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# Cobra's Latest Driving Weapon, The F-9



The Cobra F9 Speedback



The AERO F9 Fairway Toe



The Cobra F9 14.5° degree CNC Milled

By Reid Nelson

When Cobra brought out its then-new King F8+ driver in late 2017, staff player Rickie Fowler put it in play immediately and he finished the year averaging 300.3 yards off the tee. Then in 2018, with the F8+ in the bag from the first of the year, he averaged 300.6 yards driving distance.

Not bad for a vertically challenged, slight-of-frame player – Rickie's just 5'9" and 150 pounds, and that's probably with his Puma golf shoes on! – regardless of the fact he's one of the best conditioned athletes on the PGA Tour.

But for the 2019 season just concluded, the extremely popular Fowler switched to the new Cobra King F9 Speedback driver and finished the year with a driving average of 303.1.

OK, it's not a huge difference. But three yards is three yards and when you consider you're taking a finely tuned athlete, already playing with the most technologically advanced equipment available ... and his numbers are improving, not by tenths of yards but by yards? Well, that's saying something.

Now, if you're already playing Cobra's King F8 or F8+, you might not feel three, five or even 10 yards is worth the investment in Cobra's newest driver. But if you haven't tried Cobra in the last few years – or if you're like so many, who have gotten locked in to a driver from one of the "big four" manufacturers – it's high time you tried the F9.

We recently had a chance to demo Cobra's latest driving weapon and, like Fowler, it's gone straight into the starting lineup, replacing an old favorite that had survived several generations of updates from literally all the big name OEMs. For the record, our test club is a 9-degree head, fitted with a 6.0 (stiff) HZRDUS Smoke shaft (one of four premium stock shafts available without any up-charge).

Why the King F9 found its way into the bag when so many other drivers from so many other manufacturers had not is a function of the F9's technology, certainly. But it's also a matter of intangibles associated with the club – subjective factors like looks, feel and sound.

Let's start with those, since most golfers will agree, if a club doesn't look and feel good, technology doesn't mean squat. And to our eye, the King F9 Speedback is one of the more appealing drivers we've seen in years. True, it's a 460-cc head but it has a more compact, more playable look, thanks to an aerodynamic design that features softer, rounded leading edges and raised crown, skirt and tail areas that swallow all 460 cubic centimeters in a taller profile, as opposed to an unwieldy-looking, more expansive footprint. The adjustable hosel, which allows for plus or minus 1- and 1.5-degree loft adjustments in standard lie and +/- 1-degree draw positions, provides eight different loft/face angle options.

As for feel and sound, the two go hand-in-hand with the King F9. And both can be described in one word: Solid.

Considering the driver features a CNC milled face, with thicknesses and curvatures controlled to the tightest industry standards, and a carbon fiber crown that wraps the entire head – a crown that is Cobra's largest ever and is 10 grams lighter than titanium –

both sound and feel are certainly products of the F9's advanced technology. But human hands and ears can't feel and hear technology. What the player feels and hears is simply the satisfying "thwack" of solid contact, even on strikes that are slightly off-center. No hollow, metallic clanks, nor overly dampened thuds.

In addition to the adjustable hosel, the F9 Speedback features two moveable sole weights, one 14 grams and one 2 grams, that allow players to fine tune the center of gravity, thus fine tuning launch angle, trajectory and spin rate. With the heavier weight forward, just behind the face, players who prefer to "work" the ball will benefit from a low to mid launch angle and lower spin rates, as well as a slight fade bias. Switch the weights, moving the heavier one to the pronounced "Speedback" bulge, set low at the back of the head, and drives launch in the mid-to-high range with slightly more spin and a more forgiving, draw-biased trajectory.

The adjustability of the King F9 Speedback make the club extremely playable for a wide range of skill levels, from mid- to high-handicappers to Fowler, himself. There's even a "Tour Length" model that, at 44.5", is still an inch longer than what Rickie plays, but is an inch shorter than the standard King F9. The Tour Length, aimed specifically at elite players, comes with 18- and 6-gram sole weights "to help deliver more accuracy without sacrificing distance," according to Cobra.

Without any up-charge, F9 buyers can select from four premium shafts from three different manufacturers. The HZRDUS Smoke 60 shaft, from Project X, in our test driver is a midweight shaft with a mid-launch, low-spin profile for players with medium to faster swing speeds. Fujikura's Atmos Tour Spec Blue 6 shaft is aimed at the same player, but produces a mid-launch, mid-spin profile, while the Atmos Tour Spec Black 7 is a heavier shaft for faster-swing players looking for low-launch, low-spin characteristics. And finally, UST Mamiya's Helium shaft is a lightweight option that provides a higher launch for players with slower swings.

If you want Rickie's Graphite Design Tour AD IZ-7x shaft, that will cost extra at your local club fitter. But the four premium shaft options offered by Cobra at the \$449 retail price are the genuine after-market articles, not proprietary versions made specifically for the OEM.

We haven't talked here about all the technical advances Cobra has built into the King F9 Speedback because, frankly, we can't "see" things like the E9 Technology that expands the sweet spot across nine different points on the face. Or the 7-degree face axis tilt that makes up for the "toe droop" that occurs at the bottom of every swing. Or the perfected bulge of the CNC milled face or the roll curvature that enhances the aerodynamics of both the crown and sole. And we don't expect golfers to "see" those things when they're shopping for a new driver.

But if you are in the market for a new driver and you don't consider the Cobra King F9 Speedback, you're cheating yourself. And that is a tangible fact.

# Bulle Rock-One of The Best Modern Courses In the United States



**Bulle Rock Golf Club 18th Hole Green**

*By Bob Oliver*

It is an intriguing question – how does one improve on greatness? Ponder that for a moment.

Heck if you have already received recognition and respect you obviously want to maintain that level of greatness and so work a little harder to find areas where you might improve.

For a golf course, it's a never-ending battle with Mother Nature to maintain a level of greatness. But improve?

Bulle Rock Golf Club, the Pete Dye masterpiece located just off Interstate 95 in northeast Maryland, has been recognized with the respect of players and golf enthusiasts since being unveiled in 1998.

You want chops? The LPGA played five major championships between 2005 and 2009 and saw an impressive list of Hall of Fame caliber champions such as Annika Sorenstam and Se Ri Pak hoist the trophy. Other winners included Anna Nordqvist, Yani Tseng and Suzann Pettersen. Numerous state and regional competitions have been held there, to say nothing about USGA qualifying for national championships.

A 148 slope on its course rating tells a story about its difficulty, and numerous plaudits have been given by players of all abilities on the venue itself as another chapter of its own. Bulle Rock is a special place.

For 20 plus years Golfweek magazine has recognized Bulle Rock as one of the best modern courses in United States. It also has the layout as number one course "you can play" in the State of Maryland.

After her win Pak said, "What a win! And over such an outstanding golf course. It was a major challenge for the players, as a major championship should be. I'm thrilled to have won. This golf course is an intense challenge."

No doubt Bulle Rock has the credentials to beckon daily fee players



**Bulle Rock Golf Club Hole #12 designed by Pete Dye**

throughout the East Coast, whether for a day trip or a stop on the way to destinations such as Ocean City, Md., Williamsburg, Va., Pinehurst, NC or Myrtle Beach, SC. It's an easy stop along the way.

But improve as a golf course? You bet!

One guy who knows is Operations Director Damon Klepczynski, PGA, who was brought on board a while back to do just that as the club was placed on the market. You see, through all the plaudits and the greatness Bulle Rock was not a --- well --- profitable facility.

Its fees were high, as in above \$125, and many players extolled its virtues but couldn't find a way to play more than one or two rounds a year. It's a difficult layout, and up to six hours was needed to truly play the course as its course rating indicates.

In many respects, Bulle Rock epitomized Lee Trevino's views of the state of the game. "Golf is too expensive, it takes too long to play, and it is just plain hard!" the Merry Mex told me few years back.

That about described Bulle Rock to the casual observer. Klepczynski addressed that statement and more when he arrived at the facility.

"Basically, I spoke with our customers. What did they love about Bulle Rock, what they didn't like? How could we improve the overall golf experience? We knew we had a demanding course, a classical layout, but we knew we needed to improve the bottom line," said the native of Bucks County, Pa. "Nothing was sacred, we considered everything."

First off, the golf course is legendary, one of Dye's best works and that is saying something. But for most players it was over the top penal. A slightly offline shot found its way, many times, in tall fescue grass that was hard to hit from if findable at all. "We addressed this by taking down the historical

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**Bulle Rock Golf Club View of Green from brown fescue rough**



**Bulle Rock Golf Club 9th Hole Green**

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fescue on 13 holes, providing for challenge and difficulty with less lost balls,” explained Klepczynski. “That enhancement alone cut about 45 minutes out without severely impacting the general difficulty.”

The players loved the revision, it made a world of difference. An errant shot was penalized by the rough, but it didn’t lead to a lost ball.

Another revision was to add a fifth set of tees giving visitors an option to play the right distance for their game. Additionally, there is a separate set of youth tees to enhance the experience for all levels of player.

Small enhancements to the bunkering were completed, sodding a couple of what started as more than 140 bunkers on the site. This eliminated a couple, say, dreaded 60-yard bunker shots and enhanced playability and cut a couple minutes from what was a marathon.

The club owner, MTBR LLC, has had the club on the sale market for a bit, and while there has been lots of interest at this writing there is no deal complete. Under Klepczynski’s oversight the financials have improved as rounds are up as is the club’s food and beverage revenue stream.

Daily fees were refreshingly lowered, and more players came. Course enhancements reduced the amount of time to play, and the restaurant business was buoyed by a new golfer friendly menu and addition of numerous TV screens to allow viewing of golf and other sports while enjoying a beverage or meal.

Also introduced were up to 100 golf memberships to attract more play from the local community, something that was absent in prior years.

“We created a little bit of buzz,” laughed Klepczynski. “All of these things have been well received, and all we have to look at is the increase in business as an indicator of success.”

Heck, some even believe the facility will be in the green for the year!

Dye carved Bulle Rock over acres of rolling terrain in Harve de Grace near the junction of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. Its signature hole is, well, all of them. Each hole stands on its own as a unique test, with obstacles to snare errant shots and pristine greens that tantalize.

The tests are endless. The par-5 second, a 489-yard rolls downhill with

trees to the left and OB to the right, is a classic Northeast hole. The green is well protected, slightly uphill from the fairway, making club selection imperative. The hole stretches out to 572-yards for the long knockers. Of course, diabolical Dye worked his magic around a stream less than 100 yards from the green that acts as a magnet. Beware!

Dye offers a respite in the par-3 third hole (116 to 177 yards) so a player must take advantage and score before the next two demanding par-4s. That’s the beauty of a Pete Dye design, as all the holes have difficulty and uniqueness, but some are just plain angry bears.

Trademark railroad ties are woven into the design, but not overbearing. Bunkers are strategically placed and seem to jump out to bite at the most inopportune times. Dye’s creations seem to lull into a sense of security at times, but clearly force the player to take their medicine when required.

The par-3 12th hole (138-190 yards) requires evading of a lake all along the right side. The green protrudes into the lake so shots short, right or even a bit long can easily find a watery grave. Bunkers guard the left to force players to pick their poison.

The closing hole, the par-4, 377-yard (485 from the back tees) 18th, is a test that brings fear to the heart and swing of every golfer. Water blankets the left side of the hole, a hill on the right, while the pin position on the green allows for multiple opportunities that can cause a couple club difference for the player. Many a match is settled right there below the clubhouse.

“It is an exciting hole,” explained Klepczynski. “So many variables, so many nuances, it promotes strategic play.”

Today Bulle Rock continues as a challenging must play course, one that is not only difficult but playable and surely memorable. And the public agrees with its wallet, as rounds played increase by more than 1,000. The small membership base provides some financial stability and the buzz from visitors gets around and leads to more play.

Clearly, the club is well on the way toward providing a better experience and better value, something that is providing a nice shot in the arm improving an already great test of golf and overall free-standing golf experience.

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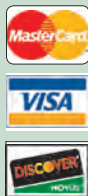
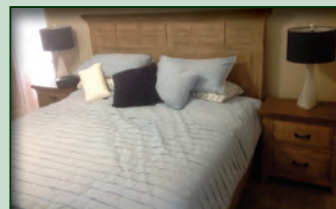
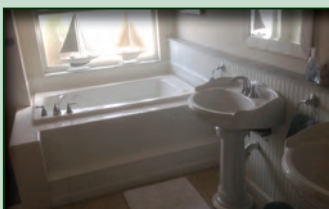
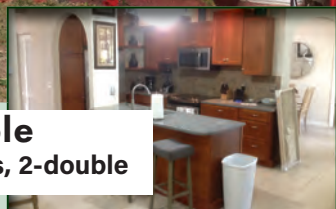
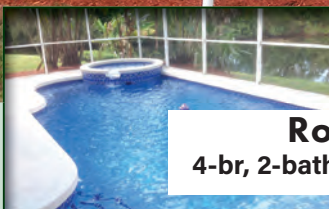
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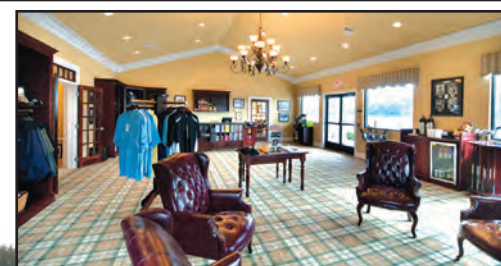


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# What About A Fall Getaway To Ocean City, Maryland Courses



**Pete/P.B. Dye designed Rum Pointe Seaside Links course**

*By Bob Oliver*

It had been a slow day at the office, that day when summer was soon ending and my mind was on a much needed fall golf trip.

I love golf in the fall, when the courses aren't crowded, conditions are superb and the weather pretty darn good.

Unfortunately, I didn't have a lot of time off, and the office was badgering me about a big project due by the end of the year. I could surely tack on a couple days to a weekend and head with the guys on a golf vacation, but time was of the essence.

As a Pennsylvania guy, I have to admit trips to Myrtle Beach or Pinehurst were attractive. Shoulder season meant lower rates and deals could be found. But time, well, that was another story. Couldn't get more time off, and the drive alone would take the better part of two days. Ugh.

Brainstorm.

What about a getaway to Ocean City, Maryland, where golf courses are plentiful, there's nightlife and great accommodations? Where some of the game's top golf course architects have samples of their work? Where value is abundant?

Problem solved. An OC long weekend means great golf at the beach and, if desired, golf on the way down and on getaway day.

The Ocean City drive is relatively easy, and the courses are challenging. It's a win-win situation. Off season golf means less crowded fairways and excellent conditions. Plus, if you haven't visited in a bit would be undoubtedly be surprised at the quality of golf courses in the area.

"We are blessed with good weather, wonderful amenities and of course some very challenging and fun golf courses," explained Steve Cooper, Director of Golf at the Pete/P.B. Dye designed **Rum Pointe Seaside Links** course. "Fall



**Links at Lighthouse Sound**

golf is outstanding, as the course conditions are wonderful and from a golfer's perspective the rates are cheaper. Your dollar goes farther while the drive from Pennsylvania is shorter!"

Rum Pointe is part of the Ruark Golf Group, which also oversees outstanding sister courses the Links at Lighthouse Sound, **Nutter's Crossing** and two courses at **Glen Riddle, Man O'War and War Admiral**.

Also in the vicinity are the Ocean City Golf Club, Eagles Landing, River Run, the Bay Club and Ocean Pines among others. Just beyond the Delaware State line are outstanding tests such as the beautiful Baywood Greens, the Jack Nicklaus designed Bayside, The Rookery (North and South courses), The Salt Pond and Bear Trap Dune.

Suffice it to say, there is superb golf available within the friendly confines of the greater Ocean City destination. There's also ample accommodations, stellar dining, fishing and a boardwalk to boot.

"The area has so much to offer and we're an east drive from just about anywhere in the Northeast," added Cooper. "We have a great array of course options designed by superb architects and some unbelievable scenery. It's a great destination."

Rum Pointe offers great views of Assateague Island across the bay, with many offering views that one just has to say can be breathtaking. Of course, those water views mean difficulty for players who don't pay enough attention to placement of their shots.

"But I have to say our course can be tough, but it's fair," added Cooper. "We have players who visit year after year."

Bayside is a Jack Nicklaus signature design ranked number one on statewide places to play by several golf magazines, and rightfully so. It winds

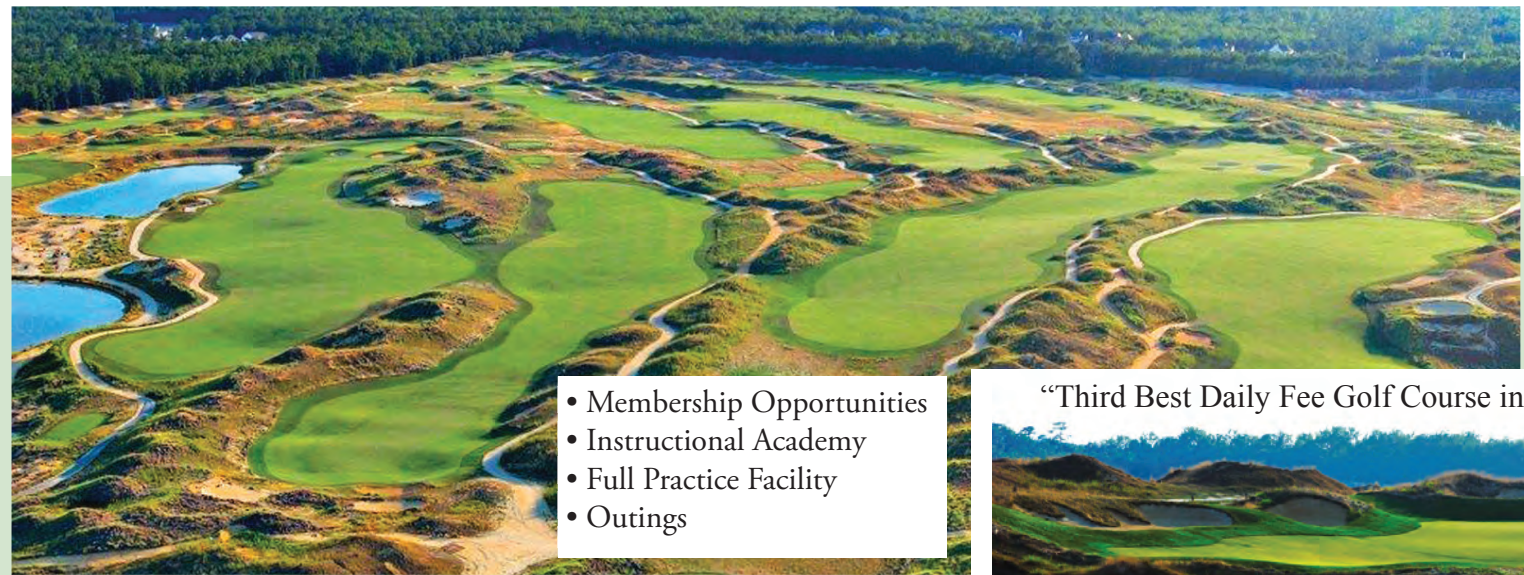
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Baywood Greens course is challenging but fair, named among Delaware's best by Golfweek and Golf Digest

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through magnificent pine trees and features simply stunning holes along the Assawoman Bay coastline. Golf shots can be made difficult by Mother Nature's best hazards, like salt marshes, ponds and of course the seemingly ever-present winds.

Nearby **Baywood Greens** is, in a word, unique. The awesome, beautiful flowers alone will awe you! The course is challenging but fair, and has been described by some as an "Augusta of the North". Its course has been named among Delaware's best by Golfweek and Golf Digest, and offers excellent practice facilities including chipping and putting tests.

The Woodside nine is carved out of beautiful hardwood trees. The Waterside nine features ponds on nearly every hole. Add in strong bunkering, mounds and hazards and one has to play a thinking, strategic game to score

well.

The Gary Player designed **River Run Golf Club** prides itself as being in pristine condition throughout the year, and Fall is a great time to sample. Player's designs are always pleasing to the golfer, and River Run is no exception.

**The Links at Lighthouse Sound**, an Arthur Hills design, is among the top-ranked courses to play in Maryland not only because of its architecturally sound course but spectacular views. Just across the bay from Ocean City, there are 10 holes bordering marshlands. Play runs through stately hardwoods, and the courses gives one a links feel.

The fourth hole (stretching to 430-yards) offers obstacles such as marshland all the way down the right side while strategically placed bunkers guard the left. A true challenge, as is the par-3 fifth which can play anywhere from 100-220-yards and features guarding three sides of the green. Throw in

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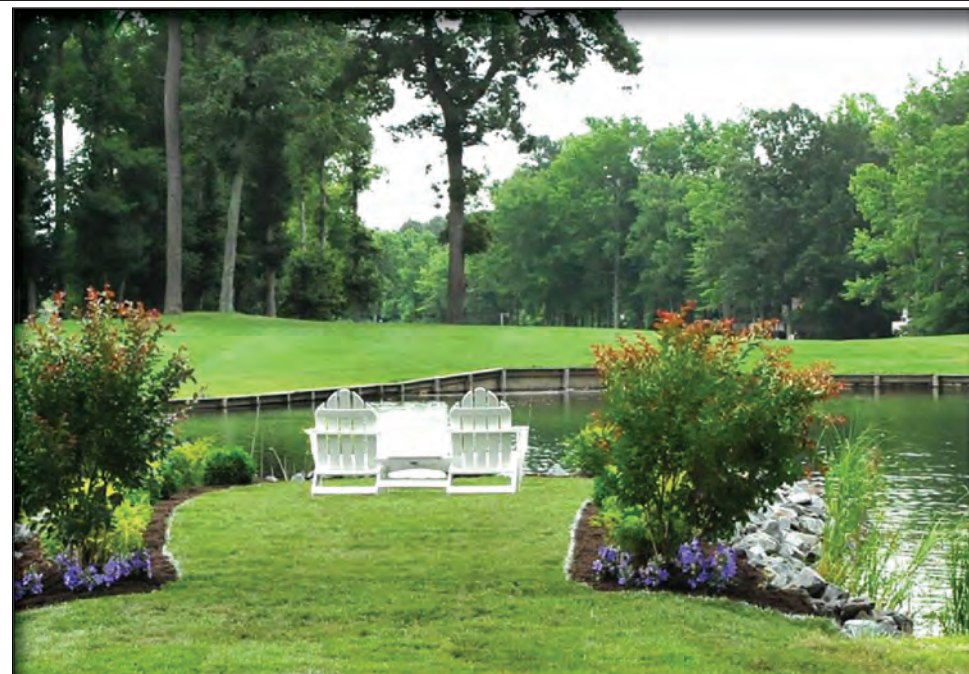
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**Ocean Pines** features a design by Robert Trent Jones

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prevailing winds and trouble is everywhere.

It's interesting to note that the longest cart bridge in the US – some 1,500 feet – can be found heading to the back nine. Challenges await! And to send you home smiling is the reachable par-5 18th hole, a true risk-reward test. Play it right and hit a couple good shots and birdies are there for the taking. Mishit a shot and, well, a dreaded big number awaits.

**Eagle's Landing** overlooks Sinepuxet Bay and offers views of Assateague Island National Seashore, but unless you have binoculars you won't see the wild horses who frolic in the area. What you will see is a series of well thought out challenges that will bedazzle you. The Signature hole is the par-4 18th, with its salt marshes and tight landing areas. A true test.

**Ocean Pines** features a design by Robert Trent Jones, one that has matured since its opening in 1972. The course is nestled between natural wetlands and scenic woodlands and has five sets of tees as well as tees for the PGA of America's Family Course program. A par of 72 awaits.

The **Ocean City Golf Club** offers 36 championship holes on its **Newport and Seaside layouts**. Located a short drive from the Boardwalk, these courses are filled with challenge.

There is a cornucopia of options when thinking of golf in the greater Ocean City, Md. vicinity, and when you combine this with all the accoutrements of the area as well as its proximity to Pennsylvania it must be considered for a fall golf destination. The courses are outstanding, and Fall is a great time of year to sample.

The weather is superb, the courses memorable and the value of the dollar works for most wallets. It's a can't miss destination. Fall golf at its finest.



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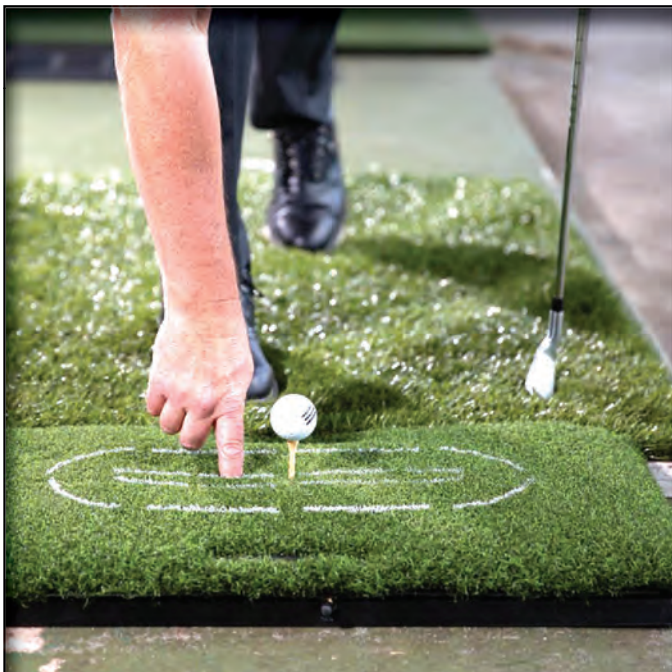
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# Practice Without the Risk of Injury With the StrikeAbsorber



By Holly Geoghegan

Chronic Injuries are a big concern for players on the PGA TOUR. Four-time major champion Brooks Koepka underwent wrist surgery after the 2017 season due to a partially torn tendon in his left wrist and missed the 2018 Masters. It was “the lowest point” of his professional career he noted at the 2018 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills. Justin Thomas dropped out of the 2019 PGA Championship at Beth Page Black due to an ailing wrist and has slipped from Number One to Number Five in the Official World Golf Rankings.

Hours and hours of beating balls on the driving range, whether you're a developing player, serious amateur or aspiring professional, can take its toll physically. The patented StrikeAbsorber practice mat is an essential piece of training equipment that can help prevent shock, strain and injury to your hands, wrists, elbows, shoulders and back.

“The StrikeAbsorber is well conceived and well designed, said Dr. David Zelouf, Orthopedic Surgeon at the Philadelphia Hand to Shoulder Centers, a single digit golfer and member of the Philadelphia Cricket Club. “The inflatable bladder beneath the hitting surface enables much better absorption of vibration on a downward strike - which is really a killer especially if you have golfers elbow like myself. I stand by it and haven't had any pain since using it.”

The StrikeAbsorber inflatable bladder naturally absorbs and cushions the impact of every golf swing. Manufactured with the industry's leading premium synthetic turf, the StrikeAbsorber simulates the forward motion of real grass by giving way to the forward impact of the clubhead during the swing. Golfers can hit down and through the ball producing the optimal angle of attack that recreates the feeling of taking a divot when hitting a real shot on the golf course.

Whether you're practicing at a driving range or using it in a net or simulator at home, the StrikeAbsorber mat adds realism to your practice. No more hitting shots off thin, unforgiving artificial turf with those thick plastic rubber tees. The StrikeAbsorber's plush and premium artificial turf allows you to insert a real tee into the strike zone area adjusting it to your specified height and club length.

“I invented the StrikeAbsorber because I injured my wrist from the resistance of hitting golf balls off an artificial mat on concrete at my local driving range while trying to simulate taking divots,” said Zane Sites, President of LZS Innovative Technologies. “The StrikeAbsorber's patented inflatable bladder is designed to absorb the impact of a golf club strike and dissipate the energy when practicing shots that require you to hit down on the ball.”

Using a standard bicycle pump, the StrikeAbsorber can be inflated or deflated to simulate real conditions on the course. The StrikeAbsorber simulates the ground and accurate levels of spin and compression on the ball. Hit it fat or hit it flush – the StrikeAbsorber will let you know.

“The name says it right away, StrikeAbsorber. It's like hitting out of butter,” said Tony Leodora, Host of GolfTalkLive on Philadelphia's Newstalk 990am WNTP, “It's really an amazing feel, like hitting that perfect shot out of a receptive fairway – effortless.”

The StrikeAbsorber comes in two models: the 180° and 360° practice mats. Both retail for \$174.99. Custom commercial installations for driving ranges and teaching academies are available. For more information visit [www.strikeabsorber.com](http://www.strikeabsorber.com) or contact Zane Sites, 760-408-5178

By Tony Leodora

There are a lot of golf products that promise to make you play better. Training aids are the leader in that category.

There are a lot of instructors who also promise to help you play better. They often do.

There are a number of apparel products that make you look better. The quality in the golf fashion segment is quite amazing. There are golf carts that make you ride better. There are golf shoes that make you walk better. And there are drivers that make you drive better. But there are very few golf products that help you feel better. The StrikeAbsorber is one of them.

It is no secret that any repetitive motion can cause bodily fatigue and pain. And there is no more repetitive motion than the golf swing.

Add the fact that we often hit golf ball after golf ball off the sun-baked surfaces at the driving range leaves many golfers with aching hands, wrists, elbows or shoulders. Or, even worse, they hit hundreds of balls off worn and hardened mats, causing heightened forms of trauma.

The new StrikeAbsorber golf mat, introduced early this year at the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, is specifically designed to alleviate the stress caused by hitting a large number of golf balls from a hard surface. It was developed by Zane Sites, an accomplished inventor who came up with the product after injuring his wrist from hitting balls on a driving range mat on concrete.

His StrikeAbsorber golf mat is an air-filled bladder, encased in a support envelope that is retained in a nylon injected base. The mat was on display to the media at the International Network of Golf Spring Conference in Sebring, Florida in May. There were rave reviews from those who tried it. A more thorough test took place this summer when one of the mats was presented to Dr. David Zelouf, renowned orthopedic surgeon at the Philadelphia Hand to Shoulder Center. He is also a single-digit handicap golfer at Philadelphia Cricket Club and put the mat through a rigorous test.

“The problem is, if you're a weekend warrior and you're not used to hitting a lot of balls and you get to the range and drop down 75 balls, hit them one-after-another off a hard mat, then you wonder why your wrists and elbows are sore,” explained Dr. Zelouf, who also admitted to a similar type of excessive practice. “There is no doubt, that can cause quite a bit of damage.”

Dr. Zelouf's test took place, using the StrikeAbsorber mat at his home – hitting many golf balls into a net.

“This product enables much better absorption of vibration, which is really the killer, especially if you have golfer's elbow like myself,” said Dr. Zelouf. “I've had it off and on for the better part of five years, so I am very careful. If you're going to hit balls, it's better to have a mat that has better absorption characteristics like the StrikeAbsorber mat.

“If you have a hitting area at your house or in your basement, it's definitely something you want to consider,” concluded Dr. Zelouf. “I think it's a good product.”

To the less analytical golfer, the appeal of the StrikeAbsorber mat is simple. It is like hitting iron shots out of butter. With testimonials from amateur golfers, professional golfers and experts in healthcare, the StrikeAbsorber mat has gotten off to a fast start. To find out more about it, go to [www.strikeabsorber.com](http://www.strikeabsorber.com).

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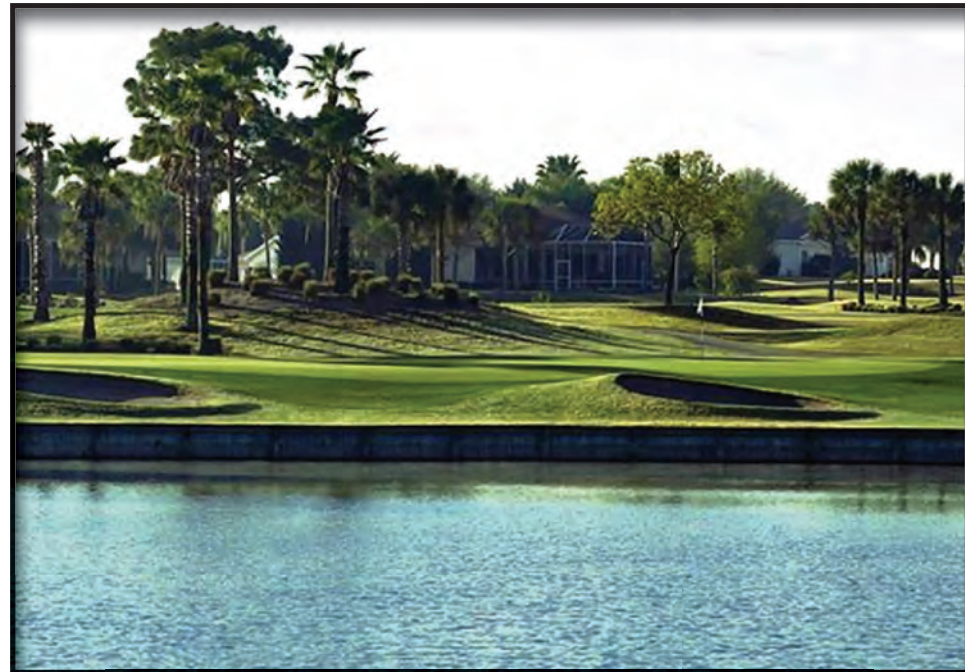
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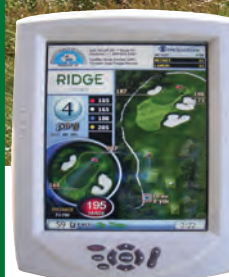


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Kissimmee Bay Country Club, 15 minutes from Orlando, it was nominated one of America's "Best New Courses" by Golf Digest.

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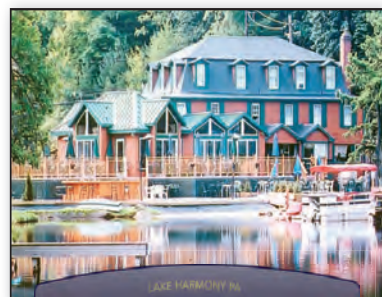
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Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks)	58
Greg Wall (Pocono Manor)	59

## PPGS Stroke Play Championship Woodstone & Pocono Farms, PA Par 72

	Woodstone Score	PoconoFarms Score	Total
John Pillar - (CC at Woodloch Springs)	67	73	140
Brian Bergstol - (Shawnee Inn & Resort)	69	73	142
Chris Miller - (Scranton Golf Center)	71	73	144
Mike Molino - (C.C. of Scranton)	73	72	145
Mike Furey - (Blue Shamrock GC)	75	71	146
Dustin McCormick - (Glen Brook GC)	74	73	147
Kevin Edwards - (Olde Homestead GC)	69	78	147
Terry Hatch - (Royal Oaks Golf Club)	76	71	147
Spencer Lunger - (Scranton Canoe Club)	79	73	152
Gary Clark - (Buck Hill GC)	76	76	152
Jeff Fick - (Chapel Hill GC)	73	81	154
John Kulhammer - (Green Pond CC)	76	80	156
Mark Monahan - (Phila. PGA)	77	80	157
Evan Grube - (Morgan Hill GC)	77	81	158
Ray Silnik - (Blue Shamrock)	77	81	158
Greg Meyer - (Woodstone CC)	84	79	163
Harvey Williams - (Phila. PGA)	71	92	163
Brian Boyle - (Paupack Hills)	82	83	165
Will Gruppo - (Glenbrook GC)	81	85	166
Pat Spang - (Manor GC)	92	79	171
Kyle Monahan - (Pocono Farms)	93	91	184

## Whitetail Pro-Am Whitetail Golf Club, PA Par 72

### LOW PRO

Alex Knoll (Blue Shamrock)	66
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	69
Jeff Fick (Chapel Hill)	70
Dustin McCormick (Glenbrook)	71
Kevin Edwards (Olde Homestead)	72

### LOW SENIOR PRO

Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	74
Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks)	77
Joe Ambrose (Saucon Valley)	78

### LOW AMATEUR

Nathan Fry (Morgan Hill)	69
Scott Cericola (Blue Shamrock)	70
Timis Rosca (Saucon Valley)	72
Robin Bonda (Saucon Valley)	72
Riley Hogan (Shawnee)	72

### TEAM LOW GROSS

Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	61
Alex Knoll (Blue Shamrock)	61
Evan Grube (Morgan Hill)	63

### TEAM LOW NET

Joe Ambrose (Saucon Valley)	56
Dan Richie (Willowbrook)	57
Jeff Fick (Chapel Hill)	59

## Green Pond Pro-Am Elmhurst Country Club Par 72

### LOW PRO

John Pillar (CC at Woodloch Springs)	67
Alex Knoll (Blue Shamrock Golf Club)	69
Paul Viola ((Bethlehem)	71
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	72

### LOW SENIOR PRO

Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks)	71
Bob Fritz (Manufactures Golf and CC)	73
Mike Molino (C.C. of Scranton)	74

### LOW AMATEUR

Zach Juhasz	67
Carlos Fulleron	69
Nate Fry (Green Pond Country Club)	71

### LOW SENIOR AMATEUR

Tom Lusto	78
S. Domitrowits	78
Dylan Spadt	78

### TEAM LOW GROSS

Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	130
Dave Fields (Brookside CC)	131
Alex Knoll (Blue Shamrock Golf Club)	135

### TEAM LOW NET

Dustin McCormick (Glenbrook)	127
Jeff Fick (Chapel Hill)	128
John Pillar (CC at Woodloch Springs)	130



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# 37<sup>th</sup> AGA/GAP Senior Coal Scuttle Championship



Scranton Municipal Golf Course captured its first AGA/GAP Senior Coal Scuttle Championship title at Huntsville Golf Club

Huntsville, Pa. – Scranton Municipal Golf Course captured its first AGA/GAP Senior Coal Scuttle Championship title Aug. 27 at Huntsville Golf Club (par 72, 6,273 yards).

It filed a 16-over-par 304 to edge Fox Hill Country Club. The top four of five scores count toward the team total.

“It’s great. We’re kind of a working-class club, so it means a lot to our guys,” Robert Andrejko, a longtime Scranton Municipal member, said. “We have a lot of good players. It’s a really big win for our club.”

Andrejko carded an even-par 72 to lead the Scranton Municipal team.

“I made every par putt I looked at. I putted very well,” Andrejko, 60, of Jessup, Pa., said. “I thought the course was very difficult; it played long and there were some tough pins. But I made a lot of par saves, which was really big.”

A handful of those saves came from a distance of 10 feet on Huntsville’s back nine. Andrejko inked a inward 2 under to help boost Scranton Municipal atop the leaderboard. A pine tree foiled his attempt to reach the par 5, 464-yard 14th hole in two. A solid sand wedge to three feet for birdie, however, nullified the bark interference. On No. 16 (par 4, 366 yards), Andrejko hit a smooth 9-iron 135 to two feet above the flagstick for another birdie. The four-time AGA/GAP Senior Player of the Year, fresh off first-place performances in the Spring Stroke Play Championship and Stroke Play Championship, respectively, continues to excel in 2019.

“I’ve been hitting it well. If I get the driver going, then I usually have a decent round,” Andrejko said.

Scranton Municipal won the Men’s Coal Scuttle Championship in 2003. Carryovers from that team include Andrejko and Mark Bartkowski, who carded a 4-over-par 76 at Huntsville. Robin Bonda and Vince Scarpetta rounded out the Scranton Municipal scoring contingent with respective 78s.

Elkview Country Club’s Michael Heck carded a 4-under-par 68 to claim the Senior Coal Scuttle’s individual title.

“It was one of those days,” Heck, 63, of Jermyon, Pa., said. “First of all, I hit my driver in the middle of every fairway. And I got a couple of tips for putting. It made a big difference.”

Heck enacted a few pointers from Bill Studsman, an assistant professional at Elkview. He also took to heart words of wisdom from his daughter Laura.

“I wasn’t putting very well, and she told me, ‘Remember one thing. Never look back at the bad shot you hit. Just move on to produce a good one,’” Michael said.

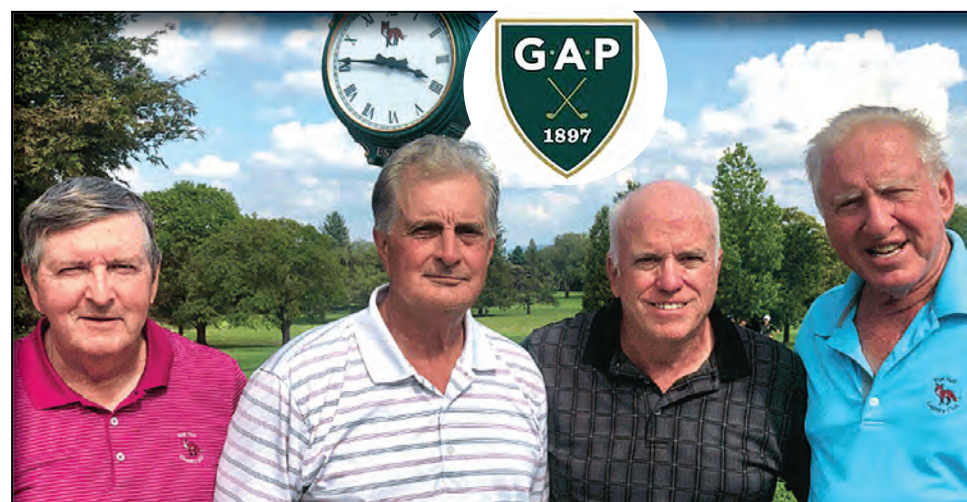
Plenty of good ones at Huntsville. A pair of back-to-back birdies stand out on Heck’s scorecard: a chip-in on No. 5 (par 3, 153 yards) and a 9-iron 116 yards to four feet on No. 6 (par 4, 338 yards).

The Senior Coal Scuttle Championship, now in its 37th year, is an offshoot of the AGA’s most distinguished event: the Men’s Coal Scuttle Championship, which will take place Sept. 28-29 at Glenmaura National Golf Club and Wyoming Valley Country Club.

## FINAL RESULTS

Team Club	To Par	Total Score
Scranton Municipal Golf Course	+16	304
Fox Hill Country Club	+18	306
Elkview Country Club	+21	309
Country Club of Scranton	+25	313
Pocono Farms Country Club	+34	322
Emanon Country Club	+38	326
StoneHedge Golf Course	+39	327

# 5th AGA/GAP Super Senior Coal Scuttle



Fox Hill Country Club captured its fifth-straight Super Senior title at home

## The fox says five straight titles for Fox Hill

Exeter, Pa.— The Skulk Supremacy: a suggested title for the AGA/GAP Super-Senior Coal Scuttle Championship documentary, should fairway filmmakers ever pursue.

Fox Hill Country Club captured its fifth-straight title at home Aug. 21. It filed a 9-over-par 222 to edge Emanon Country Club by a stroke. Len Coleman, representing Emanon, earned the event’s individual title with a 4-under-par 67.

The top three of four scores count toward the team total. The AGA/GAP Super-Senior Coal Scuttle Championship, now in its fifth year, is contested on the defending champion’s turf. Fox Hill is trending toward permanent site status.

“On a good day from the white tees here, we can shoot under par. That gives us an edge over a lot of courses,” Ed Hennigan, who led the Fox Hill contingent with a 2-over-par 73, said. “It’s nice to have it at Fox Hill. We know the course so well. But it’s getting a little harder; we’re getting older and the younger [Super-Senior golfers] are coming up. It was a close finish this time.”

Hennigan, as well as teammates Bill Lawler and Jim Hoover, all birdied No. 18 (par 4, 330 yards) to inch Fox Hill ahead of Emanon the leaderboard. Lawler’s 3 afforded a 4-over-par 75. Hennigan’s 10-footer hung on the lip for two seconds before deciding to drop into the jar.

Hoover, too, experienced a nail-biting finish. Playing in the day’s last group, he “fell asleep” on No. 17 (par 4, 334 yards) while standing at 1 over.

“I was only 100 yards from the green,” Hoover, 65, of Dallas, Pa., said. “I chunked my second shot, bladed my third shot, bladed my fourth shot and finally got one on the green to make a 7. It was one of those holes where you just want to get out and get done.”

Fox Hill crossed the finish line in first place thanks to Hoover’s 15-footer for birdie on No. 18, which followed an 8-iron shot from 144 yards to a front hole location. Leave it to the club’s reigning Super-Senior champion to ensure another Super-Senior victory.

“Our team was a strong team,” Hoover, a Fox Hill member of seven years, said. “This was my first year playing [in the Super-Senior Coal Scuttle]. Now I see why those guys win every year; they’re such competitors. We’ll be ready to go again next year. The group we have is very competitive.”

Thomas Gill, last year’s Super-Senior celebrity for Fox Hill, rounded out the team with an 8-over-par 79. Overall, seven teams competed in the event.

## FINAL RESULTS

Team Club	To Par	Total Score
Fox Hill Country Club	+9	222
Emanon Country Club	+10	223
Scranton Municipal Golf Course	+15	228
Elmhurst Country Club	+20	233
Elkview Country Club	+23	236
The Country Club of Scranton	+28	241
Glen Oak Country Club	+37	250



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# Philadelphia PGA Section

## SCOREBOARD



### Summer Pro-Lady Team Championship Best-ball of 4

Sunnybrook GC - Plymouth Meeting, PA Par 72

	To Par Net	Total Net
<b>BEST BALL of 4 NET</b>		
Jay Gross / Carolyn Gavaghan / Martha Freda / Anne Oberg Stone Harbor GC	-15	57
Chris Wegner / Linda Epstein / Erica Hyman / Debbie Hawk Lehigh Country Club, None	-13	59
Ray Silnik / Barbara Barry / Terry Zerby / Suzy Armbruster Woodstone CC	-13	59
Dave McNabb / Gina Glancy / Patty Holloway / Eileen Klagholz Applebrook Golf Club	-12	60
Patrick Shine / Kere Averett / Karen Siegel / Shannon Reilly Commonwealth Nat'l GC	-11	61
	To Par Gross	Total Gross
<b>Best Ball of 4 Gross</b>		
Patrick Shine / Kere Averett / Karen Siegel / Shannon Reilly Commonwealth Nat'l GC	-7	65
Mike Ferguson / Marji Goldman / Joanne Bidwell / Soohee Lim Phila Cricket Club	-6	66
--Rich Steinmetz / Gwen Ward / Anne Giannopoulos / Michele Finley Spring Ford CC	-6	66
Mike Matson / Allie Robertson / Toni Barbine / Delia Keys RiverCrest GC & Preserve	-6	66
Andrew Turner / Betsy Porth / Maisie Barlow / Joan Biddle Sunnybrook GC	-5	67
Dave McNabb / Gina Glancy / Patty Holloway / Eileen Klagholz Applebrook Golf Club	-5	67

### Phila. PGA Taylormade Classic Pro-Championship

Laurel Creek G.C.- Mt Laurel, NJ Par 72

	To Par Gross	Total Gross
<b>INDIVIDUAL PRO</b>		
Brian Kelly, Bucknell Golf Club	-5	66
Rich Steinmetz, Spring Ford CC	-4	67
Billy Stewart, The ACE Club	-4	67
Brian Bergstol, Shawnee Inn & GR	-4	67
Mike Tobiason, Deerfield CC	-4	67
Peter Clarke, Manufacturer's G&CC	-3	68
Andrew Turner, Sunnybrook Golf Club	-3	68
Ashley Grier, Overbrook GC	-3	68
Greg Farrow, Deerwood CC	-3	68
Rob Shuey, Philadelphia PGA	-2	69
<b>SENIOR</b>		
Brian Kelly, Bucknell Golf Club	-5	66
Greg Farrow, Deerwood CC	-3	68
Rick Flesher, Phila PGA	-1	70
Eddie Perrino, Eagle Rock Resort	-1	70
John Appleget, The Shore Club	-1	70
<b>SUPER SENIOR</b>		
Don DeAngelis, Spring Ford CC	-4	67
Greg Farrow, Deerwood CC	-3	68
Rick Flesher, Phila PGA	-1	70
George Forster, Radnor Valley CC	-1	70
Bill Sautter, Phila Cricket Club	+1	72

### Phila. PGA Haverford Stroke Play Championship

Sunnybrook GC - Plymouth Meeting, PA Par 72

	To Par Gross	Total Gross
<b>INDIVIDUAL PRO</b>		
George Forster, Radnor Valley CC Won on the 7th Playoff Hole.	-2	70
Brett Melton, Radley Run CC	-2	70
Ross Seaman, Manufacturer's G & CC	-2	70
Billy Stewart, The ACE Club	-2	70
Trevor Bensel, Overbrook Golf Club	-2	70
Chris Krueger, Kings Creek CC	-2	70
Rusty Harbold, Phila Cricket Club	-2	70
Dave McNabb, Applebrook GC	-1	71
<b>SENIOR</b>		
George Forster, Radnor Valley CC	-2	70
Dave McNabb, Applebrook GC	-1	71
Dave Quinn, Laurel Creek CC	-1	71
Bill Sautter, Phila Cricket Club	E	72
Brian Kelly, Bucknell Golf Club	+2	74
<b>SUPER SENIOR</b>		
George Forster, Radnor Valley CC	-2	70
Bill Sautter, Phila Cricket Club	E	72
Greg Farrow, Deerwood CC	+2	74
Donald DeAngelis, Spring Ford CC	+4	76

### The Arc of Atlantic County Golf Pro-Am

Seaview G.C.-Pines-Galloway, NJ Par 72

	To Par Gross	Total Gross
Brian Bergstol, Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort	-6	65
Ashley Grier, Overbrook Golf Club	-3	68
Jeff Fick, Chapel Hill Golf Course	-3	68
Mike Furey, Blue Shamrock Golf Club	-3	68
Brian Morris	-2	69
Trevor Bensel, Overbrook Golf Club	-2	69
Vince Kabaso, Laurel Creek Country Club	-2	69
John Appleget, The Shore Club	-1	70
Chris Miller, Scranton Golf Center	-1	70
Anthony Napoletano, GOLFTEC-Malvern	E	71
Mark Parson, Harbor Pines Golf Club	E	71
Joe Kogelman, GOLFTEC - Moorestown	+1	72
Andrew Pierson, Camden County Golf Academy	+2	73
Ryan Owens	+3	74
Tyler Teynor, Seaview Golf Club	+3	74
Jason Wigand	+3	74
Brian Devlin	+3	74
Joe Orsino	+7	78
Roger Hoover, Shore Swing Golf Academy	+8	79
Jay Gross, Stone Harbor Golf Club	+10	81

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# Alex Knoll Captures Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship



Alex Knoll holds Walter Hagen Cup after hanging on to win the Philadelphia PGA Section Pro Championship



Alex Knoll interviewed after capturing the Philadelphia PGA Section Professional Championship

## Earns Berth in 53rd PGA Professional Championship

**Philadelphia, Pa. (September 19, 2019)** – Alex Knoll of (Glen Brook Golf Club), winner of the Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship, September 17-19, 2019 at host facility the Union League Golf Club at Torresdale and secondary facility Riverton Country Club will lead eleven Philadelphia PGA Professionals to compete in the 53rd PGA Professional Championship, April 26-29 at Omni Barton Creek Resort and Spa in Austin, Texas.

Knoll turned in a winning total of 2-under-par 209 to capture the Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship title. Ryan Lagergren of (Stonewall) was runner-up, finishing at even par 211. They are joined by Travis Deibert (Doylestown Country Club), Tom Cooper (Pine Valley Golf Club), Brendon Post (Univ of Delaware), Mark Sheftic (Merion Golf Club), Dave Pagett (Whitemarsh Valley Country Club), Stu Ingraham (M Golf Range), Terry Hertzog (Country Club of York), John Pillar (Country Club at Woodloch Springs), and Davis Jensen (Merion Golf Club).

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### RESULTS:

NAMES	CLUB	Total to Par Gross	R1	R2	R3	Total Gross
Alex Knoll,	Glen Brook GC	-2	62 ULT	69 RCC	78 ULT	209
Ryan Lagergren,	Stonewall Links	E	73 ULT	64 RCC	74 ULT	211
Travis Deibert,	Doylestown CC	+1	73 RCC	68 ULT	71 ULT	212
Tom Cooper,	Pine Valley GC	+2	75 ULT	71 RCC	67 ULT	213
Brendon Post,	U of Delaware	+3	69 RCC	67 ULT	78 ULT	214
Mark Sheftic,	Merion Golf Club	+3	72 RCC	73 ULT	69 ULT	214
Dave Pagett,	Whitemarsh Valley CC	+4	70 RCC	74 ULT	71 ULT	215
Stu Ingraham,	M Golf Range	+4	68 RCC	76 ULT	71 ULT	215
Terry Hertzog,	CC of York	+4	72 RCC	70 ULT	73 ULT	215
Davis Jensen,	Merion Golf Club	+5	77 RCC	72 ULT	67 ULT	216
John Pillar,	CC at Woodloch Springs	+5	70 RCC	74 ULT	72 ULT	216

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## Myrtle Beach Welcomes Golfers Back Following Brush With Hurricane Dorian

### Area Golf Courses Escape Significant Damage From Storm

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. -- Myrtle Beach golf courses reopened over the weekend following a brush with Hurricane Dorian, welcoming players back to America's most popular golf destination with beautiful weather and outstanding conditions.

The storm, which stayed far enough offshore to spare the Grand Strand the worst of its wrath, grazed the area Thursday, bringing tropical storm force winds and rain but no structural damage. The vast majority of courses were closed Friday to cleanup light debris and reopened Saturday.

### [MYRTLE BEACH GOLF COURSE STATUS UPDATE]

"Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with the people of the Bahamas, who were forced to endure the storm at its peak," said Bill Golden, president of Golf Tourism Solutions, the agency responsible for marketing Myrtle Beach as a golf destination. "We were extremely fortunate to have avoided the worst of Hurricane Dorian. Myrtle Beach golf courses were able to escape with no long-term damage, and players can expect to find our courses in typically outstanding condition."

"It's business as usual for us," said Chris Cooper, general manager at Tidewater Golf Club. "You wouldn't even know a hurricane was here. The entire golf course is in great shape, so we were really fortunate."

Cooper's sentiments were echoed throughout the Grand Strand. From Pawleys Island in the south to Brunswick County along the North Strand, Myrtle Beach courses were able to quickly reopen, paving the way for golfers to return for the area's always popular fall season. The fall season runs from mid-September through mid-November, attracting players from across the nation with idyllic temperatures, the depth and quality of the area's course offerings, and Myrtle Beach's legendary value.

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# 27th AGA/GAP Women's Coal Scuttle Championship



**Huntsville Captures Fourth Straight Women's Coal Scuttle Title**



**Huntsville Golf Club**

**Huntsville G.C. Dallas, PA**– Huntsville Golf Club captured its fourth-straight Women's Coal Scuttle Championship Sept. 10.

It collected 89 points at home (par 72, 5,141 yards) to claim the event's 27th edition. Wyoming Valley Country Club finished second with 79 points.

The top three of four Stableford points count toward the team total. Such a scoring format started in 2018. The Women's Coal Scuttle Championship previously featured 18 holes of stroke play, with three of four scores counting toward the team total.

"It's huge for us," Barbara Pagana, a Huntsville member of 15 years, said. "It's a very competitive field. I was a little surprised that we didn't have a better turnout club-wise, but a win is a win. We were thrilled."

As the event's defending champion, Huntsville served as host site. Home-course knowledge, on paper at least, proved pivotal.

Huntsville's Danielle Dalessandro, 24 earned low individual honors for the second consecutive year. She posted 32 points. Pagana placed third with 29 points. Bernadette McHugh (25 points) and Mary Guyette (19 points) rounded out the Huntsville team.

"It's awesome to win as a team and keep it at the club," Dalessandro, 24, of Moosic, Pa., said. "It's definitely become a point of pride, especially going up against all of these good teams. It's great competition that brings out the best in everybody."

With a team mindset intact, Dalessandro didn't surrender shots Tuesday. Back-to-back birdies highlight her scorecard. After chipping in on No. 9 (par 5, 454 yards), Dalessandro, a four-year starter at Fairfield University, hit a 7-iron 140 yards to seven feet on No. 10 (par 4, 303 yards).

"It was probably my most solid round this year with some well-hit shots, great up-and-downs and solid putts. It was one of those rounds where I actually put it all together, which was awesome," she said. "Those are the rounds that you play for."

With an accomplished veteran in Pagana complimented by a skillful youth in Dalessandro, Huntsville appears poised to continue its Women's Coal Scuttle success.

"We have a nice bunch of competitive ladies. It's nice to see the ladies really

care about it," Pagana, 70, of Sellinsgrove, Pa., said.

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## RESULTS

### TEAM SCORING

Huntsville Golf Club	86
Wyoming Valley Country Club	79
Elkview Country Club	72
Philadelphia Country Club	64
Glenmaura National Golf Club	54
Irem Country Club	50
Glen Oak Country Club	49
Fox Hill Country Club	40

### Stableford Points

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Danielle Dalessandro, Huntsville Golf Club	32
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# 15th Art Wall Jr. Memorial Championship



**Michael Brown** Stymies Scranton for Art Wall Jr. Crown



**Blichar** takes Senior Division at Art Wall



**Allshouse** takes Art Wall Super-Senior

**SCRANTON, Pa.** – Lu Lu Country Club’s Michael Brown, Jr. played outstanding golf over 36 holes, finishing as the only player under par and winning the 15th Art Wall, Jr. Memorial Championship at the historic Country Club of Scranton. Brown fired rounds of 71-72 to finish at 1-under par 143 and claim the trophy in the event, which was presented by LECOM. Brown had a two-shot lead after Monday’s opening round and played smart, sound golf on Tuesday to seal the win.

“I guess my game plan today was to play conservatively on the par 4s and par 3s and try to attack the par 5s, unless I had a short club in my hand,” said Brown. “The greens are so extreme here and the wind was up enough today to where I did end up playing conservative on those holes.”

The plan worked out well, as Brown exploited the par 5s during the 36 holes, finishing those at 4-under par in the event.

“I knew that I had to make my hay on the par 5s here because I seemed to giving shots back on the other holes.”

Brown had a three-shot lead as he made the turn in the second round, and he promptly birdied both No. 11 and No. 12 to practically put the championship out of reach.

“After I birdied No. 12, I started to feel pretty comfortable and just tried to hit the middle of the green and two-putt,” Brown said.

Helping Brown out along the way were some clutch up and downs, including on the par-4 15th hole. There, he hit his tee shot into the left bunker and pitched out, leaving himself 54 yards to the flag for his third shot. He took advantage of a shot he’s familiar with and pitched it close, leaving a short putt for par that he converted to remain on top.

“It’s a shot that I practice a lot but I hit that absolutely perfect and at the right time,” Brown stated. “I was happy to see that one get close because that green is so tough to putt.”

Another par save on No. 16 was equally impressive, as Brown was at the front of the green with a back hole location.

“My iron shot into the green stopped a lot quicker than I expected and I ended up with a double breaker from about a mile away but I got the speed right, luckily,” said Brown, whose lag nearly went in and left him another short putt that he converted for par.

On the par-3 17th, Brown blistered a 4-iron that went further than he expected and landed in the rough, but he showed his resolve by chipping on to the green and then draining a 25-footer for the par.

That left just the par-5 18th, where Brown hit a perfect drive to set up the clinching

par putt.

“I was trying to figure out earlier in the day how to get to that flag and the only way I could figure was to hit a high fade and that drive was the only way to give myself a chance to do that,” Brown said.

Finishing in second place at 148 (+4) was Pinecrest Country Club’s Mike Marron. Hannastown Golf Club’s Kevin Fajt and Honesdale Golf Club’s Eric Williams tied for third at 6-over par 150. PAGA Individual Member David Blichar, who won the Senior Division, tied for fifth with 2017 event winner Dan Brown of Pine Meadows Golf Complex at 7-over par.

The Pennsylvania Golf Association would like to thank the staff and membership of Country Club of Scranton for the hospitality in hosting the event this week. Thanks also to LECOM for sponsorship of the championship.

Results:	Total To Par	Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
<b>Overall Age (40-64)</b>					
Michael Brown Jr., Lu Lu CC	-1	71	72		143
Mike Marron, Pinecrest CC	+4	73	75		148
Kevin Fajt, Hannastown Golf Club	+6	77	73		150
Eric Williams, Honesdale Golf Club	+6	74	76		150
David Blichar, PAGA Individual Member	+7	75	76		151
<b>Senior Age (55-64)</b>					
David Blichar, PAGA Individual Member	+7	75	76		151
Arnie Cutrell, Greensburg CC	+8	79	73		152
Michael Capotis, The Kahkwa Club	+9	73	80		153
Ed Podufal, The Kahkwa Club	+9	77	76		153
Bill Rosemeyer, Treesdale Golf & CC	+10	79	75		154
<b>Super Senior Age (65 +)</b>					
Robert Allshouse, Hannastown GC	+2	75	71		146
Don Erickson III, DuBois CC	+6	72	78		150
Gary Daniels, Applebrook Golf Club	+9	77	76		153
William Wigton, Butler Country Club	+10	74	80		154
Vincent Zachetti, Hannastown GC	+10	79	75		154



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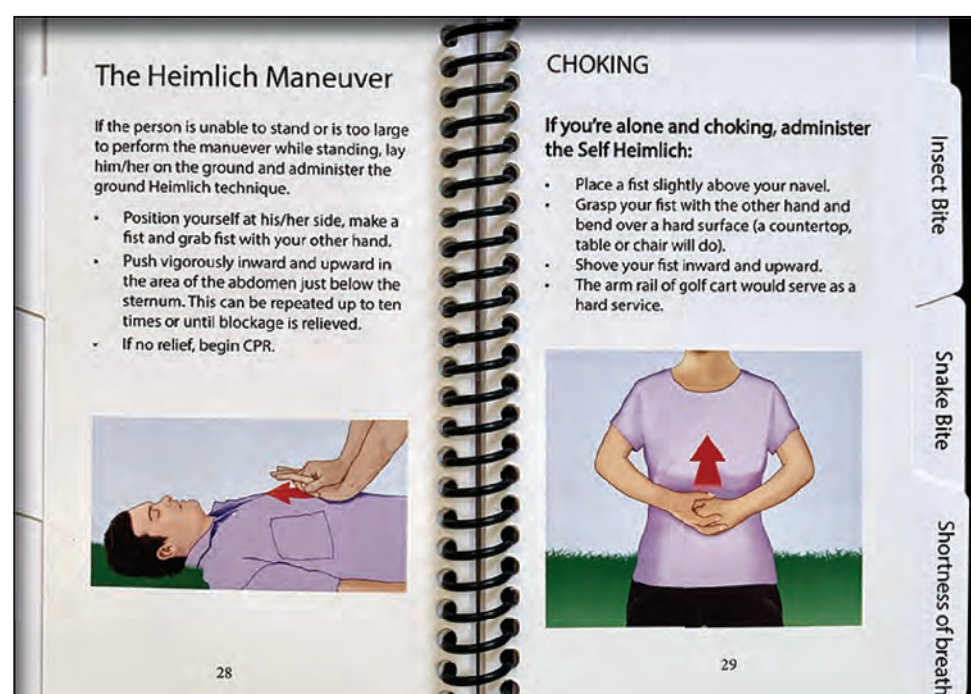
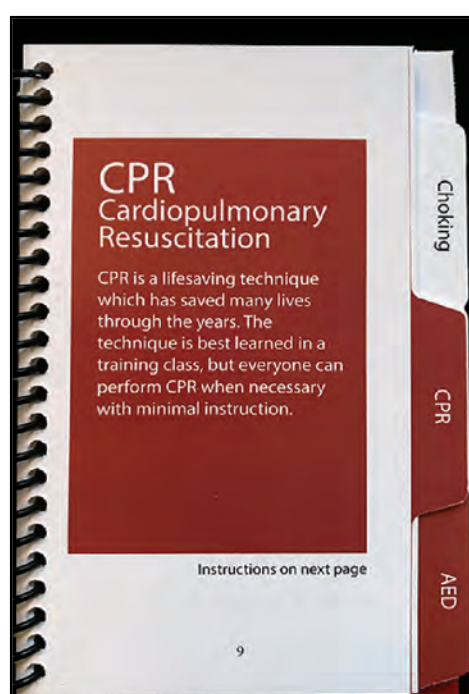
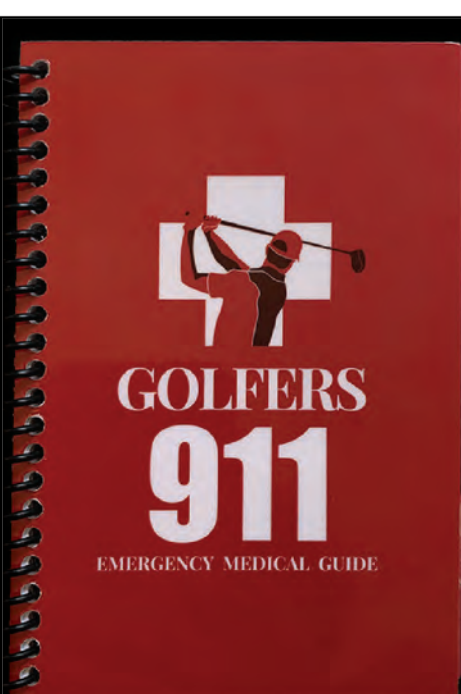
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# PGA Tour Announces Expanded Schedule Of 49 Events For 2019-20 Season

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

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**GOLFERS 911** is written by successful businessman and real estate executive, Mason Delafield of Delray Beach, FL and edited by Ronald Brown, MD, FACOG practicing cardiologist at Carolina Health Span Institute in Charlotte, NC. Both men, who are avid senior golfers, saw a need to publish **GOLFERS 911** to educate and inform golfers about what to do in a medical emergency on the golf course.

“When we’re on a golf course, we are often in a remote environment confronting a variety of hazards every time we play- bunkers, water, alligators, snakes, etc.” explained Delafield. “Selfishly, **GOLFERS 911** is a guidebook intended to give me – and other golfers – a better chance for survival in a medical emergency.”

**GOLFERS 911** is a 4”x6”, 64 page guide with a red laminated cover and conveniently tabbed sections that fits easily into your golf bag. Individual chapters cover a variety of emergency situations such as fainting, cardiac arrest, choking, seizures, lacerations, head injuries, insect bites and more. Professional

medical illustrations displayed throughout **GOLFERS 911** makes the content easy to understand and to apply.

“**GOLFERS 911** provides valuable medical information and actions with which most of us are unfamiliar,” said Delafield. “Carrying **GOLFERS 911** in your bag and being familiar with the contents can help golfers be proactive and jump into action before first responders arrive. It could even save a life!”

According to the British Journal of Sports Medicine, 95% of cardiac arrests that happen on the golf course are fatal. Without administering CPR or using an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), 92% die before making it to the hospital. **GOLFERS 911** teaches golfers HANDS ONLY CPR and other essential medical techniques in the event of an emergency. For this reason alone, no one should tee off without **GOLFERS 911**

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