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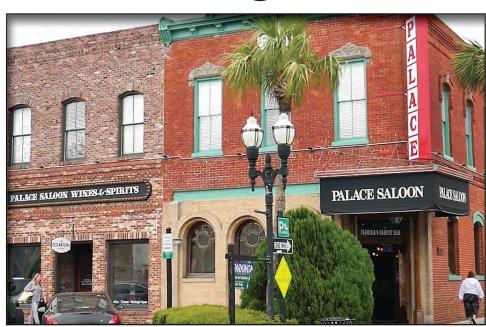


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The Beauty of Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach Featured in November Episode of Traveling Golfer



One of the many breathtaking Par 3's at Tom Fazio-designed Amelia National



Downtown Amelia Island Palace Saloon, Florida's oldest bar

By Tony Leodora

Amelia Island.

It has an exotic, tropical sound to it. It fosters visions of faraway tranquility. But it is really one of the closest, most convenient resort destinations on America's East Coast. In fact, it was Florida's first luxury resort destination.

The island is virtually two very diverse vacation scenes.

With places like the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort and The Ritz Carlton Amelia Island at one end, it speaks of upscale luxury – but in a low-country setting that is reminiscent of famous Hilton Head Island in South Carolina.

At the north end of the island, there is a stark change of pace. Fernandina Beach is a bustling, eclectic collection of shops, restaurants and bars – located adjacent to the town's picturesque marina. With the expansion of the railroad in Florida, the town of Fernandina Beach gained prominence in the mid-1800s. The architecture of the quaint town provides testament to its Victorian Era roots.

Blending these two elements of the island, just north of Jacksonville, Florida, is the magic that makes a golf vacation on Amelia Island special.

There is enough seclusion and relaxation for an intimate couples' getaway. And there is enough "action" for a group of golfers who are looking to supplement a day on the golf course with a night on the town.

Friendliness is the key component of everyone on Amelia Island. It is almost as if the laid-back nature of the island has invaded their souls. And it all starts with Kate Harris, Director of Digital and International Marketing for

Amelia Island. She speaks to the history and charm of the region.

"The natural beauty of the island is the first thing that hits the first-time visitor," explains Harris. "It is a picture postcard."

Then there is the surprise when the first-time visitor finds the town of Fernandina Beach.

"This was the first luxury tourist destination in Florida," she says. "In the Gilded Age, in the 1880s, when the fancy people from the North started coming here and the railroad boom was going on, there was a lot of money and excitement. So they built this beautiful Victorian historic district and it is still all around us today. It's remarkable that it is so well-preserved."

Of course, the key for golfers is the golf courses. And the Amelia Island area has plenty of quality layouts.

Both the Omni and Ritz Carlton have their own golf courses – each with a different dose of character and charm.

Oak Marsh at Omni Amelia Island Plantation is a Pete Dye design that winds through the marshland. Long Point at Omni Amelia Island Plantation is the private Tom Fazio design, available to hotel guests.

The Golf Club at Amelia Island is adjacent to the Ritz Carlton. It opened in 1987 and was designed by Mark McCumber and legendary PGA Tour player Gene Littler.

The Golf Club at Northampton is just off the island, but is a worthwhile trip. This upscale daily fee course was designed by Arnold Palmer and offers a

great golf experience.

A real gem of the area is Amelia National Golf & Country Club. It is

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The Pete Dye-designed Oak Marsh at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation

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a private club, designed by Tom Fazio. Fortunately, it is accessible on a limited basis through the marketing efforts of Florida First Coast of Golf (www.floridagolf.org).

All of the beauty of Amelia Island was captured in the November episode of the Traveling Golfer television show, which airs in a number of markets on NBC Sports. It also is available anytime at www.travelinggolfervideo.com.

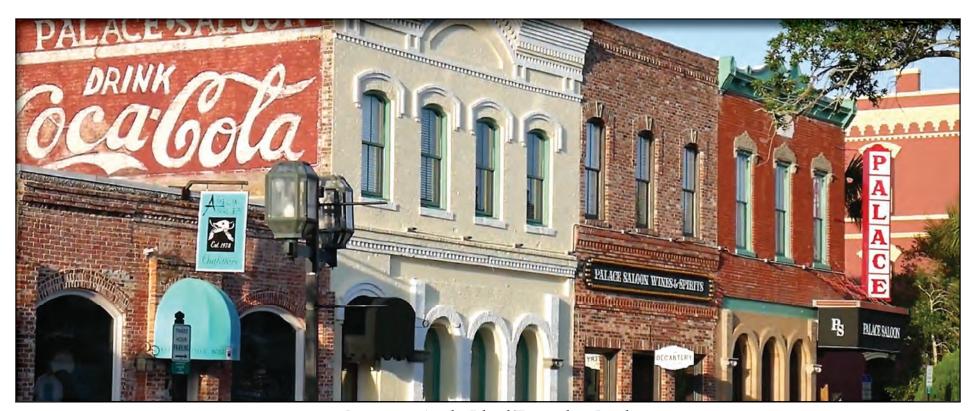
"Shooting this show was one of the most eye-opening experiences we have had in a number of years," reported Tony Leodora, host of the Traveling Golfer television show. "Amelia Island proved to be so much more than I expected.

The longer we stayed there, the more I fell in love with the natural beauty of the low-country portion ... as well as the fun atmosphere of the old railroad town."

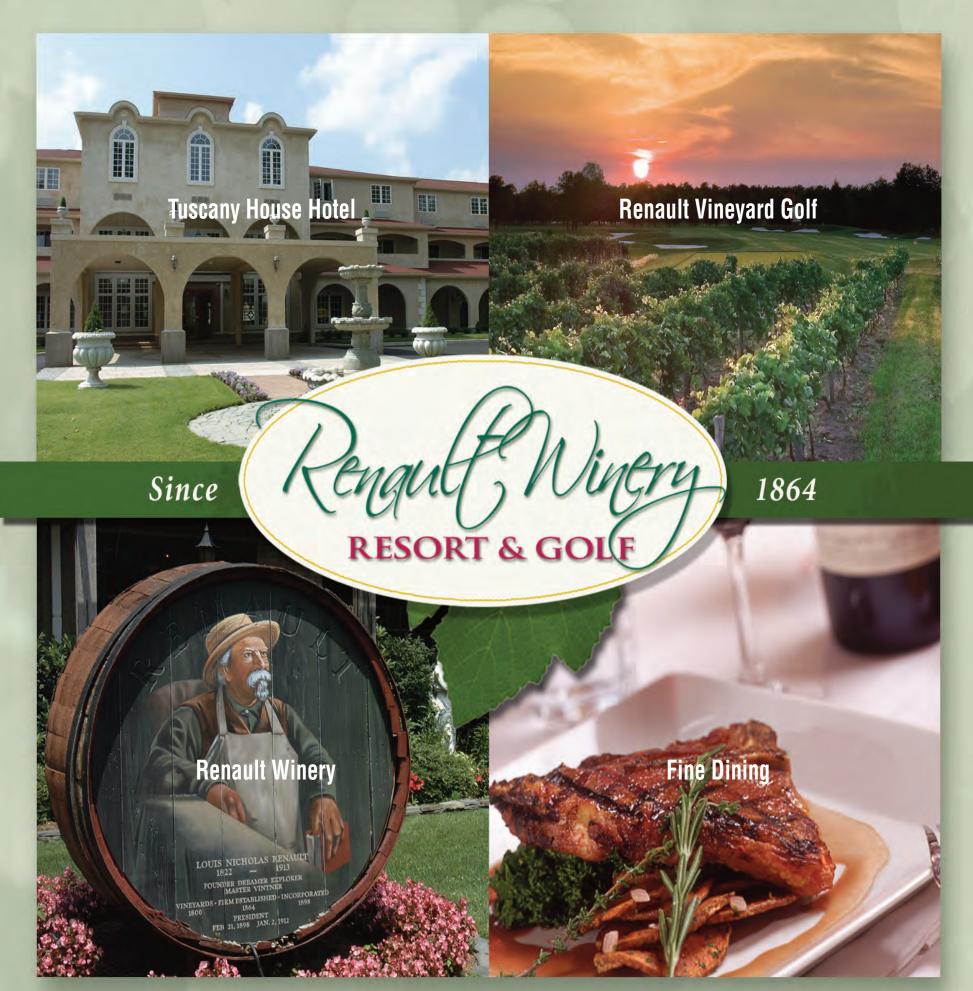
The mix of old-world charm and natural beauty dominates the show from Amelia Island. And, as always, there is a bit of on-site fun thrown into the show.

"Fun." That's the key word for a golf vacation on Amelia Island. Fun during the day on a variety of outstanding golf courses. Fun during the evening, in the restaurants and bars of Fernandina Beach.

It's almost like getting two vacations, wrapped up in one.



Downtown Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach

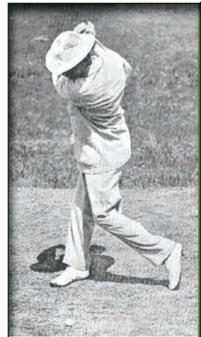


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Willie Park Jr.

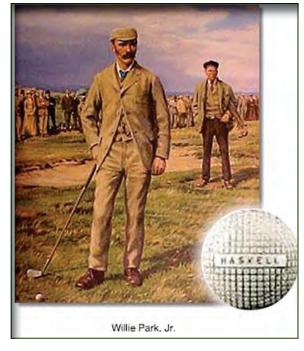
By Sean Fawcett

The British Open returned to the historic, and somewhat infamous, Carnoustie Golf Club in Carnoustie, Scotland, this past July with Tourin, Italy's Francesco Molinari rising above all the world's best, and playing partner Tiger Woods, to be 2018's "Champion Golfer of the Year", but what does the Jersey Shore's Greate Bay Country Club have to do with The Open Championship? Well, and as it just so happens, the nearly one-hundred year old Somers Point golf club was drawn up by two-time Open champion, golf ball and club designer, teacher, writer, architect and World Golf Hall of Famer, Willie Park Jr.

Begun by golf course architectural giant, fellow Hall of Famer, and fellow Scot, and Pinehurst No.2 designer, Donald Ross in 1921, the 1887 and 1889 Open champion, Park Jr., son of the first ever British Open champion Willie Park Sr., winner of two British Opens(1860 and 1863), and nephew of 1874 Open champion Mungo Park, from Musselburgh, Scotland, took over Greate Bay's design, then known as the Ocean

City Golf Club, in 1922 until the club first opened in 1923. Park Jr., who died just two years later in 1925, drew up more than one hundred other US golf courses including major venues like Maidstone Golf Club on Long Island, New York and Olympia Fields near Chicago where West Chester, Pennsylvania native, and 2018 United States Ryder Cup Captain, Jim Furyk won his only major title, so far, the 2003 United States Open.

The first of Willie's many famous golf courses is Sunningdale Golf Club near London, but Park Jr. drew up more than 170 other golf courses in the British Isles, Europe, the United States and Canada. One of the most important Park Jr. landscapes is Weston Golf and Country Club in Toronto, Canada where the great Arnold Palmer won his very first professional tournament, the Canadian Open, in



Willie Park Jr.

1955

And like so many of Park Jr.'s more hallowed designs, Greate Bay C.C. has a rich professional tournament legacy of its very own. The host course for the LPGA's ShopRite Classic, one of the LPGA Tour's biggest, and most charitable, Pro-Ams, Greate Bay tested most of the top 100 lady players in the world every May or June from 1988 to 1997. Notable ShopRite LPGA Classic champions at Park's Greate Bay C.C., once also named The Sands Country Club, include Hall of Famers Annika Sorenstam, Nancy Lopez, Julie Inkster, Betsy King, and champions Dottie Pepper and Michelle McGann.

In addition to his prolific golf course designing and his remarkable, and revered, and celebrated playing career, Park Jr. also authored golf's very first instructional book by a golfing professional, The Game of Golf. Published in 1896, Park Jr. a prominent putter and putting instructor, Park Jr. later scribed The Art of Putting in 1920. Park Jr. famously said that a man who can putt is a match for anyone, and Greate Bay C.C., naturally, is known, and highly regarded, both near and far for its first class, challenging, but fun-to-putt, greens which Willie,

himself, originally conceived almost a century ago.

Park Jr. was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2013 along with Fred Couples and Ken Venturi and fellow Scotsman Colin Montgomerie and former European PGA Tour Commissioner Ken Scholfield.

"Greate Bay and The Open Championship sharing Willie Park Jr. is truly amazing," said GBCC head P.G.A. Professional John Petronis. "It's not only a private country club with a beautiful club house and fabulous golf course rich with South Jersey history, there are a lot of cool stories that includes a lot of famous people starting with Willie Park, Jr., our course designer, and two-time Champion Golfer of the Year, and son of the very first Open winner, who is one of the most influential of all the Scotsmen who brought the game to America."

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The Golf Trip & the Freedom Trail Challenge



Aiken, South Carolina

By TONY LEODORA

Putting together the annual golf trip is only slightly less involved and detailed than the D-Day Invasion.

And it can be just as bloody ... if every detail is not perfect.

So, after hours of research and preparation, a planer (or planners) puts together the trip. The most typical spots are:

Arizona, Orlando, Naples, West Palm Beach or the islands of the Caribbean in the winter.

Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head, Biloxi or Alabama in the spring and fall.

The Atlantic City area, the Pocono Mountains or a number of spots in Maryland during the summer.

But, golfers are always looking for someplace different. They ask about new locations all of the time. However, it takes a lot of guts for the golf trip planner to really think outside the box and come up with something unique. The risk is great.

The rewards?

One recent unique golf destination proved to be a treasure trove of rewards – culturally, spiritually, in the culinary experience ... and, most certainly, through the quality of golf courses.

What location could possibly provide such a diverse surprise?

Aiken, South Carolina

Small Town America.

It was a step back in time. And it provided the perfect setting for a most relaxing and satisfying golf trip.

Small Town America was once the driving force behind the development of this country. In some areas it has lost its influence on our culture and values. Maybe even disappeared.

In other parts of the country it still exists, clinging to America's links to the past.

It is a combination of traditions. Most of the town folk going to the high school football game on Friday night. Or meeting at the church social on

Mount Vintage Golf Course Hole # 6

Saturday. And, of course, going in unison to Sunday worship.

It is people who were born in the town, went to school in the town, worked in the town and raised their families in the town.

At one time, these towns were epicenters of culture throughout Pennsylvania – Pittston, Coopersburg, Quakertown, Jim Thorpe, Hatfield, Lansdale, Norristown, Bridgeport, Conshohocken, West Chester, Wayne, Ardmore, Ambler, Pottstown, Schwenksville.

Most of them went through a huge economic decline in the 70s and 80s, as factories closed, malls opened and people shunned their identity with the small towns.

Many have made strong comebacks ... but not in the same way. Places like Conshohocken are bedroom communities of Philadelphia. Phoenixville has become the home for young, working millennials who cannot afford the high suburban home prices of the surrounding area. West Chester has become a trendy college town.

Others still have not made their way out of the malaise that began almost 50 years ago.

For a reminder of the grand days of America's small towns, it is necessary to move farther away from the big cities of the East Coast megalopolis ... and toward the heartland of the country.

The golf trip to Aiken, South Carolina provided a refreshing look back. Aiken is on the southern border of the state, about 125 miles northwest of Charleston and a few miles across the Savannah River from Augusta, Georgia.

Aiken was recently voted the Best Small Town in the South by Southern Living magazine.

It is a town steeped in history. Aiken was formed in 1835 at the terminus of the South Carolina Canal and Railroad Company which connected Charleston to the Savannah River. William Aiken, the railroad's first president, founded the town.

In the late 19th Century it became famous as a wintering spot for

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wealthy people from the Northeast. The Aiken Winter Colony was established and 13 large hotels popped up around the city. Most are gone now, but the Willcox Hotel still stands as a tribute to early 20th Century grandeur and lifestyle. Conde Nast magazine listed it as one of the Top 5 Hotels in the United States in 2015.

The equestrian industry soon became Aiken's second big attraction and still thrives. A portion of the town continues to maintain dirt streets for the comfort of the horse traffic that is often seen in that area. Almost every week there is some type of horse-related event – steeplechases, horse shows, thoroughbred training. The Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum was established in 1977.

More important is the fact that this town still thrives as a social and economic center for 30,000 residents – most of whom grew up in the area.

"Aiken has never lost its hometown feel," says Mary Ann Keisler, director of marketing for the promotional organization Thoroughbred Country. "People who visit here constantly comment about the charm of the town and the warmth of the people."

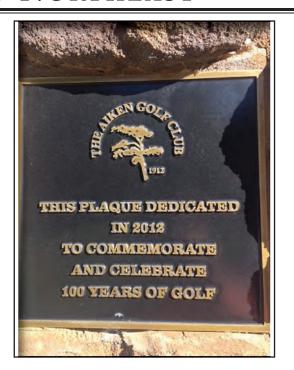
The streets are wide and welcoming. The main street is still filled with privately owned shops, galleries and restaurants. No chains of any kind in downtown Aiken. And, despite a nearby highway that is heavily populated with just about every national fast food restaurant imaginable, the mom-and-pop operations in the downtown area are still busy and vibrant.

People stroll the main street, never appearing to be in a hurry to get anywhere. Every passerby is greeted with a smile and a syrupy "How y'all doin'?" Most businesses, even many restaurants, still close on Sundays.

The entire scene is a stark reminder that there is still an entirely different America existing outside of New York, Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles – the areas inhabited by elites, who too often think the universe revolves around them.

And, to the great satisfaction of the many golfers who visit the Aiken area each year, there is a spectacular assortment of golf courses.

One such group was the players in the Freedom Trail Challenge, a Ryder Cup-style event that has competed in some of the greatest golf locations in the



Aiken Golf Club Commemorative 100 Years of Golf Plaque

world for 22 years. Talk about a risky group to bring to Small Town America. They have been spoiled everywhere they have gone.

But Aiken did not disappoint.

Mark Freeman of West Palm Beach, formerly from Blue Bell (PA) called the visit to Aiken, "the best Freedom Trail Challenge trip ever." And he has been on at least 12 of them.

Winning team captain Joe Sosnowski, also a veteran of about 15 trips, called Aiken "a refreshing change of pace from the normal golf trip."

As mentioned, the golf was spectacular:

The Aiken Golf Club – founded in 1912, this short and quirky layout was perfect for the first day, two-man scramble competition. For those who think it just appealed to the older players in the group ... think again. James Braunsberg, a millennial who has played on the North Carolina Mini Tour circuit the last few years, called it "my favorite course on the trip."

The River Club – this Jim Fazio-designed layout was starkly different from the rest of the courses. Situated along the Savannah River – and looking across at Augusta, Georgia – it appeared more like a Florida golf course. There was plenty of water and lush vegetation. The condition of the fairways was great ... and the greens were even greater.

Mount Vintage – This 27-hole layout has recently been reborn, including an impressive re-grassing effort on all of the greens. It has a great amount of elevation change, large and severely undulated greens, very generous tee shot landing areas and a minimum of rough. Sound familiar? Many visitors say the layout is very reminiscent of August National.

The Reserve Club at Woodside Plantation – This private Nicklaus-designed gem is quite a test, on any given day. But the lightning-fast Tif Eagle greens provided the ultimate challenge. False fronts, wild undulations and the green speeds that approached 13 on the stimpmeter made for a great final day.

This year's competition came down to the last day, with James Braunsberg defeating Tim Koshollek of the Texas team to ensure the victory for the World Team. However, the match was not without its special moment for Koshollek,

as he recorded a hole-in-one on the 130-yard 12th hole.

And then it was back to Malia's Restaurant in Aiken for the Champions

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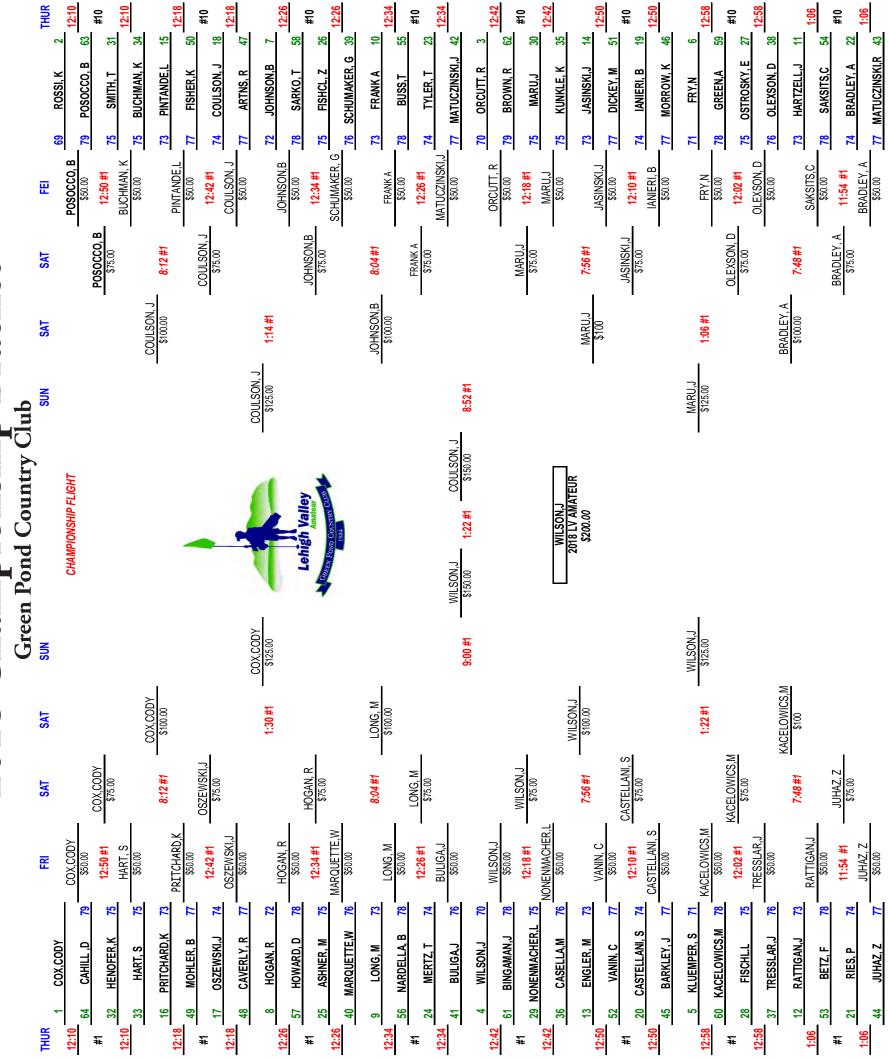
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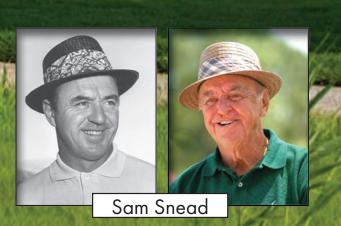
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Johnson Takes Rain-Shortened Art Wall Jr. Tournament





Mark Johnson fired a 1-under par 70 to win the 14th Art Wall, Jr. Memorial Championship, presented by LECOM.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - Mark Johnson had never played a round at Centre Hills Country Club until Monday morning. Thanks to yet another weather pattern moving through the state, that's the only round he needed, as he fired a 1-under par 70 to win the 14th Art Wall, Jr. Memorial championship, presented by LECOM. Tuesday's second round was canceled due to rainy, wet conditions that rendered the golf course unplayable.

"I had very low expectations coming in," said Johnson, a 52-year old from Bethel Park, Pa. "I haven't been playing very well."

That may have been the case earlier this year, but it certainly was not the case on Monday, as Johnson rolled in six birdies en route to winning the event, which is open to golfers aged 40 and older.

Johnson began on the back nine and promptly bogeyed No. 10, but quickly got into red numbers with birdies on his next three holes. But three consecutive bogeys beginning on the 15th hole put him back over par at the turn.

The second nine was more of the same, with an early bogey on the 379-yard, par 4 second hole, followed by another set of three straight birdies, this time on holes 5-7. The seventh hole, a 182-yard par 3, particularly stood out.

"I hit it to about two or three feet and made a downhill putt in a tough hole location, so that was big," said Johnson, a PAGA Individual Member.

That birdie moved him back to 1-under for the round, and that's where he finished despite having a chance at birdie on each of his final two rounds of the day. But in the end, it was enough to hold off a trio of challengers who finished at even par 71 - West Shore Country Club's Clay Davidson, Frosty Valley's Sean Duffy and Hannastown Golf Club's Kevin Fajt.



In the Senior division (ages 55-64), The Kahkwa Club's Michael Capotis fired a 72 (+1) to capture the crown. He finished one shot ahead of Timothy Burns of Country Club of Scranton and two clear of Bob Crnjarich (Diamond Run Golf Club) and Joe Corsi (PAGA Individual Member).



The Super-Senior title was shared by Bob Allshouse of Hannastown Golf Club and Lee Lykens of Indiana Country Club, who each shot 1-under par rounds of 70. Lykens used four birdies (1, 7, 8, and 9) against three bogeys in the morning wave to post the clubhouse lead. Allshouse, playing in the afternoon, got into red figures with birdies on No. 9 and No. 10, then bounced back from two bogeys with a great birdie on the par 3 15th to settle in at 1-under

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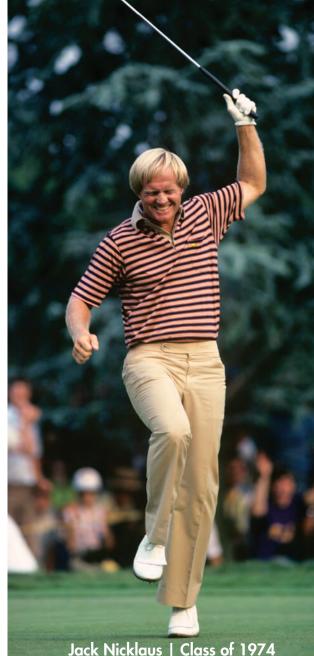
The Team Competition, which is comprised of the best 2 of 3 scores for golfers from ages 40-64, was won by Diamond Run Golf Club, including Crnjarich's 75 and Rick

Stimmel's 73 for a total of 6-over par 148.

The Pennsylvania Golf Association would like to thank the staff and membership at Centre Hills Country Club for their generosity and hospitality in hosting the championship.









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Jan Stephenson Inducted Into World Golf Hall of Fame



Jan Stephenson Tees Off



Jan Stephenson posing for Maxfli Golf Balls Ad

By Mike Kern

It sure took Jan Stephenson way too long to make it into the World Golf Hall of Fame. But at least the powers that be who are in charge of that kind of stuff finally got it right.

Stephenson will be inducted in the Class of 2019, along with former Masters Chairman Billy Payne, two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, renowned paralyzed trick-shot artist Dennis Walters and longtime Top 100 instructor Peggy Kirk Bell. The ceremony will take place on the Monday before next June's U.S. Open at Pebble Beach.

One of the questions some of my colleagues and I would constantly ponder is what exactly had kept Stephenson – who is now in her mid 60s – on the outside until now. It's a question that didn't really have an answer that made much if any sense. But that's the way the world works sometimes. It doesn't matter any more, so we'll probably never really know what role politics or pettiness or any number of obstacles played in prolonging the process. But as someone who's had the chance to get to know Jan fairly well in the last five years or so I know it had to bother her at least to some degree. Just because. She probably knew it was bound to happen one day, since she was simply just too deserving. Still, the wait can become, well, a burden of sorts.

It's called a Hall of Fame for a reason. The key word is fame. Obviously you have to accomplish enough to be considered worthy. And she certainly did. Jan won 16 times on the LPGA Tour, including three majors (in a three-year span). The Australian native, who now calls Florida home, was the Rookie of the Year in 1974. She accumulated 41 victories worldwide, including eight

majors and 10 on the Legends Tour. Which is appropriate, since she was one of the founders of the Women's Senior Tour. But her impact goes far beyond what she did on a golf course.

It gets lost in time, but back in the day she did as much to promote the women's game as anyone. And she's continued to be one of the game's greatest ambassadors, even after she was no longer Jan Stephenson. She was good looking, and she wasn't shy about showing it. And most people loved it. She posed naked in a bathtub full of golf balls, which was like Burt Reynolds taking his clothes off for the centerfold of Cosmopolitan. It got folks' attention, in again mostly a positive way. There's always going to be detractors. Jan also recreated the ageless photo of Marilyn Monroe having her dress fly up while standing over a subway grate for the movie "The Seven Year Itch." Who else would dare even attempt that? And yet Stephenson pulled it off. And maybe it gave a different audience a reason to tune in and watch what was going on besides rookie Nancy Lopez taking the golf world by storm as a rookie in the late 1970s.

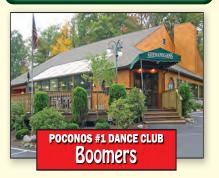
Jan has never shied away from her sexuality. And why should she? I admit I'm a bit biased. If you spend 30 minutes in her company listening to her many stories, you'd understand. She meant a lot to the sport. That shouldn't be forgotten. But distance can do that. It's been awhile. Nowadays, a lot has changed. Sexuality is viewed differently, on and off the course. Now, thanks to this honor, a whole new generation will be rightfully exposed to her exploits. And that can't be anything but overdue. Not to mention just.

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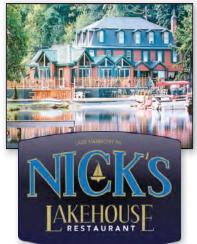
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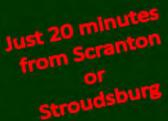


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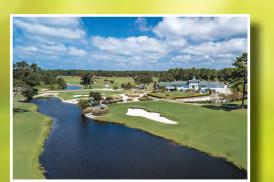


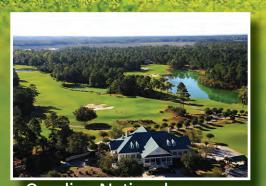


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Jordan Spieth joins Club Champion as Brand Ambassador



PGA TOUR Player Jordan Spieth has amassed 14 worldwide wins in his six-year professional career. A three-time Major Champion

Contact: Jay Hubbard

Willowbrook, IL - Club Champion, the nation's leading custom club fitting and building company, announces a multi-year agreement with three-time Major Champion Jordan Spieth. Through the partnership, Spieth will educate golfers on the benefits of playing with properly fit equipment and the value of custom club fitting for players of all skill levels. While golfers could benefit from many avenues of fitting, Spieth aligned himself with Club Champion because of their ability to fit and build equipment to professional-level standards.

Spieth, who will be Club Champion's primary brand ambassador, commented, 'I'm fortunate to have the Titleist Tour Van out on the road, so I know how mportant it is to have properly fitted equipment. I'm excited to partner with Club Champion because they really do provide a true tour-level experience that I am confident will help golfers improve their game and ultimately have more fun on the course."

Club Champion is the nation's finest club fitter, builder, and retailer of the pest brands in golf, offering nearly every brand of equipment on the market. Currently, they have thirty- nine fitting studios across the United States, with ewenty-three additional locations opening by early spring 2019.

Company co-founder and Chairman Keith Bank stated, "We are in hypergrowth mode, and Jordan is the perfect spokesperson for our team. We could not be more excited about adding someone of Jordan's stature, class, and credibility to strengthen our leading position in the industry. He is a true professional in every sense of the word."

According to Joe Lee, Club Champion's co-founder and CEO, "Jordan is a true student of the game. He knows how vitally important it is for golfers of all levels to be properly fit to play better golf, shoot lower scores and enjoy the game more. Tens of thousands of our satisfied customers will attest to our ability to fulfill this mission and we are delighted to welcome Jordan into the Club Champion family."

For more information on Club Champion, visit **clubchampiongolf.com** or call 888-340-7820.



Jordan Spieth joins Club Champion as Brand Ambassador Shares Importance of Custom Fitting for Golfers of All Levels

About Club Champion

Club Champion helps golfers of all levels play better golf and get greater enjoyment from the game. The company utilizes a vendor-agnostic approach, offering more than 35,000 shaft and head combinations from nearly all of the equipment manufacturers.

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Services include club fitting, building, custom club sales, repair services, personalization, and highly engaging corporate and personal entertainment events. New stores recently opened or to be opened include Portland, San Antonio, Miami, New Orleans, Jacksonville, Manhattan (Wall Street), Milwaukee, Las Vegas, Baltimore, Fort Worth, Sacramento, Tampa, Palm Desert, Oklahoma City, Cincinnati, Columbus, OH; Newark, DE; Agoura, CA (Los Angeles); Rochester, NY; Schaumburg, IL; Bluffton, SC; Fairfax, VA; Bedford, MA (Boston); Buford, GA (Atlanta); Cherry Hill, NJ; and Norfolk/ Virginia Beach, VA. For more information about Club Champion, visit www.clubchampiongolf.com.

About Jordan Spieth

Sense, Rolex, NetJets and Super Stroke.

PGA TOUR Player Jordan Spieth has amassed 14 worldwide wins in his six-year professional career. A three-time Major Champion, Spieth joins Jack Nicklaus as the only other golfer with three major championships before the age of 24 (The Masters, 2015; The U.S. Open at Chamber's Bay, 2015; and The Open at Royal Birkdale, 2017 culminating in one of the most memorable finishes in golf history). He has represented the United States on three Ryder Cup teams and three Presidents Cup teams. April 2016, Time magazine named Spieth to its list of the "100 Most Influential People," noting that he "exemplifies everything that's great about sports." His other partnerships with major brands, include Under Armour, AT&T, Coca-Cola, Titleist, Perfect

The New IGNITE PWRADAPT Golf Shoe from PUMA



The New PUMA PR Go IGNITE PWRADAPT

By Reid Nelson

OK, we know it's the holiday season, but this is NOT a holiday "gift guide" piece – one of those articles that ticks off 8-10 items that might (or might not) be of interest to a golfer and can include everything from golf clubs to cigar humidors.

No, this is a product review – a single product review – because after trying the item in question, we thought it worth telling our readers about. And if you, the reader, thinks said product would make a great gift for the golfer on your list (mindful, that golfer could be yourself), that is purely coincidental.

The product we're talking about is the new IGNITE PWRADAPT golf shoe from Puma. (And no, there's no misspelling here; that's really how Puma chooses to name its newest line.)

But before critiquing the IGNITE PWRADAPT, full disclosure demands a couple of admissions up front, in the spirit of transparency. Your reviewer – that would be the person whose name appears in the byline, a lifelong golf enthusiast and career golf writer – is a big Puma fan, despite being a rather recent recruit to the brand. But as one who has owned and worn golf shoes of virtually every make and style, going back to the days when your classic, all-leather saddle oxfords would weigh 10 pounds after just nine holes on wet turf, I've never been particularly loyal to any one brand.

But after trying my first pair of Pumas, the stylish and ultra-comfortable TitanTour model, a season or two ago, I suddenly noticed one day that I had three pairs of Pumas in my locker – that should tell you something, right there – a pair in basic black, one white pair and one pair that is sort of a tannish-gray pewter color, a hue for which I'm sure the company had a catchy name but one I cannot remember.

So, when the new IGNITE PWRADAPT was announced, I was anxious to try them out. And once again, Puma has delivered in spades.

When evaluating a golf shoe, there are three factors to consider: comfort, function and style. (Feel free to put these in any priority order you want, but all three are important.) And the IGNITE PWRADAPT gets the highest marks in all three.

Starting with comfort, the IGNITE PWRADAPT is really a shoe within a shoe. Think of sliding your most comfortable bedroom slippers inside a golf shoe. That's what these new IGNITE PWRADAPT shoes feel like. There's no "break-in" required; they feel like that the first time you put them on.



The New PUMA PR Go IGNITE PWRADAPT

Whether you're talking about the PWRADAPT leather or the Performance Mesh, the outer material combines with a plush "hybrid bootie lining," making these new Pumas walk-36-right-out-of-the-box comfortable. (OK, I only walked 18 my first round in the new shoes, but hey, Daylight Savings Time had already ended.) Add to that the IGNITE Foam insole and it's like walking on air.

As for function, the PWRADAPT is built on Puma's PWRFRAME. Not sure what the company has against the word "power," just as I'm not exactly sure what a PWRFRAME is. All I know is the chassis of the shoe provides a stable and secure feeling base on the most uneven, sloping lie. And the seven replaceable Tornado cleats (in Rickie Fowler's favorite color), combined with countless molded "mini-spikes" in the GripZone Traction sole provide superior gripping power, even in wet conditions.

As for style, what's not to like about a classy-looking shoe, simply adorned with Puma's leaping cat logo at the mid-foot. (Personally, I like Puma's trademark stripe that starts skinny at the heel and widen as it bends downward at the fore-foot, but the springing puma logo has its own subtle statement-making charm.) The shoe isn't cluttered with stripes or initials that make them look like they're the property of Fred Johnson. Rather, an uncluttered, clean monochrome look with a contrasting tongue and ankle cuff.

The IGNITE PWRADAPT leather shoe with traditional lacing comes in black or white. The DISC model, with twist-tension closure, is available in black, a dark gray color the company calls Quiet Shade and a dark blue called Peacoat, while the IGNITE PWRADAPT with mesh upper offers the same three options as the DISC model, but adds white as a fourth option. All are priced at \$150 MSRP.

For those who tend to be more adventurous in their pursuit of fashion, there's even a high-top model that features lacing across the fore-foot, a Velcro strap across the front of the ankle and a knit, sock-like high top sporting the Puma name in bold, all-caps lettering around the top of the cuff. The high-tops are \$200 retail and come in three color options – gray violet/silver, black/silver and the aforementioned darker gray Ouiet Shade and lime.

Quiet Shade and lime.

We have not tried the high-tops, but feel safe in saying, regardless of which IGNITE PWRADAPT model you select, expect to enjoy bedroom-shoe comfort, with premium golf-shoe performance every time you tee it up in these new offerings from Puma.

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How To Do a Golf Trip on Hilton Head Island



Sea Pines Resort, Harbour Town Golf Links 18th Green

By Brad King

For Hilton Head Island locals, there exists a perpetual fall-like feel in the air. So here is a quick, 9-hole list of insider information designed to expand your knowledge of the Golf Island's numerous autumn offerings.

No. 1 — Hilton Head Island is the largest "barrier island" off the Atlantic coast between Long Island and the Bahamas, covering 42 square miles — 12 miles long and 5 miles wide at its widest point. Manhattan is the largest barrier island on the east coast. Hilton Head Island's perennial subtropical climate makes this beauty an ideal setting for golf, which is why Hilton Head Island boasts more golf per capita than anywhere in the country.

No. 2 — Hilton Head Island is shaped like a foot and its major resort developments are comprised of gated communities. The Sea Pines Resort, home of Harbour Town Golf Links and two other storied layouts, is located at the "toe," or the south end of the island. Located at the "heel" — meaning mid-island and north end — are Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort with its Robert Trent Jones, George Fazio and Arthur Hills courses, and Port Royal Resort with 54 holes designed by Pete Dye, George Cobb and Willard Byrd. Each course is unique in its own right and a must play on any Lowcountry bucket list.

No. 3 — Nearly every renowned golf course architect of this generation has representative work on the island. Along with the names above, add the likes of Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Rees Jones, Davis Love III and Robert Cupp among many others. Just a smooth 9-iron from Sea Pines on the south end is Shipyard Plantation, which offers 27 holes designed by Cobb and Byrd that can be played in a trio of 18-hole combinations. Each 9-holer — Clipper, Galleon and

Brigantine — has its own merits, but there is one constant: water comes into



Sea Pines Resort, Heron Point by Pete Dye

play on nearly every hole. Nevertheless all 27 are imminently and enjoyably playable.

No. 4 — There are more than a million rounds of golf played on Hilton Head Island every year. While some of the top courses are private, Hilton Head Island has earned its reputation as one of the world's finest golf destinations, because of its outstanding public and resort courses that will satisfy the palate of even the most selective golfer. Palmetto Hall Plantation features two memorable golf courses designed by Hills and Cupp. Hills sculpted a layout so popular and strategic that it serves as the site of many of the area's top tournaments, while the Cupp Course is known for it striking geometric bunkers and greens, not to mention its challenging design.

No. 5 — Hilton Head Island boasts plenty of culture and nightlife, and fancies itself more sophisticated and upscale than its neighbor four hours to the north, Myrtle Beach. Following a round or two of golf, locals and visitors often hit the numerous bars and restaurants on the south end, although Hilton Head's north end has emerged as a nighttime hotspot of its own. Before hitting one of the many outstanding restaurants on the north end of the island, golfers love challenging one of the two courses by Nicklaus and his son, Jack II, at Indigo Run Plantation. Winding through forests of pine and oak and along freshwater lowlands, the Golden Bear Golf Club, which debuted in 1992, is open to the public.

No. 6 — Hilton Head Island is well known for its six miles of bike lanes and more than 60 miles of paved shared-use paths. In addition to being a fun and healthy way to experience the island, biking is also great for the environment. An important part of Hilton Head Island's culture, biking significantly reduces congestion and vehicular traffic. Take a leisurely ride along the beach, or easily bike to dinner and shopping. At Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort, you can even play 18 holes at one of its three courses aboard a revolutionary new "Golf

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Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	73
Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	74
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Eric Williams (Honesdale)	70
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Mike Brennan (Elkview)	64
Greg Wall (Pocono Manor)	66
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Alex Knoll (Bethlehem GC)	64
Dave Fields (Brookside CC)	68
Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	70
Mike Furey (Mahoning Valley)	70
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	72
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Terry Hatch (PGA)	73
John Kulhamer (Green Pond CC)	73
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Nate Fry	69
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Alex Knoll (Bethlehem GC)	134
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	135
Dave Fields (Brookside CC)	135
Evan Grube (Morgan Hill GC)	140
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Brooks Koepka Voted 2018 PGA TOUR Player of the Year



The PGA TOUR announced today that Brooks Koepka has been named the 2018 PGA TOUR Player of the Year



Brooks Koepka on 9th tee repeats as US Open Champion

Joel Schuchmann, PGA TOUR

Brooks Koepka voted 2018 PGA TOUR Player of the Year The 28-yearold honored with Jack Nicklaus Trophy following historic season

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FLORIDA –The PGA TOUR announced today that Brooks Koepka has been named the 2018 PGA TOUR Player of the Year as voted by the TOUR's membership for the 2017-18 season.

PGA TOUR members who played in at least 15 FedExCup events during the 2017-18 season were eligible to vote. The balloting process ended on October 1.

Koepka, a 28-year-old native of West Palm Beach, Florida, finished a career-best ninth in the FedExCup following a season that included victories at both the U.S. Open and PGA Championship. He earned four additional top-10 finishes, including runners-up at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and Charles Schwab Challenge.

"On behalf of the PGA TOUR, our congratulations to Brooks Koepka on being voted PGA TOUR Player of the Year by his peers," said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan. "Brooks has brought a new brand of athleticism to the PGA TOUR, and we saw the results this year with his historic season at the major championships and a top-10 finish in the FedExCup. These feats were accomplished despite missing significant time due to injury, a testament to his work ethic and perseverance throughout the season."

Following the Sentry Tournament of Champions in January, Koepka did not compete on TOUR while recovering from a left wrist injury, making his return in late April at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. He collected his first top-10 post-injury at the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial Country Club, a second-place finish to Justin Rose.

With his victory at the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, Koepka became the first player since Curtis Strange (1988-89) to win back-to-back U.S. Open titles. Five starts later, Koepka won his third major title in his 100th PGA

TOUR start, capturing the PGA Championship by two strokes over Tiger Woods with a tournament record 16-under 264. At age 28, Koepka became the fifth American since 1945 with three or more major wins before the age of 29 and the fifth player to win the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in the same season.

Koepka posted season-low rounds of 63 on four occasions in 17 PGA TOUR starts, including the lowest final round ever at THE PLAYERS Championship. He closed the season with 13 of 16 rounds in the 60s over the four FedExCup Playoffs events.

Koepka, who will receive the Jack Nicklaus Trophy for winning PGA TOUR Player of the Year, was selected for the honor over Bryson DeChambeau, Dustin Johnson, Francesco Molinari, Justin Rose and Justin Thomas.

About PGA TOUR

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George Forster Radnor Valley CC, Tony Perla LedgeRock GC	-7	64
Ashley Grier Overbrook GC, Kevin Nicholson Philly PGA	-7	64
Ben Schlesman Manufacturers GC, Ross Seaman Manufacturers GC	-7	64
Alec Brown Gulph Mills GC, Rob Singer Huntingdon Valley CC	-6	65
John Appleget The Shore Club, Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	-5	66
Ryan Breidegam Brookside CC, Mike Grabosky Heidelberg CC	-5	66
Chad Halvonik Wilmington CC, Bob Lennon Wilmington CC	-5	66
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Bill Walker Riverton CC, Eric McNamee Golf Galaxy Montgomery	-5	66
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Mike Dynda LuLu CC	-6	65
Mike Paukovits St. Davids GC		
Bradley Paukovits Whitetail GC	-6	65
Eric Kennedy Overbrook GC		
Geoff Surrette Philly PGA	-6	65
Eric McNamee Golf Galaxy - Montgomery		
Kevin Duffy Riverton CC	-5	66
John Cooper Green Valley CC		
Tom Kelly adidas	-5	66
Anthony Napoletano GolfTEC-Malvern		
Ashley Grier Overbrook GC	-5	66

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Paukovits/Paukovits/Acker/Papariello	-11	59
Duckett/Borneman/Zellner/Frable	-10	60
Forster/Epstein/Mickels/Colantonio	-10	60
Michaels/Gobright/McCarthy/Whitman	-8	62
Shewalter/Fraser/Johnson/Sterback	-8	62
Napoletano/Caber/Carlin/Smith	-7	63
Palumbo/Ruggieri/Holst/Barton	-7	63
DiMarco/Chen/Bandoy/Russo	-6	64
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Ingraham/Baribault/Geist/Ingraham	-6	64
Milkowski/Wheeler, Jr/Bachmeier/Murphy	-6	64
Schuyler/Motts/Flannery/Benzing	-6	64
Kogelman/Myers/O'Donnell/Campbell	-4	66
Wood/Brown/Perrotta/Minielly	-4	66
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LPGA legend Jan Stephenson at Forsgate Country Club to participate in a day that includes two special events, a golf clinic, tournament and a dinner that highlights her signature wine collection.

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Stephenson has said she wants to do a book, to properly tell her story. And yes, she even has Donald Trump stories to share. Imagine that. She has even said she might want me to do it with her, which obviously would be my pleasure. I've heard enough from being around her to know it would be nothing short of entertaining and enlightening. She has a lot to say. And those stories never get old. I think there's a large portion of the public out there who don't remember who she was and what she stood for. That's a shame. Because she has so much to offer.

These days her life remains full. Not only does she still look wonderful, and still plays some serious golf, but she now is really into her wine business and her Crossroads Foundation, which gives to those who have given so much in the military. Operating out of the Tarpon Woods Golf Club in Palm Harbor, a once big-time facility that she and business associate Mike Vandiver have totally overhauled, it serves as a partner organization for the Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation. So she's doing work that makes a difference. And her wines are downright spectacular. I urge you to give them a try (I'm an especially big fan of the Chardonnay, but she's particularly proud of the mixed reds), and if possible make a donation to her cause. It's about giving back. Because she realizes where her journey has taken her, and just how special it truly was.

Indeed, it's a ride worth celebrating. And now we will all get that chance. About time. But at the end of the day, it was worth the wait. The best things always are. Just makes you appreciate it that much more.

Jan did it her way, the only way she knew how. And it served her well, even



Jan Stephenson

if some didn't always get that. Their loss.

Jan recently was at Forsgate Country Club, just off Exit 8A of the Jersey Turnpike, for an event to help raise money for charity. Unfortunately the golf part of the itinerary got rained out. It happens. Nobody beats Mother Nature. Yet Jan was there early, just to meet the people who had come to support her. She told stories, most of them funny and all of them informative, and answered questions. Nothing was off limits. She had the audience in the palm of her hand. Not surprisingly. I'd seen her do it many times before. She exudes charm. Then we sat down to a five-course dinner that paired up each offering with one of her wines. Nobody left without buying at least a few (and in cases many) bottles of her best stuff. I think she actually sold out. And nobody seemed to mind that they hadn't got to play. They had met an all-timer, and that was a keeper experience. She gave them a unique insight into her very soul. Few can open up to strangers the way she does. So you can't help but walk away rooting for her.

I feel so good for her, that she's made it to a place she belongs. I'm sure her speech will be among the highlights of the ceremonies. I don't know if anyone will appreciate it more. Well done.

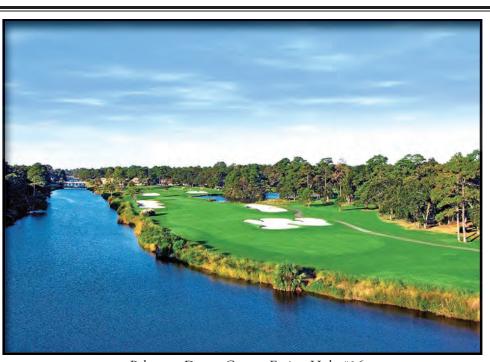
What a career. What a life. And now it will be out there for everyone to see, and appreciate. That's forever.



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No. 7 — Hilton Head Island is rich in history. Captain William Hilton, whose original landing spot was in what is now Port Royal Plantation, discovered the island in 1663. Several miles north of Port Royal is Hilton Head Plantation, the second-oldest private gated community on the island occupying almost 4,000 acres. Hilton Head Plantation offers a wide variety of golf with a quartet of gorgeous layouts: Oyster Reef Golf Club, Country Club of Hilton Head, Bear Creek Golf Club — all designed by Rees Jones — and Dolphin Head, designed by Gary Player and Ron Kirby.

No. 8 — Historically, Hilton Head Island has been a convenient drive

destination for many from the East Coast. However, you can now get here even faster. JetBlue Airways operates non-stop flights from Boston (BOS) and New York City (LGA/JFK) to Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport (SAV) which also offers non-stop service from Philadelphia.

No. 9 — Golf on Hilton Head Island is truly a year-round choice for recreation courtesy of the island's invitingly warm climate. Some locals consider the fall and spring to be the most delightful seasons to take to the tees, but value can be found both in the winter and summer months. For visitors, a variety of custom golf and resort packages for small and large groups are worth investigating. The "Golf Island" has made planning your golf vacation very easy through the launch of a brand new website — HiltonHeadGolfIsland com. Marvel at our 30-plus golf courses, browse our custom resort packages and attractive rates, and see all that Hilton Head Island has to offer away from the links. Planning your dream golf trip is just a click away



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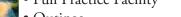


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Brian Bergstol Wins Shawnee Open

Shawnee on Delaware, PA – The 67th installment of the Shawnee Open was played on Sunday, October 7 – Monday, October 8 at historic Shawnee Inn and Resort. The tournament, which first began in 1912, features a venerable list of past champions. Although the tournament has been postponed for a variety of reasons throughout its history, it has been contested every year in its current format since 1998 (2006 & 2011 flooding canceled tournament). This year's tournament featured forty-five competitors from across the Philadelphia Section.

The opening round of the tournament felt less like an October afternoon and more like a late summer day. Playing in the tournament first pairing, Brian Bergstol (Shawnee Inn) posted the number for everyone to chase. Bergstol posted seven birdies and one double bogey en route to an opening round 5-under (67).

At the end of the opening day his closest competition came from a trio of players who finished with scores of 3-under (67). The first to reach the number was current Omega Player of the Year Points leader Billy Stewart (The ACE Club). Stewart was quickly joined by Dave Quinn (Philmont Country Club) and 2007 Shawnee Open champion Stu Ingraham (M Golf Range). Four additional players sat just three shots back after finishing with scores of 2-under (70) on day one.

As play headed into today's second round, the weather changed dramatically with temperatures hovering around 60 degrees and an on and off misty rain. The weather didn't cool off Bergstol however as he added another great round with six more birdies and an eagle finishing with a stretch of five threes in a row for a second round score of 8-under (64) and a two-day total of 13-under (131). Bergstol's pursuers tried to keep pace but in the end his impressive score proved too much to overcome.

After getting it to 5-under for the day, Billy Stewart found some trouble on the par-3 16th hole and dropped back to 4-under for the day and 7-under for the tournament, which is where he finished at the end of the day. Although he did not match Bergstol at the top of the leaderboard, Stewart's 7-under (137) was good enough for a solo second place finish.

Trailing Bergstol by two shots heading into the final round, Dave Quinn was within striking distance if he could put together a solid round. Quinn did manage to card four birdied in the second round but a double bogey on the tenth hole dropped him from contention and he finished with a 36-hole total of 5-under (139) giving him a fourth place finish. While Quinn fell short in the regular division his 5-under (139) was good enough for the top spot in the Senior Division.

The biggest move of the day came from Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook Golf Club). McCormick followed up his opening round 1-under (71) with an impressive 5-under (67). McCormick played a flawless second round highlighted by five birdies helping him to vault into a third place finish with a two-day total of 6-under (138).

Rounding out the podium behind Quinn in the Senior Division was Dave McNabb (Applebrook Golf Club). McNabb finished five shot better in his second round moving



Shawnee Golf Resort Photo by Matt Siptroth

him six spots up the senior leaderboard and into a second place finish. Finishing third in the senior division was George Forster (Radnor Valley Country Club) who followed up his opening round even par finish with a second round 2-under (70) giving him a 2-under (142) total. Forster also took the top spot in the tournament's Super Senior Division.

The Section thanks the membership and staff of Shawnee Inn and Resort for their continued support of the Philadelphia PGA and the tournament program. The Section returns to action on Thursday, October 11 at Bala Golf Club for the McQuiston Sr. Pro – Jr. Pro Championship.

SHAWNEE OPEN - Oct 7 - Oct 8, 2018 Results **Total** Brian Bergstol Shawnee Inn and GR 64 131 Billy Stewart ACE Club 137 Dustin McCormick Glen Brook GC 138 Dave Quinn **Philmont CC** 139 Mark Sheftic Merion GC 140 Dave McNabb Applebrook GC 141 **Jeff Herb** Waynesborough CC 141 Lookaway GC Michael Little 141 Mahoning Valley CC Mike Furey 141 Zac Oakley Waynesborough CC 142 Radnor Valley CC The CC of Scranton George Forster 142 Mike Molino 143 Joe Kogelman GolfTEC Moorestown 143 Rich Steinmetz **Spring Ford CC** 144 **Greg Farrow** Deerwood CC 144 Ross Seaman Manufacturers GCC 144 Phila Cricket Club Bill Sautter 144 **Steve Swartz** 145 Out Door CC **Trevor Bensel** Overbrook GC 145 Greg Matthias Tavistock CC 146 Vincent Kabaso **Talamore Country Club** 146

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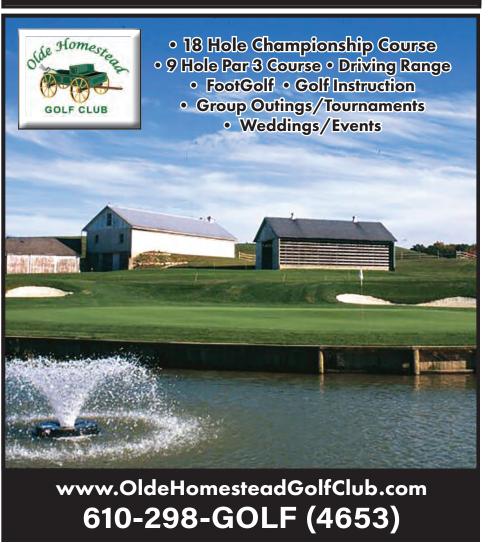
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PGA Championship Moves To May; The Players Championship To March 12-17



BY PGA OF AMERICA

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – In a joint announcement, the PGA of America and the PGA TOUR today announced that beginning in 2019, the PGA Championship will be played in the month of May -- while THE PLAYERS Championship will be contested in March at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

"In weighing the complex evolution of the golf calendar, the PGA of America's key objectives were to promote the best interests of our signature spectator Championship, do what is best for the game and its great players, and find the most advantageous platform to fulfill our mission of serving our nearly 29,000 PGA Professionals and growing the game," said PGA of America Chief Executive Officer Pete Bevacqua. "Our analysis began in 2013 and included an extensive list of factors, including having to shift the date every four years to accommodate the Olympic Games. In the end, we determined that playing the PGA Championship the week prior to Memorial Day in May, making it the second major championship of the golf calendar, will achieve those three objectives.

"The golf calendar is dramatically different, especially in the latter portions of the schedule, than it was in the 1970s when our PGA Championship took up residence in August. We are excited about this move to May. It provides our PGA Championship a strong landing spot on the calendar and a consistent major-championship rhythm that golf fans can embrace. For nearly 85 percent of our Membership, May is also on the front-end of the golf season. This date change will allow them to engage new players and introduce various Growth of the Game initiatives entering the heart of the golf season across much of the country."

"We are thrilled to announce these two significant changes, which will greatly enhance the professional golf calendar starting in 2019," said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan. "Our thanks to the PGA of America for its partnership in what will allow both organizations to meet our short- and long-term objectives, while delivering incredibly compelling golf to our fans around the world.

"The calendar for the PGA TOUR season is among the most important and challenging aspects of our business, and the changes we're unveiling today give significant flexibility to create a schedule including the FedExCup Playoffs that is in the best interests of players, fans, tournaments, communities and our partners, from start to finish.

"THE PLAYERS Championship has grown in stature since we moved to May in 2007 and, regardless of the date, is clearly one of the premier events in all of golf – the best players in the world, a premier venue in THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass, an unmatched fan experience and a significant charitable component that benefits the Jacksonville-area community. THE PLAYERS moving to March in 2019 will enhance an already strong Florida portion of our calendar and play a significant role in an overall improved schedule."

From May 16-19, 2019, Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, New York, will host the 101st PGA Championship, which will be the first conducted in May since Sam Snead's triumph in 1949.

A total of four PGA Championships have been held in May. Ben Hogan claimed

the second of his two PGA Championship victories in May of '48. Denny Shute also hoisted the Wanamaker Trophy in May 1937, as did Snead for the first time in May '42.

Since its inception in 1916, the PGA Championship has been played in nine different months. It has been the final major championship of the year from 1959-70, and from 1972 through 2017.

FUTURE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP SITES (as of August 2017)

2018 Bellerive Country Club St. Louis, Missouri
2019 Bethpage Black Farmingdale, New York
2020 TPC Harding Park San Francisco, California
2021 The Ocean Course Kiawah Island (South Carolina) Golf Resort
2022 Trump International Golf Club Bedminster, New Jersey
2023 Oak Hill Country Club Pittsford, New York
2024-2030* Southern Hills Country Club Tulsa, Oklahoma
*Year to be announced

After being played at three different venues in Georgia, Texas and Florida starting in 1974, THE PLAYERS moved to Ponte Vedra Beach in 1977. Five years later in 1982, the PGA TOUR's flagship event found a permanent home at TPC Sawgrass with Jerry Pate taking home THE PLAYERS trophy. Played in March until 2006, the event moved to May in 2007 and has remained there for the last 11 years with Korea's Si Woo Kim becoming the youngest-ever winner of THE PLAYERS earlier this season.

About the PGA of America

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