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# Myrtle Beach, Home Away From Home The Beach, Good Food and GOLF



**Arcadian Shores Hole #1**

**By Mike Kern**

Myrtle Beach. It's become my home away from Philadelphia. Sort of like my second South Jersey Shore. I've been going to first Wildwood, then Strathmere and now Ocean City my whole life. I started going to Myrtle for the golf, many years ago. Later, I played in the Golf Writers Association of America championship the weekend before the Masters every year. It was one of the best times of the year. We had fun. We renewed friendships. We played golf. What else is there, really?

About two decades or so ago, when my two children were still relatively young, I started going back to Myrtle as a family. And a new tradition was born. We laughed. We went to the pool, and the beach. We ate lots of good food. And I played golf. Soon, my son was joining me. Over the years we created some great memories down there. And we continue to do so. Only these days they're a little different. I have a 1-year-old grandson now. The world changes. Yet it remains in many ways the same. Just the way I like it.

About the only thing I don't like about Myrtle is the drive, which has its inherent issues. Hey, nothing is perfect. You have to figure out ways to avoid the traffic around Washington, or learn to sit through it without complaining too much. I'm not a patient person. So we've learned through experience to leave at like 3 in the morning going down, which gets us to like southern Virginia without very much hassle in time for breakfast at the Waffle House. And no, don't ask for pancakes, like a friend of mine once insisted on doing. It's called the Waffle House for a reason. So keep it simple. Go for the pecan, maybe a double, with a side of sausage (it tastes different for whatever reason. Maybe it's the sage) and an order of hash browns. They're really good, and I'm particular about stuff like that. And they don't have Waffle Houses around us. Down there they're like McDonald's golden arches. They're everywhere. So enjoy them while you can. Anyway, that's my first travel tip. I drink iced tea, but my wife insists the coffee is really good. The best thing about Waffle House is it's the same place. You can go to 100 of them and nothing ever changes. And watching the cooks do their thing is a show in itself.

The trip back is trickier. I can never seem to avoid the jam that starts just north of Richmond and extends all the way past Fredericksburg. And I've asked. Nobody can explain why, just that it's always that way. So I need to work on that one. I could fly, but then I'd have to rent a car and check my clubs and on and on. At least this way when I get there we are ready to go, even if we couldn't check into our room this time



**Caledonia Golf and Fish Club Hole #6**

until a little later than we would have liked. But once we were settled, the pool was a 3-wood shot away. OK, a drive and a wedge. But the water was refreshingly relaxing. Trust me I could go there and never play golf and still have a really good time. But with so many courses there for the playing, why waste such an opportunity? I can always do the pool in the afternoon, when I need a good soaking anyway. Right? I've found that one of the attractions of Myrtle is that it's not a one-trick pony. Not even close. You can go cheap, you can go expensive, you can go somewhere in between. And regardless of what you choose, you can have an equally wonderful time. And not every destination can say that.

We used to stay in Barefoot Landing, which is a nice spot where Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle meet. And we enjoyed our years there. But lately we've been staying in Cherry Grove, an area right near Little River and the North Carolina border. It's even better. A little more peaceful, close to lots of things we like and yet still a little more off the beaten path. But there are plenty of areas along the Grand Strand that could work for you. I know people who prefer the southern end, and I can understand why. There are no shortage of options, depending upon any number of factors. But there is something for everyone, and all tastes. At least one of them has your name on it.

This time down there, as I do most summers, I played four courses. One year I played six in five days, and I was drained. But I would do it again. I try not to play my first day, or my last, in deference to my family. And maybe, as I get older, my health. Besides, I like the pool and beach too much not to give them enough time on my schedule. I need a day or two to do mostly nothing. It comes with the territory. This year I even went in the ocean for hours at a time, something I haven't done in way too long. Felt great. I plan on doing it again every year. The one problem I have with the Jersey shore is the water sometimes is too cold. And I'm a wimp when it comes to that. Down Myrtle I just run right in. It's the only way to go, trust me.

My annual golf journey started at Arcadian Shores, located not far from Barefoot next to an outlet mall. So in a perfect world I could drop my wife off and pick her up four hours later and hope she hasn't bought too much from her favorite stores. Fortunately I try to play early, in part to avoid the heat and leave my afternoons free. Seems like a valid defense.

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# Myrtle Beach Golf Courses Begin Reopening After Hurricane Florence



Arrowhead Country Club Photo Taken September 18, 2018

## September 19, 2018—At Least 69 Courses To Be Open For Weekend Play

Myrtle Beach, S.C. -- Myrtle Beach golf courses, spared the worst of Hurricane Florence's wrath, are welcoming players back to the game's most popular destination. As of Wednesday morning, 45 area courses were open and that number will rise to 69 by Friday.

"We are obviously excited to have golfers playing again in Myrtle Beach, and they can expect to see sunny skies and quality course conditions," said Bill Golden, CEO of Golf Tourism Solutions, the agency responsible for promoting the area as a destination. "The Myrtle Beach golf community was very fortunate, but even as we begin looking forward to the fall golf season, our thoughts are with those who bore the brunt of Hurricane Florence in North and South Carolina. The impact of the storm for many of our neighbors was tragic, and we wish them a complete recovery."

Florence's impact varied along the Grand Strand, a 60-mile stretch of Carolinas coastline that runs from Pawleys Island, S.C. into Brunswick County, N.C., but area golf courses avoided major structural damage.

The majority of the post-storm work has involved debris cleanup and waiting for courses to dry, issues that won't impact the area's peak fall golf season.

October is the second busiest golf month of the year in Myrtle Beach as players flock to the area to enjoy beautiful weather - the average high temperature is 77 with almost no humidity - great courses and the value-packed Myrtle Beach golf packages the area is renowned for.

For latest information, follow the Myrtle Beach golf Facebook page for pictures and videos from area courses or go to [www.PlayGolfMyrtleBeach.com](http://www.PlayGolfMyrtleBeach.com).



In a ranking by The Sun News, golf experts voted two holes, #2 and #13, as part of the "Dream 18," a compilation of the best 18 holes on the beach



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Arcadian Shores Hole #8



Tidewater Hole #12 and #13

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I hadn't played Arcadian in awhile, but I'd heard it had undergone some much-needed improvements, including a new clubhouse. I heard right. The thing you have to understand about Myrtle is that not every course is going to be the Dunes Club. Or even Tidewater or Caledonia. But that doesn't mean a course that might not be in your top 10 can't be worthy of a visit. Quite the contrary. There are a lot of courses that are very playable and user-friendly and even more affordable. Which is never a bad thing. And many times I enjoy going to play them every bit as much as some of the "name" places. It's what makes the world go round.

Arcadian is one of those places. It's an older layout, so in ways it reminds me of what I play in the northeast. The fairways are tree-lined, but the landing areas are generous. And it's an interesting routing. You will be tested. And the changes they've made since I was there last have only made it better. I played with a father and son, Les and Ron. They were from western Pennsylvania, and Les was actually a pretty good golfer. They were a blast to play with. As were what turned out to be all the other people I was paired up with. And that's an underrated thing about being a single. You meet a wide-ranging group of mid-handicappers who only want the same as you: to play some golf and hopefully share some stories and have a few laughs along the way. Nothing wrong with that. Actually, I look forward to it.

Arcadian has water, it has bunkers and it has some forced carries. And the Tif-Eagle Bermuda greens rolled true. Renowned designer Rees Jones certainly did a nice job way back when. After an opening par 5, there's a par 3 of about 150 over water. I barely cleared the hazard and got up and down for my 3 from the short rough. It's the No. 4 handicap hole. And with that I was off. Three is another par 5, followed by four straight par 4s, three of them measuring in the 375 range. It's pretty much straightaway. The doglegs are more on the back nine. The eighth was another par 3 of about 150. I have to tell you I didn't make too many pars. And the ones I did were mostly on up and downs.

I played better coming home, although a few 3-putts didn't help. The 13th is probably the signature hole, a par 4 of about 370. But your second shot is all carry over a lake. And it seems to play longer. But it's a good one, maybe one of the better ones along The Strand. For reasons that I somehow cannot always make sense of, I saved my best for last. On 18 I hit a really good drive and put a 7 wood on from about 160 and rolled in a semi-lengthy putt. Maybe it doesn't have to compute. But it's those things that keep me coming back.

Tidewater was up next. I was there when it was being built in the early 90s. I consider it to be one of the best down there. And I'm not alone. Especially when it's in good shape, which it usually is. It's situated along the Intercoastal Waterway,

which means you're going to have some great views of the natural terrain. Try not to get too caught up in that. It can be distracting. They do have done some extension renovations in recent years, which is all part of keeping up with the competition. And it shows. For my money Tidewater is about as good as it gets. I played with Chris King, who does a lot of good work publicizing Myrtle, and another father-son team. This time it was Dave and Lucas, who was just starting out. They'd come down from Toronto, and it was their first trip. And you have to love a guy who buys you a cold drink at the turn even though the Canadian dollar wasn't helping him out any.

We started on 10, a par 4 dogleg right with water. I almost got up and down, after my approach managed to find a way to bounce off the edge of the wet stuff onto dry land. Imagine that. Tidewater was tougher than Arcadian, but I did make a few pars. And two double bogeys. It happens. The 18th is some finish. You have to hit a good drive to have a chance, then you're going over water to a large green. I got on in two, barely, hitting a 3 wood about as good as I can, and made a 4. Which, I have to say, I haven't done much on that hole.

The third and fourth are a stretch that's hard to top. Anywhere. First you have a par 3 of about 150 to a tricky green with all kinds of bad stuff to the left and bunkers all over. Then it's one of the best par 4s you'll ever play. I don't think I've ever been on in two, and this was no different. But I got close. It bends left off the tee, and I almost saved par from just off the green. But it's a bear. The eighth is a par 5 that doesn't look too hard until you have to hit to the green, which is small and sits next to junk, with a bunker in front. You'll find out what kind of nerve you have. And nine is a really nice par 3 back to the clubhouse, of about 160, with a green that moves severely from right to left. In other words, towards all the trouble. Again, I almost saved par. And once more, I have a terrific time at Tidewater. As if I had any doubts.

I'd been to Shaftesbury Glen, which is a bit out of the way, once before. Back then I'd played the day after a heavy rain, so it was wet. And it's amazing how far you find out you don't hit the ball when conditions are like that. They'd done some things since then. It doesn't look like a Myrtle course. The greens are mostly elevated. But they did tone down some of the bunkering around them, to make them more accessible. They also added some waste traps along the fairways to give them more definition. Nice touch. And while it might take you a little longer to get there, it's well worth the effort. And it's really not as far as you think, due to some of the new highways they've put in. The neatest thing is, you can actually stay there. They have suites that can accommodate groups. And they have a pool. And the rates are downright cheap. Check out the package deals before you book anywhere else. And you're not that far from Myrtle, yet you're far enough away that you don't have to go to Myrtle if you

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# Fall Golf at the South Jersey Shore



**Hidden Creek Hole #10 Fairway**

By Mike Kern

The South Jersey Shore has been part of my life ever since I can remember. Which is a long time. It wasn't until I had my own family that I finally got to know what golf down there was like. And from then on that became a big part of my annual week or two by the sea. Over the years I've probably made as many friends in that area and played as much golf through them as I have closer to home. It happens. And it's been a good thing. Because there's a lot of really exception golf to like, even if some of those places are now only distant memories.

Hey, the landscape changes. If there's one constant it's that the options are always evolving in one way or another. It's why I can't help but think about how much I miss Blue Heron Pines East every time I drive past it. The site of the 2003 U.S. Amateur Publiclinks Championship that went to Brandt Snedeker, it hasn't been around in about a decade. It was a victim of a change in ownership, when Roger Hansen opted to move on and build the private facility Hidden Creek. Which, by the way, is nothing short of outstanding too. It's just different. The world continues to spin. Hidden Creek, by the way, has a new marketing director, Liz Norton-Scanga, who worked for the Hansen family when Blue Heron first opened a quarter-century ago. She will be a fine addition, having most recently worked for the group that ran Atlantic City C.C., Ballamor and Scotland Run. It's nice having familiar faces moving on up.

In the past year or so there's been a bunch of changes, much of it in the private sector, some of which might even impact at least a few of us along the way. That's how it works. Wildwood Country Club is now The Shore Club, having been taken over by the members. And their initiative just might have saved the course from extinction. You never know. They have big plans, and there's never anything wrong with that.

Just up the Garden State Parkway, the Union League has purchased Sand Barrens. A few years ago it got into the golf business by buying Torresdale-Frankford Country Club in Northeast Philly. Because it could. And the Union League has used a ton of money to make what was already a hidden gem into something even better, from the layout to the clubhouse. And it will only continue to keep doing so, since their goal is to be one of the best. I expect them to do the same with Sand Barrens, which apparently they plan to keep as a 27-holer. I can't wait to see the finished product. Having the Union League in the mix has to be viewed as a can't miss.



**Stockton Seaview The Bay Course**

There's also new people in charge at Linwood C.C. (fourth-generation restauranteurs from nearby Atlantic City) and the early reviews are all thumbs up. Again, new blood, especially when it was needed, has to be part of the equation every once in awhile. Sometimes courses, no matter how good, can for whatever reasons grow stagnant. And that's even a bigger no-no in this economic climate. Survival often depends on it. Golfers can only hope that the change means more for them. Or else courses will close.

I have my favorites, you have yours. I often play in the summer, when I'm on vacation. But the shoulder seasons are often the prime time to tee it up. The weather's just right, and so is the price. Don't be afraid to shop around for bargains. The fall is always a good time to visit. I've been told many times by friends that you can play just about all year round. So far I've mostly taken their word for it, but I might have to see more for myself one of these winters. What do I have to lose?

Here's a list of the places I would heartily recommend, which pretty much means all of them. What can I say? Yes, some are better than others. But I'm hardly a golf snob. And some have grown on me through my journey. It's funny how you can come to appreciate a course the more you play it, or even when you play it for the first time in a long time. There's usually something you see that you never noticed enough before. And it's enough to bring you back, which is the whole point.

Seaview Resort, which also has undergone a change in ownership from Stockton College to a group from Florida, of course hosts the LPGA Shop-Rite Classic each spring. It's merely the biggest sporting event in the area. And there's not really a close second. The neat thing about Seaview is not just the fact that it has two wonderful layouts. But the hotel is worth staying at, if just for a night to get a feel for what it's like to take a step back in time. What an experience. I've been fortunate enough to do it a couple of times while I was covering the tournament. I've also been fortunate to play the Bay Course each year at media day. And I've played the sister Pines Course enough to know that they're both worthy. Did I mention the great food they have in the hotel, which includes the return of the Friday Night Seafood Buffet. You haven't lived until you've had your fair share of lobster and champagne. And that's just for starters. You can always trust me on matters of food.

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Stockton Seaview The Pines Course



Shore Gate Golf Club Hole #5

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The Bay Course is open and shorter. But it's a Donald Ross, so you don't have to say much more. It's a shotmaker's layout, with plenty of doglegs. The wind is almost always a factor, and the greens are tricky. I love it, because it's playable. And you get to play the same holes the best women golfers in the world challenge once a year. Not bad. The Pines is tree-lined, as you'd expect, although they have taken a lot of them out. I think it's made the place better, sort of like what they've done at Oakmont and Philly Cricket. The Bay and Pines are polar opposites. But they're both worthy tests, so you can't go wrong with either. The closing stretch at the Pines is particularly stern. But the Bay has some holes along the water overlooking the AC skyline that is pretty tough to beat. In a perfect world you play all 36 in one day with a lunch of crab cakes in between. It will be a keeper.

Shore Gate might be the hardest public course in that region, especially if you make the mistake of playing it from the wrong set of tees. I should know. But it's a really good layout, with a lot of character and a nice flow. There's more than enough sand, so chances are you will find some. It has a memorable set of par 3s. The second hole is a par 4 that bends 90 degrees left with a drive over water. The ninth is a little bit like the 18th at Pebble Beach, a par 5 with water all down the left side. And the par 4 18th is about as good a finisher as you're going to come across. In my world 5 is a decent score there. In my book, Shore Gate is a must-do at some point. It's that entertaining. But it's going to bite you. The lone question is just how much. You should know that going in. It in no way should keep you away. So you're not going to break the course record. And if you play well think how much more satisfied your insides are going to feel.

I haven't played the Vineyard at Renault in too long. My bad. I'll try to do something about it. I've heard that Kevin McCarty, a really good guy, is back in charge. Which means the

place should be in good shape, after a few years of people wondering about the ownership situation. I was there when this place opened, and even played with designer Ed Shearon. It's got a really nice mix of holes, and no two seem to go in the same direction. There's a par 4 with a split fairway. There's some good par 3s, including one where the tee box keeps moving to the left and toward the green to give players of all abilities a reasonable chance. Wonderful touch. And there's a dogleg par 4 that bends around, well, the vineyard. So you can pick a grape if you want for sampling. More to the point, you can buy some wine, which I usually do, at the gift shop. They're worth taking some home. Or you can take the tour, if you want to be enlightened. Again, something different. They have a hotel and an award-winning restaurant, so you can make a day and night of it and not be disappointed. You might actually want to make it two nights. And its location on the White Horse Pike makes it the closest shore course to Philly. In case that kind of stuff is important to you.

Speaking of which, Blue Heron is almost as easy to get to. This was the place that basically jump-started the influx of high-end public golf in that area back in the early 1990s. And after a few years of kind of treading water, Ron Jaworski came in and changed everything. His presence allowed it to regain its rightful stature among the competition. First thing he did was remove much of the excess gunk that was making it not so enjoyable. Not only does it look better, it plays better. The back nine especially has some really tough holes. I don't think I've ever been on the par-4 10th in two. The 14th might be the signature hole, with a second shot over the wet stuff. Really good. But there's enough shorter holes that you can have birdie opportunities if you're hitting it fairly well. I nearly aced the par-3 fourth (which is followed by another wonderful par 4 with water down the right), after taking a lesson from the pro at the time. Of course I haven't nearly aced it again, so once will probably have to suffice. And Jaws, as you'd anticipate, did a great job putting in his Seven Tap Tavern. The level of



Blue Heron Pines Golf Course Hole #3

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Twisted Dune Golf Course Aerial View



Galloway National Golf Course Hole#18 designed by Tom Fazio

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hospitality is never in doubt when he's involved. And it shows.

Twisted Dune is unlike most anything you're going to play, particularly at the Jersey Shore. It looks like something you'd find in Great Britain, right down to the deep rough and blind shots and fun quotient. You probably will lose some balls. I know I do. But you're probably going to hit some shots that will leave you wanting more. It really is a taste treat, if only for its uniqueness. There's a few holes you can get, a few that are going to get you and the rest could go either way. So have at it. If the wind is blowing it can get a little hairy. The 16th and 17th are an indelible near-ending. First you have a mid-range par 3 over some terrain you don't want to be in. And there's bunkers protecting the green in all directions. Then you get a par 4 where the second shot, most likely with something around a 7-iron, is a forced carry over a bunker to a green that's not necessarily a gimme two putt. I guarantee you will walk off knowing that you just played something you're not going to see every day, unless maybe you head to Scotland or Ireland. Hard to put a proper value on that.

One of those courses that has grown on me since my initial impression is McCullough's Emerald Golf Links, which was built on a landfill just down the road from Twisted Dune mainly due the efforts of the former mayor (Sonny) of Egg Harbor Township. I've actually had the pleasure of playing it with him. Maybe it just took time to mature. All I know is that it's come a long way, at least for this mid-handicapper. And again, when the wind blows it's not a pushover. Quite the contrary. The eighth and ninth are a big-time finish to the front side. Especially the ninth, about a 170-yarder over a pond. It can be hard to take the club back on the tee. There's a blind uphill tee shot where you might be aiming at a passing cloud. But my favorite hole, in fact one of my favorite holes anywhere, is the par-4 15th, a sharp dogleg right. But a really good player has the option of trying to take it over the trees and drive the green. Hackers like me just try to put it down the middle and leave themselves a wedge in. Which, surprisingly as it might sound, I've been able to do more often than not. So I've had birdie ops. And birds. What I can't figure out is how I almost always manage to somehow screw up the next hole, a 115-yard par 3. Nobody said it has to make sense.

Atlantic City is one of those places that gives me goosebumps every time I go there. Seriously. It's always been one of my faves, even before it was sold by the Fraser family and some of the holes were changed or added. There's two real short par 3s that nevertheless can end in bogeys or worse. Don't ask. And the stretch of holes on the back nine along the bay are as aesthetically pleasing as it gets. If the wind isn't helping you the par 3 15th can be an absolute bear. I love the short dogleg right par 4 that precedes it. Of course I can make a 3 or a

6 there. There is a forced carry if you try to bite off too much from the tee. So choose wisely. And when you're done, the view from the dining room looking out on everything is a postcard waiting to happen. Sometimes it's those extra perks that stick out.

Ballamor is another place that took me some getting used to. It can be hard, but I try not to judge courses that way. Not fair to them. It's not their fault if I can't handle it. But sometimes you play it for the first time in awhile and you come to appreciate it more than you did before. Such was the case with me this year. I don't know why, but it just felt more playable. Maybe it was the company. Or the fact that we were playing in the late afternoon as the sun was setting. You have to hit some shots here to have a realistic chance. The one thing you have to keep in mind is that most of the greens have some sort of ridge running through them. And if you're on the wrong side of the cup you can easily 3-putt. Sometimes you don't even have a fair shot. So be it. Still a fine test. And the 18th is the only way to close. It's a par 5 with water covering the right side and sand traps to the left. If you can navigate that you are left with a short approach. But there's still plenty of trouble around the green to deal with, and the green has some serious movement to it. Other than that ...

The setting at Cape May National is as natural as it gets, and several of its holes usually make any list of the top 18 down there. What more do you have to know? Harbour Pines is always in wonderful shape, and it too has more than a few holes that will keep you coming back. The 10th, a par 4 with water on the left and woods on the opposite flank, comes readily to mind. If you're looking at private options, Grete Bay is certainly something to consider. It's come so far since the days when it hosted the Shop Rite. And even back then it's closing hole ranked as the toughest on the LPGA Tour. Something to be said for that. And they have many membership options to fit all needs and budgets. Pat Croce's longtime business partner, Mark Benevento, does a great job running the place when he isn't busy opening more of his mini-golf courses to add to his already prolific empire.

And, if you want to get beat up, try to find a way to get off on Galloway National, one of Tom Fazio's best. It was tough when it opened and it remains something that should be on anyone's bucket list. Just to say you gave it a try. The opening two holes, a dogleg par 4 followed by a par 3 over marshland, and the closing two, a long par 3 preceding another dogleg par 4, are nothing short of outstanding. Over the years it has more than lived up to its reputation. Just make sure to pack some extra balls.

That should be enough to keep you busy. Give them all of a shot. You'll be better off for it. Tell them the midget from Northeast Philly sent you. Or take me with you, and I'll supply the comic relief. See you again in the spring. Until then, happy holidays.





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## *Myrtle Beach continued from page 5*

don't want to. Options are good.

If this were closer to Myrtle, I think it would get more love. But that's the way it works. You won't be disappointed if you give it a shot, trust me. I played with an older woman who plays there a bunch. And she was a trip. We played from the red tees, because I wanted her to be comfortable. And you know what? It's a lot more fun hitting 9 irons into greens instead of 5 woods. Hey, it's not like I'm going to tell the pro I just broke the course record. The idea is to have fun, right? Thought so. Wish more people would get that message. Anyhow, we had a blast. And as the first group out, we played in less than three hours. I love that.

There's not too much water, but enough to get your attention. It meanders through forests and farmlands along the Waccamaw River. It doesn't beat you up too much, although maybe I should try the back tees before I say that. I did make like a half-dozen bogeys, even playing from around 5,000 yards, so that must tell you something. But mostly we had a good time. Nothing too stressful. And maybe you just need that every now and again. Next time I promise to move back to the whites. Or at least the golds. Unless, of course, I'm paired with my girl Bev again.

The following day at Pearl West I concluded my 72-hole tournament. I had never played there, and I'm always looking to add new courses to my list. Cut through coastal marshlands along the Calabash River, the first thing I noticed was the immaculate condition. The greens had recently been aerated, because they have too at some point, but the greens still were fine. If you missed it was your fault. I played with Jim and Felix, two good old boys who were a complete hoot. They told me Roy Williams stories, I told them Tiger Woods stories. We laughed a lot, even after bad shots. And there were moments both ways. They could play a little. The West had a links feel to it. We started on 10. I quickly found out that you didn't want to be in the rough. It didn't look like much, but your ball tended to sit down in it. So the short grass became a priority. If you've seen me hit, good luck with that. But I tried. The 14th was a really good par 4 where you had to carry water on your third. Again I hit a 7 wood that hit the edge of the water and bounced up onto the grass. Don't ask. But the highlight had come two holes earlier, when a gator walked from one pond to another about 30 feet from us as we were on the green. He didn't seem to care at all that I was trying to save par, which I didn't. At least I got a picture to send my daughter back at the condo. She was impressed. As I always contend, the wildlife was there first. Just don't let me see any snakes any time soon, or all bets are off.

I parred the two par 3s on the front, including No. 8, which measures 190 and where I had to use driver. Nobody cares. The No. 1 handicap, 5, is a long par 4 that

I was happy to make a 5 on. My opinion? I would go back in a second, maybe even to give the East a try. I just wish I could take Jim and Felix with me. You never know.

As everyone realizes by this point, I judge my trip as much by what I eat as what I shoot. Maybe even more so. That's how I roll. So here's a few suggestions. I would not steer you wrong.

Start with The Shack, in Cherry Grove, which is like a local southern version of a Cracker Barrel. I love the Cracker Barrel. Especially the grilled catfish. Well they do a grilled fish here, that comes with three sides and a drink and hush puppies and a roll, for ten bucks. I can't make that up. You will not leave hungry. Just more to work off at the pool. Speaking of which, for another \$10 you can go to the Simply Southern Smokehouse, near Broadway at the Beach just off the Highway 17 bypass. It's the best buffet there, especially for the price. Mr. King recommended it to me, and he was right on. It's all southern food, like chicken bog and okra with tomatoes and meat loaf wrapped in bacon and BBQ sauce. I'm usually good for three or four plates. They also have a salad bar with banana pudding and a daily cobbler. And the folks who run it are about the most hospitable you'll come across, which is saying something in those parts. This might be my favorite stop for lunch. If not then it's surely in the conversation.

Chianti South, in Little River, could stand on its own in South Philly. I order the same thing every time. The stuffed banana peppers appetizer. They are tremendous. With the bread, which is off the charts, it's a meal. But I've seen the lasagna, the chicken parm, the mussels, you name it. You can't go wrong. Try the crepes with ice cream desert. Yum. And there's always room for ice cream.

Greg Norman's Australian Grille, in Barefoot, can be a little pricy. But it's good, and for lunch it's almost a bargain. Benito's is one of the better pizza places down there, even though admittedly there isn't a whole lot of competition. The BBQ House can get it done, and is real affordable. For something different there's a German restaurant, Horst Gasthaus, just off 17 near Barefoot. They have all-you-can-eat pork chops for \$15. Seriously. My son-in-law made it to five. I had the Hungarian goulash, and it was unreal. And I'm half German. It came with red cabbage, sauerkraut and German potato salad. I was in Heaven. Then there's a French place, in Little River, called the Brentwood. I'd passed it 100 times before we tried it. They have a happy hour where you can get some of the best onion soup and she-crab soup for \$5 apiece. A total bargain. But the best part is the chocolate soufflé, which we have found out can be shared by a table of four. Easily. And it's decadent.

I could probably go on. But for now that will have to do. Maybe the next time I will get chance to play with one of my readers down there. It's been known to happen.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy some of these suggestions. That's what it's all about.



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# Jim Furyk Selects Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Bryson DeChambeau for U.S.



Furyk announced 14-time major champion Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and back-to-back PGA Tour winner Bryson DeChambeau will compete in France to help the U.S. defend its title. Getty Images

**Bob Harig – ESPN Senior Writer**

**PHILADELPHIA** -- Tiger Woods was one of three golfers named as at-large picks to the U.S. Ryder Cup team by captain Jim Furyk on Tuesday and later this month will make his eighth appearance in the event, but his first since 2012.

At the time, Woods, 42, was ranked 656th in the world and had not earned a single Ryder Cup point. He had not played competitive golf in a year, the result of his fourth back surgery.

"Deep down, I wanted to make the team. I really wanted to play on it," Woods said Tuesday at a news conference where Phil Mickelson and Bryson DeChambeau were also added to the U.S. team. "Now I had not started playing golf really yet, but still ... it was a goal.

"... As the year progressed, I've kind of gained some traction and was somehow able to get some high finishes. And lo and behold, I'm a part of this team. It's incredible, it really is, to look back at the start of the year and now to have accomplished a goal like that, to be a part of this team, and now to be a player is just -- like I said, it's beyond special."

Woods, who has five top-10 finishes this year, including a runner-up at the PGA Championship three weeks ago, ended up 11th in the final Ryder Cup standings, with the top eight players after the PGA earning automatic picks.

Mickelson and DeChambeau also received at-large picks Tuesday and will join qualifiers Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Patrick Reed, Justin Thomas, Bubba Watson, Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler and Webb Simpson.

Furyk will add a final pick Monday following the BMW Championship at Aronimink Golf Club. Tony Finau is considered the leading candidate. Others who might still be considered are Kevin Kisner, Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay.

The 2018 Ryder Cup will be played at Le Golf National, outside Paris, on



**Bryson DeChambeau**



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Mickelson, 48, will be making his 12th straight Ryder Cup appearance.

"It's obvious that the one thing that has been missing is for our team to go over to Europe and win," said Mickelson, who has played on three winning U.S. teams -- but never overseas. "I'm very excited about the team this year. I'm excited to be a part of this team. We have some incredible players, great leadership and a really special opportunity to do something that we haven't done in a long time.

"It's going to be a great challenge because we know how strong the European side is and how well they play at home. But it's a wonderful chance, an opportunity for us to do something I haven't done or been a part of in my career, and would very much like to."

DeChambeau finished ninth in the final standings and was considered a strong possibility for a pick before winning the first two FedEx Cup playoff events. He is a former U.S. Amateur champion and has already developed a bond with Woods, looking to speculation about a possible pairing in France.

Furyk said Woods will no longer serve as a vice captain. He named David Duval, Zach Johnson and Matt Kuchar as assistants to join previously announced vice captains Davis Love III and Steve Stricker.

Love captained the U.S. team to victory in 2016, and Stricker was the winning U.S. Presidents Cup team captain last year.

The European team had eight qualifiers -- Justin Rose, Tyrrell Hatton, Rory McIlroy, Tommy Fleetwood, Jon Rahm, Alexander Noren, Francesco Molinari and Thorbjorn Olesen -- decided on Sunday following the Made in Denmark tournament on the European Tour.

Captain Thomas Bjorn made his four at-large selections Wednesday, choosing Ian Poulter, Paul Casey, Henrik Stenson and Sergio Garcia. Among those not making the team are Rafael Cabrera Bello, Thomas Pieters and Denmark winner Matt Wallace.



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Yes, Southern Highlands is at the high end of the Las Vegas experience. Worth it? Absolutely.

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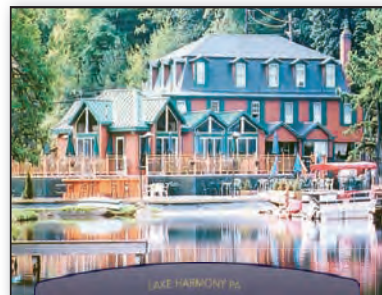
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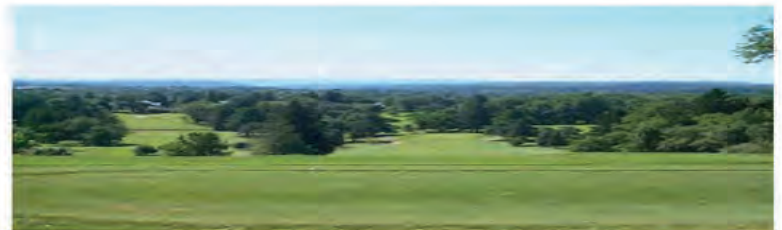
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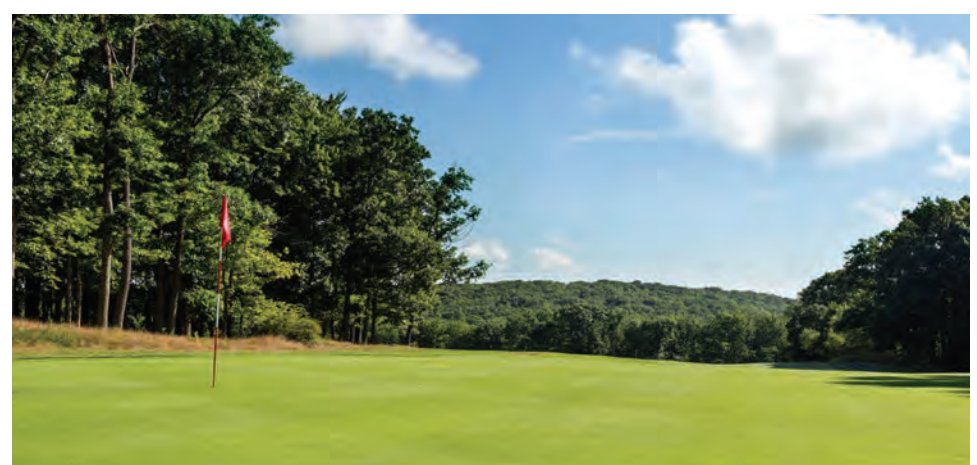
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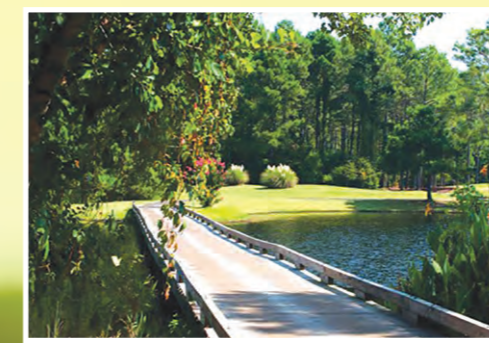
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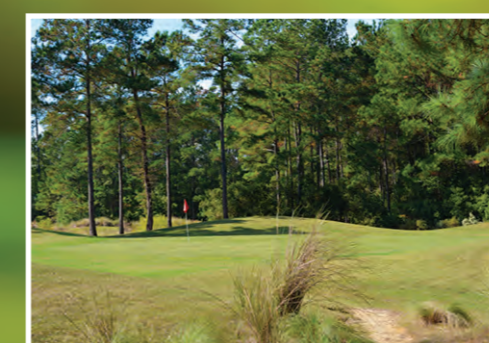
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# Billy Stewart Uses Late Surge to Capture His First Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship



Billy Stewart (The ACE Club), Winner of 97th Phila. PGA Professional Championship

Concord Country Club Hole #18

## Philadelphia PGA

Concordville, PA – September 21, 2018 – Billy Stewart (The ACE Club), is the winner of the 97th Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship, at Concord Country Club. Stewart will lead 12 Philadelphia PGA Professionals to compete in the 52nd PGA Professional Championship, next April 28 – May 1, 2019 at Belfair in Bluffton, South Carolina.

Stewart came into the third and final round of the Championship with a four shot lead but as he made his way around the Flynn designed course he got off to a slow start. Through sixteen holes Stewart had posted 15 pars and 1 bogey and was sitting at 5-under for the Championship. However, Stewart saved his best for the final two holes. On the seventeenth hole, Stewart made a lengthy downhill putt for birdie. While on the eighteenth Stewart reached the closing par-5 in two and after two putts he carded his second consecutive birdie bringing him to 7-under (207) for the Championship.

While a number of players gave it their best shot throughout the day, only one managed to temporarily grab the lead. Stu Ingraham (M Golf Range) found himself at the top of the leaderboard after the twelfth hole, thanks in large part to the four birdies he had made up to that point. However, a bogey on the sixteenth hole coupled with birdies by Stewart on holes 17 & 18 ultimately dropped Ingraham from the top spot and a chance at his third Philadelphia PGA Championship although it was good enough for a solo second place finish.

The biggest move of the day came from Brian Hollins (Links Golf Club). As play began on day three, Hollins found himself at 2-over and in 22nd place. However, when play ended Hollins had moved up nineteen spots after he posted a championship best 5-under (66) moving him from 22nd place into solo third place.

When all was said and done Stewart was able to walk away as the Champion of the 97th Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship, the first of his career.

Along with Ingraham and Hollins, Stewart will be joined by Mark Sheftic (Merion Golf Club), Mike Ladden (Whitford Country Club), Rusty Harbold (Philadelphia Cricket Club), George Forster (Radnor Valley Country Club), Terry Hertzog (Country Club of York), Rich Steinmetz (Spring Ford Country Club), Alex Knoll (Bethlehem Golf Club), Mark Anderson (Philadelphia Cricket Club) and Ashley Grier (Overbrook Golf Club), the only female professional playing in the Championship, who birdied the first sudden-death playoff hole to win a spot in the National event next year. She has already earned a spot in the KPMG Women's PGA Championship also in 2019.

### Results on Philadelphia PGA Pro Championship

#### QUALIFIERS

		R1	R2	R3	Total	
<b>Billy Stewart</b>	<b>ACE Club</b>	70	67	70	207	-7
<b>Stu Ingraham</b>	<b>M Golf Range</b>	72	68	68	208	-6
<b>Brian Hollins</b>	<b>Links GC</b>	72	73	66	211	-3
<b>Mark Sheftic</b>	<b>Merion GC</b>	71	71	70	212	-2
<b>Mike Ladden</b>	<b>Whitford CC</b>	75	70	68	213	-1
<b>Rusty Harbold</b>	<b>Phila Cricket Club</b>	68	76	70	214	E
<b>George Forster</b>	<b>Radnor Valley CC</b>	76	68	70	214	E
<b>Terry Hertzog</b>	<b>CC of York</b>	74	70	70	214	E
<b>Rich Steinmetz</b>	<b>Spring Ford CC</b>	72	71	71	214	E
<b>Alex Knoll</b>	<b>Bethlehem GC</b>	70	73	72	215	+1
<b>Mark Anderson</b>	<b>Phila Cricket Club</b>	74	79	72	215	+1
<b>Ashley Grier</b>	<b>Overbrook GC</b>	73	69	73	215	+1

#### ALTERNATES - IN ORDER

<b>Michael Little</b>	<b>Lookaway GC</b>	76	68	71	215	+1
<b>Scott Reilly</b>	<b>Philadelphia CC</b>	79	67	69	215	+1
<b>Chris Krueger</b>	<b>Kings Creek CC</b>	70	74	72	216	+2
<b>Tony Perla</b>	<b>LedgeRock GC</b>	74	69	73	216	+2
<b>Dave Quinn</b>	<b>Philmont CC</b>	70	71	75	216	+2



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Spencer Lungert (Bethlehem)	69
Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	69

### LOW SENIOR PRO

Jim Booros (Phila. PGA)	70
Greg Wall (Pocono Manor)	71
Wayne Phillips (Lehigh)	73
Brian Boyle (Skytop)	74

### LOW AMATEUR

Jeff Cordea	71
John Hartzell	72
Tom Davis	73

### TEAM LOW GROSS

Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	59
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	63
Wayne Phillips (Lehigh)	64
Cottell( )	64

### TEAM LOW NET

Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	58
Evan Grube (Morgan Hill)	59
Smith (Phila. PGA)	59
Kevin Edwards (Olde Homestead)	59

## Mahoning Valley Pro-Am

Mahoning Valley Country Club Par 72

### LOW PRO

Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	69
Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	71
Mike Furey (Mahoning Valley)	72
Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	74
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Jim Booros (PGA)	72
Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	75

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Mike Furey (Mahoning Valley)	63
Gregg Meyer (Morgan Hill)	64
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	67
Jeff Fick (Chapel Hill)	67

### TEAM LOW NET

Jim Booros (PGA)	59
Kevin Edwards (Olde Homestead)	60
Evan Grube (Morgan Hill)	61
Brian Boyle (Skytop)	61

## Whitetail Pro-Am

Whitetail Golf Club Par 72

### LOW PRO

Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	61
Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	68
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	68
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### TEAM LOW GROSS

Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	58
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	61
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Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	54
Joe Ambrose (Great Bear)	58
William Gruppo (Glennbrook)	59
Mike Furey (Mahoning Valley)	59

## PPGS

### Stroke Play Championship

Green Pond Par 70 & CC of Scranton Par 72

	R1-GP	R2-CCS	Total
Mike Furey, Mike Mahoning Valley Cc	65	71	136
Brian Bergstol, Shawnee Inn & Resort	65	73	138
John Pillar, Cc At Woodloch Springs	71	70	141
Mike Molino, Cc Of Scranton	74	71	145
Gregg Meyer, Morgan Hill	72	73	145
Jeff Fick, Chapel Hill Gc	74	75	149
Dustin McCormick, Glen Brook Gc	74	76	150
Spencer Lungert, Scranton Canoe Club	74	78	152
Harvey Williams, Philadelphia Pga	79	74	153
Dan Richie, Willowbrook Gc	77	79	156
Kevin Edwards, Woodstone Cc	76	82	158
Steve Keifner, Northampton Cc	81	78	159
Greg Wall, Pocono Manor Gc	81	81	162
Patrick Spang, Manor Golf Club	79	84	163
Ray Silnik, Blue Shamrock Gc	90	75	165
George Petrole, Through The Green, Inc	85	85	170
Brian Boyle, Skytop Gc	87	84	171
Evan Grube, Whitetail Gc	87	86	173
Vince Yanovitch, Great Bear Gc	90	88	178





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# SVCC's Mattare Takes Mid-Am At Weyhill Course



Matt Mattare fired a 6-under round of 66 to win the 25th Middle-Amateur Championship presented by LECOM at Saucon Valley Country Club's Weyhill Course

**BETHLEHEM, Pa.** - The event was shortened from 36 to 18 holes. Monday's opening round wasn't completed due to rain making the course unplayable. The players who didn't finish Monday had to wait until Tuesday morning to get back on the golf course, not knowing what conditions awaited them. But despite all of those changes to the original plans for the 25th Pennsylvania Middle-Amateur Championship, at the conclusion of the event, there was a familiar name holding the trophy. Saucon Valley Country Club's own Matthew Mattare finished at 6-under par 66 on his home club's Weyhill course to win the championship, which was presented by LECOM.

"I knew it was going to be kind of a sprint today," said Mattare, referring to the finish since the event was shortened to a single round.

Despite carding three birdies on Monday before the weather moved in, Mattare was in a tense situation when he returned to the golf course for the 9:02 a.m. resumption of play on Tuesday. He had a 15-foot putt to save par and continue his bogey-free round.

"All I was thinking was to hit a good putt on 10 and be aggressive on the back nine," Mattare said.

The first part of his thought process was proven true as he rolled in the par putt to get the momentum going. He did miss a five-footer for birdie on No. 11, but on the following hole, he made his first birdie of the day.

"I made a nice little seven foot slider there," Mattare said of the 569-yard par-5 12th hole, which put him at 4-under par for the round.

He followed up with another birdie on No. 13, a 393-yard par 4. That one came as a result of a 15-foot putt. Mattare then made it three in a row when he knocked his approach pin high to about 15 feet on No. 14 and then poured it in.

That put him at 6-under par for the round. Wil Naylor of Applebrook Golf Club had the clubhouse lead after firing a 4-under par 68 on Monday. Knowing that he had a bit of a cushion, Mattare focused on a pair of key tee shots down the stretch.

"I know that you've got to hit good tee shots on No. 15 and No. 17," said Mattare.

He started strong with a nice poke on the 15th that led to a gap wedge approach and a two-putt par. On the 16th, another routine par meant he was just two away. Then on No. 17, Mattare hit another solid drive and followed that up with an excellent approach but couldn't get the putt to fall. Still, he headed to the 18th with a two-shot lead. On the final hole, a nice drive was followed by a solid approach, and despite the fact that the birdie putt didn't fall, Mattare's cushion was enough to get him to another par and his first victory in the championship.



Saucon Valley Country Club's Weyhill Course

"The lucky part for us today is that we were out there in the afternoon yesterday, and the greens were a little beat up around the holes because of the weather," Mattare said. "So when we came back today, they'd gotten mowers on the greens and they were absolutely perfect. Jim (SVCC superintendent Jim Roney) and his staff are the best in the business, and it showed this week."

Naylor finished second at -4 under par. Tied for third were West Shore Country Club's Clay Davidson and Old York Road Country Club's John Samaha, both of whom fired 69 (-3). Rounding out the top five was Chartiers Country Club's Erik Bertrand, who shot 70 (-2).

In the Team Competition, which takes the best 2 of 3 scores for the day, Lu Lu Country Club won at even par 144, with contributions from team members Michael Brown, Jr. (71) and James Sullivan, Jr. (73).

The Pennsylvania Golf Association would like to thank the staff and membership of Saucon Valley Country Club for the hospitality shown this week.

## 25th Pennsylvania Middle-Amateur Championship Results

	Total to Par Gross	R1 Total
<b>Matthew Mattare, Saucon Valley Country Club</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>66</b>
William Naylor, Applebrook Golf Club	-4	68
Clay Davidson, West Shore Country Club	-3	69
John Samaha, Old York Road Country Club	-3	69
Erik Bertrand, Chartiers Country Club	-2	70
Michael Brown Jr., Lu Lu Country Club	-1	71
Rick Stimmel, Diamond Run Golf Club	-1	71
Kevin Fajt, Hannastown Golf Club	E	72
Ryan Gelrod, Philadelphia Cricket Club	E	72
Zack Amole, PGA Individual Member	+1	73
Brian Johnson, Riverview Country Club	+1	73
Brendan Borst, Philadelphia Cricket Club	+1	73
Brian DePaul, PGA Individual Member	+1	73
Jeff Frazier, Carlisle Country Club	+1	73
Mitch Mercer, Shannopin Country Club	+1	73
James Sullivan Jr., Lu Lu Country Club	+1	73





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## SCOREBOARD



### Phila Sr PGA Pro Championship

White Manor C.C. - Malvern, PA Par 71

QUALIFIERS: (7)	R1	R2	Total	
Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	68	69	137	-5
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	71	68	139	-3
Dave Quinn Philmont CC	67	72	139	-3
John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	69	71	140	-2
Brian Kelly Bucknell GC	73	68	141	-1
John Allen Huntingdon Valley CC	73	69	142	E
John Appleget The Shore Club	68	74	142	E

#### ALTERNATES - IN ORDER (5)

Greg Farrow Deerwood CC	73	70	143	+1
Mike Moses Concord CC	71	74	145	+3
Rick Gibney Colonial GC	73	74	147	+5
Bill Sautter Phila Cricket Club	74	73	147	+5
Mike Molino The CC of Scranton	74	73	147	+5

#### DID NOT QUALIFY (5)

Wayne Phillips Lehigh CC	72	75	147	+5
Bob Lennon Wilmington CC	73	75	148	+6
Gary Hardin Northampton CC	75	74	149	+7
John DiMarco Laurel Creek CC	76	74	150	+8
John Kellogg Radley Run CC	74	76	150	+8
Mark Anderson Phila Cricket Club	75	75	150	+8
Don Allan Burlington CC	72	78	150	+8

### Pro-Am for Wishes

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

	R1	R2	Total	
Mike Tobiason Deerfield GC	-6	67	69	136
Terry Hertzog CC of York	-5	68	69	137
Brett Melton Radley Run CC	-3	69	70	139
Steve Swartz Out Door CC	-2	68	72	140
Alex Knoll Bethlehem GC	E	67	75	142
Chris Krueger Kings Creek CC	+1	72	71	143
Trevor Bensel Overbrook GC	+2	73	71	144
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	+2	72	72	144
Billy Stewart ACE Club	+2	70	74	144
Dave Quinn Philmont CC	+2	68	76	144
Andrew Turner Sunnybrook GC	+2	68	76	144
Brian Bergstol Shawnee Inn and GR	+3	74	71	145
Dave Pagett Whitmarsh Valley CC	+3	73	72	145
Mike Furey Mahoning Valley CC	+3	72	73	145
Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	+3	72	73	145
Ross Seaman Manufacturers GCC	+4	75	71	146
Michael Little Lookaway GC	+4	73	73	146
Mark Sheftic Merion GC	+4	71	75	146
Zachary Kempa Chester Valley GC	+5	79	68	147
Zac Oakley Waynesborough CC	+5	75	72	147
John Appleget The Shore Club	+5	72	75	147
Kevin Nicholson White Manor CC	+5	72	75	147
Rob Shuey Colonial GC	+5	70	77	147
Stu Ingraham M Golf Range	+6	75	73	148
Bill Sautter Philadelphia Cricket Club	+6	74	74	148

### Lincoln Summer Pro-Lady Team Championship

Sunnybrook Golf Club, Plymouth Meeting, PA Par 72

	Total
Shaughnessy/Moyer/D'Amore/Wallace	-16 56
Ferguson/Goldman/Bidwell/Sanderson	-14 58
Smith/Fitzpatrick/Kelly/Fireman	-14 58
Kandle/Pillion/Palmer/van der Zwan	-13 59
Nicholson/Anthony/Droogan/Reed	-13 59
Debski/Cormican/Hall/Clauss	-12 60
Duckett/Borneman/Burke/Cwalina	-12 60
Kennedy/Wiley/McFadden/Fisher	-12 60
Parson/Parson/Harris/Parson	-12 60
Sanders/Thornton/McGuinness/Bender	-12 60
Melton/Pershouse/Jones/Murta	-11 61
Dynda/Reilly/Mangini/Quinn	-11 61
Breiner/Matthews/May/Donnelly	-11 61
Sikina/Traenkle/Averback/Smith	-10 62
Frederick/Hyman/Hawk/Hadeed	-10 62
Schultz/Lane/Schwartz/Whetzel	-10 62
Forster/Berlinger/Farruggio/Meckling	-9 63
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Wegner/Cox/Adams/Meehan	-9 63
McNabb/Holloway/Schiel/Klagholz	-8 64
Duffy/Lacatena/Manos/Diemer	-8 64
Balukas/Balukas/Balukas/Hendrickson	-8 64

### Delaware Valley Open

Deerwood C.C. - Westhampton, NJ Par 70

	R1	R2	Total	
Steve Swartz Out Door CC	32	32	64	-6
Michael Little Lookaway GC	33	32	65	-5
Andrew Turner Sunnybrook GC	35	30	65	-5
Eric Kennedy Overbrook GC	31	34	65	-5
Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	33	33	66	-4
Ashley Grier Overbrook GC	33	33	66	-4
Greg Farrow Deerwood CC	33	33	66	-4
Curtis Kirkpatrick Indian Springs GC	34	32	66	-4
Brett Melton Radley Run CC	33	34	67	-3
Mike Furey Mahoning Valley CC	34	33	67	-3
Trevor Bensel Overbrook GC	33	34	67	-3
Bob Hennefer Indian Springs GC	34	33	67	-3
Billy Stewart ACE Club	32	36	68	-2
Brian Kelly Bucknell GC	34	34	68	-2
Don Allan Burlington CC	34	34	68	-2
Tony Perla LedgeRock GC	31	37	68	-2
Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	33	35	68	-2
Michael Ferguson Phila Cricket Club	34	35	69	-1
Ross Seaman Manufacturers GCC	35	34	69	-1
John Allen Huntingdon Valley CC	34	35	69	-1
Brian Hollins Links GC	35	34	69	-1
Dave Quinn Philmont CC	35	34	69	-1
Michael Wheeler Whitford CC	35	34	69	-1
Brian Bergstol Shawnee Inn and GR	37	33	70	E



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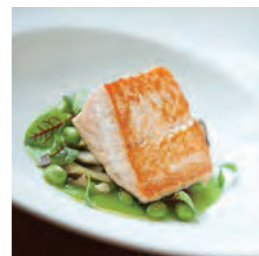
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Southern Highlands Hole #9 Tee Photo by Mike Pergola



Bear's Best Hole #18 Photo by Mike Pergola

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many casinos and too little time.

While we teed it up from the whites, which come in at 6,008 yards, don't think that you are going to take this course by storm. From the tips, it has been the site of a Champions Tour first stage of Q-school for the last two years.

From 6,945 at the tips, the rating is 74.0 and the slope is 134. By Vegas standards, reasonably priced and well conditioned with a huge practice area.

There is water on 10 holes, but if you select the correct set of tees based on your ability, the trip out will seem short and the trip back will be spent talking about the golf course.

Another Elite Golf course lived up to that name.

Mountain Falls was about a 45-minute drive from the strip in Las Vegas, but worth every second. For one the scenery on the way to the course is spectacular, if you enjoy the desert and mountains. But unlike so many other courses in the Las Vegas area, Mountain Falls has no water restrictions. So, on the day we played there, the carts made the familiar whoosh as they rolled through fairways soaked from sprinklers, which gives Mountain Falls its lush, green conditions.

The course runs through a housing development that is under construction, so there might be some extraneous noise as homes rise in the desert. But truly, it's worth what little distraction there is.

The course plays 6,101 to 7,082 for the men, and the back nine was designed by Jack Nicklaus. And if there's one thing ironic on this desert course, it's that there is plenty of water, which comes into play on nine of 18.

"The people who built this, when they built it had a vision to have a great Golf Course out here," general manager Randy Mudge said.

One of the gated communities under construction is aimed at the 55-and-over crowd, and A LOT OF PLAY IN Pahrump comes from Las Vegas.

"Just the condition we are in," Mudge said is the attraction. "Again, we are

fortunate right now because there is one purpose for this golf course -- to sell houses. It's as green as it will ever be. It will be this way for years to come.

"You can go to any set of tees here and you have a challenge. The greens are good. Our golf courses always very playable."

Rates are extremely reasonable. Mudge said in peak season the going rate is currently \$70, and \$36 after 12:30 p.m.

Bear's Best, a compilation of Nicklaus' favorite holes from courses he built out west, is impressive from the very first tee, where water hugs the entire left side of the fairway.

But it's the lasting impression from the 18 that still remains, months later.

It is a recreation of the 18th hole at PGA West, a 463-yard monster that gradually rises from the tee to the green.

A bunker stretches down the right side of the closing par-4, and where the sand ends, the water begins -- and cuts back in front of the green, which is massive and well bunkered.

A terrific closing hole, just as Nicklaus demands.

And it's not easy to say it's a terrific closing hole after you've marked down a quadruple-bogey on the scorecard.

But Bear's Best is much more than that. It stretches out to 7,194 yards from the far reaches and plays as little as 3,000 for those who care to play it as an executive-style course.

One of the truly interesting features are the black sand bunkers on two of the holes, including the par-3 fourth, a copy of the Old Works Golf Club in Anaconda, Montana.

While these four courses were a great experience, and one to be recommended, there are plenty more awaiting in Las Vegas.

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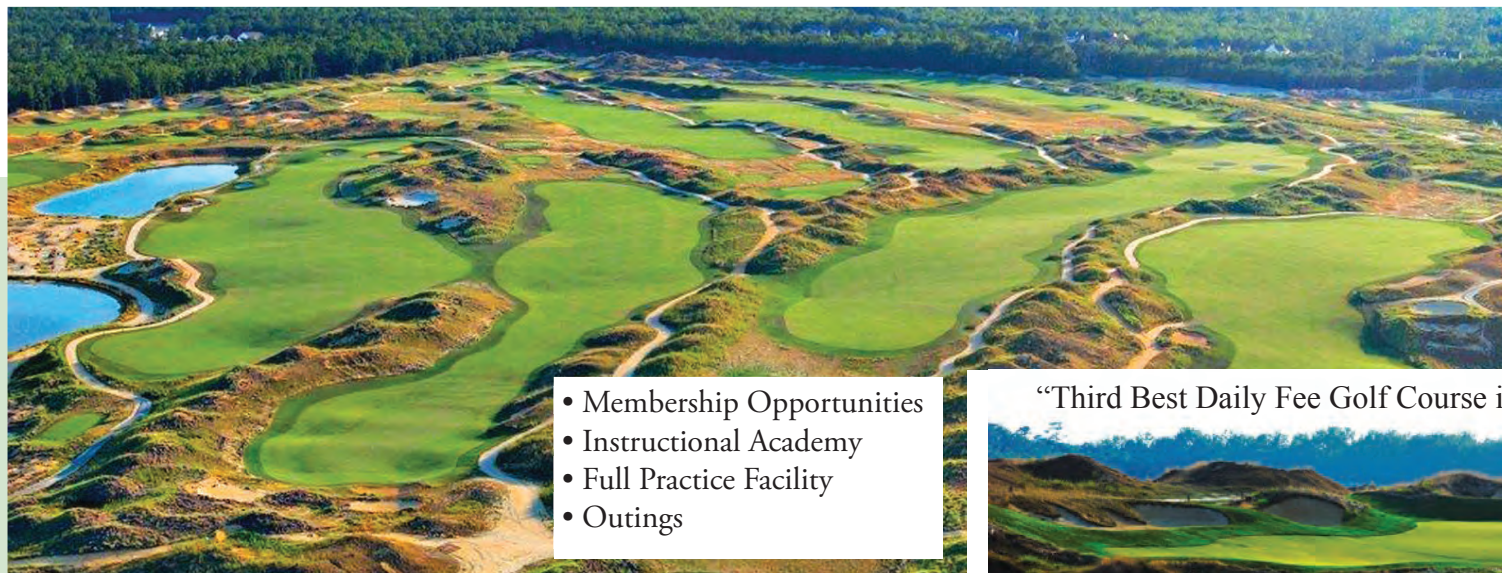
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# Kraft Holds On for State Open Win



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Lancaster Country Club Hole #18

Kevin Kraft, Harrisburg, posted 6-under par for the tournament and held on to win by one stroke over a hard-charging Cole Willcox, Malvern, at the 102nd Pennsylvania Open presented by LECOM. Stu Ingraham, Broomall, finished third place at 4-under. Low Amateur honors went to the trio at 1-under par including J.D. Hughes, Zachary Barbin, and Evan Long. Special thanks to our sponsor LECOM and the entire membership and staff at Lancaster Country Club for hosting the event.

LANCASTER, Pa. - After nine holes of the final round of the 102nd Open Championship, Kevin Kraft was at 8-under par and had a four-shot lead. With a steady diet of fairways and greens, it appeared that Kraft would cruise to victory at Lancaster Country Club. But after a combination of a chip-in by Stu Ingraham at No. 10 and a pair of bogeys by Kraft, the lead was just one stroke. Kraft then hit a nice 3-wood into the fairway to 139 yards from the flag. After debating a couple of options for his approach, he decided to muscle a pitching wedge, and it was the right choice. The ball landed four and a half feet past the hole, and the birdie putt fell, restoring the lead to two strokes. Three holes later, Kraft sank a par putt on No. 18 to card a 6-under par 204 in the 54-hole championship and claim his first win in the historic event, which was presented by LECOM.

"This is really big and means a lot to me," said Kraft, a professional from Harrisburg, Pa. who earned \$8,000 out of a total purse of \$40,000 for the win. "I grew up in Ohio playing in the state open there, but to win something like this at the state level has been one of my lifelong goals."

Kraft, who set the competitive course record at LCC on Tuesday with a blistering 64 that featured 12 one-putts, didn't have such luck on the putting greens today.

"I lost the speeds on the green," Kraft said of the final round. "I couldn't make a putt."

At varying points during the day, Ingraham and fellow professional Cole Willcox made runs at the title but both fell short. Ingraham, the 1998 champion in the event, was in the final pairing with Kraft, and after an early bogey on No. 2, played the next 10 holes in 2-under par, including the chip-in on 10 and an excellent left to right putt from the back fringe for birdie on 12, to get within a shot of the lead. He carded a final round of even par 70 and finished at 4-under par for the championship.

Willcox, meanwhile, was even par for the championship as he approached the 11th tee and didn't appear to be a name to watch at the end. But he had played his final nine holes in 4-under par in Tuesday's second round so he knew it was possible to finish strong.

"I had nothing to lose after I missed a three and a half foot putt for par on 10," Willcox said. "So I finally got a birdie to go in and everything started working from there."

That might be an understatement, as Willcox birdied five of the last eight holes, including both the 17th and 18th, to put some pressure on the final grouping as he finished at 5-under par in second place.

Kraft began the day with two objectives for his game - to improve his driving and to putt reasonably well. He got to the first tee and smacked a drive in good position, but his approach spun off the front edge and he ended up failing to convert a five-footer for par.

"I left myself in some tough positions today and it started on that hole," Kraft said.

Kraft left himself no doubt on the par-3 third hole, as his tee shot ended up just a few inches away from the cup and he tapped in for his first birdie of the day.

The 11th hole what Kraft referred to as his "only bad tee shot" of the day, leading to another bogey which came just after Ingraham's birdie on No. 10. That four-shot lead quickly had gone to just two.

"A four-shot lead is awesome but at the same time it is not easy," Kraft said.

Even more impressive about the win was that Kraft had very little knowledge of the classic William Flynn layout prior to this week.

"This golf course was fantastic," Kraft said. "It doesn't fit me eye as it plays to a fader and I'm more of a drawer but that doesn't mean that you can't play it well. This is a really great place."

There was a three-way tie for low amateur between Zachary Barbin, J.D. Hughes and Evan Long, who all finished with a 36-hole score of 211 (+1).

The Pennsylvania Golf Association would like to thank the staff and volunteers of Lancaster Country Club for the hospitality in hosting the Open Championship for the third time in history.

	R1	R2	R3	Total	
Kevin Kraft, Harrisburg, PA	-6	68	64	72	204
Cole Willcox, Malvern, PA	-5	69	69	67	205
Stuart Ingraham, Broomall, PA	-4	67	69	70	206
Christopher Crawford, Bensalem, PA	-1	67	71	71	209
Kyle Wambold, Macungie, PA	-1	71	70	68	209
Travis Howe, Bellefonte, PA	-1	67	72	70	209
Robert McClellan, Butler, PA	-1	71	69	69	209
Mark Sheftic, Blue Bell, PA	-1	72	70	67	209
Daniel Obremski, Irwin, PA	E	71	72	67	210
Patrick Ross, Dunmore, PA	+1	70	73	68	211
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# Huntsville Wins AGA/GAP Senior Coal Scuttle



**Huntsville Golf Club captured the 36th AGA/GAP Senior Coal Scuttle Championship.**

With a birdie on his final hole, Jim Hoover claimed the Anthracite Golf Association's 36th Senior Coal Scuttle Championship at The Country Club of Scranton's Old Course (par 72, 6,107 yards) Aug. 20.

After hitting a driver and 3-wood to the front fringe on No. 18 (par 5, 459 yards), the Huntsville Golf Club member chipped up to four feet with his lob wedge and converted the putt to win by a shot.

"As I tell everybody, when you get up there in age you never know when your last victory will be your last," said Hoover, of Kingston, Pa. "It's great to still be competitive at 64 years old and playing the young kids at 50."

"At the time, I didn't know I needed a birdie at the last to win. If I knew I needed a birdie to win, I am not sure how it would have turned out. I was trying to birdie to help my team out so that's all that was on my mind playing the hole."

That birdie helped solidify Huntsville's place at the top of the Senior Coal Scuttle team championship with a four-man total of 11-over-par — seven shots clear of Elmhurst Country Club.

Hoover added three other birdies to his card on Nos. 3 (par 3, 157 yards), 4 (par 5, 394 yards) and 7 (par 4, 369 yards).

Hoover stuffed a 7-iron to a foot on the third and stuck a gap wedge from 100 yards to five feet on the fourth.

But he said the highlight of the day came on the seventh. After hitting a solid drive, Hoover had 150 yards for his second. He used the same swing he exhibited on No. 3 and hit 7-iron to 20 feet. He would convert the right to left "snake" putt to get to 2 under.

That's all Hoover needed to claim his second Senior Coal Scuttle. He won the 2013 edition at Irem Country Club.

"The weather hasn't allowed us to play a decent amount of golf," said Hoover. "This round was only the second one I have played in the last 10 days. I've been playing good. My game has been coming around since I had shoulder surgery in February. It took longer to recover than I thought."

"At 64, I appreciate still being able to play golf and I enjoy being around the guys. If I get a win once and awhile it's nice but I know the wins won't be as frequent. I just enjoy being out there."

### Anthracite Golf Association

The Anthracite Golf Association merged with the Golf Association of Philadelphia in 2018. Anthracite, an organization founded in 1951, promotes golf in the Northeastern Pennsylvania region. At the height of its growth, Anthracite included 46 Member Clubs in 18 counties.

	To Par
<b>Huntsville GC</b>	<b>Gross</b>
<b>Huntsville Golf Club</b>	<b>+11</b>
Elmhurst CC	
Elmhurst Country Club	+18
Scranton Muni. GC	
Scranton Municipal Golf Course	+20
CC of Scranton	
Country Club of Scranton	+20
Elkview CC	
Elkview Country Club	+24
Fox Hill CC	
Fox Hill Country Club	+24



# Fox Hill Takes 4<sup>th</sup> Super Senior Coal Scuttle



**Fox Hill Country Club continued its dominance in the AGA/GAP Super-Senior Coat Scuttle Championship**

**Fox Hill Country Club**— Four attempts. Four wins.

Fox Hill Country Club continued its dominance in the AGA/GAP Super-Senior Coat Scuttle Championship, taking the iconic bucket trophy for the fourth year in a row. A 3-over total of 216 gave the champions an eight-stroke victory over Elmhurst Country Club and a nine-team field.

In a best-three-of-four scoring format, Fox Hill picked up right where it left off in its title defense. Leading the way was team newcomer Thomas Gill with an even-par 71. Bill Lawler followed suit with a 1-over 72, while Ed Hennigan rounded out the win with a 2-over 73 of his own. Tony Scatena, stepping up as the fourth member of the team, carded a 16-over 87.

"This year, Tom was new to the team, as he was new to the Super-Senior age group. He's been playing well all summer," said Lawler, 71, of West Wyoming, Pa. "When he qualified for the team during our Super-Senior club championship, we were all very excited to have him. His play, and the rest of our scores, were very solid today."

As it was in previous years, home-field advantage was once again crucial for the Fox Hill foursome. It's an advantage — one that is earned by winning the title — that the club would like to never relinquish.

"It's big time. It's so important to play at your home course. Knowing how each putt will roll, and how each hole will play, cannot be understated," said Hennigan, who recently won his 11th straight Super-Senior club championship title. "I caddied here in the 50s, and have been a member here for 53 years. I know this golf course almost better than anyone. That obviously helps on every shot out here."

The consistency across all levels of the Coal Scuttle Championships, which Fox Hill holds the most titles in, has become their perennial pride. Playing talent tends to find a home at Fox Hill, and there is more being developed every season.

"Most of the guys that play in our Senior and Super-Senior events, we've been playing against each other for quite some time. Fox Hill, of all the clubs in the Anthracite region, has the most team championships. We've been very fortunate. Our guys love to compete."

"Not only do we have new Seniors joining the club, but we've got a bunch of young talent coming through as well. It's all very exciting to see," said Hennigan, 75, of Exeter, Pa.

Despite Fox Hill's standout play, the day's individual honor was awarded elsewhere. Elmhurst's Thomas McCormack and his lone subpar round of 1-under 70 earned him medalist honors. McCormack's bogey-free round, including a birdie on the par-3, 104-yard 11th, secured the medal.

	To Par	Total
<b>Fox Hill CC</b>	<b>Gross</b>	
<b>Fox Hill Country Club</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>216</b>
Elmhurst CC		
Elmhurst Country Club	+11	224
Elkview CC		
Elkview Country Club	+21	234
Scranton Muni. GC		
Scranton Municipal Golf Course	+22	235
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