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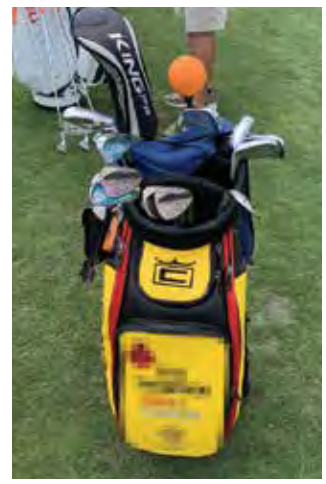


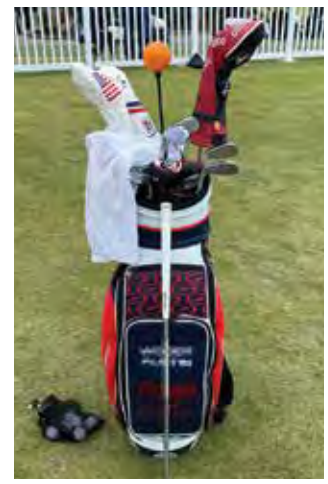


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RYDER CUP? 2025 FORMAT, TEAMS, ALL-TIME WINNERS



JON RAHM LED TEAM EUROPE TO VICTORY IN THE 2023 RYDER CUP. GETTY IMAGES

By Keith Jenkins

Golf is an individual sport. At most tournaments, a single player earns top accolades and bragging rights. That dynamic changes during the Ryder Cup.

Every two years, the Ryder Cup -- named after its founder, the late English entrepreneur and golf enthusiast Samuel Ryder -- features a team of 12 of the top European golfers going head-to-head against 12 of the best players from the United States in a three-day, match-play competition.

Delivering drama, boosting camaraderie and showcasing top-tier golf, the Ryder Cup has become one of the premier events on the sports calendar.

Here's everything to know about the 2025 Ryder Cup:
Editor's Picks

When is the Ryder Cup?

The 2025 Ryder Cup will be played Friday, Sept. 26, to Sunday, Sept. 28.

Where is the Ryder Cup?

The 2025 Ryder Cup will take place at the Bethpage Black Course at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, New York.

How can fans watch?

Fans can watch the 2025 Ryder Cup on NBC, the Golf Channel and USA Network. The competition is available to stream on Peacock.

Who plays in the Ryder Cup?

The Ryder Cup features a team of 12 golfers from Europe competing against 12 players from the U.S.

For the U.S. team, the top six eligible players in the Ryder Cup standings following the BMW Championship on Aug. 17 automatically qualified for the 2025 Ryder Cup:

- Scottie Scheffler
- Xander Schauffele
- J.J. Spaun
- Russell Henley
- Harris English
- Bryson DeChambeau

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U.S. captain Keegan Bradley picked the other six team members:

- Justin Thomas
- Collin Morikawa
- Ben Griffin
- Cameron Young
- Patrick Cantlay
- Sam Burn

For the European team, the top six in Ryder Cup points after the Betfred British Masters on Aug. 24 automatically qualified.

Top six European team members:

- Rory McIlroy
- Robert MacIntyre
- Tommy Fleetwood
- Justin Rose
- Rasmus Højgaard
- Tyrrell Hatton

European captain Luke Donald picked the other six members:

- Shane Lowry
- Viktor Hovland
- Matt Fitzpatrick
- Jon Rahm
- Sepp Straka
- Ludvig Aberg

How often is the Ryder Cup played?

The Ryder Cup is played every two years, alternating between a course in the U.S. and one in Europe.

What is the format of the Ryder Cup?

The Ryder Cup is a match-play competition played over a three-day span. The first two days feature the players competing as pairs in two different formats -- foursomes and four-balls. The final day features 12 head-to-head singles matches.

In foursomes, players alternate shots. The lowest score wins the hole. If the scores are the same, the hole is ruled a tie. In four-balls, every golfer plays their own ball. Whoever records the lowest individual score wins the hole. If the two lowest scores are the same, the hole is ruled a tie.

In the 12 head-to-head singles matches, the lowest score wins the hole. If the scores are the same, the hole is ruled a tie.

The three days consist of 28 total matches. Each match is worth a single point. In the event of a tie, each team receives half a point. The first team to surpass 14 total points earns the win. There are no extra holes in Ryder Cup matches. If the overall match ends in a 14-14 tie, the reigning Ryder Cup champion retains the trophy.

Does the Ryder Cup have prize money?

The Ryder Cup does not offer prize money. Each of the 12 golfers on the U.S. team receives $500,000 for competing, with $300,000 going to charity. The European players are not compensated.

Who leads the all-time Ryder Cup series?

The U.S. leads the all-time series 27-15-2.

Ryder Cup all-time winners list

2023: Europe 16½, United States 11½

2021: United States 19, Europe 9

2018: Europe 17½, United States 10½

2016: United States 17, Europe 11

2014: Europe 16½, United States 11½

2012: Europe 14½, United States 13½

2010: Europe 14½, United States 13½

2008: United States 16½, Europe 11½

2006: Europe 18½, United States 9½

2004: Europe 18½, United States 9½

2002: Europe 15½, United States 12½

1999: United States 14½, Europe 13½

1997: Europe 14½, United States 13½



HUNTSVILLE HOSTS PENNSYLVANIA AMATEUR

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	R3	Total Gross
1	Salvitti, Rocco *Oakmont Country Club*	-17	63	66	70	199
2	Lugiano, Michael *Huntsville Golf Club*	-12	67	68	69	204
3	Mattioli, Matthew *Pittsburgh Field Club*	-11	62	69	74	205
4	Peters, Timothy *USGA/Western Pennsylvania GC*	-10	68	70	68	206
5	Tragesser, Chuck *Willowbrook Country Club*	-9	69	67	71	207
6	Mecca, David *Country Club of Scranton*	-8	68	70	70	208
T7	Piatt, Nathan *Oakmont Country Club*	-7	70	71	68	209
T7	Stetson, Hunter *Aronimink Golf Club*	-7	68	70	71	209
9	Turowski, Nicholas *Hannastown Golf Club*	-6	64	72	74	210
10	Keba, John *Bethlehem Golf Club*	-5	69	69	73	211
11	Frisk, Karl *Hanover Country Club*	-4	69	69	74	212
T12	Kacvinsky, Frank *Country Club of Scranton*	-3	70	72	71	213
T12	Barbin, Evan *Philadelphia Publinks Golf Association*	-3	69	71	73	213
T12	Smith, Colin *PAGA Individual Member*	-3	71	69	73	213
T12	Zerfass, Matthew *Brookside CC of Allentown*	-3	72	71	70	213
T16	Cerbara, Stephen *Huntingdon Valley Country Club*	-2	70	72	72	214
T16	Taylor, Breckin *Kahkwa Club*	-2	70	70	74	214
T16	Aber, J.F. *Allegheny Country Club*	-2	72	74	68	214
T16	Jordan, Scott *PAGA Individual Member*	-2	71	67	76	214
T16	Bangor, Ian *Montour Heights Country Club*	-2	72	71	71	214
T21	WILSON, Brandon *Chesapeake Bay Golf Club*	-1	71	71	73	215
T21	Haberstumpf, Jake *LedgeRock Golf Club*	-1	70	77	68	215
T21	Taylor, Caleb *USGA/GAP GC*	-1	72	70	73	215
T24	Friend, Robert *Oakmont Country Club*	E	69	73	74	216
T24	Werner, Nick *Huntsville Golf Club*	E	71	73	72	216
T26	Hamilton, Jack *Merion Golf Club*	+1	74	73	70	217
T26	Isztwan, Patrick *Huntingdon Valley Country Club*	+1	71	75	71	217
T28	Kowalski, Darin *South Hills Country Club*	+2	72	75	71	218
T28	Butler, Andy *Huntingdon Valley Country Club*	+2	68	71	79	218
T30	Lemieux, Austin *Allegheny Country Club*	+3	76	70	73	219
T30	Vital, Matthew *Northampton Country Club*	+3	73	73	73	219
T30	Lydon, Kevin *LuLu CC*	+3	73	71	75	219
T33	D'ambrosio, Amani *Longue Vue Club*	+4	74	73	73	220
T33	Blanchette, Caden *Heritage Hills Golf Resort*	+4	74	71	75	220
35	Paczewski, Logan *Huntsville Golf Club*	+5	73	69	79	221
T36	Stevenson, John *Sunnybrook Golf Club*	+6	74	73	75	222
T36	Kovach, Brock *LedgeRock Golf Club*	+6	72	75	75	222
T36	Anderson, Josh *LedgeRock Golf Club*	+6	71	76	75	222
T36	Olsen, John *Centre Hills Country Club*	+6	73	68	81	222
T36	Dilcher, Zach *LedgeRock Golf Club*	+6	73	72	77	222
T36	Gekas, Alex *Regents' Glen Country Club*	+6	76	69	77	222
42	Redmond, Gunner *Williamsport Country Club*	+7	75	71	77	223
43	Clark, Drew *PAGA Individual Member*	+8	72	74	78	224
44	Mazzalupi, Shaun *Philadelphia Cricket Club*	+11	72	70	85	227
45	Patterson, Ian *Penn National GC*	+12	74	73	81	228



The following players did not make the cut					
Eichenlaub, Evan *Saucon Valley Country Club*	+4	73	75		148
Frazier, Jeff *Carlisle Country Club*	+4	72	76		148
Itzoe, Caleb *Briarwood Golf Club*	+4	75	73		148
Damore, Braddock *Cable Hollow Golf Course*	+4	74	74		148
Young, Thomas *Saucon Valley Country Club*	+4	73	75		148
Feeney, Samuel *Penn Oaks Golf Club*	+4	74	74		148
Williams, Eric *Glenmaura National Golf Club*	+4	71	77		148
Debusschere, Jackson *The Springhaven Club*	+4	72	76		148
Seelig, Alex *LedgeRock Golf Club*	+4	70	78		148
Shilling, Nolan *Oakmont Country Club*	+4	76	72		148
Mussina, Peyton *Williamsport Country Club*	+4	69	79		148
Mattare, Matthew *Saucon Valley Country Club*	+5	69	80		149
Dolinsky, Matt *Honeybrook Golf Club*	+5	72	77		149
Walsh, Caleb *Saucon Valley Country Club*	+5	78	71		149
McGraw, Luke *Toftrees Golf Resort*	+6	74	76		150
Kelly, Sean *Bucknell Golf Club*	+6	80	70		150
Henry, Michael G *Overbrook Golf Club*	+6	80	70		150
Wingerter, Grayson *Llanerch Country Club*	+6	77	73		150
Urban, Jack *Valley Brook Country Club*	+6	75	75		150
Draper, Stephon *Country Club of Scranton*	+6	76	74		150
Mulhern, Keller *Whitford Country Club*	+6	73	77		150
Harrell, Callahan *Out Door Country Club*	+6	77	73		150
Kleinschmidt, Luca *The Springhaven Club*	+7	75	76		151
Ropietski, Cael *Huntsville Golf Club*	+7	78	73		151
Shah, Eli *Penn Oaks Golf Club*	+7	77	74		151
McGarry, Tyler *Fox Hill Country Club*	+7	75	76		151
Waldmann, Chris *The 1912 Club*	+8	78	74		152
Anderson, Alex *Huntsville Golf Club*	+8	77	75		152
Braunsberg, James *Blue Bell Country Club*	+8	72	80		152
Bogosta, Ryan *Shannopin Country Club*	+9	76	77		153
Palumbo, David *Steel Club*	+9	81	72		153
Scarpetta, Vincent1 *Glenmaura National Golf Club*	+9	79	74		153
Siegfried, Max *Aronimink Golf Club*	+9	75	78		153
McGowan, Robert *French Creek Golf Club*	+10	74	80		154

DON'T OVERLOOK WALES AS A LINKS GOLF TRIP

by Pete Kowalski

In late July and early August, the country of Wales was featured on a four-day international TV commercial also known as the AIG Women's Open that morphed into the largest women's sporting event in its history.

The R&A tactically chose Royal Porthcawl Golf Club, hard on the Bristol Channel in south Wales and a perennial World Top 100 course, as a first-time site for one of women's golf's five Majors in 2025. Over the course of the week, the seaside links sparkled on 'tellys' around the globe and in the eyes of the 144 players and the nearly 50,000 spectators.

It was an honor to be at the championship for the week as part of The R&A's international press agent contingent.

Miyu Yamashita of Japan, who turned 24 during the championship, looked uncatchable after a second-round 65 but she posted a 2-over 74 in Round 3 and A Lim Kim of the Republic of Korea surged and was a stroke back and the USA's Andrea Lee was only two behind. UK favorite Charley Hull, with a 6-under 66, led a group of four players who were three strokes back.



Yamashita on rocks

On a gusty coastal Sunday for Round 4, Hull birdied the 14th, her fifth of the day, and was within one of Yamashita, who was playing smartly herself as she posted three birdies on her outward nine to stand at 12-under-par. Hull bogeyed the next two holes and Yamashita didn't drop a stroke until the 17th (with a bogey) but that was after Hull and Minami Katsu of Japan could not catch her.

The level of play at the last Major of the LPGA/LET schedules was impressive to behold "up close and personal." Watching the talented field negotiate the links layout in unrelenting Welsh wind upped the ante.

To engage UK golf fans, The R&A built a Festival Village with a fun menu of activities for attendees of all ages.

Founded in 1891, Royal Porthcawl has been a championship ground since the 1930s, previously hosting The Amateur, conducted by The R&A, seven times; the British Ladies Open three times; The Senior Open three times; the 1964 Curtis Cup; and the 1995 Walker Cup, won by Great Britian and Ireland over the USA with a young collegian from Stanford named Woods.



Championship hole #1

Close to home notes: A gentleman member named Dr. Frank Stableford, who broke the course record in 1909, created the Stableford scoring system and LET member Darcey Harry, a Royal Porthcawl member for five-plus years, enjoyed enthusiastic local support with her boyfriend/caddie Jacob Skov Oleson, who shared the first-round lead at The Open in July.

Prior to the Championship, Final Qualifying (and my first official assignment of the week), with 107 players for 17 spots, was conducted at Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club. Canada's Anna Huang, the LET's youngest member at 16, paced the field with a 4-under 67 and California's Brianna Do was the only American of six to advance.

The chance to walk the back nine at Pyle & Kenfig added to my earlier in the week visit to Southerndown Golf Club endeared me to links



Southerndownhole #5

golf in this smallish nation that borders England on its southwestern corner.

Wales is world famous for its lamb dishes and its ancient and consonant-laden language, but it is not a featured staple of golfers who visit the United Kingdom. This writer is not certain why Wales is so overlooked because it should not be.

The trio of courses already mentioned were the ones I was able to play thanks to the hospitality of the club's respective representatives. If time hadn't been a factor, I would have ventured to Pennard, dubbed "The Links in the Sky," Tenby, "The Birthplace of Golf in Wales," Royal St. David's, also known as Harlech, Aberdovey and maybe Conwy, Celtic Manor, or Ashburnham.

Southerndown, a mix of heathland and links on a hardened limestone base well above the beaches below, was the first of my trio of rounds in the gales of Glamorgan. Sheep roamed the firm and fast fairways that bled easily into gnarly gorse and/or bunkers. They sometimes served as aiming points on a smattering of blind tee shots.

The par-3 holes were varied and equally difficult, particularly "Carter's Folly" AKA the fifth. Three of the last four holes (all par-4s) play into the prevailing wind and the signature hole, the 18th, has a split-level fairway. A member who joined me for nine holes told me that matches there are all at Stableford scoring. "If we played medal with this wind, we'd never finish," he said with wry smile." And, just in case, the leek soup is smashingly good.

At P&K, the front nine has a linksy, parkland feel and the third green and fourth tee (a par-3) are cool spots to see the overall vistas of the bordering water. My scoring on the front nine was more about balls lost and so, the highlight became the back nine.



P & K 13 the green

P&K's par-3 15th might have been the hardest tee shot of the week. Three stout par-4s conclude the round. I learned that there are 800 golf members (sounds like a lot) but if you show up you'll have a game.

The next day, a sun splashed morning at Royal Porthcawl included the prevailing, howling gusts. Kite surfers in view from the putting green emphasized the feel of the day.

The conventional wisdom on playing this world top 100 course came from magnanimous director of golf Peter Evans, who simply said: "Play quietly. Take one more club and play quietly."

Dangerously close to the beach, the first three holes at Royal Porthcawl are a daunting start. Thankfully, my friendly and knowledgeable caddie Sean McCarthy kept everything in perspective. A veteran of more than 20 years and 750 matches in professional football (one season in the Premiere League), Sean was encouraging but real. It was a hugely enjoyable 210 minutes particularly when the game peeked out its head for the final 12 holes. Hole 14 is one of the best links four-pars I've ever played – blind tee shot with unseen hazards abounding and an all downhill, downwind approach to a heavily protected green. The three-putt for bogey felt like a 4.5 not a 5. Players at the AIG Women's Open loved the challenge of the last five holes and so did your writer.

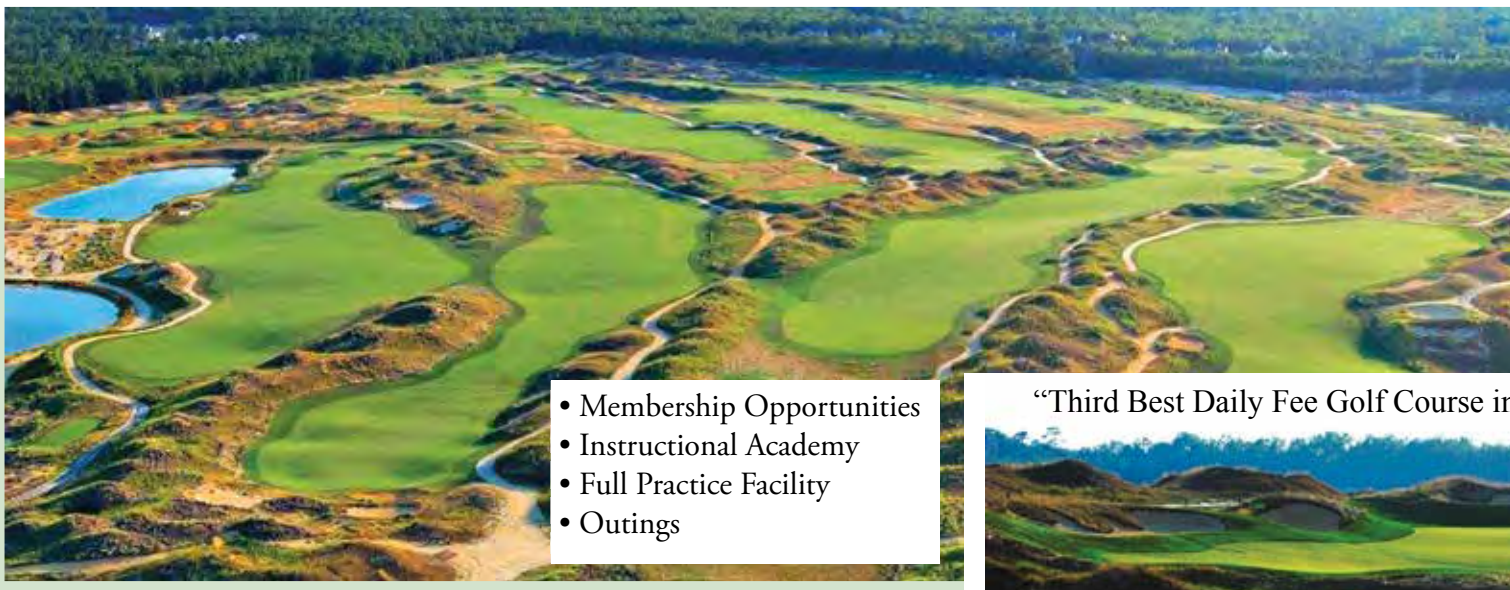
In sum, heartfelt thanks to my new friends at the clubs, Ryan Evans and Simon Hopkin at P&K, John Peters at Southerndown and John Edwards at Royal Porthcawl. Special times indeed. These kind people embody the spirit of Wales. Try a visit, you'll be glad you did.



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WYOMING VALLEY RECLAIMS SCUTTLE CROWN AT BERWICK

BERWICK, Pa. — Molly Gorman announced on the first tee that she would be leaving her phone behind for all 18 holes of the 33rd Women's Coal Scuttle at Berwick Golf Club (par 71, 4,837 yards).

Playing blind of score, Gorman was unaware of her standings until she approached the 18th green. That's when she spotted Wyoming Valley teammate Kathy Goeringer in celebration.

The women of Wyoming Valley have waited 1,815 days to reclaim their crown. They've walked past the 2024 Men's Coal Scuttle trophy on display in the club's dining room. But now, they relish in the excitement of showing off the women's trophy, and their home course in 2026.



Gorman holds individual trophy

Wyoming Valley scored 93 points to secure the victory over reigning champion Huntsville Golf Club (87). Huntsville was seeking its fifth consecutive title.

Gorman earned individualist honors and led her team by carding 1-over par 72 and contributing 35 points in gross stableford format.

Gorman, 38, of Forty Fort, Pa., is a fourth grade teacher at Wyoming Valley West.

"I wanted no part of my phone because of distractions, especially with work. I just wanted to keep my mental state where it needed to be and focus on the game," said Gorman. "I didn't want to get distracted with emails or anything, so I made it very clear I would not be the one using the GGID."

Her focus paid off, as she carded four birdies, three of which were on the back nine.

"I went driver, then wedge, and then found a really good line for a putt," said Gorman about her birdie on No. 12 (par 4, 291 yards). "I saw a line from someone who putted before me, I took the line and ran with it, and just hit a firm putt."

Gorman adjusted her putting after the turn, which proved to pay off. "I made a really long putt, about 30 feet," said Gorman in regard to her birdie on No. 14 (par 3, 91 yards). "I was short on the front nine with most of my putts, so I kept telling myself 'just make sure you get it to the hole'".

Gorman's ties to Wyoming Valley run deep.

"My dad used to drop me off there when I was really young, like five of six years old," said Gorman.

Her love of the game progressed as she tore her way through the Lawler Junior tour, then took her talents to Towson University.

Following in the footsteps of Gorman, Arden Brunn, 17, of Hanover Township, Pa. was the second highest scorer for Wyoming Valley, and third overall with 31 points. Brunn was a standout this season on the Lawler Junior Tour, finishing second in this year's Tournament of Champions.

Brunn, Wyoming Valley women's champion, joined the Coal Scuttle team this year.

"This is a new environment, I came in a little blind today and didn't know what to expect," said Brunn. "It's a different atmosphere than high school matches. It's a cool feeling being the youngest, but I'm used to it, so I don't really think about it."

Rounding out the top three scores that count toward the team total was Deborah Mileski, 71, of Hanover Township, Pa. Mileski added 27 points and finished ninth overall. Barbara Pagana, 76, of Selinsgrove, Pa., finished second overall and first for runner-up Huntsville with 32 points.

A team victory in a coal scuttle championship is usually accompanied by first right to home course advantage for the following year's contest. However, due to prior commitments, Huntsville relinquished that privilege to 2024 runner-up Berwick. Now, Wyoming Valley looks toward 2026 with excitement at the opportunity to host.

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Wyoming Valley Coal Scuttle Team: Debbie Mileski, Arden Brunn, Molly Gorman & Kathy Goeringer

"It's a wonderful feeling. We missed out on hosting in 2020 because of COVID-19, but now it's finally coming to Wyoming Valley," said Kathy Goeringer, 67, of Tunkhannock, Pa.

"It's exciting, we work really hard, and we had a strong team. I'm happy to bring it back home for everybody," said Gorman.

On her way out, medalist glass in one hand, cellphone in the other, Gorman returned to the outside world. Whether she was alerting the masses of the victory, or answering back-to-school emails, she did so as a champion.

Wyoming Valley Country Club 93
Molly Gorman 35
Arden Brunn 31
Deborah Mileski 27
Kathy Goeringer 13

Huntsville Golf Club 86
Barbara Pagana 32
Danielle Dalessandro 30
Kasey Saraka 25
Emilee Barkley 24

Pocono Farms Country Club 73
Mariah Casey 30
Krista Kissell 23
Jessica Statsman 20
April Antoine 16



Danielle Dallesandro 8th tee



Emille Barkley #1 tee

Glen Oak Country Club 73
Penny Zonneville 28
Nancy Luciani 23
Linda Brodbeck 22
Bridget Vipond 8

Berwick Golf Club 69
Holly Udzella 30
Darlene Kocher 24
Luan Smith 15
Amy Daniel 13

Fox Hill Country Club 59
Jordyn Ruane 27
Bernadette McHugh 17
Denise Harris 15
Sue Carr 13

Elmhurst Country Club 49
Maggie McDonough 20
Ruth Dettore 15
Marie Scheller 14
Maura McDonough 10

Elkview Country Club 48
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by Pete Kowalski

FRISCO, Texas – This northern community of the Dallas Metroplex likes to call itself Sports City USA.

Frisco offers a packed series of options for Pennsylvania golfers who are looking for warm respites from the cold spells that happen on the front and back ends of the playing season in the Northeast. But a golfer's itinerary should include much more than teeing it up.

The smaller city of 243,000 (just 70 square miles) is about 30 minutes from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and is, remarkably, the home of four professional sports organizations.

In football, there's the Dallas Cowboys headquarters called The Star. Ford Field, a multi-faceted indoor stadium houses concerts, sports and special events and the home football games of all 12 of the Frisco-area high schools.



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In soccer, there's FC Dallas with its home games at Toyota Stadium.

In baseball, there's the Frisco RoughRiders, the AA affiliate of the Texas Rangers, who call Rider Field home.



Build at Fields Ranch

And, in golf, the PGA of America operates its headquarters on 660 acres that include two championship golf courses and a lengthy list of other facilities catering to traveling golfers.

The PGA Frisco Fields Ranch East Course, designed by Philly's Gil Hanse and Jim Wagner, was the site of Minjee Lee's third Major victory at the KPMG Women's PGA and will also host the 2027 PGA Championship. The Fields Ranch West Course was built by Beau Welling. Both courses opened in 2023, in conjunction with the PGA's move from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. and were built on the original Fields family ranchland



Fields Ranch East Course

Tied into the Fields Ranch courses is the resplendent Omni PGA Frisco Resort and Spa, a 500-room facility with a comprehensive plate of all the high-end amenities that golf travelers enjoy. It is an oasis of activities for family and friends golf trips.

For golf groups, a series of Ranch Houses are available that accommodate up to eight guests with a patio, four separate sleeping rooms, 4.5 bathrooms, a chef's kitchen and a common space for relaxing, dining and entertaining. Dedicated concierge service is also available.

At the hotel, try The Apron for a great lunch and The Trick Rider (steak and seafood) for dinner. Pools, especially the adults-only, top-floor infinity with views of the sprawling, hilly property, spas and numerous other F&B options will meet all your post-golf needs.



The Apron

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Among the unique offerings in The District is The Swing, a lighted 10-hole short course, and the The Dancefloor, a two-acre putting green that accommodates all levels of skill and age. It is lighted and golf balls and putters are available if you don't bring your own. Outdoor movies and concerts are also regularly scheduled.

The District offers another series of social options that revolve around golf. Its public space includes food and beverage and retail shopping. Don't miss Margaret's Cups and Cones for a sweet treat or the Ice House, a ranch-bistro pub with six Top Tracer hitting bays.

The PGA Coaching Center and The Lounge by Top Golf Lounge gives diehards another two places to practice.

In addition, the Northern Texas PGA Section headquarters and practice facility is on property too.

The uniqueness of The District is that all of these golf facilities share the same land for hitting balls, just in different directions.

Another smart hotel option is The Westin Dallas Stonebriar Golf Resort & Spa, adjacent to Stonebriar Country Club, with its Fazio Course and Dye Courses. Within the resort is a restaurant with a Topgolf Swing Suite.

Other golf opportunities include: Frisco Lakes Golf Club, Plantation Golf Club, The Trails of Frisco Golf Club and The Club at Frisco Farms .

Visit Frisco, the area's de facto convention and visitor's bureau, runs a smartly detailed plan that meshes with the seismic growth of the area in the last two decades. Numerous facilities in soccer, tennis, lacrosse and other sports are also available for bigger regional/national events.

During the 2026 World Cup in North America, Frisco will serve as the host training site for a top-level national team yet to be determined.

While more walking might not be in golfer's plans, Frisco does have a great supply of museums including the National Soccer Hall of Fame, the Museum of the American Railroad, the National Videogame Museum, and the Frisco Heritage Museum.

For the gastro side of the visit here are some great spots to hit: La Hacienda Ranch (first frozen margarita), Mariana's Taco Shop, Crush Taco, Tru Fire Kitchen and Bar, Hutchins BBQ (must visit), Cane Rosso, Mi Cocina and Tupelo Honey.

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OCALA AND WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER

By TONY LEODORA

For many in the Mid-Atlantic region, the annual pilgrimage to South Florida is a way of life. The long, tedious pilgrimage. When time allows, the only way to make the journey more tolerable is to find interesting pit stops along the way. That's where golf – especially golf in Ocala, Florida -- can play a part.

One of the best things about golf is that there is a world of exciting courses just waiting to be played. Unfortunately, many of those courses are private and getting the key to open the door to even one of them can be a difficult task.

For most of those clubs, membership is needed to play the course. Non-members need not apply.

Tucked away in the rolling landscape of Central Florida is one such course, Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club. Golden Ocala is a private club, long recognized as one of the most well-regarded courses in the country.



Golden Ocala Golf

Access remains limited to members, but through an exclusive agreement, guests staying at the nearby World Equestrian Center may be able to experience the course during their stay, depending on availability. It is a unique benefit of staying at WEC's hotels, offering travelers a chance to enjoy championship-level golf in an extraordinary setting.

The World Equestrian Center is the largest equestrian center in the United States. More important, it is a leading resort destination that blends elite equestrian competition with luxury hospitality … and, now with golf.

Set on more than 2,000 acres in the heart of Ocala's rolling horse country, WEC offers two hotels, multiple dining venues and even an RV park. Opened in 2020, it didn't take long to generate national acclaim. In 2024, the property was named to TIME's list of the World's Greatest Places.

The property is the epicenter of horse activity during shows, featuring 45 weeks of competition throughout the year. However, the property also welcomes individual resort guests, conventions, meetings and social events. Highlights of the busy Event Calendar include the Ocala Food and Wine Festival in early November and Winter Wonderland, featuring more than one million dazzling lights and holiday displays (November through Christmas). And, rooms are available at surprisingly affordable rates, considering the quality of accommodations and hospitality. High-time rates reach around $499 for a deluxe room, but through much of the year rates dip to around $299 for king or two queen rooms.

Currently, the two hotels include:

The Equestrian Hotel overlooks the Grand Outdoor Arena and has 248 luxurious guestrooms, designed with equine influences, and includes the Calluna Spa. It features three major restaurants – Stirrups, for fine dining, Emma's Patisserie for European-inspired pastries and a favorite of many visitors, The Yellow Pony, designed after an upscale Irish Pub.



Yellow pony food fare

The Riding Academy Hotel adds another 394 studios and suites that are pet-friendly and ideal for families and groups. A popular family attraction is the outdoor swimming pool and splash pad.

Opening soon, Equestrian Manor, will add four more distinct dining options to the property, along with traditional meeting space. In 2026, The Shoppes Off 80th will open adjacent to The Equestrian Manor, doubling the property's existing retail offerings with an additional 28 new units.

But the key for traveling golfers is the golf access to Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club, provided by World Equestrian Center, depending on availability. Guests at WEC hotels can book a round of golf at the course.

The opportunity to play the world class course, designed by acclaimed architect Ron Garl, is an irresistible option. When opened in 1986, it was the first course to include eight tribute holes modeled after some of the most famous golf holes in the world. The holes that are patterned after Augusta's Amen Corner brought immediate renown to the course.

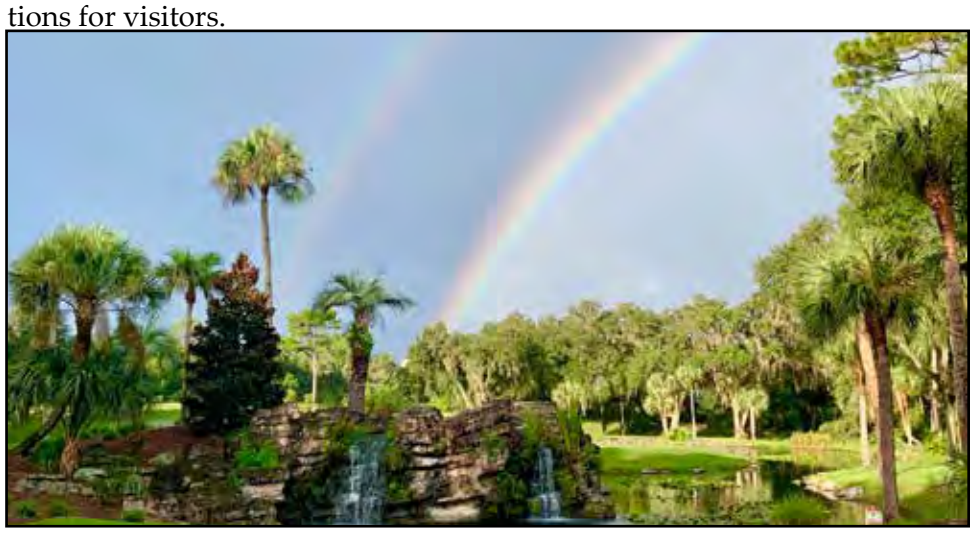
In 2018 the course was renovated by Garl, including modernization of the bunkers and an upgrade of turfgrass conditions.

In 2023 nine new holes were added, including four more

including four more replica holes. Among the most famous are Hole Number One – a tribute to the famous Church Pew holes at Oakmont GC – and Hole Number Two – a tribute to the famous par 5 hole at Bethpage Black.

"We decided to go with a mix of tribute holes and original designs, just as we did on the first 18-hole course at Golden Ocala," explains Garl. "When designing the holes we discovered that we had the exact same elevation for the second hole as they do on the famous par 5 hole at Bethpage Black. That made perfect sense to do the tribute. It will be great fun for anyone to play it this year, while the Ryder Cup is being played at Bethpage Black."

While staying in Ocala, there are also a number of other golf options for visitors.



Juliette Falls hole #3

At the top of the list is Juliette Falls, an upscale daily fee course designed by John Sanford. It opened in 2007 and has evolved into a gated community with affordable housing.

Juliette Falls quickly became known as one of the best daily fee courses in Florida, ranked in the Top 10 by GolfAdvisor. Maintained in excellent condition, it is a collection of 18 interesting and unique golf holes.

There are two major waterfalls on the course that add a backdrop of spectacular beauty. In addition, there is plenty of other "eye-candy" on the course. Hole No. 12 features a large ravine that golfers must play across. Hole 14 is a par five that stretches to almost 600 yards and every inch from tee to green is visible, adding an aura of grandeur.

The clubhouse also features a lively sports bar and restaurant that is a perfect after-golf hangout. Best part about Juliette Falls – green fees are extremely reasonable, in the $80 to $90 range for much of the year.

Throughout the Ocala area, there are a number of other daily fee courses that can be played during a visit to the World Equestrian Center. Although, not of the quality of Juliette Falls, they feature design work by some of America's great architects. Most notable is Ocala National GC, designed by Rees Jones and host to a number of statewide tournaments over the years.

A good source of information on golf in the Ocala area is the Ocala/Marion County Visitor and Convention Bureau -- www.ocalamarion.com or 352-438-2800.



WEC Grand Sunset



18TH FOUNDERS FOUR-BALL

THREE TEAMS TAKE TITLES AT ELKVIEW

Jason Considine of StoneHedge Golf Course and Cade Kelleher of Country Club of Scranton carded a 6-under-par 65 to win the 18th Founders Four-Ball at Elkview Country Club (par 71, 6,629 yards).



Cade Kelleher & Jason Considine

Amid rainy conditions, the team bested the field by five strokes.

Pocono Farms Country Club's Mark Bartkowski and Wemberly Hills' Mike Bartkowski won the event's Senior Division (par 72, 6,276 yards) with a score of 3-under-par 69. In the Super-Senior Division (par 72, 5,515 yards), Wyoming Valley Country Club's Richard Berry and Joseph Weiscarger prevailed with an 8-under-par 64.

RESULTS

Amateur Division

Name	club	Score
Jason Considine/Cade Kelleher,	StoneHedge Golf/Scranton CC	65
Eamon Evans/Gary Phillips,	Glenmaura National/Scranton CC	70
David Mecca/Christopher DeMarco,	Scranton CC/Glenmaura National	70
John Mikiewicz/Tommy Biscotti,	Fox Hill Country Club	70
John Rebar/Donny Joyce,	Elkview Country Club	71
Michael Grimes/Damien LaRue,	Huntsville/StoneHedge Golf Assn.	71
Juliano Nieto/John Wanas,	Glenmaura National/Elkview	71
Billy O'Dell/Dylan O'Dell,	Elkview Country Club	71
Ryan Orcutt/Kevin Rossi,	Green Pond CC/Scranton CC	72
Michael Turano/Ben Vauter,	USGA/GAP GC	72
Matt Torrisi/Brian Williams,	Scranton Canoe Club/USGA/GAP GC	73
Alex Rowan/John Pash,	Fox Hill CC/Elkview Country Club	74
Mario Costa/Luke Pisarcik,	Elkview Country Club	76
Matt Bartkowski/Ben Esgro,	Pocono Farms Country Club	76
Bill Krenitsky/Joe Diskin,	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	77
Chuck Simalchik/Robert Terry,	Glenmaura National/USGA/GAP GC	77
Walter Mikucki/Mason Hemak,	Elkview Country Club	78

SENIOR DIVISION

Name	club	Score
Mark Bartkowski/Mike Bartkowski,	Pocono Farms/Wemberly Hills	69
Frank Osborne/John Zavada,	Elkview Country Club	70
Scott Francis/Billy Mattioli,	Irem Country Club	71
Robert Klem/Bob McCloskey,	Wemberly Hills/Elmhurst	71
Ken Bolcavage/Harry Heck,	Elkview Country Club	72
Mike Domanish/Mark Ambrose,	Elmhurst Country Club	72
Rich Fryer/David Strohl,	Southmoore/Moselem Springs	72
Edward Knight/Dave Lopatka,	Elmhurst Country Club	74
Floyd Bowen/William Pabst, Sr.,	Wyoming Valley CC/Elmhurst	77
Paul Gruzeski/Jim Sherma,	Elkview CC/Hershey CC	79

SUPER-SENIOR DIVISION

Name	club	Score
Joseph Weiscarger/Richard Berry,	Wyoming Valley CC	64
Vince Scarpetta, Jr./David Doud,	Nittany CC/Elkview CC	70
Michael Heck/John Tolerico,	Elkview Country Club	70
Robin Bonda/Tom Miller,	StoneHedge./Elmhurst CC	73
Michael Vassil/Michael Perry,	Scranton CC	73
Bob Andrejko/Matt Froncek,	StoneHedge/Elkview CC	73
Jerry Dougherty/Fran Hamm,	Scranton Canoe Club/Scranton CC	74
Kerry Maloney/Barry Westington,	ScrantonCC/Scranton Canoe Club	74
Joe Karam/James McGrath,	Country Club of Scranton	79





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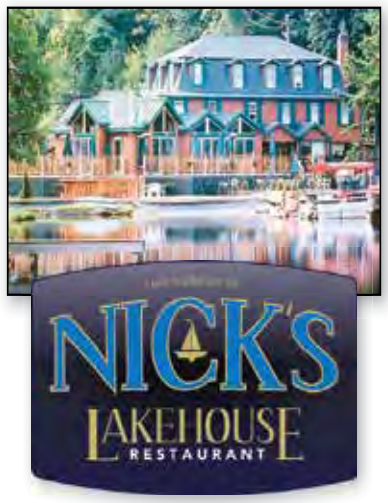
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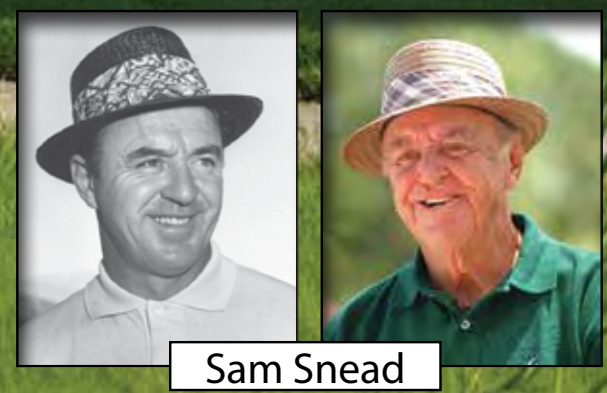
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MAYFAIR CC - Opened in 1927, this historic 18 hole municipal course was one of preeminent golf course architect, Donald Ross's, first designs in Florida. This classic, old school, par 72 "muni" stretches to 6,400 yards from the back tees. The medium-length layout has three sets of tee boxes with a course rating of 68.7 and slope rating of 117. Mayfair features a mix of mature oaks and pines highlighted with a few water hazards and plenty of bunkers to keep you on your toes. The original clubhouse, despite surviving many hurricanes over the years, was demolished in 2021. A new clubhouse, currently under construction and scheduled to open in the fall, will offer modern and contemporary golf amenities while paying homage to Mayfair's history. Mayfair truly lets you walk in the footsteps of Legends.
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GREENVILLE SOUTH CAROLINA GOLF GETAWAYS

By TONY LEODORA

Going to Greenville, SC on a golf trip is as much of a cultural experience as it is a chance to smack the little white ball up and down the endless hillsides and along pristine fairways. There is a magical ingredient to the air around Greenville.

Until recently, Greenville was regarded as the epitome of small town America. It still has a population of only 76,000 people but the city's orbit has spilled over into the surrounding suburbs and the population of the metro area is a robust 975,000. It's downtown is a conglomeration of trendy restaurants, flashy hotels, shops, music venues, art enclaves, riverside gardens and a suspension bridge that provides walking access to spectacular waterfall views.

And all of this is in the middle of a golf wonderland for the serious golfer. Why the serious golfer? Well, the majority of Greenville's golf is private clubs. Albeit, great private clubs. And they will take some orchestration and skilled communication in order to gain access. But there are also a couple of very good public access courses that would make a golf trip to the Greenville area worthwhile for anyone.

THE PUBLIC SIDE

Although there are nine public courses listed in the immediate Greenville area, two are worth mentioning here.

The Preserve at Verdae

This par 72 championship course is only six miles from downtown Greenville. It was designed by well-known architect Willard Byrd, who was responsible for many courses throughout the Carolinas.

Reasonably priced, The Preserve at Verdae can be played for $65 during the week and $75 on weekends.

Furman University Golf Club

Situated on the beautiful campus of Furman University, this course is loaded with golf history. Visitors can walk in the footsteps of famous Furman golf alumni like Brad Faxon, Dottie Pepper, Betsy King and Beth Daniel – all of whom honed their skills on the course.

Another golf bargain, Furman University Golf Club can be played for $43 during the week and $73 on the weekend.

THE PRIVATE SIDE

Here is where the Greenville area makes its mark in the golf community.

For starters, the Cliffs community is a collection of seven magnificent, upscale, scenic private courses. Become a member at one and you are a member at all.

Playing all seven courses is quite an accomplishment. With five on the list from a previous trip, it was time to turn attention to the remaining two.

The Cliffs at Glassy

This was the first course opened in the Cliffs collection. Designed by local architect Tom Jackson, it is the hilliest, most difficult and most visually spectacular of all seven.



The 3rd hole on the Valley Course at the Cliffs.

The top of the course reaches an altitude of 3,400 feet and provides a jaw-dropping view of the surrounding Appalachian Mountains. The course stretches to a length of only 6,747 yards … but it plays much longer, because of the severe elevation changes. For some reason, the uphill holes seem much longer, while the downhill holes do not seem much shorter.

To verify the difficulty, the back tees come with a slope of 154 – one short of the maximum. And even what may be considered the Senior Tees, at 5,938 yards, come with a slope of 137.

Cliffs Valley

By comparison, the Valley Course is considered to be the most playable in the collection. Designed by former television analyst Ben Wright, Valley offers six sets of tees – ranging from 7,029 yards to 4,392. As the name might suggest, it is a relatively flat course.



The 3rd hole on the Valley Course at the Cliffs.

The views are opposite from the Cliffs at Glassy. Instead of looking

down at the country side below, the views from the Valley look up at the surrounding mountains.

The fairways are very generous … but beware of the greens. They can be very quick at certain times of the year and hard to read due to the tricky breaks that are affected by the surrounding mountains.

Thornblade Club

This golf course, surrounded by a gated community, was designed by renowned architect Tom Fazio, in collaboration with PGA Tour veteran Jay Haas, who lives in a house on one of the fairways. It is the annual site of a Korn Ferry Tour event.

Golf purists might frown at the massive brick mansions that



Thornblade, another Tom Fazio gem.

outline most of the holes. However, they lend such a feeling of majesty to the property. And the course follows suit.

It is a collection of 18 unique and well-designed golf holes by a master architect. Fazio called it "a great piece of property that has stood the test of time."

It is best-described as a course that anyone can play, and enjoy, every day.

Country Club of Spartanburg

While most of the courses in the Greenville area are relatively new, the Country Club of Spartanburg is a step back in time. It opened in 1908 and the majority of the design is credited to the famous Donald



The Country Club of Spartanburg, a restored Donald Ross course

Ross. It was renovated in 1985 by John Lafoy, removing many of the Ross characteristics. In 2008 Chris Spence did a total restoration and is credited with much of the existing traditional design.

Once again, roaming the steep hills of the mountainous countryside, CC of Spartanburg is a pleasant departure from many other Ross courses. The greens are larger and tamer than most. And … no buried elephants.

There is still plenty of challenge to this old gem, but it is a fair challenge. The only thing missing – as is the case in many older landlocked courses – the practice facility leaves a lot to be desired.

Musgrove Mill

Note to self: do not leave Musgrove Mill as the final course on the list of a long and tiring golf trip. It is one of the five most difficult courses in the world – right there with, in my opinion, French Lick (Dye Course), PGA West, Kiawah Island, Carnoustie and Pine Valley.

Speaking of Pine Valley, it has the same slope – 155 – as does Musgrove Mill. But Musgrove's 155 is from the next-to-the-back tees. The slope from the back tees also is 155. How can that be, especially since there is 300 more yards in length? That's because 155 is the highest allowable slope.

This is not by accident. Musgrove Mill was pattered after Pine Valley. It is cut out of dense woods, out in the middle of nowhere. The



The Hole 9 (on right) and 18 complex at Musgrove Mill.

design is attributed to Arnold Palmer and his chief assistant Ed Seay -- but amateur architect and founder Ken Tomlinson, who gained fame for his later work at Tidewater in Myrtle Beach, had a lot of influence.

Two remarkable notes about Musgrove Mill. When a group of golf course raters were asked if there was such a thing as a great 90-degree dogleg hole, they almost unanimously pointed to the fifth hole at Musgrove Mill, a mid-length par 4. And, when Arnold Palmer put together the first issue of his "Kingdom Magazine" he listed the 7th hole as the greatest par 3 hole he ever designed.

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23RD STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
SCRANTON'S MECCA WINS IN PLAYOFF AT ELMHURST

MOSCOW, Pa. — Nothing is different about Dave Mecca the golfer since his 2023 victory in the GAP Middle-Championship in 2023. Steady and stoic. Mettle for miles.

There is something different about Dave Mecca the person. A softer heart for the soft-spoken. He and his wife Nicole welcomed a baby, Olivia, in September 2024.

"My wife took off today to watch her. It feels good to have that support," Mecca, 32, of Clarks Summit, Pa., said. "They're following me. Last week, they were rooting me on a lot [in the Pennsylvania Golf Association Amateur Championship]. Playing against those college kids was tough, especially with how hot it was."
Mecca found the right fuel Monday at Elmhurst Country Club (par 72, 6,687 yards). He and fellow Country Club of Scranton member



Dave Mecca tosses his towel on No. 18 (par 4, 406 yards).

Frank Kacvinsky finished regulation tied at 1-under-par 71 in the 23rd Stroke Play Championship. Kacvinsky was unavailable for a sudden-death playoff, thereby declaring Mecca the victor.
Dave Mecca tosses his towel on No. 18 (par 4, 406 yards).Dave Mecca tosses his towel on No. 18 (par 4, 406 yards).

"I started the round playing very well, and I didn't have any birdies to show for it. I really felt like I was hitting some great shots, and I was just missing birdies," Mecca, who won the Stroke Play Championship in 2023, said. "This course typically plays firm. It lived up to its reputation."

Mecca lived up to his reputation, too. He did snag a birdie on No. 8 (par 4, 367 yards), where he hit a gap wedge 125 yards to eight feet. He moved to 2 under following a conversion on No. 10 (par 5, 477 yards). Mecca, following a monstrous drive downwind, faced a yardage of 157 for his second shot. He grabbed a 9-iron, and a gust of wind grabbed his golf ball. A tailspin from the front of the green. Mecca left his eagle attempt 12 feet short. The ensuing birdie try collided with a ball mark and collapsed into the cup.

A reversal of putter fortune on the next hole (par 5, 550 yards) as Mecca totaled three putts from 30 feet for bogey. Another error occurred on No. 17 (par 4, 357 yards). Mecca's drive found the fescue. A punch shot put Mecca short of the putting surface. A paltry chip put Mecca eight feet from the flagstick. A poor putt put a bogey on the card.

Now tied with Kacvinsky, who played in the day's first group, Mecca needed heroics on Elmhurst's closer (par 4, 406 yards). He delivered. Mecca saw his 54-degree from 96 yards land 12 feet left of the flagstick and swirl to two feet. A birdie and a tip of his 125th BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship hat; Mecca qualified as the No. 4 seed and fell in the Round of 32 to Matthew Homer, 2&1, at Aronimink Golf Club in June.

Mecca finished sixth in the aforementioned Pennsylvania Amateur at Huntsville. He didn't touch a golf club for the next four days. Work and family need a well-rested and ready Mecca these days.

"No golf after work anymore. I get an hour for my lunch break," Mecca said. "I've been playing here and there on the weekends, but it's mostly just tournament golf. Luckily, we've taken less family vacations this year because it's tougher with the baby to go away for days. It's given me more vacation days for golf tournaments. Next year, if we start going on vacations, I'm going to have to dial it back."

SENIOR & SUPER-SENIOR

Redemption came for Bill Ianieri Monday.



Bill Ianieri

A year ago, the Jack Frost National Golf Club member fell in a playoff to Art Brunn, Jr. at Country Club of Scranton. He didn't required overtime at Elmhurst (par 72, 6,233 yards).

Ianieri carded a 3-over-par 75 to capture the event's Senior Division.

"It wasn't pretty, but it worked," Ianieri, 56, of Weatherly, Pa., said. "I had some nice par saves. That's about it. Winning is always good. My game has been hit and miss. Hit and find it really. All in all, it's been pretty good. Today happened to be OK."

Scranton Canoe Club's Jerry Dougherty defeated Elkview Country Club's Mike Heck and Pocono Farms Country Club's Tim Holland in a sudden-death playoff to win the event's Super-Senior Division (par 72, 5,460 yards).

"What I do want to say is it's a great win for me. Timmy and Mike have won a lot of tournaments. To be able to beat those guys … they are talented players who have been around a long time and have won a lot of three-days and big events," Dougherty said.

The 18th hole at Elmhurst (par 4, 286 yards) is forever in Dougherty's good graces. He birdied it in regulation to even secure a spot in the playoff. Dougherty hit a 52-degree wedge 109 yards to six feet.

Jerry Dougherty shakes hands with Tim Holland following the playoff.

"The guy I was playing with, John Tolerico, looked at the scores and said, 'Jerry, if you birdie this, you might win,'" Dougherty, 67, of South Abington Township, Pa., said. "I hadn't been looking at the scores. I said, 'OK, let's give it a shot.'"

How about Dougherty's approach on No. 18, the first playoff hole? Now that's a golf shot. His 56-degree wedge from 89 yards nearly plummeted for eagle. A tap-in birdie thereafter meant victory, his first on the GAP/AGA circuit.

Dougherty joined Scranton Canoe Club in 1987. Eight years later, doctors discovered cancer in his left foot.

"They were in there trying to repair what they thought was plantar fasciitis, and they found a tumor in soft tissue. They ended up having to take my left foot off, and I had to go through chemotherapy. It's been a long journey," Dougherty said. "It took me a couple of years to get going again. Some days are good. Some days are bad. But we all have issues one way or the other. Mine happens to be the foot most of the time."



Jerry Dougherty shakes hands with Tim Holland following the playoff.

RESULTS

Amateur Division

Name,	club	Score
*David Mecca,	Country Club of Scranton	71
Frank Kacvinsky,	Country Club of Scranton	71
Eric Williams,	Honesdale Golf Club	73
Kevin Rossi,	Green Pond Country Club	73
Tyler McGarry,	Fox Hill Country Club	74
James Dietz,	White Birch Golf Course	74
Patrick Mitchell,	Glenmaura National Golf Club	74
Thomas Dzwonczyk,	USGA/GAP GC	75
Cade Kelleher,	Country Club of Scranton	75
Gus Steiger,	Glenmaura National Golf Club	75
Connor Matteo,	Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club	76
Tak Yoo,	Glenmaura National Golf Club	77
Keith Devos,	Jack Frost National Golf Club	78
Josh Zelinsky,	White Birch Golf Course	79
Glenn Iversen,	Fox Hill Country Club	79
Matt Crilley,	Steel Club	80
Doug Nardella,	Elmhurst Country Club	80
Michael Ashcraft,	Northampton Country Club	81
Brett Herman,	Bucknell Golf Club	81
Nathan King,	Bella Vista Golf Club	82
Michael Grimes,	Huntsville Golf Club	83
Damien LaRue,	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	83
Jerome Potis,	Elmhurst Country Club	83

Senior Division

Name,	club	Score
Bill Ianieri,	Jack Frost National Golf Club	75
William Pabst, Sr.,	Elmhurst Country Club	76
Bob McCloskey,	Elmhurst Country Club	77
David Price,	Elmhurst Country Club	77
Ken Bolcavage,	Elkview Country Club	79
Bill Mecca,	French Creek Golf Club	79
Mark Bartkowski,	Pocono Farms Country Club	80
Floyd Bowen,	Wyoming Valley Country Club	81

Super-Senior Division

Name,	club	Score
*Jerry Dougherty,	Scranton Canoe Club	75
Michael Heck,	Elkview Country Club	75
Tim Holland,	Pocono Farms	75
Bob Andrejko,	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	77
John Tolerico,	Elkview Country Club	79
Barry Westington,	Scranton CC	85
Steve Mazur,	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	85
Stanley Cuneo,	Woodloch Springs	87

* — won in playoff

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PILLAR, BENSEL, MCNABB AND KENNEDY WIN INAUGURAL OHANA FARM TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY OAKLEY

Blue Bell, Pa. (September 2, 2025) — On a cool day with blue skies abundantly covering the beautiful Cedarbrook Country Club, PGA of America Golf Professionals John Pillar, Country Club at Woodloch Springs; Frank Bensel, Galloway National Golf Club; Dave McNabb, Applebrook Golf Club; and Eric Kennedy, Overbrook Golf Club won the 2025 Ohana Farm Team Championship presented by Oakley. Their team finished with an impressive score of 16-under-par.

This event featured a unique competition format: for each team of four, one best score will count on par fives, two best scores will count on par fours and three best scores will count on par threes.

Narrowly behind in second place at 12-under-par was the team of Michael Grabosky, Heidelberg Country Club; Brian Kelly, Titleist Fitcrew; Jack Brennan, Mountain View Country Club; and Stephen Swartz, Carlisle Country Club. Third place went to the team of Mike Caldwell and Matt Finger, DuPont Country Club; Braden Shattuck, Rolling Green Golf Club; and Brad Sanders, Sunnybrook Golf Club, as well as Anthony Malizia and Zac Oakley Bidermann Golf Club; Michael Rushin, Bear Trap Dunes; and Foster Haynes, Kings Creek Country Club. Both teams shot 11-under-par rounds. Two teams also tied for fifth place at 10-under-par. They were Kyle Jackson, Sunnybrook Golf Club; Rocco Sgrillo, John F. Bryne Golf Course; Trevor Bensel, Lulu Country Club; Billy Stewart, Union League Liberty Hill and Michael Chanaud, Bear Trap Dunes, Ryan Rucinski, Wilmington Country Club; Eric Willey, Kings Creek Country Club; and Greyson Rossi, The Peninsula Golf and Country Club.

Hole 16. Rick McCall of Rehoboth Beach Country Club claimed the prize on 9 with two feet, six inches while Eric Willey of Kings Creek Country Club was the closest on 16 with three feet, four inches.





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Elmhurst Golf & Country Club
Pro-Am Results – July 23, 2025

Team

Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
1	127	Foxchase (Terry Hatch)
T2	130	Glen Brook (Dustin McCormick)
T2	130	Glen Brook (Alex Knoll)
4	131	Shawnee (Brian Bergstol)
T5	132	Elmhurst (Alex Wilson)
T5	132	Philadelphia PGA (Wayne Phillips)
T5	132	Elmhurst (Mike Molino)
8	133	Woodloch Springs (Kyle Tasselmyer)

Individual

Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	67	Alex Knoll
2	68	Terry Hatch
T3	69	John Pillar
T3	69	Brian Bergstol
5	70	Dustin McCormick
6	71	Jeff Fick
7	74	Steve Osterhout

Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	70	Patrick Mitchell
2	71	Eric Williams
3	71	Tyler McGarry

Senior Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	70	Harvey Williams
2	72	Wayne Phillips
3	77	Darryl Lock
4	79	Ray Silnak

Senior Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
T1	73	Mark Bartkowski
T1	73	Mike Guro
3	74	Tom Miller

The Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort
Pro-Am Results – July 31, 2025

Team

Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
1	129	Shawnee (Brian Bergstol)
2	130	Glen Brook (Alex Knoll)
T3	131	Glen Brook (Dustin McCormick)
T3	131	Olde Homestead (Kevin Edwards)
T5	133	Green Pond (John Kulhamer)
T5	133	Manufacturers' (Peter Clarke)
7	134	Moselem Springs (Jeff Fick)

Individual

Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	67	Alex Knoll
2	68	Brian Bergstol
T3	70	Dustin McCormick
T3	70	Jeff Fick
5	71	John Pillar

Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	70	Keith Davos
T2	71	Christian Yanovitch
T2	71	Cole Haydt

Senior Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	74	Jim Muschlitz
2	77	John Kulhamer
T3	80	Bob Fritz
T3	80	Gary Clark

Senior Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	72	Mike Guro
T2	74	John Mace
T2	74	Dave Miller

26TH JUNIOR TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

BROWN REPEATS; MATHEWS CLAIMS VICTORY AT FOX HILL

EXETER, Pa. — Hallie Brown dropped the Founders Cup off at the starter's tent at Fox Hill Country Club, and picked it back up at scoring on her way out. Despite a broken right pinky finger, she lifted the trophy with ease, and familiarity.

The Tunkhannock High School graduate and Monmouth University commit



carded a 3-over-par 76 to defend her title at the 26th Junior Tournament of Champions at Fox Hill (par 73, 5,363 yards) Wednesday. Brown, a member of Shadowbrook Resort, recorded five birdies en route to victory.

"It was a crazy round, so many ups and downs," said Brown, 18, of Tunkhannock, Pa. "It's always good to get a win. I was especially happy to end my round with a birdie."

Brown, 18, drove the ball 214 yards on the No. 18 (par 4, 329 yards) and used a pitching wedge for the remaining 115.

"I knew I was down one coming into the hole, so I was a little bit nervous, but I'm glad I made that final putt," she said.

Brown had only played one round of golf in the past two weeks after breaking her finger. "It's tough coming back after a break, but I felt good," said Brown.

Arden Brunn of Wyoming Valley Country Club took second place at 79. Sienna Smith of the Lawler Junior Tour rounded out the podium at third, carding an 11-over-par 84.

"It was a fun round," said Brown. "Arden and I were going back and forth the whole time. It's always a pleasure playing with them."

Before beginning her collegiate career at the end of August, Brown plans to continue to work on her golf game and spend time with her friends.

"I'm actually heading to Philly right after this to see The Weeknd in concert," said Brown. "It's my sister's birthday gift."

With her name now etched onto the Founders Cup twice, it's safe to say Brown's mark on the Lawler Junior tour is Timeless.

Phillip Mathews, 17, of Country Club of Scranton, carded 1-under-par 70 to win the Boys' Division (Par 71, 6,268 yards).

The Abington Heights High School senior finished with four birdies, one of which came on the No. 17 (par 4, 365 yards). Despite fatigue caused by the 90-degree heat, Matthews hit a 56-degree wedge 75 yards to four feet.

"I felt like I still had it at the end. I was just trying to squeeze out a few more birdies," said Matthews, of Clarks Summit, Pa. "I wasn't looking at the scores at all, I was just trying to play the best I could. I'm very happy with my number today."

Matthews, who is preparing for the high school golf season, finished in a tie for second at the 2024 PIAA District II championships to help lift the Abington Heights Comets to victory. Fox Hill will host the PIAA District II championships in the fall.

"I'm going to take a week off before tryouts, then focus on high school golf," said Matthews, who will bring the Art Wall, Jr. Trophy back to the Country Club of Scranton.

The Junior Tournament of Champions is the culmination of the Lawler Junior Tour season.

The Lawler Junior Tour, sponsored by Barna Law and Community Bank, began in 1983. It is open to boys and girls 10 to 18 years of age. Its namesake, Bill Lawler, administered each event throughout the tour's formative years. A former Anthracite Golf Association president, Lawler died on July 19, 2021 at the age of 73.

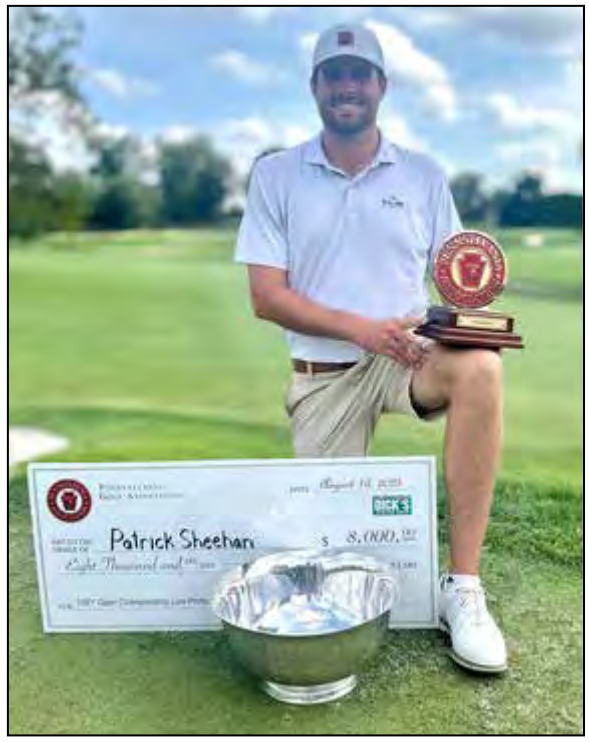
"Junior golf meant a lot to him," Patrick Lloyd, GAP Director of Northeast Operations, said. "He would mentor the kids, talk about the rules and etiquette. He was one of the most influential people in our area. He not only was a good player, but instrumental in growing the game."
The Lawler Junior Tour carries the legacy of its namesake.

1 Mathews, Phillip	Scranton CC	-1
T2 Roman, Ryan	Irem CC	+2
T2 Fatula, Gabe	Valley CC	+2
4 Boyanoski, Benjamin	Scranton CC	+3
5 Powell, Cole	Elkview CC	+5
T6 Gill, Liam	Fox Hill CC	+7
T6 Rosenkrans, Chase	Glen Oak CC	+7
8 Gerrity, Brady	Wyoming Valley CC	+8
T9 Pisarcik, Michael	Elkview CC	+9
T9 Meyer, Sebastian	Scranton CC	+9
11 Galucci, Emmett	GAP Youth on Course	+11
T12 Stott, Bobby	Scranton CC	+13
T12 Gruber, Noah	GAP Youth on Course	+13

1 Brown, Hallie	Shadowbrook	+3
2 Brunn, Arden	Wyoming Valley CC	+6
3 Smith, Sienna	Lawler Junior Tour	+11
4 Jones, Lyla	Pocono Farms CC	+12
5 Matteo, Madison	Valley CC	+17
6 Moffatt, Brianna	Glen Oak CC	+19

PATRICK SHEEHAN WINS 109TH PENNSYLVANIA OPEN

HAVERTOWN, Pa. – Reigning Pennsylvania Golf Association (PAGA) Player of the Year Patrick Sheehan (Talamore Country Club), co-leader of the 109th PAGA Open after round two, held on with a four-under-par 66 in the final round to outduel Anthony Sebastianelli (Rolling Green GC) for the title. After shooting an even-par 70 in the first round, Sheehan went 10-under the next two days at Llanerch Country Club to win by two strokes.



He had an ideal start to his final round, with birdies on holes No. 1 and 2, but Sebastianelli eagled No. 5 to knot things up yet again. Things got interesting for Sheehan on the par-three 8th, with a 40-foot par putt uphill to deal with.

"You don't really expect to make those," said Sheehan. "You just expect to get it pretty close. But when it was going up I thought maybe it had a pretty good chance and to see it drop in was great. Anthony made a putt as well, and that's just golf when you're playing in a twosome. One guy makes a long putt for par, then the other guy makes a nice par putt."

Sheehan also had to battle on 9 but sank a 12-foot slider to keep his streak of pars alive.

"Making those two putts gave me some confidence in my putter and proved I could do it under the gun," said Sheehan. "To make those par putts was just huge. I hit some great shots to start the back nine but couldn't capitalize. I was just trying to make a birdie and get some momentum back."

Sheehan finally broke a 10-hole par streak on the 13th hole with a birdie. Two bogeys from Sebastianelli on 13 and 14 put Sheehan up by a stroke, and another birdie on 16 pushed his lead to two strokes—but he eventually had to clutch out two more pars on 17 and 18 to secure the victory.

"I was really happy to make a putt on 17 to have a two-shot lead going into the last hole," recalled Sheehan. "Anthony was hitting it really well but he had an impossible shot on 18 and when he didn't make it, it kind of freed me up a little bit. I still had to execute a good chip, thought I hit a better one, but that's just Llanerch – balls just roll away."

Sheehan, who is in his first year as a professional, competes in the PGA Tour Americas, but found the space in his schedule to compete in this year's Open.

"Getting another PA major feels great," said Sheehan. "After winning the Amateur and the Sigel last year, I really wanted to win this. I think I've only played in one other Open. So when I saw I had an opening on my calendar I was really happy about that. The guys in Philly and around the state are pretty damn good, so any time you can win out here says something about your game and it's a big confidence boost going into my last five events."

Tied for third place in this year's Open at six-under-par for the week was Riley Wheeldon (Aronimink Golf Club) and defending champion Jake Sollon (Valley Brook Country Club). Wheeldon's 66 in the final round matched Sheehan for the lowest round of the day. Braden Shattuck (Rolling Green Golf Club) claimed sole possession of fifth place with a five-under-par 205 for the week.

J.F. Aber (Allegheny Country Club) and Calen Sanderson (Jericho National Golf Club) tied for sixth place at four-under, while Jake Haberstumpf (LedgeRock Golf Club) and Mike Van Sickle (Sewickley Heights GC) tied for eighth at two-under.

Pos.	Player		Total To Par Gross
1	Sheehan, Patrick	Talamore Country Club	-10
2	Sebastianelli, Anthony	Rolling Green	-8
T3	Wheeldon, Riley	Aronimink Golf Club	-6
T3	Sollon, Jake	Valley Brook CC	-6
5	Shattuck, Braden	Rolling Green Golf Club	-5
T6	Aber, J.F.	Allegheny Country Club	-4
T6	Sanderson, Calen	Jericho National Golf Club	-4
T8	Haberstumpf, Jake	LedgeRock Golf Club	-2
T8	Van Sickle, Mike	Sewickley Heights GC	-2
T10	Ryan, Caleb	The 1912 Club	E
T10	Mitchell, Griffin	The 1912 Club	E
T10	Mason, Andrew	Huntingdon Valley Country Club	E
T13	Tragesser, Chuck	Willowbrook Country Club	+1
T13	Beringer, Eric	Sunnybrook Golf Club	+1
T13	Werner, Nick	Huntsville Golf Club	+1
T16	Wolf, Campbell		+2
T16	Titsworth, Beau		+2
T16	Debusschere, Tyler	The Springhaven Club	+2

LUKE DONALD NAMES HIS SIX CAPTAIN'S PICKS FOR THE 2025 RYDER CUP

By Ryder Cup Europe On September 1, 2025 13:30 UTC

Luke Donald has selected Ludvig Åberg,Matt Fitzpatrick, Viktor Hovland, Shane Lowry, Jon Rahm and Sepp Straka as his six Captain's Picks to complete his 12-man European Team for the 2025 Ryder Cup in New York.



They join the six automatic qualifiers - Tommy Fleetwood, Tyrrell Hatton, Rasmus Højgaard, Robert MacIntyre, Rory McIlroy and Justin Rose -for the contest against the United States, which takes place at Bethpage Black, Farmington, New York, from September 26-28.

Sweden's Åberg and Straka of Austria will each be playing in their first away Ryder Cup, having made their debuts in the 16 ½ - 11 ½ victory in Rome two years ago.

Norwegian Hovland, who paired up with fellow Scandinavian Aberg in arecord-breaking foursomes win in Rome, will be making his third consecutive appearance. As will Ireland's Shane Lowry, who, like Hovland, previously played for Team Europe in 2021 and 2023.

Englishman Fitzpatrick and Spain's Rahm are the most experienced of the Captain's Picks, with three previous appearances apiece. Fitzpatrick teed it up in 2016, 2021 and 2023, with Rahm now making it four in a row, following his debut in Paris in 2018.

European Captain Donald said: "I am delighted to welcome Ludvig, Matt, Viktor, Shane, Jon and Sepp to Team Europe, alongside our six automatic qualifiers.

"We are a settled and united team with a strong culture, with 11 of the 12 players from the victory in Rome returning, and an exciting, talented rookie in Rasmus Højgaard, who was around our team environment in Rome.

"We also have a lot of experience and that is going to be important going to Bethpage because we know the challenge that awaits us.

"Although the team itself is similar to Rome, I have approached this captaincy from a very different angle. A different challenge requires different thinking and strategies.

"I'm excited that we now have our 12 players in place, and together we are all fully focused on trying to retain the Ryder Cup in New York and trying to create history."

EUROPEAN TEAM FOR THE 2025 RYDER CUP

Ludvig Åberg (Sweden). Age 25. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 1 (2023)

Matt Fitzpatrick (England). Age 31. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 3 (2016, 2021, 2023)

Tommy Fleetwood (England) Age 34. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 3 (2018, 2021, 2023)

Tyrrell Hatton (England). Age 33. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 3 (2018, 2021, 2023)

Rasmus Højgaard (Denmark) Age 24. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 0 (Rookie)

Viktor Hovland (Norway). Age 27. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 2 (2021, 2023)

Shane Lowry (Ireland). Age 38. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 2 (2021, 2023)

Robert MacIntyre (Scotland). Age 29. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 1 (2023)

Rory McIlroy (Northern Ireland). Age 36. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 7 (2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2023)

Jon Rahm (Spain). Age 30. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 3 (2018, 2021, 2023)

Justin Rose (England) Age 45. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 6 (2008, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2023)

Sepp Straka (Austria). Age 32. Previous Ryder Cup appearances: 1 (2023)

RYDER CUP 2025 BETHPAGE BLACK

43RD SENIOR COAL SCUTTLE CHAMPIONSHIP

ELKVIEW EDGES FOX HILL; OSBORNE MEDALS AT 6 UNDER

EXETER, Pa. — The 43rd Senior Coal Scuttle Championship (par 71, 6,034 yards) turned into a photo finish between Elkview Country Club and host Fox Hill Country Club Wednesday.



The two stood deadlocked with two holes remaining. The low four of five scores count toward the team total.

Then Frank Osborne stole the Scuttle show for good. The Elkview flagbearer inked 32 (4 under) on the second nine, punctuated by a fist-pumping, title-clinching 15-footer for par on No. 18 (par 4, 332 yards). Osborne led Elkview (3-over-par 287) to a one-stroke victory over Fox Hill, the tournament's defending champion. He finished at 6-under-par 65 to earn individual medalist honors.

Ken Bolcavage (71), John Pash (72), Mike Heck (79) and John Tolerico rounded out the Elkview team.

"It was a tricky putt. I won't lie to you," Osborne, 57, of Fell Township, Pa., said of his par putt on No. 18. "It went a little bit left, a little bit right and at the end I was a little unsure. Then it straightened out and went right into the hole. I happened to look at scores at the turn. The only thing I knew was we were four back [of Fox Hill]. Doable. We just have to play solid on the back nine. We have a group of guys that just grind. I'd knew we'd be there."

A smiling Pash applauded once Osborne's putt dropped. "No big deal. You saved us a playoff," he yelled in jest.

"That was an awesome putt. No doubt about it," Pash, 55, of Jermyn, Pa., said.

Osborne made plenty of those Wednesday. Right off the rip, too; a 12-footer for par on No. 1 (par 4, 393 yards) and a 10-footer for par on No. 2 (par 4, 394 yards). Such stressful saves are understandable when you learn that Osborne arrived at Fox Hill 20 minutes before his tee time.

Frank OsborneFrank Osborne

"I took the wrong exit and I was trying to navigate. Then there was traffic in Scranton. It was pretty backed up, so I took a detour and was running," Osborne, an Elkview member since 1986, said. "Usually I'm here about an hour ahead of time. I do a little warmup session on the range. Today I strictly looked at my tempo."

Perfect as Elkview's pacesetter. Osborne knocked an 8-iron to four feet for birdie on No. 3 (par 3, 172 yards), nearly holed a pitching wedge for eagle on No. 5 (par 4, 393 yards) and made the turn in 2 under. Osborne accelerated with an eagle on No. 12 (par 5, 468 yards), where his 5-iron from 188 yards settled eight feet left of the hole location. He converted the left-to-right breaker. Osborne, playing in the day's last group, made a 10-footer for birdie on No. 14 (par 5, 486 yards) and stuck a wedge from 88 yards to a foot on No. 16 (par 4, 354 yards).

Bolcavage and Pash each executed critical two-putt pars on No. 18, setting the stage for Osborne. But he metaphorically slipped as the curtain opened. Osborne's drive on No. 18 clipped a tree. Where did his golf ball go? The group was at a loss initially.

"I thought it went right into the fescue. I look out in the fairway and saw a ball sitting there, probably about 200 yards out," Osborne, who works for Flowserve Corporation, said. "I was a little bit afraid of carrying that tree, so I took a 6-iron and figured I'd lay it short, purposely to the left side of the fairway to have a better look at the pin."

A clear, 35-yard shot to a front-right hole location. And Osborne delivered.

"I haven't played a lot of GAP events. It's just great to finally get to play a senior event. I feel like a rookie on tour," Osborne said. "I felt coming in that if I could play the way I did in our club championship [two weeks ago], then I could win."

"Frank's been playing well all year round," Bolcavage, 61, of Fell Township, Pa., said.

Elkview now holds seven (2006, 2008-09, 2014-16) Senior Coal Scuttle titles. It joined Fox Hill as the only clubs to win both the Senior Coal Scuttle and Super-Senior Coal Scuttle in the same year. Elkview took the latter in July at StoneHedge.



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By Scotty McAlarney, Top 50 Golf Instructor W.G.T.F./I.P.G.A., Director of Golf at Scott Greens Golf Club/A Swing for Life Golf Academy

At Scott Greens Golf Club in Scott Township, Pennsylvania, I wear many hats—but my true passion lies in player development through fitness-focused instruction. After more than 30 years of teaching, I've found that the most transformative golf experiences begin not on the range, but in the body.

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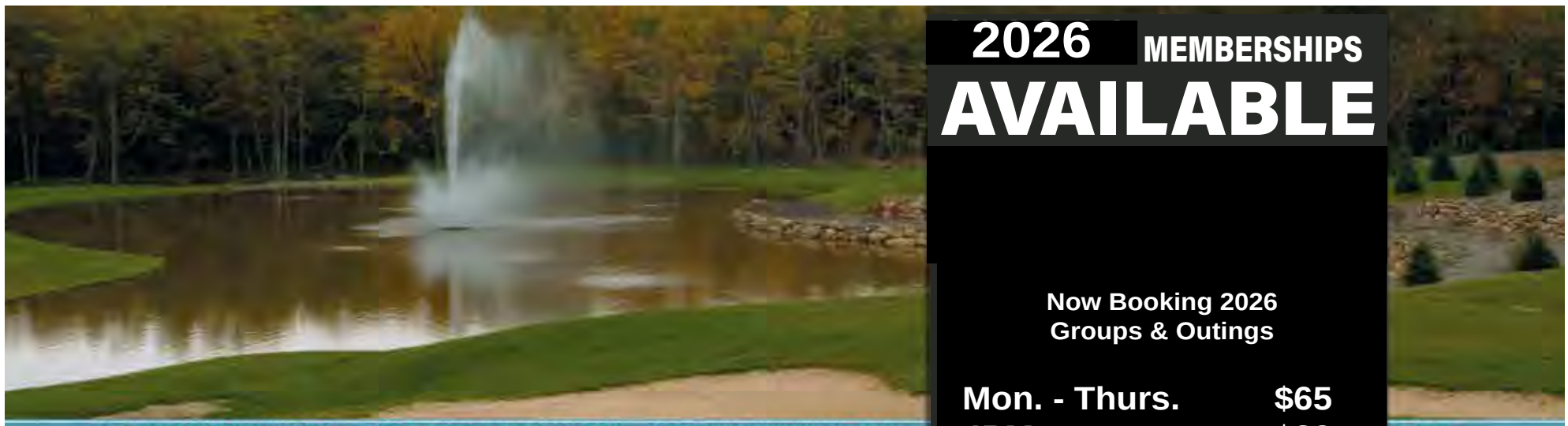
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