

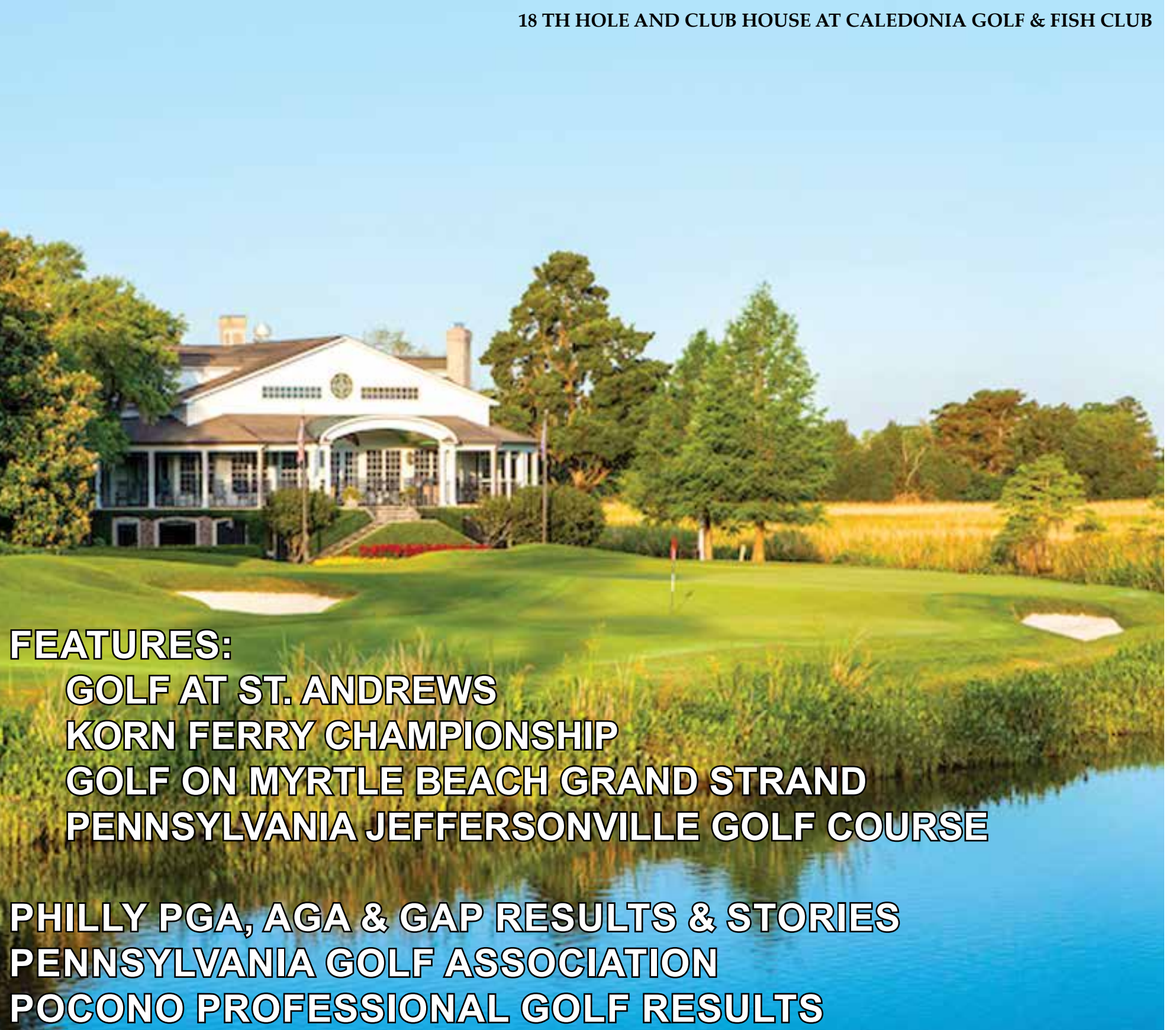
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WORKING AT THE OLD COURSE AND PLAYING GOLF AFTER THANKS TO THE R&A

By Pete Kowalski

Getting an assignment such as working in a communications/PR role at the AIG Women's Open at the Old Course at St Andrews is the stuff of a genie granting a wish.

Watching the world's finest players at the Old Course in conditions that tested mind, body and sometimes soul and still produce brilliant golf followed seamlessly as part of that good luck.

of New Zealand stood tallest.

The Olympic gold medalist was the steadiest and the steeliest in the final round with an 18th-hole birdie that propelled her to a third Major over the likes of World number one Nelly Korda, 2023 Champion Lilia Vu and two-time Champion Jiyai Shin of Korea at

"Something that was too good to be true happened, and I honestly didn't think it could be any better and here I am as the AIG Women's



Lydia Ko with trophy in front of clubhouse

My arrival was a day before duties began so I decided to play the delightful Anstruther Golf Club's nine holes in appropriate wind – my first round of golf since my hip replacement in June. Thank goodness the fish and chips at the club were as tasty as advertised and the layout was devilish, particularly the par-3 fifth.

On August 19, my assignment began with a U.S. media report on the Final Qualifying at Crail Golfing Society's Craighead Course. Again, in wind and late-day rain (particularly in the playoff), 12 players earned their way into the field of the AIG Women's Open, including two Americans Kristen Gillman and Lauren Hartlage.

Quite a good start to the week, which featured major champions I.K. Kim retiring, and Scotland's Catriona Matthew playing her last AIG Women's Open, fittingly, on home soil.

At the Old Course, we garnered the insights the players in their post-round interviews that lent clarity to the trying workplace they faced and over four days of winds of varying speeds, rains of fluctuating annoyance and over a course that wrinkled the brows of caddies and players with its subtle and sudden challenges, diminutive Lydia Ko

Open Champion this week," said Ko, who earned a place in the LPGA Hall of Fame with her Olympic gold. "Obviously that being here at the Old Course at St Andrews, it makes it so much more special."

With Ko on the 17th, Korda on the 16th and Vu and Shin on the 15th, there was a four-way tie for the lead at 6-under.

In gusty and rainy conditions over her final holes, Ko, who trailed 54-hole leader Shin by three strokes as her Sunday began, completed her round at the Home of Golf in a style that would have made Old Tom Morris grin.

On the 16th, she holed a clutch, wind-blown par putt from three feet. Then, on the 17th, when the wind and rain were at their strongest, she laced 3-wood to 25 feet and secured her par.

At the home hole, Ko, 27, stuffed a wedge to six feet and dead-centered the birdie putt to finish two strokes better than Korda, Vu, Shin and Ruoning Yin of China, who each totaled 5-under-par 283. Vu had a chance to tie on the 18th, but her 15-foot putt finished short.

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"Just before my second shot on 18, I realized that I was tied for the lead," Ko said. "And I knew I kind of felt like the girls coming in would also birdie the 18th. So, I wanted to make sure that I birdied and just give myself a chance at it, no matter if I go in a playoff or end up not winning."

Ko posted three birdies against one bogey on her inward nine and her birdie on the 14th hole moved her to within one stroke of Korda, who was at 8-under at the time.

Shin, the 54-hole leader in search of her third Championship, and Vu posted three back-nine bogeys each. Korda, who held the lead at 8-under with five holes to play, struggled to a costly double bogey on the 14th and hit her approach on the 17th into the Road Hole bunker that produced another bogey.

Boston-bred Alexa Pano, who finished 10th and played alongside Ko in the final round for the second time this year provided the best comments on the champion.

"Every time I play with her, I'm in awe," Pano said. "I think she's in conversation for greatest of all time."

"Honestly, I really try and take after just how she is on the golf course and how she act. She's such a professional. Also, she I think has one of the best wedge games I've ever seen. It's pretty special to watch, especially as a golfer, knowing how hard those shots are. I think she's such a good role model, not just for little girls but also for me being out here on tour, and I hope that one day, I'll be able to accomplish the things she has."

After the ceremony, Ko, trophy in hand, posed at the Swilcan Bridge to document her victory while this PR grunt finished his daily report and shuffled off to the One Under Bar to start the social part of the trip with his son.

Our Scottish golf excursion, an early present for his upcoming professional degree graduation, began that Monday at the composite Jubilee and New Courses of the St Andrews Links Trust. My son birdied the first hole and gave us premonitions of good golf. The only thing we were sure to face was wind as the week's forecast called for 20-30 MPH speeds.

Earlier that day, we entered the ballot to play the Old Course on Wednesday.

The next day, a dram of Loch Lomond scotch whiskey on the first tee of Dunbarnie Links fortified us against the Clive Clark design that was hewn from the soil of a former farmstead that now looks like a natural linksy layout that occupied the area for centuries rather than just 2018. Our caddies were vital in gusty winds, and we were smart to play the visitor yellow tees. The day's highlight was the old dude driving the par-4 17th (wind-aided, of course) and then craftily two-

putting for his second birdie of the day.

We caught a half a hole of rain on 18 and then retreated to the clubhouse for Dunbarnie Links Lager and a proper Scottish lunch. My choice was Cullen Skink, a fish, potato and leek broth, which tasted at least 500 times better than its name.



Fourth Hole Dunbarnie Golf Links

On the way home, in our faithful Golf City Taxi (much cheaper than renting a car since we stayed right in St Andrews) we got the email about being unsuccessful in the Old Course ballot. Our planning had included that poor result as we had already booked Lundin Golf Club in the event we missed our chance.

At Ludin, the wind was up again but this time our luck ran out and for four holes, hard on the Firth of Forth, we were drenched by rain. It didn't take long to break out the rain gloves. By the time we reached the seventh hole the rain subsided, and we were greeted by a rainbow and retreating mist above the clubhouse in the distance.



#14 at Lundin Golf Links

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A proper links designed by James Braid and opened in 1907, Lundin offered firm and fast conditions with the persistent wind making club choice a hard call. The view from the downhill par-3 14th was astonishing – of the water and the entire golf course. We finished the round in sparkling late day sunshine with most of our gear relatively dry. I could be a member there – such a diverse set of fun challenges all the way around.



Fifth Green at Crail

Our last and windiest day was the Balcomie Links course at Crail Golfing Society, the 7th-oldest course in the world. The course was short but so varied and right at water's edge for many holes that it became my favorite of the trip. We played a firm and fast par-67 golf course and gauging downwind runout was the most difficult but fun thing I have ever done on the golf course. And the par-3s, particularly on the back nine, were as stout as we could handle given the prevailing winds.

Before a Crail Ale of two, walking up the steep hill from the par-3 18th to the clubhouse, against the wind, consisted of the hardest steps of the day.

Regardless of two cancelled flight from Edinburgh to the U.S., we made it home unscathed and tired but pondering links shots – missed or well flighted – and what courses we'd play on our next trip. And, thanks to The R&A for the chance to visit the Home of Golf again – for two good reasons.

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KORN FERRY'S MAGNIT CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN JERSEY

By MIKE KERN

Max McGreevy was one of the guys that didn't need to do anything at the Korn Ferry's season-ending event, the Magnit Championship at the wonderful Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson Township, N.J. He had already secured a spot in the four-tournament playoff format and, more importantly, a PGA Tour card for 2025. Yet nevertheless, he still feel like he had a lot to play for.

"Golf is fun when you are playing like this," he said following the third round on August 17, when he was tied with Will Chandler for the lead at a tourney-record 15-under par. "I'm just excited for another good round. It's an awesome course and I'm excited to get it going (again tomorrow).



Max McGreevy wins championship

"I'm feeling super comfortable. I'm going to pick up my wife (Olivia) at the airport after this (interview). It will be super relaxed, and super nice to have her. We're going to golf a little bit early (on Sunday), which I won't have to think about quite as much. I'm excited about where my game's at."

He obviously should be. This was his third third playing in the final group this year. The two others had come in June, leading to a win and a second-place finish. For Chandler, who didn't have Korn Ferry status to start the season, this would be his first time making such an appearance.

So McGreevy went out and closed with a second straight 69, this one bogey-free, for a 270 total which left him three clear of Ricky Castillo, who came home with a 67, Tim Widing (69), Chandler (72) and Frankie Capan III (70).

Super indeed. The last 18 holes were played using preferred lies, after some heavy rains hit the area.

"I was pretty steady all day long and that was my mindset," said McGreevy, who birdied two of his first three holes. "I knew if I shot

3 or 4 (under) it was going to be hard for, other than Will, to come catch me. Was just trying to get off to a good start and luckily that's what I did."

Chandler tied him with a bird at No. 5, but the opening-round leader then bogeyed four times in the next eight holes. He would birdie 16 and 17 to at least get his career-best Korn Ferry finish.

There was a point where McGreevy maybe did back off a bit once he had earned his PGA card again. But he learned from that.

"I kind of thought that we had already taken care of business," he acknowledged. "Maybe I could have fun not on the golf course type of thing and actually enjoy life on the road and not just have it being a grind all the time.

"To be honest, I think I've realized I like the grind. This has been almost eight years of doing this. I mean, the grind is what makes it amazing. Being rewarded like this at the end of the grind is what makes it all the sweeter."



Hole #18 Metedeconk Golf Club

Should be mention that Scottie Scheffler, to name just one, is a Korn Ferry graduate? And while not everybody is going to end up like him, they are all chasing that same dream. And it has to start somewhere, for each and every individual. This was the second year for the event, and there's two more years left on the contract.

The 29-year-old McGreevy turned pro in 2017. A native of Edmond, OK, who attended Oklahoma State, he's played in 66 PGA events over two seasons, making 20 cuts. But he did have one runner-up and another Top 5 finish before losing his card privileges at the end of 2023. Time for a second chance, which is mostly what the Korn Ferry is all about.

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This was the first time his wife had seen him get a victory in person.

"That's amazing to be able to have her here," McGreevy emphasized. "She's been the whole comeback too, this entire year. She's been wanting to be here for a long time, either when I got my card or when I've won something. It's the little moments like this."

McGreevy, who began the week at No. 4 in the points standings and moved up two spots, got &18,000 for his efforts. Now he's looking for even bigger things.

"It's even more motivating," he acknowledged. "It's going to push me forward. (The playoffs) are just fun. It's elevated. There's more up for grabs. I'm going to give it everything I've got."

He already has.

The top 75 (of the 150 who qualified) will make it into the Tour Championship.

By the way, Scheffler was a former housemate of his. Now there's something to shoot for.

"When I was walking up to the (18th) green and saw that I had a three-shot lead, I was trying not to look at my wife," McGreevy said. "Because I knew that I was probably going to start crying, which I did

before I even putted."

Go ahead. They both earned it. And Liv also happens to be carrying the couple's first child.

"To be able to celebrate (with her)," he continued, "I hadn't seen her in a while. Her bump's showing little bit more. Our little girl. All those little things just make it super nice at the end of the week."

Go for it. Who says you can't have it all. Or at least close to it, for the time being.

"I didn't feel perfect all day today," McGreevy explained. "But I feel like I'm more in control of my game that I ever have been. I don't know if that's just me learning over all these years and dealing with the mistakes and stuff like that.

"There's always going to be the mistakes, but when I can put these weeks together and actually take care of business and when my game is in the right spot, I think that's what makes it so sweet. Today just kind of capped off just kind of my belief in what I've been working on, what I need to get better at and what I'm going to continue to improve on."

In other words, he's found a good place. That's something to savor, at any level.

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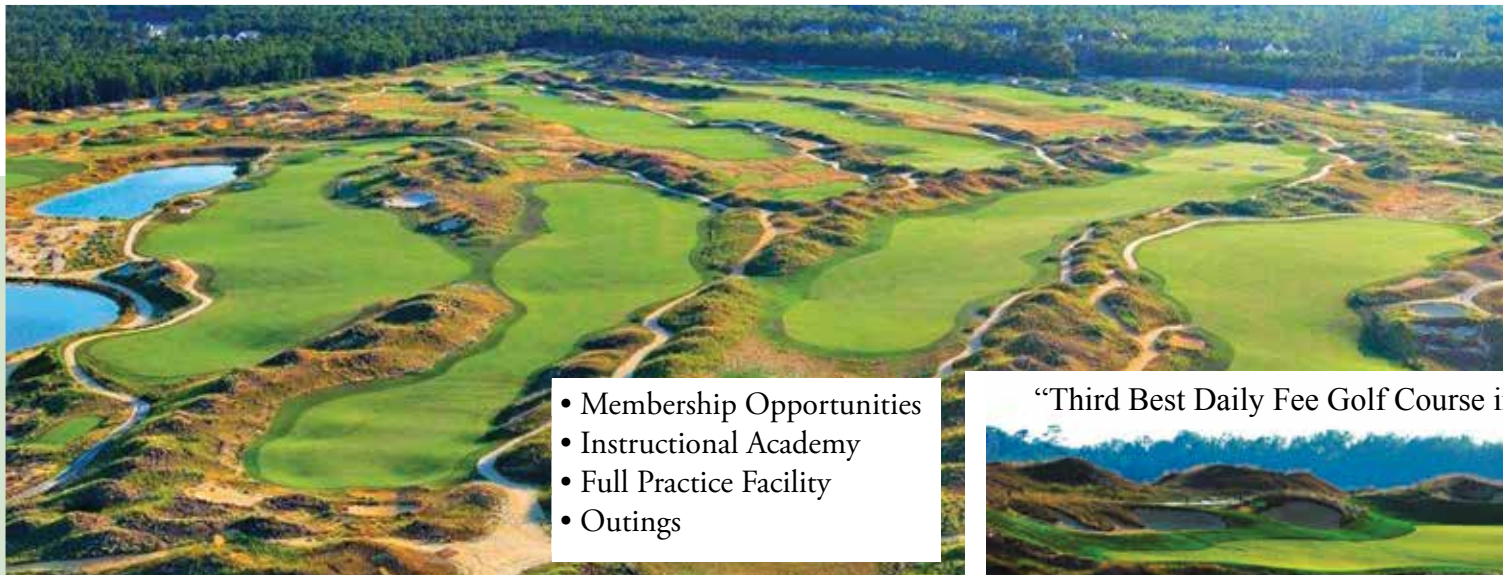


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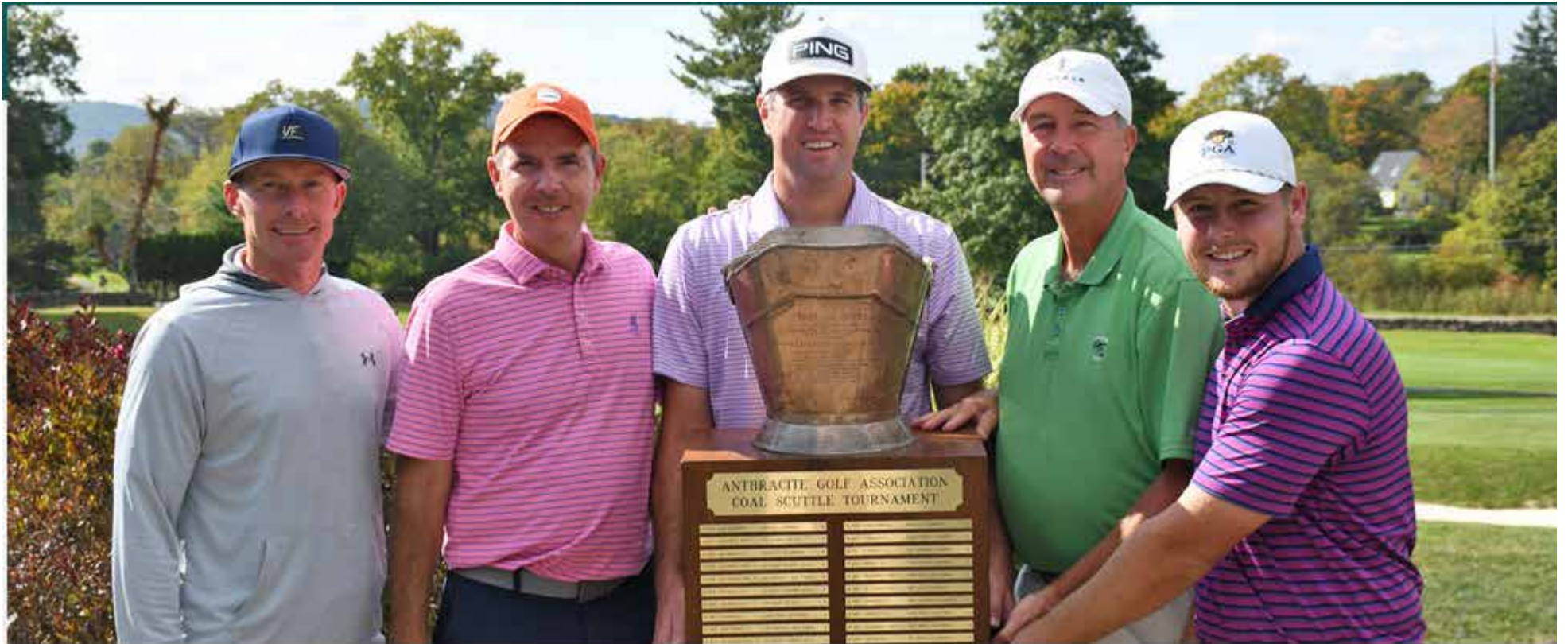
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WYOMING VALLEY RECLAIMS MEN'S COAL SCUTTLE



CLARKS SUMMIT, Pa. — Wyoming Valley Country Club reasserted its dominance in the Men's Coal Scuttle Championship Sunday.

It issued an impressive 26-stroke victory in the event's 74th edition at Glen Oak Country Club (par 72, 6,536 yards). Wyoming Valley (5-over-par 577) trailed Berwick Golf Club by a stroke following Round One at Berwick.

How the script flipped. Berwick finished tied for fifth at 39-over-par 611. Huntsville, sparked by a 4-under-par 68 courtesy of Nick Werner, surged to second place at 31-over-par 603.

Eric Plisko led the Wyoming Valley charge. He defeated Nick Werner in a sudden-death playoff to earn individual medalist honors. Both finished the 36-hole affair tied at 3-under-par 140.

Wyoming Valley is a Men's Coal Scuttle tour de force of late, winning seven consecutive titles (2015-21). Glen Oak stopped that streak by prevailing the past two years. There is zero doubt the true titan is back atop the mountain.

"It's nice to get the trophy back to Wyoming Valley. This is such a great tournament. It means a lot to our club and to the members of our club," Plisko, 38, of Hanover Township, Pa., said. "Everybody played great today. We look forward to this tournament every year."

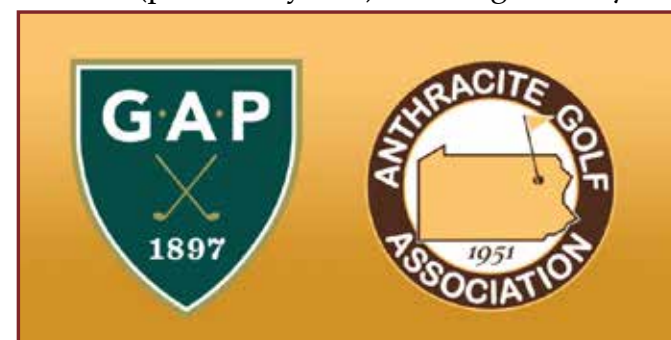
"Anytime you win, you feel fortunate to win. And you always wonder will you ever get to have the great feeling of winning again. I have to say this is quite a treat," Weiscarger, 66, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., said.

"This course was fantastic. I love Berwick. It's a hidden gem. Both clubs, and [GAP Director of Northeast Operations] Patrick Lloyd, should get credit for a true championship setup for two days."

Plisko, Weiscarger (3-over-par 146), John Olszewski (3-over-par 146), Bob Shoemaker (7-over-par 150) and Curtis Tokach (10-over-par 153) represented Wyoming Valley.

"For the team and for the club itself, what I'm most proud of is we won with another team member in Curtis Tokach. Curtis plays with his mom and dad five times a week, and they walk. Practice makes perfect," Weiscarger said. "I'm glad that we got more youth and impressed by how good Curtis is. We just have a lot of deep balance. We have so many interchangeable players. If you make the low five on championship weekend, then you've accomplished a lot."

Plisko, who also medaled in 2019 and 2021, is a team staple. His Scuttle leadership was on display at Glen Oak. Plisko used three consecutive birdies to accelerate the Wyoming Valley steamroller: a 10-footer on No. 5 (par 4, 405 yards), a 50-degree 125 yards to 15 feet on



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on No. 6 (par 4, 388 yards) and a pitching wedge 145 yards to two-putt paradise on No. 7 (par 5, 458 yards).

"I finally found my groove and found my pace. I was swinging it well. I was hitting it well. I just had to get the pace right," Plisko said.

By that point, Wyoming Valley lead Berwick by 11 strokes. Outright medalist honors appeared apparent for Plisko. However, back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 17 (par 3, 205 yards) and 18 (par 5, 544 yards) brought a deadlock with Werner. Plisko failed to get up-and-down from the right greenside bunker on No. 17. His 50-degree wedge from 115 yards on Glen Oak's closer stayed atop a perilous slope. He missed a 20-footer to save par.

The playoff against Werner demonstrated Wyoming Valley's Scuttle destiny. On No. 1 (par 5, 542 yards), the first playoff hole, Plisko holed out for eagle.

"I really didn't have a good lie in that bunker. I think I was the first person in that bunker today. It still had the rivets. I said, 'I'll play a little chunk and run.' It came out exactly how I thought it would come out," he said.

Arms raised in the air. A smile on his face. The Scuttle returns to

Wyoming Valley. The club holds 16 titles overall.

"I'm so happy for all of us who play. It's something we take dear to heart," Plisko said.

The Men's Coal Scuttle Championship, open to all GAP Member Clubs, is a 36-hole tournament. The low four of five scores count toward the team total.

Established in conjunction with the Anthracite Golf Association's founding in 1951, the Men's Coal Scuttle Championship is a cornerstone event in which clubs compete against one another to determine regional supremacy. The inscription on the trophy reads as follows:

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Pos.	Team	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total
1	Wyoming Valley Country Club	+5	285	292	577
2	Huntsville Golf Club	+31	296	307	603
3	Elmhurst Country Club	+39	304	307	611
4	Irem Country Club	+39	293	318	611
5	Berwick Golf Club	+39	284	327	611

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross	Details
T1	Plisko, Eric Wyoming Valley CC	-3	69	71	140	Won on first playoff hole.
T1	Werner, Nick Huntsville Golf Club	-3	72	68	140	
3	Gronka, Grant Berwick Golf Club	+2	71	74	145	
4	Weiscarger, Joseph Wyoming Valley CC	+3	73	73	146	
5	Olszewski, John Wyoming Valley CC	+3	70	76	146	
6	Wilson, Jonathan Irem Country Club	+5	74	74	148	
7	McCloskey, Bob Elmhurst Country Club	+6	73	76	149	
8	Bonavoglia, Mike Elmhurst Country Club	+6	72	77	149	
9	Bierly, Corey Berwick Golf Club	+6	69	80	149	
10	Shoemaker, Bob Wyoming Valley CC	+6	78	72	150	
11	Nardella, Doug Elmhurst Country Club	+10	79	74	153	
12	Tokach, Curtis Wyoming Valley CC	+10	73	80	153	
13	Zawatski, Ethan Irem Country Club	+10	72	81	153	
14	Hoover, Matthew Irem Country Club	+11	72	82	154	
15	Anderson, Alex Huntsville Golf Club	+12	70	85	155	
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Year Opened: 1931
Location: West Norriton, Pennsylvania

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10th hole par four

HISTORY: While Jeffersonville Golf Club has a long history in golf, horse racing was initially center stage for the property back in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The races held on the land were on a half-mile, oval track where the 11th and 16th holes stand today. Although live racing was stopped by 1908, the property still served as the Montgomery Riding Academy.

Move ahead 11 years later and Anson B. Evans, a Norristown citizen, purchased the 135-acre parcel of land and shut down the track in the late 1920s. Several years later, Evans hire none other than Donald Ross to create an 18-hole golf course, which opened in 1931. Ross, who masterpieces include Pinehurst #2, Seminole, Oakland Hills, and local gems Aronimink, Gulph Mills, Kennett Square and LuLu Country Club, designed over 400 courses in the United States and Canada, and was regarded as one of the finest golf course architects of his generation.

Although Evans passed away in 1945, his wife and daughter

continued to operate the golf course, until 1972, when the West Norriton Municipal Authority purchased the property for \$131,000. The land was leased to the West Norriton Township for 35 years, and upon fulfillment of the lease, it gained full ownership of the course. Township resident Bob Deemer was a driving force to get the Township to move forward, as he had written a letter to Rick Troncelliti, who at the time was the West Norriton Township president.

By 2000, the course was in need of significant renovation and the township hired Ross restorer Ron Pritchard, a resident of nearby Lansdale who has refreshed many of the architect's courses, including Aronimink and LuLu.

The plan was extensive, as Pritchard and Jeffersonville rebuilt every tee box, added 40 of the original bunkers, removed trees, installed a modern underground irrigation system and formulated a re-routing plan which led to stronger finishing holes. The irrigation update was a huge component of the plan, as the course was struggling to maintain decent playing conditions. "I've been fortunate to see it through all of its fazes," said Jeffersonville Golf Club professional, Billy Mullen. "I started working there when I was 16 and at that time there was no irrigation system. It was like playing a British Open, with hard pan and dirt everywhere. That's when Superintendent Rich Schilling came aboard and he transformed it, into what it is today."

Not only did the township pour money into the course, but it built a new clubhouse, which not only enabled for hosting golf events, but also weddings and outside events. Also added were an indoor practice facility downstairs of the clubhouse and a restaurant and bar with a repositioned maintenance area.



par three eighth hole

To accomplish all of the work, the club needed help, and it came the way of state Representative, Joe Webster. "The Jeffersonville Golf Club has been a focal point of our region for half a century," Webster said at the time. "In order to keep building more memories at this wonderful facility and propel it into the next half century, there were

necessary renovations that needed to take place. This \$2 million in grant funding aims to accomplish this initiative by making this historic golf club a modern establishment that will remain a premier destination in our area for generations to come."

To say that Pritchard hit the mark with his restoration would be an understatement. With over 40,000 rounds played yearly, Jeffersonville Golf Club is a must-visit for all levels of play - that is, if you can get a tee time. Only local residents are allowed memberships, and the online tee time process is tough to negotiate as times are scooped up fast. "It's amazing how many people we get to play here that are members at private clubs," added Mullen. "They come to play because of how good it is."



Jeffersonville aerial view

REVIEW: Hold on to your hat, as the first hole is not your average opener at a public golf course. Measuring 449 yards from the back markers, this sharp dogleg left, uphill par four features several bunkers guarding the left side of the fairway and a handful of traps down the right. A nice high draw around the corner is ideal, which will set up a medium iron to an undulating green. Par here will go along way.

In contrast, No. 2 is a downhill, dogleg right with four traps protecting the corner. At just 348 yards, less than driver is acceptable to put yourself in good shape with a short iron to a back-to-front and left-to-right sloping putting surface. Miss the green and you'll be penalized severely.

The third hole is a straightaway, uphill short par-four just under 300 yards. Sand guards the right side of the landing area, so a well-placed tee shot is a must. Another short iron remains to a kidney-shaped green. If you can, take advantage of one of the easier holes on the course.

The so-called easiest hole on the course comes your way at No. 4, a 135-yard par-three. Bunkers on either side of the long, narrow putting surface await the errant shot, but a well struck iron can yield a birdie.

The fifth hole is a straight-forward par-four of just 370 yards. An

ample fairway is very accessible - just be wary of the two sets of bunkers down the left. The putting surface is wide open, but if you miss the green long or right, you can find a steep slope or sand.

After four fairly easy holes, the player is greeted with the longest hole on the course, the 576-yard, par-five sixth. With a dogleg to the right, try to cut off as much as you can to leave yourself a reasonable shot at going for the green in two. Although a bunker guards the corner, it should be little trouble to clear. Several bunkers protect the lay-up area short of the green, so stay clear as to set up a short pitch to a very long, sloping green. This can be a birdie opportunity as long as you execute correctly.

Although No. 7 is only 383 yards, it plays uphill and to the left with bunkers guarding both sides of the fairway. Three bunkers guard the two-tiered putting surface that slopes to the front. The key here is definitely the tee shot, as you must hit the fairway to get home in regulation.

The par-three eighth is one of, if not the hardest par-three one the course. Stretching 195 yards and playing into the wind, your tee ball must be precise to a small green that slopes hard from back to front. Let's not forget the water that lurks short of the putting surface. One-shotter's are generally the easiest holes on the course...not the eighth.

Playing away from the clubhouse, No. 9 is a slight dogleg-right par-four. A generous fairway is guarded on both sides by sand. The putting surface is situated by a grove of trees, so accuracy is key if you need to make par. Sand 20 yards short of the green must be avoided at all cost.



10th hole par four

One of the easier holes on the course is the par-4 10th. Only 350 yards in length, this hole can be had, as the fairway is fairly wide and devoid of sand. The landing area does slope from left to right, which will set up a nice angle to the uphill green. The putting surface does slope from back to front, but is one of the largest on the course, so take advantage of it.

Surprisingly, the 11th hole is rated as only the ninth-most difficult on

the course. Don't be misled, as this 392 yard par four is no pushover. A fairly wide fairway, guarded by two bunkers on the right is the easy part. The approach is where the trouble begins. Uphill from the fairway makes club selection key, not to mention the right-to-left sloping green that is very undulating. Miss left spells doom, so err right of the small putting surface.

The 12th is a robust par three of 192 yards. What you see is what you get. A bunker to the right of the putting surface sees plenty of action as mounding to the left thwarts access to the fairly long, undulating green. Stay below the hole, if possible, to have any shot at birdie, let alone par.



par three 12th hole

The downhill par-four 13th is a favorite. At 430 yards from the tips, this gem is one of three par- fours over 400 yards. Bending slightly to the left, the tee shot must avoid the two bunkers down the left side, thus setting up a short-to-medium iron to the green. Most tee shots will leave a downhill hill lie over a creek bed and up to a severely sloping putting surface with sand left and right. Par here is a great score.

The 14th hole might be your last realistic shot at birdie as you head home. Although it's just 337 yards, it plays uphill all the way to the green. Sand and out of bounds await down the left and trees protect the right. The circular green features sand on either side; however, the real trick is to avoid the run off left and deep. Sure, birdie is possible, but par is OK.

Most par-threes are rated as the easiest on the course. That is certainly not the case at 15, as this is not only the longest one-shotter on the course (210 yards), but it is the seventh-most difficult hole at Jeffersonville. In playing uphill, make sure to take an extra club to reach the putting surface, and if the pin is in the back portion of the green, you might need two clubs. The green is one of the quickest on the course and runs hard from back to front.

So maybe there's one more chance at birdie and that comes by way of No. 16. Bending slightly to the right and from an elevated tee box, a well-placed drive can leave a short iron to this par-four. Sand does guard the left side of the landing area, while a tall tree flanks the right. Accuracy is key, but with a short iron in hand and a front pin,

a birdie is possible.

A birdie, though is probably not the case on No. 17, the 452-yard, behemoth par-four, dogleg right. Not only must you cut the corner, but you need to avoid the trio of traps down the right and find the fairway - otherwise, the rough will play havoc with your approach. A creek dissects the fairway as you get closer to the very small green, again running back to front. Sand lurks left and front-right, so avoid at all costs. There's good reason this is the hardest hole on the course!

The final hole at Jeffersonville is a double-dogleg par-five of 545 yards. Generally speaking, par- fives are usually birdie holes. Not so much here, as No. 18 requires a precise tee ball over the cross bunker down the left. The player is now faced with a difficult layup, as water protects the left side and three bunkers and a tall oak guard the right. Even with a solid second, your third shot will be uphill to the most-difficult green on the course, that slopes so hard from back to front that you'll have a tough time keeping your ball on the surface. Chipping areas surround the green, not to mention a bunker on the left. If you don't play your chip properly, you're looking at three putt or worse.

FINAL WORD: I must admit, until recently I was not familiar with Jeffersonville Golf Club. It's a shame it's taken me so long to make time to play this outstanding golf course. There are so many wonderful golf courses in the Philadelphia area, such as Merion, Philadelphia Cricket Club, Aronimink and Philadelphia Country Club. However, those are private golf courses and unless you're a member, you have very little chance of getting on to experience those venues.

As far as public courses in Philadelphia, well, there's Glen Mills, Wyncote, Makefield Highlands and Broad Run. However, in my estimation, Jeffersonville Golf Club is at the top of the list.

Let's start off with the condition of the course, which is as good as those private venues mentioned. The putting surfaces are as smooth as silk with plenty of contours, the fairways have plenty of movement and the teeing grounds are perfectly situated.

Talk about a challenge, well despite the yardage of 6,400 from the tips, the course is extremely challenging from all tee boxes and don't forget, it's a par-70!

Now it's time to talk about the rates. How does \$55 sound and just \$45 for a Senior during the week? The peak rate on weekends and holidays is \$80. Are you kidding? This is a steal of a lifetime.

Lastly, amenities. Banquet facilities, full-service restaurant and bar, fully stocked with top-of-the- line items in the pro shop, halfway house and much, much more. The downside, is a lack of a driving range, but guess what, they have six Trackman Golf Simulators at your disposal.

The bottom line, I'll be back again and again. Jeffersonville Golf Club is a must play!

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TOLENTINO WINS THE 88TH PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN'S AMATEUR

PAOLI, Pa. – It was like a heavyweight slugfest in the final group at the 88th Pennsylvania Golf Association (PAGA) Women's Amateur, as Jericho National Golf Club's Natasha Kiel and The 1912 Club's Angelina Tolentino went back-and-forth all day long with the 2024 championship on the line.

Kiel, who is a senior on the golf team at Purdue University, held a two-stroke advantage over fellow final group golfers Tolentino (who will be a freshman on Vanderbilt's women's golf team) and Jackie Rogowicz (Merion GC) heading into today, but Tolentino quickly erased the lead and claimed it for herself after birdies on the first four holes.

"I felt so good," said Tolentino. "My whole game was pretty much on point, from the putting to the driver to the tee shots, everything was solid today which I'm really thankful for. Starting off with four birdies is always nice and I just had momentum from there and stuck to it."

Kiel, on the other hand, started a bit slow with a bogey on hole No. 2, but began to ramp up with birdies on 3 and 5.

"I put myself in a bad spot with the bogey on 2," said Kiel. "While (Tolentino) and Jackie were making birdie after birdie and I said "Wow! When am I going to see some of that?" But I really focused on staying patient, hitting the shots I know I can hit, and getting to a point where I was back in contention."

On the back nine, Kiel birdied 10 and 11 to catch Tolentino and tie at eight-under-par for the tournament, and the two were also tied there after 15 holes complete. Kiel made bogey on the par-four 16th, though, while Tolentino's par gave her a one-stroke lead with two holes left to play. After two pars on 17, the pair only had the 18th hole left to play.

"I didn't look at the leaderboard once so I didn't know where I was at coming into the 18th hole," said Tolentino. "But I knew Natasha and Jackie and I were all close so I decided to stick to my gameplan and not get too ahead of myself."

Tolentino's tee shot on 18 was on the left side of the fairway but she laid up, got it to a comfortable yardage, and used a 9 iron to get her about 10 feet from the hole for birdie. The ensuing putt lipped out, though, and Tolentino's par gave Kiel a slight opening.

Kiel, knowing that she had to make something happen, hit a string of excellent shots and ended up with an 8-foot birdie putt to tie and force a playoff. Just like Tolentino's putt, though, it just lipped out—resulting in a par for Kiel and confirming Tolentino as the 2024 PA Women's Amateur champion.

"I thought I hit the putt really good," recalled Kiel. "But I guess I just didn't see as much break as there was. Sometimes those things just happen. I hit it where I wanted to hit it but it just didn't go in. It was a great day, though. Angelina and I both put up such a fight against each other, it was really incredible. I know she'll be a great player in college."

With the victory, Tolentino also secures a spot in the upcoming 2024 124th annual U.S. Women's Amateur Golf Championship, scheduled for Aug. 5-11 at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla.

"The last time I played in the US Women's Amateur was in 2021 up in New York, and I've been trying to get back into the tournament ever since," said Tolentino. "Even this year, I went down to Maryland to play but never had my "A" game in those one-day qualifiers. So to come out and get a win today at this tournament feels great and I'm really proud of myself."



Tolentino finished the tournament eight-under-par (70-73-68—211) while it was déjà vu for Kiel (73-68-71—212) who finished one stroke back and was PA Amateur runner-up for the second consecutive year.

The other member of the final group trio, Rogowicz, shot even-par 73 in the final round to finish solidly in third place and was three-under par for the tournament with a 54-hole total of 216. Megan Meng (Jericho National GC) fired a one-under 72 on the final day to end up with fourth place honors—her combined 218 (-1) was one stroke better than Michelle Cox (Lehigh CC), whose even-par 219 earned her a fifth-place finish.

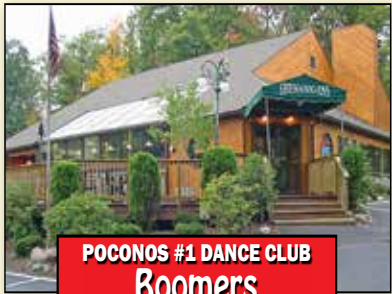
Defending champion Rylie Heflin (Bidermann GC), a Duke University golfer, came alive on the final day with a four-under 69 (the lowest of the day except for Tolentino's round) and finished sixth with a four-over-par total of 223 for the week. Kiersten Bodge (Overbrook GC), the leader after Monday's first round, finished ninth with a seven-over-par 226.

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross
1	Tolentino, Angelina The 1912 Club	-8
2	Kiel, Natasha Jericho National Golf Club	-7
3	Rogowicz, Jackie Merion Golf Club	-3
4	Meng, Megan Jericho National Golf Club	-1
5	Cox, Michelle Lehigh Country Club	E
6	Heflin, Rylie Bidermann G.C.	+4
T7	Oberparleiter, Brooke Philadelphia Publincs	+5
T7	Rabb, Hannah Bucknell Golf Club	+5
9	Bodge, Kiersten Overbrook Golf Club	+7
10	O'Sullivan, Ava Applecross Country Club	+8
T11	Gooneratne, Rhianna The 1912 Club	+10
T11	Smith, Grace PA resident	+10
T11	Dunigan, Mary Kennett Square Golf & CC	+10
14	Malosh, Marissa PAGA Individual Member	+11
T15	McConnell, Caroline Club at Nevillewood	+12
T15	Roberts, Kayley PAGA Individual Member	+12
T15	Powell, Gwendolyn Elmhurst Country Club	+12

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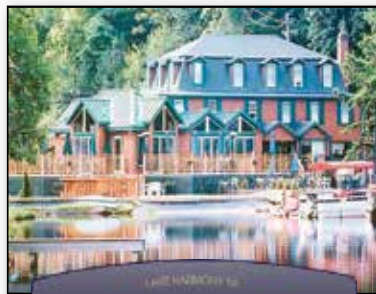
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GOLF ON THE GRAND STRAND IN MYRTLE BEACH

By MIKE KERN

Myrtle Beach. The Grand Strand. It's always a good idea. And I should know, having made the trip down there from Philadelphia just about every year now for the past three decades or so. With my family, for golf, food, beach, pool and assorted other activities the pretty much run the gambit. And before that I went for the annual Golf Writers Association tournament, held the weekend before the Masters, which was without a doubt one of the trips I looked forward to the most on the calendar. And I made some really good trips in my day.

Anyway, if Myrtle's a choice destination, then it's also true that the spring and fall are probably the two best times to go for a golfer. And I say that as someone who mostly had to go during the summer since my wife worked in a school and couldn't get off other than that. The beach crowds are gone, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. The weather is great, which is a very good thing. There are many accommodations to be had, roughly 90 courses to choose from and no shortage of restaurants to eat. The only downside is the 10-hour drive, but I'm used to it at this point. As long as you can avoid the traffic in the Washington area, it's not so whatever. I know people who fly, but I like to have my own car when I get there. And I can pack accordingly, without having to worry about what I can or can't take. And once I arrive I'm ready to go. Just direct me to the first tee.

We usually stay in North Myrtle Beach. I know folks who prefer the Southern end, where it tends to be maybe a bit less hectic. Our friend has a timeshare down that way, and we've enjoyed it just as much. But we're still partial to Barefoot Landing and Cherry Grove. Both seem to suit our needs well. But perhaps the best thing about Myrtle is you can basically do what you want, for what you want to pay. You can go high end, or try the other way. Or, like I'm guessing most of us, find something in between. That goes for the golf, the restaurants and the lodging. As long as it's clean and has a refrigerator and some beds and a pool close by, we're good. And don't forget a TV with a remote that I can actually figure out without having to call someone for help. Hey, I'm old. But to each their own.

I'm going to run down some of the courses I like most, and a bunch of places to eat that are worth checking out. And trust me, I don't lie about food. I sometimes think that's more important than the birdies.



Par five at the Dunes Club

As far as golf is concerned, any conversation about Myrtle has to start with the Dunes Club. It's just the one that all the others are measured by, at least in my book. And the people who do the rankings around the state agree. It's simply that good. And you might have to call in some favors to get in, since it's private. But again, you have to go for it. You won't be disappointed. This was where we held the final round of the GWAA event each April, which ended with a candlelight dinner overlooking the beach. At the 50th, Arnold Palmer was the guest speaker. Doesn't get any better than that. I've played it many times, and it never ceases to be a taste treat. And it hosted the Senior Tour Championship for many years as well. A little history, or even a lot, is never to be taken lightly.

Barefoot has four courses, so if you stay there you can almost walk to the clubhouse that calls three of them home: the Greg Norman, Davis Love and Tom Fazio. The Pete Dye is another five minutes up the road, so no problem there either. One year a group of us did all four in as many days. Hard to top that. I particularly enjoy the Love and the Fazio. But then I've never met a Fazio layout that I didn't like. But the Dye is right up there, in large part because it's not the usual Dye penal colony. It's actually quite playable. You could send me out on any and I'm a happy camper. I'm sure you will be too.



Barefoot Love Course hole #6

Grande Dune (the resort course) is also high on my list. I was there the day they opened it. And it's probably only gotten better. It has many holes on the Intercoastal Waterway, and they're quite spectacular. The par-3 on the back, with about a 160-yard carry over water, might be the best. The views are worth the price of admission by themselves. You won't be disappointed.

I feel much the same way about Tidewater, which is situated amongst the marshes as you head into Little River. It really is cool, and different. The third and fourth holes, a short par 3 followed by a long par 4, are a great back-to-back challenge. The setting is serene, but some of the shots you'll face will be anything but relaxing.

Oyster Bay is similar in certain respects, with holes along the

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marshlands although it is cut more through woods in spots. The island green par 3 near the finish is a keeper. This place is thoroughly enjoyable, but will test you. And the reasonably priced greens fee includes breakfast and a lunch sandwich/beverage. Hard to beat that.



Grand Dunes hole #8



Titewater hole #13

Caledonia Golf and Fish Club admittedly might be my absolute favorite. But I'm biased. The year I managed to somehow win the co-championship of the GWAA (don't ask, but I did double bogey my last hole), this was where we played our first round. So it's memorable for me. And the 18th has to be one of the most indelible finishes anywhere. A medium-length par 4, your second shot is all carry over the wet stuff to a green that sits in front of the magnificent clubhouse (that screams southern charm and hospitality), where folks could be sitting on the porch with a beverage in their hand watching to see how you do. One time we actually played it as the sun was going down, and it was something else. I heartily recommend it. Then go sit on the veranda with a drink of your own and watch someone else try to navigate the inherent dangers.

Its sister track, True Blue, could make for quite a 36-hole day if you're in the mood. I actually did that once, with lunch in between, and it was everything you'd think it would be. True Blue is a little harder, with more bunkers and forced carries, so I guess it all depends on what you want to chew off. I played True Blue with a pretty good golfer. And on our first hole, No. 10, a par 5, he hit his drive into a



Caledonia hole #18

sand trap right, his second into another sand trap and his approach into yet one more. And he looked at me and said that was more bunkers than he'd been in in most rounds. So that's what True Blue can be. Don't say you weren't warned.

Here's a few others: TPC Myrtle, which also hosted the Senior PGA Championship and is now the home of Dustin Johnson's World Junior Golf Championship. Hey, it's a TPC. Do I really need to add anything? Pawley's Plantation, a Jack Nicklaus design that like Caledonia and True Blue is all the way down at the south end and has just undergone a renovation project. Shaftesbury Glen, which is a little beat off the beaten path in Conway (about 15 minutes inland) and doesn't really remind you of what you mostly see in Myrtle but I found a whole lot of fun. Which, when you get right down to it, is what it's supposed to be about, right? And Arcadian Shores, which is the first solo project Rees Jones ever did in Myrtle. And the place that's also undergone a recent upgrade and where I hit one of my best shots ever, a 175-yard 3 wood over water to within 10 feet on maybe the best hole on the course (I missed the putt, sorry). So there. The other was a 5-wood on 11 at Caledonia to within kick-in range to close out a mini-match. Can't make that up. And I don't do stuff like that very often. Oops, almost forgot. There's two more.



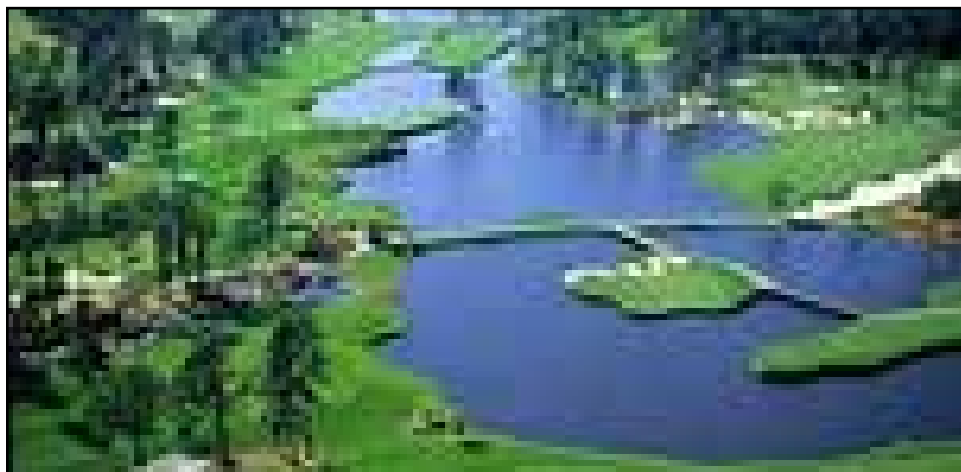
Arcadian Shores hole #8

The Arnold Palmer course at 54-hole Myrtle Beach National, King's North (the gambler) is not easy. There's a whole lot of risk-reward, and carries. But it is something you have to say you tried at least

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once. Then (but certainly not least) there's The Legends, another 54-hole spot (Heathland, Parkland and Moorland) that, like Barefoot, has accommodations on the premises. And what I like is you can send me out on any of the three and I'm a happy camper. I'm sure one is considered better than the others, but it doesn't matter to me because they're all highly playable. In other words I have a good time, and that's what counts. I'm not breaking the course record. Even from the senior tees.



Arnold Palmer's Kings North

Now on to eating, which is probably more my strength anyway.

Abuelo's is a Mexican chain establishment, but don't let that fool you. It's good. And reasonably priced. We first ate at one in Phoenix. The name means grandmother, for trivial pursuit enthusiasts. Go with the Chile relleno. I don't even look at the menu any more. It's poblano peppers stuffed with cheese (my preference) or beef/chicken. Their salsa and chips could be a meal by itself. And maybe get a margarita or two, just because.



Simply Southern Smokehouse is a buffet, with as the name implies mostly southern stuff that you can't get at home. Like okra with stewed tomatoes, or chicken bog, or peach cobbler or any number of stuff like that. So try away. What have you got to lose? And it's only like 15 bucks, including beverage and ice-cream bar. Hard to argue with a bargain. I'm a three-plate kind of guy. Unless I'm really hungry.

Paula Deen's Family Kitchen is my daughter's fave. You can eat as much as you want, for about \$25 per person. You get to pick your entrees, and sides. Good luck. Go with the pot roast and fried chicken. And Mac and cheese, with collard greens. Save room for dessert. And don't forget the peach iced tea, and cheese biscuits. You will have to walk something off after this one.

Big Mike's Soul Food is maybe my fave. It's a dive, in a great way.

For like \$12 you can get an entrée with two sides. Seriously? And the food is unreal. Fried chicken, pork chop, meatloaf, catfish. You name it. A true go-to joint. And make sure to say hi to Mike as he's cooking your order.

Crave, which now has two locations, is Italian. At happy hour you can get a pizza for less than \$10 at the bar. And it feeds three. The caprese salad is wonderful. As are their meatballs. And I'm hard on meatballs. I got a spaghetti and meatballs at lunch, with a Caesar salad, for \$12. I would have paid more and still been satisfied. And please do not forget the cream puffs. They give you two per order. Shareable. And sinful. Seriously.

I should mention here that my fave place, Chianti South, has closed. My stomach aches. They made a stuffed banana peppers that was to die for. And they had the best blue cheese dressing. So rest in peace. You will never be forgotten.

Crab Catcher's On The Waterfront, in Little River, has a view. And it also has three pounds of snow crab legs for \$40. I'm not making that up. So my wife and daughter can munch away while I get the perfectly seared scallops, and were all smiling.

If you're looking for cheap but decent barbecue, the BBQ House is calling you. My wife loves their pulled pork, with the hush puppies. I go for the Brunswick Stew, which is a Southern thing, kinda like their chili. And it will set you back relatively very little, so you can go more than once and try like the ribs too. Don't forget the banana pudding.

The Shack is like Myrtle's version of say the Cracker Barrel. Only better. At lunch you can get an entrée and either two or three sides for about \$12. With a drink. I go for the grilled catfish. We've never had a bad meal here. And usually the place is filled with locals, which tells me all I have to know. If they go there it's good enough for me.

One other: Clark's Seafood and Chop House, also in Little River (just north of North Myrtle). It's become our first meal when we arrive at around lunch time. If you go for dinner it can get pricey, as you'd expect with a steak place. But lunch is, well, different. And if you sit outside on the deck you get a great view of the boats in the inlet. But it's the food that is the better attraction. You can get a huge piece of flounder, blackened or grilled to your liking, with a side, for \$13. You can't get a combo meal at McDonald's for much less than that any more. The creamed spinach is great, as is the cream of crab soup, which you can choose as your side. My caught gets the pot roast, which is two meals for her. Please pass the doggie bag.

There you have it. That should at least get you started. And then, go find your own stops. There's plenty to go around. Maybe I'll even see you down there. I'll be the one heading for my morning coffee and biscuit sammie at Bojangles. Sue me. It's my story and I'm sticking to it.



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FOX HILL EDGES OLDE HOMESTEAD FOR SENIOR COAL SCUTTLE

SHAVERTOWN, Pa. — Fox Hill Country Club defeated Olde Homestead Golf Club in a sudden-death playoff to win the 42nd Senior Coal Scuttle Championship Thursday at Huntsville Golf Club (par 72, 6,304 yards).



Randy Marcotte, Mark Jones, Bob Gill, Donald Crossin and Mark Answini celebrate Fox Hill's victory.

Both teams finished regulation tied at 24-over-par 312. The low four of five scores count toward the team total.

Mark Jones executed a sand save on No. 11 (par 4, 404 yards), the second playoff hole, to give Fox Hill the decisive stroke. Fox Hill totaled 16 (even), Olde Homestead 17 (1 over) on the hole. Each team representative competed in the playoff, with the low four of five scores counting.

Also in a sudden-death playoff, Wyoming Valley Country Club's Joseph Weiscarger defeated Pocono Farms Country Club's Mark Bartkowski to earn the event's individual honor. Both carded respective even-par 72s.

Fox Hill now holds a record 14 Senior Coal Scuttle titles. It previously won back-to-back trophies in 2020-21. Don Crossin (77), Bob Gill (77), Mark Answini (79), Randy Marcotte (79) and Mark Jones (86) represented the Fox Hill team Thursday.

"It feels great. You're playing with Bob Gill and Donny Crossin, and these guys are a couple of the best players at our club. They're great friends," Answini, 58, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., said. "It's a great group. We're all friends. We all still love to compete."

"I couldn't be happier. I love playing for Fox Hill. I've been a member there for almost 50 years, and we have a great bunch of guys," Gill added. "It's fun to represent the club."

The playoff started on No. 10 (par 4, 394 yards). As in regulation, the low four of five scores counted toward the team total.

Answini first donned the Scuttle cape for Fox Hill. Albeit after a scuff — his words. He scuffed a gap wedge from 117 yards to 30 feet above the hole location on No. 10.

"Looking from below, I had a good line on it. It just came down the hill and started drifting to the right. Good speed and lucky enough it went in," Answini said. "The course was great, and the greens were beautiful. Kudos to the grounds team here."

Answini's conversion allowed Fox Hill to essentially halve Olde Homestead. Dominic Carr converted an eight-footer for birdie. Teammate David Blicher's birdie attempt for the win stopped a revolution short.

Onto No. 11, where Jones hooked his approach from 145 yards into the left greenside bunker.

"It was a deep bunker, but luckily it sat up pretty nice and was uphill. In the traps, you can swing pretty hard and get spin on it, and that's what I did," Jones, 59, of Laflin, Pa., said.

His extrication hit the hole and came to rest 10 feet past. A pressure-packed par putt for the win ensued.

"I knew as long as I kept my head down and putted through it, as long as it made it to the hole, it was going in," Jones, a Fox Hill member of eight years, said. "To be honest with you, I thought we were going to tie or lose. I didn't realize [Olde Homestead] didn't play as well as it looked from our perspective in the fairway. That's why I said, 'Did we win?' It's always great to be the winning putt."

Thursday marked Jones' Senior Coal Scuttle debut. He missed the reschedule date a year ago because of a vacation to Mexico. Jones made this year's Fox Hill team by virtue of a Top 5 finish in the club's senior championship.

"I think everybody at Fox Hill is friends. When it comes to a team event like this, we all come together and play as one. I think you saw that today," Jones said. "I'm all about legacy, and there's a lot of legacy at Fox Hill. It means a lot to everybody there for us to win."

Huntsville's closer (par 4, 409 yards) sealed the playoff fate for both teams. Blicher, the final Olde Homestead team member on the course, whizzed a 4-hybrid from 183 yards to 18 inches. The conversion capped a sensational rally. Blicher inked 4 under on the back nine to inject life into his team. The reigning Senior Coal Scuttle medalist also birdied Nos. 12 (par 5, 471 yards), 15 (par 3, 183 yards) and 16

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(par 4, 366 yards). A pair of 15-footers, punctuated by an eight-footer on the 16th following a wedge from 105 yards.

An about-face to Blicher's outward 43 (7 over).

"I found a rhythm. After that triple bogey on No. 4, I said, 'Let's get down to the basics,'" Blicher, 61, of Allentown, Pa., said. "[Playing partner] Joe [Weiscarger] played well today. We just kind of fed off each other."

Gill, twitched by a three-putt bogey from 12 feet on No. 17 (par 3, 161 yards), exited the 18th hole with a double bogey. He flailed a hybrid into the right trees and exhausted three strokes to reach the putting

surface. A three-shot cushion for Fox Hill suddenly evaporated.

Two hours later, Gill held the Scuttle trophy amid flashbulbs.

"The lows and highs of golf, right? When I three-putted No. 17 and double bogeyed No. 18, I knew I kind of screwed up, not just my own score but for the team. I felt terrible," Gill, 65, of Shavertown, Pa., said. "As it turned out, it was a great playoff. I loved to see Mark Jones make the great up-and-down he made for the win. That's a good story to tell."

Told.



Pos.	Team	To Par Gross	Pos.	Player	To Par Gross
T1	Fox Hill Country Club	+24	24	Marcotte, Randy	+7
1	Olde Homestead Golf Club	+24	25	Vassil, Michael	+7
3	Elkview Country Club	+25	26	DeVincent, John	+7
4	Emanon Country Club	+26	27	Hoover, Jim	+8
5	Jack Frost National Golf Club	+28	28	Stefani, Paul	+8
T6	Country Club of Scranton	+29	29	Laneski, Rick	+8
T6	Elmhurst Country Club	+29	30	Percival, Nick	+9
8	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	+31	31	Johnson, Pete	+9
9	Huntsville Golf Club	+36	32	Remig, Philip	+9
10	Wyoming Valley Country Club	+38	33	Mayeski, Michael	+9
11	Pocono Farms Country Club	+42	34	Banas, Stan	+9
12	Huntingdon Valley Country Club	+46	35	Carr, Dominic	+9
13	Irem Country Club	+47	36	Deiningner, Mike	+10
14	Scranton Canoe Club	+50	37	McDermott, Bill	+10
15	Glen Oak Country Club	+76	38	McCloskey, Bob	+10
			39	Torrisi, Dave	+10
			40	Barkley, Jason	+11
			41	Tokach, Jeff	+11
			42	Mattioli, Billy	+11
			43	Brown, Michael	+12
			44	Kissell, Scott	+12
			45	Zavada, Ed	+12
			46	Gelso, Charles	+13
			47	Ranieli, Jerry	+13
			48	Herman, Rick	+13
			49	Fitzsimmons, Joseph	+13
			50	Kelley, Scott	+14
			51	Nestor, Sr., Kenneth	+14
			52	Jones, Mark	+14
			53	Mazur, Steve	+14
			54	Holeva, Jake	+14
			55	Heck, Michael	+16
			56	Couzens, T.J.	+16
			T57	Drygas, Robert	+16
			T57	Kremp, Scott	+16
			59	Westington, Barry	+17
			60	Pritchard, Larry	+17
			61	Coleman, Len	+17
			62	Wilbur, Marty	+17
			63	Skrip, Paul	+18
			64	Sheroda, John	+18
			65	Borgia, Gary	+20
			66	Dougherty, Jerry	+20
			67	Ervin, Pete	+21

Pos.	Player	To Par Gross
1	Weiscarger, Joseph Wyoming Valley Country Club	E.
2	Bartkowski, Mark Pocono Farms Country Club	E
3	Bolcavage, Ken Elkview Country Club	+1
4	Ranieli, Joe Jack Frost National Golf Club	+1
5	Belgio, Lou Irem Country Club	+1
6	Blicher, David Olde Homestead Golf Club	+3
7	Burns, Tim Country Club of Scranton	+3
8	Darragh, Denis Olde Homestead Golf Club	+3
9	Peregrim, Jr., Michael StoneHedge Golf Assn.	+3
10	Ianieri, Bill Jack Frost National Golf Club	+4
11	Lydick, Bill Huntsville Golf Club	+4
12	Andrejko, Bob StoneHedge Golf Assn.	+5
13	Heck, Harry Elkview Country Club	+5
14	Knight, Edward Elmhurst Country Club	+5
15	Crossin, Don Fox Hill Country Club	+5
16	Chiavacci, Gene Emanon Country Club	+5
17	Gill, Bob Fox Hill Country Club	+5
18	Byron, Gerard Emanon Country Club	+6
19	Ferretti, Joe Elkview Country Club	+7
20	Answni, Mark Fox Hill Country Club	+7
21	Haggerty, Jim Country Club of Scranton	+7
22	Hinton, Tim Elmhurst Country Club	+7
23	Breck, Jim Emanon Country Club	+7

PGA OF AMERICA GOLF PROFESSIONAL ZAC OAKLEY WINS 2024 PHILADELPHIA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Matt Frey September 23, 2024

Buckingham, Pa. (September 23, 2024) — PGA of America Golf Professional Zac Oakley of Bidermann Golf Club in Wilmington, Del., turned in a 7-under-par 65 at Lookaway Golf Club to win the 2024 Philadelphia Players Championship by three strokes over a plethora of talented golfers.

Oakley made a strong statement on his front nine, carding two eagles, two birdies and no bogies. He held steady on his back nine, making two birdies and only one bogey to propel him to victory.



“This is a signature event for our Section,” Oakley said after his round. “You always want to win one of the big ones. I’m happy with how I played, and am proud of my round today against the best PGA Professionals in our Section.”

Oakley went on to thank his family, Scott and Karen Hutchinson, Lookaway Golf Club, Levelwear, Strackaline, and the Secton.

The championship’s presenting partner, Scott and Karen Hutchinson have helped to make the event’s purse one of the Section’s largest, at nearly \$29,000, with \$5,000 going to the champion.

Eight PGA Professionals tied for second place at 4-under-par: Kyle Early, Waynesborough C.C.; Dave McNabb, Applebrook G.C.; Rich Steinmetz, Spring Ford C.C.; Andrew Cornish, Cedarbrook C.C.; Brian Bergstol, Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort; Braden Shattuck, Rolling Green G.C.; Mark Parson, Harbor Pines G.C.; and Brian Buskirk, HoneyBrook Golf Club.

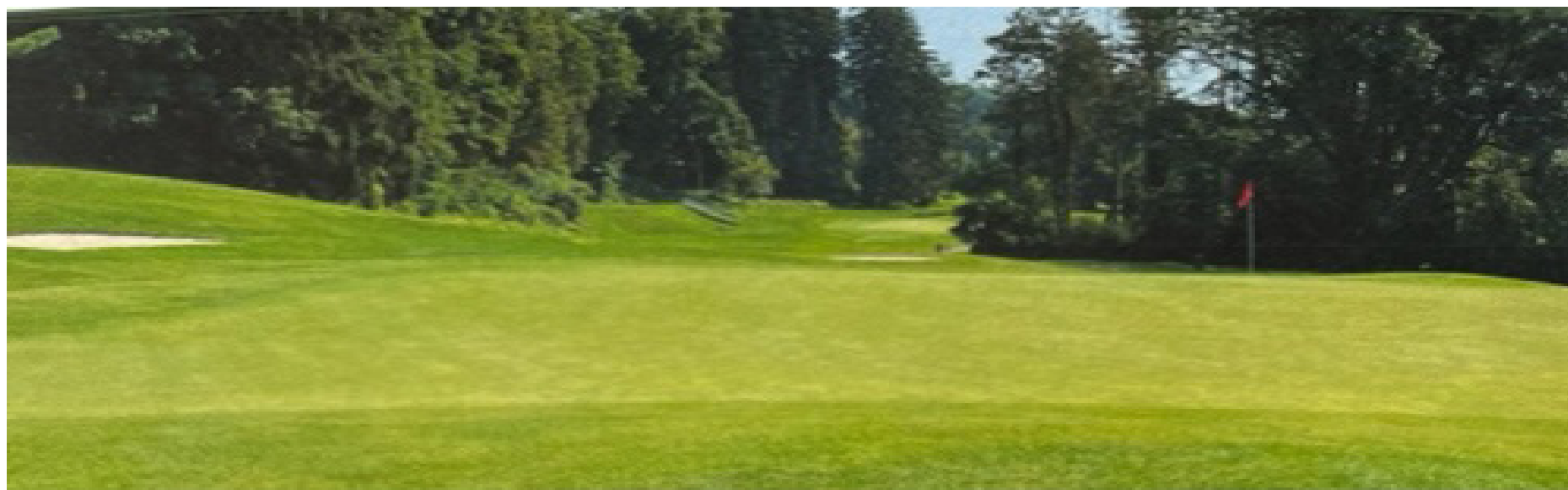
Three PGA Professionals tied for first place at 4-under in the Senior Division: Dave McNabb, Rich Steinmetz, and Mark Parson. Fourth place went to Dave Quinn, Laurel Creek C.C., who was only one

stroke back. Overbrook G.C.’s Eric Kennedy rounded out the top five at 1-under-par.

The 2024 Philadelphia Players Championship is presented by Scott & Karen Hutchinson, and is supported by Levelwear and StrackaLine. The Philadelphia PGA Section and its PGA Professionals thank our host, Lookaway Golf Club, their members, management, host PGA Professionals, and staff, as well as our partners, as the event would not have been possible without their support.

Pos.	Player	To Par Gross
1	Zac Oakley Bidermann Golf Club	-7
T2	Kyle Early Waynesborough Country Club	-4
T2	Dave McNabb Applebrook Golf Club	-4
T2	Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford Country Club	-4
T2	Andrew Cornish Cedarbrook Country Club	-4
T2	Brian Bergstol Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort	-4
T2	Braden Shattuck Rolling Green Golf Club	-4
T2	Mark Parson Harbor Pines Golf Club	-4
T2	Brian Buskirk HoneyBrook Golf Club	-4
T10	Michael Little Clubhouse 54	-3
T10	Dave Quinn Laurel Creek Country Club	-3
T10	Peter Clarke Manufacturers' Golf & Country Club	-3
T10	Robert Fenton Sunnybrook Golf Club	-3
T10	Parks Price Hanover Country Club	-3
14	Rusty Harbold Philadelphia Cricket Club	-2
--	Eric Kennedy Overbrook Golf Club	-1
T15	Michael Chanaud The Peninsula Golf and CC	-1
T15	Michael Rushin Bear Trap Dunes	-1
T15	Ryan Rucinski Wilmington Country Club	-1
T15	Brett Walker Chester Valley Golf Club	-1
T15	Rob Wolfers Manufacturers' Golf & Country Club	-1
--	George Forster Radnor Valley Country Club	E

Pos.	Player	To Par Gross
T20	Danny Lewis Philadelphia Cricket Club At St. Martin's	E
T20	Mike Meisenzahl Tavistock Country Club	E
T20	Trevor Bensel Sandy Run Country Club	E
T20	Matt Finger DuPont Country Club	E
T24	Scott Chisholm Rolling Green Golf Club	+1
T24	Mike Furey Saucon Valley Country Club	+1
--	Mark Sheftic Sunnybrook Golf Club	+1
T24	Patrick Butkus Whitford Country Club	+1
--	John DiMarco The Legacy Club	+1
T24	Dave Pagett Whitmarsh Valley Country Club	+1
--	Terry Hertzog Bent Creek Country Club	+1
--	John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	+2
T28	Steve Sanderson Saucon Valley Country Club	+2
T28	Joanna Coe Merion Golf Club	+2
T28	Grant Gardiner Merion Golf Club	+2
T28	Jeff Herb Waynesborough Country Club	+2
T28	Jeff Fick Moselem Springs Golf Club	+2
T28	Rocco Sgrillo John F. Byrne Golf Course	+2
T28	Brad Sanders Sunnybrook Golf Club	+2
T35	Danie Steyn Julian Krinsky School of Golf	+3
T35	Andrew Turner Whitford Country Club	+3
T35	Logan Hay Burlington Country Club	+3



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Chris McCue, a former Kingston, PA resident recently participated in the three day Tennessee PGA section championship in Memphis. The tournament was played in difficult conditions with temperatures in the high 90 degrees. He birdied the second playoff hole with four players to get the fifth and last spot to move on to the National PGA Professional event in Port St. Lucie, Florida in April. The top 20 out of that tournament go forward to the PGA Championship with the pros next year. This is a longshot but

Chris has quietly been trying to break through to the National every year but gets close but not past it. This tournament is on TV and will be a lot of fun for Chris.

Chris is a graduate of the Penn State PGM program and has worked at many exclusive clubs such as Essex County, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass., Baltustrol, Golf Club, The Bear's Club, Jupiter, Augusta National, & teaching assistant at The Club at Oldstone in Bowling Green in Kentucky and since March is Director of Instruction at Cherokee Country Club in Knoxville.

His brother David is acting interim Pro at Manhattan Woods and has worked at Seminole and Shinnecock. He also is a graduate of the Penn State PGM program



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PGA OF AMERICA GOLF PROFESSIONAL JOHN PILLAR CAPTURES 2024 PHILADELPHIA SENIOR PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Matt Frey

Oreland, Pa. (June 12, 2024) — PGA of America Golf Professional John Pillar of C.C. at Woodloch Springs in Hawley, Pa., captured the 2024 Philadelphia Senior PGA Professional Championship at Sandy Run Country Club on Wednesday, finishing with rounds of 72-68-140, 4-under-par. Pillar bettered Rich Steinmetz, Spring Ford C.C., and PGA Life Member Brian Kelly by one stroke. Pillar previously won this championship in 2019 and 2020.

Golf Channel, Jani-King, Ohana Farm, and the PGA Tour support the 2024 Philadelphia Senior PGA Professional Championship.

"I had three phrases I leaned on during today's round: belief, be present, and be patient," Pillar said following the conclusion of play. "It was a really solid day. Sandy Run is a great golf course, and it presented tough conditions, which is what our championship should be."

Pillar has been no stranger to the winner's circle as of late, having won the 26th Haverford Philadelphia PGA Classic and its \$100,000 first-place prize last month.

"Truthfully, I wasn't sure if I was going to win again, at 57, competing with the younger PGA Professionals," Pillar continued. "To be able to follow that up with a win here, is really special. It means the world to me."

Pillar went on to thank his family for the love and support they have shown him.



Eric Kennedy, Overbrook G.C., finished in fourth place at 2-under-par. Tied for fifth place with a two-day score of 144, even-par, were PGA Life Member George Forster, and Chris Krueger, Kings Creek C.C.

Pillar will lead five other Philadelphia PGA Members to compete in the 2024 Senior PGA Professional Championship at Sunriver (Ore.) Resort on September

26-29, including: Rich Steinmetz, Brian Kelly, Eric Kennedy, Chris Krueger, and George Forster. Sandy Run C.C. PGA Head Golf Professional Pete Lovenguth is first alternate, followed by Stephen Swartz, Carlisle C.C.; PGA Life Member Jeb Boyle; Dave Quinn, Laurel Creek C.C.; and Dom DiJulia, DiJulia School of Golf.

The top 35 finishers in the 2024 Senior PGA Professional Championship will earn a spot in the 2025 KitchenAid Senior PGA Professional Championship, scheduled to be played May 2025, at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md.

Bill Sautter from the Philadelphia Cricket Club ran away with first place in the Super Senior Division with a two-day score of 1-under-par. PGA Life Member Wayne Philips finished in second place at 3-over-par.

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross
1	John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	-4
T2	Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	-3
T2	Brian Kelly Bucknell	-3
4	Eric Kennedy Overbrook Golf Club	-2
T5	George Forster Radnor Valley CC	E
T5	Chris Krueger Kings Creek CC	E
T7	Pete Lovenguth Sandy Run CC	+2
T7	Jeb Boyle Philadelphia PGA	+2
T7	Stephen Swartz Carlisle CC	+2
T10	Dave Quinn Laurel Creek CC	+3
T10	Dom DiJulia DiJulia School of Golf	+3
T10	Brendon Post University of Delaware	+3
T13	John Allen Squires	+4
T13	Dave McNabb Applebrook Golf Club	+4



Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross
T15	John Cooper Green Valley CC	+5
T15	Tom Carpus PGA Tour	+5
T15	Jason Panter Philly PGA	+5
T15	Hugo Mazzalupi Radnor Golf	+5
T15	Mark Sheftic Sunnybrook Golf Club	+5
T15	Hugh P. Reilly The Abington Club	+5
T21	Bob Lennon Wilmington Country Club	+6
T21	Wayne DeFrancesco Peninsula Golf	+6
T21	Rob Rohrbach Life Member	+6
T24	Jeffrey Van Etten Life Member	+7
T24	Bill Kindoll Ledge Rock Golf Club	+7
T24	Greg Farrow Deerwood Country Club	+7
T27	Mike Molino Elmhurst Country Club	+8
T27	John DiMarco The Legacy Club	+8
T27	Rick McCall Rehoboth Beach CC	+8

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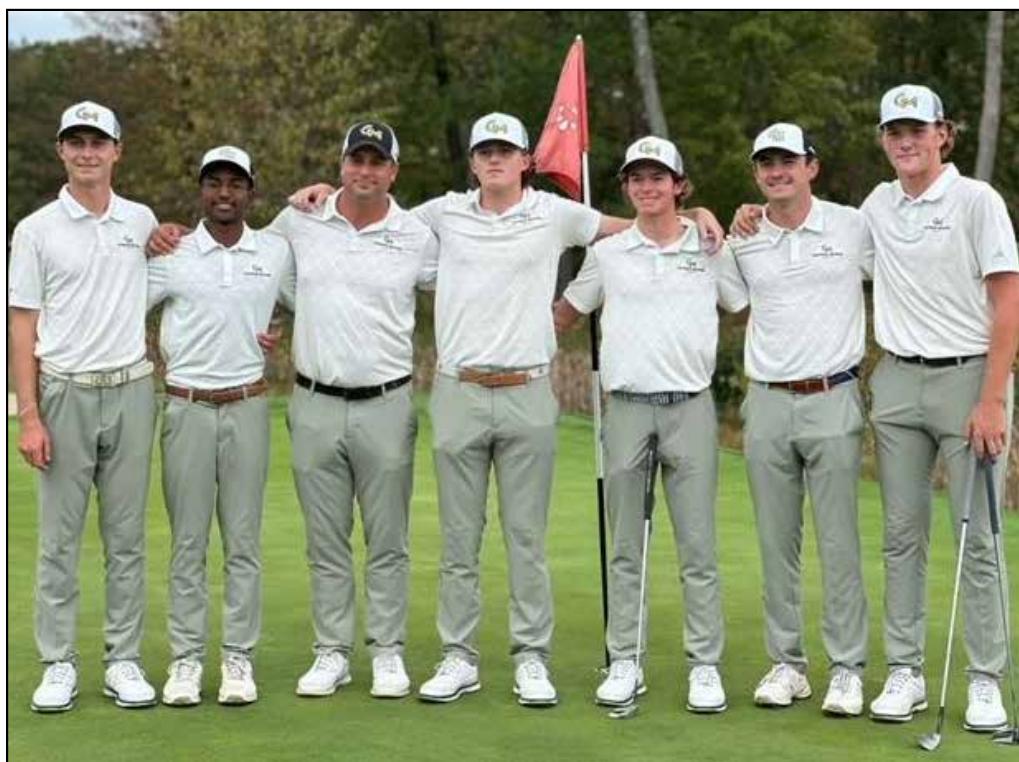
LOCAL COLLEGIAN PLACES IN NEMACOLIN COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL

Logan Paczewski, a former Wyoming Valley Conference golfer out of Dallas High School recently placed in a college tournament played in Pennsylvania at Nemacolin. Logan's home course was Irem Temple Country Club. His coach, Gregory Piecznski is also a local championship golfer out of Wyoming Valley West High School Greg is the coach at George Mason University and Logan is a member of

the division 1 golf team. One of the freshman on the team is David Fuhrer Jr, is a member at Oakmont Country Club (his grandfather was Frank). David won the PA Golf Association's Junior Am this summer at CC of Hershey. We have two PA Junior champions. Logan in 2022

#	+/-	TEAM	TOTAL
1	-	West Virginia	+2
2	1▲	George Mason	+14
3	1▼	Seton Hall	+19
4	-	Richmond	+21
4	3▲	Penn State	+21
6	2▼	Campbell	+23
7	1▼	George Washington	+32

1▲	Todd Duncan West Virginia	-4
-	Logan Paczewski George Mason	-1
2▲	Pierce Grieve West Virginia	-1
2▼	Will Hennessee Seton Hall	+1
3▲	Henric Bjelke Campbell	+1
7▲	Samir Davidov George Mason	+2
7▲	Alex Creamean Penn State	+2
2▼	Egor Zubov Delaware	+2



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Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
1	128	Shawnee (Brian Bergstol)
2	131	Highlands (Steve Osterhout)
T3	133	Woodloch (John Pillar)
T3	133	Green Pond (John Kulhamer)
T3	133	Glen Brook (Alex Knoll)
T6	134	Elmhurst (John Roche)
T6	134	Philadelphia PGA (Rob Shuey)
T6	134	Moselem (Jeff Fick)

Individual

Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	66	John Pillar
2	68	Brian Bergstol
3	69	Jeff Fick
4	71	Dustin McCormick
T5	74	John Roche
T5	74	Steve Osterhout
7	75	Alex Knoll

Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	68	Riley Hogan
T2	72	Billy Pabst
T2	72	Shamus Gartley
4	73	David Palumbo



Senior Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	72	Rob Shuey
T2	75	John Kulhamer
T2	75	Greg Wall
4	76	Gary Clark

Senior Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	70	Tom White
2	74	Bob Andrejko
3	75	Mike Guro
4	76	J Isidoro



The Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort

Pro-Am Results – July 31, 2024

Team

Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
T1	129	Moselem Springs (Jeff Fick)
T1	129	Shawnee (Brian Bergstol)
3	130	Green Pond (John Kulhamer)
4	131	Glen Brook (Alex Knoll)
T5	135	Saucon Valley (Joe Ambrose)
T5	135	Olde Homestead (Kevin Edwards)
T5	135	Glen Brook (Dustin McCormick)
8	136	Manufacturers (Bob Fritz)
9	137	Pocono Manor (Greg Wall)

Individual

Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	67	Brian Bergstol
2	68	Jeff Fick
3	72	Alex Knoll
T4	74	Kevin Edwards
T4	74	Steve Osterhout

Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	71	Jack Lorenz
2	73	Michelle Cox

Senior Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	69	John Kulhamer
2	73	Jim Muschlitz
3	75	Bob Fritz
T4	78	Greg Wall
T4	78	Bill Lee

Senior Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
T1	74	Micheal Vassil
T1	74	Craig Scott



Pocono Professional Golf Series

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Pinecrest Lake Golf & Country Club

Pro-Am Results – August 6, 2024

Individual

Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	66	Brian Bergstol
2	69	Terry Hatch
T3	73	Steve Osterhout
T3	73	Alex Knoll
5	74	Howie Van Buskirk

Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	74	Eric Fitje
T2	77	Mike Hogan
T2	77	Derek Rea

Team

Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
1	125	Lehigh (Wayne Phillips)
2	128	Philadelphia PGA (Chris Cain)
3	131	Royal Oaks (Terry Hatch)
T4	132	Glen Brook (Dustin McCormick)
T4	132	Glen Brook (Alex Knoll)
6	133	Shawnee (Brian Bergstol)

Senior Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	70	Wayne Phillips
2	82	Jeff Garner
3	84	Brian Boyle

Senior Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	73	Lance Branton
T2	77	Mike Guro
T2	78	Don Cain

Pocono Manor

Pro-Am Results – August 22, 2024



Team

Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
1	125	Glen Brook (Alex Knoll)
2	130	Woodloch Springs (John Pillar)
T3	132	Great Bear (Howie Van Buskirk)
T3	132	Lehigh (Wayne Phillips)
5	133	Green Pond (John Kulhamer)
T6	134	Pinecrest (Brian Boyle)
T6	134	Glen Brook (Dustin McCormick)
T6	134	Shawnee (Brian Bergstol)

Individual

Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	67	Alex Knoll
2	68	John Pillar
3	70	Rob Shuey
4	72	Brian Bergstol
5	74	Dustin McCormick
6	76	Jeff Fick
T7	77	Mike Molino
T7	77	Howie Van Buskirk

Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	79	Charlie Leon
T2	80	Jim Coster
T2	80	John Simonson

Senior Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	71	Wayne Phillips
T2	77	John Kulhamer
T2	77	Greg Wall

Senior Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	72	Tom Davis
T2	74	Gene Van Horn
T2	74	Dylan Spadt



Pocono Professional Golf Series
PGA of America – Philadelphia Section



Green Pond Country Club
Pro-Am Results – September 4, 2024

Individual

Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
T1	71	Brian Bergstol
T1	71	Alex Knoll
3	72	Terry Hatch
4	73	Dustin McCormick
5	75	Mark Roth
6	76	Evan Grube

Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	68	Jake Haberstumpf
T2	72	Riley Hogan
T2	72	Zach Fischl
T2	72	Scott Kalamar Jr

Team

Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
1	128	Shawnee (Brian Bergstol)
T2	132	Philadelphia PGA (Chris Zelenka)
T2	132	Royal Oaks (Terry Hatch)
4	133	Elmhurst (Mike Molino)
T5	134	Green Pond (John Kulhamer)
T5	134	Southmoore (Jim Muschlitz)
T5	134	Buck Hill (Brian Fruehan)
8	136	Elkview (Jarred Cottell)

Senior Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	72	John Kulhamer
2	75	Greg Wall
3	76	Bob Fritz
T4	79	Jim Muschlitz
T4	79	Gary Clark

Senior Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	71	Mike Hogan
T2	74	Harry Heck
T2	74	Mike Heck



Fall Classic 2024

Round 1 Leaderboard



fall classic - championship flight

Pos.	Team	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
1	Kilduff, Lynn + Klimek, Tom	-13	66	65	131
2	Mullin, Rory + McGarrity, Tyler	-10	65	69	134
3	Wills, Michael + DeBona, Chad	-9	69	66	135
4	Belgio, Lou + Kelly, Chad	-9	68	67	135
5	Dabbieri, Nick + Ranallo, Bryan	-8	69	67	136
6	Wilson, Jonathon + Letwinsky, Charlie	-8	69	67	136
7	Roman, Ryan + Gerrity, Brady	-8	70	66	136
8	Brojakowski, Chris + ChrisB-Guest, ChrisB-Guest	-7	69	68	137
9	Wills, Brandon + Weaver, Gary	-4	72	68	140
10	Mattioli, Billy + Lanuziata, Vince	-3	71	70	141
11	Lipski, Bob + Krawetz, Gary	-3	69	72	141
12	Kelly, Cooper + Lombardo, Freddie	-1	71	72	143
13	Straley, Dave + Shook, Kolby	+2	74	72	146
14	Yursha, Zachary + Skudalski, Craig	+7	73	78	151

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This was the 4th year for the event hosted by Brandon & Danielle Matthews at the Country Club of Scranton. The pro-am charity was paired with an incredible Harmony for Hope gala on Friday before the golf began, and finished with a 36 hole pro-am on the weekend.

The event hosts posted "We take pride that our pro-am provides a platform for players to compete, network, give back and play an incredible course. Further, it provides a rare opportunity to gain monetary support to help them continue to chase their dreams." This year's winners and complete results are posted below.(pictured Brandon & Danielle Matthews with daughter Vienna)

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1	Armstrong, Dawson	79	
2	Miller, Michael	Knollwood CC	78
3	Shattuck, Braden	Rolling Green Golf Club	77
4	Silverman, Ben	PGA Tour	76
5	Campbell, Matthew		75
6	Bensel, Trevor	Sandy Run Country Club	74
7	Lamb, Richard	Korn ferry tour	73
8	Sanders, David		73
9	Matthews, Brandon		73
10	Pillar, John	CC at Woodloch Springs	73
11	Adamonis, Brad		72

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VANNUCCI WINS 31ST PA MID-AMATEUR

FLEETWOOD, Pa. – When you’re hot, you’re hot. Troy Vannucci of Philadelphia Publinks, who had finished in the top six in all of his past four tournaments (including a win his last time out), carried that momentum into this week’s Pennsylvania Golf Association (PAGA) 31st Mid-Amateur at Moselem Springs Golf Club. Just a stroke back of the leader after Monday’s first round, Vannucci put together an identical three-under-par 67 in the final round to claim the Mid-Am Title.

“I was actually looking at the trophy when we were taking pictures and just to have my name next to all the other greats to come before me is really special,” said Vannucci. “Today was kind of weird. I had a lot of good numbers today and not really any in-between. Just a lot of full shots and I had a good gauge of the wind, which helped. I’ve been playing out here a little bit because my uncle’s a member so I know the pin locations and the fast and slow spots on the greens, which is very crucial out here. I took a practice round on Sunday so I had all my yardages down, the slope, and everything. I just really felt at home.”

Vannucci carded a bogey-free round on Tuesday, with birdies on holes No. 4, 7, and 12—and his two-day total of 134 (-6) was four strokes better than runner-up Brandon Knaub of the Country Club of York, a former PAGA Amateur champion from 2003. Knaub shot even-par on Monday and improved with a two-under 68 on Tuesday, with birdies on 2, 7, and 15. A bogey on 17 was the only trouble he found on the day.

“I played a really solid round all day, from start to finish,” said Knaub. “I hit it solid and gave myself a lot of really good looks. I had some putts that really burnt the edge but I was really controlling my speed and line. I missed some putts on the high side today, which is really tough to do—even as they were dying around the hole I

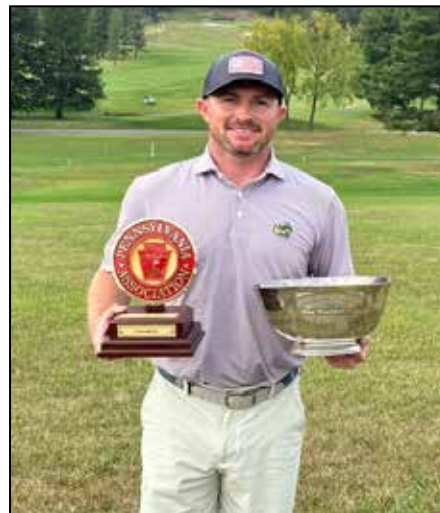
missed them on the high side. I knew I had a lot of work to do to try to threaten the lead, but it wasn’t meant to be. I’m really happy with the performance.”

Finishing tied for third place for the second consecutive year is Greensburg Country Club’s Arnie Cutrell, who was two-over-par entering Tuesday but fired a three-under 67, matching Vannucci for lowest round of the day. The other third-place finisher was Penn National GC’s Ian Patterson, who also improved in the final round by shooting a two-under 68. Both Cutrell and Patterson finished the tournament with two-day totals of 139 (-1).

Beyond the top four (who were the only ones to finish the week under par), a pair of competitors finished tied for fifth with even-par 140’s: Philadelphia Cricket Club’s Mark Miller and South Hills Country Club’s Darrin Kowalski. A trio of golfers finished tied for seventh place and included Frank Kacvinsky (CC of Scranton), Patrick Rutter (Schuylkill CC), and former Mid-Am champ Grant Skyllas of Ledge Rock GC.

Brendan Borst, the leader at four-under after the first round of play, ran into some trouble on Tuesday (carding a seven-over-par 77) and finished tied for 10th place. Defending Mid-Am champion Zach Dilcher finished tied for 24th place with two straight round of three-over-par 73.

The Team Championship leaderboard was led by the Philadelphia Cricket Club, with Borst, Miller, and Brandon Raihl. They finished three strokes ahead of the field with a combined three-over-par for the week. Trailing them were two teams from LedgeRock Golf Club: Dilcher, Josh Anderson and Brock Kovach were runners-up at six-over par, while Skyllas, Chris Storck, and Don Uhrig claimed third place with a seven-over-par tally for the tournament.



Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross
1	Vannucci, Troy Philadelphia Publinks	-6
2	Knaub, Brandon Country Club of York	-2
T3	Cutrell, Arnie Greensburg Country Club	-1
T3	Patterson, Ian Penn National GC	-1
T5	Miller, Mark Philadelphia Cricket Club	E
T5	Kowalski, Darin South Hills Country Club	E
T7	Kacvinsky, Frank Country Club of Scranton	+1
T7	Rutter, Patrick Schuylkill Country Club	+1
T7	Skyllas, Grant LedgeRock Golf Club	+1
T10	Palumbo, David Steel Club	+3
T10	Anderson, Alex Huntsville Golf Club	+3
T10	Mattare, Matthew Saucon Valley CC	+3
T10	Kovach, Brock LedgeRock Golf Club	+3
T10	Borst, Brendan Philadelphia Cricket Club	+3

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross
T10	Butler, Andy Huntingdon Valley CC	+3
T16	Pugh, Scott Mayapple Golf Club	+4
T16	Bangor, Ian Montour Heights CC	+4
T16	Pratkanis, Jon Butler Country Club	+4
T16	Flagler, Tyler Indian Valley Country Club	+4
T16	Fajt, Kevin Hannastown Golf Club	+4
T21	Williams, Eric Glenmaura National	+5
T21	O'Brien, Kevin P. Cedarbrook CC	+5
T21	Forjan, Andrew Royal Manchester	+5
T24	Storck, Chris LedgeRock Golf Club	+6
T24	Vecellio, Nicholas Moselem Springs	+6
T24	Amole, Zack French Creek Golf Club	+6
T24	Furness, James Bellewood Country Club	+6
T24	Dilcher, Zach LedgeRock Golf Club	+6



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