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Gary Woodland Winner of the US Open at Pebble Beach sports a pair of the Volition America Collection Patriot Pack Red, White and Blue shoes



IGNITE PWRADAPT Leather Patriot Pack shoes that Gary Woodland wore during the final round of the Pebble Beach US Open

## IN HONOR OF GARY WOODLAND'S US OPEN WIN, PUMA GOLF WILL DOUBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOLDS OF HONOR THROUGH VOLITION AMERICA GOLF COLLECTION SALES INCLUDING CUSTOM PWRADAPT LEATHER SHOES

**CARLSBAD, Calif.** (June 17, 2019) – At the 2019 U.S. Open, PUMA Athlete and renowned U.S. Military supporter, Gary Woodland painted the storied Pebble Beach Golf Links red, with an astonishing 13-under par tournament total to best his nearest competitor by three shots, winning his first-ever Major championship. While painting Pebble red, Gary proudly showcased the red, white and blue of PUMA's Volition America Collection, but there's more to his apparel story than just how stylish he looked sporting the colors of our nation.

Beginning in 2017, PUMA partnered with Volition America to launch the Volition America Golf Collection, a patriotic ensemble of products that marries the best of PUMA Golf's cutting-edge apparel and footwear technologies and styles with Volition America's focus on patriotism and all things, red, white and blue. A portion of proceeds from the sales of this collection are donated to Folds of Honor to fund educational scholarships for families of fallen and critically-injured military men and women.

To celebrate Gary's first Major win, PUMA will double its current

contributions to the Folds of Honor on each item sold from the Volition America Collection, from now through the July 4th. Additionally, for the next 48 hours, PUMA will pre-sell a limited number of the custom, buzz-generating IGNITE PWRADAPT Leather Patriot Pack (\$200) shoes that Gary wore during the final round, with a portion of proceeds from the sale of the shoes going to support Folds of Honor. Shoes will ship to consumers later this year. The IGNITE PWRADAPT Patriot Pack shoes featured red and white ombre stripes on the upper, with peacoat stars across the midsole and outsole, along with a custom Volition America sockliner. Hi-res shoe images: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4mg811vwmk7nnoa/AAAY-Ga4UUs4yjSsbKpXEM-da?dl=0>

Lastly – in honor of Gary's winning 13-under par total, PUMA will sell 13 pairs of the IGNITE PWRADAPT Patriot Pack shoes, labeled with 1 of 13, signed by Gary, with 100% of proceeds supporting the Folds of Honor.

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# Give Credit to Modern Technology For Improvement in Mountain Golf Courses



**Blue Ridge Trail Fountain Green Hole #7**

By **TONY LEODORA**

Technology is a wonderful thing.

And that applies doubly to the golf world.

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But nowhere has technology made more of a difference than in golf course architecture. The artists who sculpt the wonderful golf courses that we enjoy so much are now equipped with high-powered chisels.

Those chisels are put to work in the most challenging settings when an owner is bound and determined to construct a golf course in the mountains.

For years, conventional golf course architecture wisdom claims America contains far more “bad” mountain golf courses than “good” ones. That’s because, for years, the architects were forced to do battle with rocky mountain terrain using only pick and shovel ... and a lot of sweat.

Courses like the William Flynn-designed Upper Cascades course in Hot Springs, Virginia – acclaimed by many as the finest mountain course in America – are a rare treasure from the era of golf course antiquity.

Fortunately, the construction of mountain golf courses improved greatly ... and got a lot easier ... around the end of the last century. Modern earth-moving equipment, laser leveling, enhanced aerial photography and the art of selective blasting allowed architects to tame some of the wildest terrain in North America.



**Jack Frost National Golf Course Hole #11**



Tony Leodora Host of GolfTalk Live



Courses with 200 feet, 300 feet, 400 feet of elevation change ... and more ... started to appear regularly. But golfers no longer felt that golf in the mountains required the assistance of a sure-footed yak and a Sherpa guide.

A shining example of how far mountain golf course architecture has come can be found on the western edge of the Pocono Mountains. The three newest golf courses in the region – Eagle Rock, Blue Ridge Trail and Jack Frost National – all tackled some extremely severe landscapes.

The major difference between these courses and many constructed 50, 75, 90 years previously is simple. They don’t feel like you are playing up and down the sides of the mountains.

“The secret has always been clearing wide enough corridors through the trees and ribboning the fairways so that every shot is not an uphill, downhill or sidehill lie,” says Keith Devos, general manager at Jack Frost National.

Easier said than done. In most cases, clearing all of that acreage requires a lot of money – to purchase sufficient land and to do all of the tree-clearing.

Blue Ridge Trail golf course – the 27-hole facility located in the appropriately-named town of Mountain Top – is a perfect example. It began as a 9-hole golf course in the early 90’s. In the late 90’s, as more money became available, it grew to 18 holes. Just past the turn of the century, the final 9 holes were added.

The design team of Ault and Clark weaved a consistent layout ... then management took over from there.

“Fortunately, Ault and Clark gave us a design that we were able to maintain with a reasonable amount of labor and funds,” explains Tony Barletta,

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Eagle Rock Golf Course & Ski Resort – Hole # 1



Jack Frost National Golf Course Hole #13

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the longtime general manager who is easing into semi-retirement.

The golf world refers to that quality in course design as “sustainability.” Too often ego-driven architects design a course that is a superintendent’s nightmare. Not at Blue Ridge Trail.

Barletta wouldn’t let that happen. His background came from the superintendent world. When combined with current superintendent Duane Schell, the end result is a one-two punch on the side of sustainability.

“Growing grass in a mountain environment is not easy,” adds Schell. “You have a short season, violent weather swings and, especially in the last two years, a lot of water. We were a bit fortunate in that we were able to adapt to the climate one step at a time over a number of years.”

At Eagle Rock, the huge resort near Hazleton, there also was a stutter

step in the construction process. Arnold Palmer designed the original 9 holes ... then economic difficulties caused a change in ownership. The new management team finished the remaining nine holes. Only the keenest of architectural analysts can detect the differences.

Years later, the golf course has proven to be one of the most important amenities at this multi-faceted resort.

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# Lexi Thompson Takes LPGA ShopRite Classic at Seaview



**Lexi Thompson Drains Eagle putt on 18th hole to win Shoprite Classic**

**Lexi Thompson LPGA Shoprite Classic Champion**

By **MIKE KERN**

This is where it had all began for Lexi Thompson. So maybe it was only fitting that nine years later, she was able to do something special that made her celebrated journey come full circle.

In 2010, Thompson made her professional debut on a sponsor's exemption at the LPGA's Shop Rite Classic. She was all of 15, with nothing but great things being predicted for her. On June 9 on the Donald Ross Bay Course at the Seaview Resort, she lifted a trophy for the seventh straight season by eagling the par-5 18th hole to earn a one-shot win over Jeongeun Lee 6.

The week before at the Women's U.S. Open, Lexi had finished runnerup behind Lee.

"It means the world to me to get this win here," said Thompson, whose 11th career LPGA victory was worth \$262,500, moving her over \$1 million in 2019 earnings. "(That first appearance) was a great week memory-wise. But obviously there was a lot to learn."

There always is. And the great ones always do.

One of the top-ranked Americans, she came back from a two-stroke deficit over the last three holes. She birdied 16, parred the short par 3 17th and then made a 20-footer for 3 to close it out. Lee6, the 36-hole leader, needed an eagle to tie but could only manage a bird. In windy conditions, Thompson ended with a 4-under par 67 for a 201 total. Lee6 had a third-round 70.

Thompson had three-putted 15 from just off the green for a bogey. But Lee6 bogeyed the 13th, 14th and 15th. Both birdied 16. Thompson, playing two groups ahead, had 190 yards to the green from a fluffy lie in the left rough on the home hole. She went with a pitching wedge, which she said is her "135" club. Not this time. Her ball rolled on and the rest was up to her putter, which cooperated.

"I got chills, like my hair on my arms was sticking up once I made the putt," she said.

From the fairway, Lee6 saw her second shot kick right before finding the putting surface. But she had left herself some 45 feet, and the attempt slide by.

"It's (still) amazing," Lee6 acknowledged, through her interpreter/manager. "I'm pretty satisfied with finishing in second place."

Of course after you've won a U.S. Open, you should be.

But Thompson now had her moment, to go with the ones from 2010.

"I didn't play great the first year I was here," she recalled. "Haven't had too many successes

here, honestly. I knew I was playing well coming into this event ... Now (there's) 2019 (too). There were huge crowds, even starting Friday. Us players, we really want to see that. The more people the better. I really thrive off people cheering and just feeling good. Even if I struggled early they were just picking me up, saying, 'You've got this, come on, you can come back.' Just to hear that support, it does help you out tremendously.

"I just really tried to find the positives. It's a crazy game, and it can happen."

And it's indeed happened for her. Which can only be good for the sport, especially in this country.

"What role do I see (for myself)?" Thompson said. "Well, coming in I just really wanted to grow the game in general, just leave it in a better place than when I started. I love seeing little kids out there supporting the game and just following us. They don't know how you're playing. I could shoot 6-over and they're like, 'Great playing,' and I'm like, 'Oh my gosh no.' But they're so cute, and it's just like they make the sport."

"If it wasn't for the fans, the game wouldn't be the same. It's through the fans that I made it through adversity a couple of years ago (as her mom Judy battled cancer), and that I'm still chugging along and just looking at the positives in everything. I want to see little kids picking up a club at a younger age, and I think that's what's great about so many of the golf programs that are coming up now. I think it's a great opportunity for these kids to learn a lot about themselves. It's just a great game."

Especially when you can pull one out the way that she did at the South Jersey shore. But maybe she was simply destined to do stuff like that. And at her tender age, the best could still be very much in front of her. Now wouldn't that be something.

"I knew that I needed to work on my game, and what I needed to improve on," she recalled. "I think that's what we kind of learn every day we tee it up. I've definitely been through a lot. But a lot of (other) people have. The support team that I have around me, they've helped me so much just get through everything. Seeing my mom's attitude in life has opened my eyes. It's not that bad. It's made me proud. The determination I've put into it, just to see it pay off means so much."

"I just want to show people that you can get through anything life throws at you. You just have to keep pushing through it. Just keep going and not give up, because if you do life will get at you and you'll go downhill. Obviously we're all human. We have emotions. We feel sad, depressed. But you have to be strong enough. I think that's the most important thing."

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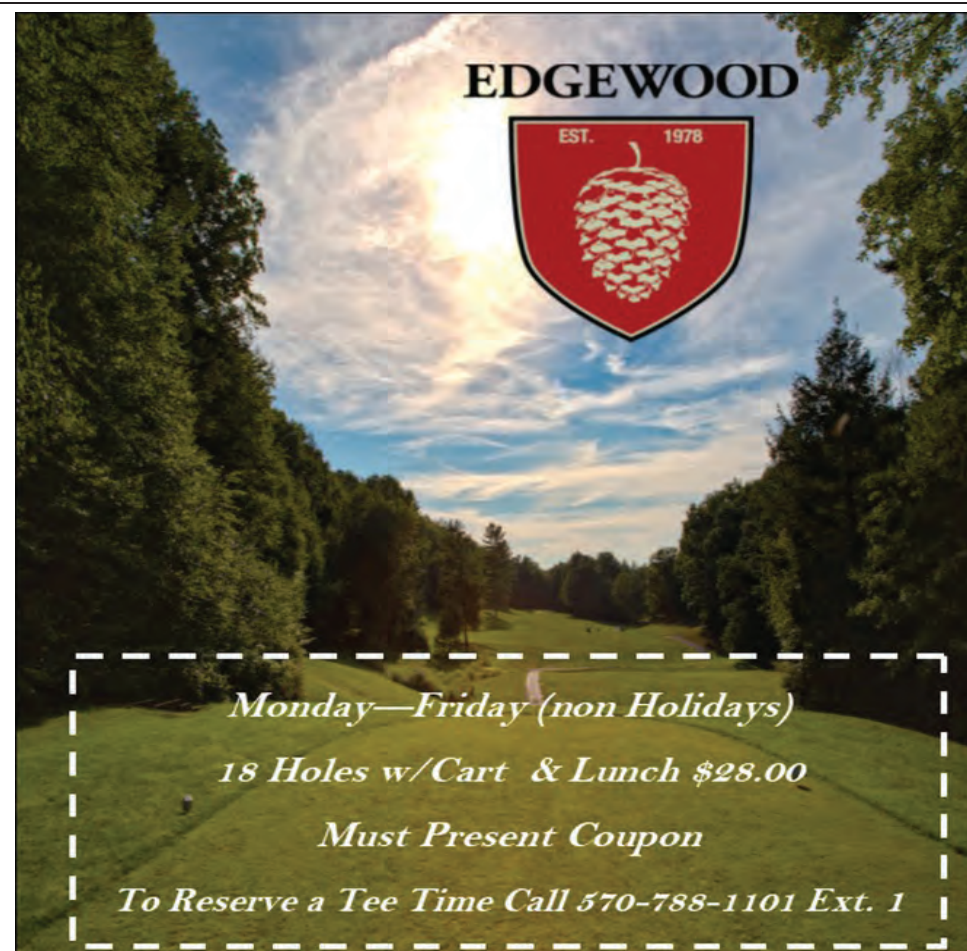


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# Charleston Area Welcome Destination of Over Two Dozen Golf Courses



Wild Dunes Links Course Hole #18



Wild Dunes Harbor Course

By Reid Nelson

CHARLESTON, S.C. – When the USGA staged its 74th U.S. Women's Open at the historic Country Club of Charleston, it placed the South Carolina Lowcountry at the focal point of golf fans, not to mention the camera lenses of sports broadcasting networks, around the world.

But as brilliant as its Seth Raynor design is, the Country Club of Charleston remains off limits to those who would travel to the area in search of championship-quality golf challenges. That's because, as its CC of C name implies, the second "C" stands for club, as in private enclave that exists for the enjoyment of its members and their guests. And that's as it should be. After all, the members are the ones who pay the bills.

But that doesn't mean traveling golfers can't find plenty to make a trip to the city that publications like Travel & Leisure and Condé Nast Traveler have repeatedly named the best destination city in not only the United States, but the world, worthwhile. That's because, in addition to outstanding private facilities, Charleston and the surrounding Lowcountry is home to nearly two dozen courses that welcome players from near and far, a number of which have hosted USGA, professional tour and regional championships, themselves.

One such course – the Links Course at **Wild Dunes Resort** – is just such a layout. In fact, the argument can be made that the Links, set hard against the Atlantic Ocean on the Isle of Palms just minutes from downtown

Charleston – represented the area's first step on its climb to becoming an international golf destination. The first solo design effort of now-legendary architect Tom Fazio, the **Links Course**, which opened Labor Day of 1980 and hosted the U.S. Senior Amateur just five years later, earned national magazine covers and world top-100 rankings before it was a year old.

In addition to the Links, Wild Dunes boasts a second Tom Fazio design, called the **Harbor Course** because its two finishing holes take the golfer island hopping, from the Isle of Palms over to Waterway Island at the par-3 17th and then back at the long par-4 18th, across Morgan Creek and the waters of Wild Dunes Yacht Harbor. But the course could have just as easily been named the Waterway Course as roughly half its holes feature views of the Intracoastal

Waterway, with several holes playing directly along the ICW.

But Wild Dunes isn't the only area course that brings the Atlantic and the ICW into play. South of Charleston proper, two of **Kiawah Island's** resort courses feature oceanfront holes and nearby **Stono Ferry** has three holes on the waterway, one that plays around preserved earthworks that served as Civil War artillery batteries during the bloody Battle of Stono Ferry. And **Charleston National**, on the Mount Pleasant side – or as locals call it East Cooper (because it is east of the Cooper River across the landmark Arthur Ravenel Bridge) offers long views of the ICW and the islands framing Dewee's Inlet.



Kiawah Island Links at Stono Ferry Hole #18

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# Min Lee's Birthday Gift to Herself Was the Symetra Tour



Min Lee Takes Symetra Tour at Raven's Claw

By **MIKE KERN**

So, what's the best thing you ever got for your birthday?

Well, whatever it was, it's sure hard to top the gift that Min Lee gave to herself on June 2 at Raven's Claw Golf Club in Pottstown.

As she was playing the 10th hole in the final round of the second annual 54-hole LPGA Symetra Tour's Valley Forge Classic, the clock was striking midnight back home in her native Chinese Taipei. Which meant she had just turned 24 years old. And a few hours later, Lee was the champion after defeating Esther Lee on the first hole of a playoff.

"For the last couple of years, my experiences when I've played tournaments my birthday week ... haven't been very successful," the winner said after taking the \$18,750 first-place prize from the total \$120,000 purse. "So it's a great week for me. I think this kind of breaks that little record."

Lee closed with a 5-under par 66 to finish at 15-under 198. She had missed a 6-foot birdie putt on 18 that would have ended things in regulation. On the first extra hole, back on 18, Lee needed only to two-putt from 12 feet for a par to secure the victory after her opponent found a greenside bunker on her approach and left herself a 20-footer coming out of the sand that she failed to convert.

It was Lee's first win in the United States since her rookie season of 2014. She won twice last year in Asia.

After she three-putted for bogey at the 15th, Esther moved into a tie with a 12-foot bird at the next hole.

"I played a lot of good golf this week so that's good news going forward," said Esther, a four-time All-American from California. "A lot of positives come



Min Lee During Final Round at Raven's Claw Valley Forge Invitational

out of this."

Perrine Delacour of France birdied three of the last four for a 67 to tie for third with Jenny Coleman, who finished fourth here in 2018 and played in the final group. She closed with a 68. Cheyenne Woods, Tiger's niece, had seven birds on the last day for a 65 that moved her from 53rd to 15th.

Brittany Benvenuto of Langhorne, a Symetra regular, had a 74 for a 213. New Hope's Kellie Edelblut closed with a 72 for 215.

But the moment belonged to Lee, whose mother (Tsui Fen Chung) followed her the entire way.

"I didn't really expect anything," said Lee, who carded four straight birdies in the middle of her third round. "Low expectations gives me a lot of good things. It's definitely a lot of pressure. I'm not saying I'm not nervous, but obviously I am. I just believe that if I keep trying to do what I want to do, what I need to do, everything right will come with it. So I'm just waiting for that ... I just followed what the golf gods give me."

She said she didn't look at any leaderboards until the 18th.

"Obviously I could see it (then)," Lee explained. "I want it when everybody plays really good but I play better (by) a little bit. I hope everybody enjoyed watching golf this week. I hope they have different golf shots this week after they watch us.

"It definitely gives me a lot of confidence that I'm able to do this, because I've been down for a long time so I don't know. I'm just confirming I'm going in the right direction, so I'm just going to keep it going on this path."

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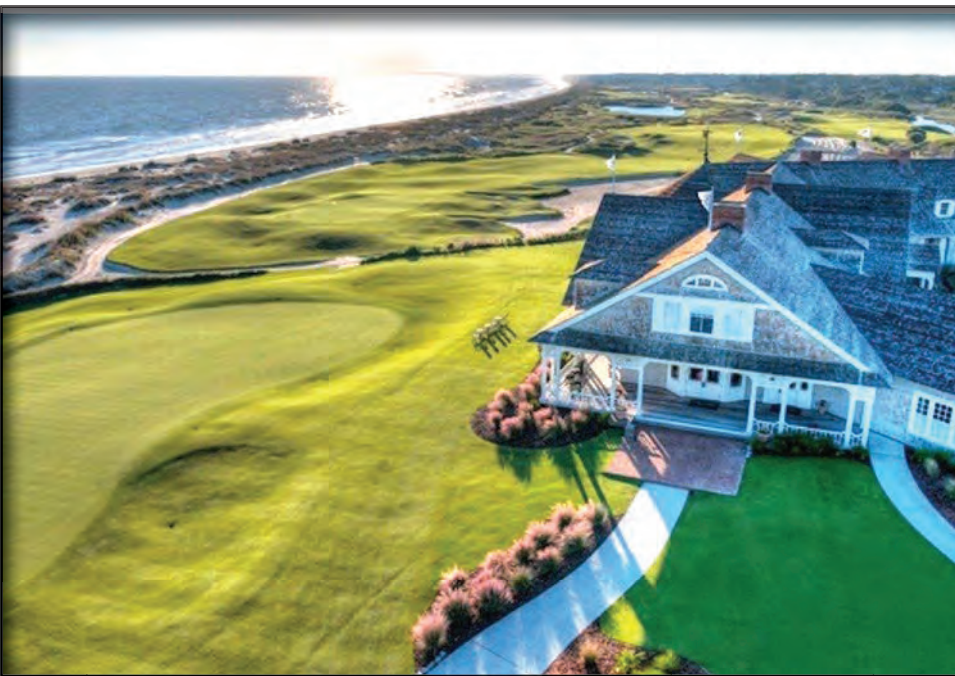
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Kiawah Island Ocean Course



Seabrook Island Crooked Oaks Course

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At Kiawah, Pete Dye's Ocean Course gets most of the notoriety. And that's reasonable, since the course opened in 1991, just weeks before it hosted the Ryder Cup Matches forever to be known as "The War by the Shore," has also been the site of a World Cup, one Senior PGA Championship, the 2012 PGA and, in 2021, will host its second PGA Championship. But the course where players can see the Atlantic from literally every hole is but one of five Kiawah courses open to resort guests. Dye followed such noted architects as Fazio, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Palmer in leaving his mark on the 10-mile long island that is both resort and posh residential community

Next door – or technically, one barrier island southwest of Kiawah – is Seabrook Island, which has courses designed by Willard Byrd and the acknowledged patriarch of modern American golf architecture, Robert Trent Jones, Sr. Though Seabrook leans more toward the permanent side of the term "residential resort," its courses are still accessible for travelers staying in one of resort side's vacation condominiums.

While the three island resorts – Wild Dunes, Kiawah and Seabrook – represent the entrées on Charleston's golf smorgasbord, there are more than enough tasty "sides" to satisfy the appetite of even the most gluttonous traveling golfer. And while the main dishes can be very pricey – ranging from less than \$150 to nearly \$400 a round at The Ocean Course – the complementary dishes on the menu can offer tremendous values for the budget-conscious vacationer.

Consider Patriots Point Links, for example. A Byrd design built on a point of reclaimed land jutting into Charleston Harbor, Patriots Point sits at the foot of the Ravenel Bridge on the East Cooper side and affords spectacular views of downtown Charleston, the harbor and historic



Patriots Point Links 7th Green

Fort Sumter, the target of the first shots of the Civil War. (That's right. The first shot of the War Between the States was not fired at Fort Sumter, which was occupied by Union troops. It was fired at Fort Sumter from nearby Fort Johnson, located on James Island by Confederate troops. After all, it wasn't the North that started the hostilities.)

Looking for another big-name designer who left his mark on the Lowcountry? Ever heard of some guy named Arnold Palmer?

"The King" fashioned RiverTowne Country Club to fit onto high ground that once housed a brick-making operation that produced thousands of the fired-clay building blocks for many of the historic homes on Charleston's downtown peninsula. Shortly after its opening in 2001, the course was twice the site of an LPGA tournament hosted by Hall of Famer Annika Sorrenstam. Palmer's brawny but beautiful routing weaves holes into the marshlands along Horlbeck Creek and the Wando River, with particularly dramatic marsh front stretches closing out both nines.

RiverTowne is one of several "semi-private" clubs that contribute to the variety of golf awaiting visitors to the Lowcountry. And while the term is obviously without accuracy – Come on; you can't be semi-private any more than you can be semi-pregnant. You either are or you aren't – clubs that have a membership component, yet welcome outside play often offer a certain ambiance that other daily-fee operations may lack.

In addition to RiverTowne, several Charleston-area courses fit into the category, including the aforementioned Charleston National, which was built to be an exclusive enclave attractive to members seeking a championship course and estate-sized (five acres and up) real estate opportunities. But when Hurricane Hugo made Charleston National part of Ground Zero for its September 22, 1989 landfall, literally hours before the new

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# “Gateway to Myrtle Beach”



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**Brick Landing Plantation**

By Sean Fawcett

For thousands of Pennsylvania and New Jersey golfers, like myself, a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the Mecca of East Coast golfing, is a pilgrimage that we can't wait to take every spring, summer or fall. And with so many great golf courses to play, it can sometimes be kind of tough to choose which courses we want to play.

One of the very best areas of the Myrtle Beach golf community to tee it up is, actually, in North Carolina, just north of the world-famous Grand Strand in the Wilmington, Calabash, Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach regions. This northern “Gateway” to Myrtle Beach features dozens of the best, and most varied, golfing experiences and options open to all Myrtle Beach players. Only about a 20- to 30-minute drive from North Myrtle Beach, Gateway courses like Sandpiper Bay Golf and Country Club, Brick Landing Plantation and Golf Club, The Pearl Golf Links, Thistle Golf Club and Cape Fear National feature fun and exceptional layouts with fine fairways and well-maintained greens which are must plays for any golfer of any level any time of the year.

At **Sandpiper Bay Golf and Country Club**, the comeback is now complete. Coming off the cruel and unusually harsh winter a year ago, Sandpiper Bay in Sunset Beach enters the new 2019 season having recently accomplished a near complete renovation to its 27-hole Dan Maples designed course, and its large and inviting practice facility and clubhouse and Piper Bar and Grill. Sandpiper's impressive upgrades include the removal of 29 unnecessary sand traps with new sand added to the remaining 61 bunkers of the Bay, Piper and Sand Nines, and the cutting down of 500 pine trees to



**Thistle Golf Club**

increase air flow to Sandpiper's lush fairways and manicured Mini Verde greens which are, without-a-doubt, among the very best of entire Myrtle Beach golfing community.

“Sandpiper Bay is a great place to live, a great place to golf, and a great place to enjoy a Myrtle Beach Golf Vacation or the Sunset Beach Lifestyle,” said Sandpiper Bay PGA Professional and General Manager Tim Tilma. “Whether you live in the area or are here on vacation, come and visit Sandpiper Bay.”

Another terrific course to try and drive when visiting Myrtle Beach is **Brick Landing Plantation** located in nearby in Ocean Isle Beach. Reachable for all players, with scenic, and unforgettable, opening and closing par 4s right along the Intracoastal Waterway, “The Brick” winds through tidal saltwater marches and hardwood forest to the delight of resident and vacationing golfers alike. Two distinctive, and nearly 90-degree, dog leg left par 5s, 14 and 16, highlight Brick Landing's breathtaking back nine. Targeted tee shots are a must at both in order to set up third shot wedges or pitches to create birdie opportunities and make pars very real possibilities. The Brick's closing hole pits golfers between a figurative rock and a hard place, demanding a solidly struck, and accurate, tee shot flying over water with water to the right and OB to the left with more water to carry on the approach to go for the green.

“Brick Landing Plantation is a hidden gem nestled along the coast of North Carolina. You start your round with a great view of the Intracoastal Waterway and the background of crashing waves from the Atlantic Ocean,” said Brick Landing head golf professional Trey Ernestes. “As you make your way over highway 179 for four holes, 11-14 you

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club's scheduled grand opening, the business plan changed. And ever since its storm-delayed opening CNCC has been a favorite of locals and travelers alike.

Other "semi-private" but, where travelers are concerned, completely public courses include Legend Oaks, Pine Forest and Coosaw Creek just north of Charleston; Dunes West, just across Highway 41 from RiverTowne in the East Cooper area; and Shadowmoss in the West (of the) Ashley portion of Charleston. Legend Oaks, designed by Dye disciple Scott Pool, features an entry with an avenue of oaks that GOLF Magazine once likened to Augusta National's Magnolia Drive. And Pine Forest boasts a demanding course that locals will tell you is the one you want to tackle "when you want to see how good you're really playing."

One more genre that deserves a mention here is the municipal course category. But before you pooh-pooh the idea, you should know that Wescott Plantation, built and owned by the City of North Charleston, isn't your typical

"muni."

Designed by Dr. Michael Hurdzen, whose Erin Hills creation hosted the 2017 U.S. Open won by Brooks Koepka, Wescott, as it's known locally, can be as accommodating or as challenging as the golfer want to make it. With 27 holes, each nine purposely designed with varying degrees of difficulty, the club offers three distinct 18-hole combinations, with its Burn Kill-Black Robin pairing presenting what the club considers its "tournament routing." And the wrap-around porch, as well as the food and drink, at the beautiful plantation-style clubhouse makes post-round lingering every bit as enjoyable as the golf at Wescott. For more about these or any of the courses available to traveling golfers in the greater Charleston area, contact the experts at Charleston Golf Inc., a collaborative marketing effort of the area's Chamber of Commerce and the local chapter of the National Golf Course Owners Association. Find CGI on the internet at

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Pine Forest Golf Course



Charleston National Country Club Golf Course Hole #11



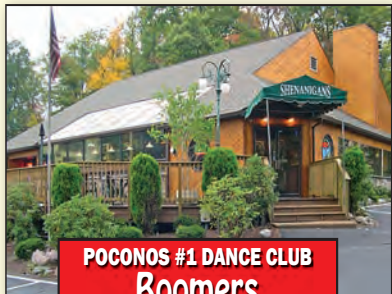
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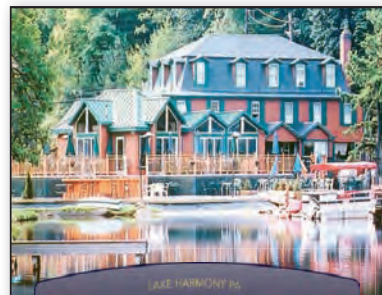
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The Pearl Golf Links



Thistle Golf Club

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are greeted by the picturesque views of North Carolina marshlands. As you ride up to #18 tee box, an incredible view and a daunting hole lies in front of you. as you step up to the tee, you take observation of the Intracoastal Waterway that splits Ocean Isle Beach and Holden Beach. The green slopes towards the Intracoastal with a few big oak trees guarding the right side. The pin location will determine how aggressive you can be with your shot. Following your round, you can enjoy a cold beverage, great food, the breath-taking scenery, and the southern hospitality around you.

The **Pearl Golf Links** is the picture of Southern charm and hospitality, as well. An incredibly fun place to play, The Pearl features two very pretty, and pretty distinct, golf courses which are set seamlessly amongst the woods and marshes of the charming and quaint Calabash River. The West Course is the more links style course and is highlighted with wide fairways and larger greens. The Pearl's East Course is the more, and very traditional, Carolina parkland style course which emphasizes accuracy over power. Both golf courses opened in 1987 and received 4.5 stars (West) and 4 stars (East) from Golf Digest in its top places to play.

The beautiful and enchanting **Thistle Golf Club**, another award-winning course, is located directly across from The Pearl, and takes the fun to an Old World level. With three 9s, named Stewart, MacKay and Cameron, and named for a long-lost Leith, Scotland golf club once located near Edinburgh, Golf's Capital on the Golf Coast of East Lothian, Thistle Golf Club celebrates Scottish style golf maybe more than any other golf course in the whole Myrtle Beach area. Featuring plenty of water and sometimes acres of sand, but with large and receptive putting surfaces, Thistle is a dream destination for golfers of any age to try, test their games,

and, above all, enjoy a terrific round of golf. The par 5 Seventh on MacKay is one of the signature holes at Thistle and requires a tee shot carrying over marsh to a third shot over even more marsh to get to the green. The Cameron Course's No.4 is a par 3 playing about 130 yards, or a wedge, to a peninsular but island-looking green with water in front and bunkers left and right.

"Thistle is a hidden gem," said Thistle Golf Club Operations Manager Paul St. Pierre. "The fairways are very generous and the greens are tremendous. The course was originally built to be a private golf club and is always in terrific condition. It's a quality golf course. You just have to play Thistle to find out for yourself."

The very same things can be said of Thistle's Brunswick region neighbor, **Cape Fear National Golf Club**. Built amongst the ever-expanding Brunswick Forest community, and celebrating its 10th year, Cape Fear National is a top-quality Tim Cate designed must play less than a short 40 minutes' drive from North Myrtle Beach. Mixing marsh, forest, sand and water, with short, and sometimes drive-able, par 4s and birdie-able par 5s, and terrific target-golf oriented par 3s, Cate's Cape Fear National is one of the most beguiling, aesthetically pleasing and fascinating courses that all golfers of all levels of playing ability visiting North Carolina's

historic and wonderful southeastern shores should want to try and play on the way to Myrtle Beach or while staying in there.

"Cape Fear National is just one of the most visually appealing golf courses I've ever seen," said CFN Head Golf Professional and GM Ryan Price. "Tim(Cate) is one of the very best architects around, and Cape Fear National is one of his very best courses. It's stunning. We have tees for every level of player through professional. It's a course for everybody."

When golfing Myrtle Beach, there are, literally, dozens and dozens of fantastic places to play, but don't overlook, and definitely play, the course of it's northern "Gateway" in southern North Carolina in the Wilmington, Calabash and Sunset Beach regions when you do. You will be very glad that you did.



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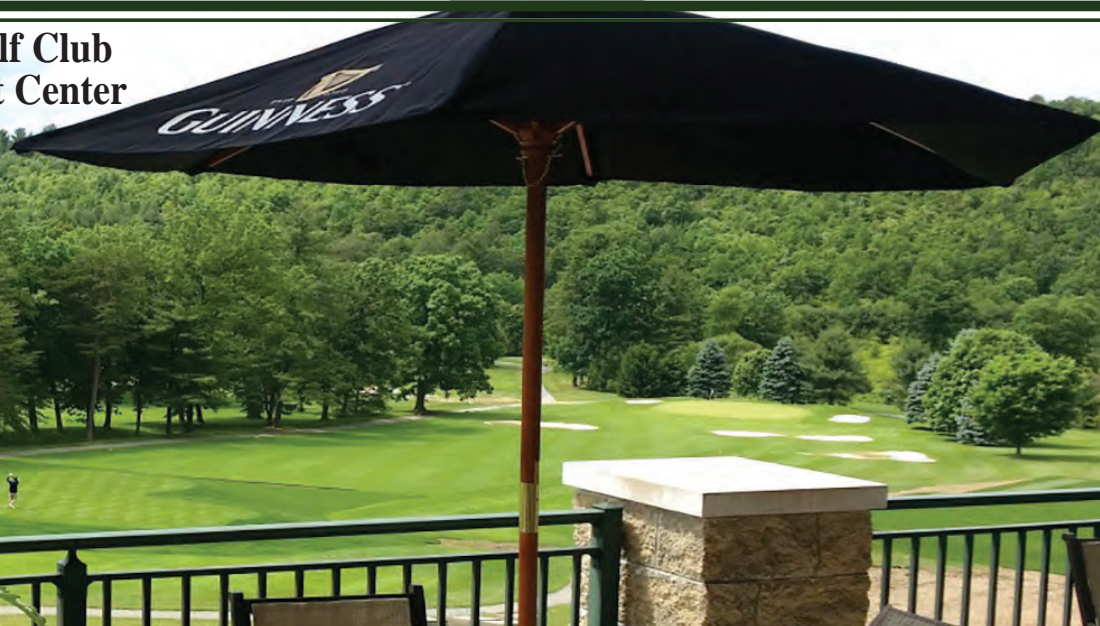
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# Linwood Country Club, Fair & Fun Course



A View of the Linwood Country Club Course Photo by Sean Fawcett

*By Sean Fawcett*

Atlantic City, New Jersey has a very long, proud and exciting reputation as one of the country's best known dining and entertainment meccas. The Dougherty family owns some of the longest-running restaurants in the City, so when the investors including the Dougherty family purchased the historic Linwood Country Club in a nearby suburb, locals were excited about the marriage of fantastic food and great golf.

Herbert Strong designed the beautiful and partly parkland Linwood Country Club golf course which features scenes of Atlantic City's seaside skyline. Established in 1920 and opened for play in March 1921, the Club is looking ahead to a second century as one of the most celebrated golf courses and social centers in the Jersey Shore community.

Community and family are the focus at Linwood Country Club, and the new ownership represents this focus. The new ownership group is led by brothers Frank and Joe Dougherty, fourth generation owners of AC's iconic Dock's Oyster House, which was founded in 1897 by their great grandfather. General Manager Ryan Bray and Chef Scott Henry come from The Knife and Fork Inn, another Dougherty-owned local, and historical, landmark. The new leadership is joined by resident Linwood Country Club chef Phil Weikel.

"We're locals with strong ties to the community and a vested interest in seeing Linwood Country Club succeed," said Frank Dougherty. "Our vision is to enhance the experience for existing members, attract new members and provide unparalleled event space to make Linwood Country Club the top event destination in the area."

Dougherty noted that the club "has the potential to be the premier private golf club...real opportunity for change, however, exists within the food and beverage program, which is our specialty."

Linwood Country Club has several affordable membership options, including social memberships starting at \$100 and a brand new 2019 Twilight Golf membership. This price point, along with extensive renovations, have attracted hundreds of new social members.

Changes include the addition of a dramatic two-story entry foyer and a luxurious new bridal suite. The stunning 5,500 square foot Grand Ballroom, which accommodates up to 300 guests, now features an elegant staircase from the bridal suite and arched windows framing a view of the course and the sparkling bay against the Atlantic City skyline. Accordion glass doors, anchored by a double-sided fireplace, allow for a seamless transition from the Ballroom to the tented patio area. The bar and restaurant, designed in the 90's by member and architect Steve Fenwick, were



Miss Arizona 2018 Isabel Ticlo reacts after almost sinking a putt as Miss America contestants take golf lessons at Linwood Country Club, Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018.

also enhanced. The Ballroom is the perfect venue for weddings, showers, corporate events and other large functions. In September, Linwood Country Club kicked off Miss America Week 2018, hosting the 53 Miss America Pageant contestants with golf lessons and a member-attended dinner.

"The improvements in the club house are magnificent, said 2007 – 2017 Club President Robert Salad. "The changes are obvious from the moment we walk through the front door. Our new leadership has shown wonderful vision in causing the clubhouse to be a source of pride for our members."

Helping to develop the future, and vision, of the club is the new P.G.A. Director of Golf, Jeffrey Bonicky. Bonicky, who was previously at Sea Oaks Golf Club in Little Egg Harbor, is joined by lifelong P.G.A. Teaching Professional and mentor Devon Peterson, who introduced Bonicky to golf when he was a teenager at Atlantis Golf Course in Mystic Island. The Bonicky and Peterson led friendly and family-oriented pro shop partnership is intent on building on, and improving, course conditions and developing new member, community and youth opportunities through events, leagues, clinics with their combined 50+ years' experience and famously personable personalized instruction.

"This is a family golf course with many members' families going back two, and sometimes three, generations," said Bonicky. "Our goal is to make Linwood Country Club a place for more families to join, enjoy and grow for generations to come."

New Course Superintendent Ryan Tretter, who started as an assistant at Oakmont and Pine Valley, and coming from Hollywood and Deal, brings his considerable greens keeping skills and unique knowledge to maintain and improve upon the classic early 1920s layout. Measuring a fair but challenging 6,349 yards from the white tees, Linwood features three front nine par 3s and three par 5s (two on the back).

A par 70 (34-36), Linwood's signature hole is the 520-yard dogleg right par five 17th hole. The three-shot par 5 slithers left to right and back a little left and features about 50 yards of Oakmont-inspired Church Pew bunkering making a short grass lay up to about 200 to 150 yards from the green in the short grass a sometimes tricky task. The picturesque 8th hole, another Linwood gem, is a long 195 yard par 3 over water and sand. Combined with the letter S-shaped par 5 on the 9th hole, L.C.C.'s scenic Front Nine culminates in a dramatic and thrilling conclusion.

"The course has great bones," said Tretter. "The greens are terrific and the views are amazing. Linwood is a fair and fun course to play."

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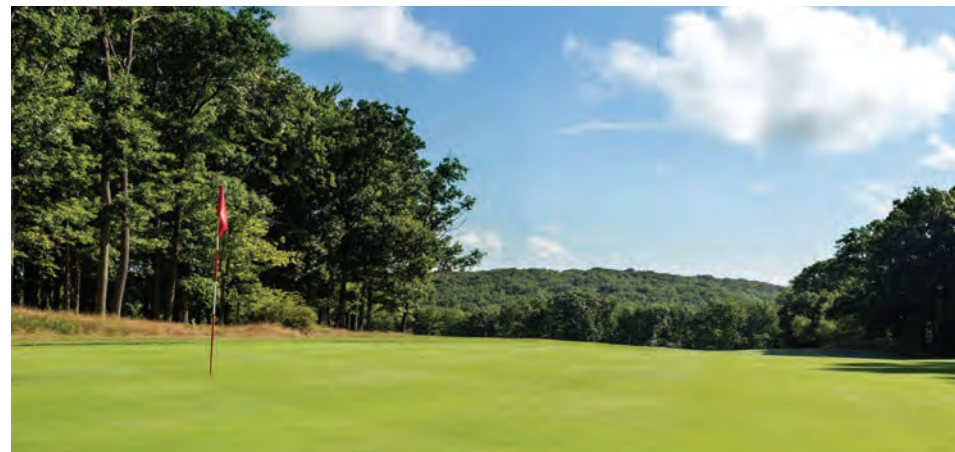
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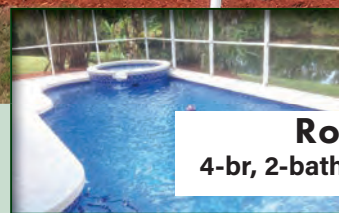
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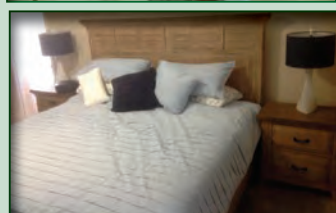
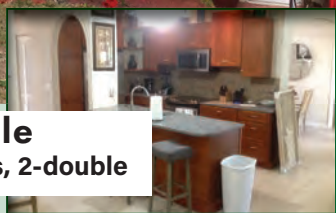
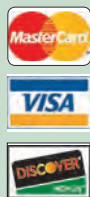
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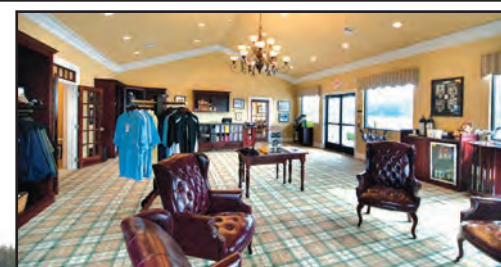


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# Barefoot Provides Total Myrtle Beach Package



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Barefoot Dye Clubhouse features the Tomato Tart

By **TONY LEODORA**

## On May Episode of The Traveling Golfer Television Show

When Barefoot Resort – in America’s Golf Capital, Myrtle Beach – debuted in 2000, it was more than a typical grand opening celebration. It marked a significant piece of golf history.

For the first time ever, four golf courses opened on the same property, on the same day. The renowned names of Pete Dye, Tom Fazio, Greg Norman and Davis Love III were credited with the design work ... and the golf world applauded.

The 2,400 acre property became the talk of the golf world. What many did not know was that the resort was part of a master-planned community that would grow into one of the great golf destinations in the United States.

Barefoot Resort – what it was in the beginning ... and what it has become – is the focus of the May episode of the award-winning Traveling Golfer television show. Show host Tony Leodora will take viewers across the scenic fairways of the four very different golf courses ... and behind the scenes of the operation of this amazing resort. The varied accommodation choices, the luxurious clubhouses, the tantalizing culinary experiences and the excitement of nearby Barefoot Landing will be featured.

“From the very beginning, the focus at Barefoot Resort was to create something that was completely memorable,” explains general manager Dave Genevro. “There was a master plan behind every phase of the development and we stuck to it. In the beginning there was just one small condo building. Now there are more than 3,200 rooftops in Barefoot. It has grown into a city.”

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“I have been coming to Barefoot Resort from the very beginning,” says show host Tony Leodora. “It is the highest quality of golf, accommodations, dining and hospitality in the entire region. I have learned that, during any golf trip to Barefoot, there really is no reason to leave the property.

The May episode runs throughout the month on the Traveling Golfer network of websites.

## The Excellence at Barefoot Resort Doesn’t End When Golfers Walk off the Golf Courses

If you think that a great round of golf, followed by a great dining experience, means visiting two separate locations ... think again.

Barefoot Resort, in North Myrtle Beach, has been trying to dispel that notion – ever since it opened with a splash in 2000. The handsome clubhouses – one servicing the three courses designed by Tom Fazio, Davis Love III and Greg Norman – and one servicing the Pete Dye-designed course – are enough to tempt any golfer to make a visit.

The culinary excellence at both of the grille rooms is enough to attract anyone on a regular basis – even non-golfers.

“We get a lot of compliments on our food,” says Food and Beverage Director Dave Bennett, who has been on-property for 12 years. “People seem to be surprised at what we do here.” They shouldn’t.

Sam Puglia, the mastermind behind Barefoot Resort, comes from a restaurant background. He personally provided the recipe for the Black Bean and Roasted Corn Chili that is a daily staple at the main clubhouse, as well as the spicy White Bean and Chicken Chili that is found at the Dye clubhouse.

The main clubhouse features traditional American fare ... but the trio of 8-ounce angus burgers, named after the architects, are a favorite. The Fazio Burger features cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion on a Kaiser roll. The Norman Burger adds swiss cheese and mushrooms to the standard Fazio Burger. The Love Burger is topped with pepper jack cheese, black bean corn salsa, lettuce, tomato and fried onions.

For a bit of the southern touch, don’t miss the Shrimp Po Boy sandwich.

At the Dye clubhouse, the fare is a bit more upscale.

The appetizers are surprisingly large and all \$10 or less. The Tomato Tart – roasted tomato, warm mozzarella cheese and grilled Portobello mushroom, erected into a tall tower and drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette and basil-infused olive oil – is amazing. The seared tuna is sushi grade yellowfin that is chopped and mixed with avocado and green onions, then topped with ginger vinaigrette teri. Another grand slam.

All of the sandwiches are super-sized and, again, all \$10 or less.

Enjoying fine food, either in the classic ambiance of either clubhouse or sitting on the wrap-around porches and watching the golfers coming up the finishing holes, is an integral part of the total experience at Barefoot Resort.

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### Spring Pro-Lady Team Championship

Whitemarsh Valley CC - Lafayette Hill, PA Par 70

		Total
Meyer/Felchock/Wallace/D'Amore	-15	55
Wegner/Cox/Adams/Meehan	-12	58
Koenig/Dalusio/Landis/Capriotti	-12	58
Breiner/Troutman/Campbell/McBride	-12	58
Grier/McFadden/Bertsch/Aberant	-10	60
Klinder/Baker/Khoury/Hawk	-10	60
Smith/Bidwell/Schultz/Fireman	-9	61
Gardner/Talus-Grossman/Blackman/Greenberg	-8	62
Deibert/Stanell/Hodge/Palmeri	-8	62
Phillips/Beck/Bennicoff/Brodsky	-8	62
Geesey/Dichter/Sensenig/Economopoulos	-8	62
Melton/Murta/Pershouse/Jones	-8	62
Keeler/Rainsford/Logue/Williams	-8	62
Brigham/Oneil/Clark/Vinniconbe	-8	62
Frederick/Connor/Hyman/Wells	-7	63
Halvonik/Maier/Kocher/Delong	-7	63
Pine/Mullen/Harvey/Friel	-7	63
Kiddie/McGeary/Barker/Durham	-7	63
Herb/Hillegass/Hildebrand/Zorich	-7	63

### 34th Burlington Classic Pro-Am

Burlington C.C. - Mt. Holly, NJ Par 71

		R1	R2	Total
Mark Sheftic	Merion GC	61	68	129 -11
Brian Bergstol	Shawnee Inn and GR	66	69	135 -5
Michael Little	Lookaway GC	63	72	135 -5
Zac Oakley	Bidermann GC	67	70	137 -3
Trevor Bensel	Overbrook GC	64	73	137 -3
John Pillar	CC at Woodloch Springs	70	68	138 -2
Braden Shattuck	Concord CC	68	70	138 -2
Chris Miller	Scranton Golf Center	68	70	138 -2
Stephen Sieracki	Woodcrest CC	67	71	138 -2
Chris Krueger	Kings Creek CC	65	73	138 -2
Mike Paukovits	St. Davids GC	66	73	139 -1
Stu Ingraham	M Golf Range	66	73	139 -1
Dave McNabb	Applebrook GC	65	74	139 -1
Jakob Gerney	Trump National GC	63	76	139 -1
Greg Matthias	Tavistock CC	71	69	140 E
Don Allan	Burlington CC	69	71	140 E
Jeff Fick	Chapel Hill GC	64	76	140 E
Terry Hatch	Royal Oaks GC	69	72	141 +1
Tom Michaels	Berkshire CC	69	72	141 +1
Dave Quinn	Laurel Creek CC	67	74	141 +1
Mark Anderson	Phila Cricket Club	73	69	142 +2
Bob Lennon	Wilmington CC	70	72	142 +2
Mike Moses	Concord CC	67	75	142 +2
Michael Ferguson	Phila Cricket Club	65	77	142 +2

### CCC Bent Creek Pro-Am

Bent Creek C.C. Lititz, PA Par 70

		Total
Hatch/Trexler/Lesher/Lesher	-20	122
Bergstol/Hogan/Hartzell/Hartman	-18	124
Hertzog/Simon/Kreider/Vossler	-17	125
Wallis/Peyton/Brown/Marino	-17	125
Fick/Tripp/Baxter/Sweigart	-15	127
Lis/Frey/Wardrop/Narkiewicz	-15	127
Caruso/Lavrich/Cattoni/Miller	-14	128
Swartz/Rothweiler/Lutz/Clayton	-14	128
Haus/Ford/Donovan/Ehrhart	-13	129
Geesey/Dufault/Childres/Erb	-9	133
Grabosky/Yeager/Martin/O'Brien	-9	133
Gibson/Buckwalter/Stoltzfoos/Saunders	-9	133
Kindoll/Dever/Campitelli/Kocher	-9	133
Signor/DiScuillo/Schwab/Preis	-8	134
Miller/Marchese/Marchese/Namiotka	-8	134
Gylan/Smith/Campbell/Gundlach	-7	135
Moser/Lowery/Shaner/Jaworski	-7	135
Gibney/Fishkin/Lapiska/Mostoller	-6	136
Goudie/Novis/Snavely/Snavely	-4	138
Breidegam/Buttaro/Pomerantz/Mace	-4	138

### The Maccabi Pro-AM Tournament

Woodcrest C.C. - Cherry Hill, NJ Par 71

		Total
Lovenguth/Needleman/Lerner/Miller/Greenspun	-20	122
Grier/Goldwasser/Scott/Musil/Moyerman	-19	123
Melton/Isdaner/Richman/Corcoran/LaGrossa	-18	124
Bonicky/Skier/Skier/Kent/Bienstock	-18	124
Stewart/Zumoff/Meyers/Bartos/Greenstein	-16	126
Kirkpatrick/S/M/L/W	-15	127
Sander/T/I/C/M	-15	127
Howard/Tinkelman/Schwartz/Berman/Parnis	-15	127
Ingraham/Apple/Pick/Weissman/Schaffer	-14	128
Forster/Barson/Brody/Lockhat/Nelson Brody	-14	128
Mackay/M/B/M/F	-11	131
Knoll/Rudner/Blackman/Parris/Mogell	-11	131
Turner/Morton/Burns/Cohen/Mandel	-11	131
Farrow/Isdaner/Martin/Sherr/Cusick	-11	131
Frake/Gerstein/Fenster/Berger/Gerstein	-8	134
Cartwright/Rabinowitz/Camp/Neuville/Baldoni	-8	134
Appleget/Marks/Spivak/Lesser/Greenspan	-4	138
Sieracki/Marks/Tropea/Evans/Stephen	-4	138
Rushin/Spivak/Susson/Gordon/Hark	E	142



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# 2019 McCarthy at Historic Wyoming Valley Country Club



From left, Eric Plisko & Drew Mamary Runners-up  
Champions Eric Williams & John Henry for the 2019 McCarthy

by John Zimich

The 2019 McCarthy at the historic Wyoming Valley Country Club, which triggers off the first of several member-guest three-day golf tournaments in Northeastern Pennsylvania, no doubt was the most emotional one in its history.

"This victory was more than just golf," said an emotional Eric Williams following his 6-5 victory on the par-3 13th green. "It certainly was a special one. I wanted to win this one for his dad and John.

"I only wish the circumstances were different."

What Williams was referring to was playing with John Henry, a 2010 Wyoming Seminary graduate and member at Wyoming Valley Country Club.

Williams won The McCarthy in 2017 in a sudden death playoff with Henry's father, Scott, who passed away in December of 2018.

Shortly after shaking hands with The McCarthy finals opponents Eric Plisko and Drew Mamary, John Henry's mom, Maryanne, was the first to congratulate her son and Williams.

"It certainly is special to win with Eric," said Henry, He added that it was hard to describe with the family members on hand.

The victory in the club's premier tournament was his eighth for Williams, one of the top amateur golfers in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Honesdale resident won six of the club's three-day events with John Olszewski. The latter has been playing with his son A.J. in the past few McCarthys.

This marked the third time Plisko, who played his collegiate golf at Temple University and another of the top players in the region, and Mamary, local funeral director, finished in the runner-up spot at the Hanover Township golf club.

Both Plisko and Williams got the final round underway Sunday on a



Winners of the 2019 McCarthy Shootout were Dr. Henry Bobeck and Dr. John Bobeck. From the left are Dan Horn, McCarthy family committee member; Dr. Henry Bobeck, Dr. John Bobeck and Tim Lambert, McCarthy family committee member. Photo by Jack Monick Photography

beautiful sun-filled day with birdies on the par-5 first hole. Williams knocked his eight-iron second shot onto the green while Plisko used a wedge to get home on the 493-yard hole. Both two putted for the birds.

The Mamary-Plisko team went one up on the dogleg 338-yard second hole when Plisko sank a slick downhill seven-footer for his three.

All four players hit the short par-4 third green and missed putts there to halve the hole.

Henry, who played steady golf for the first seven holes to help his partner, hit a beautiful wedge shot on the par-4 fourth hole to just a few feet away and was given the putt since Plisko and Mamary failed to make pars. The match remained all square through the next two holes before Williams and Henry took control on the scenic downhill par-3 seventh. Williams hit a seven-iron with a stiff swirling wind and his tee shot landed some 20 feet from a back right pin. He two putted for the par to go one-up.

Mamary's tee shot on the seventh came up several feet short and he failed to make par while Plisko flared his short iron shot to the right of the tee and he had a very difficult second shot which bounded well past the flag.

The Henry-Williams duo went two up on the dogleg uphill eighth hole when the latter was the only one to hit the green in two and cozier up a long downhill putt for a gimme.

On the par-4 ninth hole Williams again was the only player in the group to hit the green on the second shot and he two putted from short distance to go three-up.

The lead went to four-up on the uphill 10th hole when Williams, who hit his drive near the woods on the right, had a spectacular wedge shot into

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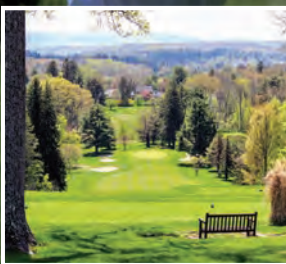
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# Gardas, Williams Capture 35th John Moore



James Gardas and Eric Williams finished at 8-under par 134.

For James Gardas and Eric Williams, winning the John Moore Memorial Tournament has become quite the habit.

The two took to StoneHedge Golf Course and Valley Country Club May 18-19 and captured the event's 35th edition for their 11th title. Rounds of 70 and 64 allowed the longtime friends to top a list of 16 teams competing in the Championship Division.

Amid pleasantly warm temperatures, Gardas and Williams finished at 8-under par 134 — two shots clear of Glenmaura National Golf Club's John Barone and Country Club of Scranton's Brad Flickinger.

Despite the ultimate result, Saturday's opening round didn't start as the pair hoped. After three bogeys on the first six holes, the team found itself sitting in an early hole at 3 over. Back-to-back birdies on the eighth (par 4, 322 yards) and ninth (par 5, 596 yards) holes from Williams, the 2018 AGA/GAP Player of the Year, turned things around, however.

During the inward stretch, three more birdies from Williams overshadowed a lone bogey and allowed the duo to post a first-round score of 70. The 1-under total placed Gardas and Williams two shots behind the Day One leaders going into the final round.

"[StoneHedge] played very difficult," Williams said. "The pin placements were very difficult. It's harder than [Valley Country Club] so we knew that if we could just get something under par that we could possibly go to Valley and get something going."

Sure enough, Williams' birdie fest continued on Sunday morning — this time with added ferocity. On the front nine alone, Williams carded six birdies on his own ball, powering the team to an outward score of 29. Gardas added a birdie of his own on No. 10 (par 4, 390 yards), before the team finished with eight straight pars to close out a 7-under-par 64 and to seal the victory.

Williams' onslaught of birdies was the result of excellent iron play. The 46-year-old began the day by hitting the green in two on No. 1 (par 5, 524 yards), resulting in a two-putt birdie. On No. 3 (par 4, 314 yards), Williams knocked a sand wedge 94 yards to two feet before following with a wedge from 65 yards to five feet on No. 4 (par 4, 343 yards). The Honesdale Golf Club member kept the momentum going by rolling in a crucial six-foot par save on No. 6 (par 4, 369 yards) before closing the front nine with three consecutive birdies. That phenomenal run was capped by a birdie putt on No. 9 (par 3, 181 yards) after Williams hit an 8-iron to 15 feet.

"I just got real hot," Williams said. "It was just one of those things where you kind of get it going."

Gardas, a member of Glenmaura National Golf Club, enjoyed seeing his partner play so well. "It makes it easy for me that's for sure," Gardas said jokingly. "I just sit and watch. He's hitting it very well right now and he's putting fantastic."

Despite his modesty, Gardas did more than just play spectator. During the final round, he made a birdie of his own on No. 10 (par 4, 390 yards), after hitting a knockdown 8-iron 135 yards up the hill to four feet. Down the stretch, Gardas made several crucial pars to help maintain the lead.

"We kind of knew where we stood," Gardas, 42, said. "We missed a couple of good opportunities coming in but we were able to end up winning by two shots."

As evident by their 11 wins at the John Moore, team golf success has always been a staple of the partnership between Gardas and Williams. Gardas, of Hawley, Pa., and Williams, of Honesdale,

Pa., are two-time qualifiers of the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship, having competed at Winged Foot Golf Club in 2016 and Pinehurst in 2017. The pair also won the Pennsylvania Golf Association's Four-Ball Championship in 2008 at Country Club at Woodloch Springs..

Both credit the familiarity they each have with the other's game as a primary reason for their accomplishments.

"We are best friends," Gardas said. "We're just used to playing with one another. We're comfortable with each other's games and we just have a good partnership. It makes golf fun."

Williams, too, recognizes the trust and familiarity that exists.

"He [Gardas] has a very good short game," Williams said. "I can pretty much rely on him to somehow get it around the green and get it up-and-down. It's very, very comfortable playing golf with him. It's not like one of those things where we have to coach each other every single shot."

Gardas and Williams will look to continue their success at the GAP Middle-Amateur at Rolling Green Golf Club May 22-23.

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## RESULTS:

TEAM	Total to Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
Gardas, James / Williams, Eric Honesdale Golf Club, Glenmaura National Golf Club	-8	70	64	134
Barone, John / Flickinger, Brad Glenmaura National Golf Club, The C.C. of Scranton	-6	70	66	136
Kacvinsky, Frank / Marzolino, Bryan Elmhurst Country Club	-6	68	68	136
Dougherty, Matthew / Mitchell, Patrick Glenmaura National Golf Club	-5	71	66	137
Biscotti, Thomas / Mikiewicz, John Wyoming Valley C.C., Fox Hill Country Club	-3	69	70	139
Evans, Eamon / Jackson, Brandon Glenmaura National Golf Club	-3	72	67	139
Rossi, Kevin / Thomas, Michael Scranton Municipal Golf Course	-3	69	70	139



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**CC of Woodloch Springs' Pillar Pulls Out the Victory at the Conestoga Classic**



Lancaster, Pa. - The Philadelphia PGA traveled to Conestoga Country Club in the heart of the Amish Country on a day packed with humidity that led to a brief period of rain. The Conestoga CC tested the entire field's playing ability due to the wet, lush rough which was the result of overnight rain.

To start the day off, Mike Tobiason (Deerfield Golf Club) came into the clubhouse with the first under par score of 1-under (69). Tobiason didn't have one blemish on his card and capped the day off with a birdie on the par-4 18th hole.

The driver's seat was quickly taken over by Eric Kennedy (Overbrook Golf Club). Kennedy started off hot with an eagle on the par-5 1st hole. He ended up with three more birdies and one bogey to enter the clubhouse as the leader. "I decided to hit driver everywhere after watching the final round of the U.S. Open last night," said Kennedy. The announcers planted a seed in Kennedy's head prompting him to play aggressive and not to lay back.

Just a few groups back was the low man of the day, John Pillar (Country Club of Woodloch Springs) carded a 6-under (64). Pillar had a near perfect round with seven birdies and a lone bogey that came on the par-3 5th hole. He navigated around the 6,400-yard-long golf course with no goal in mind. "I came into this event with no expectations. Having a busy week left me with little time to focus on the state of my game," Pillar said. "My game plan was to just keep the ball in front of me and hit fairways." Pillar also gives credit to playing with Brian Kelly and Eddie Perrino, two guys he is comfortable with and able to keep things light on the course.

The rest of the field chased Pillar and when a brief rain shower dampened the greens and allowed players to attack more holes, Pat Butkus (Tavistock Country Club) gave Pillar a scare with another 4-under (66). Butkus made four birdies to end his round without a blemish on his card. Playing with Pillar, Brian Kelly (Bucknell Golf Club) shot a 3-under (67). Kelly started the day with six straight pars and mixed in four birdies and one bogey.

Pillar also led the way in the tournament's senior division with his 6-under (64). Brian Kelly (Bucknell Golf Club) finished in second in this division with a 3-under (67). Stu Ingraham took home third place with a 2-under (68).

The Conestoga Classic also featured a super senior division. Finishing in the top spot in the super senior division was Bill Sautter (Philadelphia Cricket Club). Sautter carded a 1-over (71) to finish two shots clear of division runner-up Don DeAngelis (Spring Ford Country Club). George Foster (Radnor Valley Country Club) and Gary Hardin (Northampton Country Club) both shot 4-over (74) to tie for third place.

The Philadelphia Assistants' Organization (PAO) event came down to a playoff. Brian Bergstol (Shawnee Inn & GC) and Parks Price (CC of York) were the only two of the seven tied at 1-under par 69 who were still there at the end of regulation play. Both went back on the course in a sudden-death playoff. It took three extra holes to settle things as Bergstol finally prevailed.

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

**RESULTS**

NAME	CLUB	SCORE	SCORE
John Pillar	CC at Woodloch Springs	-6	64
Eric Kennedy	Overbrook GC	-4	66
Pat Butkus	Tavistock CC	-4	66
Brian Kelly	Bucknell GC	-3	67
Brett Melton	Radley Run CC	-3	67
Patty Post	University of Delaware	-2	68
Alex Knoll	Blue Shamrock GC	-2	68
Stu Ingraham	M Golf Range	-2	68
Andrew Turner	Sunnybrook GC	-2	68
Mike Tobiason	Deerfield GC	-1	69





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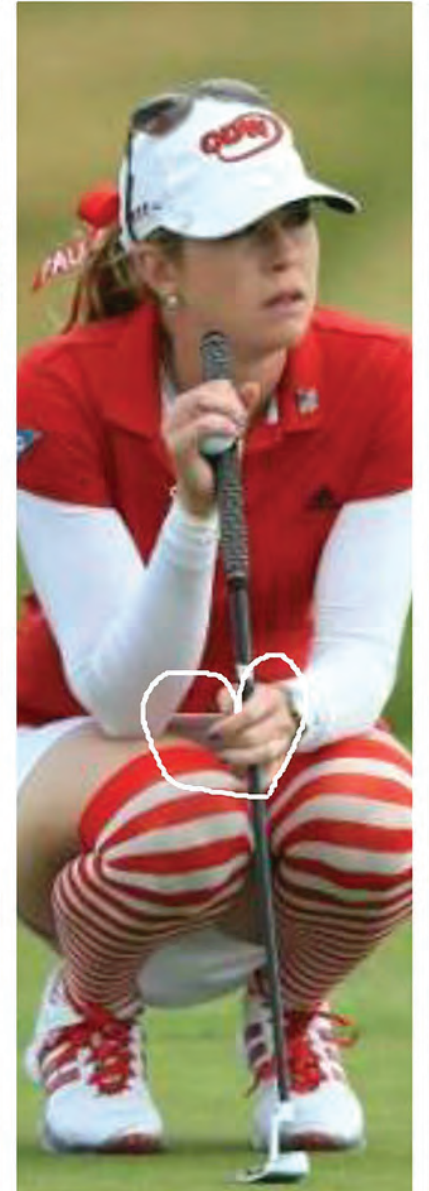
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Wyoming Valley Country Club Hole #18 Bridge



Wyoming Valley Country Club Hole #15

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the green. His ball landed some 15-feet beyond the hole but trickled down to within two feet, just missing out on an eagle two.

Plisko's drive almost made the green but bounded up from the bunker to finally rest on the grassy part of the trap. His chip went some six feet from the cup and he missed the slippery downhill putt before Williams tapped in for the bird to put his team four-up.

Both Plisko and Williams finished the par-5 11th hole with birds for the tie.

It was on the par-5 12th hole that Williams said it was the best up and down in the history of his golfing career.

Williams attempted to hit the 12th green with a three wood and his ball struck the cart path on the left and bounded some 10 to 15 yards from the green, landing on the front side of the 13th tee. He was facing a very difficult side hill shot with a 60-degree wedge with a bad lie.

With both Mamary and Plisko on the green Williams said he was just trying to get his third short to stay on the green. He did better than that since his ball landed on the green and rolled to within 12-feet of the pin. He sank the putt for the bird and the win to put the match out of reach.

On the par-3 13th hole Williams was the only player to hit the green and two-putted for the par to win the 2019 McCarthy with a large gallery on hand.

Dr. John Bobeck and his brother,

Dr. Henry Bobeck, who finished first in the 15th and final flight, shocked everyone by winning 2019 McCarthy Shootout over 14 other flight winners.

The shootout involves alternate shots between the partners and the two brothers showed nerves of steel in coming out on top.

It also was only fitting that John McCarthy, who is one of the tourney sponsors along with mom Cece and other family members, won the eighth flight with partner Tom Crossin.

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Another of the tourney highlights was a hole-in-one by Jamie Danko on the par-3 fifth hole with a very difficult pin position.



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