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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>

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“Golfing in the Footsteps of Legends”



Shawnee-On-The-Delaware Country Club



Shawnee-On-The-Delaware Country Club

By Sean Fawcett

If you're looking for a great little golfing getaway where you can get to play in the very footsteps of some of the game's greatest champions, try teeing it up and shooting for the flags at The Poconos golf courses of Shawnee-on-the-Delaware, Wolf Hollow and Great Bear Golf Club.

A fantastic, and famous, place to do things like hiking, camping, boating and river rafting, The Eastern Pennsylvania region right on, and along, the beautiful Delaware River, Shawnee, Wolf Hollow(also known as Water Gap Golf Club) and Jack Nicklaus' Great Bear GC provide players and golf enthusiasts from near and far and around the world with some of the very best golf in some of the most scenic and idyllic settings that any golfer of any age and would be sure to enjoy and remember and want to go back and play again and again and again.

Perhaps the most picturesque course in the whole, and legendary, Delaware River and Water Gap Region is the iconic Shawnee-on-the-Delaware. Host of the 1938 PGA Championship won by Paul Runyan over Sam Snead, Shawnee opened in 1911 with the first 18 holes of its now 27 designed by World Golf Hall of Fame architect A.W. Tillinghast, architect of Winged Foot and Baltusrol. Shawnee's undulating greens and lush fairways and the historic Shawnee Inn was, many say, the very place where the idea of a professional golf tour, the PGA, were originally planned. A totally unique and wonderful island golf course, and the first course designed by Tillinghast, resort owner CC Worthington hosted a professional tournament in 1911 which then after became The Shawnee Open which became one of the first events after the PGA was formally founded. Two-time defending US Open Champion John



Walter Hagen accepting the 1927 Eastern Open Championship medal

J. McDermott from Philadelphia and Atlantic City Country Club, America's first native-born US Open champion, won the Shawnee Open in 1913. Band leader Fred Waring, a world-famous entertainer, purchased the Buckwood Inn in 1943 and renamed it The Shawnee Inn. Waring brought in celebrities to vacation at and perform like Bob Hope and Lucille Ball and the game's best players to play and compete at including a young Arnold Palmer who, as it would turn out would meet his first, and long-time, wife Winnie Walzer, whose family were members of Shawnee, at the club. Adding to the already incredible legacy at Shawnee, Palmer's fellow Hall of Famer, and multiple US Open champion Hale Irwin, won the 1967 NCAA Championship held at Shawnee.

Shawnee offers many great Stay-and-Play packages including overnight accommodations, a full breakfast and 18 holes of golf on Shawnee Inn's 27 hole golf course year-round.

Shawnee's downriver neighbor, located just a short walk from the Appalachian Trail and just a few miles off Route 80, the mountainous Water Gap Golf Club, or Wolf Hollow, is another great place to play some great golf where some of golf's greatest players ever to play also played. Walking

the fairways of Wolf Hollow, opened nearly a hundred years ago(1922), you can almost feel the spirit of maybe the game's greatest, and most entertaining, professionals, Walter Hagan. Hagan, third all-time in major championship wins to only Jack Nicklaus' 18 and Tiger Woods' 15, won the 1927 Eastern Open, one the professional tour's top stops in the PGA's early days of the 1920's which Water Gap Golf Club hosted from 1926 to 1928. Players today get to test their mettle, and accuracy, as they shoot for the short, and postage-stamped, 120 yard

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Water Gap Golf Club aka Wolf Hollow



Great Bear Golf Club View of Clubhouse

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par 3 4th hole which Hagen, winner of 11 major championship tournaments, nearly threw away his '27 Eastern Open triumph by over-shooting the green and then taking an almost inconceivable 11 on. Playing from an elevated tee to an elevated green with nearly 50 foot drops over and to the left, precision is the name of the game at the tricky little 4th, nick-named Hagen's Folly ever since, is a shot-makers dream.

"Hagen is one of the biggest legends of our game," said Wolf Hollow head PGA professional Bill Lee. "It's amazing that he played here and won here."

Known for its hilly terrain, classic old-school style greens and resort clubhouse, Wolf Hollow is a must-play golf course for golfers who like to be challenged and love golf and its history.

And if history and great golf is your pleasure, then playing Great Bear Golf Club, designed by the game's greatest major champion, and maybe the greatest player who ever lived, Jack Nicklaus, is a terrific treat, as well. One of The Golden Bear's favorite designs, Great Bear GC integrates three lakes, several streams, and wetlands, with bridges and rolling terrain that is fun-to-play for golfers of all abilities. Playing a shade under 5,000 yards from the front tees, and only about 6,100 to 6,500 from the middle tees (blue and gold), Great Bear Golf Club is a fun and player friendly track that's ideal for any golfer of any ability. Rated a Top 8 Best Golf Course in Pennsylvania by GOLF WEEK magazine, and a



Great Bear Golf Club course designed by Jack Nicklaus

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Arcadian Shores Golf Club - First Rees Jones design Hole #7

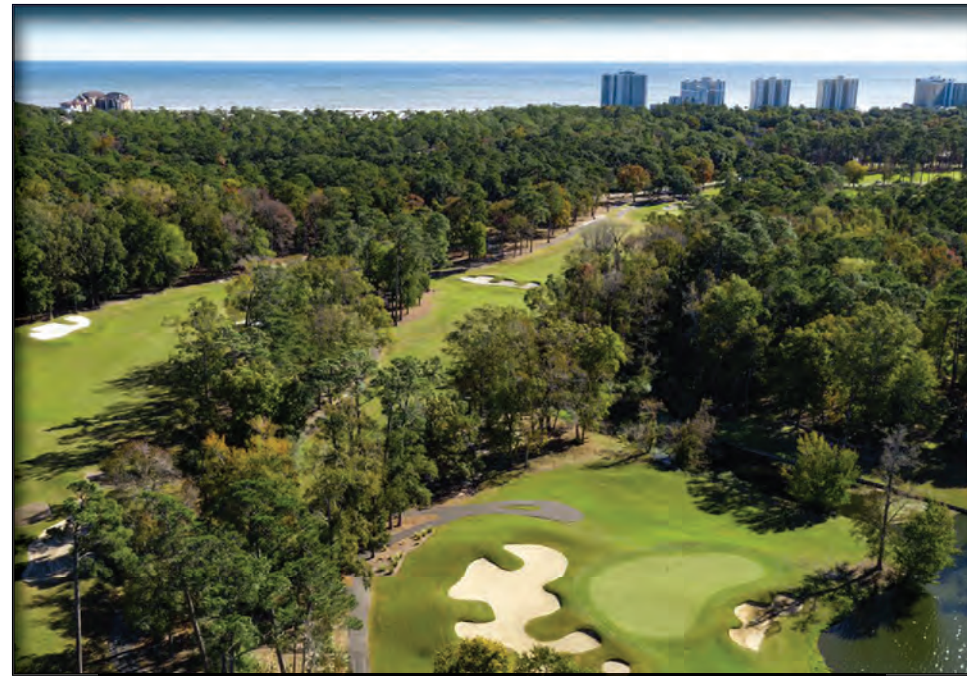
By MIKE KERN

As far as I'm concerned, Myrtle Beach is never a bad idea. I mean, what's not to like, except maybe the ride down and back, which by the way I'm starting to get a better handle on as I get older. Funny how that works out sometimes. And apparently a lot of other folks like Myrtle just as much as me, because there's always a crowd when I go. And many of the ones I run into happen to be from the Philadelphia area too. There has to be something to that. Maybe we just recognize a good thing when we find it.

I've been going there for roughly 40 years now, and I never get tired of the trip. In any of its various forms. And it's not just the golf, although that's what pretty much got me down there in the first place. If I'd known there was such a thing as Coastal Carolina University back then, I'm pretty sure I would have done my undergrad work there. And perhaps even my doctorate.

This time my wife and I stayed with her best friend at a time share at the south end of Myrtle. We often stay on the north side, preferably in Cherry Grove. We've also done our fair share of weeks in Barefoot Landing. And I've heard friends tell me that way down at the south part of the strand is particularly nice in a different way. I don't really think you can go wrong. Each spot has its own definition and advantages. And moving around actually gives us a chance to experience some new things every once in awhile. Nothing wrong with that.

Let's start with the golf. I played four days in a row. My rules. I leave the



Arcadian Shores Golf Club - 8th Green

first and last days for the family/husband stuff, not that my better half has ever gotten in the way of me squeezing in another nine holes or something. In fact, she tends to encourage it. That's why they have pools and beaches for the non-golfers. And in all seriousness I could go to Myrtle and not bring the clubs and I'd still have a good time. But I'd rather use the sticks too. That's why they have almost 90 courses. Why should I waste all those opportunities.

My first round was at **Arcadian Shores**, which is fairly centrally located near a huge outlet mall. But the course itself is tucked away in a quiet community not far from the ocean. So you usually can count on a decent breeze there coming in off the water. Never a bad thing, especially in the summer. I've been known to play in some four Gatorade kind of days. Which sure beats playing

in the cold. Trust me on that one. That's why you make the nine-hour drive (with a smile on your face, even in heavy traffic). I've actually got to know Arcadian rather well in recent years, having played it several times. I was told it's the first Rees Jones design as a solo act. It reminds me a lot of the courses I play at home. Tree-lined, with distinctive bunkering and contouring. And it's undergone an extensive renovation, which has really made it noticeably better. The greens are new, and most of the challenges you face are right there in front of you. There's very little that's tricky about it. But that doesn't mean it's a pushover. Not even close. The 13th, which is the signature hole, is hard to forget. It's a dogleg left par 4 with a second shot



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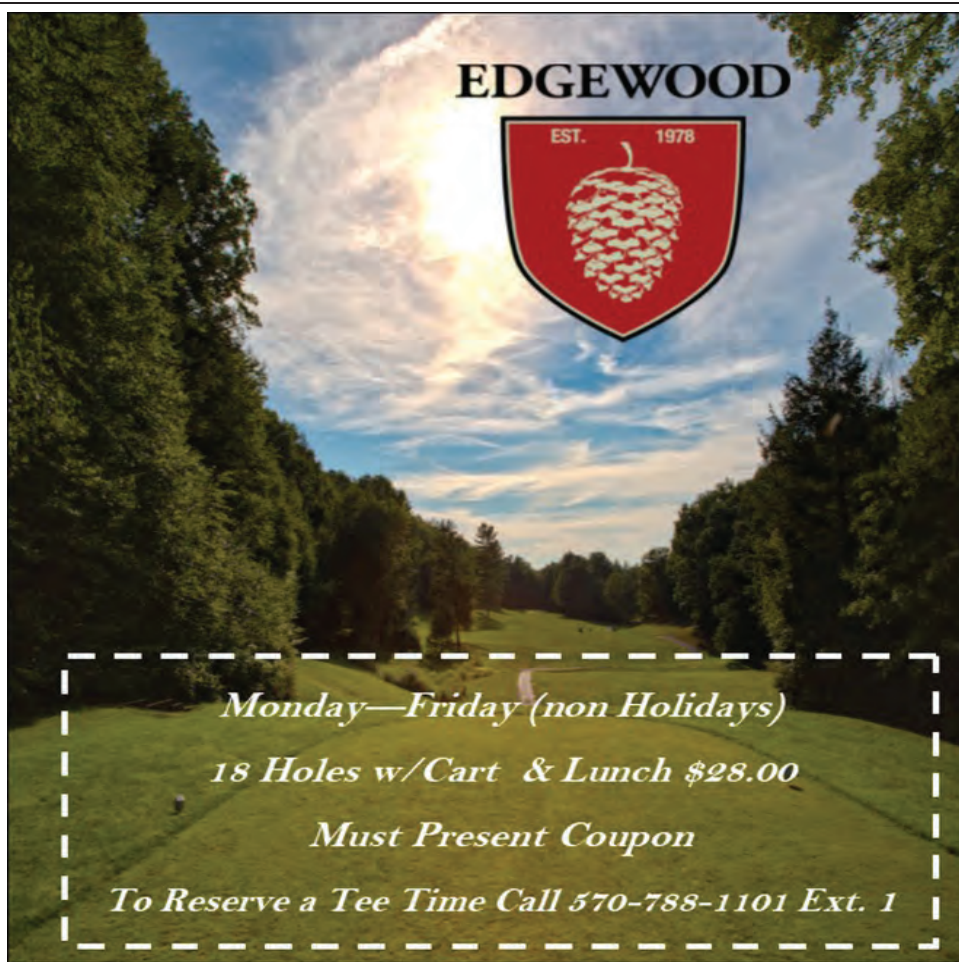


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Heathlands Course at Legends Hole #18



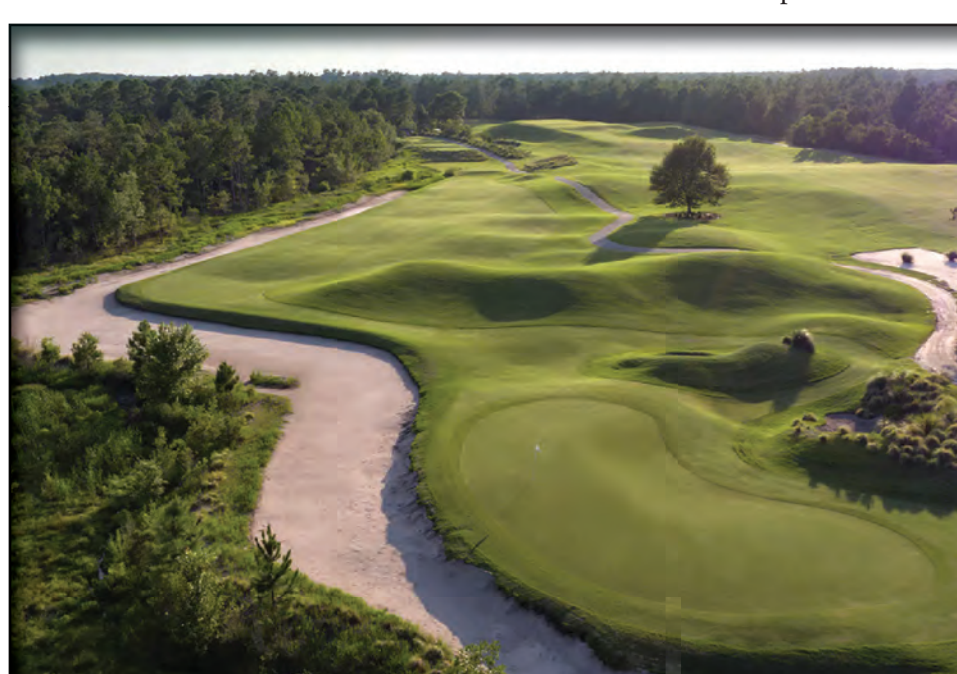
Parkland Course at the Legends Hole #13

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over a fairly big lake from about 175 or so. And that's hardly the only water on the course. I've hit more than enough balls that came up short to know how difficult that approach can be. So I finally decided I was going to play smart. Imagine that. I laid up in front of the wet stuff, with a half wedge, leaving me like a 9-iron in. And I almost parred it, after hitting a nice approach. My friend, who got over in two, also made bogey from the left fringe, so I didn't feel too bad. Hey, it was better than my usual double.

Maybe the best thing about Arcadian is that players of almost any skill level can play there and have a good time, which is what it's supposed to be all about. I play from the senior tees these days, since my good drive maybe goes 200 yards. But I'm not breaking the course record. A man's got to know his limitations, and I play accordingly. And it's fun. For me that's good enough. Arcadian is one of those tracks you can play over and over and not get tired of. Lot to be said for that. They've done a really good job of bringing it back to better fit in with today's game. If you've never played it, it's worth the visit. Chances are you'll probably go back.

Next up was the **Heathlands Course at the Legends**, where I played with a good friend of mine who I hadn't played with in way too long. Before I get to the golf, let me tell you about the hospitality that goes with it. The Legends has three courses at the main complex off of Highway 501. There's also **Parkland and Moorland**, which has been honored as one of the top courses in South Carolina. But some think Heathlands is just as worthy if not more so. I would not disagree. The group also includes **Oyster Bay**



Moorland Course at Legends – Hole #14

just across the North Carolina border in Sunset Beach, and the **Heritage Club** in the south along the Waccamaw River. I have played both of them, Oyster Bay in fact many times, and they're both wonderful. Oyster Bay in particular is one of my faves. But when you play any of these courses, not only do you get a taste treat for 18 holes, you get breakfast and lunch included. I can't make that up. And I'm not just talking a breakfast sandwich and a hot dog. At Heathland it was a full breakfast of eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and you name it. For lunch you ordered off a menu. You could have got a full platter if you wanted. And two drinks to go with it. If you can beat that deal please let me know, because I'm all in. Heck, I would go there just to eat.

I only got to play nine holes at Heathland, but it was everything I'd been told to expect and more. The fairways are generous, which is appreciated. It's a Tom Doak design, and it's supposed to remind you of the "Old Country" traditions of the game. And it succeeds. It does remind you of something you'd encounter over in Great Britain. And I've always liked that, if for no other reason than it's something different than we normally get. There's some blind shots, there's a lot of up and down movement in the terrain, and it's definitely not cookie cutter. And even though it's inland, the wind still seems to come into the equation. The bunkers and the rough are tough, but generally it's not too penal. And whatever happens, you're going to do it on a full stomach. My kind of game plan.

My third round was at **Kings North**, one of three layouts at **Myrtle Beach National**, which is not far from The Legends. This is an Arnold Palmer design, which opened in 1973 and has undergone some upgrades over the years. I once played there in the annual Golf Writers Association of America (just before the Masters) about two decades ago, but didn't remember too much except that we got rained out

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Oyster Bay – Hole #13



Heritage Club Course – Hole#16

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after nine holes that day. This time the weather was much more cooperative. In fact it couldn't have been nicer. Just wish I could have said the same for my game. I'd forgotten just how hard it could be, especially if you played from the wrong set of tees. Can't say I hadn't been warned. I guess sometimes I just don't listen well enough. There is a lot of trouble to be found here, in the form of traps and water hazards. A couple of times I hit what I thought was a decent enough shot only to find that it had ended up somewhere I didn't need to be. It happens. But on the whole it is what it is, and I would go back in a heartbeat. It's just that you have to prepare yourself to take a few lumps along the way, even if you bring your best stuff to the tee. There were a few places where I thought The King got a little carried away with sand traps, but it's a rather minor complaint. If you're going to play this one from way back it's not necessarily for the squeamish, but even though I wasn't always hitting it great I still managed to have more than my share of keeper moments too. And when you really get down to it that's what golf is for most mid-handicappers. I've accepted the fact that I'm going to make good swings and not so good swings and just try to make the most of it. All I know is me and another friend who I see once a year down there had enough laughs to outweigh the occasional lost balls. So it was four hours well spent.

The hole most people will of course remember most is a par-5 midway through the front nine that features an island fairway. Well, there are two fairways. So you have to make a choice on your drive. How much do you want to chew off? And, well, do you feel lucky? Even if you play it the so-called safe

way, which I tried to do, you can run into problems. It is quite a conundrum. A good player can have a chance to get there in two. But you can easily make a big number, due to all the water. Yet either way, you won't soon forget it. And isn't that the point?

My final stop was **True Blue**, like Kings North another course that gets a lot of honors. It's located way down south in Pawley's Island, so you have to want to get there. But most people do. It's the sister course to **Caledonia**, which has a special place in my heart since it was one of the two courses we played (with the other being the famed **Dunes Club**) the year I tied for the low net honors at the GWAA tournament. I still don't know how that happened, but I have the crystal vase to remind me. Anyway, the late, great Mike Strantz (whom we lost way too early) designed both. And they're each wonderful in their own way. But while Caledonia tends to be a little more user friendly, True Blue can be downright nasty at times. And they've actually take steps to tone it down a bit. I remember the first time I played it, about a decade ago, we started on No. 10, which is a par 5 that keeps bending right. And one of the

guys in our group, who was a single digit kind of player, found a bunker off the tee, a bunker on his second shot and a bunker on his approach. And he turned around and said that was as many bunkers as he usually hits into in about a month. So what more did I need to hear?

Yes, you will be tested. The course is dramatic. There's elevation changes. The setting, through a former rice plantation, is spectacular. And the greens give you enough room to do some damage. But nothing here ever seems too straightforward. There's always some little subtle nuance to jump up and bite you if you're not careful. The last time I was down there we played all 36 holes with lunch in between. It just doesn't get



Kings North Course at Myrtle Beach National

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True Blue Golf Course – 3 Tee to Green 2



True Blue Golf Course – Hole #4

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any better. And Bob Seganti, the PGA Director of Golf Operations, is from Philly. His staff gets it done as well as anybody can. It's almost impossible to leave there without buying something from the pro shop, even though I need another souvenir like I need another double bogey. But sometimes I just can't help myself. It's a character flaw. So sue me.

Ok, on to the food part of this, which if you know me is just as important. I like to eat. I like to go back to familiar places, and try new ones. So here goes. I'll do my best to set you straight, in no particular order, from many years of experience.

When we're up north, Chianti South in Little River is as good of an Italian restaurant as you'll find in South Philly. Seriously. But I order the same thing every time: the stuffed banana peppers. Absolutely outstanding. Not too hot, but plenty spicy enough. The bread here is to die for. Don't ask me how. It just is. The mussels are great. And we had a desert once, which we shared, of a crepe stuffed with ice cream and whipped cream and chocolate syrup. Do I need to say anything more. It's a must stop. Oh, and don't forget the blue cheese dressing for your salad. It's the best I've ever had.

Also up that end is Captain Jules Hurricane Bar, which has a fish stew that's unique and out of this world. The hush puppies and poppyseed salad dressing are also outstanding. Clarke's Seafood and Chop House is a great place to go for lunch, with a varied menu to choose from and

a great view of the boats at the marina. If you've never had French before, go to The Brentwood for happy hour. Most everything is five bucks, which includes a fantastic onion soup and a just as good seafood bisque. And please don't forget the chocolate soufflé, for the same price. It's sinful. If you're looking for a downhome meal for the right price, go to The Shack in Cherry Grove. It's a local hangout. You can't spend more than \$10 for a full-course dinner. Sort of like a Southern version of Cracker Barrel, only better. I get the grilled catfish every time. Why mess with a winning thing? I'm a creature of habit.

And before I forget, the creamiest fudge on the planet can be had at Callahan's in Calabash. Don't doubt me on this. It is unreal. We always bring some home for friends. Just don't make the mistake of putting it in the fridge. Ruins it. Just leave it out and know that even in a week or so it will still be as yummy as when you first got it. Just make sure to take it in small doses. It can be lethal.

The pizza at Benito's is pretty good, for a place that really isn't in to good pizza. But that's OK. They do other things well that we don't up here. Crave Italian Oven and Bar does a happy hour pizza for \$7 that can't be beat. You just have to get there by 6. Still, the best of the bunch on that food chain list is Caldas, a coal-fired version (maybe the only one down there), which means it's thin crust and well done. And delicious. It's not cheap, but most of the time you get what you buck up for. The regular/traditional version is fine, but the way to go is the Margherita, which uses the fresh mozzarella and roma tomatoes. It's a little more, but what the hey. You've come this far, you might as well go all the way.

And while I've never been to New York Prime, my friend who has swears



Caledonia Golf Course – Hole #2

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Caledonia Golf Course – Hole #18



Dunes Golf Course – Hole #18

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it's the best steak he's ever had. And he's been to enough steak places all over the place that he should know. One of these days I'm going to have to see for myself. It's on the bucket list.

You want great crumb cake (and who doesn't?), go to Crumb Buns, which is owned by some transplants from North Jersey. I don't hold it against them. You need a quick hot dog, then it's got to be Fenway Grille and Ice Cream, which used to be Gary's Dawgs before Gary sold the business a few years back. Trust me on this stuff. The rolls are what they serve in Boston, apparently. Hence the name. And right across Highway 17 is a bagel place, called Krave, that does them about as well as they can be done outside of a big city in the northeast.

As you head further down south, Mike's Soul Food is a find. It's what people down there eat. Or at least should be eating. And you can't spend more than \$10 to get, in my case, a fried pork chop, two sides (macaroni and cheese and collard greens) and some awesome iced tea. Oops, I forgot the cornbread. I would eat there seven nights a week if my cholesterol level would allow it. Along those lines, the Simply Southern Smokehouse has to be the best buffet for the price. And there are only about a zillion buffets in Myrtle. This one is all about, as the name implies, Southern food. Like Chicken Bog, okra with stewed tomatoes, fried chicken, ribs, fish, biscuits, banana pudding, warm peach cobbler, mac and cheese, sweet potato casserole, ham, black eyed peas, chicken and dumplings and just about anything else you can imagine since the menu changes daily. And it only costs like \$12. I'm usually good for about four platefuls. What can I say? Golf makes me hungry.



Dunes Golf Course – Hole #10

In Market Common, near the airport, there's Gordon Biersch Brewery, a really good chain that has restaurants in Washington and New Orleans that I've also eaten at. It's a place where you can first and foremost grab something decent to drink and then choose from the extensive offerings on the menu. They have garlic fries that are one of the house specialties, German-style soft pretzels and sausages, all kinds of seafood and some more traditional stuff like steaks and sausages. I went with some Cajun chicken wings for an appetizer, followed by fried lobster and shrimp tacos. They gave me three of them, and I barely finished. That's what happens when you get old. My wife had a grilled ahi tuna that was done to perfection (the way it should be, a nice shade of pink in the middle) and melted in your mouth. The couple we were with went with a nice cut of ribeye that she said was one of the best she's ever had (it didn't hurt that it was covered in a decadent gorgonzola butter), and a salmon that was one of the nightly specials. They didn't need a dishwasher to clean our plates. And we shared a couple of deserts. My apple tart was a taste treat, and I'm not even the biggest apple fan. Who knew? And the brownie with ice cream was about what you'd anticipate. Too much but nobody cared. We can go on a diet tomorrow.

I probably left something out, and for that I beg your forgiveness. I'll try to do better next time. Just know that Myrtle is one of my favorite places. We might just move there one day, although I'm not sure how the folks down there would feel about it. At least they can't say they weren't warned.

By all means if you haven't been there you need to give it a shot. Time to create your own faves. Because Myrtle is an idea that never gets old. Trust me on that one. Who says you can't live by golf and food?

As always, I can't wait to get back. If only I could do something about that traffic on I-95.

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Golfing At The Top of Pocono Mountains



Mountain Laurel Golf Course

By Nick Gill

Golf Courses in Pennsylvania have been dealing with and combatting the above average rainfall the past few seasons. After a wet spring and early summer, Mother Nature has begun to cooperate with courses and players alike.

Despite a few strong storms, July has produced some of the best golf weather in recent memory. Mostly sunny skies have graced golf courses, enabling them to dry out. The sun has allowed much needed dry conditions for courses to offer their best conditions. Few and far between are the days of slogging through wet terrain on cart path only tracks.

Recent trips to Mountain Laurel Golf Club in White Haven and Jack Frost National Golf Club in Blakeslee have proven how much a few good days of weather and a dedicated staff can do to benefit golf clubs.

Mountain Laurel offers one of the best collections of holes in the area. Signature holes like the par-5, 9th, where your tee shot must land in between water on both the right and the left, is both challenging and exciting.



Jack Frost National Golf Course

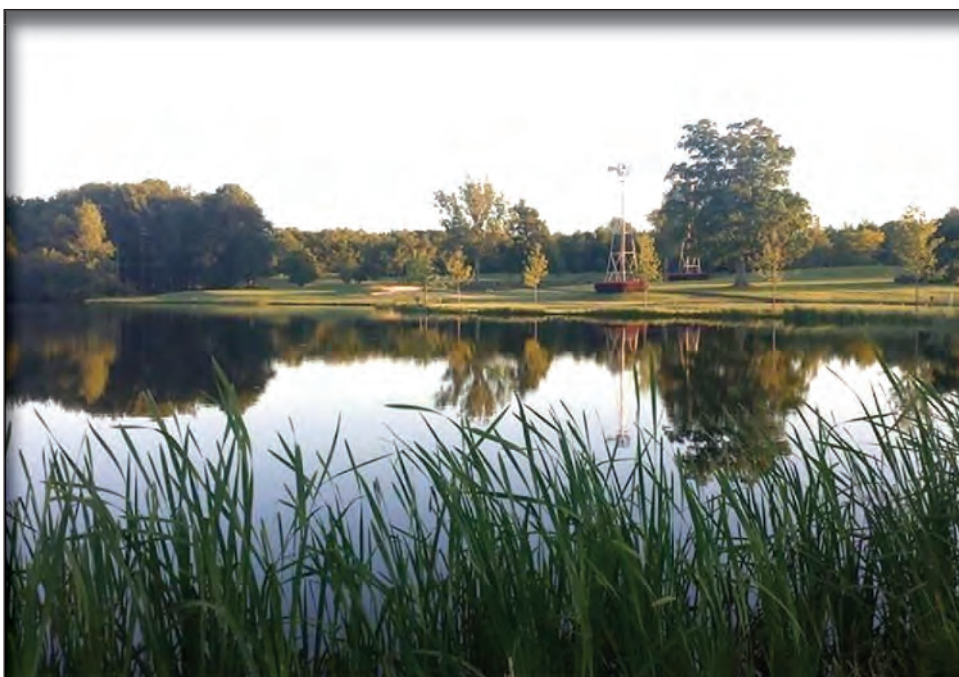
The par-4, 10th hole runs parallel to the 9th hole with the tee shot snuggled in between trees on the left and right with the fairway sloping quickly downhill. Players must land the ball before the water that surrounds the green. It makes for an exciting start to the back nine.

The golf course was in terrific condition with no cart path limitations on any hole. The course provided tee boxes, greens, and fairways all playing at their best.

Jack Frost National Golf Club also produced a terrific test of golf in ideal conditions. The course, set in the mountains, was in prime shape. The golf course creates a beautiful landscape, scenic views and wonderful variety of holes.

The par-3, 11th hole encapsulates all of Jack Frost National's beauty, setting, and golf. The downhill iron shot is protected on the left by a well-placed bunker and water on the right. It makes for a challenging and handsome trial.

With more good weather on the horizon at the end of July and beginning of August, golf courses can continue to make strides in providing the best conditions possible. The courses have already come a long way in creating optimal playing conditions.



Mountain Laurel Golf Course view over water

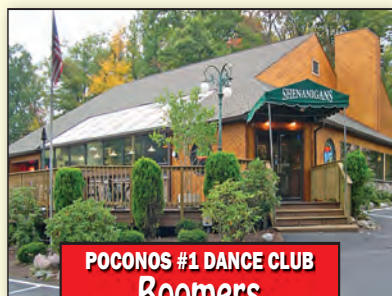


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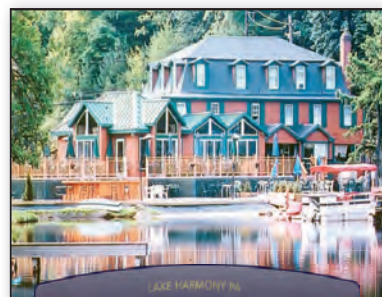
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PVGC's Osberg Takes Second Open In Four Years



Jeff Osberg captures Philadelphia Open championship for second time
Yong Kim / Staff Photographer Philadelphia Inquirer

Zac Oakley, an assistant at Bidermann Golf Club, was the low professional.

HUNTINGDON VALLEY, Pa. – When it comes to the Philadelphia Open, Jeff Osberg now holds family bragging rights.

Osberg turned in a focused effort in the final round of the 115th Open Championship Thursday at Huntingdon Valley Country Club (par 70, 6,859 yards) to cruise to a stress-free two-stroke victory. The Pine Valley Golf Club amateur finished the 36 holes at 5 under (135 total). He carded a closing 2-under-par 68 that included a double bogey on No. 18 (par 4, 443 yards) resulting from a conservative approach off the tee with the tournament outcome already in-hand.

Zac Oakley, a teaching professional at Bidermann Golf Club, drained a 50-foot birdie putt on the final hole to surge into solo second place at 3 under and to take the low professional prize of \$6,000. Tying for third at 2 under were amateur John Brennan of Philadelphia Cricket Club and Applebrook Golf Club professional Dave McNabb, the first-round leader. Zac Oakley, an assistant at Bidermann Golf Club, was the low professional.

With Osberg's 2016 victory, Jeff and dad Rick (1999) became just the second father-son duo to win the Open (the first pro-amateur combination).

Last year, Jeff fell in a playoff for the Open. This year, he passed pop's total. "I think he's pretty happy about that. He probably hopes I have five or six more than him," said Osberg, 35, of Bryn Mawr, Pa. "It was pretty unbelievable to win three years ago. To have my name on the same trophy as my dad is extremely special. To now win it again is awesome. I can't wait to watch my kids play golf one day and hope they are competing in the GAP stuff and have a chance to look at that and see their dad and grandad on the trophy."

Osberg entered the second round a shot back of McNabb. He erased that quickly on No. 1 (par 4, 386 yards) with a six-foot birdie after almost driving the green. McNabb subsequently missed a short par putt. Osberg moved a shot clear and into the lead.

McNabb responded immediately with a bounce back birdie on No. 2 (par 4, 439 yards) from six feet to draw even but when he three-putted No. 3 (par 3, 233 yards) from 45 feet, Osberg grabbed the lead for good.

Plenty of pars proliferate the rest of the front side; both birdied No. 6 (par 4, 437 yards). At the turn, Osberg was 5 under and McNabb at 3 under. They were still 1-2.

The turning point of the day came a few holes later. McNabb's approach on No. 11 (par 4, 373 yards) went long and he made bogey to drop to 3 under. On No. 12 (par 4, 421 yards), Osberg securely gripped the title when he lifted a gap wedge from 122 yards to two feet for the easy birdie and three-stroke advantage. He was 6 under. On No 14 (par 5, 532 yards), playing as a par 5 today instead of the typical par 4, Osberg reached the green in two with a 4-iron from 230 yards. His 30-foot eagle just slid by the cup and he tapped in for birdie to move to 7 under. Brennan, Oakley and a handful of players tried to make a push up the leaderboard but could never really close the gap enough on Osberg to make him shiver.

The victory ended an Osberg string of what could've-beens. He was in contention in the first two Majors of the year. He led the Middle-Amateur Championship after 27 holes before finishing in a tie for ninth. In the BMW Philadelphia Amateur, he finished runner-up.

"You never know when you are going to win again. I'm happy I'm constantly putting myself in positions to win," said Osberg, now a five-time GAP Major Champion. "As you know, the last couple haven't gone my way. But I was right there. I feel like every time I'm teeing it up I'm competing. That's all you can ask. I was happy to be able to come out on top. Winning Majors is extremely important to me. Hopefully, it's not my last."

In addition to the two Opens, Osberg has won two Patterson Cups (2010, 2016) and one Amateur (2016). He's also won two William Hyndman, III Players of the Year (2012-13) and three Silver Crosses (2010, 2015-16).

The Open at HVCC was an Osberg homecoming. He was a member at the club for six years before leaving at the beginning of 2019. He, ironically, is the 2018 club champion.

"I was thrilled when I saw the Open coming here. It's a place I'm very comfortable playing and I have a lot of great memories," said Osberg. "I think that definitely played a big part in how relaxed I was able to feel on the course today and knowing what I want to do on every hole and every shot."

RESULTS

NAME, CLUB	R1	R2	Total
(A) Jeff Osberg, Pine Valley Golf Club	67	68	135
Zac Oakley, Bidermann Golf Club	70	67	137
(A) John Brennan, Phila. Cricket Club	70	68	138
David McNabb, Applebrook Golf Club	66	72	138
(A) Vincent Kwon, Huntingdon Valley Country Club	71	69	140
(A) Matthew Mattare, Saucon Valley Country Club	72	68	140
(A) Connor McNicholas, Lu Lu Country Club	71	69	140
(A) William Davenport, Whitemarsh Valley Country Club	72	69	141
(A) Matthew Finger, Dupont Country Club	72	69	141
(A) Mariano Medico, Fox Hill Country Club	72	69	141
Rich Steinmetz, Spring Ford Country Club	73	68	141
(a) Scott Ehrlich, Waynesborough Country Club	74	68	142
George Forster, Radnor Valley Country Club	70	72	142
(a) Ambrose Abbracciamiento, Jericho National Golf Club	74	69	143
Brian Bergstol, Shawnee Country Club	72	71	143



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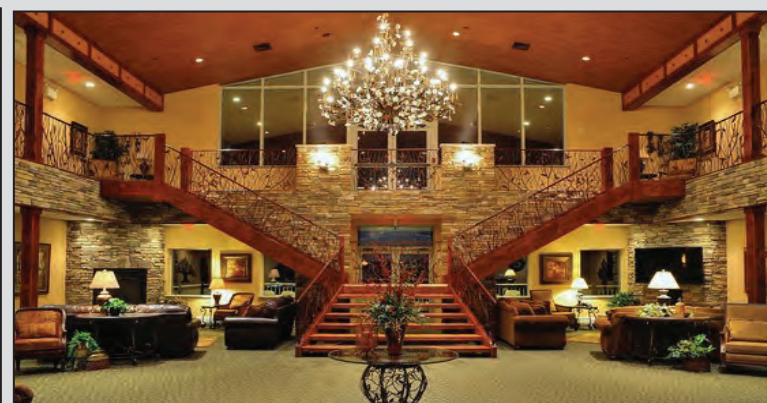
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Trenton Country Club West Trenton NJ

By Sean Fawcett

You would figure that an old and historic town like Trenton, New Jersey would be the home of an equally historic, and classic, American golf club, and you would be 100% right. Just minutes from where General George Washington made history, and America's eventual victory over The British possible, with his crucial and courageous Christmas morning 1776 crossing of the Delaware, Trenton Country Club, founded way back in 1897, is one of the oldest, best and most revered of the great old West Jersey and Philadelphia region country clubs around.

"Trenton Country Club is the oldest golf club to be on its original property in this area," said Head Trenton C.C. P.G.A. Professional Graham Dendler. "Merion and Cricket Club and some of the more famous clubs around here all moved a little from where they were originally, but Trenton is on the same exact ground that it started on."

"Trenton is the oldest 18 hole golf course in the GAP(The Golf Association of Philadelphia) that has never moved," said TCC historian John Burnes. "It was before Pine Valley, and in the day, and even today, it is considered Pine Valley's rival."

Bordered on several of the current front nine holes by the gentle, and rolling, Delaware and Raritan, or D&R, Canal, built in 1834, Trenton Country Club is a beautifully traditional, sometimes demanding, but overall extremely enjoyable golf course and family oriented full service facility complete with a top-rated tennis compound, pool and a spacious club house with a gym and ballroom and first class restaurant. T.C.C.'s existing, and constantly growing and improving, clubhouse is added on to an original 1808 colonial mansion resembling Mount Vernon. The estate, called "Oaklands", was once the family home of one Colonel A. Dickinson Woodruff.

Trenton Country Club was conceived by Charles S. Van Syckel and Judge Bennet Van Syckel, Associate Justice of The New Jersey Supreme Court. Judge Van Syckel, who served on NJ's highest court from 1869 to 1904, took up golf because he loved hitting golf balls up and down the beach by his summer house in Mantaloking. Karl G. Roebing, who's family famously invented steel rope and used it to, and even more famously, build The Brooklyn Bridge, would become Club President and was involved in Trenton C.C.'s inception.

Scottish born golf professional James H. Norton accepted the position as T.C.C.'s head golf professional in 1906. Norton worked at Trenton for 10 years and helped to redesign the original nine holes and expanded the course to a full 18 all while growing Trenton's membership, teaching members and building and selling golf clubs. The first hole, now the Eighth Hole, is 355-yard par 4 teeing off from an extremely elevated tee box adjacent to the clubhouse over a small creek, or burn. The fifth hole, which measures from 180 to just under 200 yards, is a delightful and picturesque par 3 playing just to the left of the D&R. The long, and difficult par 4 second hole often plays downhill to a blind green guarded by bunkers front right and left with the canal in the background. Resembling

Augusta National's iconic #11 at the beginning of "Amen Corner", it is rumored that the great Ben Hogan used to play it to practice for Augusta and The Masters. Other holes at T.C.C. are modeled after those from Norton's home in Ayrshire, Scotland from famous Open Championship venues like Bonnie Old Prestwick, home of the very first British Open(1860), and one of the current Rota's favorite locales, Royal Troon.

Progressive for its time, Trenton C.C. was, also, among the very first golf clubs in the country to offer memberships to women. Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen and The Great Bambino, Babe Ruth, are also believed to have teed it up at T.C.C. a time or two over the years.

Norton, meanwhile, who went more than a hundred years as the club's unidentified architect, and who would later help design other golf courses like those at Hollywood and Deal in Monmouth County, established handicaps for the holes at Trenton C.C. long before the United States Golf Association handicap system started. An outstanding player, Norton set Trenton C.C.'s 9-hole course record, and, in 1916, qualified for the USGA's United States Open which had been won previously by his friend John. J. McDermott. America's first native born, and youngest, US Open Champion, McDermott, from Philadelphia, won two US Opens in back-to-back years(1911 and 1912), and was a one-time head golf professional at Atlantic City Country Club which, like Trenton Country Club, began in 1897.

One of Trenton C.C.'s most famous members was one of the country's more influential US Presidents, and New Jersey's only native born United States Commander in Chief, Woodrow Wilson. Wilson, who was President of nearby Princeton University men's college when he began playing at T.C.C., found out he'd been elected the Governor of New Jersey while playing a round of golf at Trenton Country Club. One account has Governor Wilson finding out he'd won New Jersey's top office after putting out on the fourth green while another has him hearing of his electoral triumph after his round was over. Whatever the truth, the future President, and then just-elected governor, found out about his Gubernatorial victory on T.C.C.'s historic and hallowed grounds.

"President Wilson had a huge impact on the game of golf here in America," said Burnes. "The game really took off while he was in Washington, but he began playing the game here at Trenton."

An avid golfer, Wilson was often photographed while playing at Trenton C.C. During his presidency in the 1920s, the Golden Age of American Golf Course construction, more than 3,000 golf courses were built.

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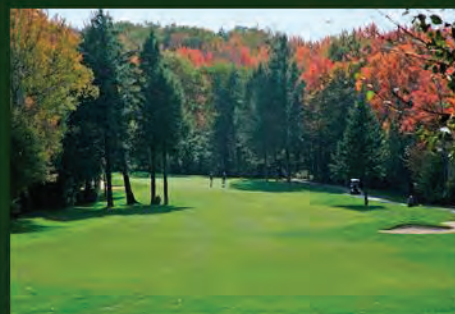
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Kevin Edwards (Homestead)	64
Rick Rydzewski (Academy)	64

TEAM LOW NET

Mike Furey (Blue Shamrock)	53
Gary Clark (River Pointe)	56
Gene Yanovich (Lord Valley)	58
Chris Miller (Scranton GC)	58

Blue Shamrock Pro-Am Blue Shamrock C.C., PA Par 72

LOW PRO

Chris Miller (Scranton GC)	67
Mike Furey (Mahoning Valley)	68
Alex Knoll (Blue Shamrock)	68
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	70

LOW SENIOR PRO

Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks)	69
Ray Silnik (Woodstone)	75
Pete Korba ()	77

LOW AMATEUR

Nate Fry (Morgan Hill)	69
Randy Kurzinsky (Philly PGA)	72

LOW SENIOR AMATEUR

John McCurry (Woodstone)	67
Bill Steirer (Chapel Hill)	72

TEAM LOW GROSS

Jeff Fick (Chapel Hill)	61
Chris Miller (Scranton GC)	63
Evan Grube (Morgan Hill)	64
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	64
Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	64

TEAM LOW NET

Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	57
Terry Hatch (Royal Oak)	57
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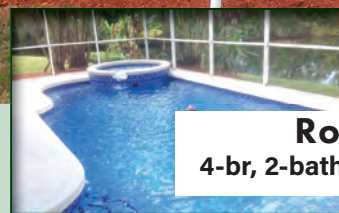
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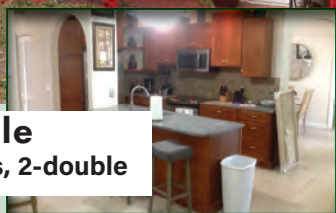
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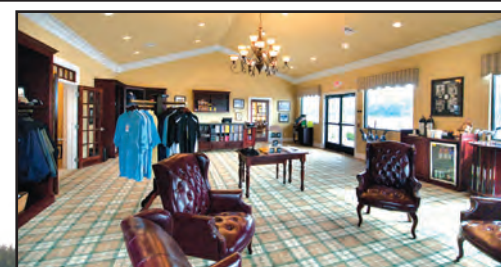


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By Tim Tilma, GM at Sandpiper Bay

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Medford Village CC - Medford, NJ Par 72

	To Par	Total
INDIVIDUAL PRO	Gross	Gross
Thomas Cooper, Pine Tree Golf Club	-7	65
Mark Sheftic, Merion Golf Club	-4	68
Michael Little, Lookaway Golf Club	-4	68
Doug Delaney, Union League National Golf Club	-4	68
Dave Quinn, Laurel Creek Country Club	-3	69
John Appleget, The Shore Club	-2	70
Brett Melton, Radley Run Country Club	-2	70
SENIOR		
Dave Quinn, Laurel Creek Country Club	-3	69
John Appleget, The Shore Club	-2	70
Bob Lennon, Wilmington Country Club	-2	70
Hugo Mazzalupi, Patriots Glen National Golf Club	-2	70
John Cooper, Green Valley Country Club	E	72
George Forster, Radnor Valley Country Club	E	72
SUPER SENIOR		
George Forster, Radnor Valley Country Club	E	72
Bill Sautter, Philadelphia Cricket Club	+1	73
Donald DeAngelis, Spring Ford Country Club	+1	73
Greg Farrow, Deerwood Country Club	+3	75
Daniel Haskell, Medford Village Country Club	+3	75

Pro-Assistant Pro Championship

Seaview Bay C.C. - Galloway, NJ Par 71

	To Par	Total
INDIVIDUAL PRO	Gross	Gross
Scarborough / Williams	-9	62
The Peninsula Golf and Country Club		
Knoll / Furey		
Blue Shamrock Golf Club	-7	64
McGann / Teynor		
Seaview Golf Club	-5	66
Sheehan / Farnham		
Lebanon Country Club	-5	66
Debski / Driscoll		
The Springhaven Club	-4	67
Debski / Noel		
The Springhaven Club, None	-4	67
Gebhart / Swartz		
Out Door Country Club	-4	67
Kennedy / Cocco		
Overbrook Golf Club	-4	67
Scarborough / Laigle		
The Peninsula Golf and Country Club	-4	67
Shewalter / DeKarski		
Ballamor Golf Club, Atlantic City Country Club	-4	67
Wilkinson / Beatty		
Llanerch Country Club	-4	67
Wilkinson / Murosky		
Llanerch Country Club	-4	67

Pro-Scratch Championship

Moselem Springs G.C. Fleetwood, PA Par 70

	To Par	Total
INDIVIDUAL PRO	Gross	Gross
Brian Bergstol / Jason Wilson, Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, None	-11	59
Michael Ferguson / John Brennan Philadelphia Cricket Club, None	-4	66
Patrick Butkus / Adam Bracy Tavistock Country Club, None	-4	66
Eric Shillinger / Perry Landis Moselem Springs Golf Club, None	-3	67
Benjamin Debski / Kevin Smith The Springhaven Club, None	-3	67
Joseph Kogelman / Brian Gillespie GOLFTEC - Moorestown, None	-2	68
Shawn Hall / Derek McCarty Radley Run Country Club, None	-2	68
Michael Wheeler / Matt Dietrich Whitford Country Club, None	-2	68
Spencer Lunger / Ryne Luce Scranton Canoe Club, None	-2	68
Brian Kelly / John Cattoni Bucknell Golf Club, None	-2	68
John Pillar / Eric Williams CC at Woodloch Springs, None	-2	68

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Hunting Valley C.C.- Huntington Valley, PA Par 71

	To Par	Total
INDIVIDUAL PRO	Gross	Gross
Braden Shattuck, Concord Country Club	-3	67
Jaime Gylan, Royal Manchester Golf Links	-1	69
Stu Ingraham, MGolf Range & Learning Center	-1	69
Ryan Shaughnessy, Bethlehem Golf Club	E	70
Peter Clarke, Manufacturers' Golf & Country Club	E	70
Mike Tobiason, Deerfield	E	70
Greg Matthias, Tavistock Country Club	E	70
SENIOR		
Stu Ingraham, MGolf Range & Learning Center	-1	69
Brian Kelly, Bucknell Golf Club	+2	72
John Cooper, Green Valley Country Club	+3	73
John Appleget, The Shore Club	+3	73
Terry Hertzog, Country Club of York	+3	73
SUPER SENIOR		
Greg Farrow, Deerwood Country Club	+5	75
Bill Sautter, Philadelphia Cricket Club	+6	76
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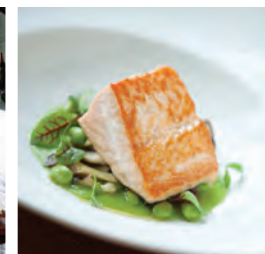
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Jones, Teeple win AGA/GAP Ben Marshall Four-Ball



Winners, Corey Teeple, 26, and Chris Jones, 30, found itself grouped with the accomplished four-ball pairing of Eric Williams and James Gardas. Jim Fronzoni, of Dallas, Pa., and Bill Lydick, from Forty Fort, Pa., With a 2-under-par round of 70, the Huntsville Golf Club duo won the tournament's Senior Division.

An 11:50 a.m. tee time in the Ben Marshall Spring Four-Ball June 5 featured two teams with very different dynamics.

The last minute tandem of Corey Teeple, 26, and Chris Jones, 30, found itself grouped with the accomplished four-ball pairing of Eric Williams and James Gardas. Ultimately, it was the former that took home the Open Flight title at Irem Country Club (Par 72, 6,366 yards). Their score of 5-under-par 67 was one better than that of both Williams and Gardas, as well Mariano Medico and Frank Pinnacoli Jr, a duo from Huntsville Golf Club.

The victory, which was the first in an AGA/GAP event for both Teeple and Jones, came as a bit of a surprise, especially considering the circumstances from which the partnership arose. When Teeple's original partner was unable to make the rain date (the tournament was postponed April 26), it appeared that Teeple would not be playing at all. Luckily for him, a last minute text message gave Teeple a chance to compete.

"As of 6 p.m. the night before I didn't have a partner," Teeple, of Lake Ariel, Pa., said. Fortunately, a group text sent by Teeple was answered by Jones, who found room in his schedule for a little golf.

"I don't normally play in too many of the AGA events because they are during the week," Jones, of Harvey's Lake, Pa., said. "I just happened to have a quiet day at work and was able to sneak out in the afternoon."

Although the pair had never competed as partners before, Teeple and Jones had played several rounds together in the past, including multiple at the tournament's host club.

"Corey plays in skins matches with us at Irem so we were comfortable together," Jones said. "We are both young guys and hit it similar distances which helped. It was just like going out and playing a round with your buddies on a Saturday."

The team got out to a quick start with a birdie on No. 2 (par 4, 266 yards) after Jones drove the green. Teeple followed with a birdie of his own on No. 3 (par 4, 396 yards), before another birdie by Jones on No. 5 (par 4, 356 yards) put the duo at 3 under. From there, the team's round went a bit stagnant. Bogeys on Nos. 9 (par 4, 379 yards) and 12 (par 4, 323 yards) brought the teammates back to 1 under and had them looking up at Williams and Gardas.

"We were trying to keep pace with Eric all day because we knew he would set the mark," Teeple said.

In order to accomplish this goal, Teeple and Jones were in need of a furious charge down the stretch — and that's just what they got.

Jones carded another birdie on No. 13 (par 5, 537 yards) after he hit the green with

his second shot. On the very next hole, (par 4, 378 yards), Teeple rolled in a birdie putt of his own. After consecutive pars on Nos. 15 and 16, Teeple stepped up with the shot of the day, chipping in from short of the green on No. 17 (par 3, 162 yards).

"We were ahead of [Williams and Gardas] the whole day until our bogeys on Nos. 9 and 12," Jones said. "Corey's chip in on No. 17 put us back ahead."

Teeple and Jones' time at the top would have been short-lived however, was it not for a closing 3 by Jones on No. 18 (par 4, 307 yards). After Williams knocked his approach to two feet, virtually guaranteeing a birdie for his team, Teeple and Jones had two chances at what would ultimately be the deciding birdie. Although Teeple was in tight with a six-foot chance for a 3, Jones took all the pressure off his partner by rolling in a 12-footer from the fringe.

"That [putt] definitely would have been a knee knocker," Teeple joked.

As it was, Teeple was spared from any bruises to his knees, taking home first place without ever stroking that final putt.

RESULTS

TEAM NAMES	CLUB	SCORE
Teeple, Corey + Jones, Chris		
Honesdale Golf Club, Irem Country Club		-5 67
Pinnacoli, Jr., Frank + Medico, Mariano	Huntsville Golf Club	-4 68
Williams, Eric + Gardas, James	Honesdale Golf Club, Glenmaura National Golf Club	-4 68
Evans, Eamon + Bonavoglia, Michael	Glenmaura National Golf Club, Elmhurst Country Club	-3 69
Michaels, Rob + Neupauer, Gary-	Huntsville Golf Club	-1 71
Biscotti, Thomas + Answini, Mark	Wyoming Valley Country Club, Fox Hill Country Club	-1 71
Haley, Mike + Donatoni, A.J.	Fox Hill Country Club	+3 75
Wilson, Jonathan + Lipski, Robert-	Irem Country Club	+3 75
Leonardis, David + Spengler, Gershom	Jack Frost National Golf Club	+4 76
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73rd John A. Allan Tournament Winners at Fox Hill Country Club



Fox Hill Country Club - Hole #17



Walter Kuharchik has played in 58 consecutive John A. Allan Tournaments

By John Zimich

The 2019 version of the John A. Allan Invitational at the Fox Hill Country Club saw plenty of drama and a very emotional week for the eventual winners.

Dr. Tom Biscotti and partner John Mikewicz saw a six-stroke lead going into the final nine holes vanish as the father-son team of John and Zach Mulhern came from far back to draw even after the eighth hole of the championship nine-hole shootout.

Dr. Biscotti, the golfing dentist, got word on the fourth hole Friday that his father had passed away.

Playing with heavy hearts, the Biscotti-Mikewicz twosome went out Sunday morning to fire a blistering eight-under par 63 and a lead of six strokes going into the final nine-holes.

But the tide turned quickly as the Mulherns caught fire and the six-stroke lead evaporated. That happened when Zach Mulhern had consecutive birds on the 13th and 14th holes while his father produced birds on the 16th and 17th holes to draw even going to the 18th hole.

That set up all of the drama and emotions on the 377-yard 18th green after Zach Mulhern's 30-foot putt just slid past the edge of the cup for his bird.

Up next was Dr. Biscotti, who had a 12-foot bird to win the match. He said after making the putt he was asking for divine intervention from his late father, noting he wanted to make it for his father and make him proud of me.

The winning putt also had a considerable break to it with Dr. Biscotti also crediting Mikewicz with a good read.

Mikewicz, who won a two previous Allan titles with Dr. Biscotti, said this was the most emotional weekend of his golfing career. A former King's College standout golfer, Mikewicz

noted it definitely was some kind of intervention that occurred after receiving word of the death of Dr. Biscotti's father and that the two-time Allan champs played their best golf of the event from that point on.

Allan nugget--Tourney committee honored longtime member and veteran golfer Wally Kuharchik

prior to the championship shootout. Kuharchik, who won several John A. Allan Invitational events with partners like the late Art Brunn, Sr. and Ron Pieczynski, won a 2019 Allan flight.

The 2019 event marked a milestone for Kuharchik, who was playing in his 58th consecutive Allan tournament.

RESULTS:*

TEAM

TEAM	Total to Par Gross	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total Gross
Mikewicz / Biscotti Fox Hill Country Club, Wyoming Volley Country Club	-14	69	66	63	37	235
Mulhern Jr/ Mulhern Fox Hill Country Club	-13	65	69	70	32	236
Laneski / Plisko Fox Hill Country Club, Wyoming Volley Country Club	-11	67	68	70	33	238
Hoover/ McGarry Huntsville Goff Club, Fox Hill Country Club	-8	66	69	72	34	241
Burke/ Davis Glenmoura National Golf Club	-8	69	67	70	35	241
Anzalone/ Medico Fox Hill Country Club	-6	72	70	69	32	243
Gill /Palma Fox Hill Country Club	-4	67	71	69	38	245
Crossin/ Crossin Fox Hill Country Club	-3	69	71	67	39	246
Gill/ Weiscarger Fox Hill Country Club, Wyoming Volley Country Club	-2	72	67	70	38	247
Kluger / Williams Fox Hill Country Club, Honesdale Goff Club	+3	70	69	73	40	252

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Winners John Mikewicz (L) and Dr. Tom Biscotti (R)

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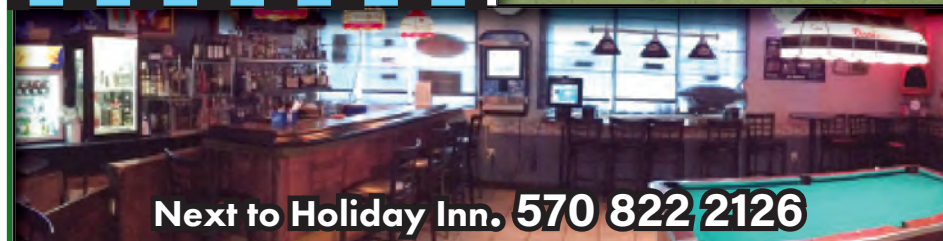
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Glenmaura's Barone beams in Over/Under 50



John Barone picked up two titles at Elmhurst Country Club, winning the event's team portion alongside fellow Glenmaura National Golf Club member Kevin Haag. In the Over 50 portion of the event, Art Brunn of Wyoming Valley Country Club and Robert Gill of Fox Hill Country Club shared first place honors with respective 1-under-par 71s.

The AGA/GAP Over/Under 50 Tournament, by name alone, calls forth the image of prop bets being made at a casino. Had the bookie set the line for the number of John Barone victories on Wednesday at 1.5, those taking the over would certainly have found their wallets a little bit plumper.

Barone picked up two titles at Elmhurst Country Club, winning the event's team portion alongside fellow Glenmaura National Golf Club member Kevin Haag. He also notching individual honors in the Under 50 Division. Barone and Haag finished 7-under-par 65 in the better-ball competition; Barone fired a 3-under-par 69 on his own ball. In the Over 50 portion of the event, Art Brunn of Wyoming Valley Country Club and Robert Gill of Fox Hill Country Club shared first place honors with respective 1-under-par 71s.

For Barone, who played frequently at Elmhurst growing up, the tournament was filled with nostalgia. This sentiment furthered when the Dunmore, Pa. native made birdies on the opening two holes.

"I just stepped on the tee and I felt really comfortable," Barone said. "I've had that start so many times playing golf at Elmhurst. I'm never worried I'm not going to make birdies out there."

Barone's exceptional play comes despite a significantly reduced practice regimen. Currently completing his master's degree at Temple University, most of Barone's days are spent at accounting, not golf, courses.

"I haven't been practicing as much as when I was playing college golf," Barone, a former member of Temple's golf team, said. "I put so much pressure on myself in college and now my expectation is a little lower. I just have a different mentality when I go out there and play. Golf is a crazy thing. You're easier on yourself and next thing you know you're making a lot of birdies out there."

A lot of birdies indeed. Barone totaled seven on his way to a one-shot victory over reigning AGA/GAP Men's Player of the Year Eric Williams in the event's individual portion.

His brilliant play was a welcomed sight for Haag, who "was there to make pars and watch the ride." Despite Haag's humble words, the 52-year-old secured a couple of crucial pars for the first-time teammates — none more vital than No. 3 (par 4, 405 yards).

When Barone got stuck in the fescue off the tee, an error unfounded since his sophomore year of high school, it was up to Haag to bail his teammate out. He did just that, launching a 9-iron out of the left rough 165 yards to 20 feet to secure the two-putt-par.

"At that point, at least I felt like I was going to have John's back a little bit," Haag, of Hummelstown, Pa., said. "He didn't need much of it."

In contrast to the Under 50 and Team divisions, a conclusive victor was not found among players 50 years of age or older. Brunn and Gill, a pair of longtime competitors, could not be separated on the leaderboard.

"Bob [Gill] and I have competed against each other for probably the better part of 30 years," Brunn, 52, of Hanover Township, Pa., said. "We know each other quite well. Bob has been a really good player for a long, long time."

Gill, 60, of Shavertown Pa., verified his competitor's compliment by opening his day with consecu-

tive birdies on Nos. 1 (par 4, 369 yards) and 2 (par 5, 459 yards). He picked up additional shots on Nos. 7 (par 4, 400 yards) and 10 (par 5, 454 yards), putting him at 3 under at that point in time. Back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 10 (par 5, 530 yards) and 11 (par 4, 408 yards) subsequently set him back, however.

Resilient, and ever consistent, Gill would close by hitting the final six greens in regulation, recording a par on each.

On a golf course which was playing firm and fast, especially during a strong afternoon breeze, Gill's conservative approach paid dividends.

"I hit a lot of 3-woods off the tee to keep the ball in play, so I could spin the ball off the fairway," Gill said. "[It] seemed to pay off."

Although ultimately shooting the same number, Brunn's closing stretch was a bit more dramatic. After birdieing No. 17 (par 4, 351 yards) by stuffing a sand wedge from 80 yards to two feet, the 52-year-old dropped back to 1 under when a 9-iron flew over the 18th green, leading to a bogey.

"It wasn't a great way to end the round, but it is what it is," Brunn said.

For both Brunn and Gill, Wednesday's victory adds to an already sizeable list of wins on the AGA/GAP circuit. For his part, Gill is a former winner of the Under 50 portion of the very same event, back when it was still named the Mid-Am/Senior Tournament. He also is a three-time champion of the Senior Division in the AGA/GAP Stroke Play Championship. Brunn, also a multiple time AGA/GAP champion, recorded his most notable triumph in the 2018 Men's Coal Scuttle Championship.

RESULTS

TEAM NAMES	CLUB	SCORE
Barone, John + Haag, Kevin	Glenmaura National Golf Club	-7 65
Grad, Joseph + Burns, Timothy	Country Club of Scranton	-6 66
Cerminaro, Christopher + Bolcavage, Kenneth	Glenmaura National Golf Club, Elkview Country Club	-5 67
Individual Under 50		
Barone, John	Glenmaura National Golf Club	-3 69
Williams, Eric	Honesdale Golf Club	-2 70
Horutz, John	Country Club of Scranton	E 72
Individual Over 50		
Brunn, Art	Wyoming Valley Country Club	-1 71
Gill, Robert	Fox Hill Country Club	-1 71
Vassil, Michael	Country Club of Scranton	+1 73

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