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By Mike Kern

GALLOWAY, N.J. -- Only two players have won the ShopRite LPGA Classic three times: Betsy King and Annika Sorenstam. Both are Hall of Famers. Pretty decent company to keep. Defending champion Stacy Lewis will be trying to join that club when the tournament returns to Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club May 29-31. But neither King or Sorenstam was able to lift the trophy three times in four years. In fact, before last year only Juli Inkster (1986 and '88) had won it twice in three years.

"This place really means a lot to me," Lewis said at the annual media day in early May. "My wins here were really important. When I won here, I went on to win Player of the Year. Maybe that means something."

Last year, she won by six shots. In 2012, the margin was four.

"I love the golf course," she said. "There's no houses out there. You don't have to bomb it down every hole, then hit another driver or 3-wood. It's just golf, how it should be played. The greens are tricky. I think I can read them better than everyone else. I think I have an advantage there. There's subtle flows here and there. The more you play it, the better you play it."

"There's par 5s that are reachable (in two) for us, but other holes you really have to play smart on. It can get plenty tough with the wind, especially all those holes out there by the (bay). I just like it as a challenge. I think I play my best golf on harder golf courses. I like more traditional courses, old school, than the big ones they're building these days. You know what to expect when you come here."

In her first eight starts this season, Lewis hasn't finished worse than 15th. She's been second three times, including a playoff loss in the first women's major on the calendar, last month's ANA Inspiration (formerly the Kraft Nabisco). She's fourth on the money list, and ranked third in the world (after making it to No. 1 in both of the previous two years). Yet she's gone 11 months since getting the last of her 11 professional titles, which includes two majors. So ...

"I've been playing good golf," she said. "I can't be disappointed with that. Winning is hard. It's been a different person (winning) each week. If you're (consistently) up there in contention, it's still a good year. But it doesn't become great until you win a couple of times. It'll definitely be frustrating if it doesn't

happen."

If Lewis never wins again her story will still be inspirational. Diagnosed with scoliosis at 11, she had to wear a back brace for 18 hours a day for the next 61/2 years. Then she underwent spinal-fusion surgery to insert a rod and five screws in her back, a procedure that caused the Ohio native to redshirt as a freshman at Arkansas. She proceeded to make All-America the next four years.

"There's a lot of things that happened that kind of made me the person I am," said Lewis, who just turned 30. "I seem to play better golf when my back's against the wall. That's just the kid that had to wear that back brace all the time growing up. It really just puts into perspective what I get to do. It's not a job. I get to play golf."

"It changed who I am. It changed my personality. I get a little angry out there on the golf course. Sometimes I get competitive. It's just who I am. That's part of what makes me successful."

And with that comes the burden of having to handle the many obligations and responsibilities that go with being who and what she's become. Even if it's obviously a good problem to have.

"I never planned on playing professional golf," she said. "So all of it is pretty new. That's how things are for me now. I've got a lot going on off the golf course. Once I'm inside the ropes, that's who I am. It's almost an escape from everything else. That's more important than anything else I do, because everything else kind of feeds off that."

"People know who you are and kind of what you've done. It's strange. That's the only life I know. If I'm home for more than two weeks at a time, I'm going crazy. I need to do something. In a way, I guess it sets my personality. I just kind of adapt to it."

"The first time I got to No. 1 (for four weeks in 2013), it was overwhelming. It's been a learning process, on how to deal with stuff, say no to stuff, how to say no, how to say I've had enough and can't do anything else. Make sure what your priorities are. If you have time for other stuff, then you do it."

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Lancaster County Club Hole #7 William Flynn design course

BY JASON FULGINITI

Rick Gibson and Todd Bidlespacher see it every day, and know every acre of the sprawling 27-hole lot as much as Tiger Woods knows how to avoid a legitimate question.

But come July, that every-day visual will be drastically different, as Gibson, Lancaster Country Club's Director of Golf, and Bidlespacher, LCC's Director of Golf Course Operations, acknowledged while standing on the veranda overlooking LCC's Old Course in early April.

"Grandstands. Excitement. People," Bidlespacher said in a hasn't-yet-taken-it-all-in tone, when asked to imagine how his 6,840-yard, par-70 track (from the championship tees) will be transformed July 9-12, when it will host the 73rd United States Women's Open.

"I think the Fox (TV) booth is going over there," Bidlespacher added with a bemused grin, pointing to an area just short and left of the 18th green. "I guess that's the tower where Joe Buck and Greg Norman are going to be."

"I just picture the crowd," Gibson added. "And spectators everywhere."

The coming spectacle, of course, is all new to Lancaster County and central Pennsylvania, which will be hosting a USGA championship for the first time.

If not for certain circumstances, it might not have taken this long.

Fact is, Lancaster Country Club was actually approached to host the 1986 U.S. Women's Amateur by then-USGA executive Frank Hannigan and then-USGA Executive Director David Faye after they played LCC's Old Course. But those negotiations eventually fell through because LCC was in the midst of constructing what is now its Highlands nine.

Another USGA offer came in 2004, when the course that was scheduled to host the U.S. Women's Open that year suddenly backed out. The USGA turned to Lancaster again, but the plans, again, didn't work out.

This time, it's finally happening. Much to the pleasure of guys like Gibson, Bidlespacher and Ben Kimball, the Director of the U.S. Women's Open championship, who has visited the grounds and played the classic William Flynn design nearly 20 times over the last four years.

Among Flynn's other masterpieces are major championship/Ryder Cup venues such as Cherry Hills (1938, '60 and '78 U.S. Men's Opens and one Women's Open), The Country Club at Brookline, Merion Golf Club (1934, '50, '71, '81 and 2013 U.S. Men's Open), Pine Valley (ranked annually as the top golf course in the world by Golf Digest) and Shinnecock Hills (1896, 1986, '95 and '04 U.S. Men's Opens).

"The first thing is it's a classic golf course," Kimball said of LCC's Old Course. "And it's a classic Flynn design. It gives you that feeling, when you're playing it, that it's been there for a long time. It's withstood the test of time and people love to play it every day. And they would play it every day if it was the last round of golf they ever had to play on this earth."

While Gibson would certainly agree, there's another, exciting element to the gem he overlooks on a business-like level every day once the world focus is on his backyard.

"I think watching it on television is going to be a perspective that not everybody has because they haven't played the golf course," he said. "And that's what I'm anxious to see. Aside from the crowds and all the excitement and everything that's been going on, (my excitement) is seeing how everything shows and how Todd's (Bidlespacher's) hard work shows on television. That's what I'm looking forward to."

Meanwhile, fans can look forward to seeing the planet's top-ranked women's players competing for a national championship on a relatively-unknown (until now) course that's been ranked among the top-100 on Golfweek Magazine's list of Best Classic (built prior to 1960) U.S. Courses for decades, in addition to being acknowledged as one of the best tracks in the state of Pennsylvania.

Lancaster Country Club ranks eighth on Golf Digest's best-in-state list, behind venerable tracks like Merion (East), Oakmont, Aronimink, Laurel Valley, Fox Chapel, Saucon Valley (Weyhill) and Saucon Valley (Old).

Nationally, LCC is currently 65th on Golfweek's list of top-100 courses, ranked ahead of Fox Chapel (66th) and other venues like East Lake in Atlanta (69th), Congressional Country Club (73rd), Medinah (76th) and Cherry Hills (90th).

The task of upholding that standing isn't lost on Bidlespacher, who has spent the last two years adjusting to every one of the USGA's requests. And the next 80 days, he said, figure "to be crazy."

Not a problem, considering perfectionism is already pretty much in his blood.

"I tend to draw to the negative," he said. "The 'What can be improved?' kind of things. But when you look back to what we've done over the last 10 years, it's all coming together for this one week in July and it's going to be really cool."

A ringing endorsement for Bidlespacher and his crews' tireless work came last year, when USGA Executive Director Mike Davis came to the course and, upon finishing that round, said LCC could host a major championship "tomorrow."

"It makes me feel confident for a comment like that," Bidlespacher said. "I like to feel like we're tournament ready day in and day out. But this (hosting a USGA championship) is taking that extra step"

According to Kimball, LCC - a par-70 track that will play an average of 6,400 yards during the championship - will give the world's best all they can handle over four days, thanks largely to its grueling terrain.

"In my mind, the strength (of LCC's Old Course) is the par-4s," Kimball said. "You're playing a lot of uphill approach shots. And even though the yardage is slightly over 6,400 yards, which seems less than it has been in past U.S. Women's Opens, because of the uphill holes it doesn't translate to paper. A number fixated on what (yardage-wise) should be played, really isn't relevant. I think the golf course is going to hold its own. I'm not worried about the golf course (deservedly) delivering the next U.S. Women's Open champion."

A buzzing community that's embraced this event since Day One will be watching.

The event has nearly sold out in terms of corporate tents. Gate tickets for the practice rounds Monday-Wednesday are \$20, while one-day championship tickets (Thursday-Sunday) will sell for \$45.

As Kimball recognized, this year's event could be historically special.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we approach record sales," he said, "or have even shattered record sales for this event based on the response from the community (once it's over)."

All of which is music to the ears of guys like Gibson and Bidlespacher, who _ to this point _ have only been able to envision what's coming to their little sliver of land right outside of Lancaster County Dutch Country.

"I go to my (Philadelphia Section PGA) meetings and I have my peers coming up to me (over the last few months) saying, 'Are you excited?' Is there anything we can do?" Gibson said. "There's a lot of buzz you wouldn't expect over a normal winter. But this year was different."

An upcoming scenario that figures to be different too for Bidlespacher. Not that he's complaining.

"It's going to be like nothing I've ever seen, that's for sure," Bidlespacher said. "It's going to seem very odd because this course has never seen anything like this. But I guess I'm looking past the tournament too and thinking what the place is going to look like after everyone pulls out of town, because we've never had 100,000 people on the property in the span of a few days. But I'm excited to see Lancaster Country Club on TV and in front of a lot more people than typically get to see it, and show them what is here. It's definitely a hidden gem, and it will be great to showcase it."

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Pocono Courses Look Good for Spring



Mountain Laurel, designed by the late Geoff Cornish



The late and great A.J. Tillinghast designed Shawnee Island Golf Resort
photo by MichaelJ Le Brecht II

By John Zimich

Mother Nature wasn't kind to golf courses in Northeastern Pennsylvania as the very bitter cold weather and snow caused considerable damage to the courses, particularly to the greens. And it will take a considerable amount of time for the golf course superintendents and their crews to get things back to "normal."

However, three of the golf courses in the Pocono Mountains came through the winter of 2014-15 with rather minimal damage. Those 18-hole layouts are Mountain Laurel, Shawnee and Great Bear Golf Club.

"From what I hear and comparable to everyone else, we fared pretty well," said head golf pro Howie VanBuskirk at Mountain Laurel. "There were some spots but the golf course is looking pretty good. Our greens superintendent, John Walton, and staffers have done a terrific job in getting the course in great shape for this time of the year. The warm weather recently has really helped the grass to start growing," Jack and Maureen Moran, owners of Mountain Laurel, have been putting a lot of money in the golf course, further noted VanBuskirk.

"I know it hasn't been easy over the past several years with a bad economy and golf took a beating," said VanBuskirk. "But the Morans and our general manager, Catherine Gower, gave us the 'tools' to work with. Our goal always is to keep getting better and to increase rounds played. It makes my job a little easier."

One of the ways to bring new people to Mountain Laurel is a two-man scramble on Friday nights. This tournament is held twice a month and fee includes golf, motorized cart, steak dinner and prizes. There is also entertainment following golf that has a shotgun start at 5 p.m. Mountain Laurel has daily and membership rates available. Membership rates for a single member is \$1499 and \$2099 for a family. These fees also will get members a discounted cart fee of \$10 per round. There also are a variety of other packages, including daily fee and outings. Further information is available by calling 570-443-7424.

Mountain Laurel, designed by the late Geoff Cornish, has several tee boxes for beginners, women and the low-handicap player. One of the toughest holes on the golf course is No.

9. Here, it requires a very accurate tee shot to a fairway guarded by water on both sides of the fairway. Secod shot is all uphill on the tough par-5. There's no question Cornish has designed a gem that brings into play every club in the bag and the Morans have continuously improved the course to make it one of the better plays in the Poconos.

Speaking of great layouts, Shawnee and Great Bear Golf Club also fall into the category of must plays in the Poconos. Joe Manley, general manager of Shawnee and Great Bear Golf Club, also said both courses came through with very little or no damage. "We are very fortunate to get through this past winter relatively unscathed," noted Manley. The late and great A.J. Tillinghast designed Shawnee that is situated on an island alongside of the scenic Delaware River. This historic layout features 27-holes and has hosted many national events, including the Division I NCAA Golf Tournament won by former US Open winner Hale Irwin.

Great Bear is a Jack Nicklaus-signature 18-hole golf course located just eight minutes from Shawnee. Longtime Shawnee owner Charley Kirkwood several years back decided to purchase Great Bear that initially was a private country club. Cost to build this beautiful layout was some \$10 million.

"Golfers have the opportunity of playing two of the finest courses in the Poconos," said Manley. "Great Bear is a highlands layout and more member focused, while Shawnee provides great resort golf." There are great stay and play packages available to the public where golfers can play Shawnee and Great Bear. Shawnee over the past several years has upgraded its rooms and restaurants. Manley said the courses get a lot of play from golfers from Philadelphia, New York, Connecticut and New Jersey.

He added there also are daily rates at both courses, including specials for women and seniors.

Great Bear features a round of golf and pasta on Thursday nights.

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4. High Heat Driver



5. Infamous 18 Holes of Golf "Vivtoria Falls"

by Tony Leodora

The results are in.

Another year of exhaustive research; another strenuous week of testing everything new; another three days of pounding the miles of aisles at the world's largest golf show ... and ten new products have made one of the most coveted lists in the golf industry.

Once again "Tony's Top Ten" attempts to bring you in touch with items that caught our eye at the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando ... that stopped us in our tracks ... that put us into "gotta have it" mode.

And, as usual, the lists contain an assortment of clubs, apparel and accessories. If it caught our eye, it made the list.

There were more than 1,000 showing their wares during the week. More than 200 were new to the PGA Merchandise Show. And 41,000 buyers, industry leaders and PGA professionals from 79 countries were there to "kick the tires" of what was on display.

Finally, the show covered one million square feet of interactive exhibit and demonstration space at the Orange County Convention Center. Therefore, it was not an easy task to come up with the number of products worthy of making "Tony's Top Ten."

So, sound the trumpets – here is this year's list:

1. Antigua Leader Quarter-Zip Pullover – When it comes to a combination of fashion and performance, Antigua has hit a home run with its latest pullover. The Leader pullover has a luxurious silky-smooth feel, yet exhibits amazing durability – the result of a poly-spandex blend. It is extremely comfortable to wear on the golf course. All of the latest colors of the high-fashion world are available.

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4. High Heat Driver – It is already being called "the longest driver nobody ever heard of" ... but that tag won't last for long. The High Heat driver was the talk of the PGA Show. It was developed by Dean Knuth – a golf innovator who invented the slope system for golf courses. After five years of research, he is launching a driver that was developed specifically for amateurs. Claims of longer and straighter have been substantiated on the range and indoor testing locations. Best part about this driver that has a retail price of \$399 – it includes a choice of premium shaft from Aldila or Fujikura, free shipping, no sales tax ... and it has a pre-launch special price of \$329 to those who mention GolfTalk Live when ordering. In addition, there is a 30-day money back guarantee.

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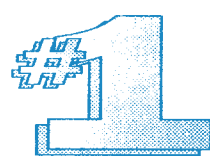


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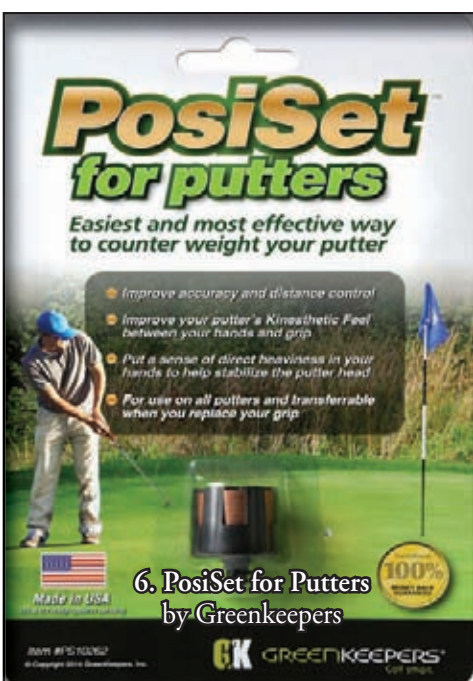
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10. Super Stroke Grips –



9. SUNICE Down-filled
Derby jacket

7. Corqe Grips
and Accessories

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6. PosiSet for Putters – The new rules regarding anchored putting are forcing golfers to change their preferred style. And, for many, fear of the return of the “yips” is a real problem. Counter-balanced putters, slightly longer putters with extra weight in the butt end of the club, has been a remedy for some. But the cost of experimenting with these new putters can be prohibitive. Greenkeepers, the Philadelphia-based company that has brought a number of unique and helpful inventions to the game of golf, has a solution. The PosiSet-for-Putters insert, which easily attaches to any putter, provides the same feel as counterbalancing ... for only \$9.99.

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7. Corqe Grips and Accessories – Every once in a while a product just looks so cool, it stops you in your tracks. That’s exactly what happened at the Corqe booth, a new company displaying a line of golf club grips and accessories made from cork that is harvested in Portugal. Not only are the products – especially the putter grips – stylish and functional, they are environmentally friendly. The cork trees are not cut down. Instead the bark is shaved off and harvested, and it replenishes over the years. The grips have a rich feel and are very durable. The use of cork on accessories, such as golf bags, gives a luxurious look to the products.

www.corqe.com

8. Bridgestone e Series Golf Balls – Bridgestone Golf has made quite a dent in the market share of the golf ball industry in recent years. Many tour professionals claim they are the best golf balls being produced today. Their new E Series golf balls now have the amateur golfer in mind. They cure deficiencies in golfers’ games so well, they should be dispensed by prescription only. The new e5 ball produces

a higher flight, for golfers who need to carry the ball farther. The e6 ball has an anti-side spin inner layer that produces a straighter flight. The e7 ball has a spin-reducing inner layer that produces a more piercing flight. Let the Tour pros play with the golf ball designed for them. The new e Series golf balls are made for amateurs.

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9. SUNICE – SUNICE is a Canadian-based company that has been a leader in both golf and ski outerwear for years. Their technology has been used to create uniforms for the Ryder Cup, President’s Cup and Solheim Cup teams. Their latest creation is the lightest, warmest piece of outerwear on the market. The Derby jacket is down-filled, but don’t picture the old over-stuffed models. This jacket is so sleek and light that provides as much performance as warmth. Stretch inserts through the key areas of the jacket make it move with the player. It is a perfect addition to the wardrobe of the avid golfer ... because not every day on the golf course is 75 degrees and sunny.

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10. Super Stroke Grips – When golfers find something that works, they go for it in a big way. Nothing has been a bigger hit in recent years with competitive golfers than the oversized line of putter grips from Super Stroke. Probably the most visible of the PGA Tour golfers using oversized Super Stroke grips are Jordan Spieth and Jason Dufner. But a large number of the top pros can be seen with the big, round grips on their putters. The secret has been parallel technology on the grips, without taper, that allows golfers to relax, have less tension and make a better stroke. And Super Stroke now makes a counter-balanced grip that can be installed on a player’s favorite putter. The Plus Series grips have counter core technology. A 50-gram weight can be inserted in the butt end of the grip.

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Cricket Club to Host 2015 PGA Pro National



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

By MIKE KERN

The original Wissahickon Course at Philadelphia Cricket Club had always been considered one of the best in the area. Then it was made way better. After being closed for almost a year, it re-opened last spring to mostly rave reviews. Golf Magazine was so impressed that it recognized the changes as the best renovation of a private club in 2014. Pretty stellar stuff. And hardly coincidentally, the club is suddenly in national demand.

From **June 28-July 1** Philly Cricket will be the host for the **PGA Pro National Championship**, which has been around since 1968 and is run by the PGA of America. The event will feature 312 of the nation's top club pros competing for 20 spots in the PGA Championship in August at Whistling Straits. No doubt many local rooting interests will be in the field. The tournament will also use Cricket's well-renowned Militia Hill course for the qualifying rounds.

Cricket had also landed the **2020 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball**, which recently made its debut after taking the place of the U.S. Public Links Championship on the U.S. Golf Association schedule. Then, last month, the club was awarded the **2016 Constellation Senior Players Championship**, one of the five majors on the Champions Tour. So obviously, somebody thinks Cricket did something right by updating its marquee design.

Basically, what happened was that many of the trees were removed. That of course wasn't the only thing, but it is the most noticeable. Kind of like what the membership at Oakmont approved before the 2007 U.S. Open, which turned that into a totally different track. And the same can pretty much now be said for Cricket. If you prefer that kind of bold move, and the majority sure seem to favor the new look, then it's everything you can imagine and more. The whole place has been totally opened up to the eyes. And isn't that how many of us tend to judge a layout? Especially with the initial glimpse. It's so scenic. There are now spots on the course where you can stand and see almost all the holes. There's even certain places where you can see some of Militia Hills as well. From where I stand, the improvement is almost beyond description that does it justice. It really is that stunning. And apparently enough of the right people agree.

Hey, it was already a strong test. Now, especially if the wind kicks up, it could be downright bearish. I guess we'll soon find out.

This is the second time the PNC is coming to the Philly area. In 2011 it was played at Hershey Country Club. That was won by David Hutsell, of Baltimore, who ended



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Philadelphia Cricket Club - Militia Hill Course Hole #18

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a three-way playoff on the second extra hole. Last year it was held at the Dunes Club and Grand Dunes in Myrtle Beach, where the champion was 38-year-old Californian Michael Block, who made a birdie on the second playoff hole to beat Jamie Broce.

The last time a Champions major came to Philly was 2003, when the Senior PGA Championship was hosted by Aronimink in Newtown Square. The Senior Tour held an event in the area from 1985-99, under four different names at three facilities. Most fans probably remember it best as the Bell Atlantic Classic at Malvern's Chester Valley. Then it got a new title sponsor and moved to Princeton, where it lasted for three more years.

The dates for the **Senior Players** will be **June 9-12**, the week before the U.S. Open returns to Oakmont in Western Pennsylvania.

Defending champ Bernhard Langer actually made the official announcement during Golf Channel's "Morning Drive" show on May 6, live from the Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass.

"I am excited to know the championship is going to an historic golf course," said the 2-time Masters winner.

Philadelphia Cricket, one of the founding members of GAP, is the only country club in the nation to have opened a course in each of the past three centuries. The St. Martin's course, located in Chestnut Hill, dates back to 1895. It hosted the U.S. Open in 1907 and 1910. Nine holes still remain open, and have just been renovated too.

A.W. Tillinghast designed the Flourtown course in 1922. In 2002 it was named Wissahickon for the creek that borders one side of the property. And trust me, it has as good a closing stretch as you'll come across. Keith Foster oversaw the restoration, with a goal of showcasing the distinctive Tillinghast fingerprints.

Michael Hurdzan and Dana Fry were responsible for Militia Hill, which opened in 2002. It's dedicated to Willie Anderson, a former Cricket professional who is one of only four men to win the U.S. Open four times.

As Tournament Chair Bob Bauer explained, the upgrades "bring it up to date to account for the changes in golf technology." Fair enough. And plenty good enough for me. I fell in love with it the moment I stepped on the first tee. I think it's hard not to.

"Wissahickon and Militia Hill are two distinctly different courses," said head professional Jim Smith Jr. "But they complement each other so well."

Don't see how you can put it much better. Now maybe Cricket can let the rest of the golf world in on what the folks in Philly who are fortunate enough to play it already know.

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Lewis endeared herself to the fans in South Jersey by making a donation to the Sandy Relief Fund after that storm caused so much damage to so many in the state in 2012.

"Maybe it gives me a little bit of hometown advantage," she acknowledged. "The people really embraced that a lot. You like coming back to where you feel comfortable. When you feel like the crowd's on your side, that helps. It's pretty cool."

Being her also means doing things like going to Africa with King and other LPGA players in 2010 to help build homes for those in need. And she got just as much out of the experience as the ones that directly benefited. Funny how that often works.

"It was really eye-opening," Lewis said. "I kind of knew a little bit what to expect. You really see it's just about food and water. They didn't know what golf was, or who I was. Or who Betsy was. They just appreciated that we were there, givign time and money to help them."

"I sponsor a child I pay \$35 a month for. I got to visit their house. The mom walked in and threw the baby in my hands, like welcome to the family. You really just saw about what (having) the basics can mean. It put in perspective what I do every day. The little things we stress about don't really mean that much."

Lewis has become close with several of the greats from a previous era, like King, Nancy Lopez, Meg Mallon and Beth Daniel. And she's not afraid to ask their advice when it comes to being the top American player. And they've been only too willing to try and guide her in all the proper directions.

"They're just people I can ask questions of," is how Lewis explained the relationships. "They'll call me, make sure I'm OK. They've helped me deal with everything. Nancy knows what it's like to have the spotlight. Beth does too. We're pretty similar, our style of play. I get pretty fired up. She helps me reel that in, use it to my advantage instead of letting it be a disadvantage. I think I handle things a lot different than the way I (once) did."

"When things really started to get crazy, they started to see what I was going through. Meg hounded me for a year. She kept telling me, 'You're too busy, you're too busy.' The biggest thing was they helped me manage my time. They said you still need to play good golf, and they were right. I was running myself ragged. I've learned to listen to them a little bit more."

"In 2012, I was stressing about the Player of the Year race. I was going over to Asia. She told me a story about when she won in 1994. It came down to the last hole, at the last tournament. If Laura Davies made the putt, she was going to win Player of the Year. If she missed, Beth won. She missed it. The point was, I had three tournaments left, so I couldn't stress like that. I went to Japan and won the next week to clinch it."

Right now she's one of the faces of the women's game. That means her opinion matters. As do her actions. One thing you won't find her doing is posing for the cover of *Golf Digest* with only a draped towel covering her upper body, which 20-year-old Lexi Thompson -- who's already won four times, including a major -- did for the May "Fitness and Power" issue. Lewis was asked about it, so she talked about it. Doesn't mean she's right or wrong. But being where she is, maybe it's worth paying attention.

"*Golf Digest* has always been controversial," Lewis said. "Their thing is selling magazines, and they're not always as helpful as we wish they would be about (promoting the women's game). But Lexi looks great on the cover. If she wanted to do that, that's her thing. Other girls have done a lot off the golf course, and made a lot of money doing it. Everyone has their own niche. For me, I'm closer to the golf side of things. So it's not necessarily the cover I would have wanted to be on."

"It's frustrating, to an extent. I think we are great athletes, great golfers, and a cover like that takes away from that. That's the most disappointing thing for me. It doesn't always show us for the athletes we are. That was Lexi's choice. Some players are comfortable with that, some aren't. It doesn't show Lexi for the golfer that she is."

Fair enough. So continue to judge Lewis on her many accomplishments, in golf and otherwise. She'll take her chances on how they stack up.

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Kacvinsky & Sabato Capture AGA Ben Marshall 4-Ball Title



Frank Kacvinsky and Corey Sabato combined for a 6-under par 65 to capture the Open title.

Exeter, PA – On Wednesday, April 29th, Fox Hill Country Club was the site of the opener of the 2015 Anthracite Golf Association tournament schedule, the Ben Marshall Spring Fourball. The event featured 90 golfers competing in open and senior divisions.

The team of Frank Kacvinsky and Corey Sabato combined for a 6-under par 65 to capture the Open title. Kacvinsky had the shot of the tournament when his 9 iron found the bottom of the cup for a hole-in-one on #7.

Finishing tied for second were the teams of Art Brunn Jr. of Wyoming Valley Country Club and his partner Mike Lynch of the Country Club of Scranton; and the team of Eric Williams and Jim Gardas of Honesdale Golf Club; both teams carding rounds of 67 on the day.

In the Senior Division, the Scranton Muni. Golf Club's Bob Andrejko and Steve Mazur captured the title with a round of 3-under par 67, good enough for a 1 shot victory over Ed Hennigan, Fox Hill Country Club, and Jim Hoover of Irem Country Club.(68).

The Anthracite Golf Association would like to thank everyone who participated and host Fox Hill Country Club.

OPEN DIVISION

Kacvinsky, F. / Sabato, C.	65
Brunn Jr., A. / Lynch, M.	67
Williams, E. / Gardas, J.	67
Haley, C. / Bolcavage, K.	68
Biscotti, T. / Weiscarger, J.	71
Bowen, F. / Barth, S.	71
Dougherty, M. / Solfanelli, M.	71
Zaleski, B. / Evans, E.	71
Farrell, P. / Mancini, M.	72
Osborne, F. / Zavada, J.	73



SENIOR DIVISION:

Andrejko, B. / Mazur, S.	68
Hoover, J. / Hennigan, E.	69
Gelso, C. / Corbett, B.	71
Stackhouse, C. / Swanson, M.	71
Coleman, J. / Coleman, L.	72
Simons, B. / Williams, I.	72

Troutman & Leitzel Win 2015 AGA Stableford Tournament



Jason Troutman and Steve Leitzel of Frosty Valley Country Club Win 2015 AGA Stableford Tournament

Berwick, PA – Monday, May 4 2015 at Berwick Golf Club 52 golfers competed in the 6th annual AGA Stableford Tournament. The event consisted of two divisions: Open and Senior. Winners were determined by points awarded on each hole for pars (1 points), birdies (2 points) and eagles (5 points).

The team of Jason Troutman and Steve Leitzel of Frosty Valley Country Club (24) edged out Honesdale Golf Club's Eric Williams and Jeff Tamblyn (23) by 1 point to capture the Open Division title.

In the Senior Division George Elias and Chuck Brand of Irem Country Club combined for 18 points to defend their title, winning on a match-of-cards over Carl Stackhouse and Matt Swanson of Mill Race Golf Club, and Elkview Country Club's John Tolerico and Mike Heck.

The Anthracite Golf Association would like to thank host Berwick Golf Club and its staff. Please check us out on facebook for additional news and photos from the Modified Stableford Tournament.

OPEN DIVISION:

Troutman, J. / Leitzel, S.	24 pts
Williams, E. / Tamblyn, J.	23 pts
Manci, M. / Sebastianelli, A.	20 pts
Ranallo, B. / Evans, E.	19 pts
Masters, J. / Rossi, K.	18 pts
Haley, C. / Bolcavage, K.	18 pts
Kacvinsky, F. / Manley, R.	17 pts
Kania, P. / Mills, J.	17 pts
Behm, M. / Brunn, A.	17 pts
Mulhern, J. / Biscotti, T.	17 pts



SENIOR DIVISION:

Elias, G. / Brand, C.	18 pts
Stackhouse, C. / Swanson, M.	18 pts
Tolerico, J. / Heck, M.	18 pts
Andrejko, B. / Mathewson, C.	17 pts
Simons, B. / Williams, I.	16 pts
Bartkowski, M. / Bartkowski, M.	15 pts

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Don Allan / Geoff Surette	31 35	66
Robby Bruns / Rick Flesher	33 33	66
Patty Post / Brendon Post	32 34	66
Carson Solien / Sam Ambrose	31 35	66
John Appleget / Rich Steinmetz	33 34	67
Tyler Teynor / Jeff Bonicky	33 34	67
Ryan Breidegam / Mike Grabosky	33 34	67
John DiMarco / John Tyrell	33 34	67
Joe Kogelman / Steve Swartz	35 32	67
John Kulhamer / Mike Molino	36 31	67
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Anthony Napolitano / Mike Heidler	33 34	67

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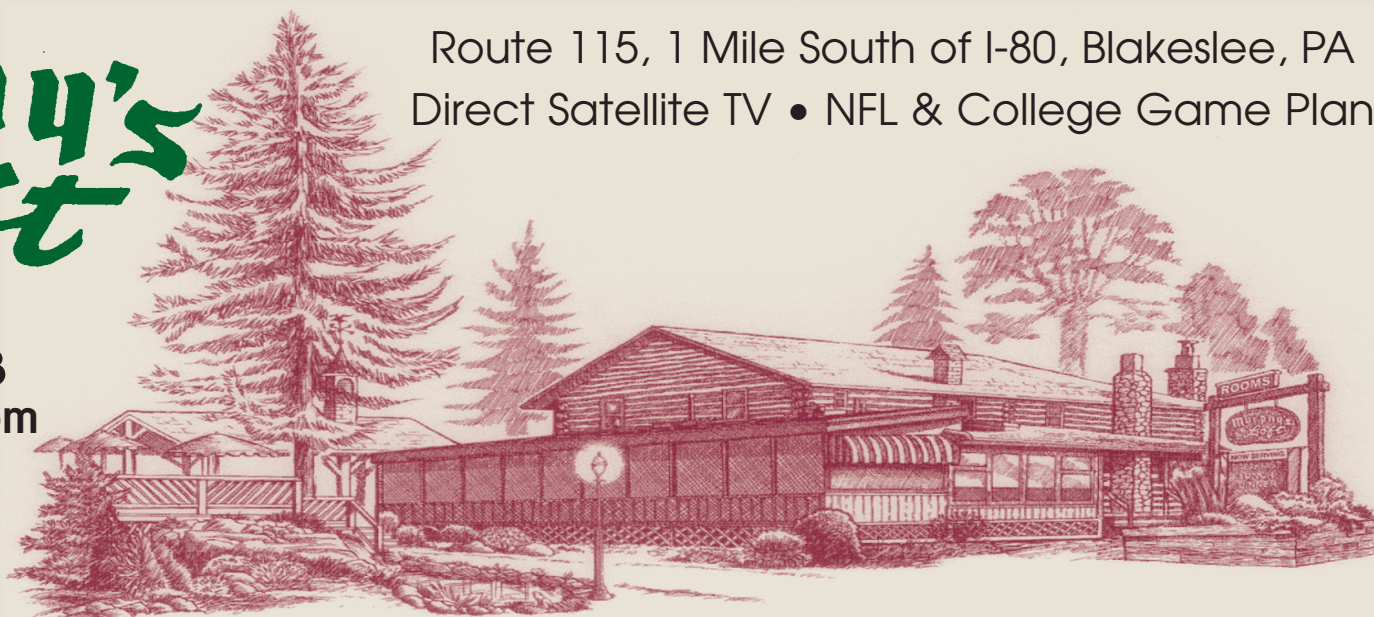
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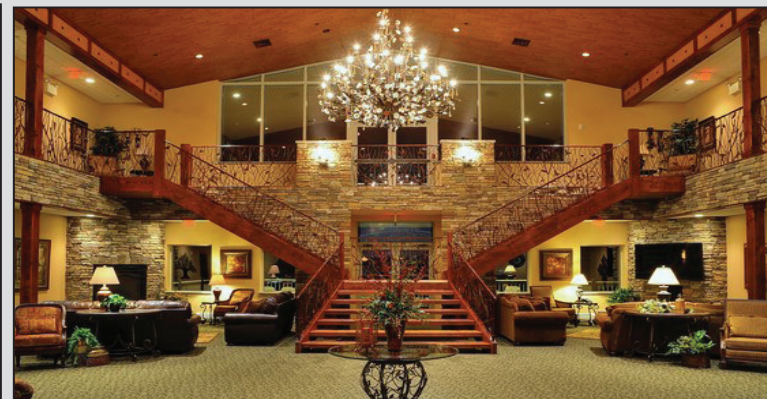
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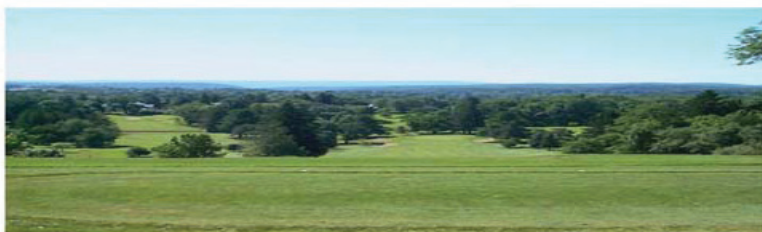
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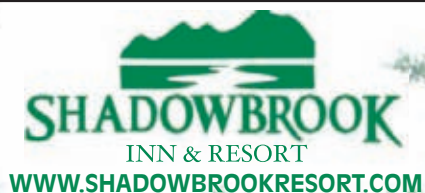


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BULLE ROCK Moves Up to Top 50 on Golf Digest's List of "Top 100 Public Golf Courses for 2015-2016"



Bulle Rock Hole # 9 View of Clubhouse



Bulle Rock Hole # 4

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md. –Bulle Rock has once again received national recognition in Golf Digest, moving up on their list of "America's Top 100 Public Courses for 2015-2016" to 45th place from their previous ranking of 78th (2014).

Golf Digest has conducted America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses rankings since 1966, making it the oldest and most respected ranking in the game. Panelists nationwide play and rate the courses according to shot values, resistance to scoring, design variety, memorability, aesthetics, conditioning and ambience.

Bulle Rock not only moved up 33 spots on the list, making the Top 50 cut, but the Pete Dye-designed course also had the highest ranking of any Mid-Atlantic course on the list. Bulle Rock continues to be ranked in all major golf publications' Top 100 Public Golf Courses listings and is time and time again recognized as the #1 public course in Maryland.

Centrally located in Havre de Grace between Baltimore and Wilmington, DE, Bulle Rock is set on 230 idyllic, lush acres. The course rolls amid 100 feet of elevation changes. Fairways are lined with bluegrass and tall fescues, which lend a classic look to the layout. Tall hardwood trees, natural rock formations and stone walls provide stunning backdrops, with the course boasting numerous "signature" caliber holes and seven holes featuring water. With a course rating of 76.4, a slope rating of 147 and a yardage of 7,375, Bulle Rock Golf Course tests the best of golfers.

"It is a real honor that both golfers in the know and one of the nation's most well-respected golf publications

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Practice facilities at Bulle Rock include a double fairway driving range with an all-grass tee, a three-green short game area and a 17,000-square-foot putting green. The clubhouse includes a fully-stocked golf shop that offers lesson programs and custom club fitting. It also features full-service locker rooms with attendants on staff, and a strong caddy program. For more information on Bulle Rock Golf Course, call 410-939-8887 or visit www.bullerock.com.

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Surrounding the golf course is The Residences at Bulle Rock, a resort-style residential community. The project currently consists of 1,000 condos, villas and single-family homes, a 37,000-square-foot Community Center complete with fitness facilities and pools, and luxury amenities. For more information on The Residences at Bulle Rock, call 410.939.8700 or visit www.bullerockresorthomes.com.



Bulle Rock Hole # 12



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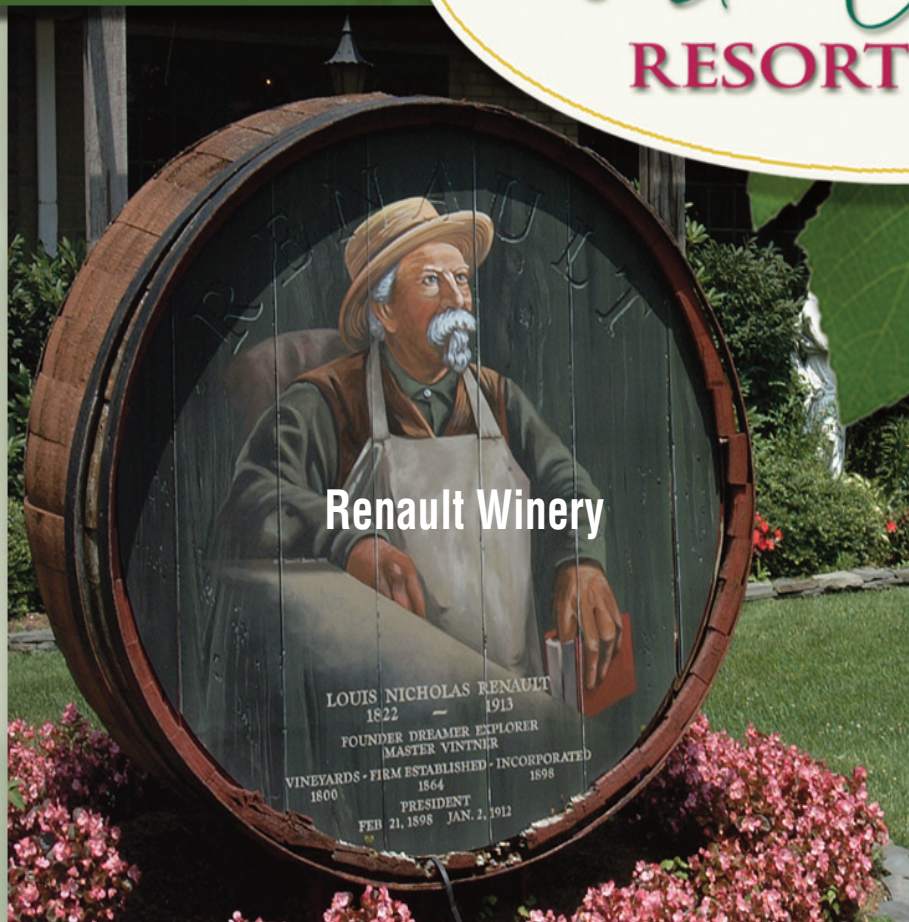


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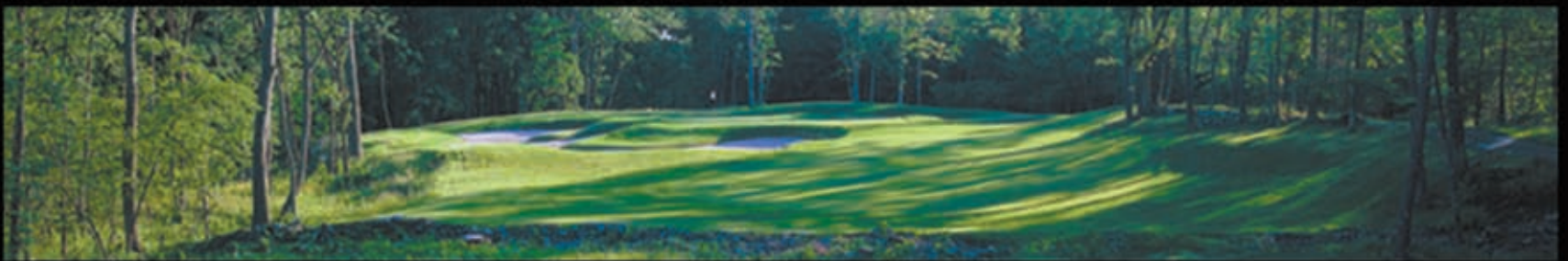
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