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MYRTLE BEACH ROAD TRIP



Myrtlewood Palmetto Course

By MIKE KERN

I remember the first time I went to Myrtle Beach. The first of many trips, as it would turn out. Four of us drove down, driving all night so we could get as much golf as we possibly could into a four-day stay. I also remember almost hitting an unidentified farm animal crossing I-95 somewhere in North Carolina, while I was behind the wheel of my friend's way too small car (we had a cargo bin on top). Anyway, we finally got there just in time for our first tee time, which happened to be at Myrtlewood. I can't recall if it was the Pines or Palmetto. Back then, you went through the Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday book and picked your hotel and courses. So we played a few that aren't there any more. And some that haven't been for awhile. But Myrtlewood is still there, and on my latest trip down there (I missed last year due to the pandemic) that's where I played my first round. It was my first time back in awhile, so I didn't know much what to expect except it's still a place that seems to be very popular with the locals, which is never a bad thing in my experience.

You want to know something else I remember about Myrtle from my first visit? I brought a T shirt that read "33 great courses" on the front and had the logos of all 33 on the back. Yes, 33. I wish I still had it. That would be a collector's item. At one point in the early 2000s the number got up to about 120. Now it's down to around 90. It happens. That still means you could play a different course every day for three months and never play the same one. Something to be said for that.

But as I've said about Myrtle many times, it's not just the quantity but the quality. You have options, and most of them are very good.

So I headed to Myrtlewood to play the Palmetto. I was in the first group off, also never a bad thing, with a woman about my age who I could tell by her badge tag was a pretty good golfer since she played in competitions down there, and a guy who said to call him by Teddy Bear. Her name was Maria, and she was actually from the Easton

area. It's amazing how many people you meet down there who are in some way connected to Philadelphia. Anyway, it turned out to be a wonderful group, as it often does when I get paired up. It's one of the things I love about golf. The bond and good vibes that seem to exist, like a fraternity. So we played well, and better yet we played in two and a half hours. I can't make that up. It's the way golf should always be but too many times isn't, for whatever reasons. We had fun, and when we were done there was a line waiting at the first tee. Not our problem. We didn't rush, we just played. What a concept. And we even played the 18th with the sprinklers going off all around us, cause that's how quickly we made it around.

We played from the gold tees, which measured 6,000 yards. It was plenty enough. And the ball wasn't traveling nearly as far, because it was still a little wet from the rain from the day before, and because we're at sea level and that's just the way it is. You get used to it. The Palmetto, which underwent some renovations a few years ago, is a pleasant layout. And picturesque in spots, especially when you get to the holes along the Intercoastal Waterway and can look across at the palatial houses. Teddy said he was setting up a Go Fund Me page to try and raise the money for a down payment. Hey, whatever works.

I hit enough good shots to keep me coming back. And a few that required mulligans or just a few choice curse words. I birdied the fourth hole, a par 3 of about 150 (against the wind) where I knocked a 7 wood (my favorite club) to about 15 feet and somehow rolled the downhill in. I would have a few more birdie ops, but no more conversions. It happens too. Maria had her moments as well. As did Teddy. Hell, we could have played 36. I would definitely recommend this place. It's hard enough, but quite playable. I don't know if it's exactly how I remember it, except for it being a good experience. Nothing wrong with that, cause it never gets old.

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Next up was the resort course at Grande Dunes, which is probably considered to be a little more upscale. But I'm not a golf snob, but I don't really care much about what others might think. I was there some two decades ago when they were building Grande Dunes, also on the Intercoastal Waterway. They were still building the bridge to take you across. It's evolved into one of the more sought-out places to play down there, for all the right reasons. The half-dozen or so holes on the water have a lot of wow factor. Again I was paired with good people. Murray, a retired Vietnam veteran from the Pittsburgh area, and two guys from Baltimore, Mark and Joe. And we had just as much fun as the day before.



Hole # 8 Grande Dunes

Finally I played Kings North at Myrtle Beach National, an Arnie Palmer design known as "The Gambler" mostly because of the sixth hole, which has two fairways. One of them is an island. Hence the designation. You can go for it and maybe have a chance to get on the par 5 in two, or play it safer to the right. That of course is what I did, and then I hit a 3 wood second shot that went exactly where I wanted and left me with about 100 yards in. Trouble is the water still sort of came into play. So even though I hit a fairly good wedge, it was a tad short and hit the wooden railroad ties and kicked back into the water. I still was able to get up and down to save a bogey, which actually left me feeling OK albeit somewhat frustrated from what might have been. Story of my life. All I know is the last time I played there this place ate my lunch up. It does have its fair share of danger and forced carries. But this time I at least got a little bit of payback.

I played with a father and son, Dennis and Brandon, from Ohio. Once more we got along fine. And it must have helped, cause I hit it really well. At least by my standards. I made a birdie on the 12th, a short par 3, where I stuck it to within 5 feet. And I missed two other real makeable birdie putts, so there was that. I played the back nine in 1-over, from tees that stretched to roughly 2,800 yards, including one mulligan. Yo, I'm allowed. And one of my two bogeys came after I narrowly missed carrying a bunker with a 6 iron that would have resulted in another birdie up. Oh well. If that's the worst thing that ever happens to me I've got it made.

I of course have other faves down there. Where to begin? If you can get on the Dunes, by all means do so. It's the place where we used to have the final round of our annual pre-Masters Golf Writers Association of American tournament, and it's special. I managed to tie for first in the net division one year with my good friend Bob Oliver. Just don't ask me how. And on our 50th anniversary celebration Mr. Palmer was our guest speaker at the candlelight dinner. It can't get any better.

Tidewater has always been high on my list. Another place where I was at at the beginning. Hey, what can I say, I was a lucky golf writer for many years. And it's usually in great shape, and has many holes on the Waterway. Oyster Bay, which I haven't played in awhile since the head pro moved back to the Poconos, is a lot like that. River's Edge, in Shallotte, is another Palmer work that is worth the effort, although the par 5 ninth hole can give you fits. But hey, they can't all be downhill downwind short par 4s. This place, like Kings North, has a number of forced carries. So if you don't like that can't say you weren't warned.

The four courses at Barefoot Landing, where I've stayed many times, are all a taste treat. Some more than others. It all depends on who you talk to. But two years ago we went down there to cover Villanova playing in a Thanksgiving basketball tournament, and we played all four in as many days. Trust me it was something else. The Norman course probably doesn't get its due because of the other three. But it can stand on its own. I personally like the Love, because I think it's the most playable while still being challenging. And maybe because the last time I nearly birdied 15 (after hitting a career 3 wood to the back of the green) before making birds at 16 and 17. That doesn't happen to me very often. So you savor it. The Fazio is the Fazio. I mean, have you ever played a bad Fazio design? Really, and the 18th finishes across from the clubhouse veranda, which is one of my wife's fave places to have lunch. And once we even saw a bear cub wandering around. You can't make that up. There is wildlife all around, and it was there first. So they have the right of way. The Dye is one of the more user-friendly Dyes I've ever encountered. Nothing wrong with that, even if Pete did like to build them, well, hard. In short, if there's a better four-course public facility, I want to try it out.



Hole # 18 Barefoot Dye Course

True Blue, Caledonia's sister course, I think is a lot tougher. But it's just as wonderful, in its way. And you can always do what I did once, which is play 36 with a great lunch in between. I didn't get home until it was dark, but I

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Braden Shattuck Wins 2021 GALV Lehigh Valley Open in Sudden Death Playoff



Easton, Pa. (July 20, 2021) — Philadelphia PGA Professional Braden Shattuck birdied No. 18 twice in a sudden death playoff to win the 2021 GALV Lehigh Valley Open at Northampton C.C., finishing at 9-under-par for the championship (69-66-135).

Shattuck bettered PGA Member Brett Walker, Sunnybrook G.C., and amateur Zach Juhasz, a Northampton C.C. member, in the playoff. Opening round leader Juhasz made par on the first playoff hole, a driveable par-4, the 315-yard 18th, and was eliminated following the birdies made by Shattuck and Walker. Both of the remaining competitors drove 18 on the second playoff hole, each finding the first tier of the steep two-tiered green. Shattuck nearly made his eagle putt, missing by inches, resulting in a tap-in birdie. Walker missed his approximate four-foot birdie putt, with Shattuck securing the win.

"I liked the course a lot. I loved the greens, which reminded me of Concord C.C.'s greens, where I grew up playing," said Shattuck. "I love a golf course like this that provides a variety of shot options. This week, I didn't hit my driver very well, but hit a lot of irons, even on the par-5s, and still made birdies."

Shattuck went on to thank Bidermann G.C., its members and staff, including PGA Head Professional Anthony Malizia, Titleist, sales representative Jerry McGoey, and his girlfriend Cat Hammer for helping him with his on-course diet.

Shattuck won the 2021 Burlington Classic in June, and tied for first in the weather-shortened 2021 Conestoga Classic.

The event's leaderboard was tight all day, with 11 additional players finishing within five strokes of the champion. Following second place finishers Walker and Juhasz, Alex Knoll, Glen Brook G.C., finished in fourth place at 7-under-par, while Mike Furey, Saucon Valley C.C., and John Pillar, C.C. at Woodloch Springs, tied for fifth at 6-under.

Pillar won the Senior Division by three strokes over Eddie Perrino, Eagle Rock Resort, and Dave McNabb, Applebrook G.C. Brian Kelly, Bucknell G.C., took the Super Senior Division at 2-over-par, bettering Rick Flesher, Lehigh C.C. by one.

Juhasz, the two-time defending club champion at the host club, Northampton C.C., finished as Low Amateur, bettering Tucker Sandercock of Bethlehem, Pa., by four strokes.

The 2021 GALV Lehigh Valley Open is supported by the Golf Association of Lehigh Valley, Jani-King, and the PGA Tour. The Philadelphia PGA Section and its PGA Professionals thank our partners, Northampton C.C., its membership, management, and host PGA Professionals, and staff, as the event would not have been possible without their support.

Pos.	Player	Total	R1	R2
1	Braden Shattuck Bidermann GC	-9	69	66
T2	Brett Walker Sunnybrook GC	-9	68	67
T2	Zach Juhasz (a) Bethlehem, PA	-9	66	69
4	Alex Knoll Glen Brook Golf Club	-7	67	70
T5	Mike Furey Saucon Valley CC	-6	71	67
T5	John Pillar Woodloch Springs	-6	68	70
T7	Zac Oakley Bidermann GC	-5	73	66
T7	Tucker Sandercock (a) Bethlehem	-5	69	70
T9	Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	-4	72	68
T9	Ashley Grier Overbrook GC	-4	71	69
T9	John Dimler (a) Allentown, PA	-4	70	70
T9	Mark Sheftic Lookaway Golf Club-4	-4	70	70

The tournament is designated as a Philadelphia PGA Rolex Player of the Year Bonus Points event. The Section's next Rolex Player of the Year tournament on the schedule is the Doylestown Open at Doylestown C.C. on July 30.

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didn't care. I was exhausted, but it didn't matter. It was an ultimate keeper of a day. And there just aren't enough of those to go around. I wasn't throwing it back.

Before I played Myrtlewood, I had a good time I have to tell you about. Even though it wasn't an 18 hole thing. We were staying with friends of ours, and my wife's maid of honor and her daughter wanted to try playing. Since there was a par 3 course right next to where we were staying (the Aero Club, formerly Midway), I gave a call down to check the place out. I was lucky enough to reach Scott Devaux, who works there on Sundays but gives lessons the rest of the week at True Blue and River Oaks. The two were beginners, and wanted to take a lesson before they went out with me to try and play. Scott said no problem, to look him up when we got there. Which we did. And he was kind enough to spend like 10-15 minutes with them, while I looked on, to give them some pointers for starting out. Just a few basics. And it was great. But it was more the way he did it. I could tell right away that he's very good at what he does. I even learned a few things just from listening. Then we went out and played nine holes (none of which are longer than 95 yards), with me serving as their guide. Hey, I try. And they did well. They did their best to apply what he had taught them. The daughter even reached two greens in regulation, and two-putted one for a par. Not too shabby. I can't thank Scott enough for going out of his way like that. But he obviously loves what he does. And I would not hesitate to go see him down there if I felt I needed some swing reinforcements/tweaks. And we all need that sometimes. So that's about the best compliment I can pay any instructor.

The day we were at the short course, which is only 10 minutes away from the airport, a group of guys who were down there for a bachelor party stopped by to squeeze in a quick round before they headed back. Just saying. I've heard worst ideas. And along those lines, Whispering Pines, which I've yet to play but have heard good things about, sits right across from the airport. Just make sure you leave enough time to get through security.

No story on Myrtle would be complete without a few food suggestions. Because I judge my trips as much on that as the golf. Seriously. It is a family thing. So here goes:

Once again we ate at Gordon Biersch, a gastropub in Market Commons. It has a little bit of everything, for any taste, and never disappoints. Whether it's a sandwich, salad, seafood or burger. This time I went with a Reuben sandwich, on the recommendation of the greeter at the front door. I was skeptical, since I can get corned beef at home and have sometimes had not as good corned beef on the road, especially in the south. And at \$10 it was one of the cheapest things on the menu. Turned out to be the best bargain on the menu. It was really authentic, not chewy at all, which I can't tolerate. And it came with serious onion rings. Everyone else at the table enjoyed what they ordered, but I think I came out on top. Who knew? The

lesson is to listen to the locals, at least in this case.



Chianti South in Little River is as good of an Italian place as you'll find in South Philly. I know that's a bold statement, but I stand by it. Don't look at the menu. Just get the stuffed banana peppers, eat lots of bread and get the crepe dessert that's topped with ice cream and chocolate sauce. The best part is it's sharable.

If you're just looking for good down home grub by all means head to the Shack in Cherry Grove. Nothing fancy, just hearty. And I mean everything on the menu. It's like a Southern version of Cracker Barrel. And I mean that in the best of ways.

Speaking of Southern, the best buffet for the money is the Simply Southern Smokehouse. The menu changes, but it doesn't matter. It's all good. And mostly stuff you wouldn't get up here. Like Chicken Bog and smothered pork chops and such. And it comes with a dessert bar loaded with peach cobbler. All for a little over 10 bucks at lunch time, a little more for dinn dinn.

The best meal for the money might be Big Mike's Soul Food. Trust me. For \$8 you get a meat and two sides. The fried chicken is to die for. So are the pork chops. And the meatloaf. And the ribs. Need I go on? We went there twice, just because. Actually my wife insisted, and I didn't argue. The collard greens and baked macaroni made me wish I lived there, so I could eat that all the time. And I didn't even mention the hush puppies or cole slaw. We barely finished. And we didn't eat again for like eight hours. Enough said.

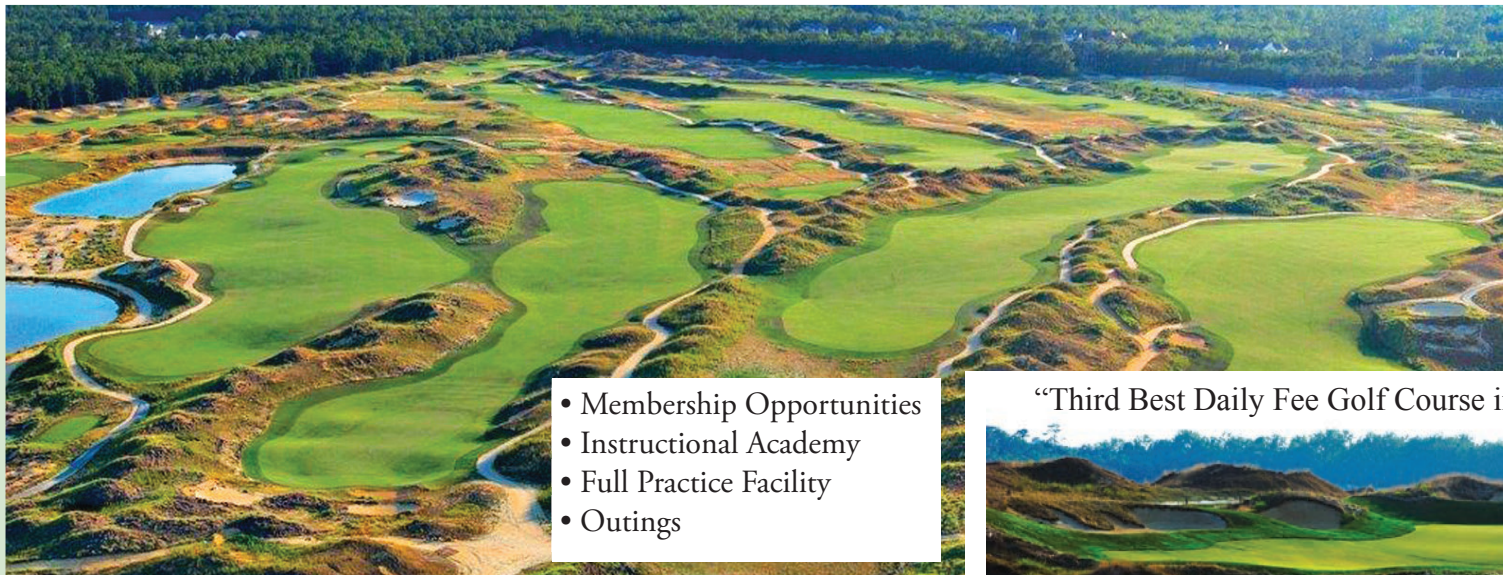


If you like Mexican, Abuelos is my daughter's fave. It's a chain, but don't let that stop you. The food is authentic, and reasonably priced. We went there one week night and after a long wait the manager

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told us that because of their staff shortages we probably wouldn't get seated. So he invited us to home back the next night and treated us to a free meal. Unreal. The Chile relenos are my go to, but almost everything else gets it done too. The gaucamole, according to my wife and friends, was as good as they've had. And they're tough on that. I don't even like the stuff, but I had some. Don't know what more I can say.

Umberto's, in Barefoot Landing, gives you as much food for the buck as you could ever imagine.

You get chops are \$27. And both eight I mean friend,

an eater, took one home. Along with the pasta, greens and beans and tomato salad that comes with the meal and is served family style. I had a veal Marsala that was executed perfectly. The server was so good they split the chicken piccata that my wife and daughter shared (because the portions really are that huge, and they can only eat so much). It was a great experience. I hadn't been there for too long. Why I'm not sure. But it won't take me that long to go back. And Greg Norman's is right next door. Another good place to go, especially for lunch. Or you can just go and have a drink while sitting on the water. Either way works.

Brentwood, in Little River, is a French place that has a happy hour where



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you can get the best onion soup you've ever had (or at least this side of the French place in Disney World's Epcot Center) and a chocolate soufflé that'll send you into a diabetic coma. Don't try to eat it yourself. And they have some pretty decent wine to wash it down.

I'll give you one more. But it's certainly not least on my list. It's called Crave. And it's got some terrific pizza, which is not easy to find in Myrtle. It also has some of the best meatballs I've ever sampled. Anywhere. And I'm tough on meatballs. Several people in my party seconded that opinion. Emphatically. The tomato and mozzarella salad, with roasted peppers, was the perfect starter. And we ended with a cream puff that was absolutely delicious. And overstuffed. And they gave you two. Which means I had one to take home. They also do a happy hour, where the pizzas are priced to steal, and an early-bird special where you get an app, an entrée, dessert and a beverage for \$15. I dare you to top that. I'm rarely wrong about food.

So there you have it. Another trip to Myrtle, another satisfied customer. I only hope that if you go you can play as much good golf as I do, and eat as much good food. And don't forget about the beach or pool. You can't live by pars and taste treats alone. But you put it all together and it can make your world go round. And few destinations do it any better than Myrtle Beach. Can't wait to get back. And hopefully reconnect with some old faves, and discover some new ones. That's what makes it an adventure worth pursuing. Over and over. I wouldn't have it any other way. Please tell them I advised you. It's what I do. Fore!

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HISTORIC OMNI BEDFORD SPRINGS RESORT BASKING IN GLOW OF GOLF TRAVEL BOOM



BEDFORD SPRINGS AT SUNSET

By TONY LEODORA

The Golf Boom that echoed throughout the golf industry in 2020 has been followed by another loud boom in 2021. This time it is the Golf Travel Boom ... and, as far as many of the resorts in America area concerned, it couldn't have come at a better time.

Golf Resorts were hit with a double and triple-blow in 2020. First, in many parts of the country, golf courses were closed. When they re-opened, golfers returned in record numbers but the hotels and facilities remained closed and the resorts incurred horrific losses.

Slowly the weddings started to return and, finally, the corporate business began booking meetings and conferences. The stories of the closures at many resorts was heartbreaking ... while the stories of re-openings and a new surge of business has been heartwarming.

Here is one of those stories.

The Omni Bedford Springs Resort is a magnificent historic hotel and golf course, situated in a very rural part of southern Pennsylvania. It was hamstrung by the state's rigid lockdown mandates in 2020 but saw business return to normal – and beyond – in 2021 ... in stages.

"There were some dark days in the beginning," admits General Manager Dave Nostrand. "Daily fee golf was the first to come back. Then the two, three, four-day golf trip started to come back. They kept us alive.

"Now the weddings and social functions have come back with a vengeance. A lot of them cancelled in 2020 and re-booked. And

we're seeing more people attending the functions than they were in the past. The room blocks are bigger. I guess people weren't able to do anything in 2020 and now they are happy to attend."

But large resorts like Bedford Springs also rely on corporate business.

"The corporate, plus the state and regional association business were the slowest segments to return. It took a while. The group-focused market finally came back in the second half of 2021. Now we have very little meeting space available."

Nostrand has been a keen observer of all who have returned to Bedford Springs.

"When the first restrictions were lifted in Pennsylvania at the end of May, there was a sense of relief among everyone who walked in the door. They were happy to not be wearing masks anymore ... and we were happy to see them."

Thankfully, management at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort did not allow the quality of the golf course to slip during the dark days. What guests saw when they returned to the resort this year was a golf course that is ranked among the top three courses the public can play in the state ... and conditions that rival the best courses in the country.

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By Dennis Danheiser

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The resort helps families escape the ordinary and reconnect with each other in a setting that builds wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. Woodloch is a true hidden gem located on Lake Teedyuskung, just 95 miles away from New York City.

But what makes Woodloch so welcoming and keeps you coming back are the staff and excellent service. From the moment you arrive and check in to the moment you check out, you are treated like honored guests — like family.

"Woodloch is our home, and our staff and guests are our family," said Brad Kiesendahl, President & CEO of Woodloch Pines. "This not a just business mission or vision statement for us, but rather how we live our lives. Together with our Woodloch family, we have rejoiced in celebrations and supported each other through life's challenges. Our family takes great pride in sharing our longstanding tradition of warm hospitality and welcoming guests into our home with open arms."



Led by the energetic John Kiesendahl, who still greets guests before meals in the main dining room wearing his colorful pants and blazers, the Kiesendahl family rolls out the red carpet for you at Woodloch. They really treat their guests with special care, offering clean comfortable lodging, delicious food and beverages and impeccable service.

"Our greatest reward is providing guests with the opportunity to create joy amongst family and friends, share in the wonder of our beautiful natural surroundings, and find laughter and comradery

while enjoying all we have to offer," said Brad Kiesendahl. Woodloch is definitely a family affair.

John is the son of Harry and Mary Kiesendahl, the original founders of Woodloch who purchased the property back in 1958. John, who currently focuses most of his time on managing The Lodge at Woodloch, their exquisite destination spa, served as CEO/owner up until late 2019. But Woodloch is now in its third generation of family ownership and management as Brad (John's son) has taken the reins. "The concept of family is truly at the core of Woodloch and is key to its longtime success," said Erica Bloch, Woodloch's Associate Director of Communications. "Employees work hard and are passionate about what they do and why they do it. The staff here are second to none, and their genuine care, concern and attention to detail keeps guests coming back year after year."



It is no wonder that TripAdvisor voted Woodloch as the No.1 family resort in the United States.

Of the 1,091 part- and full-time workers at the resort, 199 have served the company for at least a decade. Considering that the hospitality industry is well known for its high turnover rate, this is certainly a notable accomplishment. 99 of these staff members have worked for the family resort for at least 20 years and another 40 for 30-plus years.



"Since we first opened in 1958, Woodloch vacations have been built on the concept of family and bringing loved ones together," Bloch added. "Over 60% of our guests are repeat guests, and many have been coming for 20, 30, even 40+ years. They grow up here, then bring their own children, and each generation continues with old

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with old traditions and make new ones.”

Through an array of nostalgic, back-to-basics environment and a unique brand of hospitality, guests can't help but enjoy a staycation at Woodloch. The full resort — Woodloch Pines (family resort), Woodloch Springs Golf Course and Community, and The Lodge at Woodloch (a luxurious destination spa) — spans over 1,200 acres and can accommodate over 1,000 guests.



For golf enthusiasts, your bucket list won't be complete until you play the Country Club at Woodloch Springs. The resort's golf course is spectacular.

The majestic mountainous landscape is an ideal backdrop for Woodloch Springs, an 18-hole championship course in pristine shape and situated on over 600 private acres of beautiful community living. The par-72 course offers several tees and will challenge golfers of all abilities.

Recognized nationally by GOLF Magazine as “one of the finest courses in America,” Woodloch Springs provides scenic views and a strong combination of risk/reward holes. This is not a grip it and rip it layout. You need to know your yardages and play smart golf. A mixture of hole styles keeps the game from feeling redundant.

The signature 14th hole is a par 5 requiring a dramatic 220-yard carry over “Hells Gate Gorge,” carved from the rugged Pocono mountainside by rushing water some 200 feet below. If you choose not to drive the gorge, you can play a different tee box, but it doesn't make the hole much easier. You'll have a blind tee shot onto one of the thinnest fairways on the course. It is beautiful and a fun hole to play as are all the par 5s here. Woodloch Springs is certainly a challenging course with many holes that are uphill with elevated greens that are slick. It pays to “know the course,” so playing it a second time is highly recommended.



Amenities:

Besides the must-play golf course, Woodloch offers a wide variety of free daily activities and events for all ages, including “Family Olympics,”

scavenger hunts, bakery wars and sporting events. There are great amenities for all seasons including indoor/outdoor pools, indoor splash zone, beach volleyball, a putt-putt course, bumper boats, go carts, rock climbing wall, batting cages, archery range, paddle & row boats, and much more.



Dining:

Woodloch's Meal Plan Dining is well organized and the food is delicious. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner in one of three dining rooms. The staff is friendly and quick to meet all your needs.



Accommodations:

Woodloch's inclusive rate plans are based on the hotel accommodation style you choose. There are a variety of options depending on the size of your group and your needs. There are hotel-style units located at the Woodloch Pines property, large suites that can sleep up to 12 people, and inclusive plan resort property vacation rentals featuring four to six bedrooms and four-and-a-half to six-and-a-half bathrooms.

So, if you're looking for a vacation fit for royalty, Woodloch Pines Resort has you covered. Whether you want a family-friendly trip or an adults-only escape, Woodloch offers a memorable getaway in the mountains that won't break the bank.

For details, check out the Woodloch website <https://www.woodloch.com>.

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By TONY LEODORA

There are so many things that go together naturally in this world:

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- Bacon and eggs • Hugs and kisses

By now, you get the idea.

Also, by now, regular readers of this publication are shaking their heads. That's because, in their universe, nothing goes together more naturally than golf and beer.

The people at the Workhorse Brewing Company in King of Prussia would agree.

That's why they have launched the "Workhorse Tour," a new initiative with a unique and compelling format. It taps into the competitive spirit of amateur golfers and provides a tournament schedule with the bonus of a flexible schedule. And it features real-time scoring powered by industry leader Golf Genius.

Week-long tournaments are hosted at area public courses, allowing golfers of all abilities to compete in the events at their convenience, earning points to climb the season-long standings and earn a spot in the Tour Championship.

The season continues until October and events take place at more than 20 courses in Southeastern Pennsylvania – as well as three, one-day member outings at local private clubs. To join the Tour, golfers register via a \$25 membership fee, which includes a \$25 gift card at the King of Prussia taproom. Players need a USGA handicap to compete but that is not a problem. As part of their membership, they receive a GHIN number from the USGA.



Once registered, Workhorse Tour members can use the app to view and book any open tee time during each week-long tournament window. Upon completion of their round, their posted score will appear on tournament and season-long leaderboards. There is no minimum participation requirement for the number of tournaments; golfers can play as often as their schedule allows.

Workhorse has brewed an exclusive beer for participating Tour courses; a lightly hopped, low-ABV Blonde Ale. Each participating course also received a completely custom label design, branded with their course logo.

"Since our inception, Workhorse has always sought unique ways to differentiate ourselves in the highly competitive world of craft beer," said brewery Co-Founder and Tour GM Dan Hershberg. "The Workhorse Tour is a creative way to achieve that goal and by allowing for competitive golf to be played on a flexible schedule, it also helps solve a real problem for amateurs everywhere. We're excited to be able to offer something of value to both golfers and our retail partners, while simultaneously growing our brand awareness in the local market."

The Workhorse Tour kicked off its inaugural season on May 10th at Raven's Claw Golf Club in Pottstown, and the full schedule of events can be found at the Tour website, workhorsetour.com, where the app is available for mobile use.



In Memoriam: Bill Lawler

Bill Lawler
1947-2021



Bill Lawler, a longtime GAP competitor and tireless Anthracite Golf Association (AGA) proponent, died July 19 of pancreatic cancer. He was 73.

Lawler, a Fox Hill Country Club member of 50-plus years, became a fixture on the Senior circuit. He earned Senior Player of the Year honors in 2006. Lawler earned runner-up honors in the Pennsylvania Golf Association Senior Amateur Championship and advanced to the Round of 64 in the U.S. Senior Amateur that year. He represented GAP in consecutive Senior Challenge Matches (2006-07) as well.

Lawler also forged success at the Super-Senior level. In 2014, he won the Francis B. Warner Cup (Gross) and the PAGA Senior Match Play Championship. A year later, Lawler helped lay the foundation for Fox Hill's success in the AGA/GAP Super-Senior Coal Scuttle Championship. Six editions, six titles for Fox Hill. Also of note, Lawler was a two-time medalist in the AGA/GAP Senior Coal Scuttle Championship (2000, 2003).

"He took his golf seriously. Everybody respected him because of his honesty and sincerity," Carlyle Robinson, a longtime friend and fellow Fox Hill member, said. "He was in the Top Three people I ever met."

"Such a humble man, a very kind person to everyone," Francis Hayes, Fox Hill's golf professional, added.

"If you meandered Fox Hill in the late afternoon on any given day, then you'd surely see a smiling Lawler, golf bag on his shoulder.

"Bill liked to walk the golf course, and you could walk it at 4 o'clock most days," Ted Merli, a close friend of nearly 60 years and fellow Fox Hill member, said. "He would trek over to the first tee at 4 o'clock, and whoever was in the area, he'd say, 'Come on. Play nine holes with me.' That's one thing he's very much noted for, taking younger golfers under his wing more or less and being a good guy."

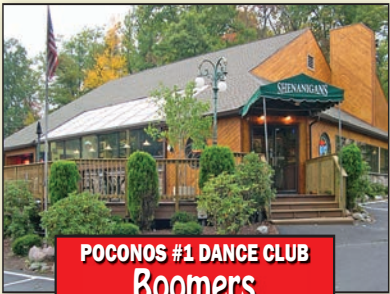
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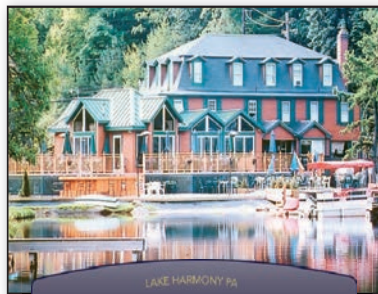
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VINCE YANOVITCH HITCHES RIDE OF A LIFETIME

By Ken Klavon

As a teen, Vince Yanovitch hitch-hiked nearly 60 miles to get a job that ultimately led him to golf. The name may not be household, but the 83-year-old of many hats at Great Bear Golf Club in East Stroudsburg, Pa., has created an A-list of memories

There is a certain charm octogenarian Vince Yanovitch evokes that takes a listener on a mirthful journey. The storytelling pervades a carefree nature.

While he recollects his past, the mind's eye sees a sepia-toned 8-millimeter reel flickering images of a past gone by. Cue the doo-wop and bubble gum rock. Simpler times. Innocence laced with determination to make something of himself in a golf industry that has, quite honestly, never felt like a job.

You see, life doesn't generate many like the 83-year-old Yanovitch anymore. The PGA teaching pro conveys old-school charm mixed with an undercurrent of properness. He says please, sir and thank you as he speaks, diction straight out of a "Leave It To Beaver" era. It is no façade. To think he is stuck in that generation would be inaccurate. He's adept at technology, text messaging like a virtual concierge, ensuring that the banquet of his life has sated the information compiler.

This is the person Yanovitch has always been: Hospitable and selfless at the core.

For 60-plus years, the Pocono Mountains region legend has worn many hats. He has figuratively rubbed more elbows with glitterati and industry leaders than a masseuse on a Tommy John-repaired pitcher's arm. Since 1998, he has lent his wares to Great Bear Golf Club in East Stroudsburg, Pa., adopting a whatever-needs-to-get-done mindset.



A lean and young Vince Yanovitch shows off a swing that earned him some professional wins at the local and regional levels. (Photo: Vince Yanovitch)

It has been a lifelong mantra.

"He's the last one to pat himself on the back for any accomplishment that he might have," said son Ron Yanovitch, 51, director of golf at Shangri-La Resort in Afton, Okla. "His mentality is 'That's just what you do.' I think that translates into his relationships at work, and everyone loves working with him because of that. They know they can rely on him and he doesn't want anything for it. He has a sense of appreciation and gratitude for the position he's in."

Said Keith Snyder, 66, Great Bear superintendent: "I met Vince in 1971 at Tamiment Golf Club when I was a 16-year-old kid and he was the golf pro. He was the nicest person to deal with back then and the same can be said today. He is the most even-keeled, likable person I have ever met. Nothing phases him, nothing rattles him. He is the ultimate ambassador to golf."

Therein lies the foundation of a monumental career. Golf emissary. He got bit by the golf bug as an 11-year-old, caddying at Fox Hill Country Club in hometown Exeter, Pa., and thought maybe he could one day pursue a living in the sport.

It had all the makings of a self-fulfilling prophecy although the path almost deviated.

While in high school, a friend convinced him to hitch hike from Pittston, Pa., to Stroudsburg to visit an employment bureau. Ambivalence briefly crept in. He almost backed out.



Arnold Palmer, Vince Yanovitch and Harry Obitz
A young Arnold Palmer, left, with Vince Yanovitch, center, and Harry Obitz
pictured at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort. (Photo: Vince Yanovitch)
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Pursuing A Dream

He got hired to work in the kitchen of a family-owned place called Sunset Hill Resort, located at the top of Mount Nebo in East Stroudsburg. During breaks, he'd bound outside and squint at a Spanish colonial revival building as it shone on the horizon. That mystical far-off place was Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, known for attracting the likes of Alex Smith, Ted Ray, Harry Vardon and the course where Jackie Gleason took up the game.

Yanovitch got hired there the next summer. He did it all: washed dishes, worked in the dining room, as a bellhop and elevator operator. He also thought it might help if he learned to play golf.

So he darted off to an entryway by the course, along a meadow, and taught himself. The golf pro soon took notice, driving by on his way in and offering tips from his car window. During his senior year in high school, Yanovitch nabbed a job for the pro washing clubs in the



Vince Yanovitch and Jackie Gleason

Vince Yanovitch yucks it up with the legendary performer Jackie Gleason, right, as the locker room attendant looks on. Gleason was effusive in his praise for Yanovitch, who offered the actor some swing tips. (Photo: Vince Yanovitch)

back room. Desiring more, he asked if he could work in the pro shop. "It was more like a haberdashery than anything else," said Yanovitch. "And the pro said, 'I have a budget' and I responded, 'Don't pay me.' People would come in after dinner. Wealthy people came there. They'd come in and I'd say, 'Look at these new shirts or these new clubs.'"

His sales acumen landed him permanently in the shop, except there was an issue that ate at him: all his co-workers were accomplished golfers — but him. He didn't know it then, but a Scottish teacher

there from St. Andrews started him on a metamorphic Ph.D. golf odyssey. Over the next couple of years he learned a series of valuable lessons, stitching them together into a mosaic of knowledge.

"There were five of us who lived together in an apartment and all we talked about was the swing," Yanovitch said. "The teacher would put a plastic ball on a string, hold it up in the air and we would hit it as he told us stories about St. Andrews."

It was about this time that Yanovitch crossed paths with Dick Farley and Harry Obitz, creators of the "Swing's The Thing," a popular late 1950s and early '60s instructional Shawnee Inn show that had mass appeal beyond the Poconos. The weekly trick-shot clinic with Broadway-like flair focused on fundamentals and also had a traveling version, seen by millions. Farley and Obitz were dignitaries. He learned from them.

A club assistant soon befriended Yanovitch and requested that he regularly hit balls at 5 a.m. with him. More important, the assistant ingrained social graces — how to treat people and behave around them.

That first winter in the pro shop he headed to the then posh Ponce de Leon Hotel in St. Augustine, Fla., to work as a bellhop. The head pro worked for Obitz and took a liking to Yanovitch. That, more than anything else, helped shape and perfect his game the old-fashioned way.

"I would take a city bus — because I didn't have a car — from the hotel in the middle of St. Augustine to where it would drop me off one mile from the golf course and I would carry my red golf bag the next mile to the course, play golf, walk back and get the bus later," Yanovitch said. "It was nuts and I don't think you'd see too many kids today doing that."

When he returned to Shawnee, the "Swing's The Thing" had been in full throttle. The show took place at 5 p.m. every Sunday. One time, while working in the pro shop, he heard the show announcer via a PA system say to his utter shock to "send the club's new assistant, Vince, out with a 5-iron."

In front of a packed crowd, Yanovitch was asked to hit three 5-iron shots. Nervous beyond comprehension, he promptly shanked the balls that never took flight. After it was over, a steaming Obitz walked into the shop and told Yanovitch that if he couldn't hit three balls into a bucket to never go out again.

Another lesson learned. Carpe diem. Instead of wilting, Yanovitch took it as a challenge, improved and became a regular in the show.

The Next Step

Shortly after receiving his PGA teaching pro card in 1960, Farley and Obitz, who ran a concession stand at nearby Tamiment Golf Club,

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would send Yanovitch there to spell the pro on his day off. By 1961, he became the head pro at Tamiment as golf was making an uptick.

"I remember the owner didn't know much about golf and he'd stand in the shop and watch what was going on," Yanovitch said. "One day he chuckled and said, 'Vince, I can't believe people would pay \$4 to play golf.'"

Yanovitch seized upon the opportunity, moving over into sales and running outings and corporate events. His business cards said PGA golf pro and sales rep, but he was more immersed on the sales side then.

Oh, he did find time to give lessons. Thousands of them. He stayed there 37 years, starting as a 24-year-old and leaving at 60. Endured five owners. Met his wife, Marlies. Had his four children — Vince, Annette, Jeff and Rob, who gave him 19 grandchildren. The crucible of his life. Even his brother, Gene Yanovitch, would embrace golf and become a PGA pro member — a head pro, in fact, for 50 years at Lords Valley Country Club in Lords, Pa.

"Marlies was the rock in raising the family," Yanovitch said of their 57-year marriage. "Without her support, I couldn't have done much at all."

Said Rob Yanovitch: "What I probably learned most from my dad was how to treat people, and the work ethic. My dad has never been one to shy from doing anything, from any part of the job that needs to be done. Whatever needs to be done, you just do it. There is none of this 'It's not my job,' he'd say."



Taken at Miami's old Americana Hotel: Vince Yanovitch, far left, gave Dean Martin a putting lesson and received high praise from the A-list star after a round of 73. (Photo: Vince Yanovitch)

Doors to the famous opened. In the winter of 1958, he taught at the Obitz-Farley Golf School at the American Hotel at Miami Beach, giving an hour-long putting lesson to Dean Martin. The next day an ebullient Martin sought him out to say he shot 73 at Miami Springs Golf Course.

While at Tamiment, he gave lessons to or played rounds with Gleason, Frankie Avalon, Joey Bishop, Jerry Lewis, Mickey Manners and Trini Lopez. Sometimes he did both. Bishop casually mentioned his name on one The Tonight Show appearance. He crossed paths with Arnold Palmer a few times, and even Henry Picard.

One time, Rodney Dangerfield — at Tamiment to do standup show pre-Caddyshack — stood as a silhouette figure at dusk as Yanovitch hit balls off the back tee on the first hole.

"He's got no shoes on, wearing a bathrobe and a drink in his hand, you see," Yanovitch said. "He goes (imitating Dangerfield), 'You must be the pro here!' I said, 'Yeah, I am, but I get nooooo respect!' So he responded, 'Heeeeeeey, you're alright, you know what I mean?'"

He invited Dangerfield to hit balls with him, but Dangerfield confessed he really didn't know how to play.

Yanovitch's favorite stories include Gleason and Lewis.

One time at the Shawnee Inn, owner Fred Waring, Yanovitch, another member and Gleason were playing a match. The club was constructing nine new holes and marked off where a pond would go. Gleason shanked his ball into the dirt where the pond would be. When Gleason went to retrieve his ball, Waring let him have it.

"Fred said, 'Come on, Jack, what are you doing? It's a water hazard. We're playing a match. See that red line? Give me a break.'"

"Jackie looked at him and said, 'Geez, I'm sorry, Fred.' He didn't pick the ball up. He started rolling up his pant legs to his knees and then did an outrageous tippy-toe walk like he was walking through water, high-stepping in and out." In 2000, that incident was chosen as one of the best stories of the last century by the U.S. Golf Association's Golf Journal.

Then there was Lewis. Scheduled to do a July 4, 1974 show, Lewis rolled up in a limousine, bought four medium-sized golf shirts from Yanovitch in the pro shop and asked him to play a round. Vince Yanovitch arranged to have a ranger clear the course so Lewis could play through and get done in time for rehearsals. Midway through, he gave Lewis — an accomplished golfer — a quick tip about his 3-wood he had no faith in. The tip clicked and fully won over Lewis.

"We were moving through people and he was very congenial," Yanovitch said. "When we got to the 10th hole, he said he was having so much fun that he wanted to start over again, so we went back to No. 1."

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to No. 1."

Later at the show, Lewis put the spotlight on Yanovitch and lauded him. The next day Lewis invited him to play another round near Mount Airy. Yanovitch told him no one could hit the third green, a par 3, on his first try at Pocono Manor Golf Course because of the 40-foot drop. Lewis did.

"I'll be darned, he hit it. He said, 'What do you think about that?'" Yanovitch recalled. "I have no idea where this came from, but I said, 'I am not surprised you hit that shot because golf's not about brute strength. It is a touchy, feely sport. I know you have that in you because of the telethon work you do. He stared at me for the longest time and said to the person driving the cart, 'Did you hear what that man said? That was the finest golf compliment I ever received.'"

Ten days later, a baffled Yanovitch received a call from Western Union.

"They said they had a message from Kansas City and I told them I did not know anyone there," he said. "It was from Jerry Lewis. It said, 'I am your biggest fan; you are the best partner; can't wait to see you again.' At the end, the operator goes, 'Oh my gosh, Jerry Lewis!' I still have the telegram."

Giving Back

As Vince Yanovitch's career progressed, he dabbled as a player when he could, winning several pro-ams. He also became the Pocono Professional Golf Series Match Play champion; was the co-winner of the Danny Kaye Invitational; and took a Philadelphia PGA pro tournament. Philadelphia Golf Magazine bestowed a high honor, calling him the Dean of Pocono Professionals circa 1987.

Moreover, he started the Poconos Junior Tour in 1970. And, oh, so many committees served, including PGA-related tournament, nominating, golf show and executive committees.



Vince Yanovitch and "The Swing's the Thing"
Vince Yanovitch, far right, with "The Swing's the Thing" crew at Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort. (Photo: Vince Yanovitch)

In 1998, on the analogous 18th hole of a sterling career, he holed out and decided he'd walk away from golf to help his wife run her travel agency. Little did he know, his career was about to go to extra holes. A mutual golf acquaintance reached out to see if he'd be interested in getting the business side of Jack Nicklaus' new design, Great Bear Golf Club, up and running. Eventually he acquiesced and agreed to help. They called Yanovitch the director of golf, but he made it clear the course should hire a younger golf pro who could grow with the club.

"It was tremendous to have him come here," Snyder said. "We probably have had 10 to 12 golf pros over the years and Vince has been the one constant. When people come here, if they want a lesson or learn how to play, they ask for Vince. They don't ask for anyone else on the golf staff. I've never seen him get flustered; I have never heard him raise his voice. You watch one of his lessons and he is the definition of patient."

His teaching philosophy eschews convoluted technology that has permeated golf the past 30 years. He unpretentiously instructs by the naked eye, astutely analyzing a swing and identifying the issue. It's a lost art.

"I like a good beginning, a good position, proper position at the end of backswing and a good turn through," he said. "The No. 1 thing I look at in the beginning is posture. The biggest thing I see in today's golf is they bend down too much. Bending and leaning. In every lesson I give, I have to correct that."

At 83, he's pulled back on the number of lessons he gives but still opens the pro shop at 7 a.m. most days. He does it because the club is short-staffed. He hangs around because it gives him a place to hang his hat, he said. Asked when he might call it quits for good, he wouldn't commit other than to say when he can't do it anymore.

"From where he came from, golf gave him his opportunity and I do think he has a loyalty to the business itself and to the golfers who he serves in what he does, too," said Ron Yanovitch. "He has a loyalty to them for what golf has done for him ... and what opportunities the golf business and PGA provided him in life."

Said Snyder: "He is the king of golf here. He's like the Energizer Bunny, where he just keeps going."

To that end, no one would disagree. The career may be winding down, but no one can erase the impeccable imprint he has left on the game.

Had he decided that fateful day not to hitch hike from Pittston to Stroudsburg to land the first golf job, something says the life of many riches would still be fulfilled — for good things happen to good people.

It should be noted that over a three-week period, in response to this story, Yanovitch sent 88 text messages following an hour-long phone interview. One of the last texts perhaps illustrates that old-school graciousness that has defined him.

"Could we please note that whatever I have done in golf is a copy of what I have learned from my mentors and fellow PGA members," he wrote. "I have them to thank."

Golf in the Pocono Mountain area is a better game because of that hitch-hiking thumb.

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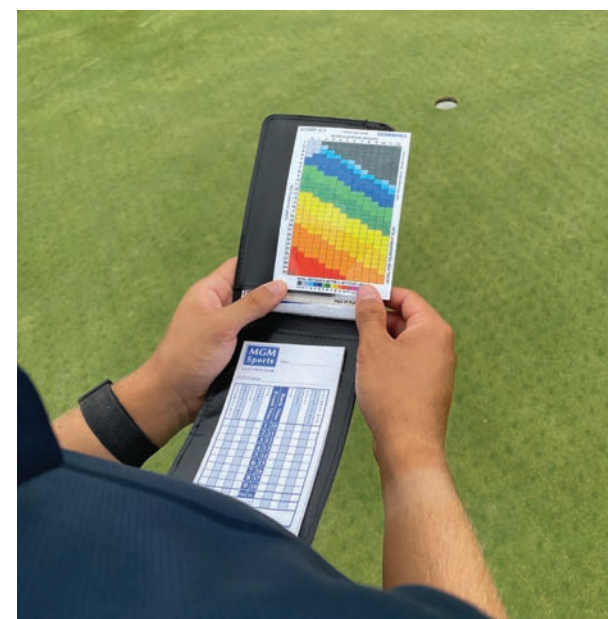
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Roll Maps contain a set of 19 cards including a Quick Guide and green speeds from 6 to 15 on the Stimpmeter. For tournament play, Roll Maps are allowed under the Rules of Golf and the colored grids are simple to use compared to most green reading books.

“The most common and costly scoring mistake for most amateur golfers is determining the correct speed when putting,” said Jeff Mocini, Founder and CEO of Slopegraide, manufacturers of Roll Maps. “Roll Maps will give you the confidence to sink more 10-20 footers and that makes golf really fun!”

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Pos.	Players	To Par	Total
1	Trevor Bensel / James Furness Overbrook Golf Club	-6	65
T2	Alex Scarlett / Bill Burke Galloway National Golf Club	-5	66
T2	Trevor Alexander / Michael Zupi Medford Lakes Country Club	-5	66
T2	Jordan Shuey / Matthew Plummer West Shore Country Club	-5	66
T2	Tom Carpus / Ben Feld PGA Tour	-5	66
T6	Hugo Mazzalupi / Marty McGuckin Patriots Glen National Golf Club	-4	67
T6	Parks Price / Devin O'Connor Country Club of York	-4	67
T6	Braden Shattuck / Anna Kittelson Bidermann Golf Club	-4	67
T6	Noah Firestone / Matt Johnson Galloway National Golf Club	-4	67
T10	Jim Smith / John Brennan Philadelphia Cricket Club	-3	68
T10	John King / Kevin O'Brien Rolling Green Golf Club	-3	68

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Moselem Springs GC



Pos.	Foursome	2 best of 4 ball net
1	Jeb Boyle / Mike Boyle / Mike McKinney / Paul Nelson Philadelphia PGA	92
T2	John Kulhamer / Charlir Leon / John Mace / Ryan Orcutt Green Pond Golf Course	87
T2	Brian Bergstol / Jason Wilson / Riley Hogan / Zach Fischl Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort	87
T4	Chris Gardner / Ben Pergament / Larry Segal / Chris Adams Bluestone Country Club	86
T4	Tom Michaels / Keith Derr / Scott McIntyre / Steve Brunner Berkshire Country Club	86
Pos.	Foursome	2 best of 4 ball gross
1	Brian Bergstol / Jason Wilson / Riley Hogan / Zach Fischl Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort	85
2	Chris Mathews / Jonathan Wilson / Robert Stanton / John Bodin Irem Country Club	80
3	Jeb Boyle / Mike Boyle / Mike McKinney / Paul Nelson Philadelphia PGA	79
T4	Richie Krebs / John Lowder / Brett Berkheimer / Bobby Stiffler Briarwood Golf Club	77
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T4	John Kulhamer / Charlir Leon / John Mace / Ryan Orcutt Green Pond Golf Course	77

DOYLESTOWN OPEN

Doylestown CC



Pos.	Player	To Par	Total
1	Zac Oakley Bidermann Golf Club Sudden Death Playoff - 1 Hole	-4	68
T2	Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford CC	-4	68
T2	Brian Bergstol Shawnee Golf Resort	-4	68
4	Braden Shattuck Bidermann Golf Club	-3	69
T5	Ashley Grier Overbrook Golf Club	-2	70
T5	Trevor Bensel Overbrook Golf Club	-2	70
T7	Billy Stewart Union League Liberty Hill	E	72
T7	George Forster Radnor Valley CC	E	72
T7	Alex Knoll Glen Brook Golf Club	E	72
T7	John Allen The 1912 Club	E	72
T7	Terry Hatch Royal Oaks Golf Course	E	72
T7	Brett Walker Sunnybrook Golf Club	E	72

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Huntingdon Valley CC



Pos.	Player	To Par	Total
1	Jeff Fick Moselem Springs Golf Club	-5	65
2	Michael Little Lookaway Golf Club	-4	66
3	Ross Brown Fox Hill Country Club	-2	68
T4	Ashley Grier Overbrook Golf Club	-1	69
T4	Zac Oakley Bidermann Golf Club	-1	69
T4	Dustin Wallis Honey Run Golf Club	-1	69
T4	Brett Walker Sunnybrook Golf Club	-1	69
T8	Alex Knoll Glen Brook Golf Club	E	70
T8	Dave McNabb Applebrook Golf Club	E	70
T10	Kyle Early Waynesborough CC	+1	71
T10	Matt Episcopo Pine Valley Golf Club	+1	71
T10	George Forster Radnor Valley CC	+1	71

SKEE RIEGEL SR. OPEN

Radnor Valley Country Club

Pos.	Player	To Par	Total	Pos.	Player	To Par	Total
1	Dave McNabb Applebrook GC	-4	66	T5	Jeff Haas Golf Cart Services, Inc	+1	71
2	Terry Hertzog Merion Golf Club	-1	69	T8	John Spina Philadelphia Cricket Club	+2	72
T3	Jason Panter InClub Golf	E	70	T8	Eddie Perrino Eagle Rock Resort	+2	72
T3	John DiMarco Woodcrest CC	E	70	T8	John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	+2	72
T5	Ronald Weaver (A) Bent Creek CC	+1	71	T8	Greg Farrow Deerwood Country Club	+2	72
T5	Brian Kelly Bucknell Golf Club	+1	71	T12	Hugo Mazzalupi Patriots Glen GC	+3	73





MERION'S BRADBEER WINS PATTERSON IN HISTORIC FASHION

FORT WASHINGTON, Pa.— Peter Bradbeer turned in a performance for the ages. Literally.

The 23-year-old from Merion Golf Club established a Patterson Cup 36-hole scoring record of 12-under-par 131 Thursday at Manufacturers' Golf & Country Club (par 72, 6,847 yards). The Patterson Cup, presented by Provident Bank, is GAP's second-oldest tournament at 119 years old. That score bested Brandon Matthews' 2013 total of 10-under 134 when Cedarbrook Country Club played host.

Bradbeer's Final-round 8-under 64 also established a new course record (when No. 18 is played as a par 5 using the upper green complex). Additionally, his victorious 72-hole Silver Cross total of 17-under-par 268 eclipsed the previous low mark of 275 held by Jeff Osberg from 2015. The Silver Cross is 115 years old.

There is more.

Bradbeer, who won the 2017 Patterson Cup at Wilmington Country Club (South), became the 23rd individual to win two or more titles. He also earned the Silver Cross that season. With this year's triumph in the Silver Cross – presented to the player with the lowest aggregate score in the qualifying round(s) of the BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship and the Joseph H. Patterson Cup – Bradbeer became the 26th player to win two or more of those.

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"It's incredible. The names on [the Patterson Cup] trophy are unbelievable," said a stunned Bradbeer, who lives in Rosemont, Pa. "So to win it twice, I'm just honored. It just reaffirms to me that I can play this game and I can play it very well."

His Final Round scorecard confirms his reaffirmation. It included nine 3s and two eagles. He played the five par 5s in 6 under. For the week, he had 11 birdies, the two aforementioned eagles and just three bogeys.

"It's a great way to finish up the year, almost. That's my competitive low," said Bradbeer. "It's really special, and to have my dad [Brad] here ... it's the first time he's ever seen me win anything. He wasn't there for Wilmington. He wasn't there for the [BMW Philadelphia Amateur

Championship] medal at Cedarbrook. He's been so supportive of me. I couldn't be where I am today without him."

The almost in his statement: Bradbeer is one of nine GAP members who qualified for the U.S. Amateur Championship at Oakmont Country Club, which begins next Monday.

Patrick Sheehan of Talamore Country Club placed second at 7 under. He, too, will compete in the U.S. Amateur.

Defending Patterson champion Zach Barbin of Loch Nairn Golf Club tied for 24th place.

Bradbeer started to pull away from a compact leaderboard on No. 9 (par 5, 470 yards) when he registered his first of two eagles. He ripped a 7-iron from 176 yards to nine feet and made the putt. Two holes later, on No. 12 (par 5, 516 yards), Bradbeer started his title surge. He launched a cut 5-iron from 215 yards to 15 feet. Putting more defensive than aggressive, his putt for 3 tumbled in softly. At the time, he held a two-shot lead.

Bradbeer silenced all contenders and, in essence, secured the victory soon thereafter with back-to-back birdies on Nos. 15 (par 5, 524 yards) and 16 (par 4, 426 yards). He drained a seven-foot putt on 15 and followed that up with a 15-footer on 16. His final stroke was the pièce de résistance. On No. 18 (par 5, 546 yards), after launching a 5-wood from 228 yards to the back collar of the green, he eventually drained a ... wait for it ... seven-foot birdie putt.

This may be the end of Bradbeer's GAP adventures. He's planning to head to Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying later this year.

"I will be playing [Korn Ferry Qualifying] as an amateur, but we'll see," said Bradbeer. "I'm playing great golf. I'm going to go for it and see where I land."

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WALK-OFF: PETERS WINS AT MERION

ARDMORE, Pa. - Move over, Ben Hogan. An iconic course. A historic event. And now, a legendary finish. Down a stroke and sitting in the 18th fairway at Merion Golf Club, John Peters was 193 yards away from the hole. Trying to hit it close to give himself a look at birdie, the incoming Duke University freshman did even better, as his 8-iron landed near the front of the green and rolled all the way back towards Merion's famed wicker basket flagstick. As the large gallery surrounding the green started to murmur, the ball continued tracking and eventually tapped the flagstick and dropped, giving Peters an eagle and, minutes later, the championship of the 108th Pennsylvania Amateur, presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods.

"I was just trying to land it somewhere in that 175 number," said Peters, of Carlisle Country Club. "We know how firm the greens are downwind and that it could run out. I was really just trying to hit it close and get a look at birdie because I thought there would be a playoff at 1-over par."

Instead, on a hole where there wasn't even a single birdie posted in Wednesday's final round, Peters made eagle to finish at even par overall to win the championship. A day full of the expected drama at Merion finished with a shot that no one imagined. But Patrick Sheehan, the leader entering the final round, still had a chance. His approach shot, just prior to Peters' now famous 8-iron, left him about six feet for birdie. However, he couldn't convert the putt, giving the title to Peters.



"It's a testament to it's never over until it's over," said Peters. "I wasn't even thinking about it [going in]. Obviously there's a bit of luck there. I was waiting for some kind of clap but I thought it was long, then we heard a big hurrah. I've never experienced anything like that. It's just a tremendous blessing."

The drama unfolded early and often on the famed East Course. Sheehan entered with a three-shot advantage, which was gone by the time the final group was on the fourth tee as he opened with three consecutive bogeys. Peters got under par for the championship with a nice birdie on No. 1, as he hit a nice drive followed by an even better approach to leave himself a 10-footer for birdie, which he drained.

The third player in the final group, Jimmy Ellis, was attempting to add the Pennsylvania Amateur at Merion to his win in last year's Pennsylvania Open at Oakmont, and was at or near the top of the leaderboard all day. With nine holes to go, there were nine players within two shots of the lead.

Suddenly, it looked like Hannastown Golf Club's Mark Goetz was

the player to beat. The West Virginia University golfer played the front nine in 1-over par but birdied No. 10 and No. 15 before hitting what most people in attendance assumed was going to be the shot of the day. After his drive on the 429-yard 16th landed in the quarry, Goetz hit an incredible shot to reach the green, where he was able to save par. After two more pars to close out the round, he was in the clubhouse at 1-over for the championship with a 69 in Wednesday's round, tied for the lowest round of the day.

The next contender was Joshua Ryan of The 1912 Club, who had some chances to tie Goetz down the stretch, but just couldn't get the needed birdie as he finished at 2-over par.

It was down to the final pairing to upend Goetz's quest for a title. First, Sheehan birdied the par 3 17th, a stout hole under any circumstance that measured 241 yards and was into the wind with a back right hole location on Wednesday. At that same time, Ellis nearly chipped in from the left rough but settled for a par to stay at 1-over.

As they approached the 18th tee, Goetz was in the clubhouse, while Sheehan and Ellis were tied with him and Peters was a stroke behind. Then, near the site of Hogan's famous 1-iron shot that helped him win the 1950 U.S. Open, Peters made magic happen.

"I knew that I had a ton of adrenaline," Peters said. "To be honest, I hit it just a groove thin maybe and that's what helped it run out there."

The crowd's roar greenside was the indicator for Peters, as he couldn't see it go in from his vantage point. The eagle moved him to even par for the round as well as the championship, and moments later, he was being presented with the championship trophy that seemed to be out of his grasp just a few minutes prior.

"It was really one of the most patient rounds I've ever played," said Peters. "It's a U.S. Open course and rightly so - even par wins it."

After crossing Ardmore Avenue to Merion's 13th hole, a short par 3, it looked like luck wasn't going Peters' way. His tee shot started a bit left, faded and went towards the flag.

"I thought it was going to go in," Peters said, but unfortunately for him, his luck was still five holes away. The ball hit the stick about a third of the way up and bounced off the green about 35 feet away, where he was able to chip up and make the putt. The golf ball he used had a red scuff mark from the flagstick, and later in the round, that same ball made history from the 18th fairway.

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POCONO PRO GOLF SERIES

Wyoming Valley Country Club 2021 PRO-AM RESULTS

LOW PRO

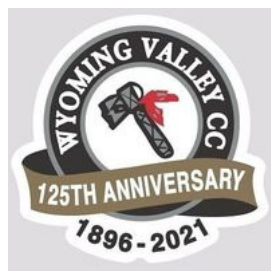
1. John Pillar (Woodloch)	62
2. Alex Knoll (Blue Shamrock)	69
Greg Meyer (Woodstone)	69
Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)	69
5. John Kulhammer (GreenPond)	70
6. Jason Mustapich (WVCC)	71
Rick Flescher (Lehigh)	71
8. Spencer Lungar (Canoe Club)	72
Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks)	72
Nick Lussier (Shawnee)	72
11. Dustin McCormick (Glenbrook)	73
12. Kevin Edwards (Old Homestead)	74
Chris Miller (Irem)	74

LOW AM

1. Kyle Pritchard (Spang)	- 69
2. Alex Pillar (Pillar)	- 70
Jim Gardas (Monahan)	- 70
4. Dave Figura (Petrole)	- 71
Eric Williams (Monahan)	- 71
Todd Gombos (Silnik)	- 71
Bob Shoemaker (Mustapich)	- 71

LOW SENIOR AM

1. John Savitski (Savitski)	77
2. Bill Grammes (Silnik)	79
3. Rick Carty (Strausser)	81
4. Bob Spang (Spang)	83



GREEN POND CC POCONO PRO AM RESULTS FRIDAY JULY 16, 2021

LOW PROFESSIONALS

BRIAN BERGSTOL	66	\$275
TERRY HATCH	69	\$220
MIKE MOLINO	72	\$150
JOHN KULHAMER	72	\$150
DUSTIN MCCORMICK	73	\$100
MIKE GRABOSKY	73	\$100
GREGG MEYER	74	\$65
JIM BOOROS	75	\$40

LOW AMATEUR

WILLIAM MIRAMS	67	\$50
CONNOR VANIN	73	\$35
RILEY HOGAN	73	\$35
TOM TYLER	76	\$20

LOW SENIOR AMATEUR

MIKE HOGAN	67	\$50
CHARLES LEON	73	\$35
DYLAN SPADT	73	\$35
JEFF WIEDECKE	74	\$20

TEAM RESULTS GROSS DIVISION

PATRICK SPANG-SOUTHMOORE GC
BRIAN BERGSTOL- SHAWNEE
GREGG MEYER- WOODSTONE CC
MIKE GRABOSKY- HEIDELBERG CC

NET DIVISION

JOHN KULHAMER-GREEN POND
TERRY HATCH - ROYAL OAKS
MIKE MOLINO- CC OF SCRANTON
JIM BOOROS-PGA



Elmhurst Country Club

2021 PPGS Pro Am Results

Team Gross

1 st place – Bergstol (Shawnee) – 60 - \$440
2 nd place – Knoll (Glen Brook) – 61 - \$320
T3rd place – Pillar (Woodloch) – 63 - \$170
T3rd place – O'Malley (Buck Hill) – 63 - \$170
T5th place – Molino (CC of Scranton) – 64 \$40
T5th place – Wall (Pocono Manor) – 64 \$40

Team Net

T1st place – Ambrose (PGA) – 60 - \$275
T1st place – Fick (Moselom Springs) – 60 - \$275
T1st place – Fruehan (Elmhurst) – 60 - \$275
T1st place – Lungar (Canoe Club) – 60 - \$275
5th place – VanBuskirk (Mt. Laurel) – 61 - \$80

Low Professional

1 st place – Brian Bergstol – 68 - \$300
T2nd place – Alex Knoll – 69 - \$207.50
T2nd place – Spencer Lungar – 69 - \$207.50
4 th place – John Pillar – 70 - \$170
5 th place – Mike Molino – 71 - \$150

Low Amateur

T1st place – Mike Domanish – 71 - \$85
T1st place – Zach Fischl – 71 - \$85
3 rd place – Alex Pillar – 72 - \$60
T4th – Jake Haberstumpf – 73 - \$25
T4th – Gary Philips – 73 - \$25

Low Sr. Amateur

1 st place – Dylan Spadt – 68 - \$50
2 nd place – Mike Vassil – 72 - \$40
T3rd place – Al McCormick – 74 - \$26.50
T3rd place – Walt Freundt – 74 - \$26.50



Shawnee 2021 PRO-AM RESULTS August 4, 2021

LOW PRO

1. Brian Bergstol	66	\$304
2. Kevin Edwards	69	\$243
3. Jeff Fick	71	\$164
3. Brian Fruehan	71	\$164
5. Dustin McCormick	72	\$109.50
5. Terry Hatch	72	\$109.50
7. Nick Lussier	73	\$73
8. Ryan Shaughnessy	74	\$49

LOW AM

1. Mike Hogan	67	\$57
2. Zachary Fischl	67	\$57
3. Tucker Sandercock	69	\$36
3. Keith Devos	69	\$36

LOW SENIOR AM

1. Edward Mesko	73	\$55
2. Al McCormick	75	\$39

TEAM GROSS

1. Shawnee (B. Bergstol)	\$299 Team	60
2. Pocono Manor (G. Wall)	\$224 Team	64
3. Mt. Airy (C. Zelenka)	\$149 Team	65
4. Bethlehem Golf Club (R. Shaughnessy)	\$75 Team	66

TEAM NET

1. Southmoore (P. Spang)	\$299 Team	58
T2. Elmhurst CC (B. Fruehan)	\$186.50 Team	59
T2. Olde Homestead (K. Edwards)	\$186.50 Team	59
4. Moselem Springs (J. Fick)	\$75 Team	60





**2021 AGA LAWLER JUNIOR
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**
Fox Hill Country Club
Huntsville Golf Club

Pos.	Player	Total	R1	R2	Total
1	Ropietski, Cael Huntsville Golf Club	-3	66	74	140
2	Lugiano, Michael Huntsville Golf Club	+3	71	75	146
3	Ropietski, Eli Huntsville Golf Club	+7	74	76	150
4	Palermo, Jacob Riverview CC	12	78	77	155
T5	Matteo, Connor Valley Country Club	+18	83	78	161
T5	Pegula, L.V. GAP Youth on Course	+18	83	78	161
T5	Wilson, Alex Elmhurst Country Club	+18	82	79	161
8	Joseph, Jonathan Valley Country Club	+26	87	82	169

GIRLS

1	Powell, Gwendolyn Elmhurst CC	+8	75	78	153
2	Toomey, Ciera Lawler Junior Tour	+21	83	83	166
3	Franchetti, Elizabeth Scott Greens GC	+27	85	87	172
4	Ritz, Isabelle Valley Country Club	+28	84	89	173
5	Brown, Hallie Shadowbrook Golf Club	+29	83	91	174
6	Seratch, Isabelle Valley Country Club	+54	97	102	199
7	Miesowitz, Alivia Eagle Rock Resort	+60	105	100	205

2021 AGA/GAP Stroke Play Championship
Fox Hill Country Club

AMATEUR 0-54

Pos.	Player	To Par	Total
1	Williams, Eric Honesdale Golf Club	-2	69
2	Steiger, Gus Glenmaura National Golf Club	E	71
3	Orcutt, Ryan Green Pond Country Club	+2	73
4	Mitchell, Patrick Pocono Farms CC	+2	73
5	Kacvinsky, Frank Elmhurst Country Club	+2	73
6	McGarry, Tyler Huntsville Golf Club	+2	73
7	Kelleher, Troy Country Club of Scranton	+3	74
8	Wilson, Jonathan Irem Country Club	+4	75
9	Donatoni, A.J. Fox Hill Country Club	+6	77
10	Hutnik, Kyle Green Pond Country Club	+6	77
11	Plisko, Eric Wyoming Valley Country Club	+6	77
12	Biscotti, Tom Wyoming Valley Country Club	+6	77



2021 AGA/GAP Sam Spencer Four-Ball
Glen Oak Country Club

AMATEUR GROSS

Pos.	Players	To Par	Total
1	Plisko, Eric + Laneski, Rick Wyoming Valley Country Club, Emanon Country Club	-8	64
2	Williams, Eric + Williams, Benjamin Honesdale Golf Club	-4	68
3	Domanish, Mike + Bonavoglia, Mike Elmhurst Country Club	-4	68
4	Flickinger, Brad + Flickinger, Daniel Country Club of Scranton	-4	68
5	Biscotti, Tom + Mikiewicz, John Wyoming Valley Country Club, Fox Hill Country Club	-4	68

SENIOR GROSS

Pos.	Players	To Par	Total
1	Andrejko, Bob + Bartkowski, Mark StoneHedge Golf Assn., Pocono Farms CC	-4	68
2	Cuddy, Matt + Hoover, Jim Huntsville GC	-2	70
3	Vassil, Michael + Westington, Barry Country Club of Scranton, Scranton Canoe Club	E	72
4	Hamm, Fran + Occhipinti, Mark CC of Scranton	E	72
5	Heck, Michael + Heck, Harry Elkview Country Club, Green Pond CC	E	72
6	Gill, Bob + Kluger, David Fox Hill CC	+1	73

SUPER SENIOR GROSS

Pos.	Players	To Par	Total
1	Baker, James + Voigt, John Oak CC, CCC of Scranton	-1	71
2	Bonda, Robin + Miller, Tom StoneHedge Golf Assn., Wemberly Hills GC	-1	71
3	Emigh, Pete + Shuman, Frank Lehigh CC	+1	73
4	Breck, Jim + Elias, George Irem Country Club	+2	74
5	Froncek, Matt + Zavada, John Honesdale Golf Club, Elkview Country Club	+2	74

2021 AGA/GAP Founders Four-Bal Glenmaura National Golf Club

AMATEUR GROSS

Pos.	Players	To Par	Total
1	Williams, Eric / Gardas, James Honesdale GC, Glenmaura	-6	65
2	Evans, Eamon / Shanley, Sean Glenmaura	-5	66
3	Domanish, Mike / Mitchell, Patrick Elmhurst Country Club, Pocono Farms Country Club	-3	68
4	Lewis, Jeff / Shoemaker, Bob Wyoming Valley CC	-3	68
5	Manley, Ryan / Marzolino, Bryan Elmhurst CC	-3	68
6	Cicini, Tom / McLaughlin, Devin Berwick GC, Frost Valley	-3	68
7	Orcutt, Ryan / Rossi, Kevin Green Pond Country Club	-2	69
8	Brunn, Art / Blasi, Jr., Peter Wyoming Valley CC	-2	69
T9	Draper, Stephon / Nardella, Doug CC of Scranton, Elmhurst Country Club	-2	69
T9	Haley, Mike / Leonardis, David Fox Hill Country Club, Jack Frost National Golf Club	-2	69

SENIOR GROSS

Pos.	Players	To Par	Total
1	Andrejko, Bob / Bartkowski, Mark StoneHedge Golf Assn., Pocono Farms Country Club	-2	69
2	Bolcavage, Kenneth / Froncek, Matt Elkview Country Club, Honesdale Golf Club	-1	70
3	Klem, Robert / McCloskey, Bob Wemberly Hills Golf Club, Elmhurst Country Club	E	71
4	Fronzoni, Jim / Lydick, Bill Huntsville Golf Club	E	71
5	Orsulak, Joseph / Choi, Mark Olde Homestead Golf Club, Saucon Valley Country Club	+1	72
6	Scarpetta, Jr., Vince / Sebastianelli, Dennis Nittany Country Club, Wemberly Hills Golf Club	+2	73
7	Gill, William / Corbett, Brian Fox Hill Country Club, Country Club of Scranton	+3	74



WYNCOTE - FROM DAIRY FARM TO UPSCALE DAILY FEE COURSE

Wyncote GC Featured in August Traveling Golfer

There is a long history of America's farmlands being turned into golf courses. In the Golden Age of golf course construction, some of the great architects – Donald Ross, A.W. Tillinghast, William Flynn, George Thomas – plowed under the corn stalks and produced revered layouts.



Wyncote from above clubhouse

At the same time, many farmers, who tired of working the fields, attempted to create their own golf courses. Frankly, many of them turned out to be more like cow pastures than memorable layouts. One former dairy farm, which was heralded as a memorable layout from the day it opened in 1993, is Wyncote Golf Club – perched on the rolling hills of western Chester County in Oxford, Pennsylvania. The course, designed by Brian Ault of the Ault and Clark Design Firm, debuted as the No. 3 New Golf Course in America and has been ranked annually in the upper half of the Top 10 Daily Fee Courses in Pennsylvania by Golfweek.

For all of those reasons, Wyncote GC will be featured in the August episode of the award-winning Traveling Golfer television show.

“From the beginning, it has been a good experience,” says Jim Pepple,



Wyncote #1 & #10 greens

who oversaw the transformation of his family's dairy farm into a Heathland-style golf course that is reminiscent of some of the inland courses in Scotland. “We got a good architect to come in, a good

builder to build it and a good superintendent – Mark McGreedy – to take care of it. It's been a lot of fun.”

Incredibly fine turf conditions are the hallmark of the Wyncote golf experience. Currently, the course is getting 96 percent approval ratings from golfers on Golf Advisor. That is top 10 in the country.

“I have played so many rounds of golf at Wyncote ... from the first days of its existence until now. It keeps getting better,” recalls Traveling Golfer host, Tony Leodora. “But one thing remains the same. At one point in every round, I stop in my tracks, take a 360-degree turn and pause to look at the course and the surrounding countryside. I am amazed at the tranquility, natural beauty and architectural excellence of this golf course.”

For a complete look at all that is available at the Wyncote property, go to www.wyncote.com.

The August episode of the Traveling Golfer airs as a scheduled weekly feature show on NBC Sports and NBC Sports + throughout four markets in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. NBC Sports airings are 10:30 a.m. on Sundays, 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and 11 a.m. on Thursdays. NBC Sports + airs the show at 8 p.m. Mondays and Fridays. In addition, the show airs nationally, three times every day, on the Fun Roads Network (funroads.tv/schedule) – in the San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Wichita, Detroit, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Washington State, North Dakota, Raleigh, Orlando, San Jose, Albany and Boise markets. Additionally, national and international expansion has taken place via connected TV on Roku, Amazon Fire, SelectTV and GlewedTV – including the new WingDing Network in 50 million households worldwide on Roku.

The Traveling Golfer also airs a number of times throughout the month on “Rivertalk” on HTC-4 in Myrtle Beach.

The show also airs on the Traveling Golfer network of websites ... including The Golf Director Network and The Myrtle Beach Golf Channel.



Tony Leodora Host of GolfTalk Live



PHILADELPHIA'S MERION TO HOST FUTURE U.S. OPENS

By MIKE KERN

It's been one of the worst kept secrets in golf. And now, what everyone thought was going to happen has become a reality.

Ardmore's Merion Golf Club, part of the Main Line in suburban Philadelphia, is one of the most historic places in the game. The USGA just announced that the tradition will continue over the next few decades.

The club has been selected to host the 2030 U.S. Open, and the 2050 championship as well. Those are significant because they represent the 100-year anniversaries of two of the sport's most iconic moments.

In 1930, at the U.S. Amateur, the immortal Bobby Jones completed his grand slam there. And 20 years later, that's where Ben Hogan completed his comeback from a near-death car accident to win the national championship in an 18-hole playoff.

There's a plaque at the 11th tee to commemorate the hole where Jones finished off his quest, which has never been duplicated even though the grand slam now consists of the four professional majors instead of including the U.S. and British Amateurs. The Masters wasn't even played until 1934.

And there's a plaque in the middle of the 18th fairway, at the spot where Hogan hit his famed 1-iron into the 18th green in the final round that led to a 2-putt par and kept him in a three-way tie for first. The image taken from behind him just after he hit the shot is only one of the great photographs in not only golf but any sport.

So there's all that.

This will be the sixth and seventh times that Merion has hosted an Open. The last of course was eight years ago, when Justin Rose edged out Phil Mickelson. The one before that was in 1981, when David Graham produced one of the finest final rounds ever in the event. And in '71 it was Lee Trevino beating Jack Nicklaus in a playoff, after he jokingly tossed a rubber snake at the Golden Bear on the opening tee. More great stuff.

Merion will also host the 1934 and '46 Women's Open. I've always felt that this layout is a perfect challenge for the top LPGA players to test their skills. I guess we'll find out. The USGA also said that other championships could be coming to Merion, to be announced at a later date.

Merion has already hosted 18 USGA championships, the most of any venue. It will be the site of next year's Curtis Cup as well as the 2026 U.S. Amateur, when of course the nation will be celebrating its 250th

birthday and the signing of the Declaration of Independence right across town.

The course has just undergone a renovation headed by Malvern's own Gil Hanse. Some feared that the layout, which is short by today's standards, might have become obsolete. But the way it played in 2013 proved otherwise. And we can assume this additional work has only made it better. Merion can never be obsolete. It's Merion.

The course is always rated among the top 10 in the country, for all the obvious reasons. That's not going to change any time soon.

But some worried that the logistics in holding an event of this magnitude had changed, a lot, in the years between 1981 and 2013, and that this might have made holding an Open there unfeasible. But the club got much-needed help from nearby Haverford College, in terms of parking and other considerations that helped make it possible. And it was able to put on another big-time show.

We can only assume that 2030 and 2050 will prove to be no different. And everything else in between.

The USGA is doing the right thing. So is Merion. Again, this was hardly unexpected. Simply a matter of wanting to make it happen, from both sides. The game can only be better off for it.

For those on the other side of the state, it was also announced that Oakmont near Pittsburgh, another great site, is getting the U.S. Open in 1934, '42 and '49. And a Women's Open in 2028 and '38. Plus the Walker Cup in 2036 and the 2046 U.S. Women's Amateur.

It's already hosting the Open in 2025. So the state won't have to take a backseat to anyone when it comes to being one of the focal points of golf over the next three decades. And we should also note that the 2022 Senior Open will be held at Bethlehem's Saucon Valley, and the 2027 PGA Championship will finally be coming to Aronimink in Newtown Square in 2027. So the real winners are the golf fans who will get the chance to see these championships in person. And once again, the people in our extended region will get to showcase some of the best it has to offer. Nothing ever wrong with that.



Merion hole # 5





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