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Oakmont Country Club near Pittsburgh 18th Green

By *MIKE KERN*

The U.S. Open has a valid reputation as being the hardest golf tournament to win. If for no other reason than the USGA wouldn't have it any other way.

"It really is the ultimate test," said Mike Davis, the USGA's Executive Director/CEO and the person most responsible for the course set-up. "We want it to produce great champions. We want it to test every aspect of your game. It's not just great shot-making. It's your course management. It's your ability to handle your nerves. It's all of that. And as we've seen time and time again, the cream rises to the top at Oakmont."

The national championship is returning there in mid-June for the ninth time, a record. That doesn't just happen. The suburban Pittsburgh layout is ranked among the best anywhere. If the USGA ever went to a more defined rotation like the British Open, Oakmont might even be the St. Andrew's over here. You know, a once every five years kind of thing. It's that good. And that memorable.

The list of champions reads like a history of the game.

Gene Sarazen won the 1922 PGA there. Three years later, Bobby Jones won a U.S. Amateur. And two years after that, Tommy Armour won the first Open the club hosted. But that's only the beginning. Sam Snead won the 1951 PGA. Ben Hogan took the 1953 Open, en route to his Triple Crown. In 1962, Jack Nicklaus got his first major as a professional by beating Arnold Palmer in a playoff. In 1973, Johnny Miller closed with a 63 to get the Open trophy. A decade later Larry Nelson edged Tom Watson (who also lost the 1978 PGA in a playoff) on a Monday by holing a putt from Ohio to win the Open. In 1994, it wasn't so much about Ernie Els winning the Open as it was Arnie saying goodbye to his hometown army while much of the world was monitoring what was going on with O.J. Simpson out in Los Angeles. And in 2007, Angel Cabrera won by one over Tiger Woods and Jim Furyk.

There have also been two Women's Opens, and they went to Patty Sheehan (in a playoff over Juli Inkster) in 1992 and Paula Creamer six years ago.

"It's really in (the club's) DNA," Davis said. "It's been said that, and maybe somewhat in jest, when the USGA comes to town Oakmont must cut the rough, slow down the greens and utilize easier pin locations. I hope it's in jest, but you get the drift."

Or, as Paul Goydos told him before the '07 Open when assessing the par-3 eighth hole, which during one round played at 300 yards: "In my two decades on the (PGA) Tour we've never had a hole where you could have a long-drive contest and closest to the pin on the same hole."

Oakmont can be brutish. But it also demands finesse. That's why it's an Open.

"On the first tee, right off the bat the challenge is, 'Can I hit the fairway?'" Davis said. "Can you think your way around? Can you get your ball in play? When the ball lands, where's it going to roll to? Can you handle these lightning-fast greens? And when you miss a green, can you get it up and down?"

"I think Oakmont is closer to a U.S. Open test of golf on a daily basis than any other place we play. The members like to joke around that, with just a few weeks notice, we could bring a U.S. Open here. If we didn't have to put up the grandstands and tents and everything, we could do that."

Oakmont used to be defined by trees. Lots of trees. Then, before the '07 Open, most of them were removed. And the result was an even better course. Now you can stand at the clubhouse and see many of the holes. That doesn't mean it's any easier. But it's not supposed to be the John Deere Classic.

Not even close.

"Oakmont more than meets all the criteria (of what an Open course should be)," Davis said. "It meets the gold standard. It has a knack for producing great drama. It has a fascinating culture."

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Constellation PGA Senior Tour at the Philadelphia Cricket Club



Philadelphia Cricket Club Militia Hill Hole #3 Photo by Evan Schiller

By *MIKE KERN*

When the Philadelphia Cricket Club decided to restore its original Wissahickon Course several years ago, mostly by pulling an Oakmont and removing many if not most of the trees, it did so with something bigger in mind. The A.W. Tillinghast design was already regarded as one of the better ones in the greater Philadelphia area. Since the changes, it's done nothing except move up on the list. That's how perception-changing it was. And one of the results is that it will soon be hosting a major, the first for the club since the 1910 U.S. Open that was held at its St. Martins Course in nearby Chestnut Hill (which is now a nine-hole layout).

From **June 9-12**, the week before the U.S. Open returns to Oakmont in suburban Pittsburgh, the PGA Tour Senior Constellation Players Championship will be played in Flourtown. Among those scheduled to tee up are two-time defending champion Bernhard Langer, who won last year at Belmont Country Club in suburban Boston, John Daly, who just turned 50 in late April, Woody Austin, who's a three-time winner this season, Tom Watson, Colin Montgomerie, Fred Couples, Tom Lehman and Kenny Perry.

The 58-year-old Langer of course won the Masters in 1985 and again eight years later. He was also the guy who missed the tricky 5-foot putt that could have won the 1991 Ryder Cup for Europe. The only other player to win this event twice was Arnold Palmer three decades earlier. Langer is third on the all-time Senior win list with 26, which includes one in February. And even though he's no longer allowed to use the anchor putter that the USGA banned starting this year, Langer was in the second to last group in the final round this April at Augusta National before trying for 24th.

"I'm excited to know the championship is going back to an historic golf course," Langer said last year when the announcement was made.

Daly won the 1991 PGA Championship and the 1995 British Open. And he's always been a fan favorite, despite his ups and downs off the course. If nothing else he can be highly entertaining. And he still hits it a long way. In his Senior debut at last month's Inspire Invitational in Houston he finished 17th despite closing with a triple bogey. He can do that too. But if you like grip it and rip it, he's the one to follow.

"It was really cool," he said afterward. "I love being out here. All the guys have been great."



Bernhard Langer PGA Tour Senior Constellation Players 2014 & 2015 Champion

Montgomerie is maybe the best player to never win a major on the regular tour, even though he tried to make up for it with his record in the Ryder Cup. He did come close, several times. But since turning 50 two years ago he's won three times. And all of them have been majors: The 2014 and '15 Senior PGA and the 2014 U.S. Senior Open. So there is that.

Last summer, the Wissachickon Course hosted the PGA National Pro Championship. And the reviews were everything the membership hoped they'd be. Cricket has 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 USGA schedule. There is no doubt that the club would like to attract a major on the regular tour at some point. The likely candidate would seem to be the PGA, since the USGA would probably want to bring its Open back to Merion if all the logistics can be worked out once more. The timeline on that looks to be somewhere between say 2025 and 2030, which would mark the 100th anniversary of Bobby Jones completing his grand slam there at the U.S. Amateur.

Whatever happens going forward, this much is clear: Philly Cricket has put itself on the map in a serious way. What that means in terms of getting more big-time events, we'll have to see. But another good showing at the PGA Senior would only further help its ever-growing reputation.

Tickets are available, with plans ranging from \$17 for a practice day to \$80 for a Champions Club pass for Sunday's final round. Weekly prices range from \$139 to \$325, depending upon package level. Military personnel can get in for free with proper ID, as can children ages 18 and under with a ticketed adult. For further information go to the tournament website or call (267) 239-8759. Info for those interested in volunteering is also there. Ditto the pro-am and/or corporate hospitality. The tournament is going to generate some \$500,000 in charitable donations, with the First Tee of Philadelphia and the Golf Association of Philadelphia's J. Wood Platt Scholarship Trust being among the nine organization's that will benefit.

The last time a Champions major came to our area was 2003, when the Senior PGA Championship was hosted by Aronimink in Newtown Square. The Senior Tour held an event in Philly 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 Jasna Polana near Princeton, where it lasted for three more years.

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Stockton Seaview Hole #9

By **MIKE KERN**

GALLOWAY, N.J. -- Last year, Sweden's Anna Nordqvist got her fifth LPGA Tour victory at the ShopRite Classic. Now, she'll try to do something nobody's ever been able to accomplish in the three-decade history of the event, which is repeat. Juli Inkster and more recently Stacy Lewis have come the closest, by lifting the trophy twice in a span of three years.

Maybe it's about time.

"I've always liked the (Bay) course," Nordqvist said at media day in early May at Stockton Seaveiw Hotel and Golf Club. "I think I finished third in 2014 (in a three-way tie, seven behind Lewis). I think the thing I like about it is the pretty small greens. And there's usually a lot of wind. Last year was really windy. You've got to hit the fairways and you've got to hit the greens here and play from good spots. I think that's really the strength of my game, tee to green.

"But definitely, coming back here and watching the video, you remember those shots. Like last year, I birdied 16 (a par 4) and a made a great birdie on 17 (short par 3). What really set it up, which I didn't even remember, I ended the (second)round with three straight birdies on Saturday to get in the final group and be able to put some pressure on the leaders going to Sunday. So it's always special to come back, just knowing that you can play the course and knowing that you're happy and you like the area."

Nordqvist closed with back-to-back 2-under par 69s, to finish at 8-under 205, one in front of Christel Boeljon (final-round 68) and two ahead of 18 and 36-hole leader Morgan Pressel, who shot 73 on Sunday. It didn't matter that Nordqvist took a bogey on the par-5 18th. It still was her week. And for the first time in her career,



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her mom was there to celebrate it.

"She's actually going to be back," Nordqvist said. "She's going to travel and see five or six events this year, and she wanted to come back to this one. She has good memories too."

You think?

"Winning gives you confidence," said Nordqvist, who will represent her country in Brazil at the Summer Olympic Games, where golf will a medal sport for the first time. "It's more credit to the hard work I put in. It's getting tougher and tougher to win on Tour. You really have to be on your A game to be up there. I think all the Asians have definitely raised the bar. And they've probably won 85 to 90 percent of the tournaments we've had this year. I think the longer I'm out here and the more I play, you realize how much harder it's getting and how much more competitive it's getting. So winning last year really reminded me how special it is.

"When you're not playing well, you're still (putting in) all the hours, you're back home practicing, (doing) the early hours in the gym (and) all the hard work behind the scenes that you do day in and day out. You do a lot of hard work, so when you win it's a pretty sweet feeling."

So why are the Asians, particularly the Koreans, doing so well? There was a time when the Americans dominated, the the Europeans. Is this just a cyclical thing, or a sign of the times?

"I think it's a little bit of a catch-up effect," Nordqvist offered. "They're so good early and they're so many (of them). They have a lot of young girls picking up the game. We have maybe 50, 60, 70 on our tour but I'm sure there's a lot more that are knocking on the door wanting to try to get in. I think we (have) three or four

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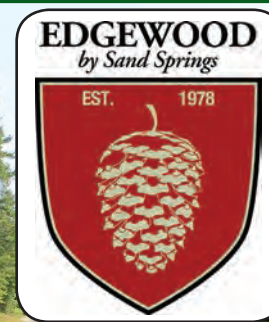
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Matthews & Ross Medalists at U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship



Brandon Matthews and Patrick Ross, the stroke-play medalists who are former Temple University teammates

Story Courtesy of USGA



MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Brandon Matthews and Patrick Ross, the stroke-play medalists who are former Temple University teammates, were among 16 sides that advanced in the first round of match play Monday in the 2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship on the par 70, 6,728-yard East Course at Winged Foot Golf Club.

Matthews, 21, of Dupont, Pa., and Ross, 24, of Dunmore, Pa., made four birdies on the outward nine to take a 3-up lead and never trailed in their 4-and-3 victory over Sachin Kumar, 17, of Trinidad and Tobago, and Alberto Martinez, 16, of Weston, Fla. Matthews and Ross, who failed to qualify for match play in last year's inaugural championship at The Olympic Club, are building on the momentum gained after a carding a pair of 63s during stroke play.

"It's tough to qualify for match play in a USGA event if you are not playing your best," said Matthews, who earned All-America honors at Temple. "We both came into this tournament hitting the ball well and putting it well. We were confident coming in and now we are in the Round of 16."

Both players kick-started their round as each hit their approach shots to within 3 feet on the par-4 second. Ross would later sink a 7-footer on the par-3 sixth for the team's third birdie before Matthews deftly negotiated a tree on No. 9 by lifting a flop shot to within 2 feet.

Unfortunately, Patrick Christovich and Garrett Rank won two matches in dramatic fashion Tuesday to advance to the semifinals of the 2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship. In the quarterfinals, the Southern Methodist University teammates dispatched the No. 1 seed and stroke-play medalists, Brandon Matthews, 21, of Dupont, Pa., and Patrick Ross, 24, of Dunmore, Pa., 2 and 1

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship consists of 36 holes of stroke play followed by five rounds of match play, with the Round of 16 and quarterfinals to be played next. The semifinals and championship, scheduled as an 18-hole final.

Championship (18 holes) Benjamin Baxter, Highland Park, Texas & Andrew Buchanan, Los Altos, Calif. (133) def. Brandon Cigna, Arlington, Va. & Ben Warnquist, Olney, Md. (136), 3 and 2

Trio Shares Medalist Honors In #BMWPhillyAm Qual. at Fox Hill



Stephen Hudacek, III jarred six birdies at Fox Hill.

EXETER, Pa. — It's official: the field destined for Merion Golf Club and the 116th playing of the BMW Philadelphia Amateur is set.

Glenmaura National Golf Club's John Barone and Stephen Hudacek, III, along with Huntsville Golf Club's Todd Vonderheid separated themselves with even-par rounds of 71 at Fox Hill Country Club (par 71, 6,503 yards) and earned qualifying-medalist honors on their way to Merion - this year's site for Philadelphia's premier event.

The competitive, crowded leaderboard of 88 players saw the day's cut line drop to 74 in the final of four Qualifiers. A weather delay was also thrown into the mix, beginning at 1:46 p.m. and ending at 3:20 p.m.

The 116th BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship will take place June 13-15 & 18 at Merion's famed East Course. Philadelphia Country Club will be used for qualifying only.

Qualifiers	Club	Total
John Barone,	Glenmaura National Golf Club	71
Stephen Hudacek, III,	Glenmaura National Golf Club	71
Todd Vonderheid,	Huntsville Golf Club	71
Anthony Sebastianelli,	Glen Oak Country Club	73
Brock Kovach,	Berkshire Country Club	73
Christian Davis,	Glenmaura National Golf Club	73
Drew Guarino,	Old York CC at Chesterfield	73
Mariano Medico,	Fox Hill Country Club	73
Philip Rothermel,	Schuylkill Country Club	73
Ted Matthews,	Lu Lu Country Club	73
Blaine Lafferty,	Little Mill Country Club	74
Michael Zeng,	Applecross Country Club	74
Roland Massimino,	The Ridge at Back Brook	74
Shamus Gartley,	Fox Hill Country Club	74
Thomas Spano,	Llanerch Country Club	74



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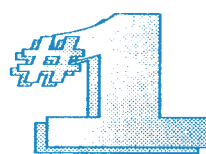
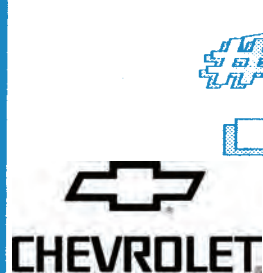


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Happy Father's Day – June 19th



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By Reid Nelson

As its tradition calls for – barring any weather delays or a Monday playoff – this year's U.S. Open is scheduled to crown a champion on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19. That means you have just a few weeks left to get ol' dad something for his special day.

If dad happens to be a golfer, we have a few suggestions for you. No clubs here. As we've written in the past, if you want to get dad a new driver or putter or anything in between, give him a gift certificate for his favorite pro shop. Unless you know his exact specs and preferences, there are simply too many variables – shaft, flex, lie angle, grip size, etc. – to try to “fit” someone with a gift golf club.

For our list of Father's Day suggestions, we're focusing on items that any golfer is certain to enjoy on – and in some cases, off – the course.

Want to make dad one of the sharpest looking players at the club? Give him a pair of **Puma's new TitanTour Ignite golf shoes**. Stylishly sporty, the Ignite shoes come in an array of color combinations, from basic black to white and just about anything. The white/blue/lime green model (pictured here) is particular striking, as is the white with red and black accents. And of course, there's a white model with a brilliant orange stripe, given that Rickie Fowler is one of Puma's marquee Tour players.

But color and style are just part of the Puma story. The real reason dad is going to love these shoes is the comfort and performance they deliver. Unlike some popular golf shoes on the market today, Puma's TitanTour Ignites sits atop a “real” heel and sole platform that provides stability throughout the swing, as opposed to shoes that make you feel as if you're swinging while standing up in a canoe. And nine soft spikes – four in the heel section and five in the forefoot – only add to that solid feel.

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We won't try to explain what that means because we don't know. But we will say that the TitanTour Ignites are not only some of the coolest looking golf shoes we've ever worn, but they are the coolest feeling, as well.

TitanTour Ignite shoes are priced at \$160 at most golf shops and on-line retailers. If you think dad's worth a few bucks more, you can check out the TitanTour Ignite Premium model, which features all the technology of mentioned here, but with a soft pigskin lining. Either way, dad's feet with thank you.

Want to get dad a golf shirt? You won't find a more stylish and comfortable polo than the shirts being offered by Carnoustie. And like wearing Puma shoes, the Car-



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If you can't find the upscale Carnoustie brand at a pro shop near you, no problem. Simply go to carnoustiesportswearonline.com/performance. There, you'll also find equally stylish shorts, vests and pullovers, if you think pop's worth more than just a golf shirt.

And finally, here's an idea that will let dad enjoy golf ... even when he can't get to the course. Tony Dear, the former PGA pro turned award-winning writer, has penned a book every golf lover should have in their library. **The Story of Golf in Fifty Holes**, released late last year by Firefly Books, is a wonderful collection of stories and anecdotes, celebrating six centuries of golf history as it unfolded on 50 of the game's most famous and/or scenic holes.

The brilliance of the book – aside from the British author's own writing style, that is – is that dad can read the book cover to cover, as it is written, and follow the game from the 1800s – the first chapter is devoted to the 11th at St. Andrews – to the present – the fiftieth hole is the 18th at Trump National Los Angeles. Or he can read the chapters in any order, at any time, he so chooses.

Want to read something about Oakmont as this year's U.S. Open is being played out? There are six pages, as well as five photos and illustrations, devoted to the 484-yard finishing hole, starting on page 68. How about Royal Troon, site of this year's Open Championship? The famed Postage Stamp eighth hole is chronicled, starting on page 34.

St. Andrews' Road Hole. The original Redan at North Berwick. The Alps at Prestwick. They're all in the book, as are the 13th at Pine Valley, the first at Cherry Hills and so many more. What's more, Dear brings the holes to life with stories about those who designed and played them.

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Oakmont Country Club Hole #12



Oakmont Country Club The famous pews Hole #3

Oakmont from page 3

The course was designed by Henry C. Fownes in 1903. Like Hugh Wilson at Merion and George Crump with Pine Valley, this was his only work. But if you're only going to build one, you might as well hit a grand slam.

"They loved a hard set-up," Davis noted. "I genuinely think they still have that mindset. When someone complained that it was too tough, (Fownes' son William) said, 'Let the clumsy, the spineless, the alibi artists stand aside.'

"If we hear some complaining by the players, in some ways that's a compliment. As long as we haven't set it up unfairly, where good shots aren't rewarded. I don't think any of us take (criticism) personal."

The defending champion is Jordan Spieth, who was in position to win the last five majors. In April he blew a big lead on the back nine at the Masters to give England's Danny Willett a green jacket. It'll be interesting to see how the 22-year-old Texan comes back from that. It'll also be interesting to see if Woods can even play in his first major in awhile. And if he does, will he be a factor? He hasn't won a major since the 2008 Open, when he needed 91 holes to beat Rocco Mediate. Did he mention he was playing on one good leg at the time? Wonder whatever happened to that guy.

Regardless of whoever shows up, someone's going to have a very happy Father's Day. All you have to do is navigate your way around the many obstacles.

"Oakmont is a very balanced test," Davis said. "This is not an overly long U.S. Open by U.S. Open standards. But there's a nice blend between short holes and long holes. The holes are actually very straight. Sixteen of the 18 play straight away ... From a strategic standpoint, you have to commit to a shot. Because of the rolling land, you have a lot of blind and semi-blind shots. This was pasture land. They wanted it to resemble a links-like course.

"Every time we've had a championship at Oakmont, it's performed beautifully. We believe this national treasure we have here will really identify that week's greatest golfer. To be successful, you have to execute."

If only it were that fundamental. And of course the weather can always get

involved. In '07 they got a little rain the night before the first round. But other than that it played dry and breezy, which just made it tougher.

"I'm not sure of a course that plays more different than Oakmont in terms of a soft Oakmont and a dry Oakmont," Davis said. "It's helpful to be able to have that past to look at when setting it up. (But) I don't think there's much tinkering we need to do. There's just certain things you can't do with a firm Oakmont, (where) you need to be very conservative. We try our best to anticipate what Mother Nature is going to give us, but it is the U.S. Open."

And it's coming back once more to a place where it really belongs. Nothing ever wrong with that.

"We want the player to have to play different types of shots," Davis said. "From our standpoint, contrary to what a lot of people think, I don't think anybody from our side gets overly upset if somebody shoots a low score. When Johnny Miller shot that 63, I think there were only four players that even broke 70 that day. The point is, that was a great round. When somebody does that, you applaud that. Nobody's losing sleep.

"If we do something with the set-up that compromises this great golf course, that's what keeps you up at night."

Three years ago, the Open returned to Merion for the first time since 1981. It was ranked sixth in Golf Digest's latest Top 100 in America, one spot ahead of Oakmont. But logistically, there were issues. Still, the course proved it's more than worthy enough to host a modern Open. The national championship is booked through 2024. Conventional wisdom suggests it could come back to Ardmore in 2030, which would be the 100th anniversary of Jones completing his grand slam by winning the U.S. Amateur there. Or maybe even sooner.

"We could not have been happier with the experience," said Davis. "I can't say enough good things about dealing with that club. When you think about all the operational challenges with that small piece of land, the support from the community was just great. Let us not forget that we had really tough weather that week. And the golf course still performed beautifully.

"I can't imagine the USGA not going back one day (for another Open) ... if they keep inviting us."

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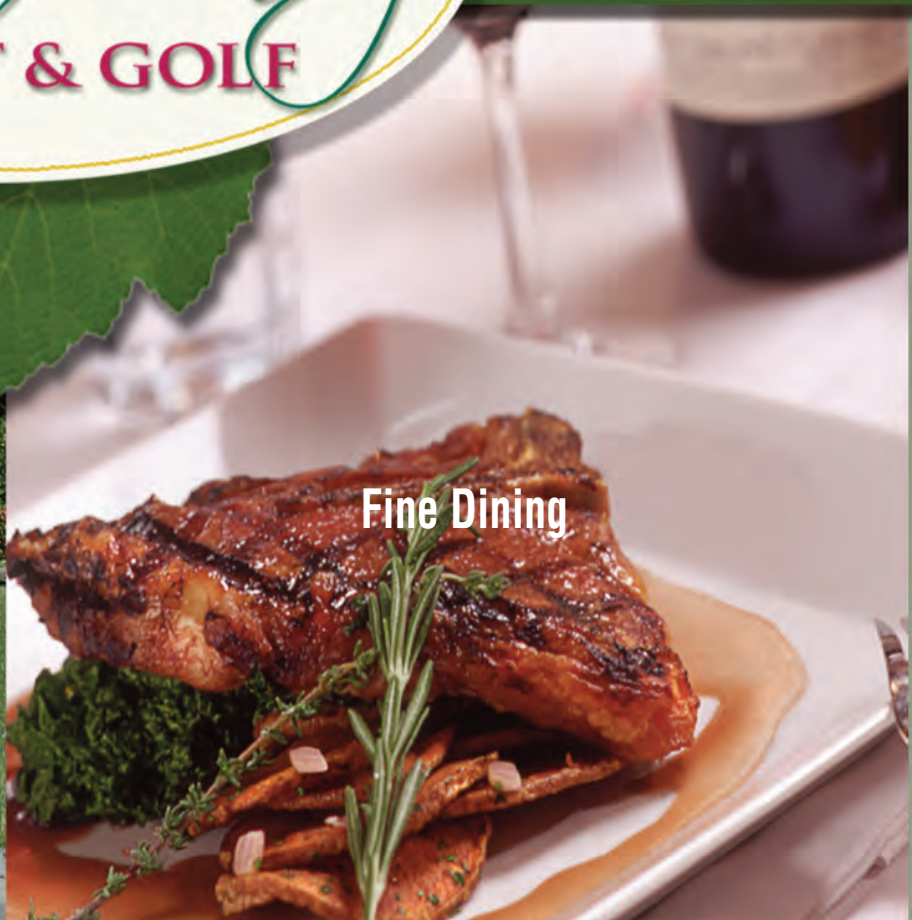


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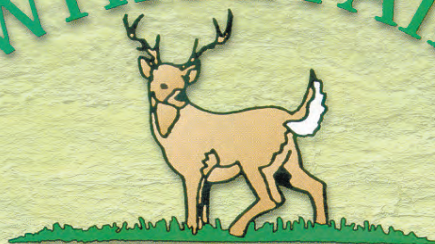


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girls from Sweden on tour now. It used to be 10. And we only have 9 million people. In Korea, they have, I don't know how many, 40-50 million. So I think they just have more golfers in general, and I think they're kind of competing a little bit against one another too. So they're inspiring and motivating each other.

"But their strengths, like their tempo is so good, they're very consistent, and they put in all the hard work. So I think they have a lot of the good things that you need to be a good player. It comes pretty natural to them, and I think they handle the pressure situations pretty good. I think they have the mentality of all or nothing. Every year you see another three or four Koreans coming out and really doing well."

For whatever reasons, only two Koreans have won at the South Jersey Shore: Hall of Famer Se Ri Pak in 1999 and Seon Hwa Lee in 2006. Japan's Ai Miyazato won in 2010, when the tournament returned following a three-year absence. The only other Swede to win was the best of them all, Annika Sorenstam, who's the only three-time champion (1998, 2002 and 2005).

"We have a really good girl, Madeline Sunstrom, on the Symetra Tour," said Nordqvist. "She just won. She's going to be really good. And we have another girl in college at Arizona State (Louise Stahle). She's going to be really good too. So we have more Swedes coming. We're just not a very big country."

Nordqvist is obviously looking forward to Rio de Janeiro in August, even though she admits that nobody knows quite to expect.

"It's a huge honor being able to represent Europe in the Solheim Cup, but I know (this is different)," she said. "The way other athletes talk about the experience in the Olympic Village and the way they go about it ... I've followed some of them on Instagram. They work so hard and they have that one minute every four years. We still have our majors every year. I cannot imagine what it's going to feel like. So I'm sure I'm going to be able to look back on my career and say, I made it to the Olympics and what a special feeling it was.

"I've always been a huge sports fan. I didn't start playing golf until I was 13. I never thought about competing in the Olympics until a couple of years ago. But ever since then it's been a big goal. I definitely admire the journey. I'm definitely looking forward to seeing some of my favorite athletes.

"I grew up a swimmer. I'm a big handball fan. And tennis. I'm not sure how much time we're going to have to watch other sports, but even watching the men (golfers) is going to be pretty cool."

That being said, where exactly then does Olympic golf fit in when it comes to her resume?

"I think our majors are still going to weigh a little higher as far as the history," said Nordqvist, whose first professional win came at the McDonald's LPGA Championship in 2009. "I think we're not going to know until after this Olympics what it really means to the sports. As an athlete, I think it's going to be one of the highlights. I think it just makes golf a little more accepted as a sport. I'm just not anticipating all the media attention. I have a lot of Swedish camera crews

following me in my training. So that's great.

"I'm going to have more chances to win a British Open than I ever would have to compete for a gold medal. If I couldn't have both, right now I'd probably say the Olympics. I get asked that question a lot. I'll take either/or. I wouldn't be picky. Hopefully I'm going to play four more years and be in Japan (in 2020) but those are probably the only two Olympics (for me). I want to start a family and eventually move back to Sweden, so it's such a rare opportunity. As an athlete it would mean a lot."

TAP-INS: The tournament dates are June 3-5, with the traditional two pro-ams on the first and second. The purse is \$1.5 million, and the event will be televised live on the Golf Channel. Candy Hannemann and Elizabeth Wang will compete on sponsor exemptions. Hanneman is a Brazilian native who's been retired but is attempting to qualify for her country's Olympic team. Wang is a high-school sophomore from California who's ranked No. 11 by the American Junior Golf Association. She earned her spot by winning the 2015 Junior PGA Championship. For more information visit www.shopritelpgaclassic.com.



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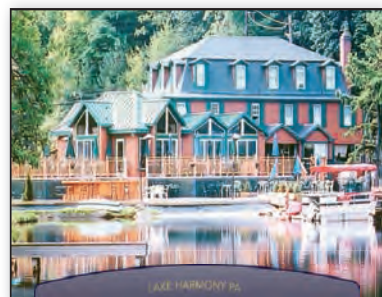
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Elmhurst Country Club's Ross & Barone Capture 2016 AGA John Moore Championship



Clarks Summit, PA - Pat Ross & John Barone go wire-to-wire to capture the 2016 Anthracite Golf Association John Moore Championship. After an opening round of 67 at Stonehedge Golf Club, the combined for 5-under par 64 at Berwick Golf Club in round 2. The duo kept their foot on the throttle by carding a final round 67 on a difficult Country Club of Scranton layout for a 3-day total of 198 and the the title.

Honesdale Golf Club's Jim Gardas & Eric Williams combined for 68-68-67-204 total finishing in second place. Emanon Country Club's Ted & Brandon Matthews rounded out the top spots with a 71-64-71-206 total.

In the Senior Division Paupack Hill's Country Club's Mark & Mike Bartkowski shot 69 in the final round to move up to capture the senior title with a 70-73-69 and 212 total.

In the "Flights" Emanon Country Club's Ron Garrison and Mike Lazevnick captured the overall title with rounds of 71, 68, and 73 for a 212 total. In second place just 3 shots back were Jack Frost National Golf Club's Bill Dessoye and Jerry Ranielli who shot 72-72-71 (215).

The Anthracite Golf Association would like to thank all of the participants, host golf facilities, and volunteers for making the 2016 AGA John Moore Tournament a success.

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OPEN DIVISION RESULTS

	Total
Ross, P. / Barone, J.	198
Gardas, J. / Williams, E.	204
Mathews, T. / Mathews, B.	206
Horutz, J. / Davis, C.	211
Mikiewicz, J. / Biscotti, T.	211
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Olszewski, J. / Weiscarger, J.	215
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SENIOR DIVISION RESULTS

	Total
Bartkowski, M. / Bartkowski, M.	212
Bonda, R. / Andrejko, B.	217
Hoover, J. / Hennigan, E.	218
Bolcavage, K. / LaFoca, S.	220
Gelso, C. / Lydick, B.	222
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Fieldstone G.C. - Greenville, DE Par 71

	R1	R2	Total
Dave McNabb	33	34	67
Stu Ingraham	32	35	67
George Forster	32	36	68
Adam Brigham	35	35	70
Jamie Komancheck	36	35	71
Eric Kennedy	34	37	71
Hugh Matthis	33	38	71
Michael Ferguson	37	34	71
Dustin McCormick	34	37	71
Dave Quinn	36	36	72
Jack Connelly	38	35	73
John Rudolph	33	40	73
Tom Moore	36	37	73
Wayne Phillips	36	37	73
Rick McCall	34	39	73
Mike Ladden	37	36	73
Dave Fields	36	37	73
Rick Gibney	36	37	73
John Cooper	35	38	73
John Bonaduce	34	40	74
Scott Reilly	35	39	74
Jeff Kiddie	36	38	74
John DiMarco	35	39	74

Spring Pro-Pro Championship

Hartefeld National G.C. - Avondale, PA Par 72

	R1	R2	Total
Stableford Points Results			
David Morano Mike Meisenzahl	34	30	64
John Spina Bill Sautter	34	32	66
Pete Kowalinski Jamie Komancheck	33	34	67
Steve Swartz Joe Kogelman	35	32	67
Vincent Kabaso Michael Wheeler	36	32	68
Neil Maurer John Lynch	34	34	68
Sam Ambrose Carson Solien	33	36	69
Ryan Breidegam Mike Grabosky	35	34	69
Bob Fritz Jeff Sikina	34	35	69
Dale Loeslein Bob Lennon	34	35	69
Rick McCall Chris Gray	33	36	69
Scott Nye Robby Bruns	34	35	69
Bill Walker Eric McNamee	35	34	69
Tom Carpus Ryan Nuechterlein	34	36	70
Mike Heidler Anthony Napoletano	34	36	70
Bob Hennefer Dave Quinn	35	35	70
Stephen Sieracki Curtis Kirkpatrick	35	35	70
Jason Lamp John Rutecki	35	35	70
Dave McNabb Mark Sheftic	34	36	70
Justin Meyers Bob Heintz	37	33	70
Patty Post Brendon Post	35	35	70
Anthony Schweppe Jaime Gylan	34	36	70
Tom Moore Jonathan Trauner	35	36	71
Ross Sheflott Dave Seeman	33	38	71

Delaware Valley Open

Concord C.C. - Concordville, PA Par 71

	R1	R2	Total
Michael Little Lookaway GC	33	34	67
Mike Meisenzahl Shore Gate CC	34	35	69
John Spina Phil. Cricket-Wissahickon	33	37	70
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	31	39	70
Stu Ingraham M Golf Range	33	37	70
Bertus Wessels Green Valley CC	34	37	71
Kevin Kraft Bumble Bee Hollow	37	34	71
Chris Krueger Kings Creek CC	35	36	71
Dave Pagett Whitemarsh Valley CC	36	36	72
Mark Sheftic Merion - West Course	37	35	72
Greg Farrow Deerwood CC	34	38	72
Bob Hennefer Indian Springs GC	33	39	72
Curtis Kirkpatrick Indian Springs GC	36	36	72
John Allen Huntingdon Valley CC-F/T	36	37	73
Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	34	39	73
Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	36	37	73
Jordan Gibbs Gulph Mills GC	36	37	73
John Bierkan Aronimink GC	37	36	73
Bob Heintz U of Penn	36	37	73
Dave Quinn Links GC	37	37	74
Sam Ambrose Aronimink GC	34	40	74
Sean Ketchum Walnut Lane GC	34	40	74
Mike Ladden Whitford CC	36	38	74

The Laurel Creek Classic

Laurel Creek C.C. - Mt. Laurel, NJ Par 71

	R1	R2	Total
Mike Furey Mahoning Valley CC	33	33	66
John Appleget Wildwood Golf & CC	33	35	68
Bob Heintz U of Penn	33	35	68
Bill Walker Riverton CC	36	33	69
Corey McAlarney Sunnybrook GC	34	35	69
Greg Matthias Tavistock CC	35	34	69
Alex Knoll Bethlehem GC- Monacacy	35	34	69
Andrew Turner Whitford CC	37	33	70
Bob Lennon Wilmington CC	36	34	70
David Morano Hidden Creek GC	35	35	70
Chris Gray Wild Quail G & CC	35	35	70
Sam Ambrose Aronimink GC	34	36	70
Carson Solien Aronimink GC	36	34	70
George Forster Radnor Valley CC	35	36	71
John Spina Philadelphia Cricket Club	37	35	72
Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	36	36	72
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Don DeAngelis Squires GC	35	37	72
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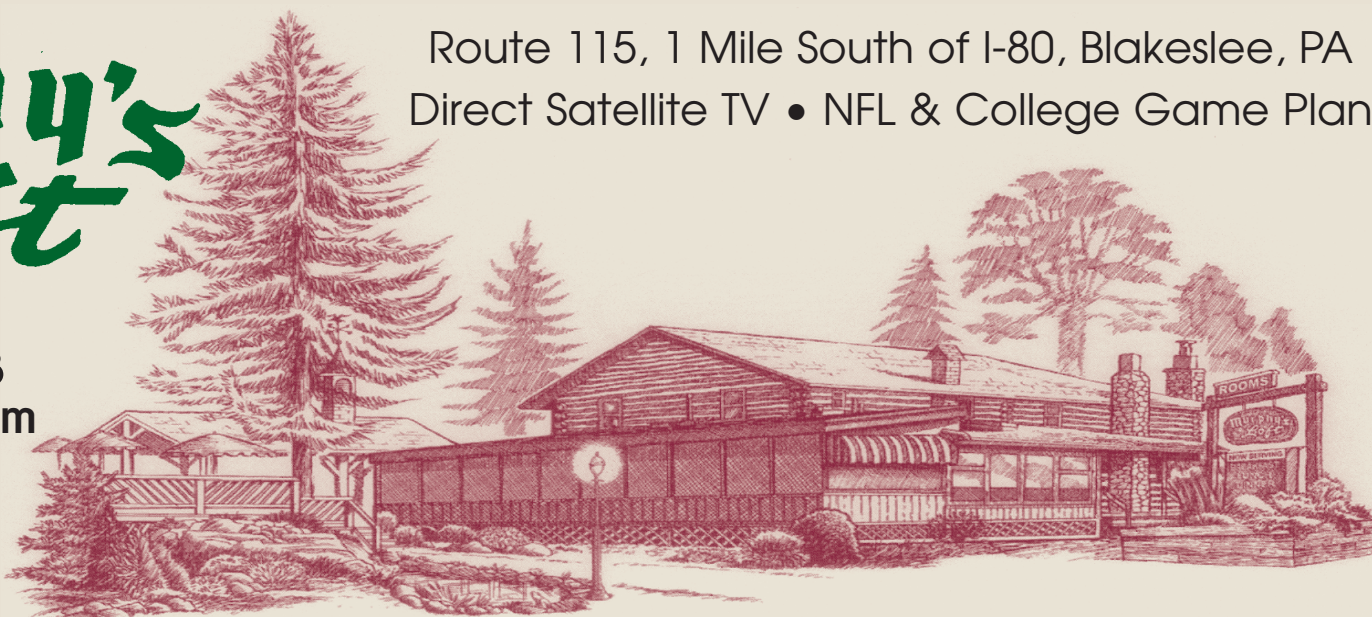
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Spencer Lunger (Scranton Canoe)	74
Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	75
Mike Grabosky (Heidelberg)	76
Stephen Frederick (Lehigh)	76

LOW SENIOR PRO

Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	76
John Kulhamer (Green Pond)	79

LOW AMATEUR

Eric Williams (Honesdale)	71
Nick Lukow (Woodstone)	71
Mike Guro (Southmoore)	74

TEAM LOW GROSS

Mike Grabosky (Heidelberg)	64
George Petrol (Thru the Green)	67
Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	67

TEAM LOW NET

Gregg Meyer (Woodstone)	61
Howie VanBuskirk (Mt. Laurel)	62
Mark Monahan (Honesdale)	63
Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	63

Woodloch Springs Pro-Am

CC at Woodloch Springs, PA Par 72

LOW PRO

John Pillar (Woodloch Springs)	71
Josh Deal (Woodloch Springs)	78
Jason Kuiper (Woodloch Springs)	78

LOW SENIOR PRO

Mark Monahan (Honesdale GC)	78
Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	79
Joe Ambrose (Paupack Hills)	81

LOW AMATEUR

TEAM LOW GROSS

Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	64
John Roche (Elmhurst)	67
Josh Deal (Woodloch Springs)	70
Jeremy Nangine (GlenBrook)	70

TEAM LOW NET

Joe Acla (Hideout)	60
Mark Monahan (Honesdale GC)	63
Jason Kuiper (Woodloch Springs)	64
Josh Deal (Woodloch Springs)	64

Southmoore Pro-Am

Southmoore C.C. Par 72

LOW PRO

Mike Furey (Mohoning Valley)	68
Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley)	73
Kevin Edwards (Woodstone)	73
Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)	73
Dave Fields (Brookside CC)	73

LOW SENIOR PRO

Jim Booros (PGA)	70
Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	73
John Kulhammer (Green Pond)	75
Bob Fritz (Manufacturers)	75

LOW AMATEUR

Dylan Spadt (Bethlehem)	71
Nick Lukow (Woodstone)	73
Adam Deraymond (Whitetail)	74
Craig Scott (Shawnee)	76

LOW SENIOR AMATEUR

TEAM LOW GROSS

Mike Furey (Mohoning Valley)	62
John Kulhammer (Green Pond)	63
Greg Meyer (Woodstone)	64

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Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)	57
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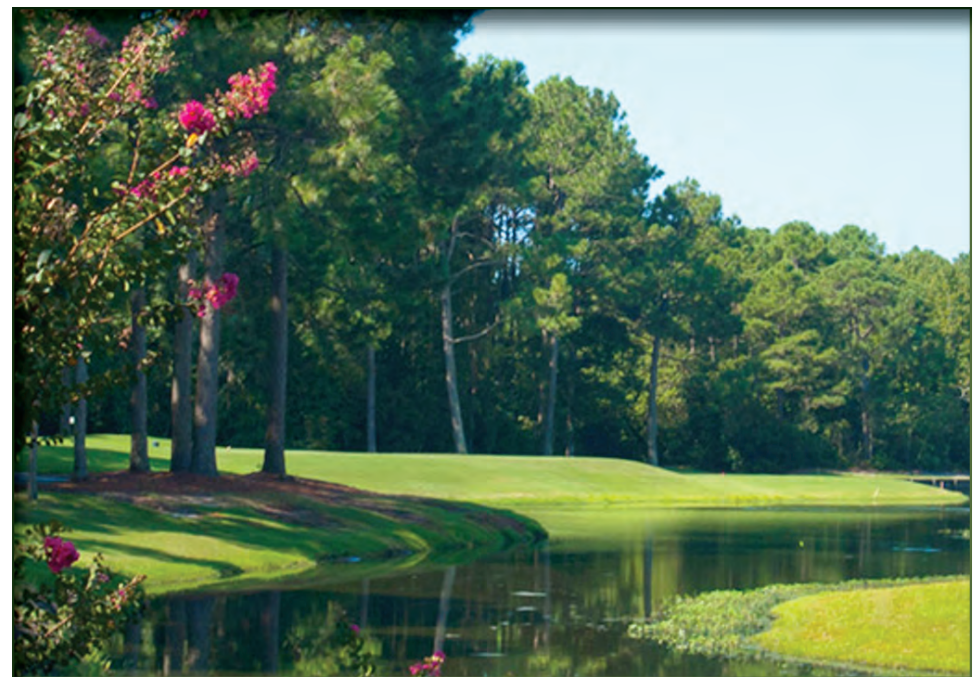
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Thistle And Sandpiper, At Sunset Beach



Thistle Golf Club Hole #2



Sandpiper Bay Golf & Country Club Piper Course

By John Zimich

Sunset Beach NC –Playing and visiting the Brunswick Islands golf courses recently reminded me of another golf media trip to that area a few years back. There we played several other golf courses that are beautiful and challenging.

They included the Thistle Golf Club located at Sunset Beach. This 27-hole layout is a Scottish links course nestled in the southern pines of North Carolina.

Here, one can find a serene atmosphere of nature preserves, lakes and large sand bunkers. Tim Cate, who also designed Cape Fear National, did a wonderful job with Thistle that features large rolling bent grass greens, all in the finest Scottish tradition.

Thistle Golf Club features one of the most beautiful and unique clubhouses one will encounter. Clubhouse mimics a Scottish castle and is a must to visit.

History notes that the Links of Leith in Edinburgh, Scotland, considered the birthplace of golf, were shared by many different clubs throughout the 1700 and 1800s. One of which was the Thistle Golf Club, sadly no longer in existence.

However, spiritually, the club name is kept alive by the Thistle Golf Club in Sunset Beach; an apparently commercial development of Thistle Estates.

There are three nines at the Thistle Golf Club: Cameron, Stewart and Mackay.

One of my favorite holes at the Stewart was the par 3 ninth hole with five sets of tees that measured anywhere from 110 to 211 yards. It required a force carry over water to an elevated green with bunkers. A picturesque hole for sure and one of many on this beautiful course that is always well conditioned with fast greens.

There's a similar par-3 on the Cameron Course. The shot is a demanding one to a peninsula green with water awaiting a stray shot. Two large bunkers lie short of the green. A par here is a good score.

The tee shot measures anywhere from 85 to 183 yards.

One of the signature holes at Thistle is Mackay's No. 7, a par 5 hole with yardage ranging from 360 yards to 555 depending on what tees are used.

One will be faced with two forced carries on this par-5 hole, the first is off the tree lined left side that prevents one from cutting the corner. A bunker awaits a shot at the dog leg.

Position is required here since the second force carry comes into a two-tiered green protected by a bunker and overhanging trees.

Thistle's excellence is reflected in award winning four and one-half star rating from Golf Digest for several straight years because of its outstanding course design, impeccable conditioning and phenomenal service.

Rates vary with the seasons and there are golf packages that are available. Daily fees range from \$64 to \$144, depending how far in advance one calls for tee time.

Times are available by calling 910-1444-2500 or by visiting www.thistlegolf.com.

Another Sunset Beach golf course that is a must to play is the Sandpiper Bay Golf and Country Club. It also features three different nine holes, including the Piper Course, Sand Course and Bay Course.

All three nines are great to play with superb conditions that feature MiniVerde greens, lush fairways and a beautiful clubhouse. Most feel Sandpiper carries the Best Value in the Brunswick Islands and Myrtle Beach.

This hidden gem has many interesting holes and is playable for both the average and high handicap players. There also is several sets of tees to play from to meet every golfer's needs.

Recently, the bunkers have been rebuilt with new sand. It's greens are of the Bermuda variety. There also was a tree removal project that was completed.

Golf Digest rewarded Sandpiper with a four stars rating while just a few years back it was awarded Golf Course of the Year by the Myrtle Beach Golf Course Owners Association.

The Piper Course features gentle dog legs and elevated tees and greens. There are three par-3 holes and three par-5 holes offering golfers several options of risk-reward par fives.

Sand Course traverses through a natural pine forest and also has an unusual combination of three par-3 holes and two par-5 ones.

All three of the courses bring water into play with the Bay Course having the most. There are two par-3s on the Bay with two par-5s.

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Ron Jaworski Just Acquired Ramblewood G.C.



Ramblewood Golf Course



Ramblewood Golf Course

By Mike Kern

Ron Jaworski's passion for golf started when he was a youngster.

"We had a 9-hole course in South Buffalo, where I went to junior high school," he recalled. "We used to have lunch breaks, and we'd walk over to a par 3, 110 yards over water. We had a club stashed away, and we'd sneak away and try to get it over the water. It was kind of cool to see if we could do it. And for some reason that always stayed in my mind.

"I always started on the second hole, because we couldn't afford (to pay). I don't know what the rates were. I snuck on. I'll be the first to admit it. I grew up in a hard-working blue-collar family who worked in a steel mill. If I paid money to play golf, my dad would have thrown me out of the house, you know. We didn't have that disposable kind of income. So we played eight holes."

All these years later, those roots still have an impact on his approach to the game. Not only does he play, but he's put together a golf empire of sorts in the Greater Delaware Valley. He just purchased Ramblewood Golf Course, a 27-hole facility just off Route 73 in Mount Laurel, N.J. That brings his total to seven, five of which are in the Garden State. Blue Heron Pines, down by the Shore, is probably the most well known. But Running Deer, in Pittsgrove, will be hosting a U.S. Open qualifier next year. And if you've seen what Jaws has been able to do with some of the properties he's brought, you know that it's all for the better.

He has a rather simple way he wants people to think of him: Jaws made golf fun.

"That's really how I look at it," said the former Eagles quarterback and current ESPN football analyst. "I want people to have a good time. They have enough problems at work, or whatever. I want them to take a deep breath and relax for a few hours.

"I love the social aspect of golf. I love the fact that you meet people, you hang out with people, you get to know them. I'll just go out and play with three guys. Let's go. We'll have a beer afterward. You know my philosophy. I want golf to be affordable. I will never overprice my golf course. I'll give them good conditions,

great service, a nice cold beer and it'll be affordable."

Jaworski said he's been looking at Ramblewood for about five years now. If nothing else, he does his homework. That's why he's a savvy businessman.

"The bones here are very, very good," he said. "It's very user friendly. The demographics, if you got on an airplane and flew around and said where do you want to put a golf course, it would probably be Mount Laurel. You literally have (Route) 295, the Jersey Turnpike, Atlantic City Expressway, 73, population, corporate presence, hotels. It seems like everything stops right here. So the location is absolutely phenomenal. And with 27 holes, you can do a lot of rounds."

But he knows that golf courses are not successful any more based on greens fees alone. That's why Jaworski puts just as much emphasis on the hospitality component. And it's paying off.

"You have to make everything work," he stressed. "The golf course has to work, the pro shop has to work, merchandise, the Seven Tap & Tavern, the bar, grill and food has to work. And we focus on weddings. A place like Valley Brook (in Blackwood) did 92 this year. Running Deer had 74. Downingtown is killing it with weddings. It's a magnificent facility. We just built this big old wedding pavilion there. Blue Heron is doing great as well. You want to get married right there (next to the course). It's great. You walk in and there's a cocktail and a ballroom (inside). My wife does all that. I'll take the credit for the golf course, but I'm not picking out colors."

It's always been a family affair. His son and two daughters are also a big part of the operation. Maybe that's a big part of the reason he's doing so well with this side of his life. It looks like he's enjoying the heck out of it. And he has no plans to stop any time soon. If anything, he's always looking for ways to expand.

"It's kind of interesting, being in the business," Jaws explained. "There's kind of this undercurrent. You're dealing with sales people all the time, and they're saying X, Y and Z isn't paying their bills. So you kind of get a feeling something might be in trouble, that sort of thing. There's always signs a golf course might be deteriorating. I knew (Ramblewood) was having some issues. The owner,

Ron Jaworski continued on page 37

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The direction for Antigua's 2016 men's fashion golfwear reflects current trends taking shape in fashion, from couture to ready-to-wear. The palette influence has swung from the previous season's electrified brights to now expressing the most up-to-date and utmost simplistic bright color stories found universally in fashion products from shoes, bags and belts to men's and women's golfwear. The primary color story is succinctly 2016, and propels this new men's collection.

What makes this season's color palette so unique is not the individual use of any of these colors -- years past have seen a bright red included in a color story or a bright green as a complement to an otherwise soft palette - it is the simultaneous use of all of, and only the primary colors.

Antigua's Spring 2016 men's fashion styles complement the color direction. Clean to their core. This season's collection of golfwear styles and styling details equally mirror the momentum that fashion giants and forecasters alike have committed

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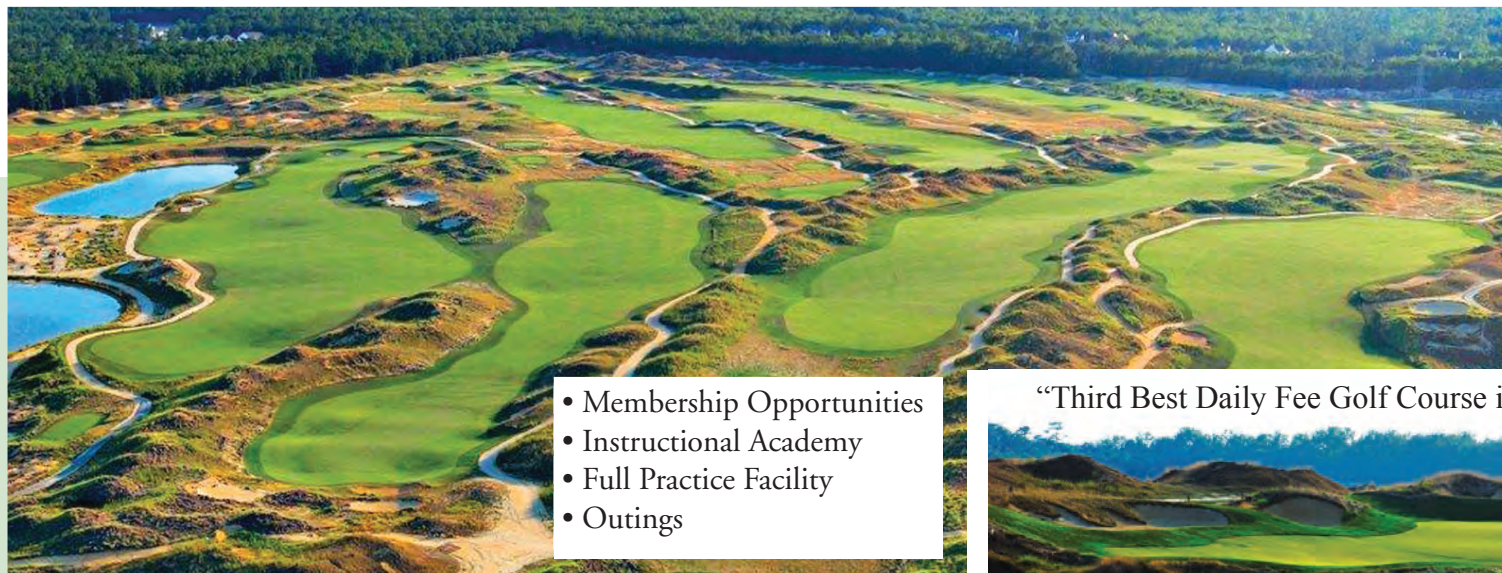
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Island Green Par 3 #13



Ron Jaworski at Blue Heron Golf Club

Ron Jaworski from page 31

Richard Goodwin (who founded the club in early 1960s), was moving to Denver, so he wasn't paying attention. John is his son, and I kept him and Hal (Goodwin) on our staff. They know the property and the community, all those things, so when there's a problem they can look at it ... I'm looking at other (potential courses) as we speak, that are having challenging times.

"You have to buy right. You can't overpay, or you're fighting upstream the whole time. Kind of the good thing is, for years I did all these pretty much myself. It was my money. And then it got to the point where I couldn't grow the company. The banks would say I was carrying too much debt. That's when I decided to bring partners in, and they get a preferential return. They love it. They get an annual check, and it's taken some of the risk off my personal statement. I've spread it around. The record is so good, I'm able to show that to prospective partners.

"I did foresee this. The only problem now is I'm getting older. I still have great energy. But my son (BJ) is 32. I'd love to continue to build this, because I love the game and I love the people you meet."

And it all stated with another 9-hole layout.

"In 1979, we managed Abington Country Club, which was part of a tennis facility with a health club and a restaurant," Jaworski said. "Guys like John Bunting, my teammate, were partners. I learned the business from head pro Hugh Reilly. We were partners at Twining Valley, which was formerly Burn Brae. Then in 1984 Tall Pines (in South Jersey) became available. That was the first one I purchased. The others were managed. It's amazing how quickly you learn the business when you pay \$1.6 million. I was still playing football at the time. When you put your hard-earned dollars into it, it's different.

"When we first brought Running Deer, people thought I was nuts. We put a lot of blood, sweat and money into that property, and now we've got over 350 members. I tell people it's not for everybody, unless you want to be challenged. It's 7,600 yards from the tips. I don't go back there."

One of the neat things about having seven courses is you can offer a Double Eagle package that allows you to play all the courses.

"It's been a great sales mechanism," Jaws said. "You don't want to play the



Julius ' Dr. J' Erving, Herman Edwards, Michelle Wie, Ron Jworski and Joe Flacco attend the Ron Jaworski's Celebrity Golf Challenge May 20, 2013 same course all the time. You want to move around. You might work up here but spend your summers at the Jersey shore. Participation was up last year, for the first time in about a decade. Let's build on that.

"Everything can be bad, if you don't operate it right. We change our model too. I played Running Deer with three members that are women. I wanted to find out what they thought about the course. I learned a lot. These are good players. I saw where they hit it. The next day I called our regional superintendent. We'd already built some new tees. I wanted more. I want to make it friendly for women. I don't want par 4s to play like a par 6 for them. Same with junior golfers. You can't make courses just for elite players. You can make it competitive for everyone. You can't eliminate women and kids. That's a large part of the market. If you want to play from the tips, go right ahead. So you have to talk to people. Not only that, but you have to listen. You can learn something."

The thing I've learned most about Jaws over the years is never underestimate him. He might surprise you. He keeps taking courses and improving them. Where it goes next, only he knows. But I know this: I can't wait to see Ramblewood after he's had a year or two to work on it. His track record suggests it'll be well worth the wait. See Blue Heron Pines, as exhibit A.

Just don't try to sneak on at the second hole.

I hadn't played Ramblewood in about 35 years. So it brought back some memories. Thanks to Jaws, now I may even get to create new ones.

TAP-INS: On June 13, for the 32nd straight year, Jaws will be hosting his Celebrity Golf Challenge at his Blue Heron Pines course. Last year, for the first time, the NFL Alumni also got involved. The event has been a huge success for over three decades now. Proceeds support Jaws Youth Playbook and the NFL Alumni Association's "Caring for Our Own" programs. There is also a Pairings Party the night before at Harrah's Casino. So far Jaws has raised more than \$4.5 million. Last year's charitable donation was over \$200,000. For more information go to JawsCelebrityGolf.com. For sponsorship or volunteer opportunities call the Tournament Office at (856) 848-4437 or NFL Alumni Managing Director Samantha Arnone at (973) 241-4790. Past celebrity guests have included Tom Brady, Dan Marino, Michelle Wie, Joe Flacco and Julius Erving, to mention just a few.

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