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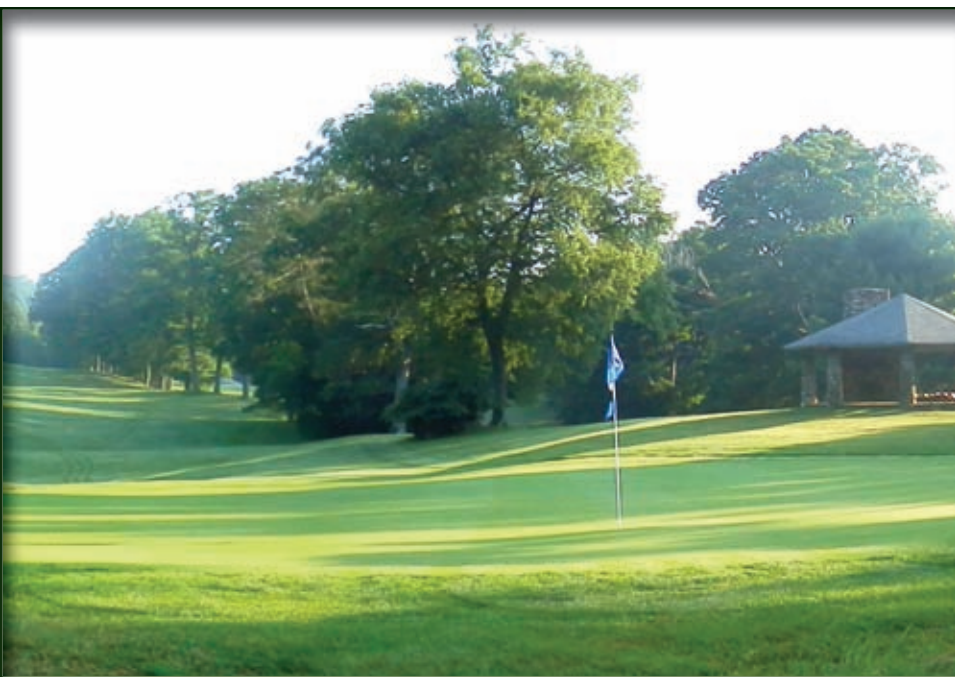
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Ross Designed Pocono Gems Buck Hill & Pocono Manor



Buck Hill Golf Club Blue Course Hole 4 (Photo/ AngelaCroffut)

By John Zimich

Donald Ross, arguably one of the greatest golf architects with more than 400 of his courses in the United States, has his "fingerprints" on two of the gems in the Pocono Mountains.

They are Buck Hill Golf Club and Pocono Manor Golf Club. Buck Hill is a layout of timeless design and beauty. Ross designed the course on prime golf terrain, where little earth was moved, and the natural beauty shines through.

Buck Hill is a mountain venue, but it's more rolling terrain than ups and downs one may have seen on some "mountain" courses.

Tom O'Malley, Professional Golfers Association (PGA) pro at Buck Hill, noted many of the greens there are the classic Ross inverted bowls, and most have a relatively deep bunker guarding the right or left side of the green.

He added that virtually all of the greens there are open in the front, allowing for the bump and run approach shots. O'Malley said to be careful not to go too far past the pins or over the greens because the odds of getting up and down will increase exponentially.

There are few hazards and forced carries while playing this Ross gem. The challenge that one encounters is the undulations in the fairways and greens. Seldom does one have a level lie at Buck Hill.

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The Pocono Manor East Course 18th hole.

it has," said O'Malley. "Fortunately for the public golfer, that pedigree doesn't come with the price. It's a fantastic bargain to play t Buck Hill."

He said rates top out at \$60 weekdays and \$75 for weekends. There are twilight and season rates going for as low as \$30, including cart.

Ross, the transplanted Scotsman who immigrated to Pinehurst, N.C., designed the first nine holes at Pocono Manor that opened for play in 1912. Ross historians noted he visited Pocono Manor in the winter of 1919 in route to Buck Hill that was under construction at the time.

In 1920, Pocono Manor, at that time owned by the Quakers, hired William Flynn to design the back nine and usher the course to championship status.

Interestingly, it was the Quakers from Philadelphia who came to the Poconos in 1901 in search of a summer retreat and recreational resort. Construction of Pocono Manor Inn began in 1902 with the golf course to follow.

Quakers owned the inn and golf courses until 1966 when they sold the facilities to Sam Ireland. Ireland family later sold the facility in 2005 to Pocono Manor Investors, LP, headed by the Bailey Family from New York.

It was in 1965 when the West Course was completed at Pocono Manor. That course is now closed for the opening of the Kalahari Water Park Resort.

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Chun Takes US Women's Open At Lancaster C.C.



In Gee Chun of South Korea poses with the trophy after winning the U.S. Women's Open

A William Flynn designed Old Course Lancaster County Club Hole #3

By Jason Fulginiti

LANCASTER, Pa. — Settling into a chair in front of hundreds of media personnel from around the world on June 12th, In Gee Chun admitted to not knowing what to think or feel.

Chun had just posted a final-round, 4-under 66 at Lancaster Country Club, enabling her to win the 70th United States Women's Open by a shot over Amy Yang, who held a three-shot lead over American Stacy Lewis and a four-shot edge over Chun entering Sunday's final round.

Her four-day total of 8-under 272 matched the tournament's 72-hole scoring record shared by Annika Sorenstam in 1996 and Juli Inkster in 1999. Her closing 66 also tied the second-lowest final-round score by a winner in U.S. Women's Open history. This, despite the fact that she had never before played in the event.

"I still don't realize that I won the championship," the 20-year-old South Korean told the media after becoming just the fourth player in history to win the U.S. Women's Open in her first appearance.

But while her inability to digest the biggest accomplishment of her career was the same as it would be with most athletes, Chun's reaction went a lot deeper. After all, this was about more than golf, in a way. This was about a journey, about family and about rewarding years of sacrifice — not just on her part.

Chun grew up in a rural section of Seoul, South Korea, where her father, Jong Jin, operated a small business and her mother, Eun Hee Kim, ran a small restaurant. It was Chun's father, and one of Jong Jin's friends, that took her to a driving range when she was a young girl. It wasn't a Norman Rockwell father-daughter moment by any stretch.

"They asked me to hit some shots," Chun said through an interpreter at LCC, "and then I tried to swing the club but the result wasn't that good. Then my father and my father's friend teased me a little bit and I got fired up, I felt I could do it. And then I decided to spend some time (with) golf and I fell in love with the game."

A child prodigy in math, Chun suddenly had a new passion, at which she worked tirelessly over the next few years, eventually earning her the nickname "Dumbo," for her ability to believe in herself and overcome obstacles. But as her game progressed, life at home was going a different direction.

Chun's father eventually lost his business, while a leg injury forced her mother to leave her restaurant. Not that either of those circumstances ever affected Chun the golfer, whose parents — somehow — always found a way to let their daughters pursue her dream.

"Since I fell in love with golf, my parents tried everything not to make me feel any financial difficulties," she said. "Not letting me know (what was going on financially) so that I could just enjoy the game. And then their support was great throughout my entire career. I realized later they must have had a hard time financially. And right after that, I met my coach (Won Park) and what I learned from (him) was just enjoying the game. So without thinking any (negativity), all I could do was just enjoy the game. And that's what brought me to (this) U.S. Open win, I believe." Along with a game that had her ranked 20th in the world heading into the 70th installment of the women's national championship. After appearing in four LPGA Tour events early this season, Chun went on to win three times in Korea and collect a major in Japan. But she'd never won on American soil.

"I had a great experience from those four (LPGA) tournaments," Chun said. "And with those four wins this year, I had a lot of confidence (leading) into this tournament. That's why I could enjoy every moment of the tournament."

Chun's enjoyment was palpable, and quickly made her a favorite with the fans, some of whom did some homework, discovered her nickname, and shouted "Go, Dumbo," as Chun walked the fairways. All of which, Chun said, only added to her enjoyment and kept her calm and smiling as a fight to the finish unfolded down the stretch during Sunday's final round.

Entering the last round at 8 under, which gave her a three-shot lead over American Stacy Lewis and a four-shot edge on Chun, third-round leader Amy Yang of Korea didn't appear to have any intention of giving that lead away, making the turn in even par to maintain a three-shot advantage on Chun. Lewis, meanwhile, never recovered from a double bogey at the par-4 fifth, and eventually finished at 5 under and in a tie for third with two-time U.S. Women's Open champion Inbee Park of Korea.

With Yang not relenting, Chun decided to take the fight to her, starting with a birdie on the par-3 12th that got her to 6 under and within a shot of the lead after Yang (playing in the group behind) bogeyed No. 11. But the drama was only getting started for Chun, even if her mild-mannered nature made her seem oblivious to it. And even after a birdie at No. 15 (combined with back-to-back bogeys by Yang at Nos. 14 and 15) gave Chun a two-shot lead with three holes to play. "Yeah, I missed a couple of short putts" Yang later said. "And that cost me a lot."

The last three holes were a blur. Chun birdied No. 16 to get to 8 under. Yang eagled 16 to get to 7. Chun birdied the par-3 17th to get to 9 under. Yang birdied 17 to get to 8. And after a missed fairway from Chun led to a bogey on the par-4 18th, sending her back to 8 under, the door was open for Yang, who was standing on the 18th tee needing only a par to force a playoff. Yang let that door slam on her when she hit her ensuing tee shot in the rough, came up short on her second shot and eventually missed her 12-foot par-saving putt an inch left of the hole.

"Nothing I can do," Yang said afterward. "It's out of my control. It was a good week, a great week, a good experience again. It didn't go (how) I expected, but I learned a few things."

As did Chun, who — after watching Yang's putt slip by the hole on a TV in the clubhouse — dropped her head with a faint smile of disbelief that was altogether understandable. After all, her Dumbo-like drive to conquer this game had just been validated. As had the long-time sacrifices of her parents, who somehow enabled her to keep playing despite the most difficult of financial times. (Chun's \$810,000 winner's check should take care of a few bills). And, that simply enjoying the game and the experiences that come with it might just be the best game plan out there.

Arriving in Lancaster around the Fourth of July, one of the first things Chun did was learn about the holiday and about America's history in general, which she said was "so interesting." Then she went out and enjoyed the area around Lancaster Country Club and learned about Lancaster itself. Then she went out and won the biggest women's golf championship on the globe. You know, you're basic week and a half.

"Everything I faced and did here (in Lancaster) was completely new," said Chun, who also had a new caddie on the bag for the U.S. Women's Open. "I just tried to enjoy the new stuff ... and I had a lot of fun."

Membership on the LPGA Tour might be the next new development for the South Korean, who has played sparingly in this country to this point. The LPGA Tour, she said, is the ultimate goal. As for when that might happen?

"I'll think about it real seriously with my parents and my coach and I'll let you know," she told the media with a smile. "(Right now) I'm still nuts. I still don't realize that I've won (the U.S. Women's Open) championship."

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Dobyns wins 2015 PGA Pro Championship



Matt Dobyns of Glen Head, New York, captured his 2nd PGA Professional National Championship at The Philadelphia Cricket Club.



Philadelphia Cricket Club Wissahickon Course was built by renowned golf architect A.W. Tillinghast in 1922. Hole #18 Photo by Evan Schiller

By Bob Denney, PGA of America

FLOURTOWN, Pa. – Matt Dobyns of Glen Head, New York, made a three-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to overtake Ben Polland, who suffered a disastrous double bogey, and capture his second PGA Professional National Championship Wednesday at The Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Dobyns, 37, who trailed by two strokes coming to the 18th tee, hit a gap wedge from 148 yards to three feet of the hole after Polland, a 24-year-old PGA Assistant Professional at Deepdale Golf Club in Manhasset, New York, hit his approach shot from an awkward lie in a fairway bunker into the hazard on the Wissahickon Course.

From there, Polland took a penalty stroke and hit his fourth shot to the green before missing a potential-tying 10-foot bogey putt. Dobyns, the PGA Head Professional at Fresh Meadow Country Club in Lake Success, New York, then rolled in his winning putt to add to his 2012 National Championship.

Dobyns finished with an even-par 70 for a 72-hole total of 3-under par 279, while Polland closed with a 72 and 280 in his debut in the Championship. They were the only players finishing under-par.

Alan Morin (68) of Royal Palm Beach, Florida, shared third with Grant Sturgeon of Port Chester, New York (74), at 282.

“I knew if I didn’t hit a good tee shot or make birdie the tournament was over,” said Dobyns. “I hit it hard and off the bunker, and it went about 300 yards and ended up in the middle of the fairway. He made a mistake off the tee and had a bad break in the left fairway bunker. When he hit the ball and it went into the water, I was shocked. I felt really bad for him, because I know Ben and know him well. He works in the same club that I worked for years and for the same mentor (1996 PGA National Champion Darrell Kestner).”

Dobyns’ final putt was the first time all week that he had a piece of the lead in the 48th showcase event for PGA Professionals. He earned \$75,000 from a \$550,000 total purse in a Championship presented by Club Car, Mercedes-Benz and OMEGA.

“I know how good of player Ben is and he’s a better person. At the same time, I’m also trying to win the thing,” said Dobyns, who trailed by five strokes with six hole to play. “I had a perfect number into the green. Ben hit a good putt for bogey and it just didn’t go in. The putt I had was just a matter of getting it on the right line.”

Polland said that his misfortunes began by having hit his 3-wood inconsistently throughout the week, and the miscue on 18 couldn’t have come at a worse time.

“I hit it almost off the heel and it left me with a really weird lie (in the left fairway bunker),” said Polland. “To be honest, if it was a foot shorter, I probably would have laid up. Since it was on top, I thought that I could get it over the creek. I’ve hit that shot before. I used a 7-iron and caught it on the toe. On the (bogey) putt, I hit it well, but it didn’t have enough speed.”

Dobyns became the fifth player to win multiple PGA Professional National Championships and the eighth overall National Champion from the Metropolitan PGA Section. In addition, he said that he had come full circle after an emotional 2014 in which his wife, Laurie

gave birth at 27½ weeks to a son, Michael. That news came when Dobyns was about to play the third round of the 2014 National Championship.

“I’m dedicating this to my children,” said Dobyns, who also have a daughter, Kaitlyn. “We feel very blessed to have both kids healthy and for them to be here with us today.”

In addition to the low 20 scorers earning a berth in the 97th PGA Championship, Aug. 13-16, at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisconsin, there was a chase for spots on the 2015 U.S. PGA Cup Team.

Eight players clinched berths on the 10-member U.S. Team that faces Great Britain & Ireland, Sept. 18-20, at CordeValle in San Martin, California. They are: Dobyns, Polland, 2014 National Champion Michael Block of Aliso Viejo, California; Sturgeon; Morin; Jamie Broce of Ottawa Hills, Ohio; Stuart Deane of Arlington, Texas; and 2014 PGA Professional Player of the Year Bob Sowards of Dublin, Ohio. The remaining two PGA Cup Team berths will be determined after the 97th PGA Championship.

PGA Pro Championship Philly Cricket Club Par 70

RESULTS

	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
Matt Dobyns	72	69	68	70	279
Ben Polland	68	67	73	72	280
Alan Morin	70	72	72	68	282
Grant Sturgeon	70	69	69	74	282
Brian Cairns	74	69	73	67	283
Austin Peters	68	74	72	69	283
Brett Jones	72	73	69	69	283
Omar Uresti	70	73	71	69	283
Sean Dougherty	73	74	67	69	283
Ryan Kennedy	74	72	72	66	284
Adam Rainaud	76	70	70	68	284
Charles Frost	72	67	75	70	284
Johan Kok	72	71	71	70	284
Ryan Helminen	71	74	69	70	284
Bob Sowards	72	71	70	71	284
Daniel Venezio	73	71	72	69	285
Jeff Olson	71	72	70	72	285
Steven Young	69	71	72	73	285
Brent Snyder	72	69	70	74	285
Wyatt Worthington, II	75	71	73	67	286

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Tidewater Plantation Hole #13 Fairway to green



World Tour Augusta National Hole #12

By **MIKE KERN**

Have I mentioned before that I never get tired of Myrtle Beach?

Thought so. Maybe only a 100 times or so. In fact, about the only part of it I don't like is the ride down and back. But I realize it's a necessary evil. This year we even stopped on the way south, just beyond Richmond, and it worked out well. Got some sleep, still made it down there the next day by early afternoon. Win-win. Coming home, though, was a different story. That we do in one shot, for many reasons. And we were doing great, until we hit the spot that always screws us up on 95 just north of Richmond. Don't ask. There is no answer, except that the next 50 miles or so are usually stop and go. And this time, it rained. And I mean hard. So it took us 6 hours to get to Richmond, then another 6 to get home from there. But enough of my traffic problems. The eight days in between were once again eight of the best days of my year. It's become our tradition, and it's unlike many others.

I played four times while I was there, which is about my norm. I always leave try to leave the last day free for family stuff, which means a lot of nothing except beach and pool. We're very good at laying low, and actually darned proud of it. It's an underrated skill as far as I'm concerned. Besides, we've done most of the tourist things already. There's a lot to be said for basically vegging out. I save most of my energy for the golf course, which is how it should be.

My first stop was Tidewater Plantation, a place in Little River I've always had fond memories of. We were there right after the place opened in 1990, and even got to meet the guy who designed it, Ken Tomlinson. I competed in an opening round of the Golf Writers Association of America annual pre-Masters tournament there, and somehow put myself way up on the leaderboard. Unfortunately the next day I didn't do nearly so well at the Dunes, but that's another story. It happens. Yet Tidewater has remained a fave. In fact, it's probably on my top five in Myrtle, or at least very close. Still, I hadn't seen it in awhile, and had heard not too long ago that the conditions weren't so conducive any more. But in the fall of 2014 they unveiled some new state of the art greens, and the reviews from a few friends of mine were once again a big-time thumbs up. So I had to find out for myself. And since we were staying about 10 minutes from it, I had no excuse.

Suffice it to say my friends were right.

Tidewater has the flow. And the vistas. Now it has the pristine quality back. In other words, the overall package is simply very hard to beat. And in a setting where there's so many courses to choose from, if you want to remain one of the elite then you have to act like it. And the folks

who run it obviously have gotten the message. Some of the holes are downright spectacular. Try not to get caught up in the surroundings. The views at certain points, especially along the water or overlooking the marshes/wetlands, can be quite captivating. Nothing wrong with that. It reminds me of what you find at Oyster Bay, another course I could play over and over. There's a bunch of elevation changes that you don't often get down there, and the natural contours of the land make it all seem very peaceful. But don't be fooled. It can be a bear. The nice thing is, because of the proximity to the ocean you get some nice breezes, which helps, especially in the summer.

I could play the third and fourth holes nine times and call it a round. That's how good they are. The third is a short par 3 that can nevertheless cause problems, particularly if the wind isn't cooperating. There's trouble left, and bailout right. You can find yourself scrambling to make bogey rather quickly if you're not paying attention. And No. 4 is the No. 1 handicap hole for a reason. It's wonderful, a dogleg left par 4 with an approach to a green that has wet stuff guarding the left side. You make 4 there and you're doing good. The ninth is another great par 3 of about 150 or so with a green that bends severely from right to left toward an out of bounds. I happened to hit a perfect shot in, though I can't say I planned it that way, and left myself with a 15-foot birdie try that just slid by the high side. What a way to end the nine.

There's a nice mix of long and short holes, and plenty of water to keep you occupied. The 10th is a short dogleg right that looks easy if you don't find any trouble. Good luck. There's very few straight holes, so a certain amount of imagination does come into the equation. Not a bad thing. The home hole, which is rated No. 4, might be the most difficult despite its relatively innocuous length. You have to hit a decent tee ball to have a chance. The hole bends to the left, and your approach has to avoid a bunch of stuff to the right that you just don't want to be in. It could leave a bad taste in your mouth, and who needs that? By the way, almost forgot that some folks have called the par-5 13th, which has water all down the right, one of the most picturesque on the entire Grand Strand. You can't make that up. But don't believe me. Go check it out for yourself. I don't think you'll be disappointed. I can't wait to go back. I can promise it won't take nearly as long for me to make return visit as it did this time. I wouldn't fib about something like that. Whether they'll have me back is often the catch.

Anyway, next up was World Tour, a course I'd played once many years ago when it was 27

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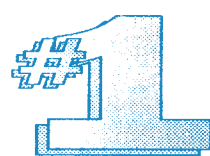


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holes. Now it's 18, or at least that's how many they had when I was there, all of which are inspired by great courses from around the globe (I've heard the third nine, which was once marked for houses, might be coming back in play). Some of which I've already played for real, which makes it even more interesting. But first, we started with the opening hole at St. Andrews, which of course most of us have at least seen on TV through the years). And yes, they do have the 18th sitting next to it coming back the other way, just as it is over there, to close their Open nine. I played St. Andrews once. Nearly drove it out of bounds left, which is almost impossible. Then I chipped one into the burn that fronts the green. It did get better from there, I must admit. This time, I hit a pretty good drive straight down the middle and still had about 175 to the pin. Not what I remembered having left in Scotland, but what the hey. I hit a perfect 5-wood 15 feet past the cup. Made my early morning. And that's the fun of this concept. You get a taste of what it's like to face some of the enduring snapshots. Like the 17th at TPC Sawgrass, which here was our third. I've played that hole twice. Been on each time and made par, once after my three partners were in the water. This time I hit the same 8-iron into the bunker just right of the hole and had to settle for bogey. But I wasn't complaining.

I also played the 15th, a long par 5 that I nearly birdied, from English Turn in New Orleans. And the 12th at Pine Valley, which I really don't remember from the two times I played there because it's been so long, plus the par-3 16th at Augusta National. Then we closed out the nine with 18 from St. Andrews, which I bogeyed in 1995 after leaving my short approach in the Valley of Sin. It happens. On this version I was safely in the middle after a drive/7-iron and 2-putted. The only difference is there was no small crowd planted behind the green to cheer me on, as they sometimes do at the original.

The two highlights of the back nine were the postage stamp hole from Royal Troon and Amen Corner from the Masters. I was at Troon for the 2004 Open, and all I wanted to do was play that 125-yarder, which depending upon the wind can be a sand wedge or a mid iron. Since the pin was up we were playing it at about 110. In 1973, Gene Sarazen famously aced it (and birdied it the next round). He was 71 at the time. Well, I almost matched him. My wedge hit on the front fringe and rolled perilously close to going in, missing by inches on the right and ending up about 2 feet behind the cup. Now that would have been something, a third one to add to my meager collection (and first in like two decades, but who's counting?). Then we headed directly to the 11th through 13th at Augusta, where I wasn't as fortunate. The one thing you can't do on the second shot at 11 is hit it left. So naturally, that's where I hit it. And as you'd expect, it rolled into the water. I still managed to get up and down to save bogey, but I should know better. I'd bogeyed the real 11 both times I played it, but once I was at least on in two and 3-putted from about 70 feet. And that felt better. On 12, the 150-yarder, I put not one but two balls into the water. And neither really came close. Too bad. It's one of my favorite holes anywhere, even though I also bogeyed that twice. But I cleared the hazard both times. On 13, the par-5 that keeps bending left, I finally did something right and hit three good shots (no, I didn't go for it) to leave myself with a 25-foot downhill for birdie that grazed the right side of the cup at the



Shaftesbury Glen Golf & Fish Club Hole #8

right speed. All you can do is try.

I hope World Tour gets its other nine back some day. And maybe even decides to add a hole from Merion. You could obviously do way worse. I'd go with the 11th.

This kind of golf experience maybe isn't for everyone. But it was fun. And different. And the hospitality there was great. But I could honestly say that for just about every course I played. It must be something in the grits. For what it's worth, it should be noted that World Tour is among 22 courses now operating under the management umbrella of the Chinese-based Founders Group International, an affiliation that also includes TPC Myrtle Beach, Grande Dunes, Pawleys Plantation, Pine Lakes and Myrtle Beach National. What this means for the future remains to play out, but things do seem to be changing. So we'll see, and hope that it's better for the consumer.

My third round was at The Thistle, just over the North Carolina border in Sunset Beach. Again, I had played there once, but it was so long ago that the clubhouse wasn't even built yet. And an impressive facility it is. But no more impressive than the layout, which has 27 holes. We only played 18, since the Stewart nine was closed while they were working on the greens. So we got to navigate the Cameron and the Mackay. The guy I got paired with, who plays there a fair amount, said all three nines are equally worthy. I don't think he was wrong, at least from what I was exposed to. The first thing you notice is that there's a lot of water to deal with. Yet not in an overly penal way. Still, you're aware it's there. And it's pretty scenic, much like a Tidewater or Oyster Bay. And it's challenging, especially if you play from the wrong set of tees. I've learned that lesson the hard way too many times, so now I tend to err on the side of caution. And it seems to serve me well. You can lose some balls here, but it's fair enough that some well-placed hits can also land you a decent number of birdie chances. The fourth hole is a shortish par-3 to an island green, as a prime example. You can make 2 or 3 just as readily as you can end up with a 5 or higher. The same can be said most of the way around. And the conditions were top notch. Even though the greens had recently been punched, which has to be done, they rolled relatively true. I can only imagine what they're like at their peak.

The Mackay was no less of an experience. In many ways, very similar. There was wet stuff to deal with, on every hole but the seventh. And that hole carried its own set of problems. If you didn't hit your drive long enough, and even bend it left, you maybe had to lay up on your second. Because the par-5 had a serious carry crossing the fairway about 75 yards out in front of the green. I laid up. Still made bogey. My cart mate went for the glory and didn't make it. He said it wasn't the first time he'd been victimized like that. Maybe it was a little unfair to the mid-handicapper. But that's why it was rated No. 1 in degree of difficulty. Hey, some hole has to be. I'm not sure I'd want to play that one over and over, but the rest of the side certainly made up for that. Both par-3s, each around 150 or so from the middle, were keepers. As was the finisher, a par-5 that bends left around water like Pebble Beach. But if you kept it right you could make your way around, and somehow I did. Too bad my 25-footer for birdie didn't even sniff the hole. I think I still might have been feeling the effects of No. 7. But I already have my reason to go back. Need to see the Stewart. Whatever works. Sounds reasonable to me.

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Grand Dunes Hole #14



Barefoot Fazio Course Hole #18

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Finally, there was Shaftesbury Glen, which is a little off the beaten path in Conway. But it came highly recommended, from a friend whose opinion I listen to. And when I asked around, a bunch of other folks seemed to have good things to say about it as well. So why not? Hey, I might learn something. It actually didn't take me that long to get there. And when I did, I was hardly disappointed. It had rained the night before, so it was pretty wet. But I went out by myself, first off, and it only took me about 2 1/2 hours to play. Nothing ever wrong with that. I must admit, though, that when the ground is wet you find out exactly how far your ball carries. And to my dismay, I quickly found out mine doesn't go nearly as far as it used to. Imagine that.

You want to talk about small world? The first guy I met at the course was from Ocean City, N.J., where we've also been vacationing forever. So we had a lot to talk about. For whatever reason, it seems like there's a good number of people from the greater Philly area who've relocated down to Myrtle. I can understand why.

Anyhow, Shaftesbury is different from much of what you find down there, because most of the greens are elevated. I heard the guy who was responsible for putting it together had spent a lot of time at Winged Foot, which probably helps explain that. It's a parkland-style design, in a rural setting with a gentle flow. All very peaceful. But some of the shots will test you, because many times you're hitting over bunkers and such, depending on the pin positions. I enjoyed it, very much. And apparently I'm not the only one, because it was packed. It was in wonderful shape, especially considering the weather, which is always way up there on my checklist. Nothing worse than playing a course that needs some work.

They also have a golf academy, just in case you need some instruction or even a fitting. They can do it. Some of the holes are fairly open, while others are tree-lined. Good mix. I know it wasn't boring, that's for sure. And I know I'd go back, which is what mostly counts. Score one for recommendations. And they offer some of the best bargain packages you'll ever come across, if you stay in one of the rooms that sit above the clubhouse. You might want to check them out. And of course you can also play the other Glens courses, too, as part of those plans. I really have to say it was an eye-opener, and I like finding new things along the way.

As for accommodations, we used to stay solely at Barefoot Landing, and it was great. But the last two years we've been in Cherry Grove, at the north end of North Myrtle Beach, and we like it even better. This time we had a two-bedroom condo at ShoreHaven II, through the Elliott Realty company. We've got a pool right next store, and the beach is a block away. Doesn't get much better. Plus it's peaceful, and we're within a short drive of just about everything we need to be a short drive from. I hope we're fortunate enough to continue going there for many years to come.

As far as other options go, and Myrtle Beach if nothing else has no shortage of those, here's just a few suggestions from my past experiences. You always have to start with the Dunes, which is private so you'll need to have a friend on the inside. But it's definitely worth the extra effort,

since it used to host the Senior Tour Championship. Grande Dunes, which is just across Highway 17, has a number of holes on the Intercoastal Waterway that are quite memorable. And if the wind's blowing, quite treacherous. Moving from north to south, Rivers Edge, a Palmer layout in Shallotte, is a gem. As is Oyster Bay, a place I could go to several times a week. Sandpiper Bay, which just underwent a renovation, has 27 holes that are well maintained and a true value. I've never played River Hills, but some locals have told me they like it as much as anything down there so I'll pass that along. Barefoot has four courses, and they're all wonderful. I think the Love might be my favorite, but the Fazio might be a little tougher. And the Norman, if it was by itself, would be a lot more appreciated. The Dye is what you'd expect from the master of penal. But still playable. I've always liked the Witch and Pine Lakes International, where of course Sports Illustrated came into being in the mid 1950s. The Heritage Club, which I played a few years ago, came recommended and lived up to the hype. And the two Mike Strantz tracks, Caledonia and True Blue, are worth doing a 36-holer with lunch in between. I adore both of them, but True Blue will test you a bit more. Caledonia, though, might be more fun. And it has one of the best finishing holes anywhere. Or you can sit on the veranda with a cool drink in your hands and just watch everyone else try to deal with the water in front of the green.

If you know me, you know I often rate my trips by how well I eat. This year we even found a new place, Mama Jean's (my wife's name), which offers up an all-you-can eat lunch buffet for \$10, drink included. Can't beat that. Just like The Shack, another place the locals favor, where you can get a choice of meat or fish plus three sides and a drink for about the same price. Then there's the Simply Southern Smokehouse, which does a similar thing. For value, it's unmatched. I only wish they had a few of these in Philly.

Hey, if you want great Italian, go to Chianti South. Ask for the stuffed banana peppers. Or just about anything else, for that matter. But the peppers are my staple. We even tried a French restaurant, the Brentwood Wine Bistro, in Little River that we must have passed 100 times in the past. The onion soup and bread could have been a meal in itself. But you have to get the chocolate souffle. Trust me on this. You'll go into diabetic shock, but it's worth it. If you're down at the Southern end and crave New Orleans cuisine, head to Flo's. Captain Juels Hurricane Bar has a seafood stew that's really up there. Not to mention the hush puppies and poppyseed dressing. For fudge you go to Callahan's in Calabash. Unreal. Melts in your mouth. Just don't put it in the refrigerator. Ruins the consistency. Did I miss anything? Well, Greg Norman's in Barefoot is always a taste treat. Horst Gasthaus is a German place that has all you can eat pork chops. My son-in-law ate five. For pizza, we go to Benito's. And for hot dogs, Gary's Dawgs. He's from Boston, and their out of this world. For bagels, hit Crave. The French Toast version is particularly tempting. And if crumb cake is your passion, you need to get to the aptly named Crumb Buns.

I guess all that knowledge should help get you through your next trip. In the meantime I'll be trying to find some new stuff to pass along. Because I never ever get tired of Myrtle Beach.

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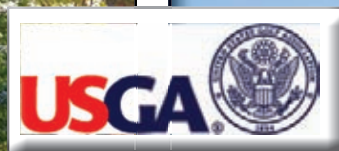
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Oakmont Country Club, Hole 3

By Pete Kowalski

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The Pocono Manor- East Course 4th hole



Buck Hill Golf Club Hole 9 (Photo/ AngelaCroffut)

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rocks removed from the original construction of the fairways, a characteristic of all Ross and Flynn designed courses.

There are two unique par 3s at Pocono Manor's East layout. One is the third hole that measures 194 yards from the championship tees and is referred to as the "punch bowl." It requires a blind downhill shot to the green while the other is the 77-yard downhill seventh with a green protected by Indian Run Creek.

A management team from Kalahari is now overseeing the maintenance and restoration of the East Course and plans are moving forward.

"We are really excited about what is happening at the golf course," said Greg Wall, director of golf at Pocono Manor and who started his professional career there in 1984. He's the son of the late and great Art Wall, Jr., PGA Tour pro who won the Masters in 1959 and had 14 tour wins total.

Greg said the greens at the East Course are going to be changed back to their original shapes. There also will be some contour work done on the fairways.

"Right now are greens speeds are as fast and as good as I've ever seen them in years," further added Wall. "We are in the early stages of our restoration project and the management at Kalahari realizes the hidden jewel that we have in the golf course. They have given us tremendous support. We do have a great and historic golf property. Good things are happening here at the golf course with more to come. It's an exciting time."

Getting back to Ross, he designed 36 golf courses in Pennsylvania, 13 in New Jersey and one in Delaware (DuPont Country Club).

His other Pennsylvania designed courses include Elkview Country Club, Carbondale; Aronimink Golf Club, Newtown Square; Allegheny Country Club, Sewickley; Bedford Springs Hotel Golf Club, Bedford; Berkshire Country Club, Reading; Cedarbrook Country Club, Cheltenham; Cheser Valley Country Club, Malvern; Conewango Valley Country Club, Warren; Edgewood County Club, Pittsburgh; Edgewood Country Club, Pittsburgh.

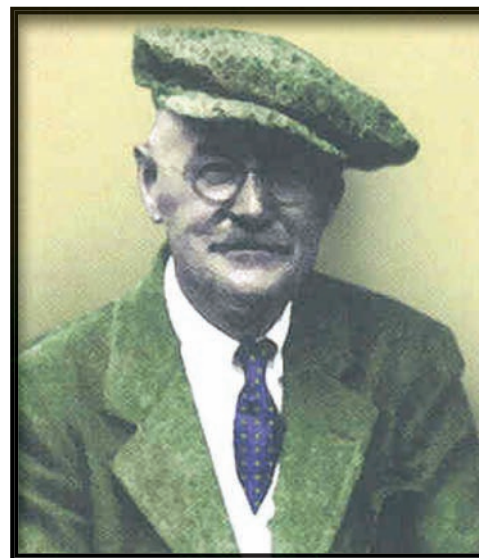
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Also Llanerch-McGovern, Havertown; LuLu Country Club, North Hills; Mayland Woods, Delaware County; Overbrook Golf Club Overbrook; Maryland Woods, Delaware County; Philadelphia Cricket Club, Philadelphia; Rolling Rock Club, Ligonier; Schuylkill Country Club, Orwigsburg; Silver Creek Country Club, Hellertown; St. Davids Golf Club, Wayne; Torresdale-Frankford Country Club, Philadelphia; Upper Saucon Township Municipal, Coopersburg; Wanango Golf Club, Reno; Whitmarsh Valley Country Club, Lafayette Hills, and York Country Club, York.

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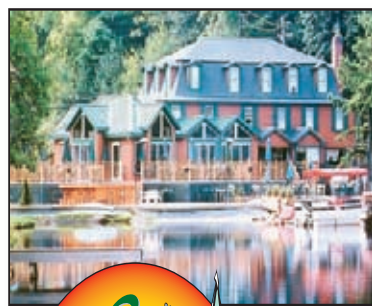
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Elkview Country Club wins 2015 AGA Women's Coal Scuttle Championship



In the individual portion of the event Huntsville Golf Club's Barb Pagana captured the title on the second hole of a sudden death playoff over Elkview Country Club's Selena Cerra.

Huntsville Golf Club's Barb Pagana Captures Individual Title in a Playoff

Elkview Country Club wins fourth straight AGA Women's Coal Scuttle title.

Elkview Country Club was led by Selena Cerra who shot 76 and last years Individual Champion, Deb Novak who carded 79. Rounding out the team from Elkview Country Club were Katie Zefran (84) and Ellen Frank (84).

Crystal Lake, PA - Elkview Country Club won its fourth straight AGA Women's Coal Scuttle title on Monday, July 6th. Hosting as three time defending champion, the team won by 24 shots with 3 of 4 scores counting for a 239 total. Elkview Country Club was led by Selena Cerra who shot 76 and last years individual champion, Deb Novak, who carded 79. Rounding out the team from Elkview Country Club were Katie Zefran (84) and Ellen Frank (84).

Finishing in second in the team portion were Huntsville Golf Club (263). The Country Club of Scranton (272) and Glenmaura National Golf Club (272) rounded out the top spots.

In the individual portion of the event Huntsville Golf Club's Barb Pagana captured the title on the second hole of a sudden death playoff over Elkview Country Club's Selena Cerra.

The plays both shot 76 in regulation, a playoff ensued. On the first playoff hole Pagana struck first making a 14 ft. birdie putt which was match by Cerra who was about 5 ft. for her birdie effort. The players continued down #2 and after Pagana made a great up-and-down for par, Cerra missed a short putt to continue, giving Barb Pagana of Huntsville Golf Club the individual title.

Finishing in third was Deb Novak (79),

AGA Women's Coal Scuttle at Elkview Country Club, par 72

Play 4, count best 3

Results	R-1	R-2	Total	Results	R-1	R-2	Total
Elkview CC	115	124	239	Glenmaura Natl GC	133	133	266
Selena Cerra	37	39	76	Danielle Dalessandro	39	42	81
Deb Novak	38	41	79	Porntipa Mukadasit	45	46	91
Ellen Frank	40	44	84	Marlene Smith	49	45	94
Katie Zefran	42	42	84	Sharon Hudacek	57	49	106
Huntsville GC	133	130	263	Fox Hill CC	135	137	272
Barb Pagana	40	36	76	Courtney Melvin	44	42	86
Kathy Goeringer	48	44	92	Jackie Brozena	44	48	92
Kristen Armstrong	45	50	95	Marilyn Gubbiotti	47	47	94
Kasey Corbett	51	44	95	Kim Vangarelli	48	56	104
CC of Scranton	137	135	272	Elmhurst CC	136	138	274
Sally McFarlane	47	43	90	Ruth Dettore	41	44	85
Sue Berry	44	47	91	Samantha Smith	45	48	93
Carla Pompey	46	45	91	Leslie Solomon	50	46	96
Jennie Nicholas	47	50	97	Marie Gregg	49	48	97



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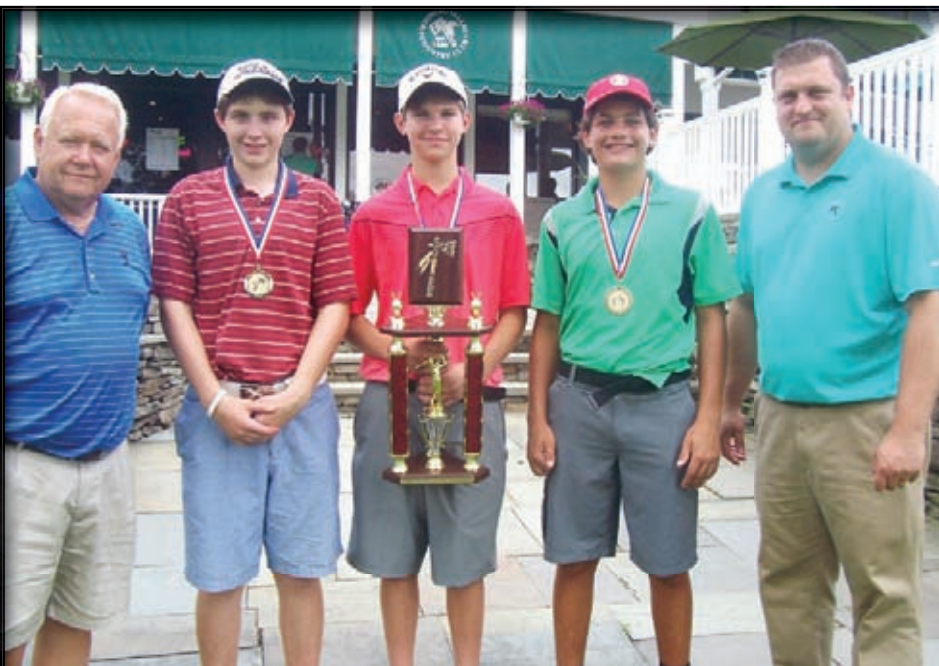
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College division pix – left to right – Mike Galli-tournament committee, Tyler McGarry – 2nd place (Misericordia), Joe Hurn – 1st place (Lackawana Jr. College), Mark Jarolen-tournament committee, Art Brunn Jr.-tournament committee



Girls division pix – left to right – Mike Galli-tournament committee, Lauren Golden – 1st place Girls division grades 9-10, Shelby Monk – 1st place girls division grades 11-12, Mark Jarolen-tournament committee



Grades 9-10 boys – left to right – Mark Jarolen-tournament committee, Shane Angle – 2nd place (Crestwood), Michael Golden – 1st place (Crestwood), Mason Gattuso – 3rd place (Dallas), Mike Galli- tournament committee



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Greg Matthias Tavistock CC	62
Scott Reilly Philadelphia CC	
Daniel Reabe Philadelphia CC	64
Dave Cartwright Trump National GC- Philly	
Jakob Gerney Trump National GC- Philly	65
Rick Gibney Colonial GC	
Todd Mowry Colonial GC	65
Mike Ladden Whitford CC	
Andrew Turner Whitford CC	65
Hugh Matthis Tavistock CC	
Alexander Willey Tavistock CC	65
Scott Reilly Philadelphia CC	
Pat Butkus Philadelphia CC	65
Mike Mack Burlington CC	
Don Allan Burlington CC	66
Brad Skupaka GolfTEC Moorestown	
Bob Kave GolfTEC Moorestown	66

Pro-Scratch Championship

Applebrook GC - Malvern, PA Par 71

	Total
John Lynch Wild Quail G & CC	
Jay Whitby	60
Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	
Gary Daniels	60
Tony Perla Radnor Valley CC	
Frank Nattle	62
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	
Greg Forster	64
Mike Moses Concord CC	
Doug Fedoryshyn	64
Kevin Nicholson Makefield Highlands GC	
Steve Budenz	65
Alex Knoll Bethlehem GC	
Mike Guro	66
Ed Gibson Makefield Highlands GC	
Andy Strock	66
Eric Kennedy Overbrook GC	
Ray Thompson	66
Reed Lansinger Philadelphia Cricket Club	
Phil Bartholomew	66

TaylorMade Classic

Laurel Creek CC - Mount Laurel, NJ Par 70

	Total
Josh Rackley Gulph Mills GC	33 33 66
Dave Quinn Links GC	33 34 67
Billy Stewart ACE Club	34 34 68
Bill Sautter Philadelphia Cricket Club	35 33 68
Terry Hertzog CC of York	34 34 68
Mark Sheftic Merion GC	35 34 69
Bob Hennefer Indian Spring CC	34 35 69
Jaime Gylan Royal Manchester GL	35 34 69
John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	37 32 69
Brian Kelly Bucknell GC	36 34 70
Joe Kogelman GolfTEC-KoP	36 34 70
John Rudolph Fieldstone GC	33 37 70
Mike Furey Mahoning Valley CC	34 36 70
Nick Gorman GolfTEC Moorestown	34 36 70
Brendon Post Ches. Bay GC - Rising Sun	35 35 70
Carson Solien Aronimink GC	37 33 70
John Allen Huntingdon Valley CC	36 34 70
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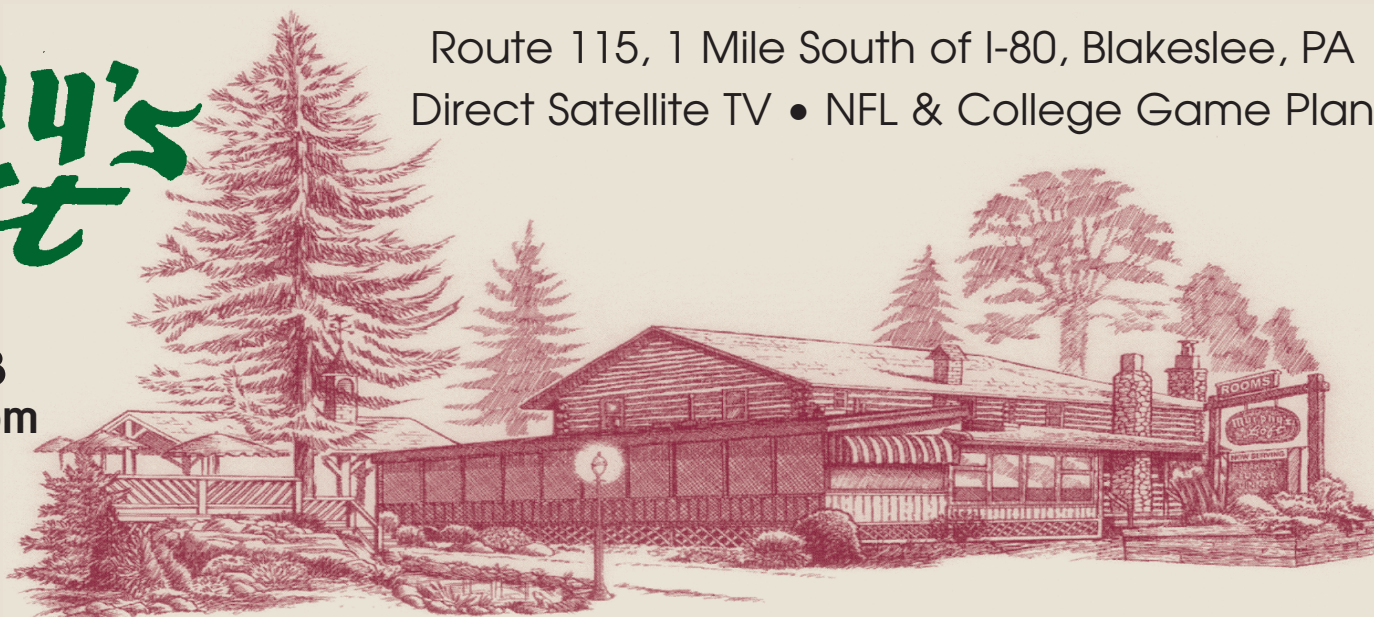
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Tom Michaels Waynesborough CC	35 36 71
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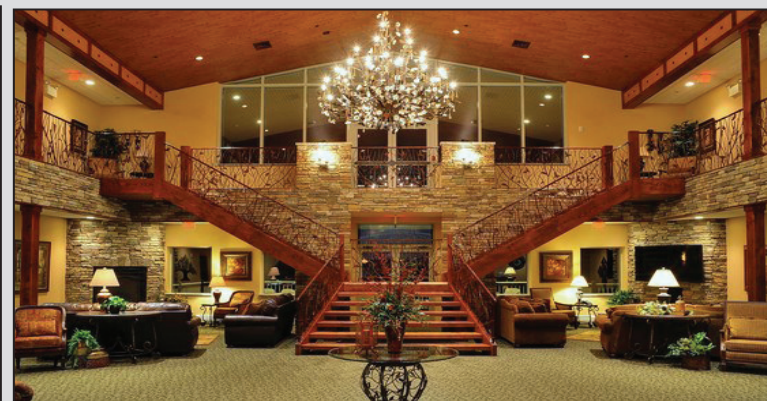


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TEAM LOW GROSS

Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	63
John Pillar (Woodloch Springs)	65
John Kulhamer (Green Pond)	65
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Brian Boyle (Skytop GC)	56
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LOW PRO

Spencer Lunger (Canoe Club)	71
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Pete Korba (WVCC)	75
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Gary Clark (Buck Hill)	73
Greg Wall (Pocono Manor)	75
Joe Ambrose (Paupack Hills)	78

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Mike Freundel (Blue Shamrock)	74
Don Cain (Pocono Farms)	77

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Alex Knoll (Bethlehem Muni)	66
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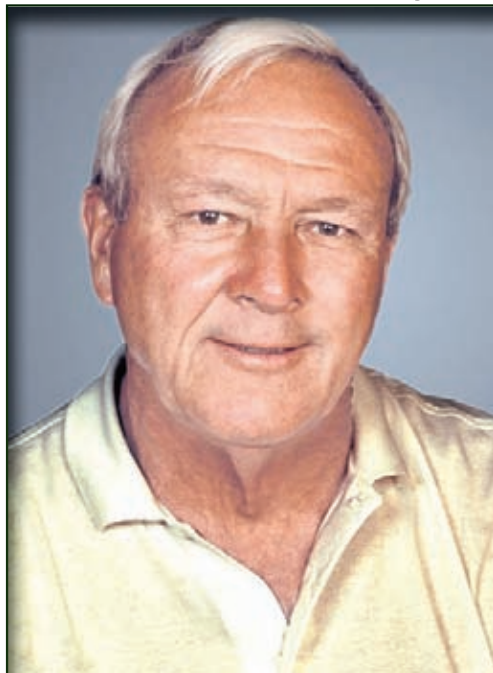
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Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer Named Honorary Co-Chairman for 2016 US Open



Arnold Palmer Photo by Michael Holahan



Jack Nicklaus (right) beat Pennsylvania native Arnold Palmer in a playoff at the 1962 U.S. Open at Oakmont. (Jamie Squire/Getty Images)



Jack Nicklaus

By *Brian DePasquale*

FAR HILLS, N.J. (July 8, 2015) – Golf legends Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer have been named honorary co-chairmen of the 116th U.S. Open Championship, to be contested at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club June 16-19, 2016.

The duo made golf history at the Pittsburgh area course in 1962, when Nicklaus, 22, defeated Palmer in an 18-hole playoff to win his first major championship, and the first of four U.S. Open Championships.

“Golf fans cannot help but connect these two extraordinary players to Oakmont,” said Thomas J. O’Toole Jr., USGA president. “They are ambassadors for our game, and it’s only fitting that they serve together as we bring our ninth U.S. Open to this storied venue.”

Nicklaus was recently honored by the USGA with the opening of the Jack Nicklaus Room in the USGA Museum at the association’s Far Hills, N.J., headquarters. Beyond his record 18 major-championship victories and 120 professional wins worldwide, Nicklaus captured 73 PGA Tour victories as well as two U.S. Amateurs and two U.S. Senior Opens. In 1975, he won the Bob Jones Award, the USGA’s highest honor. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015. The U.S. Open gold medal, given to all U.S. Open champions, was named the Jack Nicklaus Medal in 2012.

“Hopefully I don’t sound presumptuous, but I am sure both Arnold and I are extremely honored to be asked to serve in these roles,” said Nicklaus. “Oakmont has always been such a very special place to both of us, and it was the backdrop for one of our great battles on the golf course. The victory I was fortunate to take away from the 1962 U.S. Open was essentially the start of my professional major-championship career. That week at Oakmont also represented the start of a healthy career-long rivalry with Arnold, but far more important, the start of a lifelong friendship.”

With 92 professional victories and seven major championships, Palmer became the pride of Pennsylvania with his three USGA titles – the 1954 U.S. Amateur, 1960 U.S. Open and 1981 U.S. Senior Open. His long relationship with the association also includes the 1971 Bob Jones Award. The honorary chairman of the USGA Members Program since its inception in 1975, he dedicated the newly renovated USGA Museum

and Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History in 2008 in Far Hills.

Among Palmer’s many career accolades, he was recognized with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2012. He played in his 32nd and final U.S. Open at Oakmont in 1994.

“I have treasured Oakmont since I played there for the first time when I was just 12 years old,” said Palmer. “I certainly look forward to being back at Oakmont next year, even though I won’t be playing. It should be a great championship on the course as it now exists.”

In their honorary roles, Nicklaus and Palmer will support the 16th USGA championship to be held at Oakmont.

“Arnold and Jack are very much ingrained in the historic championship tradition of Oakmont Country Club,” said Robbie Hofmann and Bob Wagner, the club’s member championship chairmen. “We are delighted to have them serve as honorary chairmen of yet another memorable championship at our club.”

Spectator tickets for the 116th U.S. Open Championship are available at usga.org, along with corporate hospitality and other championship information.

About the USGA

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USGA Women's Open Wrap-Up



In Gee Chun of South Korea watches her tee shot on the second hole during the final round of the U.S. Women's Open at Lancaster Country Club

Lancaster County Club a William Flynn design course Hole #18

BY Jason Fulginiti

LANCASTER, Pa. — Obviously, the United States Golf Association doesn't play its prized major championships on any anything but the best courses in the country.

A few years ago, golf's governing body thought it found one of those in Lancaster Country Club, which had basically been kept a secret from the golf world for decades.

"It starts with the golf course," U.S. Women's Open Championship Director Matt Sawicki said July 6th, three days prior to the start of the 70th U.S. Women's Open at LCC earlier this month. "And coming out and seeing this property, I think any person who comes out this week, whether they're spectators — and certainly we'd heard it from the players — this is a phenomenal, phenomenal golf course. And that's where we start our selection process with all (of) our championships: is how is it going to play inside the ropes ... and then, it's a matter of can the community support it?"

Still, philosophy and execution are totally different animals. But by the time In Gee Chun captured the first major title of her young career late Sunday afternoon, it was glaringly obvious that LCC had delivered — and then some — in its inaugural hosting of a USGA championship.

"I liked it the first time I saw it," Australian Karrie Webb said, after firing a 4-under 66 that gave her a share of the first-round lead. "Visually, off the tee, it's a beautiful golf course. You see what you've got to do. You've got to shape the ball both ways off the tee and you've got to hit some quality iron shots. And I thought the course was set up great today. I was waiting on the eighth tee and (realized) I used every club in my (bag) except the 6-iron. When they set up a course like that ... to use every club ... it's a good setup."

Thanks to tons of community support, the entire event seemed to be a good setup for Lancaster County and the USGA since talks to bring a USGA championship to central Pennsylvania for the first time began back in 2008.

Local advertisers, sensing the revenue that figured to come, were quick to jump on board with their support. The volunteer slots were filled almost as soon as they were opened. And the 20,000-plus fans that lined LCC's Old Course all week ended up breaking the attendance record at a U.S. Women's Open, which the USGA had speculated in the months leading up to the event. One volunteer also overheard a USGA official say that the sales in the merchandise tent during Wednesday's final practice round were the highest for any one day in the 70-year history of the championship.

None of the attention went unnoticed to the players.

"We've got a ton of people out there, it's really nice," American Morgan Pressel said after the first round. "The community has been super excited about this for a long time. It's finally here and everyone has come out to support us. It's great to play in front of these crowds. Everybody was cheering for me all day out there ... (saying) 'Great round. Go get 'em.' It was nice to feel that enthusiasm and excitement."

"Since the practice rounds we had so many people coming out and watching us," two-time U.S. Women's Open winner and six-time major champion Inbee Park said after Sunday's final round. "Over the weekend, it was just amazing. There were roars

everywhere on so many holes. And the last hole was just great. You really wanted to hit a great shot into the last green because so many people were rooting for you."

Part of the reason so many roars were heard could be attributed to a couple of the most rainy months in recent Lancaster County history leading up to the tournament, which kept the USGA from getting the kind of firm-and-fast conditions it strives for in this event each year. By tournament's end, an atypical 13 players had finished under par over the four days, including Chun, whose total of 8-under 272 edged Amy Yang by one shot.

Not that LCC, the strength of which is its length, was by any means a pushover.

"I think this is a spectacular golf course," American Cristie Kerr said. "I look back on the last four or five Opens we've had and this is my favorite in the last three to five years. Very classic, old-school golf course. It's playing long because it's a little soft from the rain, but I actually like that. I don't particularly like a golf course which is so short and too easy. I think this is a great golf course for a U.S. Open. The greens are big enough (and) very tilty. You have to be smart with your caddie and with yourself about where you leave shots into the greens, or if you miss a shot you better have the right club in your hands because you need to have a chance to get up and down for par. It's a great test."

As expected, the players' biggest test came on a grueling five-hole stretch from Nos. 8-12, which was responsible for 553 (nearly 30 percent) of the bogeys, double bogeys and worse that were recorded during the championship. The most punishing was the 421-yard, par-4 ninth, which was responsible for 157 bogeys and 15 double bogeys by the time it was over, followed by the 428-yard, par-4 10th (149 bogeys, six double bogeys), the 198-yard, par-3 eighth (144 bogeys, 11 doubles) and the 416-yard, par-4 11th (135 bogeys, 8 doubles).

The final numbers, as a whole, suggested that — despite softer conditions — LCC managed to hold its own by USGA standards. In the end, William Flynn's design had yielded nine eagles, 943 birdies, 1,663 bogeys and 211 double bogeys or worse. Among the victims were some of the biggest names in the women's game, like Kerr,

Suzann Pettersen, Brittany Lincicome and Christina Kim, all of whom missed the cut.

"It's a great course because it's right in front of you and it's tough," said Kerr.

All of which could lead to further opportunities for Lancaster Country Club with the USGA. During the week, it was suggested that LCC could also be a good fit for a future U.S. Amateur or Walker Cup. If its first hosting of a major was any indication, the Lancaster community would likely be waiting for it with open arms.

"It's so nice to have all these people out here and come out to support us," American Paula Cramer said after a practice round at LCC early in the week. "(Monday leading up to the tournament) I was shocked — actually, I registered on Sunday, and I couldn't believe how many people were out there. I played at 6:45 in the morning, I got on the range at 6 a.m., and I was already signing 30 autographs. I'm like ... "Whoa, is everybody sleeping here?" And each day it's just getting more and more. It's pretty cool, though. That's what you want. Quite truthfully, the fans, they're incredible."

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By Reid Nelson

Since its founding in 1979, Cleveland Golf has been synonymous with one particular market segment – wedges.

Cleveland Golf, which was started by Roger Cleveland as Cleveland Classics, has always been an innovator in all areas of the equipment arena. Remember the VAS irons Corey Pavin used to win the 1995 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, with their bent hosel that was impossible to shank? Or the Hi-Bore woods, with their scooped out heads that produced one of the lowest centers of gravity in the game?

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And that brings us back to our original subject. Wedges.

In 1988, Cleveland unveiled the 588 line of wedges, the company's fifth generation of wedge designs. The club would quickly become the most popular wedge of its era with players of all skill levels, from Tour professionals to recreational players. To this day, the original 588 remains one of the best selling golf clubs of all time.

Now, more than a quarter-century later, Cleveland has reprised the 588 name, but with an innovative twist. Now there are two 588 models to better fit players all across golf's broad skill spectrum.

Just as manufacturers offer different irons, from "player's" blades to game-improvement cavity-backed models, Cleveland is offering the 588 RTX wedges in a blade version as well as a cavity back. And when you think about it, doesn't that just make sense? After all, your wedges are simply an extension of your set of irons.

The 588 RTX is, as you'd expect, a classic wedge design, sleek and unadorned from its nearly straight leading edge to its gently rounded high toe. The pure blade model is offered in two finish options: tour satin (chrome) and black satin.

The 588 RTX CB, offered in the black satin finish, is a cavity-back design with perimeter weighting that provides more forgiveness on off-center hits. The CB also has a slightly larger face that inspires a bit more confidence on all short-game shots from full swings to short pitches and chips.

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Bridgestone's WEB Dimple Technology



Bridgestone's New e-6 WEB Tech Ball

By Reid Nelson

Until now, a spider web on a golf course was something you walked into when you were searching for your ball in the woods. But thanks to the R&D guys at Bridgestone Golf, a spider web is now something that can actually help your golf game.

OK, it's not a spider web in the literal sense, but a web pattern is the concept behind the new dimple template for Bridgestone's redesigned e-Series golf balls.

As always, the popular e-Series continues to offer three different balls for three different types of player needs and preferences. But now all three balls in the series – e5, e6 and e7 – feature what Bridgestone is calling WEB Dimple Technology. Simply put, it means the cover of each e-Series ball now has 10 percent more dimple coverage, thanks to the new design that groups six pentagon-shaped dimples around a single, round Dual Dimple (the dimple-in-dimple design that made up the entire cover on the former generation e-Series balls).

The cluster formed by these seven dimples loosely resembles a spider web, thus the name.

Testing the new e-Series ball – specifically, we were trying the e6 – against the former generation ball of the same model, the new ball was consistently longer off the driver and performed better in the wind. Wanting additional feedback, we had a golf buddy who has played the e6 ball on a regular basis for several years hit the new version and he confirmed what we had surmised. He proclaimed the 2015 model to be longer and aerodynamically superior to its predecessor.

He added that the new e-Series ball felt better off the putter ... but maybe that was because he reeled off a couple of quick birdies with the new model.

Our testing was far from “scientific,” meaning we used real people hitting real shots on a real course, as opposed to perfect swings made by a robot hitting shots into a net. But then, golf isn't played by robots and real shots aren't measured by launch monitors but rather a scorecard.

In talking to Corey Consuegra, director of marketing for Bridgestone Golf,

during the recent PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, we learned the best news of all – the new generation Bridgestone e-Series balls will still sell for less than \$30 a dozen (\$28.99 at most retail shops). We challenge anyone to find a better performing ball for the price.

“The 2015 e-Series delivers that same great flight performance while offering tangible distance gains courtesy of our new WEB Dimple Technology,” Consuegra said. “We're very pleased with distance increases we've seen from WEB Dimple Technology during testing. In both robot and live testing, we have seen substantial distance increases versus previous models.”

Aside from changes made to the cover, the three balls in the e-Series remain essentially the same. The e5 is a two-piece ball with a urethane cover. It's designed, primarily, to meet the needs of players looking for higher launch and trajectory.

The e6 is a three-piece ball with a surlyn cover. Between the “soft gradational” core and cover is a mantle layer designed to reduce spin, making the e6 one of the straightest balls on the market. By reducing sidespin, the e6 also reduces hooks and slices, obviously, but a by-product of the reduced spin is a more boring, or penetrating, shot.

But for the most penetrating shots of all from an e-Series ball, Dominic Selfa, assistant manager of Bridgestone's extensive ball fitting program, recommends the e7. Designed for the player who already hits it fairly straight, the e7 is a three-piece construction with the same spin-reducing mantle, but with a firmer, faster “speed” core and a surlyn cover.

The entire e-Series hit retail shops just recently. If you aren't sure which ball is best for you, get a sleeve of each and do your own testing. Or go to BridgestoneGolf.com and chat with a real, live technician. Better still, check with your local pro and find out with the Bridgestone fitting team is going to be in your area, because, as we said, when it comes to testing golf equipment, nothing beats real people – that means you – hitting real shots.



Bridgestone's New e-6 WEB Tech Ball

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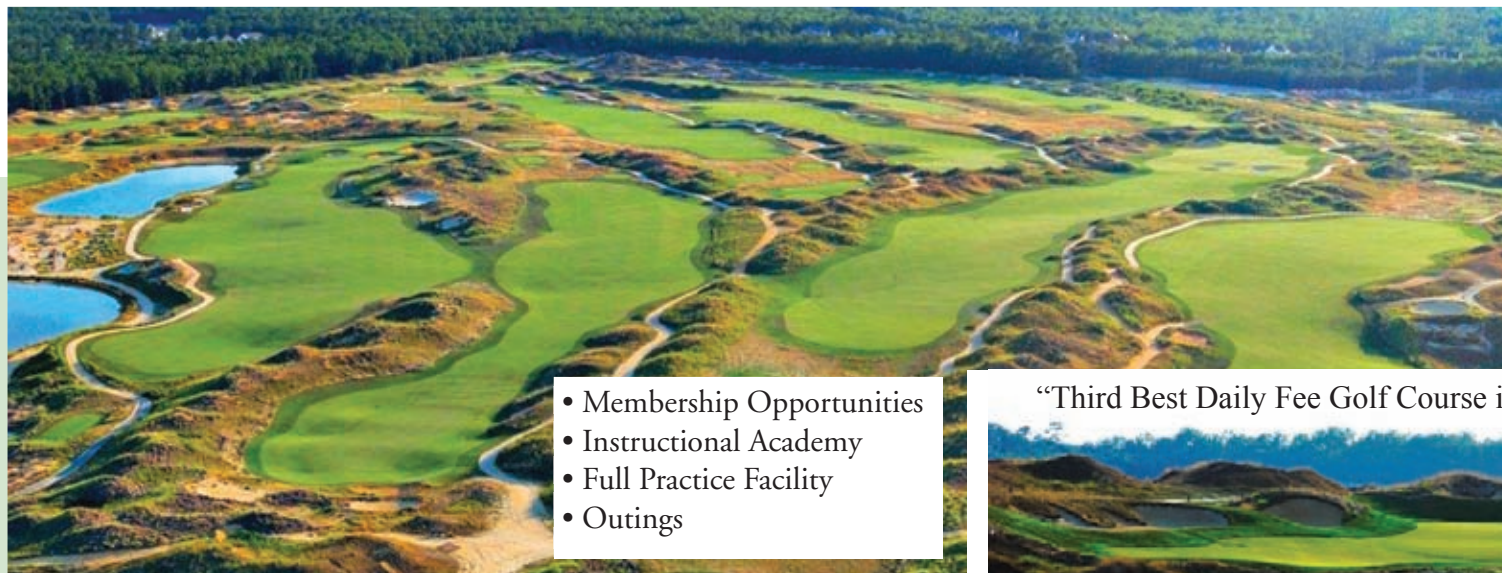
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Tony Leodora Host of GolfTalk Live



Kilmarlic Golf Club Hole #5

The Carolina Club Hole #2

By Tony Leodora

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. – (August 1, 2015) – The Wright Brothers went there to give birth to the age of flight. Now people flock to the Outer Banks of North Carolina to play golf on a spectacular assortment of golf courses ... and enjoy some of the most relaxed and history-soaked beach vacationing in America.

Golf and beach activities during the day ... feasting on some of the finest and freshest seafood in America by night. That is the subject of the August episode of the award-winning Traveling Golfer television show.

The Traveling Golfer takes viewers on a trip to three of the award-winning golf courses in the Outer Banks area, provides them with great ideas for accommodations, and tops it off with a long list of attractions, activities and restaurants that could easily fill the times in between designated relaxation in one of America's great family vacation destinations.

"We have been watching people come to the Outer Banks and get addicted to this lifestyle for years," says Aaron Tuell, public relations manager for the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau. "The allure of the Outer Banks is contagious. Families love the atmosphere and, now, golfers are finding the same advantages of a one-stop vacation."

The three courses visited during the show include Kilmarlic Golf Club, The Carolina Club and Nags Head Golf Links, plus information provided about The Currituck Club and The Pointe Golf Club which are all part of the PlayOBXGolf.com golf getaway program.

"The assortment of quality golf courses

in the area is amazing," reports Traveling Golfer host Tony Leodora. "These three courses are about as different as any three courses possibly could be. Each has its own special attraction."

The episode from the Outer Banks begins airing August 1 and runs throughout the month on The Traveling Golfer Network of websites ... including The Golf Director Network (see full list of sites on www.travelinggolfervideo.com). It also will air on Monday, August 10 as part of the Press Box television show in Myrtle Beach, 5 to 7 p.m. on HTC Ch. 4. As of April, the Traveling Golfer began airing in its entirety as a scheduled weekly feature show on Comcast SportsNet and The Comcast Network throughout the Philadelphia, Mid-Atlantic, North Jersey and Pittsburgh markets.

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courses and golf resorts across the country and around the world, well-traveled host Tony Leodora created the Traveling Golfer so he could take viewers on video golf trips to some of the most exciting golf locations. The show won a first place award for golf television broadcasts in the prestigious International Network of Golf Media Awards, presented at the PGA Merchandise Show in January.

The Traveling Golfer appears as a series of monthly shows hosted by Leodora, who has 15 years of experience in televised golf shows. The featured destination stays on the website for one month, before being replaced by a new show. The old shows are archived for continued viewing on the home website, www.travelinggolfervideo.com. Past episodes also can be found on Xfinity On-Demand from Comcast.

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Temple University's Matthews Wins Second Open Championship



Brandon Matthews of Blue Bell C.C. won 2nd Open Championship title in 3 years.



Philadelphia-Cricket-Club Wissahickon Course Hole #2 Photo by Evan Schiller

Story Courtesy of www.gapgolf.org

FLOURTOWN, Pa.—For the second time in three years, Temple University's Brandon Matthews soared above Philadelphia's most challenging field in championship form. A rising senior, Matthews overcame 77 other top professionals and amateurs, the mettle testing Wissahickon Course (par 70, 6,975 yards) of Philadelphia Cricket Club and menacing winds to finish at 3-under-par 137 (66-71) for the 36 holes. Josh Rackley, a Gulph Mills Golf Club assistant professional, placed second at 1 under. He secured low professional honors and the \$7,000 top prize that goes with it.

Matthews, again, added to Temple's recent remarkable string of Open successes. The last five Champions all called North Broad Street home. Andrew Mason won in 2011-12, Matthews in 2013 and Matt Teesdale in 2014.

"I'm happy to get the win. [Philadelphia Cricket Club] is unbelievable," said the 20-year-old Blue Bell Country Club member. "Coach [Brian Quinn] does such a great job with us. I'm just glad I can be part of all this, to be along for the ride. To have him on my side is something special."

Rackley and Matthews set the pace from the get go on Wednesday. Rackley opened with a new competitive course-record 65, 5 under, in his first round. A 20-foot chip-in birdie on No. 18 (par 4, 487 yards) from the right greenside side rough provided a spectacular finish.

Matthews only trailed by a shot heading into Round 2 despite Rackley's heroics. Matthews posted an equally impressive 66, 4 under, with three birdies in his last six holes. Strong play considering it was Matthews' first trip of the Flourtown layout.

Rackley and Matthews started mid-wave in the afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and 1:40 p.m., respectively.

Almost immediately into the second round, the Championship became a Matthews' coronation.

Leaky ball-striking by Rackley led to a bogey and double bogey in his first four holes. By the time both players made the turn, Matthews, of Dupont, Pa., held a three-shot lead.

Billy Stewart, an assistant professional at The ACE Club, registered a mid-round charge with six birdies in nine holes to squeak into second place, temporarily. Stewart, however, had two late bogeys and Rackley recovered with a birdie on No. 6 (par 4, 476 yards) to forge back ahead for low pro honors. He knocked a downwind 9-iron from 155 yards to eight feet.

Matthews, in the meantime, carded six straight pars on his back nine to erase any doubts about the ultimate outcome. He bogeyed No. 7 (par 5, 554 yards) with a nuclear wedge from 85 yards but finished with three more pars (players started on No. 11 for logistical purposes) to close out his second Open win.

In 2013, Matthews defeated Stewart in a four-hole playoff. This year, no extra time was needed.

"I didn't falter at the end," said Matthews of the biggest difference between this victory and the one prior. "I know I made a bogey coming in but that was because the wind shut off. It wasn't because of a bad swing. I hit some great shots coming in. The last two holes I hit the shots exactly where I was looking. I hit the putts exactly where I was looking. The way I performed down the stretch is really nice to see."

Rackley, 25, of King of Prussia, Pa., is in his third year at Gulph Mills. In late May, he won the Haverford Philadelphia PGA Classic and the \$100,000 first-place prize. He also competed in the recent PGA Professional National Championship at Cricket Wissahickon where he tied for 31st, good for \$3,700.

Defending champion Matt Teesdale of Commonwealth National Golf Club tied for 13th at 8-over par.

This is Cricket's eighth time as an Open site, the first since 1962. The first ever Open was staged in 1903 on Cricket's St. Martins Course.

Golf Association of Philadelphia

Founded in 1897, the Golf Association of Philadelphia (GAP) is the oldest regional golf association in the United States and serves as the principal ruling body of amateur golf in its region. The Golf Association of Philadelphia's mission is to promote, preserve and protect the game of golf.

	R1	R2	Total
Brandon Matthews, Blue Bell Country Club	66	71	137
Joshua Rackley, Gulph Mills Golf Club	65	74	139
Billy Stewart, The ACE Club	73	67	140
George Forster, Radnor Valley Country Club	71	70	141
Benjamin Cooley, Huntingdon Valley Country Club	74	68	142
Mark Sheftic, Merion Golf Club	69	73	142
Cory Siegfried, Aronimink Golf Club	72	73	145
Glenn Smeraglio, Mercer Oaks Golf Course	74	71	145
Jalen Griffin, Talamore Country Club	74	71	145
John Pillar, Sr., Country Club at Woodloch Springs	73	72	145

Montgomery County Junior Championship



Isabella Dilisio, shot a 1-over-par 73 to capture the overall Junior Championship.

Golf history was made at Plymouth Country Club yesterday. For the first time in the 14-year history of the event a girl competed against the boys – from the same 6,258-yard tees – for the honor to be called the best age 18-and-under golfer in the state's most active golf county, Montgomery County.

To make the historic event even more noteworthy ... she won.

Isabella Dilisio, the Mount St. Joseph's Academy grad who is headed to Notre Dame University in a month on a golf scholarship, shot a 1-over-par 73 to capture the overall Junior Championship.

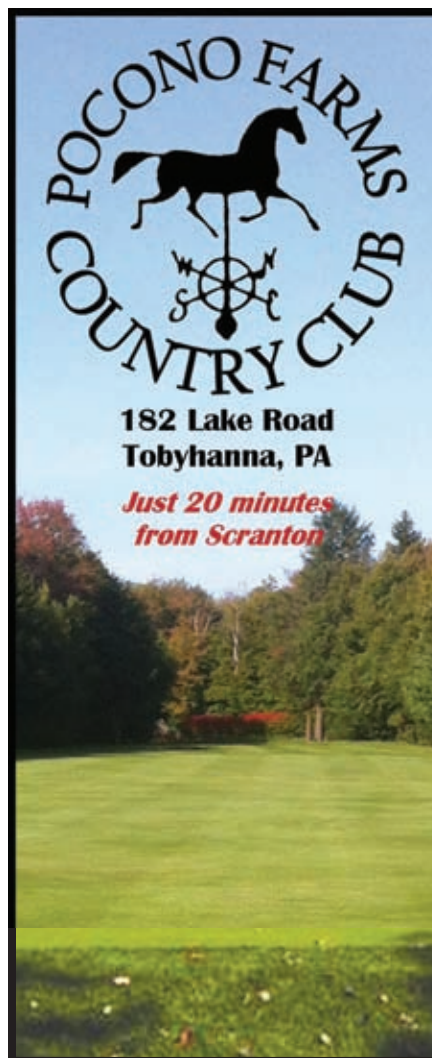
Ron Robinson, a junior-to-be at North Penn High, finished one shot back at 74 and claimed the Boys' Junior Championship.

DiLisio carded four bogeys on the day, along with three birdies. With the slim lead in hand, she managed to par every hole on the back nine.

"My front nine was a bit up and down," said Dilisio, who has two previous Montgomery County Junior Girls' Championships and a Montgomery County Women's Championship on her resume. "Then I settled in and played steady golf on the back."

Although they had trouble remembering at first, Dilisio and Robinson had competed in the past – but in a different sport. A number of years ago, the two played baseball together in the Hatfield Little League. Once they made the connection, they laughed about the irony of competing again, this time on the golf course.

Liam McGrath, a junior-to-be at Academy of New Church, finished third at 76. Quinn Guzman of Souderton High and Gregory Welsh from Wissahickon High finished tied at 77.



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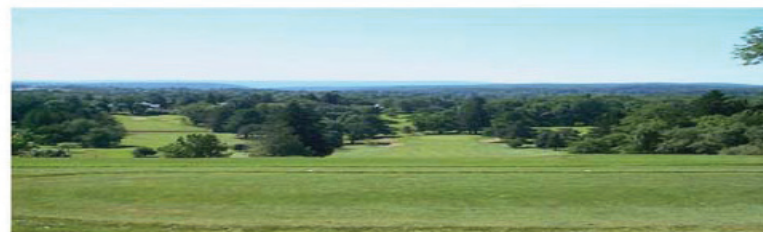
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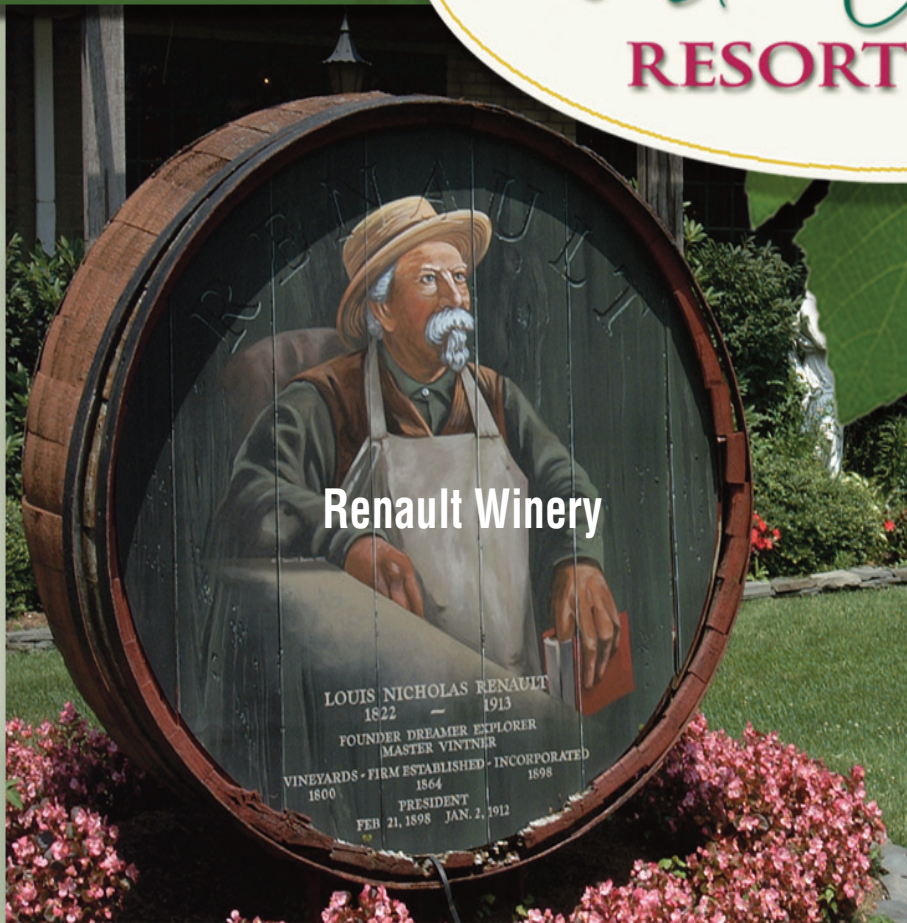


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