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# A Trip Down the Delaware River Will Uncover Pennsylvania's Most Interesting Golf Courses



Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort Blue Hole #1 Par 4

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*By Tony Leodora*

The Delaware River is the longest free-flowing river in the eastern part of the United States, a total of 388 miles that includes the entire boundary between Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The story of the Delaware Rivers contains plenty of history, plenty of activities ... and plenty of golf. But some of the most interesting golf can be found in three neighboring golf courses that sit on or close to the Delaware River in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.

They are Shawnee GC, Great Bear GC and Wolf Hollow at The Water Gap Country Club.

These three courses contain some of the most diverse, interesting and challenging golf that can be found in the Pocono Mountains. And they all sit on the eastern border – right along the Delaware River

## **Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort**

This is the only dead-flat golf course in the Pocono Mountains, mainly because 24 of its 27 holes sits on an island in the middle of the Delaware River.

It was the first golf course design of renowned architect A.W. Tillinghast, opening in 1911. Since that time it has been a favored playground for entertainment stars such as Jackie Gleason and Fred Waring, or baseball stars such as Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and Billy Martin.

In addition, golf legends such as Arnold Palmer, Hale Irwin, Paul Runyan, Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen competed at Shawnee. In 1938 it hosted one of golf's majors, the PGA Championship, which was won by Runyan in an infamous final-round drubbing of the legendary Sam Snead.

The golf course sits adjacent to the historic Shawnee Inn, which was purchased by Charlie Kirkwood more than 30 years ago. Since that time he has been on a mission to restore Shawnee's grandeur and create a luxurious set



Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort Blue Hole #7 Par 3

Photo by Mike Klemne

of accommodations that embrace the local environment.

Carl Wilgus, executive director of the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau, called Shawnee “one of the most recognizable resort names in the country.”

He went on to say, “There is an immediate buzz in the air whenever the name of Shawnee comes up. It has hosted so many great events over the years and, hopefully, will be hosting many more in the future.”

One of the events that Shawnee is currently in the running to host is the 2016 International Network of Golf Conference, which attracts leaders from the business and media sides of the national golf industry.

What any visitors find when they visit Shawnee is a grand old hotel and 27 unique holes of golf. With the steep banks of the Delaware River framing the golf course on either side, the atmosphere is cathedral-like. Plus the golf is traditional and enjoyable.

## **Great Bear GC**

Great Bear is now a sister course of Shawnee, since it was purchased by the Kirkwood family in 2013. Once a private country club, this course is a Jack Nicklaus signature design and is ranked among the top eight public courses in Pennsylvania by Golfweek.

Unlike the other two neighboring courses – Shawnee and Wolf Hollow – Great Bear is a modern design that has grand features and bold rock outcroppings. It opened to rave reviews in 1997 and is regarded as a product of Nicklaus' “kinder and gentler design years.”

Head professional Chris Wegner has joined the legendary “Mayor of the Poconos” Vince Yanovitch on the staff and immediately got busy trying to develop Great Bear as a destination for traveling golfers and a home course for members.

“People are just re-discovering Great Bear,”

*Shawnee, Great Bear & Wolf Hollow*  
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# Pinehurst is Mostly a State of Mind



Pinehurst No. 2 10th Hole (©USGA/John Mummert)

By **MIKE KERN**

As I've often said, Pinehurst is mostly a state of mind.

The moment you enter the zip code, your blood pressure goes down appreciably.

Pinehurst is about golf. Simple as that. The only place I've visited more is Myrtle Beach. That's obviously about golf, too. But in Myrtle, there's a lot more diversions, including an ocean. Unless you're into antiquing (and you know who you are), it's pretty much a matter of birdies and bogeys. And a lot of folks are OK with that. I heartily include myself among them.

Pinehurst and Myrtle both can offer quantity and quality. The one thing Pinehurst has that Myrtle doesn't is a flagship/marquee course. That would be Pinehurst No. 2, which of course just hosted both the men's and women's U.S. Opens, the first time they've been held at the same venue back-to-back. The "name" course in Myrtle is the Dunes Club, which is way up there too. But it's not No. 2. Then again, not many are.

When most people think of Pinehurst, they think of No. 2 and No. 2 only. That's understandable, for all the right reasons. It's that memorable. And the Payne Stewart moment in 1999 didn't hurt. But No. 2 is just one of a group of what's recently grown to 10 courses (with the acquisition of Pinehurst National and the Pit) that are all part of Pinehurst Resort. Surely you've seen the pictures of the Carolina hotel, which sits about a 3-wood away from the main clubhouse. The whole setting is pretty cool, like a step back in time. If you're a golfer it's one of the things that should be on your to-do list. So what better way to start.

Pinehurst No. 2 is the layout that is most associated with Donald Ross. The crowned greens are famous. If you just watched the Opens you'll understand how frustrating they can be, not only to mid-handicappers but to the best ball-strikers on the planet. I know some people who can't stand it, who think it's overrated. Mostly because they'll hit what they think is a perfect shot into a green only to see it bounce off into a bunker or chipping area. Well, that's how Ross designed it. So deal with it. Maybe it's not for everyone, sort of like British links golf. I find it fascinating, because it's different than what I'm used to.

Ben Crenshaw and his design partner, Bill Coore, did a renovation a few years ago that the majority of observers feel has only made it better. In short, they took it back to what it looked like in the 1940s, by removing all of the rough and replacing it with native sand and wiry grass. Much like Oakmont, which took out thousands of trees before the 2007 U.S. Open, it was a makeover that was probably long overdue. The truth is that Pinehurst had become a bit stale. It needed something. Hey, the greens are still what makes it No. 2. That will never change. But now there's an openness to the layout. No chopping out from heavy stuff just off the fairway. True, the way it is now there's more of an element of luck involved. You can get a great lie in the native sand, or maybe no lie at all. That's golf sometimes. There were still horror stories. Guys putted off greens, or saw chips roll back at them or even past them. It happens. And there's nothing wrong with that. Johnny Miller, who called his last Open on NBC before Fox takes over next June, suggested the greens might be too severe. And when they're rolling at 12 or 13 on the old stimpmeter, they probably are. I'm guessing Ross, back in the day, never intended them to be that fast when coupled with the kind of subtle undulations he put in. So maybe there's a happy medium out



Pinehurst No. 2 14th Hole (©USGA/John Mummert)

there somewhere. But the reviews are generally favorable, and I'm sure the USGA will be back there in another seven or eight years. Because when you factor in the logistics, Pinehurst is one of the best Open venues. It's easy to get around and they make lots of money. Unlike Merion last year, there were at least 50,000 people on the course on the weekend for the men. Case closed.

A lot of golfers will never get the chance to play a U.S. Open course, unless you know a member at Merion or Oakmont or Winged Foot or on and on. But you can play No. 2. It's not cheap, by any means. Neither is Pebble Beach. If you can do it, I would recommend it. Take a caddy. It could make a difference. But don't stop there. The No. 4 course has many of the same characteristics of its better-known neighbor. And it's just as entertaining. I remember the first time I played it I hit what I thought was a great 9-iron into the first green. But when I walked up I didn't see a ball. That's because it was a good 50 feet long. All I could do was laugh. Hey, we should all be able to say we got Donald Rossed at least once in our life. The No. 8 course is another keeper. Fazio did the re-design of 4 in 2000. He created 8 four years earlier. The greens are larger than at No. 2, and the roll-offs and collection areas less severe. But they're all similar in style and intent. I've never walked off any of them when I didn't say I thoroughly enjoyed my experience. Fazio also did No. 6, first with his uncle George in the late 1970s and then again in 2005 to carve new bunkers, soften angles and seed faster greens. It's a challenge, but in a different way. So his fingerprints are all over these grounds. Then there's No. 7, which some think might be the hardest test at the resort. Rees Jones did it in 1986, and he returned 16 years later to do some more. It's dramatic, with a bunch of elevation changes, not exactly what you'd expect in the sand hills. But it's formidable, a true shot-maker's paradise.

Honestly, you could never leave the resort and you'd have a wonderful trip. But you'd be missing out, because the area, which includes nearby Southern Pines, has so much more to sample. Why not check it out?

Literally right down the road is **Mid Pines** and **Pine Needles**. If you just played these two, you'd hardly be disappointed. In fact, if I had to choose a course to play over and over, it would be Pine Needles, which is definitely high on my all-time list. I can't explain it other than to say I always look forward to going back. It's hosted three women's Opens in the last two decades, and was universally considered one of the best venues ever for that championship. Like Mid Pines, it's a Ross layout. I think it might actually be a more accurate vision of what Ross was trying to accomplish than No. 2. I know that might be viewed as blasphemy in certain circles, but so be it. Where No. 2 can beat you over the head at times, Pine Needles has more to do with nuances. It doesn't look like your ball is going to roll off somewhere, yet it still does. And the 18th is a great closing hole, with a downhill approach to a putting surface that runs away from you. So tread carefully. I've been left with nothing more times than I care to recall. That's the way it can go. And it's the way Ross intended. A proper shot is rewarded. But if you're slightly off, you can pay a steep price. The front nine I think is a little more user-friendly. The back presents more issues, including some long par 5s. But the best part might be the halfway stand, which serves up one of the best hot dogs you'll ever get. It's the same across the street at Mid Pines. If you know me well enough you know I never lie about food. Get it with chili and onions and go from there. If

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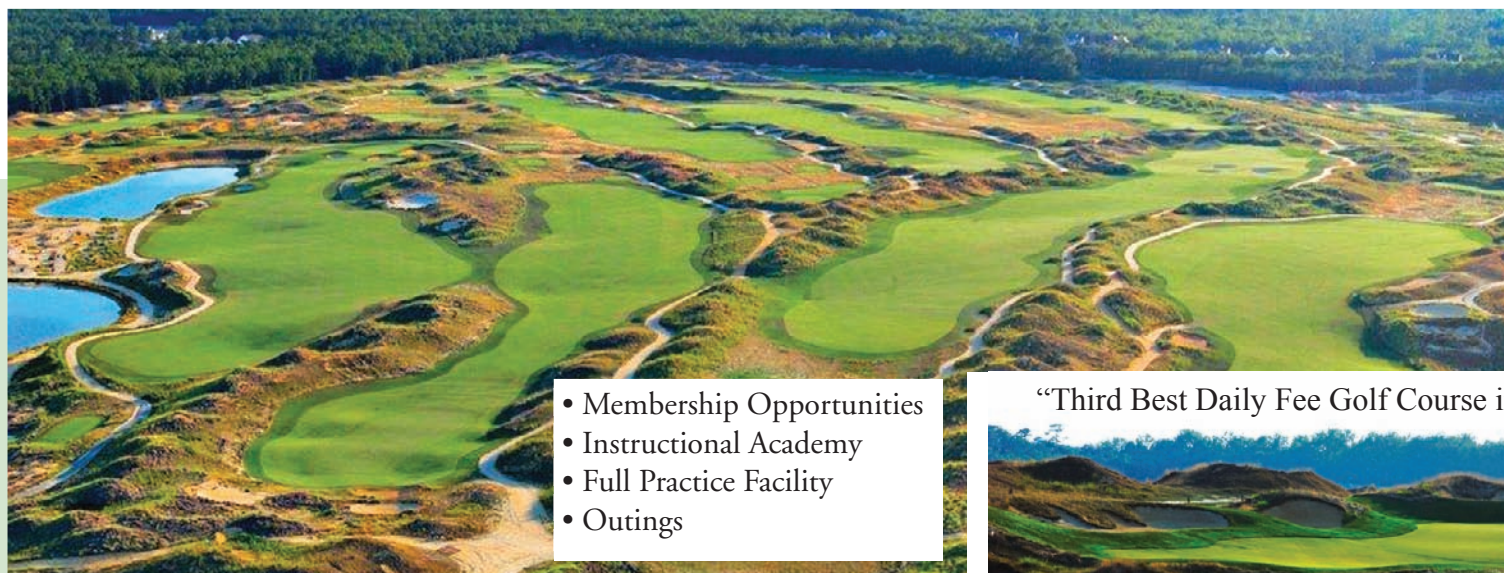
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# Pinehurst<sup>No.2</sup> Results of Men's & Women's US OPEN



Martin Kaymer of Germany Men's US Open Champion



Michelle Wie of the United States Women's US Open Champion

*By Stuart Hall*

VILLAGE OF PINEHURST, N.C. – When Martin Kaymer made it to 5 under par in the first round of the 114th U.S. Open on Thursday, he reached a figure that no one else in the field reached the entire week.

Consider that fact for a moment. Kaymer did in 17 holes what no other player could do at any point in 72 holes. The closest anyone got was 4 under. After shooting 65 at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club's Course No. 2, Kaymer then essentially sprinted off and dared everyone else to catch him. ....No one could.

Rickie Fowler and Erik Compton tied for second at 1-under 279, eight strokes back of Kaymer's 9-under 271 winning score. When play began on Sunday, they were also Kaymer's closest pursuers, five strokes back.

"I knew Martin was playing well and he was going to be tough to catch," said Fowler, who was paired with Kaymer on Father's Day and shot 2-over 72. "I figured I would have to go out and shoot a couple under on the front nine and at least put a little bit of heat on him. That was kind of stopped quickly when I made a quick double [bogey] there on No. 4 and [fell eight strokes behind]. "So, I was thrown behind the eight ball quickly and kind of rallied back and kept moving forward. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get close enough to put any pressure on Martin." Again, no one could.

Statistically, Kaymer did not carve up No. 2 in a way no one else could. He tied for ninth in fairways hit with 43 and tied for 18th in greens in regulation, nine fewer than Stenson's field-leading 54. His 110 putts ranked third for the week and that helped to create his separation from the field.

"I played very solid the first two days and that gave me a very nice cushion for the weekend," said Kaymer, who shot 1 over par the final 36 holes, including 69 on Sunday, and still won going away. "The way I played, I was very happy." U.S. Open champions usually are.

*By Stuart Hall*

VILLAGE OF PINEHURST, N.C. — When Michelle Wie arrived at the 2003 U.S. Women's Open as a wide-smiling, big-dreaming 13-year-old, one of the first questions posed to her was whether she could win the national championship.

"I guess everyone comes here to win," she said at the time. Wie tied for 39th that year, but the subsequent years brought disappointments, frustrations and even more questions.

Until Sunday.

Wie, 24, finally answered with a definitive yes by winning the 69th U.S. Women's Open at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club's Course No. 2. It is her second career USGA championship, but first since she won the 2003 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links as a big-hitting 13-year-old.

Wie played poised and confidently throughout, including when she calmly rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole after a double bogey on the previous hole narrowed her lead to one stroke. Wie shot an even-par 70 and finished with a 2-under-par 278 total, two strokes ahead of world No. 1 and fellow American Stacy Lewis, who matched the championship's low round of 66 and finished at even-par 280.

Stephanie Meadow, of Northern Ireland, who turned professional a week ago, shot a 1-under 69 and finished solo third at 1-over 281. Amy Yang, of the Republic of Korea, the third-round co-leader with Wie, shot a 4-over 74 and finished fourth at 2-over 282. Korea's Meena Lee, with a 2-under 68, and countrywoman So Yeon Ryu, the 2011 U.S. Women's Open champion, with a 70, tied for fifth at 3-over 283.

## USGA MEN'S US OPEN

Pinehurst Resort And Country Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
KAYMER, Martin	65	65	72	69	271
COMPTON, Erik	72	68	67	72	279
FOWLER, Rickie	70	70	67	72	279
BRADLEY, Keegan	69	69	76	67	281
DAY, Jason	73	68	72	68	281
KOEPKA, Brooks	70	68	72	71	281
JOHNSON, Dustin	69	69	70	73	281
STENSON, Henrik	69	69	70	73	281
SCOTT, Adam	73	67	73	69	282
WALKER, Jimmy	70	72	71	69	282
SNEDEKER, Brandt	69	68	72	73	282
FURYK, Jim	73	70	73	67	283
SIEM, Marcel	70	71	72	70	283
ROSE, Justin	72	69	70	72	283
NA, Kevin	68	69	73	73	283
KUCHAR, Matt	69	70	71	73	283
TODD, Brendon	69	67	79	69	284



## USGA WOMEN'S US OPEN

Pinehurst Resort And Country Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
WIE, Michelle	68	68	72	70	278
LEWIS, Stacy	67	73	74	66	280
MEADOW, Stephanie	71	72	69	69	281
YANG, Amy	71	69	68	74	282
LEE, Meena	72	73	70	68	283
RYU, So Yeon	69	74	70	70	283
THOMPSON, Lexi	71	68	74	71	284
YOKOMINE, Sakura	74	68	71	71	284
PHATLUM, Pornanong	71	73	69	71	284
MATTHEW, Catriona	75	69	75	66	285
SHIN, Jenny	74	70	73	68	285
HENDERSON, Brooke Mackenzie	71	73	72	69	285
FENG, Yueer Cindy	73	71	71	71	286
CHOI, Na Yeon	71	70	71	74	286
KO, Lydia	76	71	71	69	287
FENG, Shanshan	77	70	70	70	287
LINCICOME, Brittany	77	70	69	71	287



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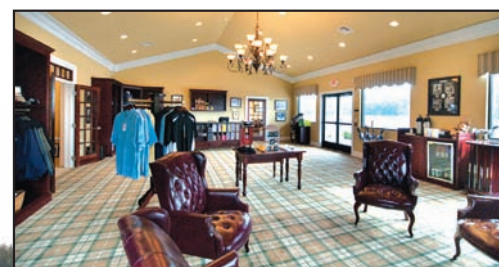
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## Shawnee, Great Bear & Wolf Hollow *from page 3*

explained Wegner. “A lot of people thought we were still private.

We are now making a strong push in the Philadelphia market. We can be a great destination for those golf-rich counties and an alternative to Atlantic City or Ocean City (Md.). The Poconos have been known as value golf for many years, but we are looking to elevate the market and show people that there truly is great golf in the Poconos.”

### Wolf Hollow

Visitors to Wolf Hollow at The Water Gap CC don't just walk through the door ... they step back into time.

And that journey is made more enjoyable thanks to the efforts of new owners Shaun and Julie Lyons. Shortly after taking over the stewardship of the historic Water Gap CC and Inn they decided to take the course back to its original name – from 1922. Wolf Hollow GC at Water Gap CC now reflects the tradition of the past ... with the added energy and continuing upgrades supplied by the new owners.

“I fell in love with this place the first time I saw it,” said Lyons, who spent many youthful summers vacationing in the Pocono area along the Delaware River. “It is one of the most peaceful pieces of property I have ever seen. The course is absolutely beautiful and

from the back patio you can see some of the most amazing sunsets in the Poconos.”

The course, a quirky tribute to the shotmaking demands of golf in the Roaring Twenties, was once host site for the Eastern Open – a PGA event that brought the likes of Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen to the resort town of Delaware Water Gap. Efforts are underway to restore the course to its former luster.

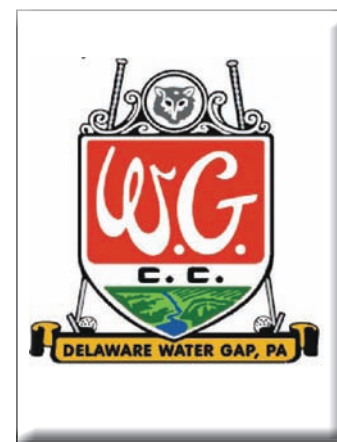
What golfers will find when they play Wolf Hollow is a golf course that challenges the imagination and excites the senses. One hole might provide a magnificent vista from an elevated tee. The next hole might be the blindest of all blind shots, with surprises lurking every step of the journey up and down the rugged terrain.

One thing for sure, there is nothing boring about playing Wolf Hollow.

And, in a nutshell, that is the story for all three golf course on the eastern edge of the Pocono Mountains – the closest courses to the Delaware River. Playing all three will prove to be an interesting, unique and enjoyable experience.



Water Gap CC Wolf Hollow Golf Course 14th Hole





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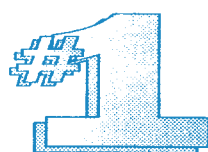
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# Mika Liu is WWGA Amateur Champion at Lancaster C.C.



Mika Liu, Beverly Hills, Calif. wins the WWGA 114th Championship!

Lancaster, Penn.— Only two players remained to play in the final match of the **Women's Western Golf Association's (WWGA) 114th National Amateur Championship being played at Lancaster Country Club, Lancaster, Penn.** 144 players started this week with the dream of having their name engraved on the W. A. Alexander Trophy beside the names of past winners Beth Daniel, Cristie Kerr, Stacy Lewis, and Nancy Lopez to name a few.

This year Mika Liu's name will be inscribed as the 2015 Champion. Liu defeated Cammie Gray, a fourth generation University of Alabama student from Northport, Ala. by a score of 3&2 on the 34th hole of the 36-hole final.

In the morning 18-hole match Liu and Gray played fairly evenly. Cammie won 4 holes; they tied on 9 holes; and Liu won 5 holes to take a 1 up lead after the morning round. They elected to take an hour break between rounds to get hydrated, nourished and refreshed before starting the second match. Both hit some golf balls and practiced putting before walking back to the 1st tee.

The afternoon round started with 3 birdies by Liu to 3 pars by Gray and very quickly Liu went 4 up. Gray won holes 5 and 6. Liu won the 9th hole and was 3 up at the turn. Liu won the 10th, 11th and 12th holes and was Dormie (6 up with 6 holes to go). Gray made a charge by winning the 13th and 14th but lost the next two holes and the match.

After Friday afternoon both players sounded like they were dreading their third straight day of 36 holes on Saturday. Saturday both felt energized and ready for the 36-hole match. Gray commented that she ran between greens and tees to let some of her nervous energy out. Playing 36 holes three days in a row was not so hard for them but Liu thinks she may skip the next tournament on her schedule to relax and unwind from the nine rounds of golf she played over the past six days.

Liu turned 15 on February 9th. She resides in Beverly Hills, California but just finished her freshman year at IMG Academy Prep School in Bradenton, Florida. Both her brothers and older sister also attended IMG. (Her sister, Marika, also participated in the tournament and took home the medal for winning the Third Flight Final yesterday afternoon.)

While at IMG, Liu typically plays golf or has golf instruction in the morning,

attends school in the afternoon, works out and does homework in her remaining free time before going to sleep. She is on the Dean's List and her favorite subjects are Math, Science and Art.

Despite her age Liu has an impressive resume. She was the 2011 FCWT National Player of the Year, and named to the 2012 and 2013 AJGA Rolex All American Team.

She recently won the Women's Southern Golf Association Championship and has participated in a LPGA Symetra Tour event where she placed 5th out of 140 players.

Gray did not pick up a golf club until she was 14. She played her first competitive round when she was 15. She reached the round of 16 at the 2013 US Women's Amateur Championship and won the 2013 Alabama State Women's Amateur Championship. She also was named the 2013 Alabama State Woman Player of the Year. She competed in the 2014 NCAA Division Finals with her teammates from Alabama.

The WWGA looks forward to the 115th National Amateur Championship to be held at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club in Brentwood, Tennessee, June 15-20, 2015. We hope to see of the many of the talented players who participated in Lancaster return to play with us next year.

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## CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT MORNING RESULTS

### Round: Quarterfinal

Mika Liu, Beverly Hills, Calif. (144) def. Sirene Blair, South Jordan, Utah (149), 3 and 2  
Josee Doyon, Beauceville, Quebec, Canada (147) def. August Kim, St. Augustine, Fla. (153), 4 and 3

Cammie Gray, Northport, Ala. (153) def. Emmy Martin, Odessa, Fla. (156), 3 and 2  
Delaney Howson, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada (153) def. Aliea Clark, Carlsbad, Calif. (154), 2 up

### FIRST FLIGHT - Round: Semifinal

Jacqueline Shelly, Fernandina Beach, Fla. (159) def. Ashley Cassidy, Doylestown, Pa. (159), 4 and 2

Hally Leadbetter, Bradenton, Fla. (158) def. Maggie Neece, Colleyville, Texas (159), 5 and 4

### SECOND FLIGHT - Round: Semifinal

Kate Sborov, Pleasanton, Calif. (163) def. Kaeli Jones, Sumterville, Fla. (161), 1 up  
Ashley Yarbrough, Akron, Ohio (161) def. Nadia Luttner, Pittsburgh, Pa. (163), 3 and 2

## CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT AFTERNOON RESULTS

### Round: Semifinal

Mika Liu, Beverly Hills, Calif. (144) def. Josee Doyon, Beauceville, Quebec, Canada (147), 3 and 2

Cammie Gray, Northport, Ala. (153) def. Delaney Howson, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada (153), 1 up

### FIRST FLIGHT - Round: Final

Jacqueline Shelly, Fernandina Beach, Fla. (159) def. Hally Leadbetter, Bradenton, Fla. (158) By concession

### SECOND FLIGHT - Round: Final

Kate Sborov, Pleasanton, Calif. (163) def. Ashley Yarbrough, Akron, Ohio (161), 3 and 1

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Mid Pines 18th Hole



Pine Needles 18th Hole

## *Pinehurst & More* from page 5

you want to feel Southern, the cole slaw will get the job done. But I caution you it can get messy. That's why they invented napkins.

**Mid Pines**, which has more doglegs and plays more through trees but is nevertheless a bit gentler on the degree of difficulty chart. That doesn't make it any less whatever. It hosted the 2002 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, and just underwent a major restoration. Trees were taken out, waste areas were added. The new look is very natural. Much like what was done at No. 2, Mid Pines now plays like it once did. The greens have been returned to their original parameters. The work was worth it. The changes have only enhanced what was already there, which is an underrated gem. For the average player, it doesn't get a whole lot better. You can have a lot of fun here, but some big numbers are lurking if you get a little sloppy. If you're smart you'll play Mid Pines in the morning, get a bite to eat or just relax on the veranda for an hour or so and then go tackle Pine Needles in the afternoon. I can't think of many better 36-hole photo ops.

About 20 minutes up Route 1 is **Tobacco Road**, the work most associated with the late Mike Strantz, who left us way too early. Two other notables are Caledonia and True Blue, at the south end of Myrtle Beach. But Tobacco Road is, to say the least, unique. And I mean that. If you find something else like it, let me know because I want to see it. It's an acquired taste. The first time I played it, I thought it was golf on steroids. I more or less laughed/cursed my way around. But over the years I've come to appreciate it. It's not for everyone, but everyone should play it once. I've come to understand that you have to go there with the proper mindset. You're not going to break the course record. You're going to lose some balls. And you're going to have some birdie chances. If nothing else, there's a lot of wow factor from start to finish. Hard to knock that, even when it's biting you.

It's hard to properly put Tobacco Road into words. But the first hole, a par 5, requires a decent tee shot through a narrow opening, then a second shot that's a little less daunting through or over a similar obstacle. Did we mention that on the second shot you can't see the green? It won't be the only time. The par 5s here are particularly different. One keeps wrapping around to the left of a huge sand chasm, another does the same thing in the opposite direction. But a really good player might be able to get on each in two. So there is that. The last has what should be a relatively short third shot through another narrow opening to another green you can't see. But the par 3s are at least right in front of you. Several greens are so big that different placements could mean a 2-club difference. You really have to see it for yourself. The one thing I can promise is that you will hit about every shot you can imagine at some point in your round.

Great story: since I posted a 90-hole score during the men's Open (I played Mid Pines twice,

being the pig that I am), I had to play Tobacco Road on Sunday morning. Another friend was playing at the **Dormie Club**, a really good private course. He texted us to say he'd just made a hole in one over there. Of course there were no witnesses, but we trusted him. About an hour or so later, one of the guys in our group aced the beautiful 14th, with water on the right and traps on the left, with a 7-iron from about 140. Hey, he's 70. And it was his first ace. So you can imagine how it made his day. And ours. Of course when we texted our friend to let him know, at first he thought we were just joking. Some stuff you can't make up.

Another thing about Tobacco Road is the hospitality. Joe Gay is the director of golf, and he's one of the best at promoting not just his course but the entire region. The clubhouse perfectly fits the landscape, and the logo is a must-have. I think our foursome brought six shirts, and I already had some. When they found out our guy made the hole in one, which by the way might be the last on the greens they're about to switch out for a more durable strain to withstand the heat, they went out of their way to make sure he was taken care of. You can't put a value on that kind of treatment. And really that extends to just about everyone down that way. They go the extra distance because they want you to come back and they want you to spread the word when you go home.

Speaking of hospitality and going out of their way, there's another course we played that was also off the charts. That would be **Forest Creek**, a private facility that Michael Jordan favors. Anyway, I've been there before, and it's got two Fazio 18s that are just world class. We showed up the Monday before the Open, but it turns out that maybe we were a week early. No problem. One of the guys in charge got us in the shotgun anyhow, even took us out to No. 10 so we could basically play by ourselves. It was like Heaven Golf. We didn't see another soul all morning. Unreal. I made sure he got an extra box of Tasty Kakes I happened to be packing. Hey, it's all in the details. We played the North course, the newer of the two. It just doesn't get much better.

Very high end on the food chain. There's no shortage of the dramatic factor here, either. Lots of waste area, lots of penal stuff. But good shots are definitely rewarded. A friend shot even par on the back nine (our front), with a double bogey. For the record, I did not, even from the up tees. The holes that wrap around a lake are especially impressive. The last of the three, the 17th, is a stout par 4 to a green protected by wet stuff on the right and sand on the left. Nice. Of course I left my lengthy approach right in front, as planned, and managed to screw up the chip to settle for bogey. Usually I'd go for it, but I find that as I get older I try to play smarter. A good man has to know his limitations, after all. If you get down there and there's any way you can figure out a means to get on, by all means don't hesitate.

So there you have it. My little slice of Pinehurst. I'm sure you'll uncover yours. Just check your pulse at the front gate. Your doctor will thank you.



Tobacco Road Hole #13 photo By Dom Furore

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# Blue Ridge Trail GC and Luzerne County Featured on July Traveling Golfer Show



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Blue Ridge Trail G.C. in Luzerne County Fountaingreen

*By Tony Leodora*

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - (July 1, 2014) – Horace Greeley, the 19th century newspaper editor, once gave the following advice, “Go West, young man. Go west.”

If Greeley was around today, he might be saying the same thing ... with regard to golf in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. He would point to the western edge of the Pocono Mountains – to Blue Ridge Trail GC, located in Luzerne County.

Blue Ridge Trail GC and the many attractions of surrounding Luzerne County, are the focus of the latest edition of the award-winning Traveling Golfer television show. The show will air, on a number of outlets, throughout the month of July.

As part of the show viewers will get an up-close look at one of the hidden golf

gems in Pennsylvania – the 27-hole Ault and Clark-designed Blue Ridge Trail GC. Viewers will then be taken to some of the famous attractions in the area, including the Mohegan Sun Casino and the Woodlands Resort.

Traveling Golfer host Tony Leodora remarked, “I am really excited to bring this show to viewers across the region ... and across the United States. Blue Ridge Trail GC is one of the finest daily fee courses in Pennsylvania. It is tucked away in a hidden corner of Luzerne County, yet so close to the casino and harness racing action that exists at Mohegan Sun. This is definitely a trip that anyone would enjoy.”

The episode begins airing July 1 and runs throughout the month on The Traveling Golfer Network ... including the new Golf Director network (see full



Blue Ridge Trail G.C. Hole #7

list of sites on [www.travelinggolfervideo.com](http://www.travelinggolfervideo.com)). It also will air on Monday, June 9 as part of the Press Box 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 during the end of July.

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](http://www.travelinggolfervideo.com).

A network of golf websites, of all sizes, has been created to host the show. The show has its own website -- [www.travelinggolfervideo.com](http://www.travelinggolfervideo.com). The network of additional websites includes [www.golftalklive.net](http://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](http://www.thegolfdirector.com), [www.myphillygolf.com](http://www.myphillygolf.com), [www.sportsnetwork.com](http://www.sportsnetwork.com), [www.louguzzi.com](http://www.louguzzi.com), [www.yetigolf.net](http://www.yetigolf.net), [www.golfbuckscounty.com](http://www.golfbuckscounty.com), [www.phillygolffiles.com](http://www.phillygolffiles.com), [www.playaroundgolf.net](http://www.playaroundgolf.net), [www.awaywegogolf.com](http://www.awaywegogolf.com), [mynegm.com](http://mynegm.com), [www.golfxpress72.com](http://www.golfxpress72.com) and [americangolfer.blogspot.com](http://americangolfer.blogspot.com).



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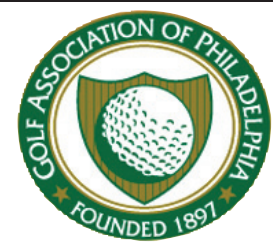
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# Fox Hill's Medico Captures 100th Junior Boys' at Riverton



Richard Ogorek, GAP Executive Committee member and the tournament's chairman, presents the Peg Burnett Trophy to Mariano Medico.

CINNAMINSON, N.J. — Mariano Medico penned his name in the Golf Association of Philadelphia record books Thursday. The Fox Hill Country Club youngster defeated a determined Nicolas McCook of Applecross Country Club, 3&2, to capture the Junior Boys' Championship at a pleasant Riverton Country Club. In doing so, Medico became only the eighth player in the tournament's 100-year history to earn multiple titles. He also won in 2012 at Torresdale-Frankford Country Club.

"It's pretty cool to put my name up there as the 100th champion. It's going to be awesome when someone wins the 200th and they look back and say, 'Who's that Medico kid?'" Medico, 18, of Shavertown, Pa., said. "It was so heartbreaking for me in the semifinals last year. I had it wrapped up on the 19th hole [against Roland Massimino, the eventual champion in 2013]; I just needed to two-putt from 15 feet. It just feels great to be in this position where I am now."

"This was a really big week for me because I hadn't been playing good golf until here," McCook, 17, of Chester Springs, said. "This was just reaffirming of all of the hard work I've put in for a long time. It was really nice to come out to a wonderful course, shoot as well as I did the first day and stick around until now."

Odd occurrences at the match's outset clouded Medico's hopes for a second Peg Burnett Trophy; A drive that settled on a sewer grate in the parking lot on No. 1 (par 4, 360 yards), a siren blare during his backswing on No. 3 (par 4, 403 yards) and tee shots that darted into divots on Nos. 5 (par 4, 302 yards) and 7 (par 5, 525 yards). The divots, though, provided Medico with the mettle he needed to make a move. He hit a 50-degree wedge 112 yards to six feet for a 3 on No. 5, and a pitching wedge 120 yards to a foot for a conceded birdie on No. 7. Medico also won No. 6 (par 3, 213 yards) after McCook toed a 25-footer for birdie and proceeded to three-putt.

Nicolas McCook

McCook miscues continued to collide with Medico magnificence as the match unfolded. Both players missed the No. 8 (par 4, 330 yards) green, but McCook failed to get up-and-down for bogey after sending a chip across the sprawling surface. Medico, a recent Holy Redeemer High School graduate, stuffed a 30-yard pitch to four feet for a birdie on No. 9 (par 5, 476 yards) and a 4-up advantage. A typically levelheaded McCook unchained a bit on the par 4, 425-yard 10th hole when he steered his drive into the right tree-line and crashed his second shot into the obstacle.

"It was tough for me at points to keep my emotions in check," McCook, an incoming senior

at Downingtown Stem Academy, said. "He stayed a lot more consistent through the middle portion of the match when I started to fall behind. I wasn't attacking the pins as much. I also didn't make great decisions with club choices, and that cost me a couple shots here and there."

Medico stood dormie on the par 3, 152-yard 16th hole when visions of 2012 danced in his head. He flashed back to Torresdale-Frankford Country Club's 17th hole, when Medico, facing an uphill lie in the front bunker, blasted out to 20 feet but missed the putt to make the contest All-Square. Medico didn't permit any drama this time, easing a chip to four feet to close McCook out on No. 16 at Riverton.

"The one thing that really kept my match going today was my four-to-eight footers," Medico, who will attend Monmouth University in the fall, said. "If I didn't make those, it could have been real close down the stretch."

Medico and McCook posted 4&3 victories against Burlington Country Club's Blaine Lafferty and Plymouth Country Club's Erik Reisner, respectively, in the semifinals.

## First Flight

Yardley Country Club's Steve Cerbara defeated Burlington Country Club's Nicholas Cappetti, 2-up, to win the tournament's First Flight.

"It feels great. I definitely feel like I played well the past three days," Cerbara, 16, of Langhorne, Pa., said. "It was a little iffy, but I still feel like I played solid golf. I'm happy to be here."

"I didn't have any high expectations coming in," Cappetti, 18, of Burlington Township, N.J., said. "I made it to the final and was feeling pretty good about my swing. I didn't pull through on Nos. 17 and 18."

Cerbara, a soon-to-be junior at Holy Ghost Preparatory School, nearly reached the 17th green in two strokes with a 3-wood from 260 yards. A crisp chip-and-putt resulted in a 1-up edge. Cerbara hit the No. 18 (par 4, 356 yards) in regulation to press a Cappetti birdie, but the recent Burlington Township High School graduate couldn't answer.

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McCook d. 12. Erik Reisner, Plymouth CC, 4&3

Medico d. 6. Blaine Lafferty, Burlington CC, 4&3

## First Flight Final

4. Steve Cerbara, Yardley CC vs. 3. Nicholas Cappetti, Burlington CC, 2-up  
Semifinals

Cerbara d. 16. Trey Swanson, Penn Oaks GC, 3&2

Cappetti d. 15. Gregory Szrom, GAP Junior Players Club, 6&4

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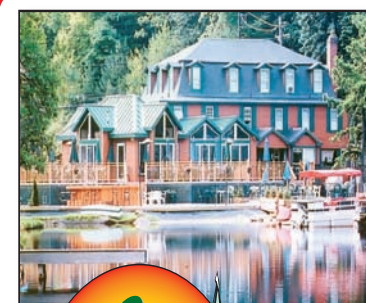
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3. Antigua Women's Line – Antigua has been one of the fastest growing golf apparel companies in recent years. A lot of the success is owed to the Desert Dry Xtra Lite fabric used in many styles of shirts. "We felt it was time to expand our women's line of clothing," said president Ron McPherson. "We did it using the same technology that has been successful in

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## SCOREBOARD



### Burlington Classic

Burlington CC - Mt. Holly, NJ Par 70

	Total
Stu Ingraham - M Golf Range	67
Rob Shuey - Philly PGA	68
Don DeAngelis - Center Square GC	68
George Forster - Radnor Valley CC	70
Greg Farrow - Deerwood CC	70
Jack Connelly - North Hills CC	71
John Kellogg - Radley Run CC	71
Bob Lennon - Wilmington CC	71
Bill Sautter - Philadelphia Cricket Club	71
Rick Flesher - Applebrook GC	72
Mike Moses - Concord CC	72
John Allen - GolfTEC Mainline	72
Don Allan - Burlington CC	72
Harvey Williams - Philly PGA	72
Ed Dougherty - Philly PGA	73
Dave Roberts - Cedarbrook CC	75
Brian Kelly - Bucknell GC	75
Kerry Mattern - Cedarbrook CC	75
Mike Mack - Burlington CC	75
Roger Stern - Wedgewood Golf Course	75
Dan Haskell - Philly PGA	75
Wayne Phillips - Lehigh CC	76

### National Car Rental AB Thorn Memorial Pro-Am

Lancaster CC - Old - Lancaster, PA Par 70

	Total
Tom Gilbert - Gulph Mills GC	
Nelson Hargrove	65
Ryan Lagergren - Stonewall	
Eli Kahn	66
Mark Summerville - Philadelphia CC	
Robbie Galbreath	66
Andy Fisher Frosty -Valley CC	
Robbie Seebold	67
Chip Kappesser - Foxchase GC	
Greg Hostetter	67
Ken Dixon - Downingtown CC	
Rich Pruchnik	68
Mike Grabosky - Heidelberg CC	
Mark Santerian	68
Dave Quinn - Links GC	
Mark Walker	68
Matt Goudie - Lancaster CC	
John Barry	69
Rusty Harbold - Lancaster CC	
Bunky Burgess	69
Joe Kogelman - GolfTEC-KoP	
Brian Gillespie	69

### Lincoln Pro-Sr Men's Team Championship

St. Davids GC - Wayne, PA Par 70

	Total
Marz/Edie/Gale/Yeakel	59
Kandle/Smith/Crowley/Brazitis	61
Hackett/Boxler/Davidson/Boncelet	61
DiMarco/Liedman/Torpey/Hill	62
Forster, Jr./Lynch/Morey/Kornblatt	62
Kowalinski/Toriello/Salisbury/Nelson	62
Duckett/Evans/Gast/Weidman	63
Osberg/Engle/Nacrelli/Grill	64
Smith/Barilotti/Rutan/Luken	64
Borsavage/Walker/Schaefer/Enwright	65
Lansinger/Hirsh/Whitenack/Gordon	65
Moore/Gaenzle/Gaenzle/Lingenfelter	65
Nevatt/Lazarus/Lazarus/Stutman	65
Shine/Van Horn/Nottage/Riesenberg	65
Baker/Huntzinger/Varhola/Conner	67
Nevatt/Pension/Robertson/McIntyre	67
Pelesh/Pelesh/Ungrady/Quinn	67
Scarborough/Lynch/Sohn/Allen	67
Hollis/Kain/Betts/Sokira	68

### Pro-Assistant Pro Championship

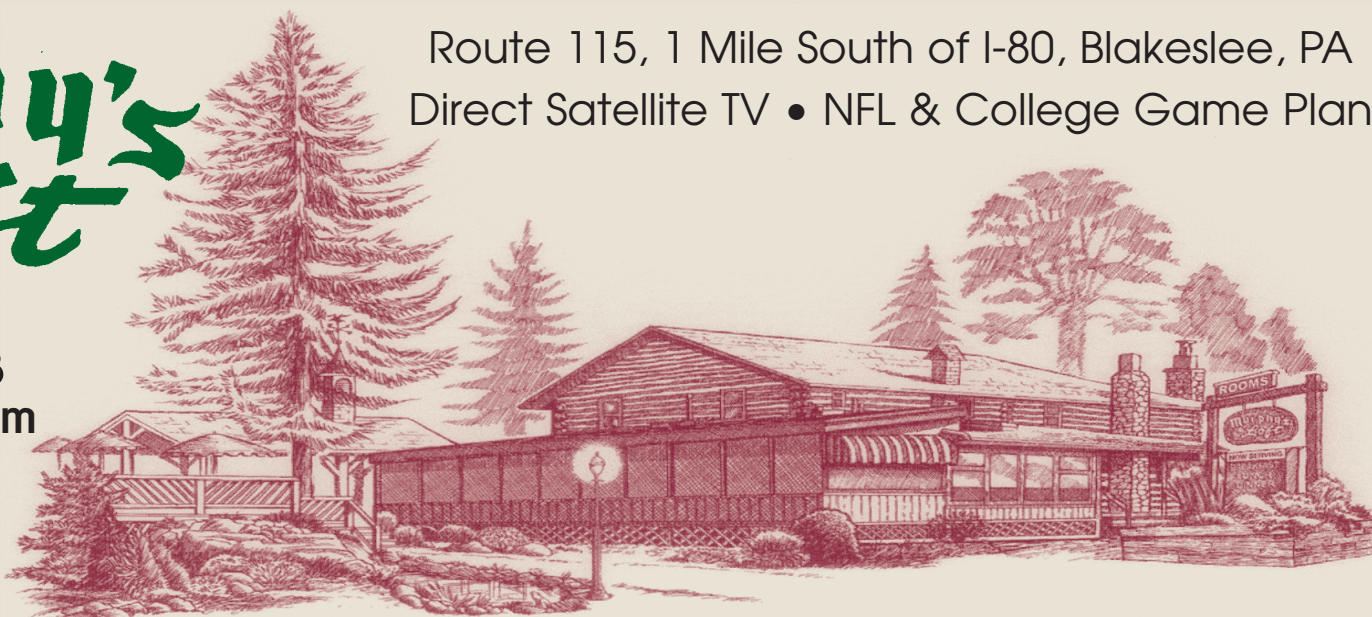
Seaview Resort GC - Galloway, NJ Par 72

	Total
Jim Haus Bent Creek CC	
David Lis Bent Creek CC	65
Neil Maurer Bear Trap Dunes Golf Club	
Justin Blades Bear Trap Dunes Golf Club	65
Adam Brigham Waynesborough CC	
Dan Bisazza Waynesborough CC	66
Graham Dendler Trenton CC	
Brian Hollins Trenton CC	66
George Frake Little Mill CC	
Tom Hughes	66
Scott Reilly Philadelphia CC	
Mark Summerville Philadelphia CC	66
Adam Brigham Waynesborough CC	
Tom Michaels Waynesborough CC	66
Graham Dendler Trenton CC	
Trevor Alexander Trenton CC	67
John Kellogg Radley Run CC	
Shawn Hall Radley Run CC	67
Mickey Sokalski Philmont CC	
Andrew Neumann Philmont CC	67
Gene Mattare Saucon Valley CC	
David Sandberg Saucon Valley CC	67
George Frake Little Mill CC	
Chris Fintus Little Mill CC	68
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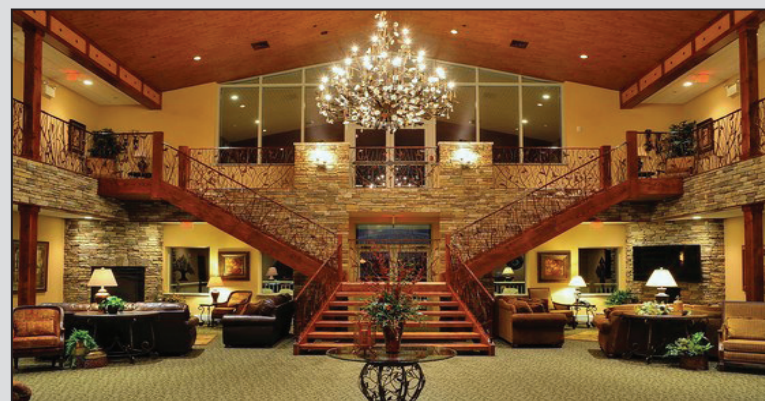
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Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	72
Kevin Edwards (Woodstone CC)	72
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem CC)	72
John Pillar (Woodloch)	74

### LOW SENIOR PRO

Gary Clark (Buck Hill)	76
Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	79
Mark Monahan (Honesdale)	80

### LOW AMATEUR

Riley Hogan (Glen Rock)	78
Tom Huber (Southmoore)	80
Tony Santiago (Paupack Hills)	80

### TEAM LOW GROSS

Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	64
Mike Molino (Scranton)	67
Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	67

### TEAM LOW NET

Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	64
Kevin Edwards (Woodstone CC)	60
John Pillar (Woodloch)	61

## Great Bear Pro-Am Great Bear G.C. Par 72

### LOW PRO

John Pillar (Woodloch)	69
Jarred Ramnath (Woodloch)	71
Michael Grabosky (Woodstone)	71
Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	73

### LOW SENIOR PRO

Gary Clark (Buck Hill)	74
Roger Stern (Phila PGA)	74
Harvey Williams (Glen Oaks)	77
John Kulhamer (Green Pond)	78

### LOW AMATEUR

E. Gregorczyk (Glen Oaks)	74
J. Wilson	74
E. Mesko (CC Scranton)	76

### TEAM LOW GROSS

Alex Knoll (Bethlehem)	61
Vince Yanovich (Great Bear)	65
Kevin Edwards (Woodstone)	65

### TEAM LOW NET

Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	55
Jim Booros (Philadelphia PGA)	56
Michael Grabosky (Woodstone)	58

## Glen Brook Pro-Am Glen Brook G.C. Par 72

### LOW PRO

John Pillar (Woodloch)	70
Jeremy Mangine (Glen Brook)	72
Jeff Fick (Heidleberg)	72
Kevin Edwards (Woodstone CC)	73

### LOW SENIOR PRO

Joe Ambrose (Paupack)	72
Jim Booros (Desales)	73
John Kulhammer (Green Pond)	75

### LOW AMATEUR

Ed Mesko	69
Mike Hogan	69

### TEAM LOW GROSS

McCormick (Glen Brook)	61
Edwards (Woodstone)	63
Kulhammer (Green Pond)	64

### TEAM LOW NET

Meyer (Woodstone)	57
Booros (Desales)	57
Ambrose (Paupack)	59

## Paupack Hills Pro-Am Paupack Hills Golf & C.C. Par 71

### LOW PRO

John Pillar (Woodloch)	69
Dustin McCormick (Glenbrook)	73
Kevin Edwards (Woodstone)	74
Jim Booros (Phila Pga)	76
Tom O'malley (Buck Hill)	76
Joe Ambrose (Paupack Hills)	76

### LOW SENIOR PRO

Harvey Williams (Glen Oak)	74
Gary Clark (Buck Hill)	74

### LOW AMATEUR

John Sherodon (Glen Oaks)	78
Brandon Raihl	78
Dave Zerby <b>Low Senior Am</b>	80

### TEAM LOW GROSS

Pillar (Woodloch)	66
Booros (Pga)	66

### TEAM LOW NET

Paukovits (Whitetail Gc)	59
Mccormick (Glen Brook)	59

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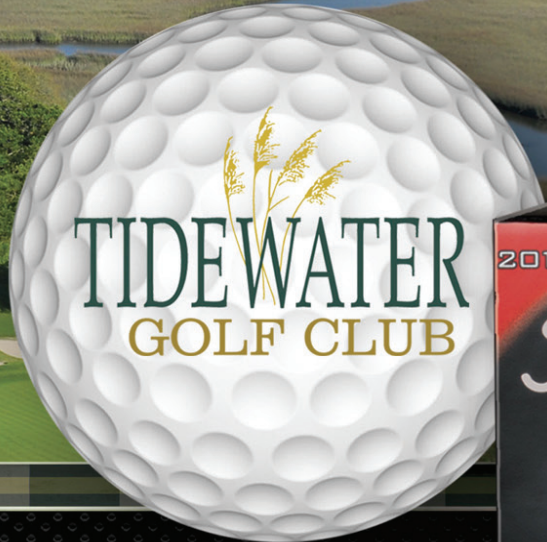
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# Flickinger & Vassil Capture 2014 AGA Mid-Am/Senior Title



Brad Flickinger & Mike Vassil, AGA Mid-Am/Senior Championship Winners

Clarks Summit, PA – The Country Club of Scranton was the setting for the 16th Anthracite Golf Association Mid-Am/Senior Championship on Wednesday, June 11th. The familiar Fairways proved to be beneficial for members Brad Flickinger and Mike Vassil as they teamed up to capture the title with a superb round of 8-under par 61 and a 4 shot victory on the par 69 modified layout.

There was a log jam of teams at 65, Curtis Haley & Ken Bolcavage, Sam Lewis & Ryan Knowles, Eric Williams & Dave Kluger, Greg Mascioli & Charlie Gelso, Sean Duffy & Mike Duffy, and Tom Biscotti & Rick Berry. The tournament showcased some of the Anthracite Golf Association's finest talent at one of our area's most demanding golf courses.

Each team consisted of one "mid-am" player (age 25-49) and one "senior" player (50 and older). Players competed in both a team and individual format concurrently.

In the individual portion of the event, Frosty Valley Country Club's Sean Duffy and Eric Williams of Honesdale Golf Club each shot 2-under par 67 in the Mid-Am Division. Duffy was declared the winner on a tie-breaking coin toss as time did not allow for a playoff. Finishing in third was Huntsville Golf Club's Greg Mascioli who carded a round of 69. Rounding out the top spots were Glenmaura National Golf Clubs Patrick Mitchell (70), and Country Club of Scranton's Brad Flickinger (70).

The Country Club of Scranton's Mike Vassil captured the Senior Division for the second consecutive year, shooting an impressive 2-under par 67. Finishing in a tie for second were Wyoming Valley Country Club's Joe Weiscarger (71), Montrose Golf Club's Sam Lewis (71), and Huntsville Golf Club's Brian Corbett (71).

A total of 132 players representing 45 golf clubs in Pennsylvania were present at the event. The Anthracite Golf Association would like to thank host Country Club of Scranton and it's staff, all volunteers, and those who participated to make the tournament a success.

## AGA Mid-Am/Senior Title

### TEAM RESULTS



Mike Vassil - Brad Flickinger	30	31	61
Curtis Haley - Ken Bolcavage	34	31	65
Sam Lewis - Ryan Knowles	33	32	65
Eric Williams - Dave Kluger	33	32	65
Greg Mascoli - Charlie Gelso	33	32	65
Sean Duffy - Mike Duffy	31	34	65
Tom Biscotti - Rick Berry	31	34	65
Joe Weiscarger - Marty Behm	34	32	66
Jim Besket - Nick Kochis	32	34	66
Todd Vonderheid - Bob Gill	31	35	66
John Horutz - Fran Hamm	34	33	67
Chris Jones - Bob Lipski	34	33	67
Tim Anderson - George Elias	34	33	67
Bill Lydick - Jason Barkley	33	34	67
Brian Corbett - Dom Castrignano	32	35	67
Matt Swanson - Kevin Rossi	32	35	67
Mario Costa - Paul Pisarcik	35	33	68
Patrick Mitchell - Ed Gregorczyk	33	35	68
Tim Rutkowski - Ed Hennigan	32	36	68
John Zavada - Frank Osborne	31	37	68

### MID-AM DIVISION

Eric Williams	34	33	67
Sean Duffy	33	34	67
Greg Mascoli	36	33	69
Patrick Mitchell	34	36	70
Brad Flickinger	33	37	70
Mike Peregrim	34	37	71
John Olszewski	39	33	72
John Horutz	38	34	72
Curtis Haley	37	35	72
Mario Costa	38	35	73

### SENIOR DIVISION

Mike Vassil	33	34	67
Joe Weiscarger	37	34	71
Sam Lewis	36	35	71
Brian Corbett	34	37	71
Matt Swanson	36	36	72
Ken Bolcavage	35	37	72
Bill Lydick	35	37	72
Bob McCloskey	36	37	73
Jim Blinn	36	37	73
Jim Besket	35	38	73

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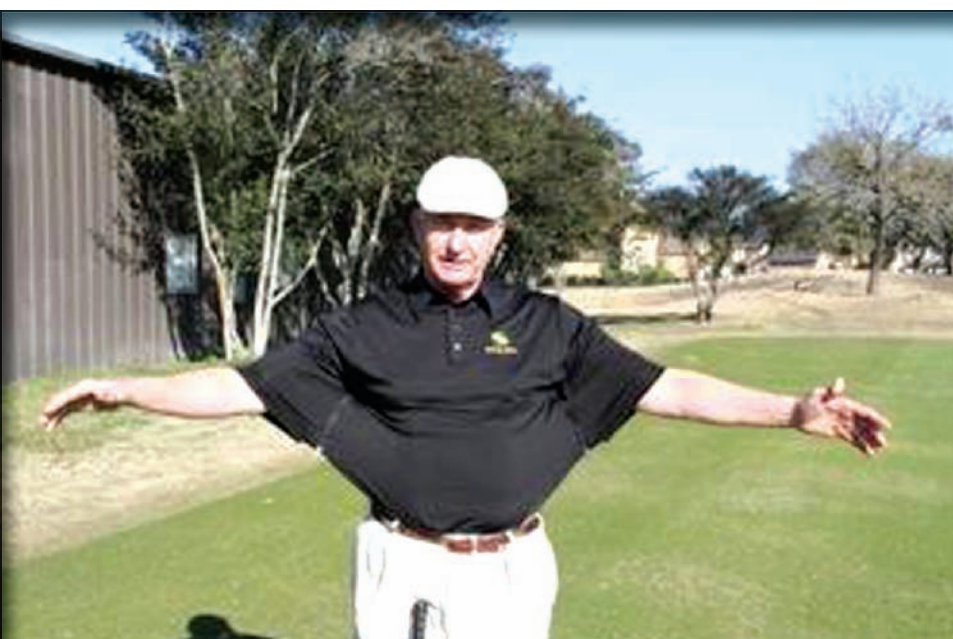
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5. Bridgestone B330 Golf Ball Series – Bridgestone has been making good golf balls for a number of years. But it also helps to be a little bit lucky. In developing the new B330 line of golf balls – four varieties that can be fitted to the needs of every golfer – the research team stumbled into something very interesting. By adding a secret, high-tech ingredient – WATER – to the composition of the core, they achieved amazing results. Now known as the ball with Hydro Core Technology, Bridgestone has a ball that is extremely long, yet it performs well off the tee.

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6. Putting Stick – Pro Model – The Putting Stick made last year's list and really attracted a lot of attention. Former LPGA Tour star Alice Miller called it the best training aid at the show. But inventor Vlad Gribovsky wasn't finished. He came out with a new Pro Model that is more portable, easier to use and provides a bit more feedback than the original model. One thing is still the same – no training aid teaches the art of putting better. Visitors to the booth at the PGA Show were amazed at how simple the principle is. [www.tpkgold.com](http://www.tpkgold.com)

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