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The Pocono Mountain's Brilliant Fall Colors Provides the Perfect Setting for Fantastic Golf



Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club Blue Hole #1

By John Zimich

Flaming foliage. Pleasant temperatures. In many cases reduced rates. That plus getting in a stress free round of golf in four hours or less.

In most cases that's what a golfer finds during the upcoming fall season following the long Labor Day holiday weekend.

And there is no better places to find the brilliant colors of fall than in the Pocono Mountains and in the mountain area of Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club and the Wilkes-Barre Golf Club.

Spectacular fall colors can be seen almost on every hole when playing the Great Bear Golf Club or sister course Shawnee on the Delaware. The latter has 27 holes nestled on an island along the waters of the Delaware River.

Great Bear is a signature course designed by Jack Nicklaus.

"Fall is certainly a great time to play golf in Northeastern Pennsylvania," said Chris Wegner, head golf professional at Great Bear. "Both our course and Shawnee are in great shape and we have already aerated the greens in preparing for the fall season.

"We have great specials, particularly when it comes to acquiring new memberships. We're a golf club with all the amenities of a private one. But we still are open to daily play."

Wegner said Great Bear and Shawnee have several sets of tees that can cater to the scratch player and high handicapper. He added that unlike some other mountain venues there are no blind approach shots to the greens at Great Bear.



Pocono Farms Golf Club Hole # 17



Shawnee Golf Resort Blue Hole #2 By Matt Siptroth

He noted that after a slow start to the season because of the weather Great Bear has exceeded monthly expectations during the summer months and is hoping the trend continues through the months of September and October.

Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, located in the mountains near Nuangola, is another 27-hole masterpiece of Ault, Clark and Associates. The latter architectural firm also designed Toftrees at State College, The Woods Course at Kingsmill, Va., and the TPC at Avenel in the Washington D.C. area.

Carved out through the woods and valleys, one also will find spectacular fall vistas when playing the 27-hole layout.

"Unlike some clubs, we continuously blow the leaves off our fairways," said Tony Barletta, club manager at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club. "The course is always in great shape and the vistas of fall are unmatched."

He noted that the 27 holes are the best he has seen in his 17 years at the helm of Blue Ridge.

"All of the projects, including drainage work, that have been carried out over that period are certainly paying off," added Barletta. "After a slow start because of weather we have had a tremendous year and it will continue until we close for the season."

Other great courses to play in the Pocono Mountains with spectacular vistas of the fall include layouts like Pocono Manor, Pocono Farms, Mountain Laurel, Buck Hill Falls Golf Club, Skytop Lodge Golf Club and Pinecrest Lake Golf and Country Club.



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Wintergreen— More Than Just Two Golf Courses



Wintergreen Stony Creek Ariel View Hole # 18



Wintergreen Monocan Hole # 5

By *MIKE KERN*

I first visited Wintergreen Resort — located adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in central Virginia, some 45 minutes from Charlottesville — nearly a quarter-century ago. A relatively new golf writer at the time, I happened to answer an ad from the person who was then doing the public relations for the place. It turned out he was from Allentown, not to mention another Temple alum, and it was the start of a terrific relationship that would also take me to facilities he later worked at in Mazatlan and the big island of Hawaii. Sometimes, life does have its perks. But I digress.

I immediately fell in deep like with Wintergreen. It's pretty hard not to. And I'm not a mountain person. I'm more into seaside stuff. But Wintergreen must be something different, because I've only been back there on about a half-dozen occasions. Maybe more. And it hasn't really changed much. At first the attraction was mostly golf-related, as you'd obviously suspect. And in this instance for all the proper reasons, since it has 45 wonderful holes separated by roughly 3,500 feet in elevation. So if nothing else it's certainly unique. Yet on every return excursion, I've taken my family along. Because Wintergreen is much more than just two golf courses. And like some other destinations I've fortunately come to know over the years, it's always a great idea. So recently we made the scenic 6-hour drive once again, for the first time in what I've got to admit was too long. And once more, it didn't disappoint. In fact, all it seems to ever do is get better. Like reacquainting yourself with an old friend.

You can spend a week there, or a long weekend. We've done both. I know this much: your blood pressure will definitely go down a few notches, just because it's that relaxing. Unless of course you start sweating out too many of those 5-foot par putts. But who really does that? Anyway, let's start with the golf, since that's the primary attraction for our purposes, even though it's actually just as much if not more of a winter hangout for skiers. But I've only been on skis once in my life. And I can tell you I'm much better hanging by the fireplace with a Grey Goose and tonic in my hands.

They have two layouts, and they're about as polar opposite as you can get. But that's a good thing. I'm a big fan of Devil's Knob, which sits atop the mountain. Mainly because I don't play many, if any, courses like it. And they wouldn't build a track like this today. Simple as that. The land would have homes on it. But some four decades ago, they didn't necessarily proceed the same way. So Ellis Maples was able to give us a genuine taste treat. I never get tired of it. And it's not every course I'll say that about. It's the highest course in the state, and offers some absolutely majestic views into Shenandoah and Rockfish Valleys below. You don't get this kind of atmosphere just anywhere. I'm not the biggest nature person going, but I have to admit that what they've got there is enough to even get me stopping and staring and savoring. I've been to the Poconos, but with all due apologies this has to be considered a noticeable upgrade. Sorry. Have to call them as I observe them.

Maybe the neatest nuance about Devil's Knob is the fact that your ball will carry longer. Perhaps not John Daly long, but at least a club or two if you're lucky. Of course the downside of that is you're probably going to lose a few balls, since the fairways are narrow and the land slopes off rather sharply in a bunch of spots. I'll take the tradeoff any day. Because it's a lot of fun, the entire way around. Even though there's sloped fairways, sharp doglegs seriously undulating greens to contend with. The good

news is, it's always 10 to 15 degrees cooler than it is down in the valley at Stony Creek. So the season is shorter. Actually, people have skied in the mountain and also played golf at Stony Creek in the same day. Not a bad double, if that's your style. Me, I'll stick to cursing out that dimpled white ball, thank you. Built largely on rock formations, Devil's Knob has a whole lot of what you call character.

There's only one hole where I might ask Ellis to take a mulligan. The par-5 seventh is a double dogleg that bends left off the tee and then right back to the green. I think it's a little much, even if I did somehow par it this time. Don't ask. But other than that, I wouldn't change much. One of the cherished memories I have — and really, those are what it's all about — is of me and my son, who was about 15, going out to play a late nine. Because he insisted, even though I knew we were never going to finish since the sun was going down. Anyway, we tried. And we kept forging on. We skipped seven, mostly due to the degree of difficulty, and when we got to the eighth tee (a par 3) it was too dark to play. But we didn't let that stop us. Fortunately we both hit onto the green, where we could find our shots and two-putt. On nine, a short uphill par 4, we again managed to find the fairway and green, where my wife was waiting, wondering what the heck we were doing. All we could do was laugh. And none of us have ever forgotten that afternoon/evening. I'm so glad he talked me into it. Who knew?

The finish on the back nine is particularly compelling as well. The 17th is a downhill par 3 that demands a fairly accurate shot from between 185 yards and 150, depending on how much you want to chew off. Actually, all the par 3s here are pretty solid. The closer is a par 4 that goes left-to-right around the trees, as most shots have to do up there. And that leaves you an uphill approach to a green that slopes back toward the fairway and you can't entirely see. And of course everyone on the veranda can watch you while they're eating their lunch. As I always say, I try my best to provide the comic relief/entertainment. It's the least I can do.

For anyone who's never played mountain golf, Devil's Knob is a must. Heck, even if you have it's worth the effort. I have to say that on this trip the greens were rolling as true as I've ever seen them. And after all these years they even have merchandise with their own logo on it. I think I suggested that 15 years ago. I'm still working on a separate Stony Creek logo, too.

Speaking of which, Stony Creek — which is about a 15-minute drive straight downwind (actually, the road winds) into the quaint hamlet of Nellyford (that's Nelson County, if you're keeping tabs), is a complete 180 or 360, whichever you deem appropriate. But no less appealing. It's just more like the golf most of us are used to. The setting is about as peaceful as you can imagine, looking back up at the mountain. Which means it's warmer. When it opened it was quickly ranked as one of the best in the state. The reputation is well deserved.

What you have here are three nines designed by Rees Jones. So what else do you really need to say? I'll go in the order we played them, beginning with the Monocan. Each part of the trio is contemporarily classic in its flow. They all incorporate streams, forests and wetlands into play. The putting surfaces are contoured, and you will find the occasional sidehill lie. But the fairways are generous, as are for the most part the greens. It's a fair yet challenging test, for players of all skill levels. Even though it doesn't feel like it's beating you up, if you fall asleep at the wheel even briefly

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Greate Bay Country Club

By Mike Kern

Greate Bay Country Club, conveniently located in Somers Point just across the Ninth Street Bridge from Ocean City, always seems like a good idea. Hey, if Pat Croce owns it and Bobby Clarke is a member, then you know there must be something going on there that's worth checking out. And there might never be a better time to do so than right now.

If you've been thinking about joining for the 2015 season, here's an incentive that's almost impossible to pass up. Anyone who signs up gets the remainder of this year for free. As in nothing, nada, zip. And packages — which range from full to summer and associate — start at just \$39.95 a month.

What the club has to offer speaks for itself. The course hosted what is now the LPGA's Shop-Rite Classic for many years. It's only gotten better in the last decade or so, with changes that include the cutting down of the infamous Clarke tree for a worthy cause. The par-4 18th annually ranked as the hardest closing hole the best women players in the world had to face. And several other holes are also among the best at the South Jersey Shore. Personally, I would put the par-3 ninth and par-4 12th in that category. Water comes into play on both. The only problem at 9 is the picture of Steve Coates on a billboard beyond the green adjacent to the Garden State Parkway that can divert anyone's attention. I suppose it's one of those necessary evils. But I digress.

As far as hospitality goes, it's hard to top this place. Croce's business partner, Mark Benevento, oversees the operation, and he's put a capable staff in charge of making sure everybody has a memorable experience. It's the only way he knows. And it shows.

"The thought process of this campaign is to expose Greate Bay to people that have thinking of joining a private club here at the shore and just never had the extra push to do so," said Will Arabea, the Chief Operating Officer. "This has been a wonderful campaign to date, as members from the Philly section are finding another home for golf. The only



Greate Bay Country Club Hole # 6

difference is we're at the beach ... sandals and flip flops are welcome."

Now that's a sales pitch.

Yet as wonderful as the golf is, life at Greate Bay goes far beyond that. They like to bill it as a "Home Sweet Second Home." The social calendar is crammed with events for the whole family. And the food, whether it's a quick sandwich in the pub or an upscale meal in the dining room, is big-time. They have all the amenities, including women's/junior/senior programs and short-game practice facility.

This offseason the clubhouse, catering and restaurants will be part of an extensive renovation that now features the area's newest ballroom. In addition members can also take advantage of the nearby Racquet and Fitness center, which as you'd expect from someone with Croce's background is state of the art. You can even get involved in boxing or kickboxing as well as golf-specific programs and tennis and squash. Pretty much your call.

You can schedule a tour with Ron Ralston, who's the general manager and membership director. He can be reached at 609-927-5071, extension 112. Really, what do you have to lose? Whether you live down there or just make it a vacation destination, they can come up with something to fit your needs.

"We feel that we have something unique to offer everyone who visits the shore,"

Ralston said. "Let's face it, at the shore it's a lifestyle and retreat. And Greate Bay has all the tools to accommodate the entire family while providing a great membership experience and amazing club that rivals the traditional Philly clubs."

Full memberships have no assessments, ever. Same with corporate plans. There's also packages for weekdays, intermediates (ages 30-39), associates, summer and juniors (13-19). Chances are there's something for your needs and budget. And if you just want to see what their award-winning chef is up to there's a social offering that's very reasonable and includes bridge. As in cards, if that's your game. And other perks that have little to do with birdies but might be exactly what you're looking for.

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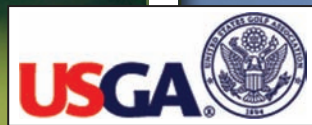
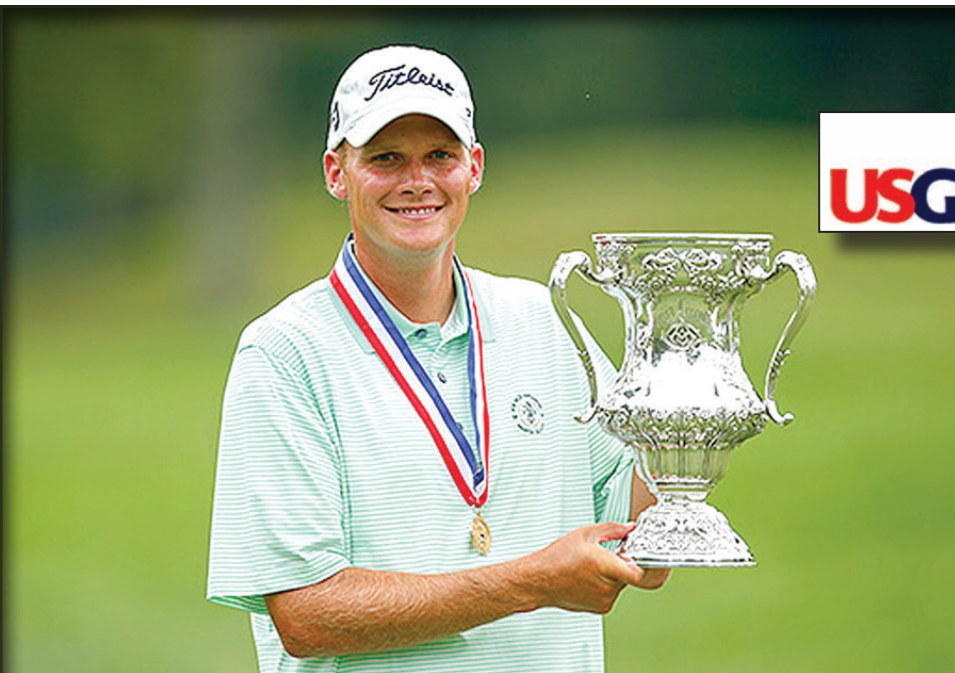
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U.S. Mid-Am at Saucon Valley C.C.



Top seed Scott Harvey defeated fellow co-medalist Brad Nurski, 6 and 5, in 36-hole final match to claim the 2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa. (USGA/Chris Keane)

Old Course at Saucon Valley C.C., Hole # 18
(USGA Russell Kirk)

By **MIKE KERN**

So how often do the two players who tie for medalist honors in the qualifying rounds at a USGA championship wind up facing each other in the closing match?

Well, almost never. Yet it happened at the 34th U.S. Mid-Am at Bethlehem's Saucon Valley Country Club, for the first time since 2010 and just the second time ever. And Scott Harvey, a 36-year-old real estate property manager from Greensboro, N.C., got the Robert T. Jones Memorial Trophy by beating Brad Nurski, 35, a train conductor and switchman from St. Joseph, Mo., 6 and 5, in the 36-hole final on Sept. 11 at the Old Course.

Both had shot 1-under-par 141 for two days on the weekend over the Old and Weyhill, the other one of the facility's three courses that was utilized, to earn the top seeds. Then they proceeded to play like it.

"I just really can't put it in words," said Harvey. "This tournament has been my No. 1 goal every single year."

He'd reached the quarterfinals four years ago, when he also was co-medalist. In the semifinals, he took out 2005 champion Kevin Marsh, 3 and 2.

The best perk about winning? Harvey likely will get an invitation from Augusta National to tee it up in next April's Masters.

Nurski, who was 3,994th in the World Amateur Golf rankings, was competing in only his second Mid-Am. The first was 2008, when he lost in the first round.

This was the seventh consecutive year that Harvey has been in the Round of 32.

"I was tired, but you can't let that stop you," said Harvey, who was taking medication for a sore back and admitted he'd hardly slept at all the night before. My buddy Rocky (Manning, who caddied for him) was saying, 'Look, you belong here. Believe it.' And that's what I did."

Harvey held a 4-shot lead after the morning round. Nurski made an early run in the afternoon to cut the deficit to one hole, but Harvey quickly pulled away again. He won it on the 30th hole, a par-4, by making a 15-foot birdie putt. Nurski missed his chance to halve when his 8-foot par attempt slid by the left edge.

Nurski was trying to become the first lefthander to win this title, and only the sixth to win a USGA event.

"I just didn't play good enough," he said. "No regrets for me."

Harvey's father Bill passed away last October at the age of 82. He'd participated in 23 USGA championships, including 15 Amateurs, where his best finish was getting to the quarterfinals in 1973.

"He'd say I knew you could do it," an emotional Harvey explained. "That's exactly what he'd say."

His wife Kim, their young son Cameron, Kim's mother and two family friends made the eight-hour drive to watch him play after finding out he'd reached the finals. They arrived as Harvey was playing the eighth hole of the championship.

"I had no idea (they were coming)," Harvey said. "My wife can be a little sneaky sometimes. I was a little shocked (when I saw them)."

Kim added: "I have never told him not to go follow his dreams. He loves this so much, and I get pleasure from watching his successes."

And that's what the Mid-Am is about, really. It's for everyman who still thinks he can, despite having a whole other life going on back home.

TAP-INS: The threat of inclement weather forced the afternoon round to be moved up 45 minutes ... The flags were flown at half-mast to commemorate the 13-year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which took place during the playing of the 2001 Senior Amateur and Senior Women's Amateur. The latter was held that year at Allegheny Country Club in Sewickley in the western part of the state ... Saucon Valley had previously hosted the 1992 and 2000 U.S. Senior Open, the 2009 Women's Open, the 1951 Amateur, the 1983 Junior Am and the 1987 Senior Am ... Matt Mattare, a 28-year-old Saucon Valley member and son of Gene, the club's director of golf, lost in the Round of 16 to Todd White, 2 and 1. White was a member of the 2013 Walker Cup team. Mattare was playing in his third straight Mid-Am. He made it to the quarters in 2012 ... Nathan Smith, a Western Pennsylvania native and record four-time winner, lost in the second round to Kevin Marsh in 20 holes ... Defending champ Mike McCoy and last year's runnerup, Bill Williamson, also were eliminated in the Round of 32.



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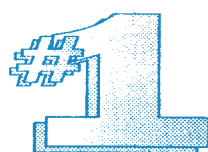
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Jan Stephenson's Passion from Golf to Wine



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Jan Stephenson's Passion for golf

By MIKE KERN

To a different generation, Australia's Jan Stephenson will always be remembered as one of the best female golfers ever.

But she became just if not even more renowned for her sex appeal that helped put the LPGA Tour in the marketing spotlight. For anyone that, for whatever reason, has never seen her pinup calendar or the provocative picture of her posing in a bathtub covered only by golf balls, I highly recommend a visit to Google.

Now, some three decades later, another generation might very well remember her just as much for something else.

Her newest passion is wine. And her goal is to produce a product that's so good it changes the industry. "I want to have another career," she said recently at Blue Bell Country Club in suburban Philadelphia, where she launched her collection. "Why can't I be the house wine in every country club?. Especially since no woman has made it."

She has every intention of being the first.

"The last thing anyone should tell me is that I can't do something," Stephenson insisted. "The man who owns Wine Enthusiast said that women have no business even being in the wine business. That was it for me. I was like, 'OK, I'm going to make this work now.' It was like waving a red flag to me. That's it. I'm in the wine business."

Ironically, Stephenson didn't even drink during her playing days. Then, after joining the Legends Tour, she started dabbling in wine because she didn't like beer.

"We'd pick a restaurant and bring our own favorite wine to talk about," she recalled. "Like a book club for wine."

When she won her first senior tournament (in Des Moines, Iowa), Jane Blalock talked her into buying an expensive bottle. Jan was thinking that meant maybe \$20 or \$30. But it actually was about 10 times that much.

"I thought, 'This is ridiculous,'" Stephenson said. "No way I'm paying that. Are you crazy? Now that wine sells for like thousands."

That was in 2000. Her interest only kept growing from there. When her fiance died last year, he left her a wine company. She was going to give it a shot, dealing with Italian wines, but couldn't make it work. Eventually she was introduced to fellow Aussie Chris Cameron, who was cultivating a vineyard in Paso Robles in California's Central Coast. It didn't take long for her to figure out that this was her calling.

"It's only fitting that I chose that (place)," she said. "My hometown is called the Central Coast, and is home to a top food and wine region. I instantly had a connection. That made it the only choice for me. This was definitely meant to be."

The vines were first planted in 1973, in the rich soil of the gently rolling hills. But at one point the new owner was going to put solar panels on at least a portion of those 500 acres. That all changed when Jan got involved and the deal was made.

It was the start of what could turn into some story.

"It's so competitive," Stephenson said. "You have to work at it. You cannot just put your name on it and expect to make it. You shouldn't be in it if you don't want to learn the business. My fiance taught

me that volume is the key. Not everyone wants to pay \$90 for a bottle of wine.

"I wanted to be able to pick the wines I wanted, what I like. I went out and pruned the grapes, and learned how to do it correctly. I came straight from Australia, got in at 11 in the morning and drove up and started harvesting for three days. You're learning all the time. I just love it. There's always something new."

She's offering three wines: a Merlot, a Chardonnay and a Cabernet Sauvignon. When they reach the stores they should retail for around \$15. The Merlot is refined and gentle, to go with or without food. She wants it to speak "softly," with an "elegance of flavor." It contains a nice mix of red and black fruits, and a peppery spice, with a medium bodied length of flavor.

The Chardonnay, which I really enjoyed, is more like the kind you'd find in Australian. Which means it's fruitier. Jan appreciates the difference. She wants it to be less buttery and heavy than traditional Chardonnays. It's light and refreshing, with a hint of French Oak.

The Cab Sauvignon, as it should be, is more savory. Yet it's not as strong as many. She wanted the subtle flavors to linger on the palate, with less aftertaste.

The group I was with enthusiastically pronounced them all winners. As if we were expecting anything less.

"I'm very hands-on, and very hard on myself," Stephenson explained. "As exhausted as I am, it's got me excited again. My goal is to have it out there."

"Surveys will tell you that the first bottle goes by sales. If you get a dollar or two off, you'll try it. The second time, they go by the label. Oh, I remember that. It catches your eye. The third time, they'll usually run a special every other month, so you go back for the special. They say the key is the fourth, because there's no specials, there's not a sale. They're buying it because they like it ... That's the process." And she'll spend much of the next two years going just about everywhere to promote and facilitate that end game.

Part of the plan includes a higher-end, platinum-label Cab Reserve that came about mostly by chance. "When we were traveling around, looking at the irrigation, I went, 'Why do we never go up on top of the hill?'" Stephenson said. "They said, 'Oh, that's where everything is done by hand.' I'm like, 'Well, let me go, just to taste the grapes and see the difference.' Everyone was telling me it's almost like a different vineyard and winery. OK. I fell in love with the idea."

But there was a problem. Because of the cost, she was told that it wouldn't work unless she could get at least one casino to stock the wine. It's an obstacle Stephenson was able to solve with one phone call. In this case, it was nice to have the right connections.

"I got Steve Wynn on the line," she smiled. "That's all it took. I wasn't even going for it. But that was pretty awesome."

One day, the hope is that the wine world is saying the same thing about her endeavor. Interestingly, the image of her swing that the Legends Tour uses for its logo will be on the label, as well as a hole in the background that she designed. And on the back you can find the "Jan" logo that was on her Maxfli glove back in the day. "It's kind of dated," she admitted. "I don't know if the younger people will know what that one means. That's why we used both. We want everyone to recognize the new logo. Why not?"

Indeed. I mean, really, who would bet against her?



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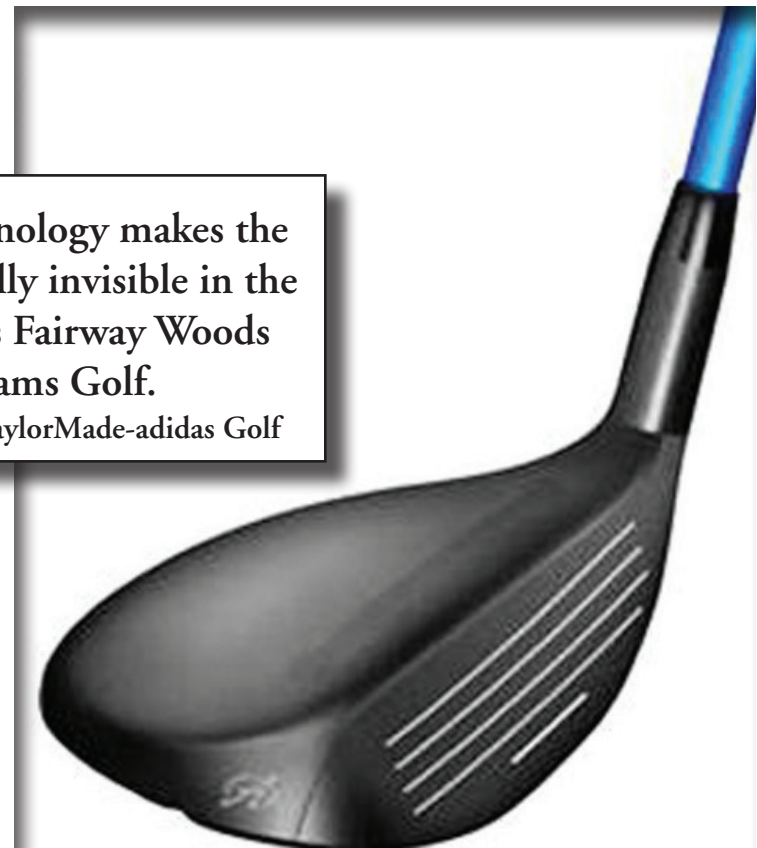
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Slot Disappears from New Adams Tight Lies Clubs



Ghost Slot Technology makes the crown slot virtually invisible in the New Tight Lies Fairway Woods from Adams Golf.

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By Reid Nelson

When Adams Golf unveiled what is now commonly referred to as “slot” technology to its woods and hybrids a few years back, TaylorMade liked the idea so much, it bought the company.

All right, that may be a slight over-simplification, but the basic premise is obvious. And over the last few years, various models of fairway woods and hybrids from both TaylorMade and Adams have sported something called slot or thru-slot technology. The name comes from the indentation or “slot” cut into the crown and/or sole of the clubhead, just behind and parallel to the face.

The concept is simple. The slot allows the face to flex more easily, maximizing the coefficient of restitution (COR) or trampoline effect of the clubface to increase ball speed and thus distance.

But now Adams Golf has announced the latest evolution of Tight Lies fairway woods and hybrids and the slot has disappeared ... sort of.

Actually, the fifth generation of clubs to feature Adams’ award-winning “slot technology” still has the flex zones build into the heads; they are just harder to see now. According to company officials, the new “Ghost Slot Technology provides a sleeker look and more dependable performance and forgiveness from any lie.”

We have yet to “demo” the clubs, which won’t hit retail golf shops until Oct. 1, but just eye-balling the clubs, we definitely agree with the former and are strongly inclined to take the company’s word for the latter.

Before the Ghost Slot, the one drawback to slot technology was the tendency of the sole of the club to “snag” the turf on take-away. For players who hover the club slightly off the ground at address, like both Jack Nicklaus and Matt Kuchar do, this was never a problem. But for those of us who sole the club at address, such snags at take-away were always disconcerting. The Ghost Slot in the new Adams sole design greatly reduces, if not eliminates, the possibility of the club snagging the turf as you start your swing.

But it’s the slot in the crown that you used to see at address, and with the new technology, the crown slot has all but disappeared. Ghost Slot Technology is the trademarked name for an innovation that masks the crown slot in the new fairway

wood and hybrid heads, making the heads appear smooth and clean looking at address.

It still gives the same performance benefits as the more obvious slot cut-outs, but is designed to be more appealing to the golfer’s eye. The patented and nearly invisible new crown slot features a barbell-shaped cut-thru slot design, which “reduces stress on the face while creating even faster ball speeds and higher launch than previous slot iterations,” Adams insists.

The latest generation of Tight Lies fairway woods retain Adams’ signature “upside-down head shape” and tri-sole, which not only separate them from their competition, cosmetically, but help make them some of the easiest-to-hit, most playable fairway wood ever designed. It’s the playability – not the cosmetics – that have made Tight Lies woods extremely popular with players of all abilities since the first Tight Lies clubs came out exactly 20 years ago.

Two decades later, the same hallmark features have been incorporated into the first-ever Tight Lies hybrid.

Adams has long been and still is the No. 1 hybrid on professional tours around the world, but the new Tight Lies hybrids are the first to feature the same upside-down shaping and low-profile design of the company’s fairway woods. Plus, the new hybrids boast the Ghost Slot Technology, giving them a cleaner look and more playability from a variety of lies.

Designed to maximize performance from any lies – including their namesake – the new Tight Lies fairway woods and hybrids are designed for players of all levels, from Tour-caliber to high-handicappers. The fairway woods will be offered with either stainless steel or titanium heads. Steel models – lofts of 14.5°, 16°, 19° and 22° for right-handers and all but the 22° for lefties – will come stock with a Mitsubishi Rayon KuroKage graphite shaft while the titanium heads – lofts of 13.5°, 15° and 18° for righties and 13.5° and 15° for lefties – will be mounted on a Mitsubishi Bassara Eagle Series graphite shaft. The steel models will retail for \$2050, while the titanium models will sell for \$250.

The Tight Lies hybrids will be offered in lofts of 17°, 19°, 21°, 23° and 26° for right-handers and 19°, 21° and 23° for left-handers. Retail price of the hybrids is expected to be \$180.

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The River Club - Hole #18

By Tony Leodora

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - (October 1, 2014) – Golf management companies – and the concept of running multiple golf courses under one authority – have become the biggest new trend in the golf industry. But not all management companies are equal.

National Golf Management -- based in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina – has quickly become known as one of the highest quality golf management companies in America. It owns and/or manages 22 golf facilities and is the focus of the October edition of the Traveling Golfer television show. In particular, three of its properties – Pawley's Plantation, The River Club and Litchfield CC – are in the spotlight during this stunning golf travel show from the southern end of Myrtle Beach's Grand Strand.

In addition, National Golf Management also is affiliated with 17 condominium resorts in the Myrtle Beach area ... which means they can put the "stay" in the Myrtle Beach Stay and Play experience.

"We try to take care of both ends of the golf equation," explains National Golf Management Director of Marketing Steve Mays. "We make sure the golfers get a great golf experience and comparable accommodations. For the golf courses, we can do everything from handling management of the property, maintenance of the golf courses and staffing of the properties. We can take care of it all."

Across the board, the quality of the courses managed by National Golf Management has improved since they began working with the properties. That fact was evident during the Traveling Golfer's visit to Pawley's Plantation, The River Club and Litchfield CC – all within a short drive from each other on scenic Pawley's Island.

"We experienced three interesting and challenging golf courses that were in absolutely pristine condition," said Tony Leodora, host of the award-winning Traveling Golfer show. "It was immediately obvious that the National Golf Management team was paying strict attention to every little

detail."

The episode from Pawley's Island in the Myrtle Beach area begins airing October 1 and runs throughout the month on The Traveling Golfer Network ... including the new Golf Director Network (see full list of sites on www.travelinggolfervideo.com). It also will air on Monday, October 13 as part of the Press Box television show in Myrtle Beach, 5 to 7 p.m. on HTC Ch. 4, and as part of the Inside Golf television show on Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia and Comcast SportsNet in Baltimore/Washington at the end of October.

Responding to golfers' never-ending demands to learn more about interesting golf 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 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 on the home website, www.travelinggolfervideo.com.



Litchfield Country Club - Hole # 12

A network of golf websites, of all sizes, has been created to host the show. The show has its own website -- www.travelinggolfervideo.com. The network of additional websites includes www.golftalklive.net, the website of the award-winning GolfTalk Live radio show that also is hosted by Leodora. Affiliate websites that also air the show are www.thegolfdirector.com, www.myphillygolf.com, www.sportsnetwork.com, www.louguzzi.com, www.yetigolf.net, www.golfbuckscounty.com, www.phillygolffiles.com, www.playaroundgolf.net, www.awaywegogolf.com, mynegm.com, www.golfxpress72.com and americangolfer.blogspot.com.

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George Forster head pro at Radnor Valley Country Club in Villanova Captured Philadelphia's PGA Professional Championship

Joe Juliano, Inquirer Staff Writer

It took some extra work for George Forster, but he found his way into the Philadelphia Section PGA record books on Thursday.

Forster, the head pro at Radnor Valley Country Club in Villanova, sank an eight-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole to defeat Stu Ingraham and capture the Philadelphia PGA Championship at Llanerch Country Club in Havertown.

With the victory, at age 58, Forster became the oldest player ever to win the section's premier event, beating out Marty Furgol, who won in 1970 at 54. He also did it 15 years after his previous section championship.

"When I won the section championship then, that was the biggest win in my career and still was until today," Forster said. "The kids today hit it so far. I can contend, but I really didn't know if I could win it again."

Forster shot a 1-under-par 70 on Thursday and posted a 1-over score of 214 for 54 holes. It didn't look as if it would be enough after Ingraham, a two-time section champion from M-Golf playing about 30 minutes behind Forster, went to the 18th tee with a 2-stroke lead.

But Ingraham found a divot with his tee shot and his second shot came up short of the green. From a tough downhill lie in the rough, he blasted out just to get on the green but then three-putted, missing a six-footer for the win.

In the playoff, in which the two contestants played the 18th hole three more times, Ingraham twice missed a pair of eight-foot birdie putts. The third time, Ingraham missed from 10 feet, and Forster drained the winner. "It's just a matter of execution, and you need some luck to win," Forster said. "I had some luck."

93rd Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship

	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Total
George Forster, Radnor Valley	71	73	70	214*
Stu Ingraham, M-Golf	70	72	72	214
John Pillar, Woodloch Springs	72	73	70	215
Rusty Harbold, Lancaster	72	70	73	215
Patrick Clark, Aronimink	75	71	70	216
Josh Rackley, Gulph Mills	73	70	73	216
x-Dave McNabb, Applebrook	71	70	75	216
Robby Bruns, Merion	72	72	73	217
Dave Quinn, Links	70	72	75	217
Don Allan, Burlington	73	69	75	217
Mike Moses, Concord	65	76	76	217
John Lynch, Peninsula	70	75	73	218
Mark Sheftic, Merion	69	74	75	218



Mark Sheftic Captured PGA Shawnee Open

Despite an ominous forecast the 2014 edition of the Shawnee Open was played on Thursday, September 25 at the historic Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort. Although all players in the field did have to battle some rain the tournament finished under blue skies. The Shawnee Open has been in existence since 1912, although not always run by the Philadelphia PGA. This year over 60 Philadelphia PGA Professionals traveled into the Pocono Mountains for their chance to hoist the famed Shawnee Open Trophy.

Early in the day, while conditions were not favorable, Rich Steinmetz (Springford CC) played a flawless round carding three birdies along the way to post a score of 3-under-par (69). After two birdies on his opening nine holes, Steinmetz ended his round with a birdie on the difficult par-3 18th. Steinmetz would hold the lead for the majority of the day but unfortunately for him there was a player in the field that managed to knock him from the top spot.

Mark Sheftic (Merion GC) had an eventful first nine holes with four birdies and three bogeys to finish his front nine at 1-under-par (35). As he made the turn, Sheftic was able to right the ship playing bogey-free golf and adding three additional birdies to finish at 4-under-par (68) for the day. His score was good enough for a 1-shot victory, his first Philadelphia PGA tournament win since June of last year.

"I played really good through the day but as my round went on I definitely learned to adjust my shots for the weather," said Sheftic. "Although the best part of my round today was the putts I was able to make. My putting has been an issue for me this year so it was great to finally get it going."

In the tournament's senior division two players finished in a first place tie will share the Shawnee Open title. No playoff is conducted for first place ties in the senior division at the Shawnee Open. Brian Kelly (Bucknell GC) and Don Allan (Burlington CC) both finished at even par (72) with each player carding two birdies and two bogeys.

The Section would like to thank Mr. Kirkwood and the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort as well as Golf Car Specialties for their sponsorship and the warm welcome for the players.

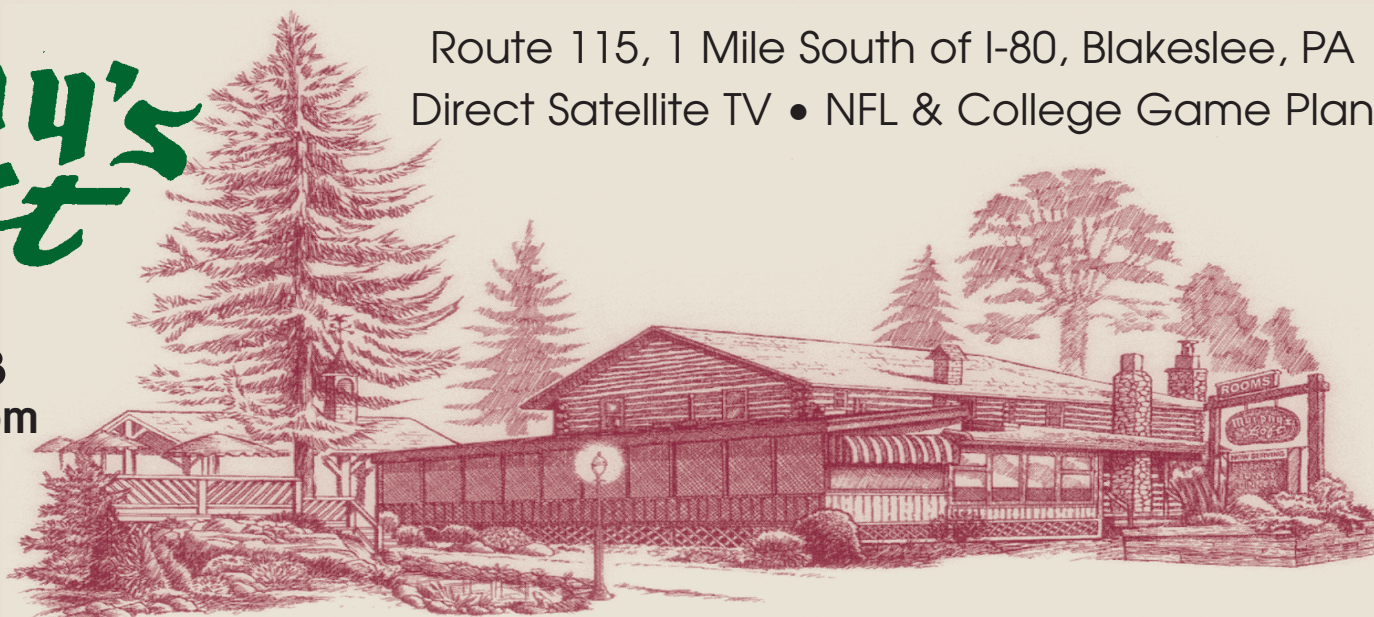
SHAWNEE OPEN 18 Hole; Stroke Play Results

		Par 72	Total
1	Mark Sheftic Merion GC	35	33 68
2	Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	34	35- 69
T3	Corey McAlarney Scott Greens GC	33	37 70
T3	George Forster Merion GC	35	35 70
T3	William Ciccotti Merion GC	35	35 70
T3	Josh Rackley Gulph Mills GC	36	34 70
T3	Jason Hartline Penn State GC	35	35 70
T8	Robby Bruns Merion GC	36	35 71
T8	John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	34	37 71
T10	Brian Kelly Bucknell GC	37	35 72
T10	Dave Quinn Links GC	38	34 72
T10	Don Allan Burlington CC	38	34 72
T13	George Forster Radnor Valley CC	35	38 73

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Fritz, Bob Manufacturers G & CC	74	72	146
Phillips, Wayne Lehigh CC	78	68	146
Keifner, Steve Northampton CC	75	75	150
Mccormick, Dustin Glen Brook GC	77	76	153
Cottell, Jared CC at Woodloch Springs	81	76	157
Edwards, Kevin Woodstone CC	80	77	157
Lunger, Spencer Scranton Canoe Club	80	79	159
Williams, Harvey Philadelphia PGA	81	78	159
Booros, Jim Philadelphia PGA	82	77	159
Silnik, Ray Blue Shamrock GC	83	76	159
Kulhamer, John Green Pond CC	84	75	159
Fick, Jeff Gasser's Golf Driving Range	86	73	159
Meyer, Gregg Woodstone CC	80	80	160
Monahan, Kyle Pocono Farms CC	83	79	162
Muschlitz, Jim Southmoore GC	84	80	164
O'malley, Tom Buck Hill GC	82	84	166
Wall, Greg Pocono Manor GC	82	85	167
Monahan, Mark Honesdale GC	88	81	169
Boyle, Brian Skytop GC	88	83	171

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J Fick - Gassers	68
B Fritz - Manufacturers	70
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B Fruehan - Elmhurst	75
J Pillar - Woodloch	75
D McCormick - Glen Brook	75

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G Clark - Buck Hill	73
G Wall - Pocono Manor	76
R Silnik - Blue Shamrock	78

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Eric Williams - Honesdale	70
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TEAM LOW GROSS

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Medico & Heck Capture AGA Stroke Play Championship Titles



Mike Heck (L) and Mariano Medico (R) Captured AGA Stroke Play Championship titles at Fox Hill Country Club

Exeter, PA - Mariano Medico and Mike Heck captured AGA Stroke Play Championship titles on Friday, August 22nd, at Fox Hill Country Club.

Fox Hill Country Club's Mariano Medico carded a round of 2-under-par 69 to win the open division title on a match of cards over Elmhurst Country Club's Pat Ross who also shot 69 on the day.

For his outstanding golf Medico received the Brunn Trophy, a coveted prize named in memory of one of Northeastern Pennsylvania's greatest golfers, Pat Ross was the winner of the 2014 aggregate title for the player who had the lowest combined score in both individual stroke play events conducted by the Anthracite Golf Association (68-69-137).

OPEN DIVISION

Mariano Medico

- Pat Ross
- Eric Williams
- Austin Smith
- Bob Zaleski
- Jim Gardas
- Joe Weiscarger



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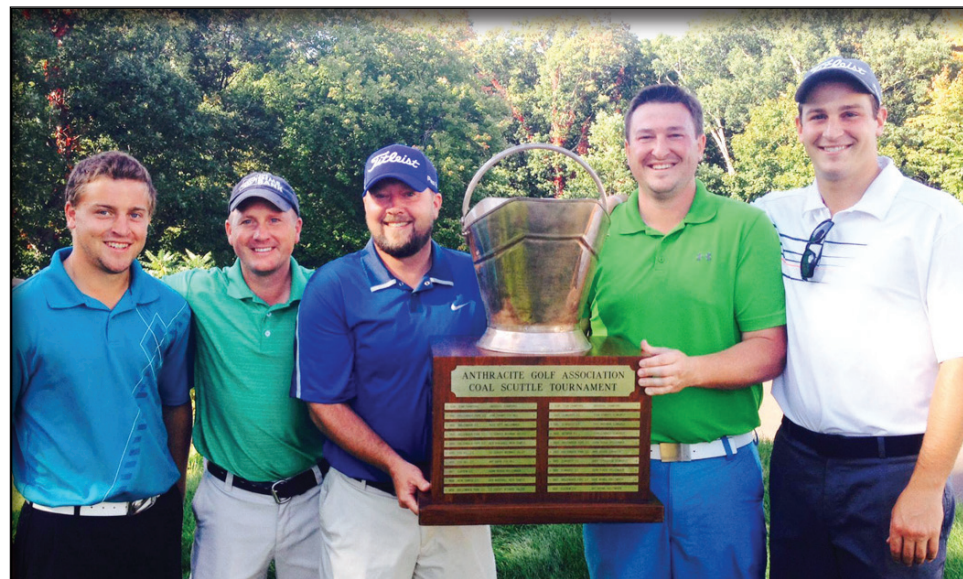
SENIOR DIVISION:

Mike Heck

- Vince Scarpetta
- Ken Bolcavage
- Mark Bartkowski
- Robin Bonda

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Honesdale Captures 64th AGA Mens Coal Scuttle Championship



Honesdale Golf Club; Corey Teeple, Jim Gardas, Eric Williams, Jeff Tamblyn, and Ben Krempasky takes AGA Coal Scuttle Championship

Exeter, PA - Honesdale Golf Club captured the 2014 Anthracite Golf Association Coal Scuttle Championship. Honesdale Golf Club led the Championship after round 1 at Huntsville Golf Club with a team total of 301. The team followed their opening round to combine for a 297 in round 2 at Fox Hill Country Club, their two day total of 598 to win the title by 11 shots.

Glenmaura National Golf Club (609) finished in second and Fox Hill Country Club (610) finished in third.

Jim Gardas led the way for Honesdale Golf Club carding rounds of 69-68 and a record setting 6-under par 137 to capture the individual title. Eric Williams of Honesdale Golf Club finished in second place with rounds of 72-72-144. Rounding out the team for Honesdale Golf Club were Jeff Tamblyn, Corey Teeple, and Ben Krempasky.

Honesdale Golf Club had the top two finishers on the weekend in Jim Gardas and Eric Williams, but Bill Lawler of defending champions Fox Hill Country Club may have had the most fun on the weekend as he had a hole-in-one in the opening round on #3 at Huntsville Golf Club helped push him to a third place finish in the individual portion of the event (147 total). Christian Davis, Glenmaura National Golf Club finished in fourth place with a 147 total.

The championship has been contested since 1951. This year 21 Teams representing member clubs in 18 counties in Pennsylvania competed in this year's 64th Anthracite Golf Association Coal Scuttle Championship. 8 teams made the cut after round 1. The final results are listed below.



FINAL RESULTS:

Honesdale GC--301-297--598

- Jim Gardas 69-68--137
- Eric Williams 72-72--144
- Jeff Tamblyn 81-75--156
- Corey Teeple 79-84--163
- Ben Krempasky 94-82--176

Fox Hill CC--309-301--610

- Bill Lawler 72-75--147
- Bob Gill 77-73--150
- John Mikiewicz 79-77--156
- Tom Biscotti 81-76--157
- Bob Zaleski 88-79--167

Glenmaura Natl. GC--310-299--609

- Christian Davis 76-71--147
- Pat Mitchell 79-71--150
- Matt Hoover 75-80--155
- Nick Johnson 80-77--157
- Chas Dennis 82-81--163

Scranton Muni. GC--308-305--613

- Mike Thomas 74-73--147
- Mike Peregrim 76-77--153
- Bob Andrejko 77-76--153
- Mark Bartkowski 82-79--161
- Vince Scarpetta 81-81--162

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it can up and take a bite out of your game.

Monocan gets you into the swing with a par 5 that demands a third shot over some water. But the fourth and fifth hole are where it truly shines. First you have a medium-length to long straightaway par 4 with water on the right near the green and no bailout area except short. You make a par there and you've earned it. That's followed by a par 3 of about 150-160 totally over a lake. It's visually intimidating. Again, a par is more than acceptable. The eighth is another good par 3 in the 165-175 range to a well-protected green. And you end with a par 5 that moves left-to-right off the tee. If you hit a decent drive you should be able to do some damage, but the sucker pin placement they had for us made it a much tougher par than it should have been.

Shamokin starts you off a bit tougher, with a par 4 that requires two good strikes. Watch out on No. 3, a medium par 3. If you miss left your ball could end up in the stones. And that's where the copperheads like to hang out. And they were there first. On No. 6 you need to carry a creek that meanders in front of the green. Only I could line up through the creek and onto the fringe. I never said I played conventional. The seventh is a good par 3, from a big-time elevated tee to a green that can play about 200 from the back. The eighth is a par 5 that doglegs left off the tee. A really good drive could give you a chance to get home in two, unless you hit it like me. I was just happy to be within a gap wedge. And I still had to get up and down from the back collar. It happens. The ninth is a bona fide keeper. It plays some 400, with a 90-degree left turn about halfway out. You can try to cut the dogleg, but you're almost better off hitting it straight and leaving yourself a longer shot in. I'm still trying to figure out why it's not the No. 1 handicap hole. But then again, what do I know?

The Tuckahoe, which is the newest of the nines (the other two comprised the "original" 18), might indeed be the best. At least that was the opinion of several members of our foursome. It starts off with a very picturesque yet treacherous hole with water down the right side. There's a real nice mix of long and short throughout, and some serious elevation changes come into the equation on many of them. A good example is 2 and 3, where you go down then up on a short 350-yarder, then steeply down (and left) off the tee on a hole that plays significantly longer. For whatever reason the bunkering seems to be a factor more so on this nine. The sixth is tremendous, a dogleg right where even two good shots might not get you exactly where you want to be. The eighth is a par 3 of about 150 over the wet stuff, and nine is a long par 5 where you'd better hit two solid ones to start or you'll still be pulling out a metal wood or rescue or long iron for your third.

Overall, the experience is hard to beat. And I get around some. And while you're there, you should check out their instructional programs. They have group clinics and junior camps. I have the privilege of spending a half-hour or so with Philip Licata, the head pro at Devil's Knob and in another life a former jockey for some of the leading trainers in America. You can't make that up. I'm not going to tell you he's a miracle worker, but I know he gave me a few pointers that had me hitting it much better. And they were subtle changes. He didn't even try to mess with my Jim Furyk/Nancy Lopez hitch at the top, which I've had forever. I thank him for that. And some of his stories from his riding days were almost as priceless.

Again, there's so much more to Wintergreen than pars, birdies and dreaded others. The accommodations are impeccable. I've stayed in all types of condos, and this time even shared a four-bedroom house. Never had a complaint. And almost all of them had views that can only be described as stunning. And like I said, I'm the kind of guy who's more inclined to be saying that from a beach.

As for the dining, there are options to fit all tastes and budgets. For a place that caters to families and children, this is the most user-friendly choice. They refer to it as their "neighborhood" restaurant. And there is often some live entertainment as well. The menu, which also includes late-night grub, has just about everything from wings and chili to sandwiches (even a scallop Po Boy), burgers and entrees (chicken and waffles, blackened cast-iron catfish, to name but two). It's casual and comfortable, and there's seven kids' selections. So it's a safe bet that everyone will leave smiling. And full.

The Copper Mine Bistro is fancier. And difficult to pass up. It does breakfast, which includes such local things as cheese grits and sausage gravy over biscuits and of course country ham. Yum. For dinner, you might want to start with the French onion soup, which could almost be a meal by itself, or the fried green tomato Caprese salad. Outstanding. One of the tapas deals is an artichoke dip to die for. And I don't even like artichokes. Or at least I thought I didn't. For entrees they have a lobster mac and cheese, a pan-seared flounder that was about the size of a tuna, braised short ribs that fell off the bone, and a grilled filet that was simply one of the best I've ever had. Accompanied by a sweet pea risotto. After that I didn't need dessert, but somebody talked me into trying the rasperry sorbet. I'm sure glad they did.

We also ate at Devil's Knob and Stoney Creek. Both have clubhouse-type atmospheres. But Devil's Knob has undergone an extensive makeover, which has given it a more polished look. Both do lunch and dinner. I had a great soup of the day, a creamed asparagus, at DK, followed by a big-time burger. I swore I wasn't going to go with red meat, but I broke down. It turned out to be a wise move on my part. Someone else got the grilled portabella panini, another winner. And the pulled pork received similar rave reviews. At Stoney Creek, where we were in a hurry and the service was first rate in getting us served and headed back up the mountain in time for a late-afternoon obligation, I went with the Chesapeake, a panko-crusted Haddock with malt-vinegar slaw, roasted tomato and Old Bay tartar sauce. It was even better than the burger. A friend got the meatloaf sandwich, another tried the Cuban (roast pork, smoked ham, swiss cheese, etc.) and our fourth picked out the California club,



Wintergreen Devil's Knob Hole # 3

which was made with a marinated chicken breast on a Ciabatta roll. None of us sent anything back, or left much for the dishwashers to clean up.

For dinner at Devil's Knob, I got the filet again. Hey, I'm not stupid. And if I go back I'll probably go for the trifacta. Never mess with a proven commodity. They brought us out some appetizers to share, and the hits were the pecan wood-smoked quail, pan-seared scallops, salmon Carpaccio and crab bites. I'm surprised I still had room for anything more. My wife had the mussels in white wine broth over linguini, and pronounced both the portion size and the quality to be perfect. I'll take her word, since I don't do mussels. But the broth was everything she said. So of course I had to sop some of it up with the bread. Some of the other successes were a lavender-infused honey-glazed salmon and crab-crusted grouper. I don't think you could go wrong. All I know is I had a chocolate creme brulee to top it all off, and I couldn't even finish it off. Yet somehow it got eaten. I must have had help.

And if you want to explore, there's plenty of places to try down in the valley. There's the Blue Ridge Pig, which does some mean barbecue. Next door to that is Basic Necessities, a little French restaurant that also has some great wines to pick up for the ride home. Speaking of which, there's no shortage of wineries in the area, if you're so moved. Heck, Monticello isn't that far away. You can do the tour. It is a one of a kind way to spend a few hours. The valley now boasts a handful of brew pubs, something you couldn't say not that long ago. Times evolve. You can do a lot worse than try out some of the local beers. But if you never want to leave Wintergreen, that's more than OK too. Oops, almost forgot. If you're driving down or back on Interstate 81, you might need to stop at Mrs. Rowe's, a family restaurant/bakery in Staunton at the intersection with Route 664. Trust me on this. It came highly recommended, and I'm passing it on. Go for the ham salad, if they're making it that day. Or the fried chicken. Or the meatloaf. Or ... OK, you get the idea. I don't lie about southern grub at its best. And the prices hadn't changed since our last visit. What a concept.

Getting back to Wintergreen, there's also tennis. And no shortage of activities, from bike riding to canoeing to miniature golf to hiking to the bungee trampoline to the climbing wall to the zip line ride to tubing to Lake Monocan to the Adventure Center to archery to exercising. I apologize if I left anything out? They have a wonderful kids program at the Treehouse. Mine didn't want to come home. But what they couldn't wait for more than that was the indoor pool area (there's also two outdoor ones), which they closed every night. Honest. And my wife says the spa is one of the best she's ever been pampered in. And she should know. She's been to enough. This time she was treated to something called the Lavender Body Glow and Wrap. I don't know exactly what that is, except it involves lavender oil and hot stones. All I know is, she liked it. A lot. Next time, I might go for the facial and pedicure, just to find out for myself.

So there you have it. Wintergreen can be many different things. It might depend on what you're looking for. But for me, the one thing it's never been is uninteresting. Even when that can often mean not doing a whole lot of anything. It never gets old. There's plenty to be said for merely kicking back, and kind of getting away from the real world for awhile. That's what Wintergreen has always meant to me. I'm already looking forward to the next time. Can you blame me?



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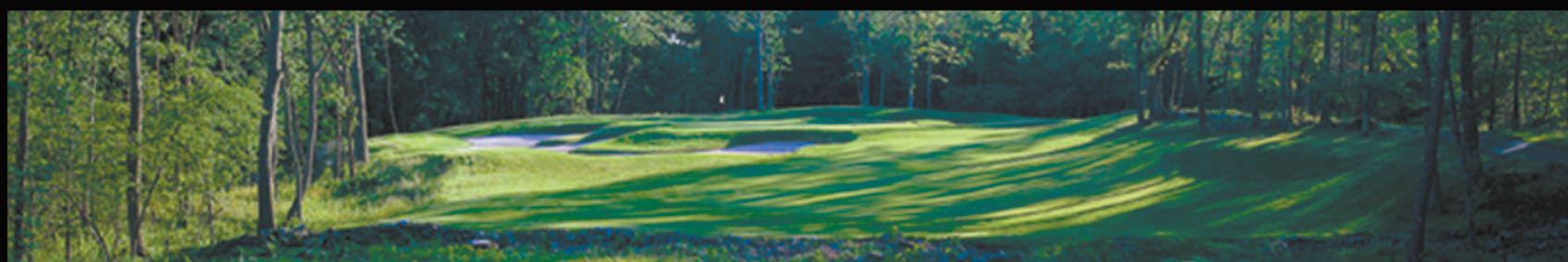
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