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By Mike Kern

Myrtle Beach. In my household, it's become a tradition unlike many others. Other than the South Jersey shore, I haven't visited anywhere nearly as much. And I've only been going to the Jersey Shore all my life.

Like most golfers, I was first attracted by the sheer number of courses. Hey, it's the golf capital of the world for a reason. My first trip, I got a T-shirt with the logos of the 33 it had at that time. That was roughly 35 years ago. The total grew to around 120 at the height of the golf boom. Now it's down to 90 or so. Which of course is still way more than sufficient. And I've probably played half of them. I've also been to some that aren't there anymore. Even some pretty good ones. Belle Terre comes to mind. As a golf writer I later went there just about every spring before the Masters for our national association's annual tournament, where there were plenty of memorable times. Then I started making family excursions, because there's more to the area than just trying to smack that goofy white ball.

These days it's become a summer staple for us. We throw our stuff in the car and make the 600-mile drive from Philly, usually — traffic willing — straight through. Do I wish it were closer? Sure, but then again that's what I have the Jersey Shore for. So once we get in a day's worth of recovery time we'll spend a week golfing, eating, beaching, pooling, shopping and whatever else might seem worthy/appropriate. Like the Jersey Shore, there are no rules, other than to cram as much fun into those seven days as you possibly can. It's not always easy. Sometimes it just means doing a little bit of nothing. As my better half would attest, there's a lot to be said for that, too. But that's the beauty of Myrtle. You can go at your own pace, do what you want. And somebody else can have an entirely different agenda and get just as much out of it. There's enough courses and restaurants and shows and accommodations to fit anyone's budget, taste and ability level.

Yo, you can always fly if you don't like being on the road for that long or you're maybe only going for a long weekend. The airport has just undergone some overdue renovations, and there's a lot more flights from Philly. Should we mention that the greater Delaware Valley region sends as many customers to Myrtle as any other? We just prefer driving, because we can pack more and already have our transportation once we arrive. But like the variety of courses, that's why they have vanilla and moose tracks.

For folks who've never been, Myrtle is actually referred to as the Grand Strand, a stretch along the ocean that stretches far into southern North Carolina toward their Wilmington and extends some 60 miles the other way down to Pawley's Island. Most of my time has been spent in North Myrtle, or even just over the state border. But I've also stayed in the southern part of the city. They all have their feel. Some people swear by their favorite neighborhood. You'll have to find your own. But just know that going to Myrtle doesn't necessarily mean you have to be in downtown. Wherever you end up, getting around has been made much less of a headache by the

Highway 31 Bypass that runs along the west side of the boundary and cuts the drive time from north to south considerably. Never a minor consideration.

We've spent many weeks at Barefoot Resort, near the border of Myrtle and North Myrtle. I would heartily recommend it to anyone. It's about as self-contained as you can get, since there are four courses there (more on that in a moment), and it's adjacent to a shopping/restaurant complex that's about as good as it gets. I mean, you could stay there and play there and eat there and never really have to leave and you wouldn't be missing out on much. But diversity isn't a bad thing, either.

This time we had a spacious two-bedroom condo in the Cherry Grove section (through Elliott Realty rentals), a first for us. And it was perfect. Situated right on the North Carolina border, it was close to just about everything, including Barefoot, where I wound up playing three times, pig that I sometimes can be. Thanks to Dave Genevro, the general manager. Great guy, even if he does have Pittsburgh ties. I'd never hold that against him. Anyway, we found some new places to frequent, reacquainted ourselves with a few familiar haunts, and were a block from the beach and a wedge from the pool. We've never been that close to the beach before, and it makes a difference. But even if you aren't right on the water, it's usually only a short jaunt and we've always found parking not to be any kind of deterrent. But everyone has their priorities. I can't wait to go back. It might turn into our new home base. It was convenient, clean and comfortable. I can't think of what else I need on my checklist.

OK, so let's get to the golf. There's no shortage of options, either by price or degree of difficulty. I've played a lot, and I've seen both ends of it. Not every course I've played was worth going back. That's just being honest. But not every course can be Pine Valley, either. There are some definite high-end offerings. Yet for the high handicapper, they might not be what the doctor ordered. You have to be smart. And practical. Do your homework. Ask around. Check the internet, for reviews and deals. I know whenever we go there's always bargains to be had, either online or via newspaper coupons. You might as well take advantage of them, and the information that's out there. Can't hurt.

The first thing I ever do when I go somewhere is ask the locals what they like. It usually makes for some good starting leads. That goes for the food as well (we'll get to that later). Finding the best fit for your or your group gets everything going in the right direction. The last thing you want is to be on a course, no matter how good, that you can't play. And while we're on that subject, I wish people would stop playing from tees they shouldn't be playing from. My personal vent. I'm sick of seeing the group ahead of me hitting from the backs when their drives are generally not going far past the reds. Sorry. Would you rather play from something further up and have a better time or torture yourself from 6,600 yards where you've got no chance? It doesn't even seem like a choice to me, but what do I know? I can't hit it nearly as far as I used to, so I move up to something I can handle, even if that's only 5,800 yards. And I have a good time, which I thought was supposed to be the point.

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U.S. Mid-Am at Saucon Valley



Old Course at Saucon Valley Country Club Par-4 3rd hole
(USGA /Russell Kirk)

By **MIKE KERN**

Anyone who's spent enough time at Bethlehem's Saucon Valley Country Club has come to know that it's undoubtedly one of the best 54-hole facilities anywhere. Nobody needed to remind the USGA, which is once again bringing one of the many championships on its annual schedule back to the Lehigh Valley for the seventh time. In Pennsylvania, only Merion (with 18) and Oakmont (15) have hosted more often. In fact, only 14 others in the entire country have hosted more. This time, Saucon Valley will be the site of the U.S. Mid-Amateur for the first time, from Sept. 6-11.

"This was a proverbial no-brainer," said Championship Director Bill McCarthy. "It was pretty much (USGA Executive Director) Mike Davis saying, 'What year do you want it?' We know it'll be an absolute home run. In this case it wasn't so much an invitation as a conversation.

"I think it'll be one of the better if not the best (Mid-Am) we've seen."

The relationship began in 1951, when Saucon was the venue for the U.S. Amateur that went to Billy Maxwell. In 1983 it got the U.S. Junior Am. And four years later a U.S. Senior Am. What followed was a pair of U.S. Senior Opens, in 1992 and 2000, that truly put the place on the map for people outside the area. Who could forget Larry Laoretti and his big old cigar getting his only professional victory, or the great Hale Irwin closing with back-to-back 65s to overtake Bruce Fleischer, Tom Kite and Raymond Floyd? Then, you had Eun-Hee Ji making a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole, which of course never happens, to win her lone major to date. Now, it's getting an event that Berwyn's Jay Sigel won every other year from 1983-87, to go with his back-to-back U.S. Amateur titles in 1982-83.

Last October the championship (which is open to players 25 and older) was won by Mike McCoy, who'd merely been chasing after his dream for what seemed like forever. At 50, he finally became the second-oldest champion. The native of West Des Moines, Iowa, beat Bill Williamson 8-and-6 in the 36-hole final at the Country Club of Birmingham (Ala.). That earned him a trip to this year's Masters, where he missed the cut. But he was the low amateur at last month's U.S. Senior Open at Oak Tree National in Edmond, Okla. Now McCoy, who made



William and David Gordon designed the Weyhill Course at Saucon Valley C.C., which opened in 1968. (Photo courtesy of Saucon Valley C.C.)

it to the semifinals of the Mid-Am in 2005 and '08, is trying to become just the third man to repeat in this event, which was first held in 1981.

"I was pretty determined," said McCoy, whose son Nate is his caddy. "I'd gotten pretty close. I was the medalist (low 36-hole qualifying score) at Kiawah (in 2009). It was the 38th (USGA) championship I'd qualified for. It's hard to win. It's a long week. But I finally got over the hump.

"It's really the frosting on the cake, for a very long amateur career. It's a great feeling, a reward for what's really been a lifetime passion of competing, playing, taking lessons, traveling. Doing everything to be the best I could be. I'm rather proud of it. I hope it propels me to do even more."

He'll be one of 264 in the field, which will be pared to 64 for the match-play portion. Then all you have to do is get past six opponents to claim the trophy. The matches will be held on the original Old Course, which dates to 1922. Weyhill, which was the last to be built in the late 1960s (Grace is the other), is also being used for the first two days of medal (stroke) play.

McCoy recently had a chance to play both courses for the first time. He came away impressed, especially with the Old, where most of the questions will get settled.

"It'll challenge everybody," he said. "The greens were perfect. It'll be a true championship test. Obviously everyone better bring their game. You're not going to be able to scrape it around. You'll have to hit proper shots. I think it's just a matter that the further you go, the more pressure you'll feel to keep winning. It's a draining week. I suspect the cream will rise to the top.

"There's just one good hole after another. There are no weak holes out there. It's one of the best I've ever played. What struck me is there are very long par 4s, and I think very difficult par 3s. You know the rough will be thick by the fall, which will put a premium on driving it in the fairway, particularly on the longer holes. If you're in the rough you're just not going to be able to reach the (green)."

Matt Mattare, the 28-year-old son of Saucon Valley General Manager/Director of Golf Gene Mattare, was the medalist last year before losing in his opening match. This time he'll have the home advantage, for whatever that's

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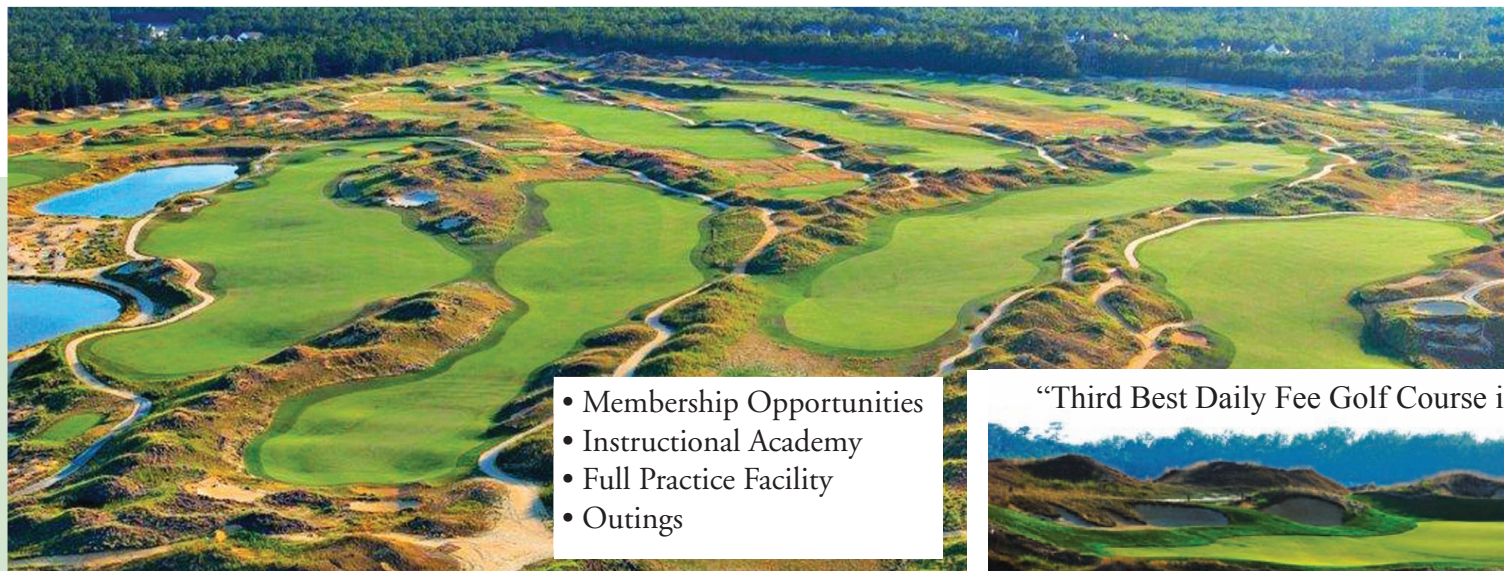
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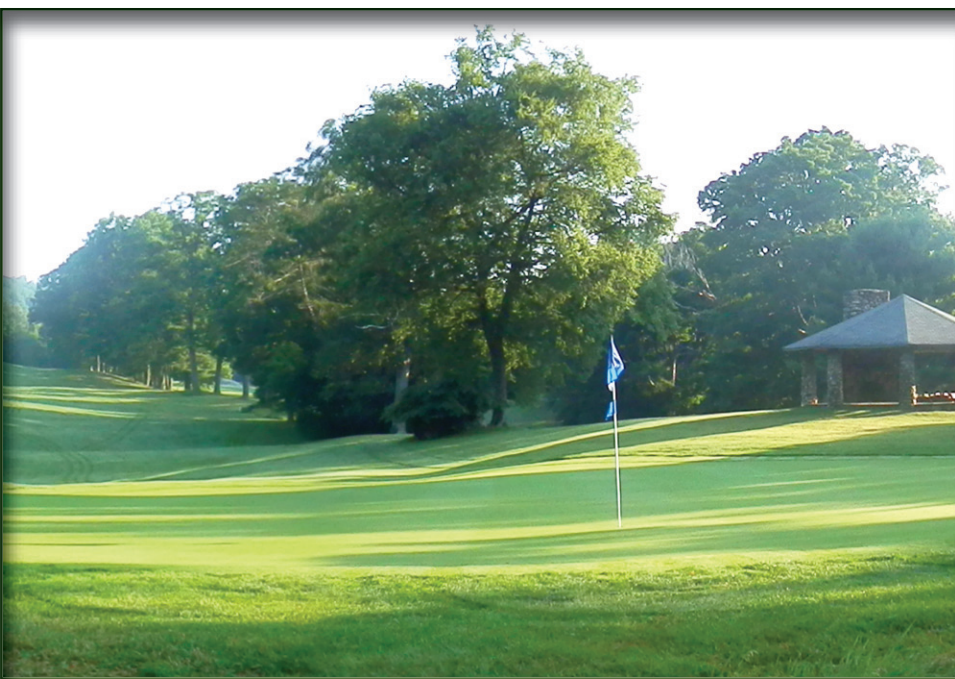
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Buck Hill Golf Club Blue Course Hole 4 (Photo/ AngelaCroffut)



Buck Hill Golf Club Hole 9 (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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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.

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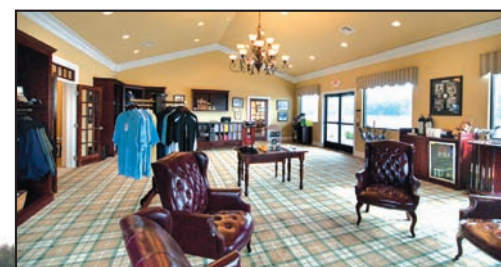
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Barefoot Resort Love Hole #13 Bridge View



River's Edge Clubhouse

Myrtle Beach *from page 3*

I'm not breaking the course record, so who really cares? But apparently not nearly enough duffers out there concur with those sentiments. Oh well. It's their time. Trouble is, it makes everyone's round longer. And less enjoyable. And they wonder why the sport continues to lose players. So much for the mystery.

But I digress. This time around, as I said, I played solely at Barefoot. Hey, I've posted 90-hole scores on previous trips. And I did so in Pinehurst at the U.S. Open in June. But I'm getting older. And we had friends down there. Plus I got rained out once, thanks to Hurricane Arthur. It happens. I will say the weather this time was as nice as I've ever felt down there. It can often get sweltering. But this trip the temperatures were relatively pleasant. I only drank one Gatorade per round instead of three. Nice. As was the Love Course, which is probably considered to be the third-best of the Barefoot foursome. Personally, I put it at the top. And I don't think I'm alone. Actually, in all fairness the Norman Course, if it was by itself and the front nine wasn't surrounded by condos, would likely get a bunch more love. Sorry, couldn't resist. But comparatively speaking, it's the most user-friendly of the four. And a good track to start on, if you're thinking of doing them all. I know my son and I have always liked it.

As for the Love, I don't know how many courses he's designed. But if this is an example, he should do more. It's really interesting. Not too hard, but far from a pushover, either. It can test you, especially in certain spots. Again, play it from the right tees and it'll be even sportier. It has a lot of Lowcountry character, and even features recreated ruins of an old plantation home along holes 3-7. On 4, a really cool short par 4, I've been on the other side of one of those walls and had to hit a shot back over the stones onto the green. Rather unique, I'd say. The fairways are generous, and there's not much in the way of forced carries. And the greens, like the other three courses in the complex, are all new hybrid turf from Norman's company designed to better withstand the severe summer stress. So if you miss a putt you can't place the blame elsewhere. They roll that true.

I don't think I've played a Tom Fazio layout that I didn't like, and the one at Barefoot is no exception. I just think he's about the best at what he does. This is simply another example of his talent. I find it a bit more challenging than the adjacent Love. The setting is very natural, and it doesn't return to the clubhouse at the turn, like a lot of what you find at British links. It's a scenic piece of property. The 18th in particular is laid out along the water, across from the clubhouse veranda. So you can have a crowd watching you finish. And you should know that the view from the veranda is unbeatable. We've had lunch there many times. My wife insists. Once we even saw a small bear over in the woods. You don't get that just anywhere. A lot of tree cover and water comes into play. I thought they had actually taken some of the longer grass out, which made it more playable. There's also waste areas and elevation changes. I think it's made for a shotmaker. On the back nine I managed to hit three big-time approaches (by my standards) from like 140 yards in the span of five holes, including the 18th, which doesn't happen nearly as much for me anymore. True to form, though, I didn't convert any of the birdie chances. I just look at it as another reason to come back. As if I really needed any extra motivation.

I'd only played the Dye once before, and it had been awhile. So I was looking forward to my return. And I wasn't disappointed. Even though it had rained heavily the day before, by the next morning the course was pretty well drained. As is his style, Dye has created something you won't soon forget. I remember him telling me once at his devilish course on a mountain in French Lick, Ind., that people ask him to build courses where he can beat players up for 17 holes. Then, the

hope is they'll hit a great shot on the 18th and that'll make them come back to get beat up some more. The formula has worked. This course is visually stunning, and not for the squeamish. There's certainly a lot of sand in the equation. But it's still navigable. You just have to be careful. Don't bite off more than you can handle. There's a huge difference between playing it from the whites and the blacks. There's a nice mix of long and short holes, as long as you can avoid the hazards. The ninth has water all down the right side. The 10th has wet stuff all down the left. The trouble at the Dye isn't so much the greens, but getting to them. The par 3s are really good. I especially liked the 17th, which demands a shot of between 155 and 175 (or more if you prefer) to a green that's about as small as me and isn't all that visible from the tee. The closer is a medium-length to long par 4 with water again guarding the right side of the fairway. Neat stuff. I know not everyone is a Dye fan, but this one shouldn't be missed. Just because.

Oops, almost forgot. The Golf Channel just filmed the next "Big Break" at Barefoot. I got to play with the editor and his young son. We had a blast. But he couldn't divulge any details, as you'd suspect. I'll just have to tune in like the rest of America.

But golf in Myrtle isn't just about Barefoot. Here's a rundown of some of my suggestions, in no particular order. I'll just proceed from north to south. Again, I tend to play more in the northern end, since that's where I'm usually camped. And also keep in mind that you could play a different course in Myrtle Beach for like three months and never play one twice. Think about that.

River's Edge, an Arnold Palmer design in Shallotte, is right up there. We used to go there every year before the golf writer's tourney, and never got tired of it. Very scenic and challenging, the par-5 ninth might be one of the harder holes you'll ever encounter. And the new head pro is Jeff Pianelli, a Villanova guy. So make sure and say hi.

Ocean Ridge has the four "Big Cat" courses — Tiger's Eye, Lion's Paw, Leopard's Chase and Panther's Run. I'm pretty sure I was there for the opening of at least two. I remember they brought in a live tiger for the one ceremony. Like Barefoot, you could make a week of it at this one stop alone.

Thistle has 27 holes, and they're all very Scottish. Very good, too. Makes for a nice combination.

Sandpiper Bay, another 27-holer, is extremely patron-friendly. And it's just undergone an extensive renovation project. Plus one of the nines is unique in that it has three par 3s and as many par 5s. Which if nothing else usually means more birdie ops.

Oyster Bay is definitely near the top of my list. I love the layout, which sits on the marshes and offers some serene, fantastic views. There's two island greens, which I've even occasionally hit. Look out for the wildlife. I've seen some decent-sized gators. Nevertheless, I count this among the must-dos.

I feel much the same about Tidewater Plantation. Tidewater, in an effort to maintain its reputation as a premier course on the Grand Strand, closed the course for play this summer and reseeded the greens with mini verdi. They should be in pristine condition by fall. As far as layout goes, it's a keeper. It reminds me a bit of Oyster Bay, in that it runs along the Intercoastal Waterway. All things being equal, it's well worth trying.

I've never been to River Hills, but a local once said it was the best value down there. So I'll pass it along, since locals usually don't get it wrong. Maybe one of these times I'll have to see for myself.

The Surf Club, one of the oldest down there, is a classic from another era and only seems to keep improving with age. Trust me, it's worth the extra effort.

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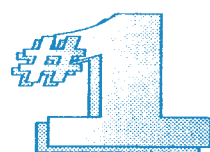
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Ocean Ridge Leopard's Chase Hole #16



Oyster Bay Hole #13

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stuff, has been voted one of the best in the state. The new owners have taken the time to enhance the place, and it shows.

Pine Lakes, where Sports Illustrated was born, is the aptly-nicknamed "Granddaddy." Also the site of the Myrtle Beach Hall of Fame, it too has undergone some recent changes — especially to the back nine — that includes an impressive clubhouse. Any first-timer should probably put this on their itinerary. Too bad the chowder guy isn't there anymore. He was worth the price of admission all by himself. I hope they still do those killer Mimosas.

Grande Dunes also fronts the Intercoastal, and there's a stretch of holes on the bluffs that are simply beyond description. You have to experience them for yourself to do them justice. I was there for the opening of this one, too. What can I say? I get around. This was named National Golf Course of the Year by the National Golf Course Owners Association of America. The golf shop also received National Merchandiser of the Year kudos.

The Dunes Club, which just hosted the PGA Professional National Championship that will be coming the suburban Philadelphia at the just-refurbished Cricket Club next summer, is No. 1 in Myrtle. And they're might not be a close second. It's also hosted six PGA Senior Tour championships, and the golf writer's shindig for too many times to count. It's the closest course to the beach, and has the infamous No. 13 Waterloo dogleg around a lake to contend with. And that's not even the best or hardest hole. It's not always easy to get access, but use your connections. You won't regret it.

The Witch flies under the radar, but I think it's pretty good. And there's no houses on it to get in the way. What a concept. Look out for the snakes, though. At least they do offer you a warning on the ninth hole, just in case. They were, after all, there first.

I'd heard a lot of good stuff about the Heritage Club, and finally got to play it a year ago. Turns out the word was right. It's a little bit of a hike from North Myrtle, but I'd gladly go back again.

Which brings us, finally, to Caledonia and True Blue, all the way down at the southern tip. Sister courses done by the late Mike Strantz, who gave us Tobacco Road, or golf on steroids, near Pinehurst. Caledonia is absolutely one of my faves. Two years ago I at long last got to play True Blue as well, in the same 100-degree day wrapped around a lunch break. Caledonia is the more playable of the two. And the 18th is one of the memorable finishes, a par 4 with a second shot over water looking straight at the clubhouse veranda. Yes. True Blue is a lot more penal, especially when it comes to sand traps. I still remember us starting on 10, and a single-digit handicapper in our group hit it into traps on his first three shots of a dogleg par 5, something he acknowledged he'd never done before. I think they're both more than worth the investment in the gas tank.

There you have it. I'm sure I've left some out. But at least it's a decent sampling.

Now on to the grub, which in my book is almost as important in judging the quality of any trip. There's nothing better than finding a place that give you a whole bunch of food for not much money. And I find you can do this more in the south. Go figure. I still mourn the loss of Granny Allan's, a truck stop in Calabash near Oyster Bay that gave you enough to feed three for like six bucks back in the day.

Again, moving north to south, there's Chianti South in Little River on Highway 17. Some of the best Italian cuisine. And I dine in South Philly. You could make a meal out of the bread alone. But go for the stuffed banana peppers. Unreal.

We tried Key West Crazy, on the waterfront in Little River, on a recommendation from a

friend. I owe him. The grouper sandwich were outstanding, with a side of hush puppies. My wife swore by the fried oysters.

In Cherry Grove we went to The Shack, where you got a meat or fish and three sides for \$7. I can't make this up. And everything was great. Best part was, I met someone at the next table from Philly who I hadn't seen in a decade who was now working down there as the superintendent at nearby Eagle Nest. So what were the chances? He said he actually recognized my voice. That I can believe. He said he goes there once a week. If I lived there I would too. Same with nearby Capt. Pooh's, which does a \$6 lunch special of that proportion. And on Friday's, for \$7.99, there's a flounder deal that literally could feed two. And that includes your drink. Yeah, baby.

The BBQ House, where we got take-out, has some of the best fried chicken you'll ever crunch into. But since they do it to order, it takes 25 minutes. Time well spent. They also offer a delicious Brunswick Stew, which can be done 100 different ways. I'll take this one.

You can't get good pizza down there. But as we found out a long time ago, Benito's in North Myrtle is one of the few I'll eat. It's brick oven.

And while I've never been to Benny Rappa's for Italian, several folks have told me it's their place. That must mean something, because they like to eat.

A friend who spends some time down there gave me four places to try. He's batting a thousand. Gary's Dogs were awesome. And I'm not even that into hot dogs. But these are from Boston. I had three. Go to Crumb Buns Bakery, which like Gary's has only been opened for a year, for the best — what else? — crumb cake ever. Go to Krave Bagel Bistro, right across the street from Gary's in North Myrtle, for — you guessed it — bagels. Really good ones. I went for the French Toast variety. And I'm not a big bagel fan, either. Then there's Kaminsky's Deli, for whatever. He's from New York, and I naturally had a corned beef on rye. The tuna macaroni salad was an eye-opener. He also advertised a cheesesteak, which I always shy away from. But this one actually sounded like I might have to give it a shot on the next visit.

In the Barefoot complex there's Greg Norman's Australian Grille, where we've never had a bad meal if you want to treat yourself. The pork chops are excellent. Lunch is a good alternative to check it out without spending nearly as much.

Right next door is Umberto's, which also has pork chops that'll require a doggy bag. And the stuffed peppers there might be even hotter than Chianti South. It's a family-style restaurant, so go there hungry. The beans and greens and tomato salad, two of their sides, are enough to get me in there.

I'd never been to River City Cafe for what several people had insisted were the best burgers. And since one of them weighs like 300 pounds, I figured it was about time. So we went, and they were. Enough said. And the Texas chili (no beans) was a decent complement.

We don't get to the southern end too often, but when we do we still have to eat. Gordon Biersch, in the new Market Commons complex, has an extensive menu. We tried much of it, and can't wait to try more. Bubba's Fish Shack, in Surfside, had come highly rated by someone who should know. Turned out to be another hit. Heaping plates without denting your wallet. Hush puppies, fried pickles and fried green tomatoes were great sides. And they have an all-you-can-eat catfish platter. I double dare ya.

Last, but surely not least, there's Flo's Place all the way down in Murrells Inlet. If you like Cajun/Creole, and who doesn't, this is your kind of joint. Po Boys, gumbo, red beans and rice. I could go on and on, but I'm running out of space. The ambiance is all Borbon Street. It might not be New Orleans, but it's not far off.

We had some stay. We always do. I only hope yours is nearly as good. Hope these suggestions help. I apologize if I left anyone or anything out. But there's always next time.

I'm already looking forward to it.



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The Old Course at Saucon Valley C.C. par-4 7th hole will measure 456 yards for the championship. (USGA Russell Kirk)



Four greenside bunkers come into play at the par-3 11th hole. (USGA Russell Kirk)

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worth.

"I know he's been gearing up for this," Gene conceded. "He's pretty excited. It'll be trying for me. I hope I can get out and watch him, but I'll be pretty busy that week. I know he'd love to advance far. I don't know how he'll react. It could work for him."

McCoy thinks that by the time they tee off everyone will be pretty much on equal footing.

"I had a nice visit with (Matt) at the Porter Cup (in Niagara Falls, N.Y.)," McCoy said. "He's a great player. It's always hard to play when expectations are high. But I'm sure he won't be laboring so hard on putts. He knows the break. But we'll all get a good look at it. I can't wait."

Particularly now that his 31/2-decade wait is history.

"I think it's a responsibility and a privilege," McCoy acknowledged. "I try to be a good example to my friends. I encourage them to keep working hard on their games, stay committed. I hope that I inspire them ... trying to raise a family and figure out a way to make time to keep their golf game in shape to stay competitive. In the past my friends encouraged me.

It's a great honor, and a lot of fun, to get out there trying to prepare to do your best. That's kind of what I've taken from it. Because you never know."

If it's a sure thing you're looking for, then maybe that's where Saucon Valley fits into the equation.

"This is a special place to us," said club president Andrew Warner. "We love to share it, by hosting events like this. During the championship, our third course will be open to the members. Find me another club that can do that. Maybe we take it for granted. I have a feeling there will be bigger crowds than you normally see for this. It's a big undertaking. But we have 400 volunteers and 16 committee chairs. Part of the tradition here is giving back to the game. It's great to see the current membership step up. The staff does such a great job. I think people will be blown away, when they see how consistently beautiful it'll be."

And of course the USGA will come in and do its thing in setting up the layouts as it sees proper. But as McCarthy explained, a Mid-Am is a different animal than a pure stroke-play event.

"We want individual holes to be able to stand alone," he said. "Match play is not about scoring. It's one-on-one. We might even have a drivable par 4 to determine the championship. That would be fun. The goal is to have the player pull out every club in his bag. We don't want them to be one-dimensional in terms of playing. It'll be interesting to see the stroke-play comparison between the two courses. Great courses lend themselves to great setups. It'll let the best player become champion ...

"We have a wonderful history with the club. But it's more about the people at the club. We've been to some great clubs that were not enthusiastic."

That's never been the case with the crown jewel of the Lehigh Valley. Whenever the USGA calls, Saucon Valley has always opened up its arms. Which is why, at some point, there promises to be another next time. It's merely a matter of when, and for what. But given the way they feel about each other, chances are we won't have to wait very long.

TAP-INS: Admission is free, and no tickets are needed. Spectators are encouraged to attend. For more info log onto USGA.com and click championships ... Pittsburgh's Nathan Smith is the only four-time champ (2003, 2009, 2010 and 2012). Last year he lost in the second round of match play to Kevin Marsh, who lost to McCoy in the semifinals ... The Old Course will play to a par of 71 covering close to 7,100 yards, with Weyhill (also a 71) playing slightly shorter ... This is the 82nd USGA championship held in Pennsylvania. It joins California and Minnesota as the only states to host all 13 USGA national championships ... This is the sixth time this event has been held in the Northeast part of the country, and second since 2003, when Wilmington (Del.) was the venue.



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Williams Battles to Win R. Jay Sigel Amateur Match Play Championship



Eric Williams adds his name to the R. Jay Sigel Trophy

Johnstown, Pa. – The 11th R. Jay Sigel Amateur Match Play Championship was hosted by Sunnehanna Country Club on Monday through Wednesday, July 7-9. The field of 72 competitors played 36-holes of stroke play qualifying on Monday, of which the top 16 advanced to the match play bracket, to be played Tuesday and Wednesday. After a demanding three days of 36 holes per day, Eric Williams, Honesdale Golf Club, etched his name on the R. Jay Sigel trophy. It was a tough road as he had to go through defending champion Nathan Smith, Pinecrest Country Club, as well as an outstanding 20-hole final match versus James Kania Jr, Overbrook Golf Club.

Williams battled his way into match play by shooting a 7-over-par 147 to place him in a tie for 6th place. Joining him at 147 were David Brown, St. Clair Country Club, Kania Jr., and Ben Cooley, Huntingdon Valley Country Club.

Strong winds that gusted upwards of 35mph greeted players on Monday morning and continued through day two. The first 18 of qualifying was owned by Arnie Cutrell, Greensburg Country Club. The 3-time former champion powered through the ridiculous winds on his way to a 1-under-par 69. Cutrell would finish the day in a tie for 2nd with Patrick Ross, Elmhurst Country Club, at 4-over-par 144.

The second 18 of day one saw a familiar face at the top of the leader board as Nathan Smith fired an even more impressive round of 3-under-par 67, which included a 4-under-par 31 on the back nine, to give him the top seed. Smith was the only competitor under par through qualifying and was five clear of the field.

The final spot for match play was decided in a playoff as Greg Podufal of The Kahkwa Club defeated Sunnehanna member Derek Hayes on No. 1 (par 4, 439 yards), the second hole of the playoff. Eliminated on No. 18 (par 4, 373 yards), the first hole of the playoff, were Patrick Mitchell, Glenmaura National Golf Club, Kyle Martin, Commonwealth National Golf Club, and John Brennan of Philadelphia Cricket Club.

The story of day two was similar to day one in that the winds were gusting throughout. Those winds brought in a quick passing lightning storm that caused a delay for roughly 45 minutes. The only match to be completed before the delay was Eric Williams as he beat Ben Cooley of Huntingdon Valley Country Club 5&3.

Williams would move on to play Nathan Smith, who defeated Greg Podufal in a hotly contested match that went all 18 holes. In other round of 16 matchups, local Wesley Turiano defeated David Denlinger, Lancaster Country Club, 3&2. In the quarterfinals, Turiano would meet Mariano Medico, Fox Hill Country Club, after Medico beat Artie Fink, Jr. in 16 holes.

The bottom half of the bracket started in exciting fashion as the 2-seed Patrick Ross was taken to 19 holes by Sunnehanna's own Jesse Rager. There was no such suspense when Ben Feld, Green Valley Country Club, won his match against David Brown, St. Clair Country Club, 5&4. In similar fashion, Arnie Cutrell defeated William Betts of Longue Vue Club 6&5 to earn a sizeable rest before the second match of the day. Congratulations are in order for Cutrell as he aced No. 5 (par 3, 205 yards) to put him 2-up in the match, a lead from which he would not look back. In the final match of the round of 16, Kania Jr. was able to hold off a late charge from University of North Carolina golfer Brandon Dalinka to win 3&1.

Nathan Smith and Eric Williams met in the quarterfinals for a thrilling match as the two were tied going into the 17th hole, where Williams started his birdie, birdie finish to win the match 2-up. Mariano Medico

of Fox Hill Country Club was dominant in his victory over Turiano in the quarterfinals as he played 15 holes at 2-under par to win 4&3. Ross took a note out of Williams' book as he and Feld were tied heading into #15. Ross proceeded to go birdie, birdie and win 2&1. Kania Jr. and Cutrell marked the last match of the quarterfinals and it was a back and forth match as 10 of the 17 holes were won by one of the two players. In the end however, it was Kania Jr. that was the victor as he finished with a 2&1 win to advance to the semifinals.

Williams continued his stellar play against Medico in the semifinals as he was 1-under-par through the front nine leading to a 3-up advantage. Williams held onto that lead as the match finished 3&2. Kania Jr. took control of his match with Ross early with a birdie on the 1st and 4th holes. That lead ballooned to 4 through seven holes, to which Ross responded by winning three of the next four to get it back to one. Kania Jr., not to be outdone, would birdie No. 14 (par 3, 190 yards) and No. 16 (par 3, 182 yards) to advance to the finals with a 4&2 victory.

The final match was simply an outstanding display of golf. Kania held the biggest lead of the match at 2-up through 10 holes, but that was quickly brought back to all square as Williams won 11, and 12. The match stood All Square heading to the 16th tee, where both players played fine shots to the par 3 to give themselves birdie looks. Williams missed his try from 16 feet. Then Kania, on a similar line, drained his birdie from 8 feet to go 1-up. On the 17th tee, advantage Kania, he hit a wayward drive well to the right and into the native grass. Williams stepped up and piped his drive down the fairway, and a routine par was all he would need to draw All Square going to the 18th.

An outstanding up and down from the greenside bunker on 18 was required by Williams to extend the match. The story of extra holes was Williams' ability to get out of trouble as he put both of his drives in the right trees, but was able to scramble and make miraculous pars on each. On the 20th hole (No. 2, par 4, 430yards), Williams punched out from the trees to the front edge of the green, while Kania played his approach to 30 feet above the hole and faced a quick putt. Williams putted his third to within two feet below the hole, as Kania's speedy downhiller trickled about 6 feet past the hole. Kania just missed left on his par putt, and Williams knocked in the two-footer for the win. Congratulations to Williams and Kania Jr. who played incredibly all week.

With the victory, Eric Williams also earned a one-time exemption into the prestigious Sunnehanna Amateur in 2015, a little extra incentive offered by Sunnehanna Amateur Committee member John Yerger, III.

Asked to sum up the week, Williams said, "This is really cool, I was thinking back to The Sigel at Stonewall in 2008 when I lost to Arnie Cutrell in the finals. To win it at Sunnehanna, where Mr. Sigel played quite a bit, is pretty special. My hat's off to James Kania, he played great all day long. It was a battle. I can't say enough about Sunnehanna Country Club, it was in awesome shape and it was a real treat to spend three days here. I'm looking forward to coming back for the 2015 Sunnehanna Amateur."

A huge thank you goes out to the entire membership and staff at Sunnehanna Country Club. Golf Course Superintendent Ben Little, Golf Professional Carl Seelman, and General Manager Don Zolnosky and their staff provided a great venue and outstanding service for the Sigel Match Play Championship. Special thanks also go out to our corporate partner, the Allegheny Health Network. The 2015 Sigel Match Play will be held at Fox Chapel Golf Club in Pittsburgh

Sunnehanna Country Club Match Play Results

Final SC Match

1 Williams, Eric W., Honesdale Golf Club 20 holes Kania Jr., James D., Overbrook Golf Club

Semifinal SC Match

1 Williams, Eric W., Honesdale Golf Club 3 and 2 Medico, Mariano G., Fox Hill Country Club

2 Ross, Patrick D., Elmhurst Country Club 4 and 2 Kania Jr., James D., Overbrook Golf Club

Quarterfinal SC Match

1 Smith, Nathan, Pinecrest Country Club 2 up Williams, Eric W., Honesdale Golf Club

2 Turiano, Wesley, Sunnehanna Country Club 4 and 3 Medico, Mariano G., Fox Hill C.C.

3 Ross, Patrick D., Elmhurst Country Club 2 and 1 Feld, Ben M., Green Valley Country Club

4 Cutrell, Arnie, Greensburg Country Club 2 and 1 Kania Jr., James D., Overbrook Golf Club

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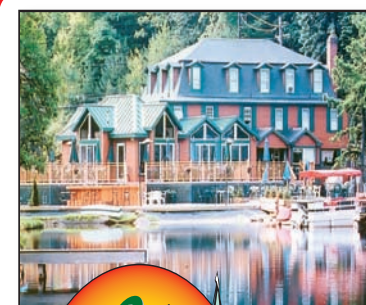
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By Tony Leodora

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - (August 1, 2014) – There are a lot of golf destinations in the United States but few have the secluded, secure and sensuous feeling of Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. And all of it is wrapped in a picturesque and environmentally sensitive package that is a delight to both golfers and vacationers.

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Traveling Golfer host Tony Leodora takes viewers on a non-stop tour of the resort and the island. In fact, he is the perfect tour guide, since he has been visiting Hilton Head annually for 25 years. He says, “I fell in love with the island the first time I saw it. I’ve stayed in just about every resort area on the island and Palmetto Dunes is my favorite. It has everything you need and is convenient to the rest of the island.”

Of course, the major attraction for the Traveling Golfer is the golf – and Palmetto Dunes boasts some of the best on the island. Three courses – designed by renowned architects Robert Trent Jones, George Fazio and Arthur Hills – provide a variety of quality options. Golf Magazine named Palmetto Dunes one of the Top 75 Golf Resorts in the country. Golf for Women Magazine selected it as one of the 25 Best Family Golf Resorts in America.

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Dave Pagett Whitemarsh Valley CC	66
Stu Ingraham M Golf Range	66
Gary Hardin Northampton CC	68
Graham Dendler Trenton CC	69
Josh Rackley Gulph Mills GC	69
Mark Sheftic Merion GC	70
John Allen TaylorMade Golf Ex.	70
Don Allan Burlington CC	71
John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	71
Mike Mack Burlington CC	72
Billy Stewart ACE Club	72
Adam Brigham Waynesborough CC	72
Jeff Herb Waynesborough CC	72
Bill Walker Riverton CC	72
Anthony Napoletano GolfTEC-KoP	72
Trevor Bensel Foxchase GC	72
Dustin McCormick Glen Brook GC	72
Alex Knoll Bethlehem GC	72
Steve Frederick Lehigh CC	72
Dan Bisazza Waynesborough CC	72
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	73
John Bierkan Aronimink GC	73
Kevin Duffy Riverton CC	73

Doylestown Open

Doylestown CC - Doylestown, PA Par 72

	Total
Dave Quinn Links GC	66
Alex Knoll Bethlehem GC	67
Brian Kelly Bucknell GC	68
Josh Rackley Gulph Mills GC	68
Brian Hollins Trenton CC	69
Jack Connelly North Hills CC	70
John Allen TaylorMade Golf Ex.	70
Stu Ingraham M Golf Range	70
Jeff Herb Waynesborough CC	70
John Cooper Green Valley CC	71
Billy Stewart ACE Club	71
Don Allan Burlington CC	71
David Morano Lancaster CC	71
Andy Fisher Frosty Valley CC	71
Eric McNamee Golf Galaxy	72
Scott Reilly Philadelphia CC	72
Dave Fields Brookside CC	72
Michael Little Lookaway GC	73
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	73
Michael Wheeler Bellewood CC	73
Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	73
Mike Moses Concord CC	73
Brendon Post Ches. Bay GC - Rising Sun	73
Mark Parson Stone Harbor GC	73

Wm Hyndman III Memorial Classic

Huntingdon Valley CC - Huntingdon Valley, PA Par 70

	Total
Billy Stewart	67
Rusty Harbold	68
Brian Kelly	69
Corey McAlarney	69
Robby Bruns	69
Michael Little	70
Rich Steinmetz	70
Jordan Gibbs	70
Alex Knoll	70
Dave McNabb	71
Tom Michaels	71
Stephen Sieracki	71
Mark Sheftic	71
John Appleget	71
George Forster	72
Shawn Hall	72
John Allen	72
Josh Rackley	72
Gary Hardin	72
Greg Farrow	72
Graham Dendler	72
Stu Ingraham	72
John Pillar	72
Joey Pohle	73

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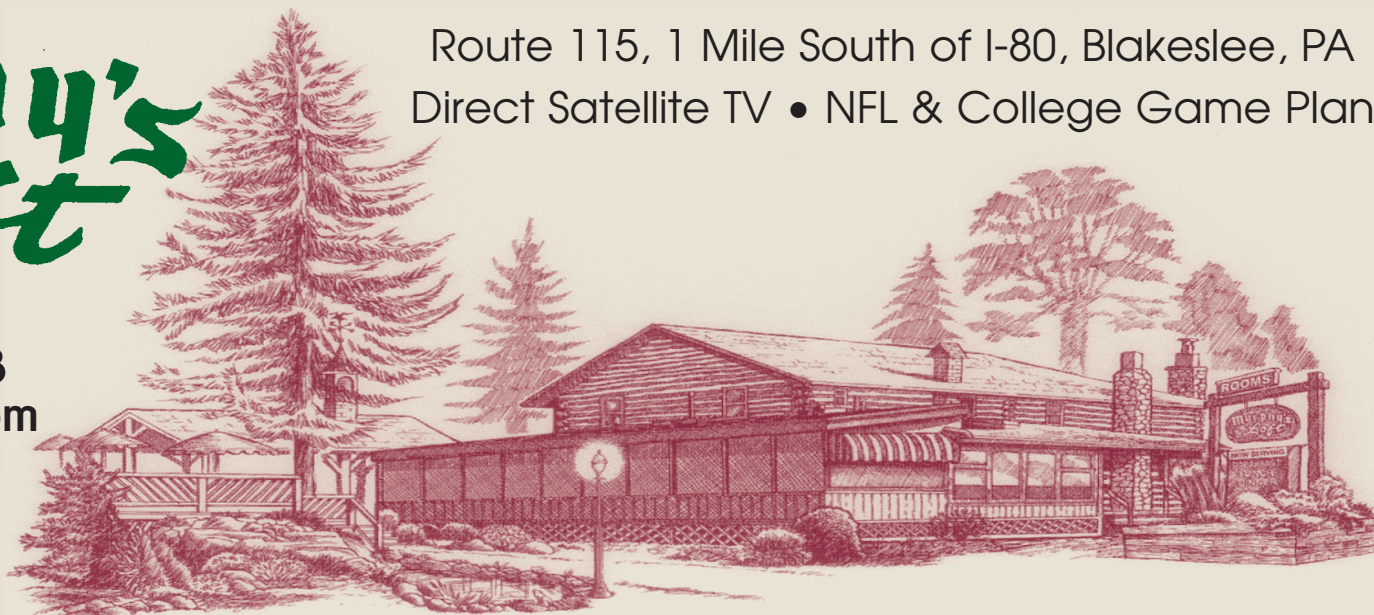
Northampton CC - Easton, PA Par 72

	Total
Mike Paukovits St. Davids GC	68
Greg Farrow Deerwood CC	68
Jake Gerney Trump National GC- Philly	72
Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	70
Cole Miller (a)	69
Bertus Wessels Green Valley CC	71
Billy Stewart ACE Club	70
Stu Ingraham M Golf Range	68
John DiMarco Laurel Creek CC	69
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Mark Sheftic Merion GC	71
John Appleget Wildwood Golf & CC	69
J R Delich Applebrook GC	69
Bill Sautter Philadelphia Cricket Club	69
Dave Quinn Links GC	73
Bob Hennefer Indian Spring CC	71
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	71
Alex Knoll Bethlehem GC	69
John Cooper Green Valley CC	68
Graham Dendler Trenton CC	74
Josh Rackley Gulph Mills GC	73
Terry Hatch Hidden Valley GC	72
John Allen TaylorMade Golf Ex.	72
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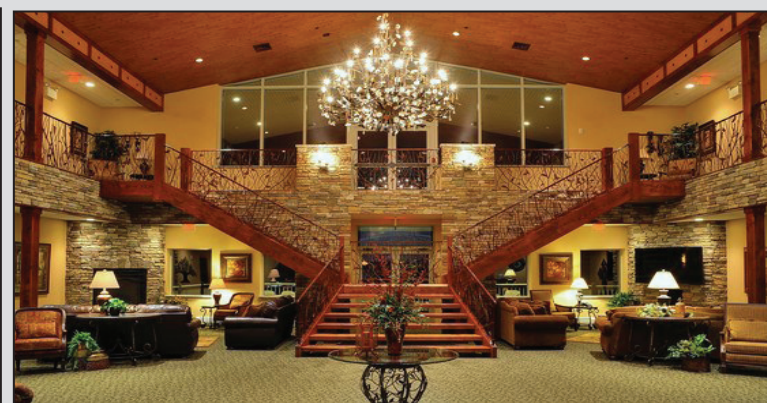
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Mark Monahan (Honesdale)	70
Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	70
Jason Mustapich	72

LOW SENIOR PRO

John Kulhamer (Green Pond)	70
Jim Booros (Philadelphia PGA)	73
Harvey Williams (Glen Oaks)	73

LOW AMATEUR

Frank Schiel Jr (WVCC)	70
John Olszewski (WVCC)	70
Mike Blazick (WVCC)	72

TEAM LOW GROSS

Wyoming Valley CC (Mustapich)	60
Wyoming Valley CC (Pedley)	63
Green Pond (John Kulhamer)	63

TEAM LOW NET

PGA (Kistler)	58
Irem Temple (Roman)	58
Southmoore GC (Muschlitz)	58

Whitetail Pro-Am Whitetail G.C. Par 72

LOW PRO

Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	69
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	69
Mike Paukovits (St. Davids)	70
Jeff Fick (Gasser Driving Range)	74
Dustin McCormick (Glenbrook)	74

LOW SENIOR PRO

Jim Booros (PGA)	73
Joe Ambrose (Paupack Hills)	75
Roger Stern (Wedgewood)	75

LOW AMATEUR

Justin Hilgert (Whitetail)	70
Tom Barlock (Woodstone)	71
Frank Betz (Woodloch)	75

TEAM LOW GROSS

Mike Paukovits (St. Davids)	64
Brad Paukovits (Whitetail)	65
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	66

TEAM LOW NET

Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	57
Dustin McCormick (Glenbrook)	59
Joe Ambrose (Paupack Hills)	60

Elmhurst Pro-Am Elmhurst C.C. Par 72

LOW PRO

Bob Fritz Manufacturers	71
Brian Fruehan Elmhurst	73
John Roche Elmhurst	73
Spencer Lunger Scranton Canoe Club	74
Jeremy Mangaine Glen Brook	74

LOW SENIOR PRO

Ray Silnik Blue Shamrock	74
Greg Wall Pocono Manor	76
John Kulhammer Green Pond	76
Tom O'Malley Buck Hill	77

LOW AMATEUR

Bruce Berry Pocono Manor	74
Dylan Spadt Southmoore	76

TEAM LOW GROSS

Jim Muschlitz - Mike Guro - Ryan Orcutt - Dylan Spadt Southmoore	64
Kevin Edwards - Jack Barry - Jim Sakasits - Auggie Sauerzupf Woodstone	65
Brian Fruehan - Tom McCormack - J T Coyne - Mike May Elmhurst	66

TEAM LOW NET

Dustin McCormick - Al McCormick - Dave Miller - Ron Sparrow Glen Brook	55
Brian Boyle - Pete Warner - Ron Thieme - Ed Streisel Skytop	58
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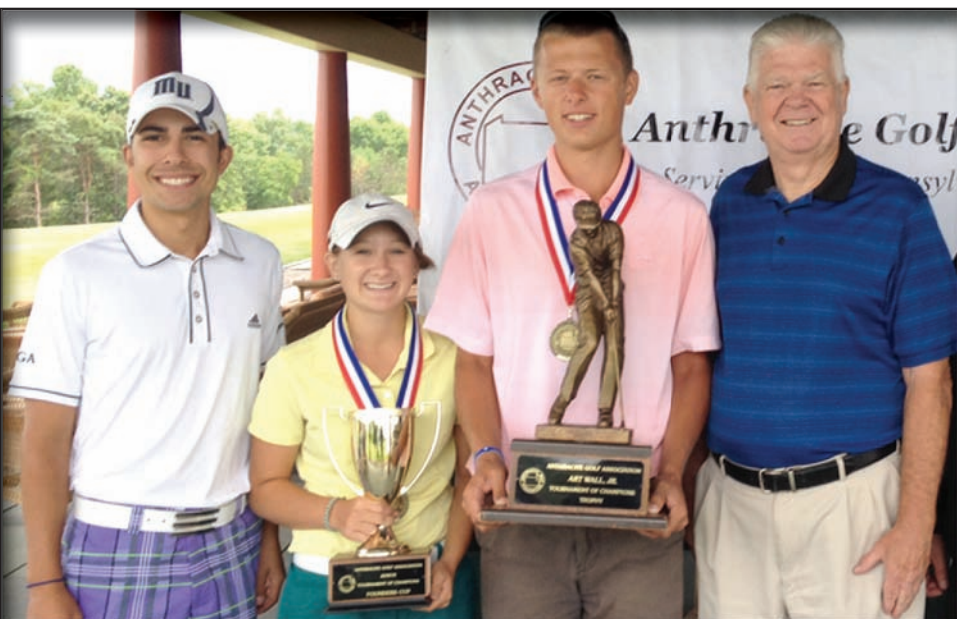
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Chris Cerminaro & Julia Santo win 2014 AGA Tournament



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Shavertown, PA - For the second consecutive year Chris Cerminaro of Carbondale captured the 2014 Anthracite Golf Association Junior Tournament of Champions. Cerminaro opened up with a round of 73 at Fox Hill Country Club finding himself one shot back of Danville's Austin Renz (72).

Cerminaro quickly erased the lead of Renz on day two at Huntsville Golf Club with a front nine of 2-under par 34. Renz fought back and both players were tied coming down the 18th hole in the final round where Cerminaro made par to Renz's double bogey, etching his name on the Art Wall Jr. Trophy for the second consecutive year with rounds of 73-72-145.

Frank Cestone (75-73-148) of Peckville finished in third, and Mountain Top's Joseph Hurn Jr.(76-76-152) finished in fourth. Terry Hurst Jr. of Clarks Summit finished in fifth (79-74-153).

In the girl's division Julia Santo, Hawley, captured the Founder Cup by 3 shots over first round leader Madeline Wharton of Harding, PA. Santo opened up with a round of 82 at Fox Hill Country Club finding herself 2 shots behind Wharton.

In the second and final round at Huntsville Golf Club, Santo carded a round of 85 which proved to be good enough for 167 total and a 3 victory over Wharton (80-90-170). Hannah Yanoski, Archbald, finished third with a score of 86-87-173.

For their victories Chris Cerminaro and Julia Santo earned exemptions into the 2015 North & South Junior Amateur Championships in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

BOYS RESULTS: First Day Fox Hill Par 71 2nd Day Huntsville GC Par 72

Chris Cerminaro, Carbondale	73	72	145
Austin Renz, Danville	72	75	147
Frank Cestone, Peckville	75	73	148
Joseph Hurn Jr, Mountain Top	76	76	152
Terry Hurst Jr., Clarks Summit	79	74	153
Michael Cestone, Peckville	79	79	158
Ryan Krechel, Saylorsburg	77	81	158
Matthew Mecca, Clarks Summit	84	76	160
Ronnie Yanoski, Archbald	83	78	161
Thomas Keegan, Clarks Summit	79	82	161



Girls Results:

Julia Santo, Hawley	82	85	167
Madeline Wharton, Harding	80	90	170
Hannah Yanoski, Archbald	86	87	173
Molly Mowatt, Hawley	91	92	183
Alexis Wyandt, Dallas	101	90	191

Elkview C.C. Captures 2014 AGA Ladies Coal Scuttle



Elkview C.C Team:(L-R) Ellen Frank, Debbie Novack, Carol Kaufman, and Selena Cerra

Crystal Lake, PA - Elkview Country Club won its third straight Ladies Coal Scuttle title on Monday, July 14th with a 13 stroke victory over Huntsville Golf Club, the runner-up. Honesdale Golf Club took third and Glen Oak Country Club finished fourth in the nine-team event.

Elkview Country Club was led by Deb Novack who birdied the 14th, the difficult 15th, and 17th holes on her way to a 43-35-78 and the individual title. Novack was the only player to break 80 as the course played long and soft after a soaking rain Sunday night. Novack finished five strokes clear of teammate Kaufman, Huntsville's Kathy Goeringer and Fox Hill Country Courtney Melvin who all carded rounds of 83.

"It's a great honor," Novack said. "We have a great team. We all get along great and we're all friends. It's just nice that we can keep doing it and put Elkview on the map. It's a great club. I just love it here."

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

Play 4, count best 3

TEAM RESULTS:

Debbie Novack 43-35—78

Carol Kaufman 44-39—83

Selena Cerra 44-39—83

Ellen Frank 44-44—88

Kathy Goeringer 43-40—83

Briana LaFoca 43-43—86

Kristen Armstrong 44-45—89

Sis Ertley 48-48—96

Joanne Wychowanec 46-41—87

Molly Mowatt 45-42—87

Bridget Simons 49-49—98

Joanne Smith 52-56—108

Roz Stahl 47-39—86

Mary Ann Yonchiuk 44-49—93

Bray Stahler 48-46—94

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The Pocono Manor- East Course 4th hole



The Pocono Manor East Course 18th hole.

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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 the 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 Country Club, Pittsburgh; Edgewood Country Club, Pittsburgh.

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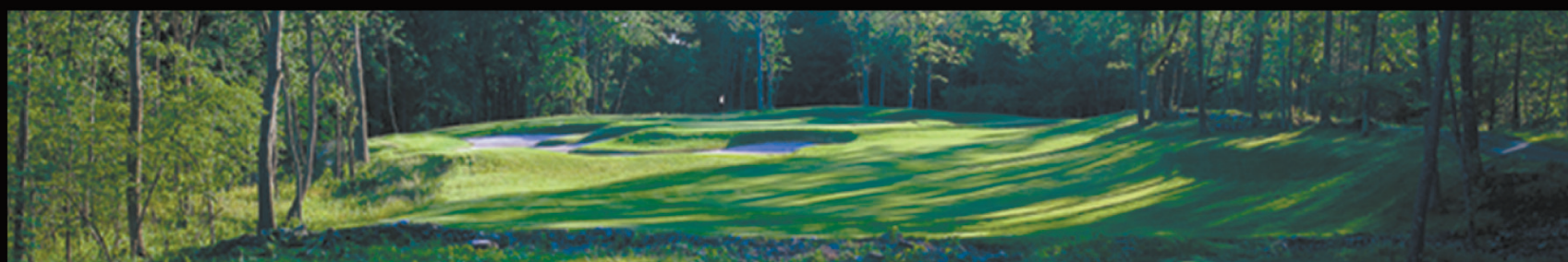
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