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Reynolds Plantation Takes Rightful Place Atop List of America's Great Golf Resorts

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By Tony Leodora

There are a number of rewards that come with embracing the golfing lifestyle. At the top of the list is golf travel.

Seeing the country while playing the game of golf provides a never-ending treasure of rich memories. And those memories reach the highest level when visiting one of the great golf resorts of America.

There are a number of heralded resorts that offer all of the elements – multiple great golf layouts on one site, a variety of accommodations that range from comfortable to luxurious, outstanding restaurants, and plenty of other activities to fill the hours not spent on the golf course.

The names roll off the tongue – Pinehurst, Barefoot Resort in Myrtle Beach, Palmetto Dunes on Hilton Head Island, Doral and Innisbrook in Florida, Pebble Beach, Whistling Straits. The mere mention of these places transports golfers into daydream mode, and plants the seed for plans that will result in the next great golf trip.

Reynolds Plantation, in the lake country of Georgia – about 75 miles northeast of Atlanta – is one of those properties. In fact, after considering all of the factors, it might be at the top of the list.

Reynolds Plantation is a 10,000 acre collection of properties and golf courses developed along the picturesque shores of Georgia's massive Lake Oconee. It is conveniently close enough to Atlanta, and all of its travel connections, despite seemingly being light years away from all of the hustle and bustle.

Twenty years ago it was a little known upstart of a golf resort that was tucked away in a very rural part of the Georgia countryside. With the addition of golf courses, a variety of accommodations, residential properties and acclaimed restaurants, it has grown into one of the most special golf locations in the country.

Of course, when talking about world-class golf resorts, every discussion must begin with the quality of the golf courses. Reynolds offers 99 holes of golf open to the public – plus another outstanding 18-hole private layout – all within the confines of the property. It is the ultimate combination of convenience and excellence.

"You would be hard-pressed to find this combination of outstanding golf and accommodations on one property anywhere in the world," says Mark Lammi, director of golf operations at Reynolds Plantation. "Plus, with the variety of great golf courses, designed by great golf architects, you could play here for the rest of your life and never get bored."

Lammi, a native of Easton, Pennsylvania, knows all about the attraction that Reynolds Plantation poses to golfers from the North. He studied the golf industry in the Penn State Professional Golf Management Program and it didn't take long for him to decide that his golf future was on the shores of Lake Oconee.

"Once you make the move to Georgia's lake country, you get stuck here," Lammi admitted. The golf is the first attraction. Everything else solidifies the decision."

The first golf course that started drawing attention to Reynolds Plantation was the Plantation Course – designed by Bob Cupp, with collaboration from famed professional golfers Fuzzy Zoeller and Hubert Green. It opened in 1988 and immediately shined the spotlight on Reynolds Plantation.

The Plantation Course used the rolling hills of the interesting natural terrain and combined it with vistas of beautiful Lake Oconee. The fairways were cut from among the towering pine trees and the layout demands shotmaking skills from the golfers. It is the shortest of all courses at Reynolds and is appealing to players of all skill levels.

Another Bob Cupp design, The Landing, actually predates the Plantation Course. At the time of its opening, in 1986, it was known as Port Armor and stood as one of the more difficult courses in Georgia. It was later purchased, the name was changed, and it was added to the Reynolds Plantation collection.

The Great Waters Course, a Jack Nicklaus Signature design, opened in 1992. It features the most holes (nine) directly on the shores of Lake Oconee of any course at Reynolds Plantation and immediately achieved a national reputation.

A renovation of the green complexes and the bunkering in 2009 enhanced the quality of the Great Waters Course. It recently was chosen to host the first-ever Big Break Invitational, a 72-hole made-for-television tournament that featured a select field of 40 past champions from the Big Break television show. It was televised live on The Golf Channel.

The National Course opened in 1997, featuring 18 holes of natural beauty designed by Tom Fazio. An additional nine holes were added in 2000. Fazio made use of impressive elevations, as well as some inspirational vistas of Lake Oconee to create an unforgettable experience.

Dense forests of hardwoods, pines and flowering wild dogwoods provide the backdrop to some of Lake Oconee's most dramatic lakefront topography. An extensive renovation in 2014 included converting the greens to Champion Bermuda.

Rees Jones joined the all-star team of golf course architects at Reynolds Plantation in 2002, with the opening of his Oconee Course. Again, much of the lake comes into play on this challenging layout, but Jones added some additional dramatic features.

The Oconee Course is an idyllic sanctuary, providing a pure, undisturbed setting for golf. Jones added a series of small waterfalls, flowing from greenside creeks, that enhance the beauty at the same time they increase the difficulty. The finishing three holes are an unforgettable crescendo to the trip around the Oconee Course.

The Creek Club, designed by architect Jim Engh, opened in 2007 and provided a private course for both residents and visitors to Reynolds Plantation. It is a stark contrast to the rest of the courses at Reynolds Plantation, with

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ParaLong Drive World Championship Builds Case For Golf's Inclusion in 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo

By Eddie Caiazzo

MESQUITE, NV -- Las Vegas is where Americans go to view the best shows, concerts and live events in the entire country. The star-power and production quality is of the highest standard, all in the middle of the desert. But an hour northwest of Las Vegas is the small town of Mesquite, Nevada. With a population of a little more than 16,000, it has become the home to a different kind of superstar...The Long Driver. And now, the ParaLong Driver.

For first-time visitors to Mesquite, a trip to the desert is an eye-popping experience. Rock formations of the most brilliant shades of red and orange frame a picture that is straight out of the Old West. Towns are miles apart with only a thin ribbon of highway cutting through the desert solitude. Cell phones may lose reception in the desert and travelers coming from long distances away may suffer a bit of fatigue ... but nothing seemed to deter those who traveled from around the world to participate in the first ever ParaLong Drive World Championships. After all, they have already overcome greater obstacles.

The ParaLong Drive Worlds included competitors from seven different countries (U.S., Canada, Australia, England, Israel, The Netherlands and South Africa), all competing for long drive glory. ParaLong Drive allows disabled golfers from all walks of life to challenge themselves against the best in the world, based on category of disability.

The divisions for competition were paramobile, one-arm assisted and unassisted, leg below knee amputees, leg above knee amputees, vision impaired, hypermobile and traumatic brain injury hitters. The first ever women's division also squared off on the grid. These world-class competitors are proving to themselves, the Paralympic committee and the world that golf is a universal cure to immobility.

The event took place in mid-October, under perfect weather conditions. Day One began at Conestoga Golf Club in Mesquite for a friendly skills competition. Different participants had a meet and greet with each other, along with event-planners responsible for the gathering: Bryan Dangerfield (Director of Athletic Events for Mesquite, NV), Geno Withelder (Mayor Pro Tem of Mesquite, NV), Dean Jarvis (Amputee Long Drive Championship Founder) and Brad Clayton (PGA Master Professional in Teaching). Clayton, in from Oxford, NC, was also a participant in the one-arm assisted division of the ParaLong Drive Worlds and very optimistic about the direction of this event for the future.

"This is just the beginning," says Clayton. "This will grow to include more than just amputees participating in skills challenges other than Long Drive. With more people getting involved, we expect to have local qualifiers next year with Mesquite being the final stop, this will definitely become more competitive with time."

The skills competition included a chipping contest into a target as well as a putting



Adam Benza from Hellertown, PA looking to help grow the ParaLong Drive event

contest around various obstacles laid out on the practice green. On the two days following the Skills Competition, the atmosphere changed. The rock music provided a lively backdrop, the hitters began blasting Bridgestone e7 golf balls into the desert and the main part of the competition took place. The venue was the Mesquite Sports and Events Complex, home of the RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship, and also home to the first united ParaLong Drive event in May. The ParaLong Drive Nationals (May 2014) included two ParaLong drivers hitting the ball more than 400 yards.

Brendon Jacks, of Prescott Valley, Arizona, a below the knee leg amputee, was the first ParaLong driver to top the 400-yard mark. But his record would not last long, as Jared Brentz of Nashville, Tennessee, a double below-the-knee amputee, would best him for the title driving the ball 409 yards. Both drives drew national and international attention from the media and others in the sport, and the idea for the ParaLong Drive Worlds was born.

Stemming from the Paralympic committee rejection of golf as a Paralympic sport in 2016, many hitters and fans are making the case for long drive. For some in the golf industry who complain about pace of play, long drive is the perfect solution – requiring only a 500-yard long grid and a few tee-boxes.

"It just makes sense," professes Dean Jarvis, an above the knee amputee and founder of the Amputee Long Drive Championship. Jarvis was instrumental in creating the ParaLong Drive National and World competitions. "You have so many people with disabilities who want to play golf. Well this is how to do it!"

Many other organizations were well represented in support of the ParaLong Drive Worlds. Sharing the same sentiment as Jarvis, EQ Sylvester of the Freedom Golf Association (FGAgolf.org), himself a triple amputee, could not have agreed more.

"There are over 18,000,000 disabled people interested in playing the game of golf," exclaimed Sylvester. "Even if only five percent of that number was taught how to play in some capacity, that's almost a hundred thousand new people playing the game."

Adam Benza, from Hellertown, PA was one of the participants in the Worlds competition. He was not only in town trying to go for a world championship title, but more to network with people like Dean Jarvis, EQ Sylvester and Brad Clayton about growing the game among people with different disabilities. Benza, 28-years old, had his right leg removed below the knee after battling Ewing's Sarcoma as a child.

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Four Myrtle Beach Courses Earn Spot on Golf Magazine's List of "Top 100 You Can Play"



Caledonia Golf & Fish Club Hole # 18



The Dunes Golf & Beach Club Hole # 9

Grand Strand Also Dominates List of Best Public Courses in South Carolina

Myrtle Beach, S.C. – Four Myrtle Beach golf courses have earned a spot on Golf Magazine's list of the "Top 100 Courses You Can Play," a biennial ranking of the nation's best public courses that was unveiled in the September issue of the magazine.

Additionally, the Grand Strand dominated the magazine's list of the "Best Courses Near You," a ranking of public courses in each state. "Myrtle Beach has as many great layouts as any destination in America, and Golf Magazine's Top 100 You Can Play rankings are further affirmation of the quality of golf we offer," said Bill Golden, Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday's president. "We were very proud of being voted Best Golf Destination by readers of USA Today, and we are equally happy to receive the critical acclaim of one of the game's most respected media outlets."

Caledonia Golf & Fish Club, the area's highest ranked course, was 27th on the "Top 100 You Can Play" list. **The Dunes Golf & Beach Club** was No. 42, followed by **True Blue** at No. 77 and the **Love Course at Barefoot Resort** at No. 85.

Seven of the 10 best public golf courses in the Palmetto State are located in Myrtle Beach and 13 of 20 overall, according to Golf Magazine. In a state renowned for its golf, Myrtle Beach's dominance is a powerful testament to depth and quality of the area's offerings.

Caledonia was ranked the third best public course in South Carolina, followed by Dunes Club (No. 4), True Blue (No. 6), Love Course (No. 7), Tidewater (No. 8), Fazio Course at Barefoot (No. 9), TPC Myrtle Beach (No. 10), Dye Course at Barefoot Resort (No. 13),

Grande Dunes (No. 15), King's North at Myrtle Beach National (No. 16), Heritage Club (No. 17), Pawleys Plantation (No. 19), and Heathland at Legends Resort (No. 20).

The Grand Strand was well represented in the North Carolina rankings as well, with four of the Tar Heel state's top 20 layouts residing in Brunswick County.

On the North Carolina side of the border, Leopard's Chase at Ocean Ridge Plantation was the ninth ranked course in the state, followed by No. 11 Tiger's Eye at Ocean Ridge, No. 13 Rivers Edge, and No. 19 Oyster Bay.

About Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday

Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday is a non-profit trade association comprised of 79 championship golf courses and 99 golf package providers in the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina area. Founded in 1967, the organization continues to be the driving force behind the growth of the region's thriving golf market. The originator of the "Stay and Play Package," Golf Holiday provides non-biased information about accommodations and golf courses to assist golfers in making the most informed decisions when planning for their next vacation.

Golf Holiday also hosts seven events and tournaments annually to help to foster continued growth of the game. In addition to hosting the Hootie & the Blowfish Monday After The Masters Celebrity Pro-Am Golf Tournament each spring, Golf Holiday also manages the Myrtle Beach World Amateur Handicap Championship – the world's largest single-site amateur golf tournament, the Palmetto High School Golf Championships, the Veterans Golf Classic and the Myrtle Beach Never Forgets Memorial Golf Outing.



True Blue Hole # 1



Barefoot Resort Love Course Hole # 4

Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday Launches Inaugural Myrtle Beach Preseason Classic



True Blue Clubhouse

54-Hole Event Will Be Played in February

Myrtle Beach, S.C. -- Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday announces the inaugural Myrtle Beach Preseason Classic will be played February 2-4 on six of the area's most popular courses. The courses hosting the 54-hole tournament will be True Blue, Glen Dornoch, The Witch, Wild Wing Avocet, Tradition Club and Panther's Run.

Cost of entry, which includes golf, a Sunday welcome party with complementary food and drinks, a welcome gift, a Wednesday awards lunch and more, is just \$195 per person. The event is limited to

the first 100 teams. Individuals are welcome to signup and they will be paired with another single.

The two-man team event will feature a different format of play each day and teams will be flighted based on their USGA handicap. Teams will play best ball in the event's opening round, followed by combined net team score and a Texas scramble.

"The Myrtle Beach Preseason Classic is an ideal way for golfers to kickoff their 2015 season," said Jeff Monday, MBGH's tournament director. "The tournament formats are player friendly, the courses are outstanding, and our February weather is typically good, especially when compared to what our friends in the Northeast and Midwest experience."

The golf course lineup, which features some of the best layouts in Myrtle Beach and all of America, will be the event's primary attraction.

Glen Dornoch is one of the Myrtle Beach area's most popular courses. The layout is renowned for the difficulty and beauty of its three finishing holes, all of which bring the Intracoastal Waterway into play.

Panther's Run was the second of Ocean Ridge Plantation's quartet of Big Cats, and the Tim Cate design is a 4.5-star course, according to Golf Digest. With pristine greens and a creative layout, Panther's Run is a long-time favorite.

The Witch is one of Dan Maples finest works. The course plays through a cypress swamp and is as pretty as it is daunting. There is no housing, giving golfers an opportunity to experience the area's native terrain, traversing the swamps on more than 4,000 feet of bridges.

Tradition Club is the Myrtle Beach area's only Ron Garl design. As the name implies, this 4.5-star layout is a classic design and has long been one of the Myrtle Beach area's most underrated tracks.

True Blue is 77th on Golf Magazine's prestigious list of the "Top 100 You Can Play," a ranking of the nation's best public courses. The Mike Strantz design is one the area's boldest and best. Everything at True Blue is big – the fairways, greens, bunkers and most of all, the fun.

The Avocet Course at Wild Wing is a Larry Nelson design that counts playability among its greatest strengths, highlighted by the 308-yard 14th hole, one of the area's shortest par 4s and a very good risk-reward challenge.

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Atlantic City-Area Courses Dominate GOLF Magazine's 2014 Rankings of New Jersey's Best



Atlantic City Country Club Hole # 15



Ballamor Hole # 3

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (August 2014) — No surprise to golfers who tee it up regularly around famed Atlantic City, N.J., but the area received some well-deserved recognition in the September issue of GOLF Magazine featuring the “Top 100 Courses You Can Play.”

Atlantic City-area courses dominated the 2014 GOLF Magazine rankings in New Jersey. “Baby, you were born to run ... to the Jersey Shore for golf,” writes GOLF Magazine Architectural Editor Joe Passov. In addition, as part of GOLF's biennial rankings of the best public golf courses in the United States, the magazine also ranked the best courses in every state.

Atlantic City Country Club ranked No. 75 overall in America and No. 1 in New Jersey. “If you're serious about the game and great courses, spend the cash and play Atlantic City Country Club,” writes Passov. “The ACCC delivers on service, pace of play and a scenic, historic course restored by Tom Doak.”

Most importantly, further illustrating the quality of so many Atlantic City golf courses, six of GOLF Magazine's Top 10 in New Jersey for 2014, as well as 10 of the Top 15 and 11 of the Top 20 in “The Best Courses Near You” are members of the Greater Atlantic City Golf Association (GACGA).

Ballamor in Egg Harbor Township comes in at No. 5 among New Jersey's finest public access golf courses. “Ballamor was private until 2010, but its large lakes, vast sand splashes and multi-tiered greens are now open to all,” wrote Passov.

One spot back at No. 6 in the state is Ballamor's friendly, Egg Harbor Township neighbor, **Twisted Dune**. “For faux-links fans,” wrote Passov, “Twisted Dune is a Garden State must.”

Rounding out GOLF's 2014 Top 10 in New Jersey are **Shore Gate** in Ocean View (No. 8), Seaview

(Bay) in Galloway (No. 9) and Scotland Run in Williamstown (No. 10).

GOLF's next 10 in New Jersey included Sea Oaks in Little Egg Harbor Township (No. 11), Blue Heron Pines in Cologne (No. 13), Seaview (Pines) in Galloway (No. 14), Vineyard at Renault in Egg Harbor (No. 15) and Sand Barrens in Swainton (No. 17).

GOLF Magazine's 2014 Top Courses You Can Play in New Jersey:

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| No. 1 Atlantic City Country Club | No. 5 Ballamor | No. 6 Twisted Dune |
| No. 8 Shore Gate | No. 9 Seaview (Bay) | No. 10 Scotland Run |
| No. 11 Sea Oaks | No. 13 Blue Heron Pines | No. 14 Seaview (Pines) |
| No. 15 Vineyard at Renault | No. 17 Sand Barrens | |

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Twisted Dune Hole # 16



Shore Gate Course Hole # 5



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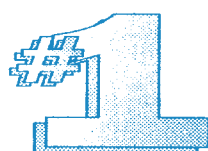
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By MIKE KERN

Have you ever had an opportunity to watch a PGA Tour player hit golf balls up close and personal? It can be some experience, because they just make it look so easy. And of course the rest of us know it isn't, from experience.

Anyway, I recently got to catch up with Sean O'Hair, the only player at that level from the Philadelphia area. Now based in Chadds Ford, where he's moved to with his wife and four children, O'Hair's career has been a struggle the past couple of seasons. But after managing to keep his Tour card for the second straight year by making enough money in the final four events on the Web.com circuit, he shot 64-68 on the weekend at the PGA's McGladrey Classic in Sea Island, Ga., where he finished 17th. That's, as he put it, his first Top 25 in "awhile." And the first time he'd closed with a 132 since the 2008 Arnold Palmer Invitational, where he lost by three to the guy formerly known as Tiger Woods.

"It gives you that energy," said O'Hair, who was once ranked 12th in the world before falling well off the radar. "I really need a pat on the ass. Golf has a tendency of just beating you down into the dirt."

O'Hair played with a new set of Taylor Made irons at McGladrey. A set he'd only practiced with for nine holes before putting them in his bag for the tournament. Hey, you still have to hit the shots. But he felt the clubs did make a difference.

He's been with the equipment company for over a decade. And he thinks this is the best irons they've produced. At least for him and his game. And the best thing for us is, everyone can get them. They'll be coming out soon, in three models. Sean is actually using the ones more geared for zero to 10 handicappers, rather than the blade look that many pros prefer.

They're called RSi. And Sean showed up at his new club, Malvern's White Manor, to demonstrate them and help introduce the launch. So between answering questions he kept hitting 6-irons to a 180-yard par 3, with a bunker in front. Almost every one had a high trajectory and landed within 20-25 feet of the pin. All were about the same distance, which he maintains is the real key to consistency, even though he understands why the average guy or gal is always looking for more distance. That's not an issue for him. Even his slight mis-hits weren't too far off the mark. The technology really did appear to work as advertised. What a concept.

TaylorMade gathered results from thousands of club fittings which revealed that 76 percent of all shots aren't hit in the center of the face. So it came up with an innovation to enlarge the sweet spot that it feels so confident about the plan is to keep these irons on the market for two years instead of the customary one. Again, some concept.

"No golfer is perfect," said Tomo Bystedt, TaylorMade's Director of Product Creation for irons, putters and wedges. "We're giving golfers (something) that can help their mis-hits perform more like pure strikes."

Hey, count this bogey golfer in.

Two years ago, TaylorMade came out with the RocketBallz fairway wood, which introduced their Speed Pockets. Face Slot Technology is the next step, applied to irons to activate the toe and heel areas to provide more uniform flexion across the face. Hence more of that all-important yet elusive forgiveness. I know this much: they felt good when you put them in your hands. And while I didn't hit shots like O'Hair, I did notice in my brief time on the range that they could become my new best friend.

Just saying.

Without getting too technical with the details, the RSi 2 (or mid-range option that O'Hair is using) offers Progressive Multi-Material Construction. Cast with 450 stainless steel with tungsten weighting to promote a lower CG and slightly higher flight. The high-strength material allows the mid-irons to have a thinner face. The short irons incorporate forged faces to promote feel and accuracy, while the wedges are completely forged. I particularly liked the look of the wedges, maybe because they're the clubs I rely on the most. The sets come stock with an all-new KBS Tour 105 shaft.

For more information you can check out their website. They'll be available at select TaylorMade retailers in mid-November. And they'll go retail two months later.

As for Sean, he's hoping that at 32 he still has a lot of big-time golf left in him. He has four PGA victories, but none since 2011. He's finished in the Top 25 (including two Top 10s) in eight of his 25 majors, but he hasn't played in any of the last eight.

"If you're willing to learn, life can teach you a lot of lessons," he said. "I've asked myself a questions about a lot of things I never thought I'd have to deal with, to be quite honest. I wasn't doing something right. It made me re-think a little bit. You get to the point where you say, 'Do I really want to do this?' I've been smart with my money. I can do whatever I want. But that's not what I want. I haven't achieved any of the things I want to do in this game."

"I started at rock bottom. I turned pro when I was 17. Not a lot of guys can say that. They've always been kind of the golden child. All of a sudden they start struggling. I don't think they necessarily know how to fight through it. I've been doing that all my life. Am I willing to do it again, from scratch? I don't look at myself as an obsolete golfer. There's no doubt in my mind my best golf's ahead of me. Once you lose that belief, you're screwed. And there's a million guys waiting in line who are willing to put the time in. To not be up there, it's a kick in the (groin)."

"It's been an eye-opening experience, because I think I have taken certain things for granted. It gets complicated. You have a family, it's not just about you anymore. You have obligations. (My wife) and I are trying to figure it out. And with bigger kids come bigger problems. If not for the kids, I couldn't care about money. But you worry for them. Thank God I have a wife that's there for me and takes responsibility for that burden. Life's just been upside-down the last few years, with certain things. You start thinking about stupid stuff, stuff you don't need to be thinking about."

It's a journey. Nobody said it's supposed to be easy, or fair. You deal with everything as it comes, and try to make the best of it. He's clearly in it for the long term.

"I listened to too many people," he acknowledged. "You've got to block out all that and say, 'I know how to do this.' I just think for the first time in my career, my swing's simple right now. It sounds weird, but it doesn't feel like I'm trying to do anything (with it). I had to stop from trying to change things."

"It's funny, but someone told me the other day, 'I'm waiting for you to turn 36.' I asked him, 'Why's that?' He said, 'I think you're going to just be unstoppable. You're going to be like (Steve) Stricker.' I hope so. That sounds awfully good. His point was, my life will be a little more in order, I'll be a little more settled in. I want to be one of the top players in the game. I still think I can do that. You can't go from the outhouse to the penthouse over night. I'm not out of the water yet. It takes a lot of work." And maybe the right tools in his hands to help him reach those highest stages again.



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PowerBilt's Air Force One DFX Worth A Serious Look



PowerBilt Air Force One DFX benefits from nitrogen-pressurized head
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By Reid Nelson

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Let's face it. PowerBilt isn't the big name in golf that it once was – not like when caddies for the likes of Fuzzy Zoeller, Bobby Nichols, Larry Mize, Frank Beard, Gay Brewer and Miller Barber were toting PowerBilt's signature bright orange bags to more than 120 Tour victories, including eight majors.

But PowerBilt is still making some first-rate equipment, backed up by some of the industry's 'cutting edge' R&D. In fact, the absence of the iconic orange PowerBilt bags from today's professional tours should not be viewed as a reflection on the quality of the company's clubs, but as evidence of a business decision to invest in research and technology rather than spending tons of dollars on endorsements and sponsorships.

A product of PowerBilt's considerable research and development is its Air Force One line of metalwoods, the only clubs in golf with heads pressurized with nitrogen. Several years back, MetroGolfMag.com reviewed the first Air Force One driver and we were favorably impressed. But this year, PowerBilt has redesigned the AFO, giving it a deeper face and a new look at address. And to borrow from some popular movie critics, we give the 2014 Air Force One two thumbs up.

But before getting into any subjective critique, let's look at the physics of the new Air Force One DFX. By filling the head with compressed nitrogen, PowerBilt

was able to provide consistent support to the thinnest driver face in golf without adding unnecessary weight to the head. By pressurizing the entire head, engineers "charged" the entire face, creating a sweet spot that is not limited by the placement of metal reinforcements, and maximized the COR – coefficient of restitution or what is commonly referred to as trampoline effect – to produce more consistent distance and feel across a much larger area of the face.

Why nitrogen? For the same reason many auto experts recommend nitrogen over plain compressed air for tires. Pure nitrogen is less reactive to temperature and atmospheric pressure changes and holds far less water vapor than the air we breathe (which is only 78 percent nitrogen, 21 percent oxygen and one percent other gases).

So much for the technical data; how does the Air Force One DFX perform in real life?

Testing a 9.5-degree model, mounted with a Fujikura Fuel S-60 shaft, the first thing we noticed was the classic and clean look of the club at address. Unlike the first AFO head, which looked closed at address, the 2014 DFX version sits very square, giving the reasonably skilled player confidence in the ability to work the ball either way with relative ease. And because the face is five millimeters, or 0.19685 inches, deeper than the original AFO face, the head appears more compact, giving the club a powerful look at address.

Performance-wise, the AFO DFX provides a solid feel and consistent distance across the face, with very little distance loss on marginally mis-hit drives, either toward the toe or heel. But candidly, the shaping of the deep, compact – heel to toe – face of the AFO makes it difficult to miss the sweet spot, something we proved with impact tape we applied to the face to mark the exact strike. As the face angle at address suggested, the AFO is easy to "work" in either direction. Further, the deep face seemed to be especially beneficial when playing drives into a headwind. The deep face and the reduced spin – another benefit of nitrogen charging, according to PowerBilt technicians – combined to produce drives that bored through the wind without "ballooning."

Bottom line is, the PowerBilt Air Force One is a serious driver for anyone serious about golf, regardless of skill level or handicap. The forgiveness of the club make it a reasonable choice for handicap players, but the look, feel and workability of the club make it a solid fit for skilled golfers, as well. And the distance and performance of the club are going to surprise anyone willing to give it a test drive.

The Air Force One DFX is available in two models, both with a forged titanium body and titanium cup face technology. A high MOI model is available in 9.5- (right hand only), 10.5- and 12.5-degree lofts. With a proprietary Fujikura shaft standard, the club is \$249.00 direct from PowerBilt through the company's website. The Tour Series, \$299.99, also offers a 8.5-degree model for right-handers, as well as a variety of "stock" shaft options from Fujikura, Aldila and Graphite Design. It should be pointed out that these are the "real" shafts straight from the OEM and not some dumbed-down version of a premium shaft model. Numerous other premium shafts from manufacturers like Oban and Mitsubishi Diamana are also available for an upcharge.

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CHARLESTON, SC., Oct. 31, 2014 – The International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) recently named Charleston the Golf Destination of the Year North America at its annual IAGTO Awards Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony took place on Oct. 30 at the International Golf Travel Market (IGTM) in Lake Como, Italy.

Home to 19 championship courses including Kiawah Island's Ocean Course (host site of the 1991 Ryder Cup, 2007 Senior PGA and 2012 PGA Championships), 60 miles of breathtaking coastline, award-winning dining and historic downtown offerings, the Charleston area's unique combination of both on and off course offerings make it a premier destination for a golf vacation.

“To be named North America's Golf Destination of the Year by the IAGTO is a huge honor and strengthens our ability to showcase worldwide all that Charleston has to offer golfers year-round” said Ed Riggs, chairman of Charleston & Resort Islands Golf. “We are grateful to carry forward the global recognition the Charleston area received this year as host of IAGTO's annual North America Golf Tourism Convention.”

The IAGTO Awards were established in 2000 to reward a few exceptional contributions to the world of golf travel. IAGTO's 500+ golf tour operators from 61 different countries vote for Golf Destination of the Year winners in each of five regional categories: North America, Latin America and Caribbean; Europe, Africa and Gulf States; and Asia and Australia. Operators were asked to consider the following criteria when voting: customer satisfaction, quality of golf courses and accommodation, value for money, professional conduct of suppliers, support from the local tourism industry and accessibility to tee times.

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IAGTO's membership comprises 2,160 accredited golf tour operators, golf resorts, hotels, golf courses, receptive operators, airlines, tourist boards, approved media and business partners in 96 countries including, at its core, 525 specialist golf tour operators in 61 countries. It is estimated that IAGTO's operators control over 85 percent of golf vacation and holiday packages sold worldwide and with economic turnover of over \$1 billion per year. IAGTO is headquartered in London. For more information on IAGTO, please visit www.iagto.com.

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Hall of Fame Golfer Gary Player at Skippack Golf Club

By *Tony Leodora*

How do you get Hall of Fame golfer and international celebrity Gary Player to visit the tiny village of Skippack, in Montgomery County?

More difficult, how do you get him to spend an evening at Skippack GC, the affordable daily fee course that has been a mainstay of recreation activity in the community for more than 50 years?

It's relatively easy when a beloved grandson makes the request.

Luke Pain, a 16-year-old student at nearby Perkiomen Valley High School, happens to be the grandson of Player. Four years ago he prevailed upon his grandfather to do a clinic at Skippack GC, raising money for a charity that Pain had chosen as part of his Eagle Scout project.

On September 25 the event was repeated. Pain put together the event, in conjunction with the staff at Skippack GC, and Player obliged.

Not only did he oblige ... but the soon-to-be 79-year-old astounded the 100 golf fans who paid \$50 to attend the clinic.

First he spent time doing the GolfTalk Live radio show – telling stories about his amazing ties to the Southeastern Pennsylvania area. Consider this history:

- In the 1950's, after coming to America from his home in South Africa, he was befriended by Norristown native and PGA Tour veteran George Fazio. Fazio, who operated Flourtown CC, did a quick renovation on the attic above the pro shop and gave Player the lodging as he began his tour career.

- Fazio, who began his heralded golf course design career by designing Langhorne CC, gave Player \$3,000 to put the club name on his bag and promote the course. "That was a huge amount of money to me in those days," admitted Player, who was introduced with the Langhorne tag for a number of years in golf tournaments and television appearances.

- In 1962, Player won his second major championship, the PGA Championship at Aronimink GC
 - Played many years in the IVB Philadelphia Classic at Whitemarsh Valley CC
 - Played many years in the Bell Atlantic Classic at Chester Valley CC and Hartefeld National GC
 - One of his major sponsors, SAP, is based in Newtown Square
- And now, his daughter lives in Skippack which allows him to make annual visits to the area.

"I have always had a special fondness for the Philadelphia area," said Player, as a guest on the GolfTalk Live radio show. "It reminds me a lot of my home area in South Africa."

After the radio show, Player spent more than an hour giving a very informative and entertaining clinic to the assembled golf fans. He alternated between tips on playing the game and stories about some of its most notable players.

Following an imitation of Arnold Palmer's signature golf swing, Player asked the

crowd, "Do you know why Arnie was always hitching up his trousers after hitting a shot? Because he had so much money in his pockets and it made them fall down."

His energy level and intensity throughout the clinic was amazing ... even for a man half his age. And, of course, that led to his traditional lecture on physical fitness.

"Core strengthening is the key to the golf swing," he said. "I do 1,300 sit-ups, four times a week. I eat only healthy foods, especially a lot of green vegetables and fruits. I hardly eat any meat. One of these days I hope to make the transition to being a complete vegetarian."

And one of these days Player will have to slow down ... stop trotting around the globe ... stop giving long, energetic clinics to fascinated crowds of golfers.

But don't count on it happening any time soon. According to him, he is still in the prime of his life. And few in the crowd at Skippack GC would argue the point.



Gary Player, as a guest on the GolfTalk Live radio show.

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distinctive bunkering and a more rugged look to the entire layout.

That assortment of world-class golf at Reynolds Plantation should be enough to attract avid golfers from around the world.

But there is plenty more to the vacation and permanent lifestyle at Reynolds Plantation that has quickly made it so attractive.

The vacation options range from the highly rated Ritz Carlton Lodge – a relaxed version of the luxury that has become attached to the hotel chain's reputation – to an assortment of cottage options.

There are 2, 3, 4 and 6-bedroom cottages and houses available for rent though the main office at Reynolds Plantation. All offer the lakeside charm and convenience that enhance a visit of any duration.

One phenomenon that has been a noticeable part of the vacation growth at Reynolds Plantation over the years is the fact that some of the vacationers don't want to leave. In fact, a growing community of part-time and full-time residents has evolved along the shores of Lake Oconee. As a result more amenities in the way of shopping, dining and services have developed in the surrounding areas.

Speaking of dining, the evolution of the culinary scene at Reynolds Plantation has attracted national attention in recent years.

There is a great variety of restaurants on property. The Plantation Grille is the comfortable and casual "neighborhood" gathering spot that features nightly specials. The Landing Restaurant has signature dishes such as the "Nothing but Crab" Cake, Fish & Chips, and a down-home meatloaf. The Overlook at Great Waters is a second-floor dining room with huge glass windows that provide spectacular views of Lake Oconee. It features fine dining without exorbitant resort prices. Georgia's Bistro specializes in local cuisine that capitalizes on seasonally fresh ingredients from local farmers.

The Linger Longer Steakhouse in the Oconee Clubhouse is operated by the Ritz Carlton and offers high-end steaks and an extensive wine list. Another Ritz restaurant is Gaby's by the Lake – outdoor dining with a charming lake view. It features a quality modern menu for "come as you are" dining.

Once visitors are fed, rested and entertained by the great golf courses of the Reynolds Plantation property, they might be motivated to improve their golf games.

One way is by spending a few days with Top 100 instructor Charlie King and his staff at the Reynolds Golf Academy. King is known for his philosophy that does not re-make the golf swing from scratch, but attempts to improve the game of the golfer within their particular physical limitations. His approach is popular with golfers of all ages.

Or, golfers might turn to a technological approach to improving their game. That can be achieved with a visit to the Kingdom at Reynolds Plantation. This TaylorMade-operated facility originally only was available to PGA Tour professionals. Now it offers an unmatched custom golf club fitting experience for all ages and skill levels. Add the TaylorMade Putting Lab and the Kingdom brings the ultimate in technology to the masses.

Need something more to convince you of the quality of recreational life at Reynolds Plantation? There is great fishing, boating, tennis, hiking – or just relaxing in a hammock and enjoying the natural beauty of the Lake Oconee area. Put everything together and it becomes quite evident why Reynolds Plantation has skyrocketed to the top of the list of great golf resorts in America.

Georgia Golf Trail Links Together The Great Courses of the State

By Tony Leodora

Some people are well-aware of the wonders of golf in the great state of Georgia. Great for many reasons, most notably because it is the largest state in America – east of the Mississippi River.

For those people who have not experienced all of the wonders of golf in Georgia, some very thoughtful folks have made it easier. They are the folks behind the relatively new Georgia Golf Trail.

This golf promotion is put together by the Georgia Golf & Travel organization – dedicated to featuring the best of Georgia's golf collection with a collaboration of the state's top resorts and golf clubs.

The Georgia Golf Trail follows an exceptional golf tapestry – from the mountains to the plains to the beautiful Georgia Coast. It is diverse, exciting ... and exceptional in its quality.

"We had a great collection of courses in this state and many of the resorts had carved out their own reputation," explains Doug Hollandsworth, president of Georgia Golf & Travel. "What we wanted to do was heighten the reputation of the entire state as a golf destination. People can come to Georgia and choose from the three different climates of golf we present ... or they can play the entire trail. We are here to help visitors find the type of golf and accommodations they want."

The Georgia Golf Trail presents 16 top resorts that offer golf and accommodations at a variety of prices. The one thing that doesn't vary much is the quality.

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Blue Bell, Pa. – The Philadelphia PGA held the first event of the month of October when nearly 30 teams came together at Cedarbrook Country Club for the annual Fall Pro-Pro Championship. The event partners two Section Professionals together in a better ball of partners event. Despite bright sunny skies, players competing in the Championship had to battle blustery conditions as they made their way around the 6800 yards long course.

As the first group out, the duo of John Spina (Philadelphia Cricket Club) and Bill Sautter (Philadelphia Cricket Club), seemed to make the most of their early tee time as they played the majority of their round before the strong winds arrived. On the day, the pair carded six birdies and only one bogey to post a score of 5-under-par (67). As play went on three more team were able to join Spina and Sautter at 5-under-par. Both Bob Hennefer (Indian Springs GC) and Dave Quinn (Links GC) as well as Anthony Napoletano (GolfTEC-KoP) and Jimmy Maack (Kimberton GC) finished five shots under par. Unfortunately for all three teams, their score would only be good for a fourth place tie.

The first team to post a better score was the Lancaster Country Club duo of Matt Goudie and Rusty Harbold who played flawlessly as a team en route to a total team score of 7-under-par (65). The pair carded seven birdies, including an impressive stretch of four consecutive birdies on holes eleven through fourteen. A second team, featuring a pair from southern Delaware John Lynch (The Peninsula Club) and Neil Maurer (Bear Trap Dune Golf Club) was able to finish at 7-under-par (65). The pair carded four birdies on their outward nine hole while adding three additional birdies on the inward nine to finish in a second place tie.

However, as the saying goes, “Beware of the last group in”. Playing in the field’s final pairing, the team of Rich Steinmetz (Springford Country Club) and John Appleget (Wildwood Golf & Country Club) posted an impressive team score of 10-under-par (62). The team carded ten birdies, including a blistering seven through their first nine holes, to finish three shots clear of the field.

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| Rich Steinmetz - Springford CC | 62 |
| Rusty Harbold - Lancaster CC | |
| Matt Goudie - Lancaster CC | 65 |
| John Lynch - Peninsula Golf Club | |
| Neil Maurer - Bear Trap Dunes Golf Club | 65 |
| Bob Hennefer - Indian Spring CC | |
| Dave Quinn - Links GC | 67 |
| Anthony Napoletano - GolfTEC-KoP | |
| Jimmy Maack - Kimberton GC | 67 |
| John Spina - Philadelphia Cricket Club | |
| Bill Sautter - Philadelphia Cricket Club | 67 |
| Bill Walker - Riverton CC | |
| Barry Dear - Twisted Dune | 67 |

| | Total |
|---|-----------|
| Adam Williamson - Huntingdon Valley CC | |
| Mike Jackson | 62 |
| Ian Dalzell - Huntingdon Valley CC | |
| Tom Quirk Jr | 63 |
| Mike Ladden - Whitford CC | |
| Pete Davidson | 63 |
| Dustin McCormick - Glen Brook GC | |
| Ron Sparrow | 63 |
| Mickey Sokalski - Philmont CC | |
| Glenn Meyer | 63 |
| George Forster - Radnor Valley CC | |
| Mark Berman | 64 |
| Bob Hennefer - Indian Spring CC | |
| Randy Brown | 66 |
| John Lynch - Peninsula Golf Club | |
| Mark Egbert | 66 |
| Joey Pohle - Indian Valley CC | |
| Dale Chellew | 66 |
| Chris Barletta - Bala GC | |
| Dan Casullo | 68 |
| Kevin Duffy - Riverton CC | |
| Jim McQuaide | 68 |
| Bob Fritz - Manufacturers GCC | |
| Dennis Oneill | 68 |

McQuiston Sr. Pro - Jr. Pro Championship

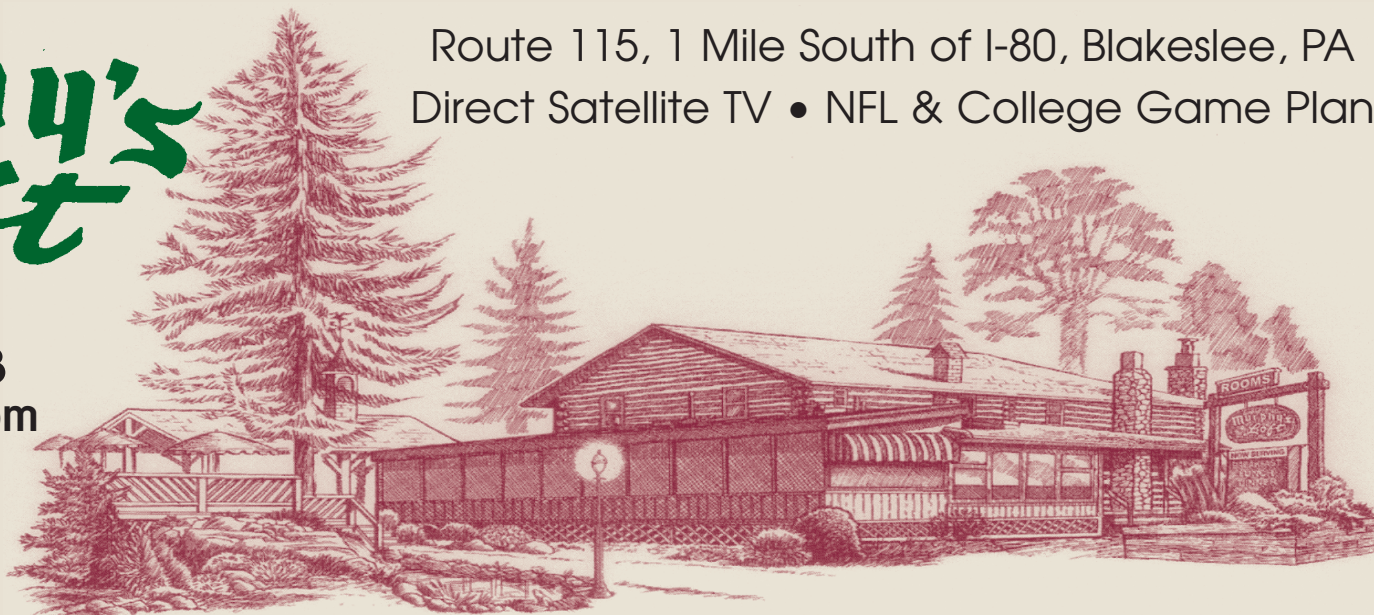
Bala Golf Club - Phila., PA Par 68
Four-Ball, Better- Ball

| | Total |
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| John Appleget J. Appleget - Wildwood Golf & CC | |
| Rich Steinmetz R. Steinmetz - Spring Ford CC | 59 |
| Greg Farrow - Deerwood CC | |
| Curtis Kirkpatrick - Indian Spring CC | 61 |
| Bill Sautter - Philadelphia Cricket Club | |
| John Spina - Philadelphia Cricket Club | 61 |
| Jack Connelly - North Hills CC | |
| Jeremiah Lapp - North Hills CC | 62 |
| Rick Flesher - Applebrook GC | |
| William Ciccotti - Merion GC | 62 |
| Don Allan - Burlington CC | |
| Josh Rackley - Gulph Mills GC | 63 |
| Don DeAngelis - Center Square GC | |
| Gregg Gipp - Concord CC | 64 |
| Tom Carpus - Kennett Square G & CC | |
| Ryan Nuechterlein - Kennett Square G & CC | 65 |
| Mark Monahan - Philly PGA | |
| Brian Schulte - Philly PGA | 65 |
| Jack Brennan - Mountain View CC | |
| Judd Caruso - Belles Springs GC | 66 |
| George Forster - Radnor Valley CC | |
| George Forster - Merion GC | 66 |
| Bob Fritz - Manufacturers GCC | |
| Jeff Sikina - Manufacturers GCC | 66 |

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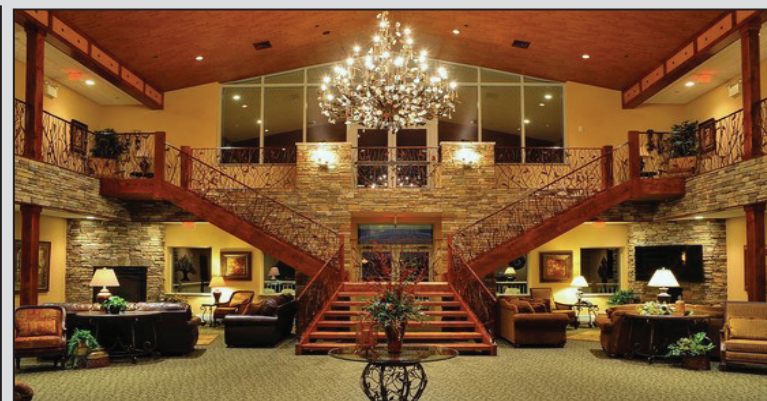


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Corey McAlarney Wins the Match Play Championship



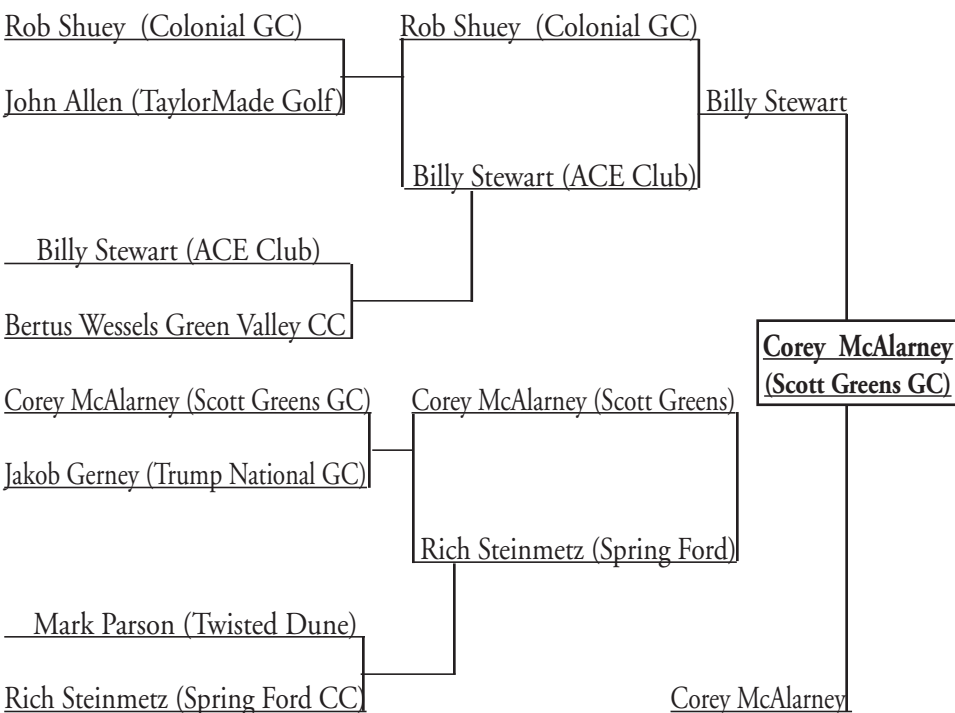
Corey McAlarney Captured PGA Match Play Championship

Cinnaminson, N.J. – The final rounds of the Philadelphia PGA Match Play Championship at Riverton CC in Cinnaminson, N.J. proved that there is more than one way to win a match. On a cold, rainy, windy, just plain nasty day, number five seed Billy Stewart (The ACE Club) did it the fast way shooting 4-under-par over twelve holes to win 7 & 6 over number seventeen seed Rob Shuey (Colonial CC). On the flip side, number three seed, Rich Steinmetz (Spring Ford CC) and number twenty-six seed Corey McAlarney (Scott Greens GC) took the much slower route while playing almost a round and a half before McAlarney finally prevailed on the 24th hole with a birdie.

Because of the length of the second semifinal match, Stewart had over a three hour wait before he finally went out to play the final match against McAlarney. As the players headed out for the final match the rain that plagued the morning matches stopped but the wind and cold persisted. Once again the match almost went the distance but McAlarney was able to card a birdie on the seventeenth hole, just before dark, giving him a 2 & 1 victory. From start to finish the 2014 edition of the Match Play Championship was truly an exciting event.

Special thank you to the membership of Riverton CC as well as professional Kevin Duffy for being so accommodating. The course was in great shape and enjoyed by all who played!

PGA Match Play Championship Bracket



SCOREBOARD Philadelphia PGA Wins Turnpike Cup for 3rd Year

Newtown Square, Pa. – The third edition of the Turnpike Cup matches were played at Aronimink Golf Club on Wednesday, October 15 on a day where the weather seemed more suited for Scotland or Ireland than eastern Pennsylvania. The Turnpike Cup brings together 12 PGA Professionals from both the Philadelphia PGA and the New Jersey PGA in a Ryder Cup style event. The teams play 12 singles matches as well as 6 four-ball matches giving each squad an opportunity to earn 18 points.

As group after group finished no team was able to gain a clear cut advantage. Throughout the afternoon both Sections took turns holding a lead. However, when the last group posted their results the Philadelphia PGA was able to take the final match giving them a total of 9 ½ points and a one point win, returning the Turnpike Cup to Philadelphia for another year.

Both Sections would like to thank event sponsor Dunning Golf as well as the staff and membership of Aronimink Golf Club for their support of this event. The New Jersey PGA will host the 2015 installment of the Turnpike Cup as each Section hosts the event in alternate years.

Aronimink GC - Newtown Square, PA Four-Ball, Better- Ball

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| Fillian/Kang | 4 & 3 | Stewart/Harbold |
| Beach/Hook | 2 & 1 | Swartz/Rackley |
| Baker/Britton | 5 & 4 | Allan/Allen |
| Jones/Studer | 1up | Quinn/Sheftic |
| McGovern/Mazzuchetti | Halved | Steinmetz/Clark |
| Hirschhorn/Yannotta | 1up | Ingraham/Forster |

Pro - Scratch Championship

Galloway National Golf Club - Par 71 Four-Ball, Better- Ball

| | | |
|--|-------|-----------|
| John Lynch (Peninsula Golf Club) Jay Whitby | ..... | 66 |
| Bertus Wessels (Green Valley CC) Paul Amess | ..... | 66 |
| Jeff Bonicky (Sea Oaks GC) Richie Sinopoli | ..... | 67 |
| Bob Fritz (Manufacturers GCC) Paul Polinsky | ..... | 67 |
| Dean Halterman (Galloway National GC) George Blyth IV | ..... | 67 |
| Michael Meisenzahl (Shore Gate CC) Troy Venucci | ..... | 67 |
| Mickey Sokalski (Philmont CC) Matt Crescenzo | ..... | 68 |
| Ryan Breidegam (Brookside CC) Bo Maguire | ..... | 69 |
| Adam Brigham (Waynesborough CC) Rob Lodge | ..... | 69 |
| George Forster (Radnor Valley CC) Greg Forster | ..... | 69 |
| Steve Swartz (Conestoga CC) Bunky Burgess | ..... | 69 |
| Mike Grabosky (Heidelberg CC) Mark Santerian | ..... | 70 |
| Jeremiah Lapp (North Hills CC) Matt Cramer | ..... | 70 |
| Frank Palumbo (Rolling Green GC) Eric Palumbo | ..... | 70 |
| Mike Paukovits (St. Davids GC) Eric Slawter | ..... | 70 |
| Dave Quinn (Links GC) Mark Walker | ..... | 70 |
| Justin Rinas (Commonwealth National GC) Scott McLaughlin | ..... | 70 |
| Patrick Shine (Commonwealth National GC) Brett Diakon | ..... | 70 |
| Cameron Alford (Galloway National GC) Jack Hubbert | ..... | 71 |
| John Appleget (Wildwood Golf & CC) Steve Owens | ..... | 71 |
| Chris Barletta (Bala GC) Scott McNeil | ..... | 71 |
| Matthew Deckert (Pennsauken CC) Mark Pinkos | | 71 |
| J R Delich (Applebrook GC) Chris Anderson | | 71 |

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John Pillar (Woodloch)
Jeremy Mangine (Glen Brook)
Kevin Edwards (Woodstone)

LOW SENIOR PRO

Ray Silnik (Blue Shamrock)
Joe Ambrose (Paupack Hills)
Greg Wall (Pocono Manor)

TEAM LOW GROSS

Gary Hardin (Northampton)
Jesse Bingaman, Dave Schindler, Tom Buchner
Rico Riciputi (Glenmaura)
Ed Gregorczyk, Bill Lawler, Connor Coldwater
Spencer Lunger (Canoe Club)
Barry Westington, Jerry Dougherty, Ryne Luce
Jeremy Mangine (Glen Brook)
Sean Sullivan, Bill Edinger, Neil Transue

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John Pillar (Woodloch) Frank Betz, John Whalen, Mead Sandercock
Ray Silnik (Blue Shamrock) Scott Koerbler, Jim Roberts, Scott Clark
Brian Boyle (Skytop) Ed Streisel, Pete Warner, Ron Thiene

Blue Shamrock Pro-Am Blue Shamrock C.C. Par 72

LOW PRO

| | | |
|----|----------------------------------|----|
| 67 | Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley) | 73 |
| 71 | Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook GC) | 75 |
| 73 | Steve Kiefner (Northampton CC) | 76 |
| 73 | Kevin Edwards (Woodstone) | 76 |
| | Alex Knoll (Bethlehem CC) | 76 |

LOW SENIOR PRO

| | | |
|----|----------------------------|----|
| 75 | | |
| 77 | Ray Silnik (Blue Shamrock) | 77 |
| 77 | Brian Boyle (Skytop) | 77 |

LOW AMATEUR

| | | |
|----|--------------------------------|----|
| | Tom White (Buck Hill) | 74 |
| 61 | Ed Tierney (Gasser's Golf) | 75 |
| | Shane Gunning (Bethlehem Muni) | 77 |

TEAM LOW GROSS

| | | |
|----|-------------------------------|----|
| 62 | | |
| 64 | Kevin Edwards (Woodstone) | 65 |
| | Jim Booros (Philadelphia PGA) | 68 |
| 65 | Alex Knoll (Bethlehem CC) | 68 |

TEAM LOW NET

| | | |
|----|----------------------------------|----|
| 59 | Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley) | 60 |
| 59 | Jeff Fick (Gasser Driving Range) | 63 |
| 59 | Howie VanBuskirk (Pocono Manor) | 64 |
| | Brian Boyle (Skytop) | 64 |



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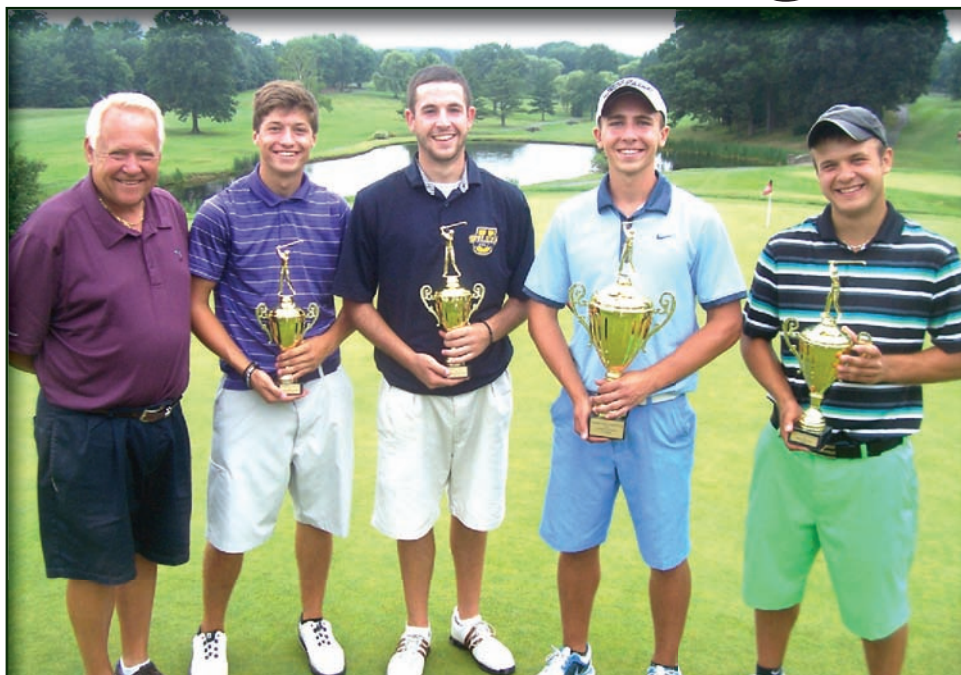
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College winners – left to right.....Mark Jarolen – committee member, Joe Hurn (4th place – Lackawanna Jr College), Matt Kachurak (3rd place – Wilkes Univ.), Ryan Georgetti (1st - King’s College), Michael Thomas (2nd- Marywood)

COLLEGE DIVISION

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|----|
| Ryan Georgette- | Kings College | 69 |
| Michael Thomas | Marywood | 71 |
| Matt Kachurak | Wilkes University | 72 |
| Joe Hurn | Lackawana Jr College | 72 |



High School 11-12 grade winners- left to right.... Bob Shoemaker- committee member, Ryan Crossin (1st – Holy Redeemer), Jason Dotzel(2nd – Crestwood), Mark Jarolen – committee member

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION GRADES 11 & 12

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|----|
| Ryan Crossin | Holy Redeemer | 76 |
| Jason Dotzel | Crestwood | 85 |



High School 9-10 grade winners – left to right.... Ryan Keyes (2nd – Coughlin), Ronnie Yanoski (1st – Valley View) and Bob Shoemaker – committee member

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| HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION | GRADES 9 & 10 | |
| Ronnie Yanoski | Valley View | 82 |
| Ryan Keyes | Coughlin | 89 |



High School girls division – left to right....Bob Shoemaker – committee member, Hannah Yanoski (1st – Valley View) and Shelby Monk (2nd – Hanover Area)

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| HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION | GIRLS | |
| Hannah Yanoski | Valley View | 75 |
| Shelby Monk | Hanover Area | 114 |



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The biggest adjustment to make when traveling south is your ability to read the greens. The majority of the golf courses in the south will have Bermuda grass greens compared to Bent grass or Poa Annua in the north. Putting down south, you are going to encounter grain and reading the green can get tricky. Some things to look for when putting on Bermuda:

If the grass appears to be shiny or light in color, the grain is going with you and will be faster in speed.

If the grass is darker or appears duller in color, the grain is against you and will be slower in speed.

Even if you are putting on a flat surface the grain can pull the ball to the left or right.

Take a look at the cup and see which side appears to be burnt out or worn down.

That will be the direction that the grain is growing.

In the south you will possibly encounter dryer playing conditions, and not as much elevation change. This is a perfect opportunity to achieve more roll with your driver by simply adjusting the loft of your driver. If you have a 12 - degree driver, lower the loft to 10.5 degrees. In making this slight change you will produce a lower launch angle, thus generating more roll.



The biggest adjustment to make when traveling south is your ability to read the greens.

A big change you need to make is club selection around the greens. In the south you will not encounter as much rough around the greens. This is a perfect opportunity to master the bump and run shot. I see too many students pulling out their sand and lob wedges to hit shots around the greens that really require more roll. Less loft is really going to allow for more consistency with your short game in and around the greens, I guarantee it.

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Davis & Weiscarger Capture 2014 AGA Robinson Fall 4-Ball Title



Christian Davis from Glenmaura National Golf Club and Joe Weiscarger of Wyoming Valley Country Club capture the AGA Robinson Fall Fouball title.

Clarks Summit, PA - On Monday, October 13 at the Country Club of Scranton the team of Christian Davis from Glenmaura National Golf Club and Joe Weiscarger of Wyoming Valley Country Club combined to card a round of 10-under par 62 to capture the AGA Robinson Fall Fouball title by two shots over Honesdale Golf Clubs Jim Gardas and Eric Williams who finished the day with a round of 64.

Elkview Country Clubs Greg Vladika and John Zavada captured the senior division title on a match-of-cards over Huntsville Golf Club Matt Cuddy and Tom Bevevino after both teams carded rounds of 3-under par 69 on the day.

Matt Cuddy had the shot of the day with a hole in one on the par 3 third hole. In total 110 players participated in the event, complete results are listed below.

OPEN DIVISION

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Davis, C. / Weiscarger, J. | 32 | 30 | 62 |
| Williams, E. / Gardas, J. | 30 | 34 | 64 |
| Mitchell, P. / Masters, J. | 32 | 36 | 68 |
| Osborne, D. / Osborne, F. | 36 | 33 | 69 |
| Kochis, N. / Bedford, J. | 35 | 34 | 69 |
| Flickinger, B. / Zaleski, B. | 38 | 32 | 70 |
| Pabst, B. / Bowen, F. | 34 | 36 | 70 |
| Tolerico, J. / Costa, M. | 37 | 33 | 70 |



SENIOR DIVISION:

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Vladika, G. / Zavada, J. | 34 | 35 | 69 |
| Cuddy, M. / Bevevino, T. | 31 | 38 | 69 |
| Gelso, C. / Corbett, B. | 35 | 35 | 70 |
| Froncek, M. / Heck, M. | 34 | 36 | 70 |
| Kline, A. / Cook, B. | 35 | 36 | 71 |
| Westington, B. / Maloney, K. | 33 | 38 | 71 |

Men's Amateur Team captures 2014 AGA Challenge Cup



This year's Challenge Cup Tournament was secured by the Men's Amateur Team for the Fourth Consecutive Year

Exeter, Pa - The final event of the 2014 season took place on Sunday, October 26, 2014 with the Men's Amateur team defending its title in the AGA Challenge Cup.

The Anthracite Golf Association annual Challenge Cup, is a match-play event comprised of two teams, a Men's Amateur squad and a Senior Amateur squad. Teams were chosen based on the final standings of the Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year point charts. Player of the Year points are awarded based upon top finishes for all AGA events.

The day began with a round of golf at Fox Hill Country Club followed by a presentation to the top AGA Amateur and Senior Amateur golfers for 2014. Honesdale Golf Club's Eric Williams captured the AGA Player of the Year title, while Scranton Municipal Golf Club's Bob Andrejko claimed the AGA Senior Player of the Year, earning an exemption into the 2015 North-South Tournament in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

This year's Challenge Cup Tournament was secured by the men's amateur team for the fourth consecutive year. The score of this Ryder Cup format challenge ended at 19 1/2 points for the amateur team and 10 3/4 points for the senior squad.

The Anthracite Golf Association would like to thank all of the competitors and the Fox Hill Country Club for hosting the final event of our 2014 season. The Anthracite Golf Association would also like to thank Tournament Chair Dennis Corvo for his time and efforts and Bill Lawler for compiling the Player of the Year points.

COMPLETE MATCH RESULTS WITH (POINTS)

- Match 1 Williams-Gardas (3 1/2) vs. Gill-Breck (2)**
- Match 2 Davis-Weiscarger (4 3/4) vs. Mazur-Tolerico (1 1/4)**
- Match 3 Mikiewicz-Zaleski (4 1/4) vs. Andrejko-Swanson (1/4)**
- Match 4 Peregrim-Rossi (1 1/2) vs. Bartkowski-Bolcavage (2 3/4)**
- Match 5 Flickinger-Mitchell (2 3/4) vs. Heck-Stackhouse (1 1/2)**
- Match 6 Haley-Smith (2 1/2) vs. Elias-Bonda (2 3/4)**



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ParaLong Drive

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A graduate of the Penn State PGM program and currently carrying a 1.6 handicap, Benza is among the best golfers with a disability in the country. He was selected by the National Amputee Golf Association (NAGA) to represent the USA in the first ever World Disabled Golf Championships (WDGC) in Japan. The WDGC, in its first year, was designed to put the best in the world against each other in a team format, in another effort to include the game of golf in the Paralympics.

More important, Benza, along with USA teammate Kenny Bonz (Farmingdale, NJ) and ParaLong Drive Worlds competitor Kellie Valentine (Erie, PA), is also planning on helping grow the game among disabled people in the Mid-Atlantic US.

“The working title is Moving Forward,” comments Benza. “The mission is to help people with disabilities learn how to play the game, and to also teach current club professionals how to properly introduce and instruct people with different disabilities.”

Benza has been teaching golf for nine years, and plans on expanding the business in a similar fashion to Freedom Golf Association based in Chicago.

Benza’s longest drive came on Friday, the final day of competition, where he let one fly 288 yards. While it was an improvement over his first day longest drive of 274, it was not enough to advance to the final round.

Competition concluded with two world-renowned hitters squaring off to be named the first ever ParaLong Drive World Champion. Jared Brentz, who ParaLong Drive Nationals glory in May, once again found himself competing for the title. His drive of 360 yards was the longest of all competitors going into the final round, but he would have to face Tim Herrmann, a below the knee amputee from Belle Plaine, MN.

Herrmann, whose longest drive going into the competition was 373 yards, blasted a drive 325 yards in the semi-final round to advance...very impressive, but 35 yards short of Brentz’s best. The format for competition is six shots in 2:45. Almost two and a half minutes may seem like a lot, but for maximum distance, every second in the setup is crucial.

A beautiful brand new crystal trophy, presented by Golf Mesquite Nevada, and an interview with Golf Channel’s Bailey Mosier awaited the longest driver. Both men hit a few out-of-bounds, but in the end, Herrmann’s longest drive traveled 333 yards, and Brentz’s traveled 340. Brentz was then crowned the first ever ParaLong Drive World Champion.

“Right now I am just taking it all in,” commented Brentz. “I really hope this story reaches out to amputees everywhere, and any and everyone who has some sort of disability. If you have the will-power and the drive to do something, nothing can stop you.”

The ParaLong Drive Worlds Championship returns to Mesquite in November of 2015, and a new world champion will be crowned. For further information, find ParaLongDrive on Facebook, or go to www.paralongdrive.org.



Jared Brentz first ever ParaLong Drive World Champion

DIVISIONAL WORLD CHAMPIONS

| | |
|--|-----|
| Triple Amputee: Paul Hebert, St. Albert, Alberta, Canada | 239 |
| Traumatic Brain Injury: Humberto Reyna, Liberty, N.C. | 255 |
| Hypermobile: Rene Olgers, Aalsmeer, Netherlands | 296 |
| Women-One-Arm Unassisted: Kellie Valentine, Erie, Pa. | 224 |
| Women-One-Arm Assisted: Tineke Loogman, Aalsmeer, Netherlands | 217 |
| Women-One-Leg Below Knee: Kim Moore, South Bend, Ind. | 242 |
| Wheelchair: Dave Sawtell, Queensland, Australia | 199 |
| Paramobile, 1-Arm: Matt Farman, Denver, Colo. | 201 |
| Paramobile, 2-Arm: Anthony Netto, Capetown, South Africa/San Diego | 289 |

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| Blind/Vision Impaired: Scott Aughtry, Hot Springs Village, Ark. | 313 |
| One-Arm & Leg: Bill Frey, Goshen, Ky. | 245 |
| One-Arm Unassisted: Alan Gentry, Louisville, Ky. | 275 |
| One-Arm Assisted: John Rogers, Apopka, Fla. | 285 |
| One-Leg Above Knee: Christian Sidebottom, Phoenix, Ariz. | 252 |
| Two-Leg Below Knee: Jared Brentz, Nashville, Tenn. | 360 |
| One-Leg Below Knee: Josh Williams, Kitchener, Canada | 322 |

CATEGORY CHAMPIONS

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|--|-----|
| Military-wounded in action: Ivgi Shlomo, Netanya, Israel | 225 |
| Age 45-49: Rene Olgers, Aalsmeer, Netherlands | 296 |
| Age 50-54: Anthony Netto, Capetown, South Africa/San Diego | 297 |
| Age 55+: Bill Davis, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. | 290 |



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