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#18 Saucon Valley Old Course

By MIKE KERN

For the third time in three decades, this major will be held in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley, on the Old Course, part of one of the best 54-hole facilities anywhere. In 1992 cigar-smoking Larry Laoretti won there, by four shots. It was the only professional victory he would ever have. Eight years later, the great Hale Irwin won the championship. And now it is returning, on June 23-26. The club also hosted a Women's Open in 2009. But this is the event that really put Saucon back on the map. And perhaps fittingly, Pennsylvania's own Jim Furyk is your defending champ.

He grew up about two hours away in Lancaster, but had never seen the place until early May, when he played a practice round.

"I've heard so much (about it)," Furyk said. "So I was excited to (finally) come here. I didn't know what to expect. I'd seen some pictures of the golf course. I've heard people talk about it. It was a great walk. Mike (Wood), the director of golf, went around with me. I had some great caddies and great company."

"I thought it was beautiful from tee to green. The bunkers were defining the holes. You play it for the first time and I kind of had a good idea where I should hit it on almost every hole. Then they were kind of pointing me in the right direction as well."

"But the difficulty is really on the greens. They really have some teeth. There could be some really interesting pin placements out here. There's some really long par-4s. I was joking that we played four par-5s on the front nine because I hit wood into two par-4s. Some of those greens looked like par-5 greens even though they weren't. So you go into those with a mid- to long irons at times ... So there's definitely some tough holes, and there's not a lot of holes out there where I'm looking and licking my chops like, 'OK, this is where you can attack.' Because the greens on the short holes are extremely difficult as well."

Hey, it's a U.S. Open. Nobody said it's supposed to be easy.

Jim of course won the 2003 Open at Olympia Fields in Chicago. Last year, in his Senior Open debut, he won at Omaha (Neb.) Country Club by three strokes over two-time U.S. Open champ Retief Goosen and 2003 Masters winner Mike Weir. In doing so he became the eighth man to win both the U.S. Open and Senior Open. Now he tries to become just the third to repeat in this one, joining Gary Player (1987-88) and Allen Doyle (2005-06). And he gets to try on sort of home turf. Never a bad thing.

"I guess I just didn't realize how lucky I was from a golf perspective to grow up in this state," Furyk said. "There's some beautiful courses. You've got U.S. Opens at Merion, and Oakmont on the other side of the state. I grew up kind of playing junior golf in the Philadelphia section. For every Merion, there's 10 golf courses that I love every bit as much, probably more in spots. So as I travel and went to school in Arizona, as I travel the country and play golf courses in other places, I never realized how great the golf courses were here and how lucky I was."

And now, he'll get to experience being the local rooting interest, as he has at Oakmont and Merion.

"I'm going to hit them up for some ticket requests," Furyk readily acknowledged. "It'll be fine. At Merion (in 2013) it was tough. I put a lot of pressure on myself. There was a PGA Tour event (around 2000) at Waynesborough (in suburban Philly). I put a lot of pressure on myself. I never really played too well at those events. I played a lot better at Oakmont. But I guess hopefully I'll come in here and really enjoy it, kind of later in my career and playing close to home and having some family and friends in the gallery will be fun. I'll probably try to pull from that support rather than put so much pressure on myself than I have in the past."

Nine other Senior Open champs are expected to compete: Olin Browne (2011), Roger Chapman ('12), Fred Funk ('09), the ageless Bernhard Langer ('10), Jeff Maggert ('15), Colin Montgomery ('14), Gene Sauers ('16), Steve Stricker ('19) and David Toms ('18). There

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was no tournament in 2020 due to the pandemic. Also in the field are four-time major champ Ernie Els and 1992 Masters champ Fred Couples, always a fave.

So what was it like for Furyk to win last year?

"It's special," he said. "When I look back on my career and you look at tournaments won and playing for your country in the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup, they're special moments. But I won one major in my career. So winning at Olympia Fields is kind of the crowning moment in my career personally. And then I guess to come out on the Champions Tour and play in my first Senior Open and be able to get a win kind of add to my record and was a lot of fun.

"My wife and kids flew in for the day. I got to share the U.S. Open with Tabitha. But my daughter was 1. It was Father's Day. My mom and dad were there so sharing that with my family and the kids was special.



Hole #12 Saucon Valley Old Course

"Then you look at the list of names of eight players that have been able to win both, it's an honor just to be mentioned in the same breath with those folks. So I'm really proud of my performance."

And obviously there will always be the memories.

"I think I shot 6-under on Friday," recalled the man who set the PGA record by shooting a 58 at the 2016 Travelers Championship in Connecticut. "And then kind of took the lead, or got near the lead, going into the weekend. So that (second) round really was the catapult. I guess I kind of had some gut checks on Sunday, where I got off to a little bit of a bad start. I bogeyed the second hole, a par-5, and then a par-3, number 3, where I made double. I had a little bit of a cushion, and now you lose all that momentum, and you're back to square one and you have to dig yourself out.

"I played a solid fourth hole, got up and down at 5 and was able to birdie number 6 and kind of regain the momentum and calm myself down a little bit, and then played really solid golf the rest of the day. I was able to separate myself from the field again.

"There was a funny moment. I saw my son walking up 4 after I made the bogey at 3. He looked extremely nervous. He looked like he wanted to throw up, and it kind of made me laugh. I was like, 'They flew all the way here and I just made double.' And I looked at the look on his face. He wasn't looking at me. I just looked at him and

you could tell he felt awful. It kind of made me chuckle and I was like, 'He looks just like I feel now.' It just kind of lightened me up a little bit. I'd been playing beautiful golf all week. I knew a U.S. Open wasn't going to be a birdie fest. It's just go out and grind it out and play a really solid round."

And few do it any better than the man with that unique swing that he somehow manages to replicate more often than not through all these years. So yes, to the surprise of few, it got him another trophy for his Hall of Fame collection. And who knows? Maybe he's about to add yet one more to that resume soon, in a setting that would certainly make it even more indelible. The galleries at Saucon would not be disappointed if he did.

Each of the previous Opens at Saucon have been huge successes. No reason to think this will be any different, especially with Saucon's own Mimi Griffin, a veteran of many USGA championships, is in charge of making it something to remember. And not just because of what happens on the course. There is also an entertainment element involved in making the whole week an event. So there will be plenty to do, to make it worth checking out even for the non-golfers in the audience. There will be concerts, and even wagering on things like long drive and closest to the hole, much of which will be centered around the 19th hole, a concept that Griffin feels will only enhance the snapshots that fans will take with them.

Because hey, the next one may not be back for another decade or so. Did we forget to mention that Saucon is the first club to host this major three times. There's a reason for that. It just doesn't happen. And with the Curtis Cup taking place at Merion two weeks earlier, the Senior Open will be the 90th major to be played in Pennsylvania. That's also the most for any state.

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SHOPRITE CLASSIC WRAP-UP



By MIKE KERN

They've been playing the LPGA ShopRite Classic since 1986. And the list of people who've won it reads almost like a who's who of modern-day women's golf, especially in the first two decades: Juli Inkister (twice), who won the inaugural event, Betsy King (three times), Nancy Lopez, Dottie Peppe, Annika Sorenstam (also three times), Se Ri Pak, Christie Kerr, Stacy Lewis (twice), Anna Nordqvist and Lexi Thompson. And now you can add another big name to that list, in 24-year-old Brooke Henderson.



Brooke Henderson & Shoprite Trophy

On June 12, six years to the day after she won her first major (LPGA Championship), the Canadian won for the 11th time in her career, on the Bay Course at Seaview just outside Atlantic City. With her older sister Brittany carrying her bag, it was her first victory in just over a year. And she needed an extra hole to get it done, finally beating American Lindsey Weaver-Wright, who had never been in this position before, on the first hole of a playoff. Both players closed with 64s. For Henderson, it was the second straight year she had done that in the final round. Last October, it was only enough to get her second place, behind France's Celine Boutier. This time, as the tournament returned to its traditional spring dates after a two-year hiatus due to Covid, it was just enough. Henderson, who had an advantage off the tee, eagled the par-5 18th, which she had birdied about an hour earlier to get to 12-under par for the week over 54

holes. She hit her 7-wood approach from about 190 yards out to within five feet. Weaver-Wright, who had gotten up and down for a tying bird on the 72nd hole of regulation, drove into the rough and again left herself well short of the green. But she hit a nice shot to within 6 feet, then missed the putt right. It might have not mattered



Lindsey Weaver-Wright finishes second in playoff

anyway.

But just to make sure, Henderson finished things off in style. Weaver-Wright had also birdied the par-3 17th in regulation to give herself a chance, after missing a short birdie putt at 16. Henderson had started the day in a tie for ninth, four shots back of the lead. She hit every fairway and 16 of 18 greens. She played the front nine in 5-under, which including an eagle at the par-5 ninth. She would make another bird on 12 before closing with one more.

This was the tournament that had given Henderson a sponsor's exemption in 2015 (when she tied for 23rd). The last three years here she had finished 11th, sixth and runner-up. Now she finally has a trophy. This was his third playoff. She's won two of them.

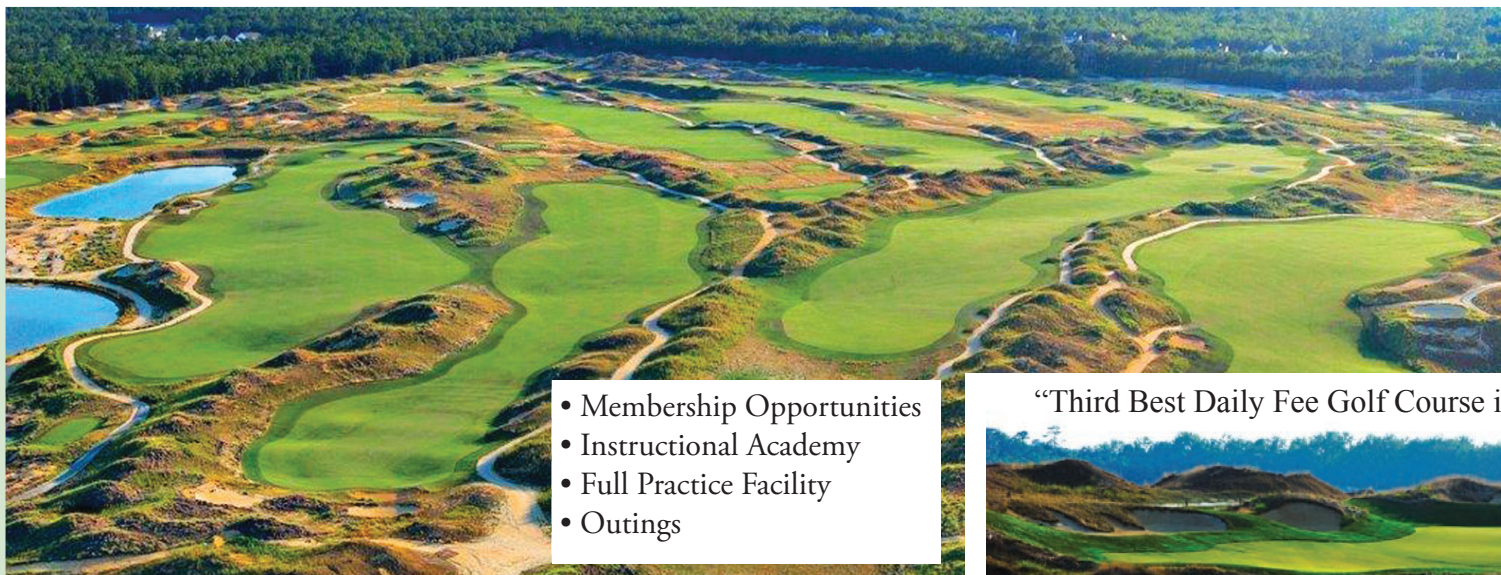
"I just tried to go at it and hit really solid shots," she said. "I obviously only really had one opportunity ... Then just needing two putts to win was awesome. Lindsey played great, and I'm just super excited. I've been putting in some work. Just (my family's) support through the tough times and the good times is really amazing."

It should be noted that Henderson has been forced to switch drivers because of the changes in the rules that made her 48-inch model illegal, and she's also now putting with her left hand under. But it all seemed to work.

Jodi Ewart Shadoff got third, at 11-under, after carding a second straight 67. It was her best finish since 2020. She also eagled her final hole.

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PENNSYLVANIA GOLF ASSOCIATION ADDS INCOMING TALENT FOR SUMMER

The Pennsylvania Golf Association is excited to announce the addition of two interns for the 2022 season.

Henry O'Brien will join the team as a communications and social media intern. He is currently enrolled at the S.I. Newhouse School Of Public Communications at Syracuse University studying Television, Radio and Film. O'Brien also works at various media outlets around the SU community. He will manage the PAGAs social media accounts and communicate information to players, parents and members.

"I am excited to get started with the Pennsylvania Golf Association this summer, and I hope to expand the PAGAs reach so we can grow the game throughout the state. I would like to thank Mark Peterson, Neil Gilman and Annie Vanzant for considering me for this role and I can't wait to get to work," said O'Brien, 20, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Matt Field comes to PAGAs as a part of the United States Golf Association's P.J. Boatwright Jr. Internship Program. The program is designed to give experience to individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in golf administration. Field is enrolled at the University of South Carolina pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Sport and Entertainment Management. Field will work in the PAGAs offices, as well as being involved in the various administrative duties that come with all the tournaments this summer.

"I am extremely excited to be joining the team here at PAGAs this summer. This Association runs some of the best competitions in the country, and I look forward to learning more about golf administration while helping run our top notch events," said Field, 21, of Phoenixville, Pa.



MAJOR CHAMPION JEFF SLUMAN TO HOST JUNIOR CLINIC AT 42nd U.S. SENIOR OPEN

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (June 7) – Jeff Sluman, the winner of six PGA Tour events including the 1988 PGA Championship as well as six PGA Tour Champions victories, will host a free junior clinic that includes golf instruction, stories, trick shots and a question-and-answer session on Wednesday, June 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the 42nd U.S. Senior Open Championship at Saucon Valley Country Club.

The event is presented by the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

The hour-long session with Sluman will be held at Saucon Valley C.C.'s practice area, located adjacent to Hole No. 3 on the Old Course, the site of its third U.S. Senior Open.

Juniors (18 and younger) are admitted free with a ticket-holding adult to the clinic and any of the practice or competition days of the championship.







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Lydia Ko tied for fourth with Albany Valenzuela, who was trying to become the first Swiss winner on the LPGA Tour. Both closed with 67s. Brittany Lincicome, who is pregnant with her second child, got herself into contention but had to settle for a tie for sixth at minus 9 with Marina Alex and NASA Hataoka, a six-time LPGA winner. Lincicome had won this event in 2004. Boutier had the low round of the tourney, an 8-under 63 (the same score she had recorded in 2021) to get into a three-way tie for ninth.



Lincicome and fans

But at the end, it was Henderson's moment.

"On 18 (Saturday) I missed sort of a short putt for birdie so I was disappointed and just really determined to get it back as quickly as I could today," she said. "So I was able to birdie the first hole, which was great, and then 5-under through my first nine. So I was near the top of the leaderboard. I was just trying to go low and see what happens. I thought the victory was a possibility, but there are a lot of really talented players ahead of me. I knew it was going to take a bit of magic. I'm just really happy that I'm sitting here."

And now, she's part of history. A wonderful history.

"This tournament has been around forever," Henderson said. "It's a really special event to me. They gave me an invite in 2015 ... The last few years I finished really well. Just to have my name amongst all the other famous champions, it really means a lot.

"I just look forward to it every year. You know, you play so many events and wins are hard to come by. Whenever you get a victory, it's always really special. I just wanted to hold tight to this one." Even if she had to wait awhile before going back out for the playoff.

"That makes it tricky," she acknowledged. "I just tried to eat a lot to get the energy up, and then I just went to the locker room to reflect a little bit. I was just grateful for the opportunity. To start the day off if they would've said you're in a playoff I would have been super happy. I just tried to take that mindset. With playoffs you only have one opportunity, so you kind of have to give it your all and go to win. I was able to make eagle, which was really cool. That's always the goal."

You think? Just makes for more memories. Especially when it's been

awhile.

"Early in my career I was winning like twice a year and then the pandemic put a little bit of a stop to that," Henderson explained. "When the wins are kind of far apart it does mean more when you get another victory.

"It feels like a long time, I guess, when you're used to winning a little bit more consistently. I'm looking forward to getting back (to that). I love being in the final groups on the weekend. That's the goal moving forward."

And of course it's always a bit more whatever when your sister is with you every step of the way.

"She's amazing," Henderson duly noted. "She does pretty much everything for me, which is really great. We get along so well on and off the course, so we're able to work through a lot of ... when adversity comes up we're able to get through it together.

"I think trust is a big thing. Knowing she's always there for me and she's going to try her very hardest, whether we're just trying to make the cut or in the final group or making a climb like today. It's been a great relationship. Hopefully she'll stick around a little longer."

Obviously we could all say the same thing about Brooke, given her age and accomplishments. Her being one of the faces of the game can only be a good thing. How's that for perspective?

"I've always loved a victory and never take them for granted," Henderson said. "I think in 2020 I only played 10 events, and I think I had six Top 10s but no victory. So that was a little bit ... shook the confidence. I was really grateful to get my 10th victory in LA last year, pretty early in the season. Since then I've been trying to just put myself back in contention. I just felt like the win was right around the corner but wasn't coming as quickly as I would have liked."

That's no longer a concern. And who knows what it could lead to in the near future, if not beyond.

"Just trying to work through a few things," she explained. "Just trying to get confidence back. This week I made a ton of putts, so that feels great. Just keep on doing what we're doing. Whatever you need.

"I mean, having fun, that's always number one."

And in that regard, it doesn't get any better than lifting a trophy. And the best thing for us is, we'll get to see her again at next year's media day. And we can relive it all over again. And maybe by then she'll even have a few more victories to talk about. Would you bet against her?



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Williams and teammate Stephon Draper, a Country Club of Scranton member, defeated Berwick Golf Club's Corey Bierly and Joe Kelchner in sudden-death. Both teams finished regulation tied at 9-under-par 133.

Draper and Williams stood a shot off the Day One lead at 66. The team closed with a bogey on No. 18 (par 4, 411 yards), thus prompting a deadlock atop the leaderboard.

RESULTS

Championship Flight

*Kyle Williams/Stephon Draper, Glen Oak Country Club/Country Club of Scranton	66	67	133
Joe Kelchner/Corey Bierly, Berwick Golf Club	66	67	133
Eric Williams/James Gardas, Honesdale Golf Club/Glenmaura National Golf Club	67	67	134
David Lopatka/John Barone, Elmhurst Country Club/Glenmaura National Golf Club	65	69	134
Ryan Knolles/Matt Lee, Towanda Golf Club	65	72	137
Doug Nardella/Kenneth Bolcavage, Elmhurst Country Club/Elkview Country Club	68	71	139
John Mikiewicz/Tom Biscotti, Fox Hill Country Club/Wyoming Valley Country Club	67	72	139
John Olszewski/A.J. Olszewski, Wyoming Valley Country Club	69	71	140
Tyler McGarry/Anthony Bellino, Huntsville Golf Club/Emanon Country Club	68	72	140
Jonathan Wilson/Tony Bevevino, Irem Country Club	70	71	141
Brad Flickinger/Jason Walsh, Country Club of Scranton	72	142	

Mark Bartkowski/Mike Bartkowski, Pocono Farms Country Club/Elkview Country Club	66	76	142
Eric Plisko/Jeff Lewis, Wyoming Valley Country Club	71	72	143
Ryan Manley/Samuel Toman, Country Club of Scranton/StoneHedge Golf Course	72	72	144
Bill Ianieri/Michael Chomicz, Jack Frost National Golf Club	69	75	144
Mike Domanish/Tim Hinton, Elmhurst Country Club	74	74	148
Kirk Fallon/David Osborne, Elkview Country Club	74	74	148
Bob Shoemaker/Eric Ricci, Wyoming Valley Country Club	71	78	149
Eamon Evans/Brandon Jackson, Glenmaura National Golf Club/Wemberly Hills Golf Club	77	73	150

First Flight

Name, club	R1	R2	Total
Mark Occhipinti/Edward Knight, Country Club of Scranton/Elmhurst Country Club	68	67	135
Mark Ambrose/John Sohns, Elmhurst Country Club	67	70	137
Sam Ferrara/Josh Pendolphia, Reading Country Club/Fox Hill Country Club	67	70	137
Bill Kroski/Tom Buckler, Glenmaura National Golf Club	70	73	143
Bob McCloskey/Tom Miller, Elmhurst Country Club/Wemberly Hills Golf Club	72	71	143
Christopher Clancy/Chris Evans, Elmhurst Country Club	74	70	144
Dan Chernosky/Harvey Chernosky, Philmont Country Club/Towanda Golf Club	68	76	144
Walter Savitts/Anthony Andrejko, Wemberly Hills Golf Club	72	74	146
Jeffrey Price/Mark Edwards, Wemberly Hills Golf Club/Club at the Highlands	78	76	154

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LEHIGH VALLEY GOLF DESTINATIONS

By Bob Oliver

If I were king, every morning would start with coffee at a local golf course. Beautiful skies. A slight breeze. Temperatures in the 70s.

Of course, that is unrealistic. Still, if work isn't in the way, it's possible.

Golf courses are open and in great shape. The USGA Senior Open will be held locally at the prestigious Saucon Valley Country Club presenting play by the best players over age 50 in the world. It's the third time Saucon will host the event. But while Saucon's courses are reserved, there are 50 or more nearby courses available for public play.

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The Lehigh Valley has a wealth of opportunities and as a golfer each should be sampled. Period!

As someone who has been lucky enough to have played nearly 1,000 courses in 39 states, it's embarrassing to note I've only played a handful in the Lehigh Valley. That's going to change. There are simply too many stellar opportunities that can't be missed.

At the top of the Lehigh Valley are the Pocono Mountains, fresh with dozens of tracks to whet your appetite. The Shawnee Golf Resort was my first foray into area golf, but surely not my last. Beware of the slick greens and water hazards.



Aerial view of Shawnee crossing the Delaware River

Noted designer Stephen Kay has designed more than 300 courses and has worked on numerous layouts in the Lehigh Valley. None is more notable than The Architects Club just across the Delaware River in New Jersey which Sports Illustrated named one of the top 10 new courses in 2001.

"We are proud of our work, which captures the spirit of British Isles courses in America," said Kay, whose other designs include Scotland Run, McCullough's Emerald Links and scores of others.



Architects Club

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Number 18 is a bear of a hole, fronted by a lake, while the 7th hole reminds players of number 12 at Augusta National. A real treat.

Another area course receiving plaudits is Jack Frost National just off the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

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Jack Frost hole #11

Jack Frost has been reworking bunkers and trimming back some trees to improve sightlines as part of its annual cleanup, and players can expect high-quality service.

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For 90 years the Robert White-designed Berkleigh Country Club was a members-only destination, but these days it’s open to the public and an old-school-style treat.

“We are open to the public and close enough to Saucon Valley to play 9 holes here and get to the men’s event,” states pro Bill Smith. “We offer the appeal of an old-style course, with three lined fairways and small greens. Those greens aren’t as fast as when LPGA played here (Betsy King Classic) but still have some varoom. Clearly, we



Berkleigh Golf Club hole #8

offer

top-notch opportunity.”

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Tom Fazio’s first design was Paupack Hills, an experience he remembers with fondness. “I was on my own here, and was able to accomplish the building of a playable mountainside layout,” said the world-class designer.

“Unfortunately, fire demolished our clubhouse, but it didn’t affect the golf course, we are open for business and the golf course is sparkling,” explained head professional Jeff Hobbs. “We survived the fire and winter and have been working on various update programs. Our intent is to rework eight bunkers, and have already completed a new white tee on number nine that improves playability.”



Paupack Hills hole & lake view By MIKE KERN, for

As for the Senior Open, it’s a doable jaunt from Saucon Valley to get in nine holes or more. “We’ve got you covered. Just call,” adds Hobbs.

All of the courses mentioned are close enough to Saucon Valley that an early-morning tee time or late afternoon nine-hole round is doable. Destinations like Split Rock, Southmore, Allentown Municipal and Hickory Valley should be considered.

Clearly there is no shortage of golf opportunities in the Lehigh Valley, whether during the Senior Open or every day. Courses are in great shape, and welcoming to all kinds of payers. Maybe you aren’t a thousand-courses-played kind of guy, but the Lehigh Valley has opportunities to sample a wide array of layouts at affordable rates.

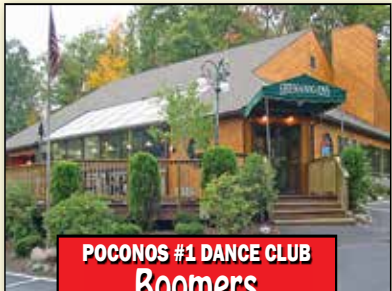
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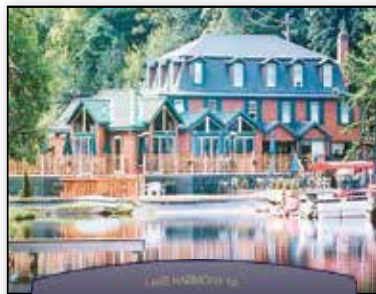
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TOP-SEEDED VANNUCCI FINDS FRIEND IN CADDIE



GLADWYNE, Pa. – What Little Mill Country Club's Troy Vannucci thought was a routine call to Philadelphia Country Club (par 71, 6,893 yards) to arrange for a caddie in the 122nd BMW Amateur Championship became more meaningful.

Meet Shane Nocito, a fourth-season caddie at Philly Country. Nocito is a recent graduate of Penn State University Abington, where he studied corporate communications.

"I met Troy Monday morning," the 23-year-old said. "He requested a home caddie. It ended up being me."

Chance is what led to a Nocito/Vannucci meeting on Monday morning. After making pars on Nos. 1 (par 4, 323 yards) and 2 (par 4, 349 yards) at Philadelphia Country Club, Vannucci requested that his new caddie accompany him on the demanding walk at Union League Liberty Hill (par 72, 7,247 yards). Vannucci's 6-under-par 137 total during stroke-play qualifying warranted that Nocito remain under the strap for the rest of the week. Vannucci earned a share of medalist honors as well as the top overall seed (as determined by lot). He fell in today's Quarterfinal round to eventual Finalist Michael R. Brown, Jr. of LuLu Country Club, 1-up.

"Right off the bat on the first hole of the qualifying, he just nailed a read and it was just like 'Game on.' He knows the place like the back of his hand." Vannucci, 30, of Marlton, N.J., said.

Based on accolades received from Philadelphia Country Club members and Ryan Plower, the club's caddiemaster, Nocito claims to be one of the club's Top-3 caddies.

Nocito served as captain of PSU Abington's golf team from 2017-22. The Levittown Pa. resident collected Top-5 finishes in every event during his senior year. Prior to caddying in the 122nd BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship, Nocito tried to qualify for the event himself. Carding a 6-over-par 78 at Radley Run Country Club made Nocito finish two strokes off of the cut line.

"I've played in [GAP events], and done qualifiers," Nocito said. "But I've actually never caddied in a GAP event. It was a great time, especially with Troy. [Troy] knows what he's doing. He just needs a guy out there who can just let him play his game and stay out of his way a little bit, but give him what he needs when he wants it."

Nocito has little tournament caddying experience. He mainly uses his skills for membership and outing play at the club. As a result of Vannucci's performance in the #BMWPhillyAm this week, there is a good chance that he will be on his bag again.

"Troy and I got along well. We clicked fast, and he said that his former full-time caddie that he would always take is in school now," Nocito said. "I told Troy that if he ever needs me in any events [he can] text me, and I also think that we are going to become friends a little bit."

What started as a random caddie draw for Vannucci turned into a relationship that could continue to benefit from Nocito's strong looping abilities.



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SIEGEL, PAGANA EARN WOMEN'S SENIOR MATCH PLAY WINS



Karen Siegel accepts super senior trophy-



Barb Pagana accepts senior trophy-

CARLISLE, Pa. - Both Karen Siegel and Barbara Pagana felt that their putting wasn't their best. But when it mattered, the two women were able to make clutch putts at Carlisle Country Club to win the 2nd Pennsylvania Women's Senior Match Play. Siegel and Pagana secured the Senior and Super-Senior titles, respectively, in the championship, which was presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods.

The top-seeded Siegel started her run to the championship in a quarterfinals round against Alexandra Frazier of Gulph Mills Golf Club. She won five holes on the front nine, finishing with a 37. Despite Frazier's attempt at a comeback on the back nine, Siegel held on for the win to play another day. On Tuesday morning, she won by one hole in a tight matchup against Applebrook Golf Club's Nicoll Keeney.

"I work really hard on my game," Siegel said. "And to have it come together is really gratifying."

In the championship round this afternoon, the challenge got even tougher for Siegel against Suzi Spotleson, the #2 overall seed in the senior division in the field, hailing from RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve. After playing the back nine first, Siegel was two down heading into the second-to-last hole.

But the Maple Glen native won the last two holes to send the match to extra holes. On the eighth hole, Siegel drained a 25-foot putt for par to win the hole. Then on the ninth, she made a birdie, beating Spotleson.

While hitting on the green during the first and only extra hole, Siegel initially thought her ball went over since there was a ridge that hindered her view. But Siegel was pin-high on the left side and Spotleson's ball was on the right of the green. Spotleson went first and missed, and Siegel made her putt to become the second-ever winner of the Women's Senior Match Play Championship.

"My putting came together at the right time," Siegel said.

Pagana holding the trophy.

While Siegel's victory was a tight thrilling contest, Pagana's win in the Super-Senior event was a dominant effort by the Huntsville Golf Club member. Like Siegel, Pagana was the No. 1 ranked golfer in her division and got a bye in the first round.

Pagana's opening opponent was against Cheryl Newmaster of Range End Golf Club, who beat Barbara Naglak in round one. But Pagana was able to take care of Newmaster, winning the semifinal matchup in 4 and 2. While she thought her putting could be better, Pagana was pleased with many other aspects of her game.

"I drove the ball extremely well and my short game was pretty good," Pagana said.

In the championship, Pagana faced a unique opponent. Pattie Parsons was not only the highest ranking player besides Pagana in the Super-Senior division, her home course was Carlisle Country Club. But Pagana and Parsons are good friends and competitors, so Pagana was very familiar with her opponent's game.

Similar to her semifinal against Newmaster, Pagana took advantage of some of Parsons' mistakes and limited her own. Still, Pagana acknowledged that she made mistakes at prior tournaments. But what helped her through this one was patience. With this in mind, Pagana bested Parsons 6 and 5.

"It's always nice to win," Pagana said. "I think you learn more when you don't win, but it's still nice winning."

The Pennsylvania Golf Association would like to thank the staff and membership of Carlisle Country Club for the hospitality shown in hosting the event. Thanks as well to DICK'S Sporting Goods for sponsorship of the event.



In a ranking by The Sun News, golf experts voted two holes, #2 and #13, as part of the "Dream 18," a compilation of the best 18 holes on the beach



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PLAYOFFS DECIDE WINNERS AT GLENMAURA NATIONAL



Patrick Mitchell - Mark Bartkowski

The host club's Patrick Mitchell defeated Berwick Golf Club's Jacob Kehres to capture the Amateur Division. Both players finished regulation tied at even-par 71. In the Senior Division (par 71, 6,151 yards), Pocono Farms Country Club's Mark Bartkowski fended off Country Club of Scranton's Fran Hamm and Elmhurst Country Club's Bob McCloskey in overtime. All carded respective 5-over-par 76s.

Nittany Country Club's Vince Scarpetta, Jr. birdied No. 9 (par 4, 131 yards), the first playoff hole, to defeat Buck Hill Falls Golf Club's Tom White for the Super-Senior Division (par 71, 6,594 yards) title.

Results

Amateur Division

Name, club Score

*Patrick Mitchell, Glenmaura National Golf Club	71
Jacob Kehres, Berwick Golf Club	71
Eric Williams, Honesdale Golf Club	72
Cory Calvert, Country Club of Scranton	74
Stephon Draper, Country Club of Scranton	74
William Pabst, Elmhurst Country Club	74
Tom Biscotti, Wyoming Valley Country Club	75
Doug Nardella, Elmhurst Country Club	75
Todd Vonderheid, Huntsville Golf Club	75
Luke Ciccarella, Frosty Valley	76
A.J. Donatoni, Fox Hill Country Club	76
Bill Ianieri, Jack Frost National Golf Club	77
Tyler McGarry, Huntsville Golf Club	77
Kevin Rossi, Green Pond Country Club	77
Jason Barkley, Huntsville Golf Club	78
Tom Cicini, Berwick Golf Club	78
Kyle Hutnik, Lehigh Country Club	78
Jack Hauber, Lancaster Area #176	79
Ryan Orcutt, Green Pond Country Club	80
Matt Crilley, Steel Club	81
Damien LaRue, StoneHedge Golf Assn.	81
A.J. Olszewski, Wyoming Valley Country Club	82
Jason Considine, StoneHedge Golf Assn.	83
Mike Haley, Fox Hill Country Club	84

Michael Turano, Elkview Country Club	85
Brian Weiscarger, Huntington Valley	85
Sean Shanley, Glenmaura National Golf Club	86
Karl Straw, Fairview Golf Course	87
Chang Choo, Jeffersonville Golf Club	89
Michael Grimes, StoneHedge Golf Assn.	91
Ivan Rivera, Great Bear Golf Club	92
Karsyn Wright, Elkview Country Club	93
Ken Sorick, Fox Hill Country Club	96
Justin Masters, Country Club of Scranton	DNF
Brian Sokolowski, Mercer Oaks Golf Course	WD
John VanDame, Jr., Talamore Country Club	WD

Senior Division

Name, club Score

*Mark Bartkowski, Pocono Farms Country Club	76
Fran Hamm, Country Club of Scranton	76
Bob McCloskey, Elmhurst Country Club	76
Kenneth Bolcavage, Elkview Country Club	77
Mark Choi, Saucon Valley Country Club	77
Bob Andrejko, StoneHedge Golf Assn.	78
Brian Corbett, Country Club of Scranton	78
Bob Gill, Fox Hill Country Club	79
Joseph Orsulak, Olde Homestead Golf Club	79
Santo Lafoca, Huntsville Golf Club	81
Robert Klem, Wemberly Hills Golf Club	82
Barry Westington, Scranton Canoe Club	83
Stanley Cuneo, Woodloch Springs	84
Paul Gruzkeski, Paupack Hills Country Club	84
Jerry Dougherty, Scranton Canoe Club	89
Anthony Andrejko, Wemberly Hills Golf Club	DNF

Super-Senior Division

Name, club Score

*Vince Scarpetta, Jr., Nittany Country Club	72
Tom White, Buck Hill Falls Golf Club	72
Michael Heck, Elkview Country Club	73
Michael Vassil, Country Club of Scranton	73
Robin Bonda, StoneHedge Golf Assn.	77
Kerry Maurer, Berwick Golf Club	79
Randy Lynch, Berwick Golf Club	80
Michael Bryndzia, Pocono Farms Country Club	82
bob Drygas, Pocono Farms Country Club	82
David Switch, Valley Country Club	82
Steve Mazur, StoneHedge Golf Assn.	83
Jeff Stempel, Olde Homestead Golf Club	83
Tom Miller, StoneHedge Golf Assn.	84
Albert Hazzouri, Jr., Country Club of Scranton	89
Kerry Maloney, Country Club of Scranton	91
Rod Good, Berwick Golf Club	92
Walter Savitts, Wemberly Hills Golf Club	96

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RICH STEINMETZ CAPTURES 2022 PHILADELPHIA SENIOR PGA



Medford, N.J. (June 14, 2022) — Rich Steinmetz, PGA, of Spring Ford Country Club in Royersford, Pa., captured the 2022 Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship Presented by Cadillac at Medford Village Country Club by one stroke over Brian Kelly of Bucknell Golf Club in Lewisburg, Pa., and Terry Hertzog of Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa. He finished the championship with rounds of 69-70-139, 5-under-par. Steinmetz will lead five other Philadelphia PGA Members to compete in the 34th Senior PGA Professional Championship presented by Cadillac, October 13-16, at Twin Warriors and Santa Ana Golf Clubs in Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M.

The 2022 Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship Presented by Cadillac is also supported by Golf Channel and Jani-King.

Entering the final round, Steinmetz held a one stroke lead over Kelly and Greg Farrow of Deerwood Country Club in Mount Holly, N.J., but had to wait an hour and forty minutes longer to tee off No. 1, as severe weather delayed the competition. Once he began his round, he came out firing, making birdie on Nos. 1 and 3.

The top of leaderboard, however, began to tighten, as Hertzog started to make birdies of his own, ultimately finishing the event at 4-under-par. Kelly had a bit of an up and down round which featured two bogeys, a double bogey, and six birdies, including four in a row on Nos. 13-16, to finish with rounds of 70-70-140, tying Hertzog.

Steinmetz had made 10-straight pars until he reached No. 17, where he hit it close to the hole on his approach, and made the birdie putt on the 365-yard par-4.

“I hit it really well,” Steinmetz said of his final round. “I put myself in good spots off the tee, which made it easy, tee-to-green. I hit it close a lot, which helped; it was tough to read these greens. They’re really tricky.”

Steinmetz went on to thank the folks at his home facility, Spring Ford Country Club: the members, and staff, for their support and allowing

him to get out and play in competitive events like this championship. He also thanked host club Medford Village Country Club.

His win was even more special, considering it was his first start in a senior championship, as he turned 50 years old in December 2021.

PGA Members joining Steinmetz, Kelly, Hertzog, and Farrow in New Mexico include Dave McNabb, Applebrook G.C.; and Brendon Post, University of Delaware. Eric Kennedy, Overbrook G.C., is the first alternate, George Forster, Radnor Valley C.C., is second alternate, followed by Eddie Perrino, C.C. of York, and Dave Quinn, Laurel Creek C.C.

With his win, Steinmetz became the 13th PGA Member to win both the Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship and the Philadelphia Senior PGA Professional Championship, joining: Dave McNabb, John Pillar, Dave Quinn, Stu Ingraham, George Forster, Stan Dudas, Dick Hendrickson, Marty Furgol, George Fazio, Rod Munday, Bud Lewis, and Clarence Ehresman.

The top 35 finishers in the 34th Senior PGA Professional Championship Presented by Cadillac will earn a spot in the 2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Professional Championship, scheduled to be played May 2023, on PGA Frisco’s Fields Ranch East course in Frisco, Texas.

Marjorie Jones, the Shore Club, took top honors in the Super Senior Division, finishing at 8-over-par, to better Patrick Keefe, Frog Hollow G.C., by seven strokes.

The 2022 Philadelphia PGA Professional Championship is presented by Cadillac, and supported by Golf Channel, and Jani-King. The Philadelphia PGA Section and its PGA Professionals thank our partners, Medford Village C.C., its membership, management, staff, and host PGA Professional staff, as the event would not have been possible without their support.

PGA MEMBER BRADEN SHATTUCK SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS TITLE AT 36TH BURLINGTON CLASSIC



Westampton, N.J. (June 6, 2022) — PGA Member Braden Shattuck of Rolling Green Golf Club in Springfield, Pa., turned in an even-par 70 final round following his first round 61, finishing at 9-under-par to successfully defend his title at the 36th Burlington Classic presented by WSFS Bank. Shattuck bettered Forsgate C.C.'s Tony Perla of the New Jersey PGA Section by one stroke.

"I played well yesterday," Shattuck said. "Today I started strong with three birdies in a row, which gave me a little cushion going into the back nine.

"I thank everyone at Rolling Green G.C., the members, PGA Head Professional Scott Chisholm, and my coworkers, in addition to my friends at Titleist, Makefield Putters' Michael Little, PGA, and of course Burlington C.C., including Mike Mack, PGA, Tournament Chair John Hanuscin, and their members. I had a great group yesterday in the pro-am; I was able to play with Burlington C.C. Superintendent Jeremy Dilks, and Nicklaus Design's Chad Goetz who recently worked on the course. We had a lot of fun!"

Perla challenged Shattuck mid-round, highlighted by a hole-in-one on No. 12, using a 6-iron from 190 yards. Perla was within one stroke on the back nine, but Shattuck responded with two birdies of his own on Nos. 14 and 16, before giving them back on 17 and 18.

Corey Katzen recorded rounds of 73-86-147 to finish as low amateur and win the Marotto Medal by 12 strokes over Rudy Cislak. Amateurs Anthony Manto and Jason Gawlak finished at +20 and +27, respectively.

Merion G.C.'s Terry Hertzog, PGA, finished at 4-under-par for the event and took the Senior Division by three strokes over PGA Members Hugo Mazzaulpi, Linfield National G.C.; and Rich Steinmetz, Spring Ford C.C. Laurel Creek C.C.'s Dave Quinn, PGA, finished at even-par for solo fourth place, while three tied for fifth. PGA Life Member Michael Versuk ended with scores of 77-73-150, 10-over-par, to top the Joe Ambrose, Saucon Valley C.C., by nine

strokes to win the Super Senior Division.

The 36th Burlington Classic Pro-Am is supported by Burlington Country Club, WSFS Bank, adidas, and Jani-King. The Philadelphia PGA Section and its PGA Professionals thank our partners, Burlington C.C., its membership, management, staff, host PGA Professional Mike Mack, Tournament Chair John M. Hanuscin, and the entire 2022 Burlington Classic Pro-Am Committee, as the event would not have been possible without their support.

The next Philadelphia PGA Rolex / The Haverford Trust Company Player of the Year tournament is the Philadelphia Senior PGA Professional Championships presented by Cadillac on June 13-14 at Medford Village C.C.

About the Burlington Classic Pro-Am

The Burlington Classic Pro-Am was founded in 1986 by Mike Mack, PGA, Joe Fattorini, Leroy Peacock, Rex McWilliams, Chip Miller, George Hilt, and Donald "Butch" Eckman. The event quickly became one of the most popular events on the Philadelphia PGA Section's tournament calendar, and is now a Philadelphia PGA Rolex / The Haverford Trust Company Player of the Year Points Event.



COUNTRY CLUB OF SCRANTON CONTINUES TO IMPROVE WITH THE PASSING OF TIME

By TONY LEODORA

In 1971 a television commercial caught the attention of the American public. It was for Loving Care hair color lotion and it appealed to women by proclaiming, "You're not getting older. You're getting better."

At the time, it seemed more like an attempt to persuade the viewers, rather than a statement of fact.

Fast forward to 2020 and a justified application for that same slogan can be found in the golf world. While many older golf courses show signs of decay, overgrown layouts, deteriorating conditions, the Country Club of Scranton truly can claim it is not getting older, it's getting better.



Scranton CC Panorama

The proof has come in the national rankings. The venerable course in Clarks Summit, PA has been ranked in Golfweek's Top 100 Classical Courses many times – most recently sitting at No. 81 on the 2017 list. In addition, the Country Club of Scranton is ranked No. 8 among all courses in Pennsylvania by Golf Magazine. That is quite an accomplishment ... on a list that begins with Merion and Oakmont.

While the Country Club of Scranton always had an exalted place among the top courses in Northeast Pennsylvania, the national and statewide acclaim is more of a recent phenomenon. So how did this club gain so much momentum in recent years? The answer: through hard work.

"There is a genuine commitment to excellence by the members and our grounds crew," states head professional Mike Molino. "It is an ongoing commitment."

The original 18 hole-course was designed by famed golf course architect Walter Travis in 1927. The "New Nine" as it was named, was designed by Dr. Michael Hurdzan in 1988 and gave the club a versatile 27-hole layout. All three nines are noted for their large, severely undulating greens.

From the beginning, the effort was quite obvious to establish the Country Club of Scranton as a unique example of championship golf. Testimony to that fact comes from the club's selection to host two Pennsylvania Open Championships (1933 and 1992), three Pennsylvania Amateur Championships (1997, 2003 and 2015) and a Pennsylvania State Women's Golf Association Championship (1999).

The fact that the Country Club of Scranton would lend itself to championship play should not come as a surprise. In addition to his design ventures, Travis was quite an accomplished golfer. He won three U.S. Amateur Championships (1900, 1901 and 1903) and, when he won the British Amateur in 1904, he became the first man to hold the U.S. and British Amateur Championships at the same time.

His designs – which include other noted courses such as Hollywood Golf Club in New Jersey and Westchester CC in New York – are known for being difficult and heavily bunkered. His friend and fellow architect A.W. Tillinghast once joked about Travis' designs, saying, "If you hit a bad shot on one of his courses, you didn't need a caddie to find the ball. It will most certainly be in a bunker."

Head Golf Professional Molino is the first to credit the Country Club of Scranton as a stern, but fair, test of golf. And his opinion carries some weight. An accomplished player, Molino qualified to play in the U.S. Senior Open at Saucon Valley CC in late June of this year.

"Playing this course often makes you a better golfer," said Molino. "Not only is there the challenge of the undulating greens, there is a lot of strategy to playing the course. Golfers need to think their way around the entire course. There are no holes that provide a rest."

The entire course sits in a bowl, surrounded by the picturesque mountain ranges of Northeast Pennsylvania. The views are spectacular but the course itself is not overly hilly. In fact there is a gentle roll to most of the holes, providing challenge and interest without much of the quirkiness associated to other courses in this mountainous region.

While there is not a singular major renovation attributed to the Country Club of Scranton, a master plan was started sometime after the start of the 21st century – a master plan that has seen continued improvement in recent years.

A large part of that effort was the removal of trees. Estimates on just how many trees have been removed over the years range the entire spectrum from 1,000 to 3,000. Whatever the number, the end result is magnificent. Not only is the playability and conditioning of the course greatly improved by the effort, but views of the surrounding countryside are now eye-popping – from just about every portion of the expansive property.

Thus, the proof of the claim: the Country Club of Scranton is not getting older, it's getting better.



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NE PA NATIVE MATTHEWS QUALIFYS FOR US OPEN

By Marty Myers

Playing in the U.S. Open, then making the cut, throughout a major-championship-debut week at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, Dupont native Brandon Matthews downplayed the excitement of just being there.

His goal, he said, was to prove he was one of the best players in the world, and that he belonged in the field.

For two days and more than 36 holes, Matthews did just that.

The 27-year-old with the big swing and bigger dreams proved his point until he fell victim to the conditions and eventually finished 60th with two rounds at 16-over par over the weekend.

Until then, Matthews made his mark, becoming the area's first player to make the cut since Hanover Area grad Ted Tryba tied for 37th at the 2000 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, California.

It took a superb short game over the first two days to finish at even par, easily making the cut in a 36-hole performance that featured four birdies and four bogeys.

It was an experience that started with a pair of pars to settle any butterflies that might have existed, only to see back-to-back bogeys quickly push Matthews to 2-over par.

Just as rapidly, he responded with a chance at eagle on the par-5 14th, settling for birdie, and followed that with a 15-footer for a second birdie to push back to even.

A steady round that saw him hit 10 of 18 fairways yielded just one more bogey, that on the par-4 fifth, as he finished with 13 pars in his opening round 71, 1-over par.

That put Matthews within four of leader Adam Hadwin, and optimistic heading into the second round.

Friday's round was a scenic tour that he finished in 1-under par, hitting just two of 14 fairways off the tee, but he battled his way around, saving pars with a terrific short game and some clutch putting, making the cut by four strokes after his 1-under 69 left him at even par, five shots off the lead.

It was a mixed start to the second round, hitting the first green in regulation and leaving himself a good look at birdie, but his 7-footer didn't find the cup.

He knocked it into a greenside bunker but got up-and-down to save par on No. 2, then made a remarkable par on No. 3, a score that kept the momentum going in an event where par is always a good score.

Selecting a 3-iron off the tee, Matthews hit it way left and was forced to punch the ball back into the fairway.

From 100 yards, he knocked a wedge to 12 feet, then canned the putt.

The boost of confidence led to four consecutive birdie opportunities for Matthews, who, at fifth on the Korn Ferry points list, just five days earlier earned his PGA Tour card for the 2022-23 season.

The best of the first three chances left him just 5 feet for birdie on the par-4 sixth, but he couldn't coax that one into the hole.

Finally, on the par-5 eighth, things chanced. His 366-yard drive set him up to go for the green in two, and even though his approach shot finished in the deep, second cut of rough, he was able to get his third within 9 feet and sink the birdie try.

Tough putting luck continued to follow, his 5-footer for birdie on No. 12 turning almost sideways as it broke, in Matthews' estimation, nearly 3 feet.

A bogey at 13 was followed by a 3-footer on No. 14 to get back to even par, as he reeled off a stretch of 33 holes with just two bogeys.

Saturday provided a promising start for Matthews on Saturday, who roped a 370-yard drive to the right edge of the fairway, then stuck his approach inside 10 feet and drained the putt.

That birdie put him in red numbers for the first time in the tournament, and moved him into a tie for 19th, just four shots out of the lead.

That was as good as it would get, however, with winds constantly changing and blowing between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts up to 30, hammering on Matthews and the rest of the field, where only seven of 23 players who started the day below finished in red numbers.

The par-3 11th, playing to about 100 yards when adjusted for the drop from tee to green and the strong tailwind, epitomized the difficulty for players at The Country Club.

His tee shot hit just two or three paces beyond his intended target, but his shot bounced twice on the putting surface before disappearing down an embankment and into the very deep rough behind the green.

Matthews took a full swing out of his predicament, but the ball hopped up just shy of the top of the embankment. His chipped trickled 9 feet past the cup, but he saved bogey with the putt.

Unfortunately, it was one of eight bogeys in the round – he also double-bogeyed the par-4 12th – as he tumbled down the leaderboard, finishing the day with a 9-over 79.

Matthews wrapped up his major-tournament debut with a 77 and now will return to work on the Korn Ferry Tour, hoping to secure the top spot in the points race.



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One of the breakthrough products at the 2022 PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando was a training aid called Tour Aim. Like many golf training products, Tour Aim was designed by a frustrated avid golfer, turned inventor and CEO, Noah Wolf.

With a full-time job and a young family at home, Wolf found himself spending more time on the driving range than on the golf course. After hitting ball after ball and not paying attention to his alignment and aim, he noticed some bad swing habits developing. These habits translated into higher scores and lots of lost balls on the golf course.

Despite trying various swing aids and alignment rods, nothing seemed to help. Wolf hit the digital drawing board and invented Tour Aim with the sole focus of making golf practice drills more effective and efficient.

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"I get asked to endorse a lot of products and I usually don't, but Tour Aim is a product I endorse and use for myself and my students," said Kip Puterbaugh, Golf Digest's "Best Teachers"

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3	Williams, Eric	+1
4	Draper, Stephon	+3
5	Pabst, William	+3
6	Calvert, Cory	+3
7	Nardella, Doug	+4
8	Vonderheid, Todd	+4
9	Biscotti, Tom	+4
10	Cicarelli, Luke	+5
11	Donatoni, A.J.	+5
12	McGarry, Tyler	+6
13	Rossi, Kevin	+6
14	Ianieri, Bill	+6
15	Cicini, Tom	+7

SENIOR DIVISION

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Bartkowski, Mark	+5
2	Hamm, Fran	+5
3	McCloskey, Bob	+5
4	Bolcavage, Kenneth	+6
5	Choi, Mark	+6
6	Corbett, Brian	+7
7	Andrejko, Bob	+7
8	Gill, Bob	+8

SUPER SENIOR DIVISION

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Scarpetta, Jr.,	+1
2	White, Tom	+1
3	Heck, Michael	+2
4	Vassil, Michael	+2
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Saucon Valley Country Club (Old Course) will be set up at 7,028 yards and will play to a par of 36-35-71. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

Saucon Valley Country Club (Old Course) Hole By Hole

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	36
Yardage		555	472	374	157	476	558	456	426	210 3,684

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	3	4	35
Yardage		330	183	615	454	422	351	382	172	435 3,344

THE COURSE

Saucon Valley Country Club's Old Course was designed by Herbert Strong and opened in 1922. Revisions were completed by William Gordon, Perry Maxwell and most recently Tom Marzolf from the Fazio Group in 2008. Saucon Valley's historic 850-acre facility also features the Weyhill Course, Grace Course and a six-hole course for juniors and novice golfers. The club is a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

COURSE RATING

Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating™ is 74.9 and the Slope Rating® is 141.

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any professional or amateur golfer who is 50 years of age or older as of June 23, 2022. An amateur is eligible with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 3.4.

ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 3,001 entries for the 2022 U.S. Senior Open, the third-highest total in championship history. The record was established in 2002, when 3,101 golfers applied to play, while 3,007 entered in 2000. More than 2,700 entries have been filed in six of the last eight years.

QUALIFYING

In 2022, qualifying was conducted at 33 sites around the country between May 2-June 1. Qualifying sites were located in 25 states, including five in California, three in Florida and two in Pennsylvania and Texas, and was conducted over 18 holes.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The starting field of 156 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 60 scorers and ties.

EXEMPT PLAYERS

There are five U.S. Open champions among the 76 players who are currently exempt from qualifying. They include two-time champions Ernie Els (1994, 1997), Retief Goosen (2001, 2004) and Lee Janzen (1993, 1998), as well as Michael Campbell (2005) and Jim Furyk (2003).

PLISKO MAMARY DUO WIN MCCARTHY TO BEGIN TOURNAMENT SEASON



Drew Mamary, Eric Plisko & children, receive McCarthy trophy

By John Zimich

The opening of the better ball of partners tournaments in Northeastern Pennsylvania once again provided plenty of excitement and great golf in the premier event of the historic Wyoming Valley Country Club in Hanover Township, Pa.

And the 2022 The McCarthy winners were familiar faces of club members Drew Mamary and Eric Plisko, who bested the father-son team of Joe and Eric Weiscarger.

The match at the A.J. Tillinghast layout concluded on the 15th hole and gave Mamary, a Wilkes-Barre funeral director, and Plisko, arguably one of the top amateur golfers in Pennsylvania., their second McCarthy victory. Their first coming during a COVID restricted year of 2020 when no fans were allowed at the course and all precautions were taken with nurses taking temperatures at the club's parking lot of everyone arriving.

Plisko, former Hanover Area High School standout athlete and Temple University golfer, played almost flawless golf in winning all of their matches while Mamary was clutch when his partner needed help on the course with beautiful, low humidity, sunny weather.

The crowd following the championship finals was probably the largest ever in the history of the tournament. And it certainly was a sweet one for the winners as their families, including Plisko's wife, Amanda, two young children and Mamary's pregnant daughter and sister who were in attendance.

Plisko and Mamary quickly went out in front, winning the first two holes and never looking back as the tall Plisko got home in two on the par-5 593-yard first hole with driver, eight-iron for two-putt birdie.

Mamary upped the lead on the dogleg par-4 second hole, hitting the green with his second and making a slippery par putt for the win after Joe Weiscarger missed a relatively short, tricky putt for

his par.

"We were chasing them all day," said Eric's father. "We just couldn't make any putts and find the right speed and distance control. The better team won. Eric (Plisko) is a tremendous player."

The shot of the day came on the par-4 fourth hole when Plisko canned his short wedge shot for an eagle two to give the winners a three-up lead.

However, on the previous par-4 short third hole the Temple University standout flared a drive beyond the rough into three-foot high tangling weeds.

Somehow, he took a mighty swing the ball found the green where he two putted for a tie hole after the Weiscargers missed long birdie putts.

Both teams had bogey fours on the par-3 fifth hole before Eric Weiscarger's birdie putt rimmed out after looking like it was going to drop. Plisko then made a slippery downhill birdie putt on the par-4 sixth hole to go four up.

The short downhill seventh hole was halved with pars after the Weiscargers and winners failed to make birdies.

On the dogleg par-4 eighth hole both teams tied with pars with Joe Weiscarger cutting into the lead with a clutch tough four-footer on the undulating Tillinghast ninth green.

On the uphill relatively par-4 10th hole Plisko and the Weiscargers hit long drives and had short chips to a tricky hole placement. Here, Plisko upped the lead to four by making his bird while the father-son team both missed.

Mamary again came through for his partner on the par-5 11th hole when Plisko's drive went into the woods on the left of the fairway. Here, the Wilkes-Barre funeral director two-putted for a par while the Weiscargers failed to make their birds.

On the par-5 12th hole both of the Weiscargers had relatively short slippery putts to cut into the lead but missed.

Match concluded on the par-3 15th hole and the celebration of the families took place. Here, after Mamary took home The McCarthy flag in 2020, he told Plisko that this was his. Indeed it was.

Winners had a stroke score of 20-under par through the opening 43 holes of the 2022 The McCarthy.

And while his father and brother were attempting to win this year's tournament Joe's other son, Brian, and partner Scott Barth were the 2022 The McCarthy Shootout winners, besting 14-other flight winners on that sunny afternoon.

Among The McCarthy championship flight competitors were two promising young players. They were Nicky Werner, freshman at Wyoming Seminary, and Owen Blazick, a freshman at Crestwood High School.

Next up will be the John Allan Memorial Tournament in late June at the Fox Hill Country Club. Other premier better ball of partners tournaments scheduled for the summer months will be played at the Country Club of Scranton, Elkhurst, Elmhurst, Glenmaura National, Glen Oak, Huntsville and Irem Temple.



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T4	Rich Steinmetz	Spring Ford	69
T4	Mark Sheftic	Lookaway Golf Club	69
T4	Greg Rhoads	Rolling Green	69
T9	Alex Knoll	Glen Brook Golf Club	70
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T1	Eddie Perrino	Country Club of York	69
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T1	Rich Steinmetz	Spring Ford	69
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Pos.	Player			Total
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T2	Terry Hertzog	Merion Golf Club	-4	72
T2	Brian Kelly	Bucknell Golf Club	-4	70
4	Greg Farrow	Deerwood Country Club	-2	70
T5	Brendon Post	University of Delaware	-1	72
T5	Dave McNabb	Applebrook Golf Club	-1	72
T7	George Forster	Radnor Valley	E	76
T7	Eric Kennedy	Overbrook Golf Club	E	71
T9	Eddie Perrino	Country Club of York	+1	73
T9	Dave Quinn	Laurel Creek	+1	71
11	John Pillar	Woodloch Springs	+3	74

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TEAM LOW GROSS

Finish Score Team (Pro)

1	63 Irem (Mathews)
2	64 Shawnee (Bergstol)
3	65 Olde Homestead (Edwards)
4	71 Southmoore (Spang)

LOW – NET

Finish Score Team (Pro)

T-1	62 Buck Hill (Fruehan)
T-1	62 Buck Hill (Clark)
3	63 Royal Oaks (Hatch)
4	69 Canoe Club (Lunger)

INDIVIDUAL

PROFESSIONAL – LOW SCORE

FINISH SCORE GOLFER

1	72 Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)
2	74 Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks)
3	76 Brian Fruehan (Buck Hill)
4	77 Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)
5	78 Jim Muschlitz (Southmoore)
T-6	79 Gary Clark (Buck Hill)
T-6	79 Spencer Lunger (Canoe Club)

SKYTOP LODGE

Pro-Am Results – May 25, 2022

TEAM LOW GROSS

Finish Score Team (Pro)

1	58 Glen Brook (Knoll)
2	63 Woodstone (Meyer)
3	64 Shawnee (Bergstol)
T-4	70 Glen Brook (McCormick)
T-4	70 Irem (Mathews)

LOW – NET

Finish Score Team (Pro)

1	58 Skytop (Alunni)
2	60 Green Pond (Kulhamer)
3	62 PGA (O'Malley)
4	65 Royal Oaks (Hatch)

INDIVIDUAL

PROFESSIONAL – LOW SCORE

FINISH SCORE GOLFER

1	70 Alex Knoll (Glen Brook)
T-2	73 Gregg Meyer (Woodstone)
T-2	73 Brian Fruehan (Buck Hill)
T-4	74 Terry Hatch (Royal Oaks)
T-4	74 Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)
T-4	74 John Kulhamer (Green Pond)
7	75 Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)

OLDE HOMESTEAD

Pro-Am Results – June 1, 2022

TEAM LOW GROSS

Finish Score Team (Pro)

1	60 Glen Brook (Knoll)
2	62 Shawnee (Bergstol)
3	64 Olde Homestead (Edwards)

LOW – NET

Finish Score Team (Pro)

1	60 Green Pond (Kulhamer)
T-2	61 Moselem (Fick)
T-2	61 Glen Brook (McCormick)

INDIVIDUAL

PROFESSIONAL – LOW SCORE

Finish Score Golfer

1	65 Alex Knoll (Glen Brook)
2	70 Jeff Fick (Moselem)
3	72 Brian Bergstol (Shawnee)
T-4	73 Dustin McCormick (Glen Brook)
T-4	73 John Kulhamer (Green Pond)
T-6	76 Kevin Edwards (Olde Homestead)
T-6	76 Mike Grabosky (Heidelberg)
T-6	76 Mark Monahan (Philly PGA)

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Brian Tennyson started playing golf at seven years old hitting whiffle balls into soup cans in his backyard. By age 14, he was shooting in the 60s for 18 holes. Tennyson became a top junior and collegiate golfer winning eight NCAA titles before qualifying for the PGA Tour when he was 24 years old. He finished 29th on the PGA Tour money list in 1990.

Despite playing golf at the highest level and being a great ball striker, Tennyson struggled with his putting. He tried every instruction theory and putting method available. Frustrated and confused even more, Tennyson went searching for the answer to a simple question, "What needs to happen to strike a putt pure and how could he control his stroke to make that happen consistently?"

Through research, experimentation and a lot of trial and error, Tennyson discovered three key elements to striking a pure putt. According to Tennyson, a pure putt is determined by the aim of the putter face, the path of the club head, and its attack angle, as the putter approaches and strikes the ball. He labeled this concept - the "APA" - Aim, Path, and Attack Angle.

With this as his guiding principle, Tennyson invented the groundbreaking LEAN LOCK putting method and patent-pending LEAN LOCK putter. The company officially launched at the 2022 PGA Merchandise Show this past January.

The LEAN LOCK putter is one of the most innovative putters to be re-

leased in decades. The putter's distinctive look and design incorporates 13 degrees of forward shaft lean (compared to standard putters) when the bottom of the putter is resting flat to the playing surface in the normal address position. The putter has a milled face and three degrees of loft.

The forward leaning LEAN LOCK shaft is combined with an extra-long, slightly rotated grip. When the putter is held properly, against the target side of the leading arm, and the hands and wrists are comfortably positioned on the flat portion of the rotated grip, the wrists cannot break down at impact. Any tendency to do so only strengthens the "locking" effect of the stroke. This helps to minimize face rotation returning the putter face to square at impact.

"The putting stroke and your 'touch or feel' are controlled by your dominant trail hand, arm, and shoulder," explained Tennyson. "With LEAN LOCK, you are free to control the stroke and strike the ball using your dominant trailing hand without any fear of the wrists breaking down."

The LEAN LOCK method combined with the unique putter design and set-up, work together as completely new system of putting. This allows you to trust your dominant traits and hand-eye coordination when putting which we have spent a lifetime developing from writing our names, to brushing our teeth, to throwing a ball.



"The LEAN LOCK method changed the way I think about putting," said three-time PGA Tour winner, Robert Gamez, at the PGA Show. "Putting has been a weakness throughout my career. Once I got into the correct LEAN LOCK set up position, I immediately started striking pure putts. It felt comfortable very quickly."

The initial limited edition LEAN LOCK APA Proto blade and mallet putters were a huge success and sold out quickly. The company is now releas-

ing two new models, the LEAN LOCK Blade-PN and Mallet-PN putters. Both models have the patent-pending LEAN LOCK hosel that makes the LEAN LOCK putter so reliable and effective.

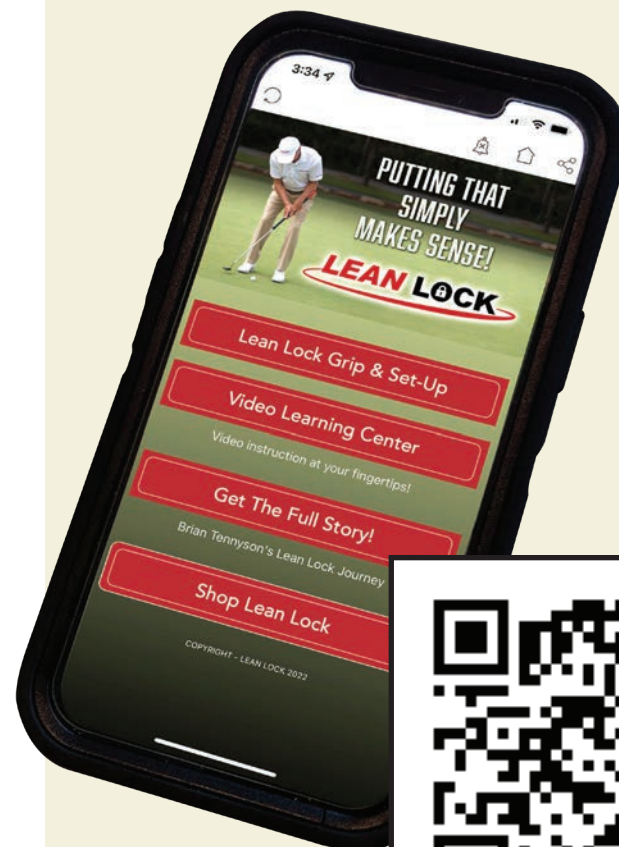
"I am thrilled about our new 2022 LEAN LOCK Blade-PN and Mallet-PN putters," said Tennyson. "We repositioned the weight in the head away from the center to provide more stability and forgiveness on off-center hits. And the new LEAN LOCK hosel creates 'the magic' to set and aim the putter perfectly every time."

LEAN LOCK mallet and blade putters come in left and right-handed versions and in lengths between 39 and 44 inches with a 21-inch grip. To learn more about the LEAN LOCK method, watch instructional videos, or to purchase a LEAN LOCK putter, visit www.leanlockputting.com, or contact Brian Tennyson, brian@leanlockputting.com.



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