are Penn State graduates with Wilson being a 2019 graduate of Penn State Wilkes-Barre while partner Green also finished his collegiate career from Penn State Mt. Alto.

**This also marks the final of the premier better-ball of partners golf tournaments in the Wyoming Valley., The McCarthy at Wyoming Valley Country Club and John A. Allan at Fox Hill were held in June.**

And the 2019 Potentate victors earned the crown with several key victories, including a thrilling three-hole sudden death playoff Saturday afternoon against two-time and defending Potentate champs Tyler McGarry and Mariano Medico.

In the Sunday morning semi-finals against Derek Answini and J.P. Waleski the match ended on the final hole as Green blasted his third shot into the cup from the upper bunker to secure the spot in the finals.

Jones of the famous Jones Pancake House of Harveys Lake and Bevevino were knocking off past Potentate victors Lou Belgio and Scott Francis to move into the finals.

Both teams in the finals finished with par 4s on holes No. 1 and 2. On the second hole Bevevino's drive landed halfway up on the green of the 266-yard hole but the ball rolled backwards down the steep slope, landing just off the green. From there he failed to make the three-foot slider for the birdie.

Tough 396-yard third hole was halved by the two teams as well as the par-5 500-yard fourth hole with Bevevino, Jones and Green hitting the green in two but all missed eagle putts to tie this hole.

The victors went one-up on the par-4 dogleg fifth hole when Green chipped in for a three.

Jones evened the match with slick medium range downhill putt for a birdie on the short but narrow sixth hole.



2019 Irem Temple Potentate winners Austin Green, left, and Jonathan Wilson pose with their championship trophies. Dave Scherbenco / Citizen's Voice Staff Photographer

Tough par-3 7th hole was tied with pars and the match was squared until the uphill par-4 362-yard eighth hole when Wilson two-putted from long range for a par while his opponents missed their putts for fours.

The 379-yard ninth hole was tied with pars and Bevevino had a golden opportunity to even the match on the uphill 10th hole measuring 362-yards from the green tees. His second shot with a wedge landed a short distance from the pin but he failed to can the birdie putt.

The 323-yard 12th hole saw Wilson two put for a par to put his team two-up in the finals.

On the 537-yard 13th hole Jones caught a break when his drive found the cart path but careened down the fairway, leaving him with a relatively short iron that found the front of the green. He two-putted from there to draw his team to within one.

The runners-up caught another break on the 378-yard downhill 14th hole as Bevevino's drive hit two gallery carts and bounded down the cart path to hole high, resting near a stop sign.

After a long discussion with rules official Dennis Corvo, he was allowed to drop just inside out-of-bounds marker near road but his chip shot over the trap went over the green and he failed to get down for a par but Jones saved the hole with two putts to stay one down.

Another golden opportunity to even the score occurred on the dogleg 15th when Bevevino hit a monster drive over the trees to some 30 yards from the green on the 340-yard dogleg hole. He hit a beautiful wedge to within six-feet but failed on the putt.

Both teams parred the 16th hole with the match ending on the par-3 uphill 17th hole when both Bevevino and Jones found the upper sandtrap and had extremely difficult downhill bunker shots and failed to make pars, ending the match with two putts for pars by Wilson and Green.

Ironically, Green and Wilson played against each other for their respective college teams with the former beating Wilson in extra holes in one of their Penn State University Athletic Conference championships.

"That's the nice part of golf" said the lefty Green. "We competed hard against each other while becoming good friends. It feels great to win this tournament with Jonathan." "The three-hour drive down Interstate 81 will be a short one."



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# Tanabe Takes State Am at Aronimink



Tanabe took advantage of the first nine holes, posting 2-under par 33 on his way to a final round 71 & a three-round score of 205 (-5), good enough to claim the championship.

**NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa.** – The front nine at Aronimink Golf Club has been the key to Christopher Tanabe's success this week during the 106th Pennsylvania Amateur, presented by LECOM. With a three-shot edge heading into Wednesday's final round, Tanabe again took advantage of the first nine holes, posting a 2-under par 33 on his way to a final round 71 and a three-round score of 205 (-5), good enough to claim the championship.

"I was able to set myself up in good positions on the front nine today and took advantage of it," Tanabe said. "I just wanted to hit fairways, hit greens and give myself a good look for birdie and I was able to do so for the most part."

Sewickley Heights Golf Club's Tanabe feasted on the front in all three rounds, and Wednesday he got off to another quick start. While not as impressive as Tuesday's opening hole-out from the fairway, he did make birdie on the opening hole from 15 feet to push his advantage to four shots. After dropping a shot on the par-4 fourth hole, he then bounced back to birdie both No. 6 and No. 7.

On 6, he flushed his approach to about four feet and sank the putt for birdie. He followed that up with another excellent approach on the seventh, leaving him six feet to the hole. After that putt fell, the Bucknell University golfer was at 8-under par for the championship.

Tanabe had an impressive par save on No. 8 from six feet, and then made a routine par on the ninth to take a five-shot lead into the back nine. For the third day in a row, his putter led to his success.

"When you're putting well, it takes so much pressure off of your ball-striking," said Tanabe, who became the first golfer to win the Pennsylvania Amateur at Aronimink since the 1941 edition was captured by Steve Kovach.

While Tanabe played the front nine in 11-under par for the championship, the back nine was a different story, as he was 3-over par on that side in the first two rounds. But as champions do, Tanabe rose to the occasion despite a bogey on the tenth. He followed that with five straight pars before stepping to the tee on the 556-yard par 5 16th.

The hole had been tough for Tanabe the first two days, as he made par on Monday and then bogey on Tuesday there. But with a chance to extend his lead on the last par-5 on the golf course, he hit a nice drive and then put his second just short of the left greenside bunker. From there, he pitched to about four feet and rolled in the birdie putt, moving him to 8-under par overall.

"I felt like I was in a good spot after I made that putt," Tanabe said.

On 17, Tanabe ran into trouble after missing the green. His coronation was delayed as lightning hit the area and an 87-minute delay ensued. When play resumed at 2:02 p.m., Tanabe returned to 17 and ended up making double bogey, reducing his lead to three as he headed to the final hole. He followed that with a nice drive and hit his approach on the green, making his victory inevitable. He ended up tapping in for bogey on the closing 18th to clinch his victory.

A key to the victory, according to Tanabe, was the advice from his Aronimink club caddie, Griff.

"He's a great guy and an awesome caddie," Tanabe said. "He knows what he's doing out there and it shows."

Finishing tied for second place at 3-under par were PAGA Individual Member Kyle Vance and LedgeRock Golf Club's Nate Menon. Vance fired a 2-under 68 in the final round. The



Aronimink Golf Club Hole #11

Kansas State University golfer made a good run before a late bogey on No. 16 combined with Tanabe's birdie there minutes later sealed his fate.

"I came here to win," said Vance. "But I played well and consistent all week so I'm happy with that."

For Menon, who plays golf at Stanford University, things didn't go the way he planned. But playing with Tanabe, he knew that a comeback would be tough.

"I was never really able to put much pressure on him," Menon said of Tanabe. "I didn't play my best golf today, but second place is still pretty solid."

Defending champion Connor Schmidt of Nemaocolin Country Club and Drexel University improved for the third straight day, following up rounds of 71 and 70 with a final round of 67 to finish at 2-under overall, good enough for a tie for fourth place.

Tied with Schmidt at 2-under was 15-year old Garrett Engle of Country Club of Harrisburg, who made four birdies on his way to a final round score of 69.

Equaling Schmidt for the low round of the day was Spring Ford Country Club's Ryan Tall, who fired a 67 despite a closing bogey. Tall had five birdies in his round, including three in a row starting on No. 3.

The Pennsylvania Golf Association would like to thank the staff and membership of Aronimink Golf Club for the hospitality shown during the championship. Special thanks to LECOM for sponsorship of the event.

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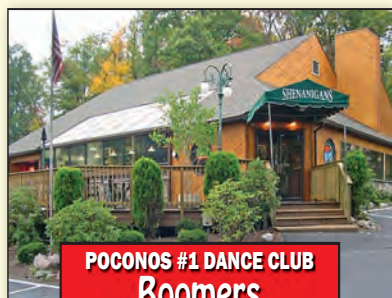
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<b>Christopher Tanabe,</b> Sewickley Heights Golf Club	-5	69	65	71	205
Nate Menon, Ledge Rock Golf Club	-3	66	71	70	207
Kyle Vance, PAGA Individual Member	-3	67	72	68	207
Garrett Engle, Country Club of Harrisburg	-2	69	70	69	208
Connor Schmidt, Nemaocolin Country Club	-2	71	70	67	208
Brett Young, Nemaocolin Country Club	-1	69	70	70	209
Max Siegfried, Aronimink Golf Club	E	68	71	71	210
Evan Brown, PAGA Individual Member	+1	72	68	71	211
Ryan Tall, Spring Ford Country Club	+1	72	72	67	211
Benjamin Cooley, Huntingdon Valley	+2	71	69	72	212



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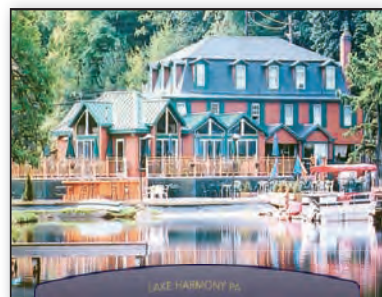
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# Rogowicz, Mohler and Haines Claim Women's Am Crowns



**Penn State alum Jackie Rogowicz Wins Amateur Championship**

**Noreen Mohler Captures Senior Amateur Title**

**Liz Haines Takes Super-Senior Amateur Title**

**FLOURTOWN, Pa.** – While the map showed that the competitors were 239 miles from State College, it sure felt like the final match of the 83rd Pennsylvania State Women's Amateur championship were in Centre County. Penn State alum Jackie Rogowicz and former PSU teammate Olivia Zambruno waged a back and forth battle that lasted to the 18th hole at the Philadelphia Cricket Club's Militia Hill course, where Rogowicz made a par to hold on for the 1 up victory to win the championship, which was presented by LECOM.

"Sometimes its hard playing against someone you know so well," Rogowicz said. "But we kept it fun out there."

Rogowicz, who recently graduated from Penn State, advanced to the final by defeating co-medalist Morgan Frazier of Carlisle Country Club, 1 up, in Saturday morning's semifinal round. The Yardley Country Club standout had to rally after trailing with two holes to go to get the win in regulation time. She trailed by 1 heading into No. 17 of the semifinal but made birdie to tie the match and then won it on the 18th with a par.

"My morning match was tough with a lot of ups and downs," Rogowicz said of the win over Frazier.

In the final, Rogowicz got off to a quick start by winning the first two holes. While she dropped the fourth hole, she rallied to win No. 6 and No. 7 to move to 3 up against her former college teammate. That was still the margin when the pair headed to the 15th hole. But a Zambruno win there narrowed the margin to two, and another win by Zambruno on No. 17 meant that the match was heading to the 18th hole of the Hurdan/Fry layout.

"When I was up three with five to go, I was just trying to hang on, which is hard to do," Rogowicz said. "All it took was a bogey by me on No. 15 and then a birdie by Liv on No. 17 and we're headed to the 18th hole."

On 18, Rogowicz had a 50-footer for birdie and she was able to successfully lag it up and knock in the par putt to clinch her first title in event history.

"It was fun playing against Jackie since we're such good friends from playing at Penn State together," Zambruno said. "We kept it pretty light out there and had some good conversation going."

In the Amateur Division's First Flight, Lancaster Country Club's Adelyn Deery edged Samantha Fritzingler of Allentown Municipal Golf Course, 2 up, in the final match. Deery never trailed but also never led by more than two holes throughout, but in the end she held off Fritzingler to win.

The Second Flight saw Megan Grosky McGowan of Blue Bell Country Club take out Oakmont Country Club's Nina Busch, 5 and 4, for the title.

**Senior**

The Senior flight's championship division was captured by Northampton Country Club's Noreen Mohler, who knocked off home course hopeful Kerry Rutan by a score of 6 and 5.

Mohler never trailed in the championship match, closing it out on No. 13. She won three of the first four holes and added wins on holes 6, 8 and 9 to move to a nearly insurmountable advantage. After pars from each player on the first four holes of the back nine, the match was conceded and Mohler captured the title.

"I really putted well and it was probably the best I've played in awhile," said Mohler. "The good thing is that after this, we're still friends,"

Rutan concurred, complimenting Mohler on the outstanding play throughout the match. "Noreen just played terrific," Rutan said. "That was as well as I've seen her play, and we've played enough rounds together!"

The Senior Division's First Flight final was between Sharon Melair of Sandy Run Country Club and Amy Hempt of West Shore Country Club. Melair won the title with a 2 and 1 win in an excellent match.

"It was a fun match and I feel like I played as well as I could but just got beat in a close match," Hempt said.

Melair agreed, saying "It was great to be here and come out with a win."

**Super-Senior**

Merion Golf Club's Liz Haines improved her margin of victory for the third-straight match, as the top-seeded Haines dominated the field en route to the Super-Senior title. After winning her opening match 4 and 3, Haines defeated Paula Bauer in Friday's semifinal, 5 and 4. Then in Saturday's final, against Overbrook Golf Club's Karen McFadden, Haines won the first three holes and lost only one hole in the round to defeat McFadden, 6 and 5.

The contestants raved about the conditions at the Cricket Club throughout the week. "The golf course was great and it was so nice to be here this week," said Zambruno.

McGowan had a similar reaction, stating that "it was a great time all week playing here." Mohler, the Senior champion, was complementary of how the course stood up against the conditions.

"The course was great, and with the wind today, it was a really good challenge," Mohler said.

The Pennsylvania Golf Association would like to thank the staff and membership of Philadelphia Cricket Club for the hospitality shown during the championship. Thanks as well to LECOM for the sponsorship of the event.

**Results:**

<b>AMATEUR</b> Player	<b>Match</b>	<b>Player</b>
<b>Jackie Rogowicz</b> Yardly Country Club	<b>1 up</b>	<b>Olivia Zambruno</b> Pleasant Valley GC
<b>SENIOR</b> Player		
<b>Noreen Mohler</b> Northampton Country Club	<b>6 &amp; 5</b>	<b>Kerry Rutan</b> Phila. Cricket Club
<b>SUPER-SENIOR</b> Player		
<b>Liz Haines</b> Merion Golf Club	<b>6 &amp; 5</b>	<b>Karen McFadden</b> Overbrook Golf Club





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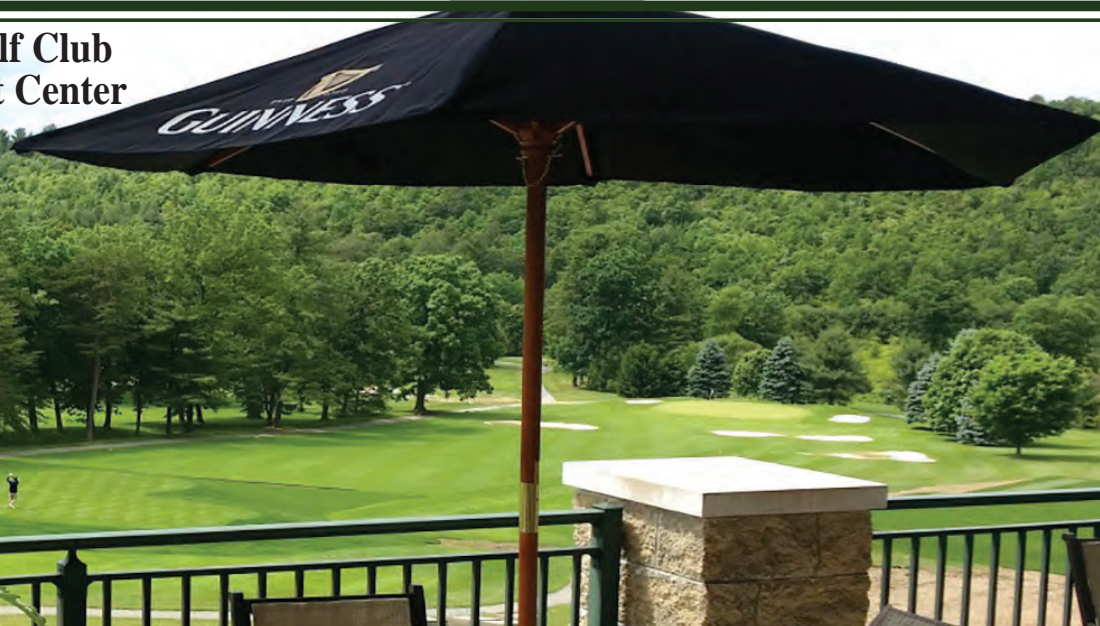
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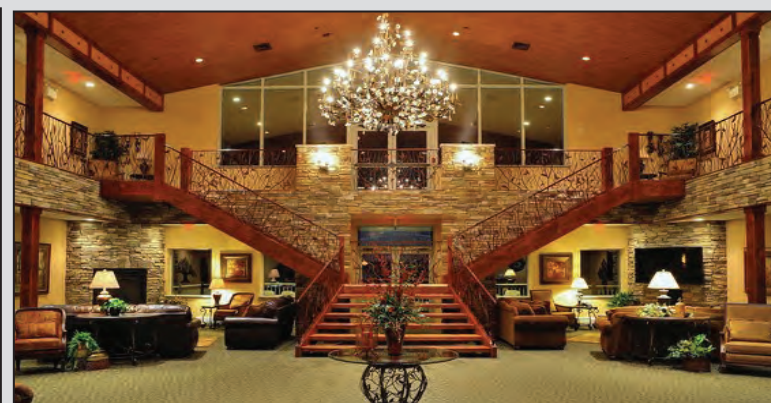
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# Isaiah Logue, Winner of 103rd PA Open!



Isaiah Logue Winner of the 103rd Pennsylvania Open



Isaiah Logue and Brian Bergstol share 36-hole lead at the 103rd #PA Open

**PAOLI, Pa.** – With just six holes remaining in a rainy and wet final round of the 103rd Pennsylvania Open at Waynesborough Country Club, Isaiah Logue was trailing fellow professional and playing partner Brian Bergstol by one shot. But after Logue hit an improbable flop shot for a birdie on the 13th hole and Bergstol found water off the tee on No. 14, the roles had reversed, and Logue held on to finish at 205 (-8) and claim a three-shot victory in the championship, which was presented by LECOM.

“When I got to positions on the course where I needed to pull off a shot and make sure it was a quality shot, I was able to do that,” the 23-year old Logue said.

Never was that more evident than on the 435-yard par-4 13th hole, where Logue’s tee shot landed on some dirt, and with the ball partially covered with mud, his 9-iron approach flew 30 yards over the green. Trying to limit the damage, he hit a flop shot that felt good but he couldn’t see the outcome. Seconds later, he heard the applause of the spectators nearby, as the ball rolled into the hole, giving him a crucial birdie that he used as the turning point.

“I was just looking to salvage bogey there,” the Fairfield, Pa. resident stated. “Thankfully we had some rain this morning so the area I landed the ball in was pretty soft and after I hit the shot, I knew it was going to be pretty good.”

That birdie put both players at 8-under par, and unfortunately for Bergstol, his tee shot on the par-3 14th hole found the water. After hitting from the drop zone to the green, his 15-footer for bogey just missed and he settled for a double-bogey five. That gave Logue a two-shot cushion that he would not relinquish, as he made pars on the final five holes to win his second Pennsylvania Golf Association championship.

Logue won the Pennsylvania Amateur in 2015 at Country Club of Scranton and is now the seventh player to win both the Pennsylvania Open and Pennsylvania Amateur, joining Frank Fuhrer, III, John Guenther, Jr., Steve Kovach, Andrew Mason, R. Jay Sigel and Mike Van Sickle. Logue’s win earned him the \$8000 top prize, his largest check in a professional event thus far in his budding career.

“It feels incredible,” Logue said. “It was hard fought all the way through. Brian played very well. Props to him for not just handing it over.”

Bergstol, of Bangor, Pa., started strong, rolling in a long birdie putt on No. 1 and then adding back to back birdies on No. 7 and No. 8 to go out in 32. He added another birdie on the par-4 11th hole before the double bogey on No. 14. He finished with a round of 70, his third consecutive round under par. Bergstol and Logue were the only players in the championship under par each round. For his efforts, Bergstol

claimed the second place prize of \$5000.

Finishing in third place was professional J.D. Dornes of Lancaster, Pa., who was 4-under par on the front nine before cooling off a bit on the back. He posted a 67 today and finished at 209 (-4) for the event. Tying Dornes for third was first round leader Cole Willcox of nearby Malvern. Willcox, a former professional awaiting reinstatement as an amateur, fired a 1-under par 70 today.

A group of five golfers tied for fifth place at 212 (-1), including the event’s low amateur, Brian Isztwan of Huntingdon Valley. Joining Isztwan at that number were professionals Craig Hornberger, Christopher Crawford, Anthony Sebastianelli and Alex Blickle.

Of the 43 players to make the cut, 32 were professionals.

The Pennsylvania Golf Association would like to thank the staff and membership of Waynesborough Country Club for the hospitality shown during the week. Also, special thanks to LECOM for sponsorship of the championship.

**Results:**

	Total To Gross	R1	R2	R3	Total Gross
<b>Isaiah Logue, Fairfield, PA</b>	-8	70	68	67	205
<b>Brian Bergstol, Bangor, PA</b>	-5	69	69	70	208
J.D. Dornes, Lancaster, PA	-4	71	71	67	209
Cole Willcox, (a/r) Malvern, PA	-4	67	72	70	209
Alex Blickle, Reinholds, PA	-1	74	68	70	212
Craig Hornberger, Lancaster, PA	-1	69	70	73	212
Brian Isztwan, (a) Huntingdon Valley, PA	-1	69	71	72	212
Christopher Crawford, Bensalem, PA	-1	70	72	70	212
Anthony Sebastianelli, Clarks Summit, PA	-1	72	71	69	212
Carey Bina, Villanova, PA	E	73	69	71	213



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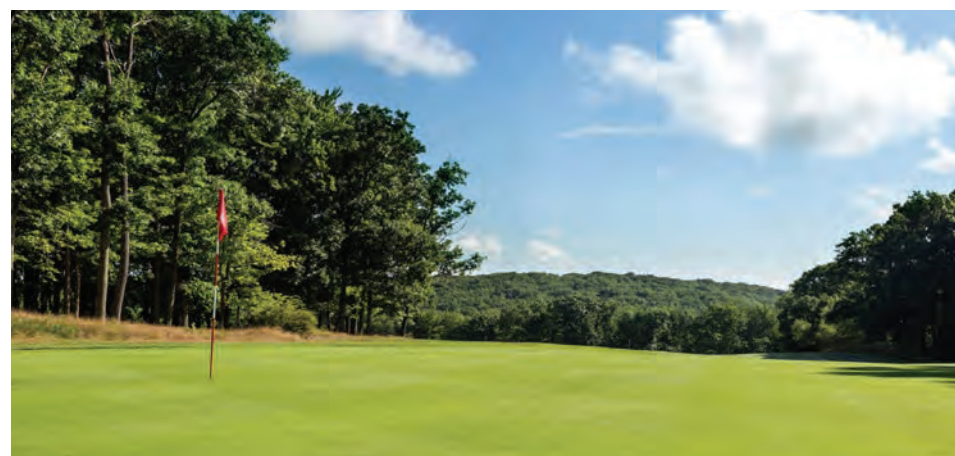
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### LOW PRO

Chris Miller (Scranton Golf Center)	69
Kevin Edwards (Homestead)	71
Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks)	74

### LOW SENIOR PRO

Harvey Williams (PGA)	71
Mark Monahan (Honesdale CC)	72
Tom O'Malley (Buck Hill)	82

### LOW AMATEUR

Rosca Timis ( )	75
Nate Fry ( )	75
Andy Trout ( )	78
Bob Davies ( )	78

### TEAM LOW GROSS

Chris Miller (Scranton Golf Center)	59
Evan Grube (Morgan Hill)	60

### TEAM LOW NET

Tom O'Malley (Buck Hill)	56
Justin Aluni ( Skytop)	57

## Elmhurst Pro-Am Elmhurst Country Club Par 72

### LOW PRO

John Pillar (CC at Woodloch Springs)	64
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	68
Alex Knoll (Blue Shamrock Golf Club)	68
Spencer Lunger (Scranton Canoe Club)	71
Jeff Fick (Chapel Hill)	71

### LOW AMATEUR

Dylan Spadt (Southmoore Golf Club)	69
Nate Fry (Green Pond Country Club)	71
Shane Gunning (Southmoore Golf Club)	71
Jason Considine (Stone Hedge Golf Assn)	74
Alex Pillar (Woodloch Springs)	74

### TEAM LOW GROSS

Knoll / Guro / Gunning / Spadt, Blue Shamrock GC, Southmoore GC	61
Pillar / Pillar / Pillar / Lepre, CC at Woodloch Springs	61
Booros / Domitrovits / Sowards / Freundt, Philadelphia PGA	63
Alunni / Considine / Naylor / Couzens	
Skytop Lodge Resort, Stone Hedge Golf Assn, Glen Oak CC	64

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Miller / Miller / McCloskey / Klem	
Scranton GC, Scranton Municipal GC	58
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Skytop Lodge Resort, Stone Hedge Golf, Glen Oak CC	58
Paukovits / Paukovits / Paukovits / Paukovits	58
Booros / Domitrovits / Sowards / Freundt, Philadelphia PGA-13	59

## Wyoming Valley Pro-Am Wyoming Valley Country Club, PA Par 72

### LOW PRO

Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	67
Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks)	69
Alex Knoll (Blue Shamrock)	69
Dustin McCormick (Glenbrook)	70
Jason Mustapich (WVCC)	72

### LOW SENIOR PRO

Wayne Phillips (Lehigh)	70
Harvey Williams (PGA)	70
Jim Booros (PGA)	72
George Petrole (Thru The Green)	76

### LOW AMATEUR

John Olszewski (WVCC)	66
Art Brunn Jr. (WVCC )	68
Frank Schiel Jr. (WVCC )	71

### TEAM LOW GROSS

Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks)	61
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	62
Alex Knoll (Blue Shamrock)	62
Savitski (WVCC)	63

### TEAM LOW NET

George Petrole (Thru The Green)	56
Gregg Meyer (Woodstone)	56
Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	57
Harvey Williams (PGA)	58

## Shawnee Pro-Am Shawnee Country Club, PA Par 72

### LOW PRO

Chris Miller (Scranton Golf Center)	69
Mike Molino (C.C. of Scranton)	70
Mike Furey (Blue Shamrock)	70
Dustin McCormick ( Glenn Brook)	70
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	70
Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks Golf Club)	70

### LOW SENIOR PRO

Gary Clark (Buck Hill)	72
Greg Wall (Pocono Manor)	76
Jim Boroos (PGA)	77
Mark Monohan	78

### LOW AMATEUR

Mike Hogan	68
Riley Hogan (Shawnee)	68

### LOW SENIOR AMATEUR

Steve Domitrovits	73
Robin Bonda	73

### TEAM LOW GROSS

Justin Alunni (Sky Top)	1st
Mike Molino (C.C. of Scranton)	1st
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	1st

### TEAM LOW NET

Chris Miller (Scranton Golf Center)	1st
Jim Boroos (PGA)	2nd
Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks Golf Club)	3rd





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# Shawnee's Bergstol Wins Doylestown Open on the First Playoff Hole



Brian Bergstol (Left) was able to get up and down for birdie giving him the edge over Schlesman for the win.

**DOYLESTOWN, Pa.** – As the calendar turned to August, the Philadelphia PGA once again returned to Doylestown Country Club for the annual Doylestown Open. The one-day stroke-play tournament featured more than 90 Philadelphia PGA Professionals and served as the seventh event in the race for the Omega Player of the Year presented by the Haverford Trust Company.

Early in the day, current Philadelphia PGA Omega Player of the Year points leader Michael Little (Lookaway Golf Club) got things going after posting an impressive 4-under (68). Little posted back to back birdies on his front nine to make the turn at 2-under. As he made his way back to the clubhouse, Little added an eagle on the par-5 14th hole as well as another birdie on the short par-4 16th to reach 5-under. However, an untimely bogey on the par-5 18th hole dropped Little back to 4-under and in the end that proved to be a costly stroke.

As play continued, word started to spread that there was a player on the course who was having an impressive round. Brian Bergstol (Shawnee Inn & Resort) got off to a flat start but was able to turn things around on the par-4 6th hole carding his first birdie of the day. Bergstol added two additional birdies over his next three holes to make the turn at 3-under. After a couple of bogeys on holes 10 and 12, Bergstol was able to right the ship and posted three consecutive birdies on holes 13-15 before adding a final birdie on the par-5 18th hole to finish with a 5-under (67) and take over the clubhouse lead.

“I haven’t been playing on that well recently,” commented Bergstol on his round. “I have been very inconsistent with my driver and the only time I have been able to practice is during events. Today I was able to recover nicely from some of those poor drives and made some putts which helped a lot.”

Playing a couple hours after Bergstol, a second player was able to get to the 5-under (67) mark. Ben Schlesman (Manufacturers Golf & Country Club) is in his second year as an Assistant Professional in the Philadelphia Section. Like Bergstol, Schlesman played his outward nine in 3-under par after posting four birdies and one bogey. As he played the inward nine, Schlesman added four additional birdies but paired with two more bogeys Schlesman also finished at 5-under (67). Schlesman’s eight birdies were the most of any player in the field.

With no other players able to match or pass Bergstol and Schlesman, the pair headed back to the 18th hole for a sudden death playoff, the second consecutive Philadelphia PGA points event to be settled this way. Both players missed the fairway with their tee shots, although both managed to put themselves in a good position after

their second shots came up just short of the par-5 green. In the end, Bergstol was able to get up and down for birdie giving him the edge over Schlesman as well as his first points win of the 2019 season.

“It always feels great to get a win,” said Bergstol. “I hope I can continue to build off of this round, especially with some big events coming up Assistants Championship and the Haverford Philadelphia PGA Classic. I want to thank everyone at Doylestown Country Club for hosting us today.”

A familiar name took home the top spot in the tournament’s senior division. Dave Quinn (Laurel Creek Country Club) managed to overcome a bogey on the first hole, his only blemish of the day, to finish the tournament at 2-under (70), one shot ahead of a trio of competitors giving him his fourth senior win of the 2019 season. Finishing just behind Quinn were Dave McNabb (Applebrook Golf Club), John Pillar (Country Club of Woodloch Springs), and Don Allan (Burlington Country Club).

The Section would like to thank the membership and staff of Doylestown Country Club for their support of this event as well as tournament sponsor Jani-King and the PGA Tour.

RESULTS: NAMES	CLUB	Total to Par Gross	Total Gross
Brian Bergstol	Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort	-5	67
Won on 1st Playoff Hole.			
Benjamin Schlesman	Manufacturers' Golf & Country Club	-5	67
Mike Little	Lookaway Golf Club	-4	68
Nathalie Filler	Philadelphia Cricket Club	-3	69
Dave Pagett	Whitemarsh Valley Country Club	-3	69
Ashley Grier	Overbrook Golf Club	-2	70





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Doylestown CC - Doylestown, PA Par 72

	To Par	Total
INDIVIDUAL PRO	Gross	Gross
Brian Bergstol, Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort Won on 1st Playoff Hole.	-5	67
Benjamin Schlesman, Manufacturers' Golf & CC	-5	67
Mike Little, Lookaway Golf Club	-4	68
Nathalie Filler, Philadelphia Cricket Club	-3	69
Dave Pagett, Whitmarsh Valley Country Club	-3	69
Ashley Grier, Overbrook Golf Club	-2	70
Eric Kennedy, Overbrook Golf Club	-2	70
<b>SENIOR</b>		
Dave Quinn, Laurel Creek Country Club	-2	70
Dave McNabb, Applebrook Golf Club	-1	71
Don Allan, Burlington Country Club	-1	71
John Pillar, CC at Woodloch Springs	-1	71
Greg Farrow, Deerwood Country Club	E	72
<b>SUPER SENIOR</b>		
Greg Farrow, Deerwood Country Club	E	72
Jack Connelly, North Hills Country Club	+3	75
Don DeAngelis, Spring Ford Country Club	+4	76
Gary Hardin	+4	76

### Phila. Senior PGA Pro-Championship

Applebrook G.C.- Malvern, PA Par 72

	To Par	R1	R2	Total
	Gross			Gross
John Pillar, CC at Woodloch Springs	-8	67	67	134
Bob Lennon, Wilmington Country Club	-5	64	73	137
Brian Kelly, Bucknell Golf Club	-3	66	73	139
Terry Hertzog, Country Club of York	-3	68	71	139
George Forster, Radnor Valley Country Club	-2	72	68	140
Dave Quinn, Laurel Creek Country Club	-1	70	71	141
Eddie Perrino, Eagle Rock Resort	-1	67	74	141
Stu Ingraham, MGolf Range & Learning Cntr	E	70	72	142
Mike Moses, Concord Country Club	E	72	70	142
Mark Anderson, Philadelphia Cricket Club	+2	73	71	144
Dave McNabb, Applebrook Golf Club	+2	71	73	144
Rick Flesher, Applebrook Golf Club	+2	72	72	144
John Cooper, Green Valley Country Club	+2	66	78	144
Jim Bromley, Raven's Claw Golf Club	+2	73	71	144
John Allen, Huntingdon Valley Country Club	+3	73	72	145
Mike Molino, Country Club of Scranton	+4	72	74	146
Bill Sautter, Philadelphia Cricket Club	+5	73	74	147
Terry Hatch, Royal Oaks Golf Course	+6	71	77	148
Harvey Williams	+7	76	73	149

### NCR Phila. Assistant PGA Pro-Championship

Chester Valley G.C. Malvern, PA Par 72

	To Par	R1	R2	Total
	Gross			Gross
Trevor Bensel, Overbrook Golf Club	-6	65	69	134
Michael Little, Lookaway Golf Club	-2	71	67	138
Russell Harbold, Philadelphia Cricket Club	-1	68	71	139
Christopher Filling, Seaview Golf Club	-1	68	71	139
Michael Furey, Blue Shamrock Golf Club	-1	68	71	139
William Stewart, The ACE Club	E	68	72	140
Davis Jensen, Merion Golf Club	+1	73	68	141
Parks Price, Country Club of York	+2	71	71	142
Michael Tobiason, Deerfield	+2	73	69	142
Ashley Grier, Overbrook Golf Club	+2	72	70	142
Matthew Cocco, Overbrook Golf Club	+2	72	70	142
Zachary Kempa, Chester Valley Golf Club	+3	72	71	143
Thomas Cooper, Pine Valley Golf Club	+3	72	71	143
Gregory Matthias, Tavistock Country Club	+3	73	70	143
Jordan Shuey, West Shore Country Club	+4	75	69	144
Zachary Oakley, Bidermann Golf Club	+5	72	73	145
Michael Rushin, Bear Trap Dunes	+5	71	74	145
Matthew Hillier, Pine Valley Golf Club	+6	72	74	146
Peter Clarke, Manufacturer's G&CC	+6	72	74	146

### Phila. Senior PGA Pro-Am for Wishes

Penn Oaks G.C.- West Chester, PA Par 72

	To Par	R1	R2	Total
	Gross			Gross
Terry Hertzog, CC of York	-3	72	67	139
Zachary Oakley, Bidermann GC	-3	67	72	139
John Appleget, The Shore Club	-1	72	69	141
Richard Steinmetz, Spring Ford CC	E	70	72	142
Michael Little, Lookaway GC	E	69	73	142
Mark Sheftic, Merion Golf Club	+1	72	71	143
Dustin Wallis, Dustin Wallis Golf	+1	69	74	143
Brett Melton, Radley Run CC	+2	71	73	144
David Quinn, Laurel Creek CC	+2	70	74	144
William Stewart, The ACE Club	+2	71	73	144
Gregory Farrow, Deerwood CC	+3	70	75	145
Matthew Cocco, Overbrook GC	+3	74	71	145
Michael Tobiason, Deerfield CC	+3	72	73	145
Parks Price, CC of York	+3	69	76	145
Travis Deibert, Doylestown CC	+4	74	72	146
John Cooper, Green Valley CC	+4	72	74	146
George Forster, Radnor Valley CC	+5	73	74	147
Brian Bergstol, Shawnee Inn & GR	+5	74	73	147
Trevor Bensel, Overbrook GC	+6	75	73	148



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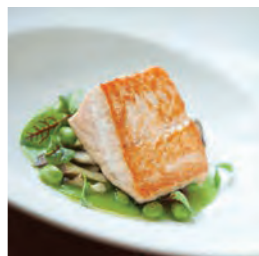
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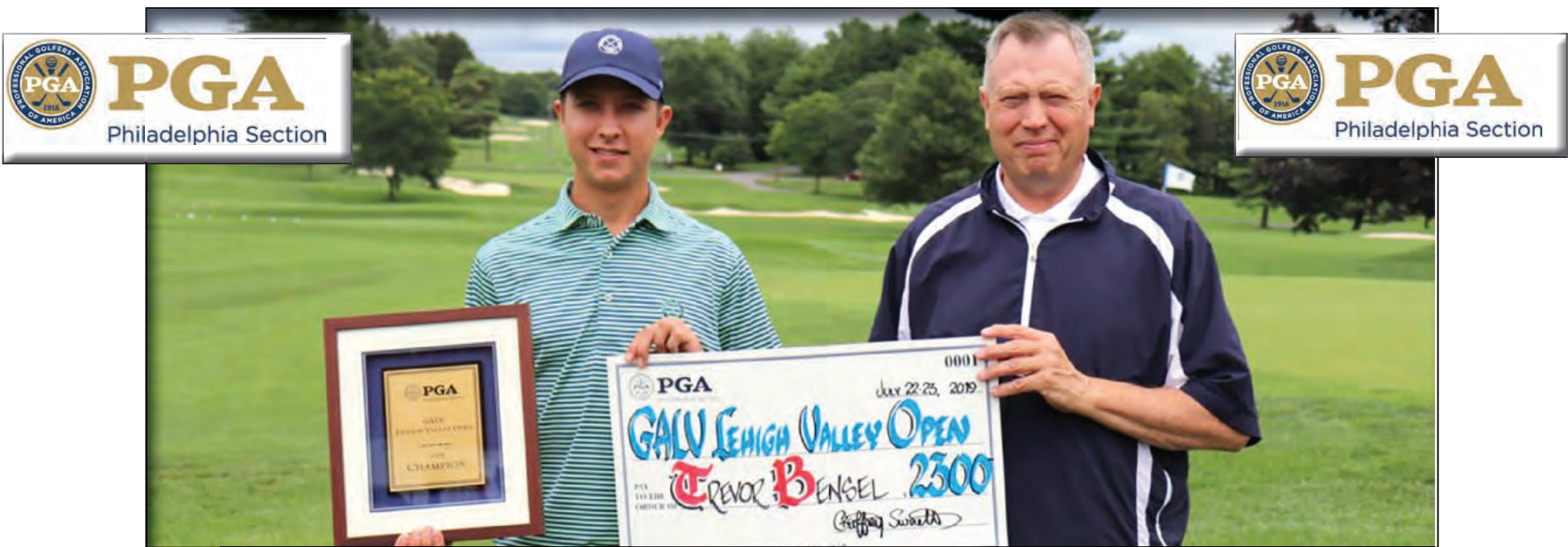
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# Bensel Outlasts Kennedy In Three-Hole Playoff at GALV Lehigh Valley Open



Trevor Bensel (Left) Outlasts Eric Kennedy in a Three-Hole Playoff at Lehigh Valley Open hosted by Dick Smith Sr.

EASTON, Pa. – In what is becoming an unfortunate trend for the GALV Lehigh Valley Open, inclement weather once again played a prominent role in the overall narrative of the tournament. Play was suspended multiple times during the first round before ultimately being suspended for the day at 7:00 p.m. With additional overnight rains, players were not able to get back on the course until 12:00 p.m. the following day. Because of this long delay, the decision was made to shorten the 36-hole event to an 18-hole tournament.

Playing in the tournament's first group on Monday, Eric Kennedy (Overbrook Golf Club) posted a score that in the end would prove to be the number to beat. Kennedy made his way around the par 72 golf course posting five birdies, including one the closing hole, against only one bogey, to finish with a score of 4-under (68). Initially, Kennedy thought he would have to wait until the end of the day to see where he stood in the tournament, but because of the inclement weather, Kennedy didn't know if his number was good enough until more than 24 hours after he finished his round.

Late in the day on Monday, Kennedy was joined at the top of the leaderboard by Trevor Bensel (Overbrook Golf Club). As a note, Bensel was one of the last groups to finish before play was ultimately suspended for the day because of the weather. Bensel joined Kennedy at 4-under after carding one eagle, four birdies against two bogeys to share the clubhouse lead.

Although several players would make a run at Kennedy, Bensel, and the top spot, no other player was able to join them at 4-under. There was a large contingent of players who finished one shot shy at 3-under (69) including defending champion Mark Sheftic (Merion Golf Club), Brett Melton (Radley Run Country Club), Michael Little (Lookaway Golf Club), Alex Knoll (Blue Shamrock Golf Course), and amateur Steve Kluemper.

With no other players joining them at 4-under, Kennedy and Bensel headed to the 18th tee to begin the sudden death playoff. On the first playoff hole, both players found the green in regulation, however, neither was able to sink their birdie putts and both settled for a par meaning they needed to head back to the tee box to start the process over again.

On the second playoff hole, both players came up just short of the green, leaving each with nearly identical chip shots. Kennedy and Bensel executed their chip shots without much difficulty and once again both players parred the hole. With no player giving way, the duo would head back to the tee box for the third time.

On the third playing of the hole, things heated up beginning with Bensel's approach shot. After finding the same spot in the fairway for the third time, Bensel knew what yardage he needed. His approach shot hit into the bank of the two-tiered green and as it spun back to the hole it rolled over the edge of the cup for a near eagle but in the end, it settled eight feet below the hole. Kennedy's approach, although not as dramatic, finished inside Bensel's ball leaving each player with a good look at birdie. Putting first, Bensel was finally able to convert a birdie and the pressure moved to Kennedy to convert his birdie putt. Despite a solid effort, Kennedy's

putt fell short meaning Bensel was crowned champion of the GALV Lehigh Valley Open, his first points win since the 2017 Match Play Championship.

"I have been playing well this season, I just haven't been able to score," commented Bensel of his play. "The delay wasn't ideal, but I just tried to keep things in perspective and wait it all out. Eric and I both played good golf and it was fun to play in a 'match play like setting'. I want to thank our host GALV and Karl Gilbert, as well as everyone at Northampton for proving such a terrific venue."

Four players shared the top spot in the tournament's senior division after each posted a score of 1-under (71). This group included Dave McNabb (Applebrook Golf Club), Dave Quinn (Laurel Creek Country Club), John Applegat (The Shore Club), and Mark Anderson (Philadelphia Cricket Club).

Leading the way in the amateur contest was Steve Kluemper was posted a tournament score of 3-under (69). Kluemper got off to a fast start with birdies on his first three holes. After a bogey on the difficult par-3 4th hole, Kluemper added two additional birdies to make the turn at 4-under. As he made his way back to the clubhouse Kluemper added two quick birdies to reach 6-under before three bogeys derailed his attempt to win the GALV Lehigh Valley Open.

The Section would like to thank our title sponsor, the Golf Association of Lehigh Valley and Mr. Karl Gilbert as well as the entire staff and membership of Northampton Country Club for their hospitality.

## RESULTS:

NAMES	CLUB	Total to Par	Gross	R1	Total Gross
Trevor Bensel	Overbrook Golf Club	-4	68	68	68
Eric Kennedy	Overbrook Golf Club	-4	68	68	68
Alex Knoll	Blue Shamrock Golf Club	-3	69	69	69
Brett Melton	Radley Run Country Club	-3	69	69	69
Mark Sheftic	Merion Golf Club	-3	69	69	69
Mike Little	Lookaway Golf Club	-3	69	69	69
Steve Kluemper		-3	69	69	69
Jordan Barker		-2	70	70	70
Mike Ferguson	Philadelphia Cricket Club	-2	70	70	70
Nathalie Filler	Philadelphia Cricket Club	-2	70	70	70
Travis Deibert	Doylestown Country Club	-2	70	70	70
Zach Juhasz		-2	70	70	70



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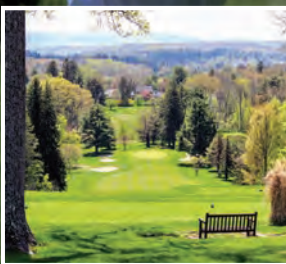
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# New Sacks Parente Putter Priced Like Jewelry But Proves To Be Jewel of a Putting Instrument



By **TONY LEODORA**

Over the years, new putters come and go at an alarming rate. Every time a would-be inventor gets an idea, he goes to work in his garage and comes out with a prototype.

Of course, that's how Karsten Solheim got started with his invention of the Ping putter many years ago. And look where that company has gone.

That's the dream of every inventor. But they usually lack two key elements necessary for success in this overly competitive market – sufficient funding to launch the product, and industry experience.

The new Sacks Parente line of putters hopes to be the Karsten Solheim story of the 21st century.

Co-founders, Steve Sacks and Rich Parente, have years of experience – and success – in the golf industry.

Parente was the original co-founder and first president of Callaway Golf in 1982. He has been an industry leader with design innovations that have changed the way golf clubs are designed and manufactured for more than five decades.

Sacks has been in the golf business since 1974, serving as a pioneer in golf club manufacturing. He has done extensive research and development in the use and effectiveness of alternative materials for golf club manufacturing and design. He co-founded Goldwin Golf and was a key party to the success of two popular putting companies.

Sacks and Parente first met while working for opposing golf companies. Despite being competitors in trade, the two master craftsmen formed an immediate admiration for one another due to overlapping goals. Each was committed to pushing the limits of club design and manufacturing to help all golfers enjoy the game through innovation. Their friendship grew over the years as did their unique manufacturing and design ideologies. As one pushed forward, so did the other. They mutually inspired one another to keep expanding the boundaries of possibility.

Those boundaries have reached a pinnacle with the introduction of the new line of Sacks Parente putters. They will tempt golfers who tend to fall out of love quickly with their current putter.

"Anyone who's played a lot of golf probably has a lot of putters," explains Sacks. "They become good friends. Then they become old friends. And then they kind of become unwanted friends. It's a cycle but we're trying to break that, with what we do."

What the Sacks Parente company is trying to do walks the cutting edge of technology in the golf industry. The technology of the past few years – in terms of materials, equipment and tools used in the manufacture of golf clubs – has taken a giant leap forward.

They have used that technology – plus the theory of specific redistribution of weight throughout the putter – to produce what they claim to be the finest putting instruments on the market. Those instruments come in two styles – a blade putter, which can be used right-handed or left-handed, and a mallet putter.

That combination of exhaustive research and technology, plus expensive materials, results in a high cost. How high? The Sacks Parente putter starts at a retail price of \$600.

If that causes sticker shock, Sacks has an explanation.

"I wish I could say I'm making a lot of money on the putters," says Sacks. "These materials cost money. We use a lot of tungsten. Tungsten is extremely expensive. We're using high-tech graphite shafts and taking all of the weight out of the grips is expensive."

The first thing anyone notices upon picking up the Sacks Parente putter is the extreme lightweight characteristic of the shaft and grip.

"We just believe that taking all of the weight out of the shaft and grip, plus using the standard weight in the head, gives you more feel," explains Sacks. "We know it gives you a better release. The clubhead wants to square itself as you swing the putter. And it's really the only putter that can make that claim."

To the amateur, that effect becomes immediately obvious. But inspection by an accomplished professional, who studies the art of putting, provided a better analysis.

Joey Pohle, head professional at Blue Bell CC, got a good look at the new Sacks Parente blade model and his eyes immediately opened wide.

"I love this putter," he said, only moments after taking his first few strokes. "You really feel the head."

"My first putter was a Bulls Eye putter. This reminds me of it, but with much better feel. It releases naturally. I can see how this putter will help a lot of players."

And that's the goal of Sacks Parente. There is nothing more enjoyable than making a lot of putts ... on a consistent basis. Golfers would pay anything to be able to do that.

Maybe, even to the point of paying \$600 for a putter.



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# New Jersey/Pennsylvania Team Wins 2019 Writer Cup at Forsgate Country Club



**Forsgate Director of Golf Carolyn McKenzie Andrews, Tony Leodora (representing NJ/PA team) and Mike Furey, Forsgate head professional (left to right).**

Monroe Township, NJ (July 30, 2019) – The 12th annual Writer Cup, Presented by Tagmarshal, at New Jersey's Forsgate Country Club was captured by the team representing New Jersey/Pennsylvania media. The Writer Cup is a popular match for bragging rights between journalists from the Metropolitan New York/National team and New Jersey/Pennsylvania team scribes. Forsgate Country Club created this spirited event and has hosted all 12 tournaments.

A field of 63 players competed for the coveted Writer Cup title. For the event, Tagmarshal provided its golf course intelligence and pace-of-play management solution that enabled the club professionals to track each group's progress on the course. During the traditional steak and lobster dinner that followed play, Chris Schiavone, Forsgate's Managing Partner, was presented with a charitable donation to the Forsgate Foundation by Bodo Sieber, Tagmarshal's CEO. The Forsgate Foundation benefits a variety of community service organizations and area caddie scholarships.



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# PGA Tour Announces Expanded Schedule Of 49 Events For 2019-20 Season

2019-20 FedExCup Season (49 events)					
DATE	TOURNAMENT	TV NETWORKS	GOLF COURSE(S)	LOCATION	
S	9-15	A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier	GOLF	The Greenbrier Resort (The Old White TPC)	White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
	16-22	Sanderson Farms Championship	GOLF	Country Club of Jackson	Jackson, Mississippi
	23-29	Safeway Open	GOLF	Silverado Resort and Spa (North Course)	Napa, California
O	30-6	Shriners Hospitals for Children Open	GOLF	TPC Summerlin	Las Vegas, Nevada
	7-13	Houston Open	GOLF	Golf Club of Houston	Humble, Texas
	14-20	THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES	GOLF	The Club at Nine Bridges	Jeju Island, Korea
	21-27	The ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP	GOLF	Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club	Chiba Prefecture, Japan
N	28-3	World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions	GOLF	Sheshan International Golf Club	Shanghai, China
	28-3	Bermuda Championship	GOLF	Port Royal Golf Club	Southampton, Bermuda
	4-10	OFF			
	11-17	Mayakoba Golf Classic	GOLF	El Camaleón Golf Club at the Mayakoba Resort	Playa del Carmen, Mexico
	18-24	The RSM Classic	GOLF	Sea Island Resort (*Seaside Course, Plantation Course)	St. Simons Island, Georgia
D	25-1	OFF			
	2-8	OFF			
	9-15	Presidents Cup	GOLF / NBC	Royal Melbourne Golf Club	Black Rock, Victoria, Australia
BREAK					
J	30-5	Sentry Tournament of Champions	GOLF	Kapalua Resort (The Plantation Course)	Kapalua, Hawaii
	6-12	Sony Open in Hawaii	GOLF	Waialae Country Club	Honolulu, Hawaii
	13-19	Desert Classic	GOLF	PGA WEST (*Stadium Course, Nicklaus Tournament Course); La Quinta Country Club	La Quinta, California
	20-26	Farmers Insurance Open	GOLF / CBS	Torrey Pines Golf Course (*South Course, North Course)	San Diego, California
F	27-2	Waste Management Phoenix Open	GOLF / CBS	TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course)	Scottsdale, Arizona
	3-9	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	GOLF / CBS	*Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill Golf Course, Monterey Peninsula Country Club (Shore Course)	Pebble Beach, California
	10-16	The Genesis Invitational	GOLF / CBS	The Riviera Country Club	Pacific Palisades, California
	17-23	World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship	GOLF / NBC	Club de Golf Chapultepec	Mexico City, Mexico
	17-23	Puerto Rico Open	GOLF	Coco Beach Golf & Country Club	Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
M	24-1	The Honda Classic	GOLF / NBC	PGA National Resort & Spa (The Champion Course)	Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
	2-8	Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard	GOLF / NBC	Bay Hill Club and Lodge	Orlando, Florida
	9-15	THE PLAYERS Championship	GOLF / NBC	TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course)	Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
	16-22	Valspar Championship	GOLF / NBC	Innisbrook, a Salamander Resort (Copperhead Course)	Palm Harbor, Florida
	23-29	World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play	GOLF / NBC	Austin Country Club	Austin, Texas
	23-29	Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship	GOLF	Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Golf Course)	Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
A	30-5	Valero Texas Open	GOLF / NBC	TPC San Antonio (AT&T Oaks Course)	San Antonio, Texas
	6-12	Masters Tournament #	ESPN / CBS	Augusta National Golf Club	Augusta, Georgia
	13-19	RBC Heritage	GOLF / CBS	Harbour Town Golf Links	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
	20-26	Zurich Classic of New Orleans	GOLF / CBS	TPC Louisiana	New Orleans, Louisiana
M	27-3	Wells Fargo Championship	GOLF / CBS	Quail Hollow Club	Charlotte, North Carolina
	4-10	AT&T Byron Nelson	GOLF / CBS	Trinity Forest Golf Club	Dallas, Texas
	11-17	PGA Championship #	ESPN / CBS	TPC Harding Park	San Francisco, California
	18-24	Charles Schwab Challenge	GOLF / CBS	Colonial Country Club	Fort Worth, Texas
	25-31	Rocket Mortgage Classic	GOLF / CBS	Detroit Golf Club	Detroit, Michigan
J	1-7	the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide	GOLF / CBS	Muirfield Village Golf Club	Dublin, Ohio
	8-14	RBC Canadian Open	GOLF / CBS	St. George's Golf and Country Club	Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada
	15-21	U.S. Open #	FS1 / FOX	Winged Foot Golf Club	Mamaroneck, New York
	22-28	Travelers Championship	GOLF / CBS	TPC River Highlands	Cromwell, Connecticut
J	29-5	World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational	GOLF / CBS	TPC Southwind	Memphis, Tennessee
	29-5	Barracuda Championship	GOLF	Montréux Golf and Country Club	Reno, Nevada
	6-12	John Deere Classic	GOLF / CBS	TPC Deere Run	Silvis, Illinois
	13-19	The Open Championship #	GOLF / NBC	Royal St. George's Golf Club	Sandwich, England
	13-19	Barbasol Championship	GOLF	Keene Trace Golf Club (Champions Trace)	Nicholasville, Kentucky
	20-26	3M Open	GOLF / CBS	TPC Twin Cities	Blaine, Minnesota
A	27-2	OFF (Men's Olympic Golf)	GOLF	Kasumigaseki Country Club	Saitama, Kantō, Japan
	3-9	Wyndham Championship	GOLF / CBS	Sedgefield Country Club	Greensboro, North Carolina
FedExCup Playoffs					
	10-16	THE NORTHERN TRUST	GOLF / CBS	TPC Boston	Norton, Massachusetts
	17-23	BMW Championship	GOLF / NBC	Olympia Fields Country Club	Olympia Fields, Illinois
	24-30	TOUR Championship	GOLF / NBC	East Lake Golf Club	Atlanta, Georgia
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### *TOUR Championship Winner McIlroy Wins A Third Vardon Trophy*

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla.** (Aug. 26, 2019) – Two-time defending PGA Champion Brooks Koepka edged Rory McIlroy in capturing a second consecutive PGA of America Player of the Year Award, presented by the PGA of America for excellence by a PGA TOUR professional.

McIlroy, who won last weekend's TOUR Championship and was a three-time-time winner this season, earned his third Vardon Trophy.

Koepka's drive to a second straight PGA Player of the Year Award was highlighted by his repeat triumph in the PGA Championship in May. His overall 84 points are based upon 50 points for collecting his fourth career major along with victories in The CJ Cup at Nine Bridges and the World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational. He topped the season money list and was fourth in the Vardon Trophy standings for adjusted scoring average. The official PGA TOUR season money list concludes prior to the 30-player TOUR Championship.

McIlroy, the 2012 and '14 PGA Player of the Year, was second overall with

78 points, followed by Patrick Cantlay and U.S. Open Champion Gary Woodland with 42 points each.

Since 1948, the PGA of America has honored the game's best players with the PGA Player of the Year Award. It is presented to the top TOUR professional based on a point system for tournament wins, official money standings, and scoring averages. Points for the 2018-19 season began with the Safeway Open on Oct. 4, and concluded Aug. 25, at the TOUR Championship.

In the Vardon Trophy race, McIlroy finished with a 69.057 adjusted scoring average based upon 72 complete rounds. He previously won the Vardon Trophy in 2012 and '14. Cantlay finished runner-up at 69.306; followed by Webb Simpson (69.377), Koepka (69.395) and Justin Thomas (69.466).

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