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MYRTLE BEACH ROAD TRIP

By MIKE KERN

Myrtle Beach. Over the years it's become almost my second home. We make the drive there every summer. If it weren't for my two young grandchildren, me and my wife might move there. But for the time being at least, a week will have to do. We love everything about it, except maybe the drive. And hey, you can fly. But we prefer to just pack the car and go, and not have to worry about the airport or rental cars or whatever else goes with that. It works for us, but there are options. You can stop along the way, which we used to do when our kids were young and which we did again this time on the way home to visit a friend in Williamsburg, Va. And yes, Busch Gardens nearly did my wife in. But that's OK. She's had two hip surgeries, and we aren't getting any younger. It's all good.

Myrtle Beach has food, pools, the beach and of course golf. Around 90 courses worth. Down from about 120 a few decades back. But there's still plenty enough for everyone. And as I've always said, the best thing about the Grand Strand is that you can go at whatever speed you like. You can eat at high-end steak places, or go cheap at joints that serve Southern specialties, which I can't get back in Philly. And they're equally as good. It's the same with booking accommodations, and the golf itself. So someone who is a 25-handicapper can find a course that suits him or her, and their price range. And the same can be said for the scratch player who is willing to pay more for something maybe a lot more whatever. And again, there's nothing wrong with that.

We stayed at Barefoot Resort, in the south end of North Myrtle Beach. We've stayed there many times before, but not in awhile. We've also spent weeks in Cherry Grove, in the most northern part of North Myrtle. And the last few years we've been at the south end of Myrtle Beach, about 45 minutes away, since my wife's best friend has a timeshare with enough room for us. And we've enjoyed them all. But Barefoot is very centrally located, and is right across the Intercoastal Waterway from the Barefoot Landing mall, which features some real good shopping and even better restaurants (more on that later). Anyway, we got a nice last-minute deal on one of the many condos they have to offer, after spending one night with a retired friend from my working days who now lives down there. Again no complaints.

The best thing about Barefoot, for me, is that they have four courses. So all I have to do in the morning is roll out of bed and make it over to a clubhouse that's some five minutes away. No small



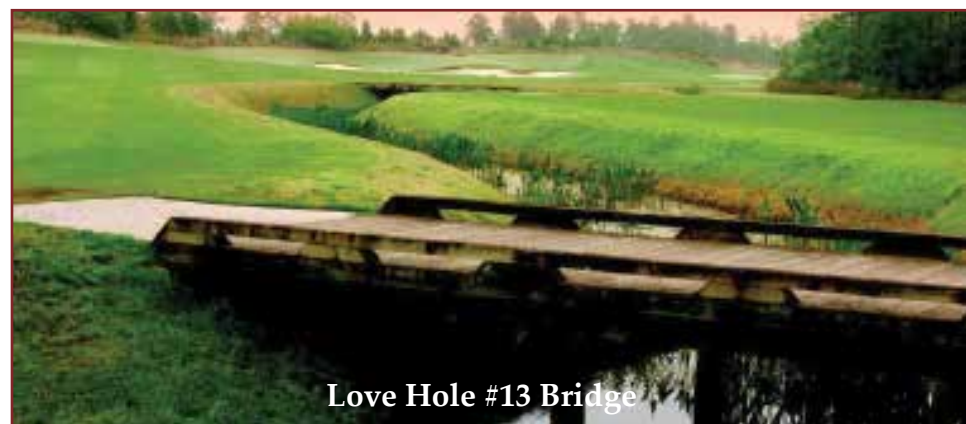
Barefoot Clubhouse

detail, for those who've sometimes had to drive 30-45 minutes to get to their tee times. And three of the layouts are among everyone's list of favorites. It just depends in what order. Davis Love, Tom Fazio and Pete Dye each have designs there, as does Greg Norman. The Norman course was actually closed during our stay, but I've played it many times. And it's my contention that if it were on its own, it would get a lot more love. It's just that the other three are so good it tends to get overlooked in the conversation. It happens. But it's a very playable track, and a nice place to start your trip. Especially if your trip includes playing all four at Barefoot. Three years ago, during a trip to also cover Villanova's basketball team in a tournament at nearby Coastal Carolina University, I did post a 72-hole score. Imagine that.



Dye Hole #6

This time, I only did 54. I was only supposed to play the Love and the Fazio, but a funny thing happened on my way to a day off. It seems the first two rounds I had played with the same twosome, brother-in-laws. One, Andrew, was a Virginia Tech fan. The other, Matt, was a Florida State guy. Which I'm sure made for some interesting family debates. Anyway, after we finished our round at the Fazio on a Tuesday, they told me they were also playing the Dye on Thursday, again at 7 in the morning. The first group out, always a plus. And since I know the guy in charge, I told him and he asked if I wanted to play with those guys a third time. He didn't have to ask twice. I was having too good of a time. And boy could they both hit it a long way. Not that it always went straight, but we laughed a lot. Which of course is the most important consideration. I'd rather shoot 90 with people I like than 80 with, well, you get the idea.



Love Hole #13 Bridge

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I don't know how many courses Love has built, but this has to be one of the best. It just has a wonderful feel to it. It doesn't beat you up too badly, but it has teeth. And obviously I'm playing from the senior tees, so that comes into play in a positive way. When I was here in 2019 for Nova I nearly birdied with 15th hole, a long par 4 where I hit like a career 3 wood to 10 feet and just missed the putt. Then I did birdie the par 3 16th, and the short par-4 17th. I pretty much butchered the closing hole, which was OK since getting humbled when you start to think you're something you're really not is good for the soul. And mind. Call it a reality check. Anyway, I never get tired of this course. And I would definitely put it in my top 5 or 10 down there.



Fazio #4

Ditto for the Fazio, and the Dye. In fact, sometimes I can't tell which of the three I enjoy the most. I have played a lot of Fazio designs, and never really met one I didn't like. I think this one is a little tougher than the Love, but not by much. It also has a nice feel in the routing, with relatively generous landing areas and greens. The 18th is a par 4 that sits across the water from the clubhouse veranda, which means my wife can sit there having something to eat or drink and watch me try to salvage a bogey. It is a great view. And don't think for a second Fazio didn't know that. Once we were having lunch there and looked across to see a baby bear cub looking for his mother. Yes, there is wildlife. And it was there first.

Speaking of which, when I got to the first tee at the Dye I was greeted by a snake. Not too big, but a snake nonetheless. Don't know what kind, didn't much care. I did take a picture, as proof. He wasn't bothering anyone, but I wasn't about to find out, just in case. The brother in laws, who've probably encountered more snakes than I have in their travels, took a look and said it didn't seem like it was poisonous. Because of the head shape. Good to know, I guess, for future reference. Did I mention that my daughter has a severe dislike of those no shoulders. And yes, we also did see a real tiny one one morning just outside our front door. Oh well.

Dye courses can be tough. And that's putting it mildly. But this one is about as fair, and that's a relative term, as any I've encountered. And I've been to more than a few, including one of his last on a mountain in French Lick, Ind., that has to be seen to be believed. Yet I can honestly say that this one will not drive you nuts. Or at least not too much. It really is enjoyable. And since I was done all three days

in less than four hours, that was even better. And I played the first two days with members who made the experience all that more user-friendly. People ask me all the time what it's like to go somewhere to play by yourself, and my response is that if I play with 10 different people, nine of them turn out to be great partners. So I actually look forward to it. Golf is a fraternity. We're all in it together, for better or not. As my mentor once told me, I don't care if you're good or bad, just as long as you play fast we'll get along just fine. Words to live by.

Simply put, I would say that if you go to Myrtle and stay at Barefoot and play all four courses and don't play any others, it will be a great trip. There can't be many better 72-hole facilities anywhere. And I don't say that lightly. And I'm hardly the only one who feels that way.

Along those lines, I also played a round at Legends, which has three courses. And I've played all three. And again, there can't be many 54-hole facilities that have much more in the way of amenities. My friend works there a few days a week. It's located just off Highway 501 heading into Myrtle. And it's part of a group that includes Oyster Bay in Sunset Beach, N.C., and The Heritage Club in Pawley's Island. I've played them too, and they're both among my faves. Especially Oyster Bay, though I haven't been there in too long since I've been staying in the southern end. It's something I need to rectify.



Legends Parkland Tree Lined Course

Legends has a place to stay, and all all-inclusive golf package, if that's what you're looking for. I had a friend who recently went down there with a group and did exactly that. And he had nothing but good things to say. The onsite accommodations make it quite appealing. As is the breakfast buffet and lunch that can be part of the package. And the food, like Barefoot, is really good. So you never really have to leave if you don't want to. They also have a practice range that's hard to beat.

On this trip I played the Parkland, which might be the most playable of the three. In other words, I could tee off there three times a week and never get tired of it. Just a pleasant experience. It's tree-lined fairways wrap through a very natural terrain. It's modeled after the style of architects Alister MacKenzie (Augusta National) and George Thomas (Riviera Country Club), if you're into that sort of thing.

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LEHIGH VALLEY ROAD TRIPS

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.

Wonderful, challenging courses. Courses designed for all levels of player. Heck, you might even see your name on the tee sheet.

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.



Shawnee Autumn Golf

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.

Want to sample a Jack Nicklaus design? How about Great Bear Golf Club in East Stroudsburg? Along with the course, a picturesque clubhouse gives the player a sense of home.

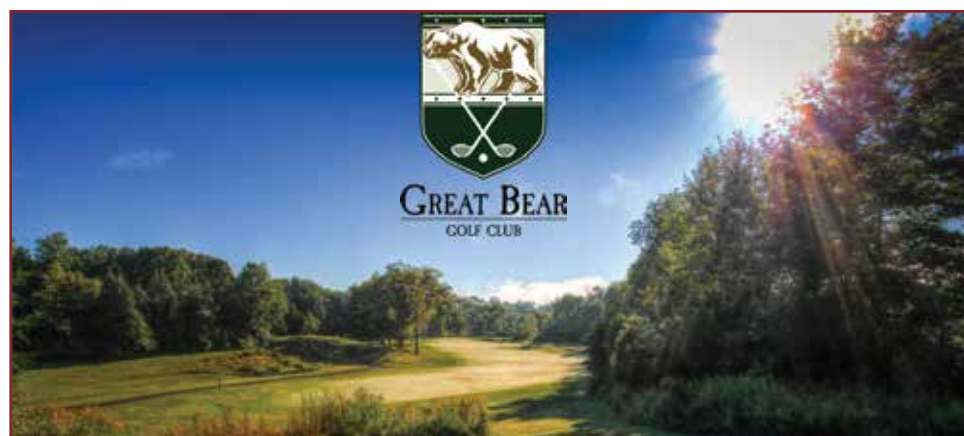
There the Golden Bear integrated a course that travels around lakes, streams, wetlands and rolling terrain. A Jack Nicklaus "signature"



The Architects Club

design," Jack held court on site during the design phase.

"Mr. Nicklaus was a hands-on designer back in the 1990s (opening course in 1996)," explained PGA professional Vince Yanovitch. "It was a thrill working with him."



Nicklaus set the parameters, then got the job done.

"It's nice we have no parallel fairways. They are generous, but you must think of your options as you traverse the holes," said Yanovitch. "We offer challenging, secluded holes that bring out the competitive juices."

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.

"We are proud of our facility. The golf course is beautiful, challenging, offering rolling terrain and a variety of holes," informs director of golf Keith Devos. "We have ample fairways to aim for, but don't be fooled. Positioning is imperative on this secluded destination."

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.

"It's the little things that help make us a top destination," added Devos.

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Jack Frost National

Skytop Lodge bills itself as an outdoor paradise, and it meets that template. But the focal point for many is fine, challenging golf. Situated on a bluff, its rolling hills offer playability options.



Skytop Lodge

“We are proud of the golf course – challenging and yet playable,”

explained PGA head professional Justin Alunni. “Over the winter we continued our bunker restoration project and removed 75 or so trees which had encroached on the course. That helps build turf and improve playability.”

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



Berkleigh Golf Club hole #4

here (Betsy King Classic) but still have some varoom. Clearly, we offer golfers a top-notch opportunity.”

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.”

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.



Paupack Hills

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.

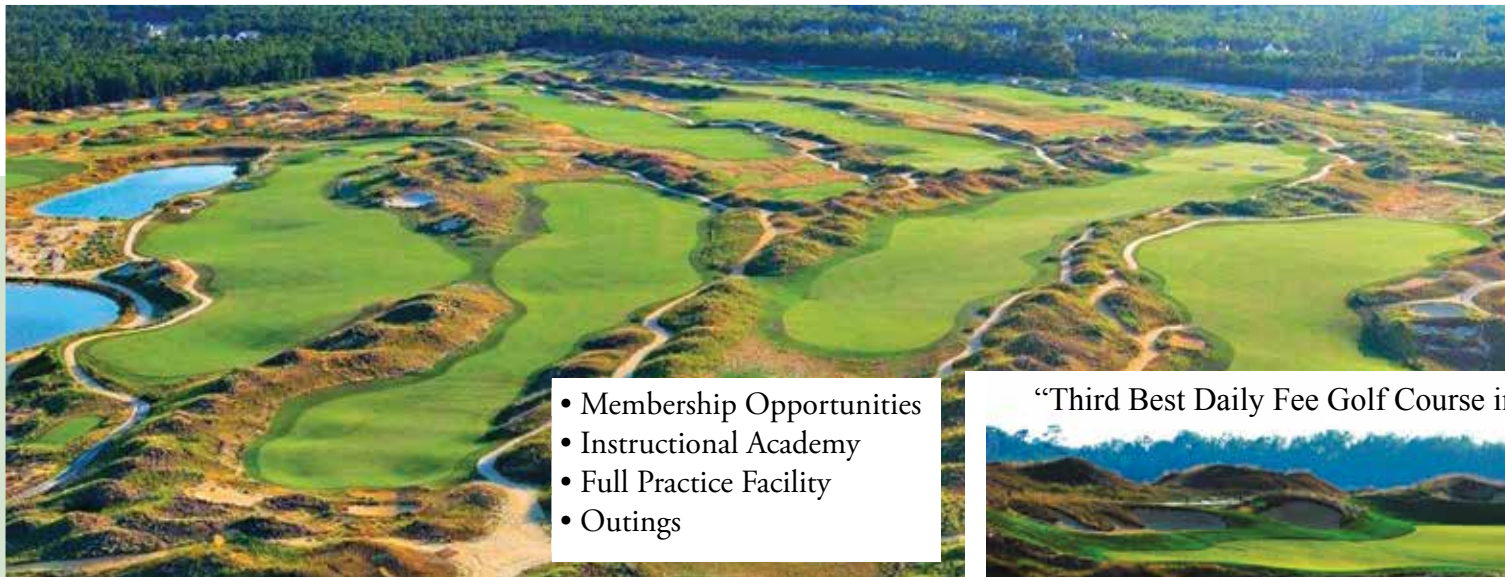
Clearly there is no shortage of golf opportunities in the Lehigh Valley, whether during the Senior Open or every day. Courses are in great shape, and welcoming to all kinds of payers. Maybe you aren't a thousand-courses-played kind of guy, but the Lehigh Valley has opportunities to sample a wide array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

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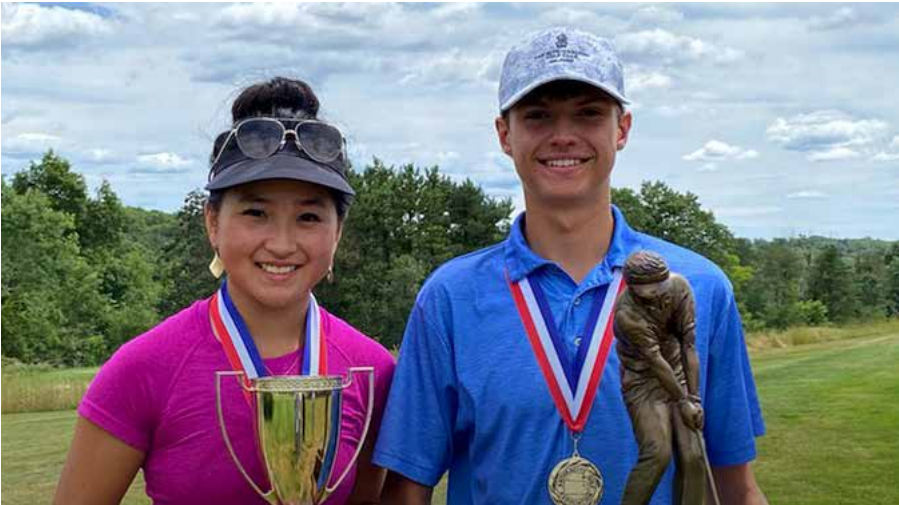
MASLANKA, POWELL PREVAIL IN JUNIOR TOC

Michael Maslanka reclaimed the GAP/AGA Junior Tournament of Champions trophy Tuesday. The Country Club of Scranton member carded a 3-over-par 75 to win the event's 23rd edition at Huntsville Golf Club (par 72, 6,358 yards). He edged Glen Oak Country Club's Luke Morgan and Elkview Country Club's L.V. Pegula by a stroke.

Maslanka, 16, of Taylor, Pa., also won in 2020. Severe weather Monday shortened the event to 18 holes.

In the Junior Girls' Division (par 72, 5,241 yards), Elmhurst Country Club's Gwendolyn Powell won her fourth title in five years (2018, 2020-21). She carded a 2-over-par 74 to prevail by 11 strokes.

The GAP/AGA Junior Tournament of Champions concludes the Lawler Junior Tour Series sponsored by Abington Center for Cosmetic & Family Dentistry and Community Bank. It is a two day, 36-hole event. Winners of a Lawler Junior Tour Series event, in addition to those who ranked high in scoring average/finish, make up the field.



RESULTS

BOYS' DIVISION

Name,	club	Score
Michael Maslanka,	Country Club of Scranton	75
Luke Morgan,	Glen Oak Country Club	76
L.V. Pegula,	Elkview Country Club	76
Cade Kelleher,	Country Club of Scranton	78
Jacob Palermo,	Valley Country Club	79
Connor Matteo,	Valley Country Club	84
Ben Sohosky,	Frosty Valley	85
Grady Hearn,	Pocono Farms Country Club	88
Robert Bingham,	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	91
Gavin June,	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	91
Luke Swank,	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	92

GIRLS' DIVISION

Name,	club	Score
Gwendolyn Powell,	Elmhurst Country Club	74
Isabelle Ritz,	Pottsville II TG GC	85
Hallie Brown,	Shadowbrook Golf Club	86
Miranda Karoscik,	GAP Youth on Course	95
Elizabeth Franchetti,	Scott Greens Golf Club	102
Emilee Barkley,	Moselem Springs Golf Club	102



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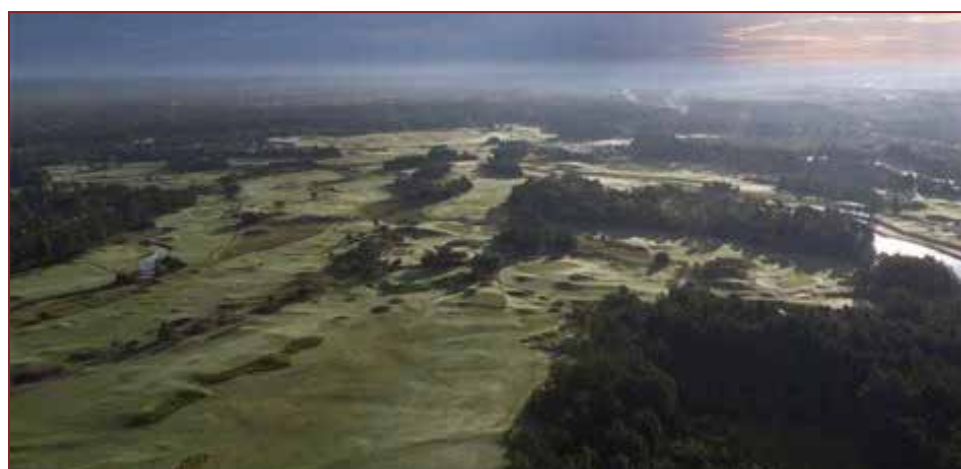
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Suffice to say it doesn't disappoint.



Moorland is a product of another Dye, P.B., so there are some waste areas and bulkheads that remind you of PGA West Stadium Course. In other words, it's a little more intimidating. It's a target kind of course, where you can get into trouble if you're not careful. So it's not for everyone. But I think it's worth checking out at least once, just because. The 16th is a 245-yard par-4 with bunkers guarding the green that are known as "Hell's Half Acre." Yo, what's the worst that could happen? There's always the 19th hole to look forward to.

The Heathland, designed by Tom Doak, is pretty traditional in the style of a British links layout. Personally I like this type of course, because over here we don't see it all that often. And Myrtle Beach has a few. The visuals here are really good, and the wind generally comes into play. There's some obstacles, like deep rough and deep bunkers, so strategy is very much part of the equation. You have to think you're way around. Something to be said for that.



Heathlands Legends at Myrtle Beach

As with Barefoot, you could stay at one place and never leave (at least for golf) and have a lot of stories to tell and memories to share when you get back home. I would heartily recommend either.

But there are others that are not to be missed. I already mentioned Oyster Bay. I like courses that sit along the marshes and Intercoastal. Those settings are just hard to beat. Tidewater is like that, with like six holes on the water that you just won't find anywhere else. They have two back to back holes on the front nine — a short par 3 followed by a long 4 — that are just terrific. One's supposedly easy

and the other isn't. Good luck. Grand Dunes also fits that mold, with about a half-dozen holes along the wet stuff. I think the best of them might be the par-3 on the back that's about 160 yards of all carry to a well-guarded putting surface. Depending on the wind you can hit a bunch of different clubs. I've actually been lucky enough to be on it a couple of times. I've also butchered it once or twice. And like Tidewater, I was there when the place opened. Nice perk of my former job, when being the golf writer meant going to our annual tournament in Myrtle before heading to the Masters. And to think they were paying me to do this.



Grande Dunes #18 & clubhouse

If you can get off on the Dunes, which is private, by all means do so. That's where we played our final round every April, followed by a candlelight dinner in their dining room facing the ocean. Once, Arnold Palmer came to talk. You just don't get any better than that. This is where the Senior Tour held its season-ending championship, so what more do you have to compute? It's the only course in Myrtle that sits by the Atlantic, although you can't really see it from the course. Still ... the last time I was there I hit a second shot on the dogleg par-3 11th, a 3 wood from 185ish to 15 feet (no, I didn't make the putt), that was an absolute keeper. The par-3 13th is a par-5 that winds around water and is guarded by a gator that's one of the biggest things I've ever seen. Trust me the right side of the fairway is all his.



Kings North Myrtle Beach

Kings North, the Palmer course at Myrtle Beach National, can really test your skills. I played there a few years ago, for the first time in forever, and it chewed me up. I went back not too long ago and had a much better time of it. So who knows? But it is good. Just make sure you play from the right set of tees. Of course I could say that about just any place nowadays. But that's me.

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The wives will be glad to hear that Arcadian Shores is located near the Tanger outlets, and has undergone a ton of improvements recently. And it shows. There's one hole that almost always gets me, a par-4 where I almost always have to lay up instead of trying to carry a huge lake. Which pains me, because the shot we're talking about is "only" like 180 or so. But there's been enough times when I didn't carry it to make me know better. But who wants to lay up? Once I made a par by doing that, so now at least I feel somewhat justified when I choose discretion. But by all means feel free to make your own call. You only live once, and it's just a golf ball.



Caledonia #18 & Clubhouse

Without a doubt the one that gets me truly excited is Caledonia, which is way down south. But well worth the extra miles. It has a fond place in my heart because the year I ended up as co-champ (net) in the golf writer's tourney, that was where we played our opening round. And the guy who runs things, Bob Seganti, is a Philly guy. Love that. I got to play there last year, and hit another shot I will not soon forget. One the par-3 11th, which was playing about 155 yards of all carry, I hit a 5-wood to within inches to close out a mini-match. I will never let the guys we beat forget about it. Don't ask why I needed so much club, but I put my 7-wood back and went for the extra distance and chose wisely. For once, anyway. The par-3 ninth is a neat little hole of about 100 yards, yet I've made more than a few bogeys there. And the 18th is a postcard. The second shot is over a lake to a rather narrow green. And sitting behind that green is one of the best verandas you will ever see, sometimes filled with folks just waiting to see if you can do it. And isn't that what it's supposed to be about?

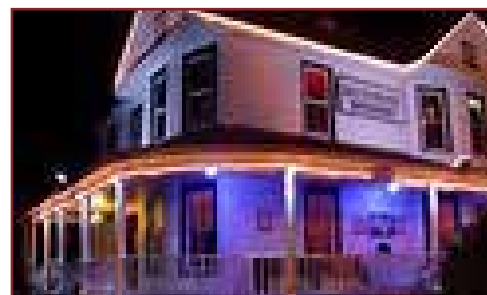


Chianti South Little River

There are certainly others I could point out, but I would run out of space at some point. And that wouldn't leave me enough inches to talk about where to eat, which in my book is just as much of a consideration. On this or any other excursion.

I will start with Chianti South, in Little River, which is as good as most Italian restaurants in South Philly. Seriously. I have an Italian friend who would tell you the same thing. Don't look at a menu. Just order the stuffed banana peppers, which are technically an appetizer but in reality are a meal all by themselves. I wouldn't lie about this stuff. The bread is to die for. And the blue cheese dressing for your salad goes well on the bread. Just saying. And I'm not really a big blue cheese fans. My wife and daughter shared the chicken Parmesan (two pieces, with pasta), and even had leftovers. And including soup our bill was all of \$50. You just can't beat it, for quality and quantity.

Not far down Route 17 from there is the Brentwood, a French establishment that serves the best onion soup we've ever had. OK, at least this side of the French place in Disney's Epcot Center. Anyway, they have a happy hour in the upstairs bar from 4-6 where you can get it for \$7. And then you wash it down with a chocolate soufflé that will have you looking for some insulin. It's decadent. And I don't say that about too many things.



Brentwood



Clark's

Clark's, which is also in that neck of the woods, is a steakhouse that does a very reasonable lunch menu. I had a flounder with a side of some very tasty creamed spinach for \$12. A steal. And my wife had a bacon sandwich that featured fried green tomatoes and pimento cheese. You won't find that up North.

The BBQ House offers a lunch for under \$10 that will fill you up. I prefer the Brunswick Stew, if that's your thing, the hush puppies and collard greens. All for \$7.99, which includes your drink. My kind of place. My wife went with the chopped pork and didn't leave anything on the plate. Enough said, especially for her.

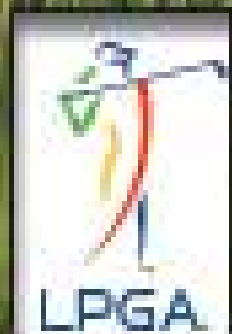


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Greg Norman's and Umberto's in Barefoot Landing are both very good. The lunch at Norman's can be right up there with what we got at Clark's. I lean toward the fried fish sandwich, with the onion rings. But feel free to explore. Umberto's, which only does dinner, serves you so much food you can't help but take doggie bags home with you. It's served family style. Go with the pork chops, if you're so inclined. They give you two, each checking in at about eight ounces, for about \$25. You will only eat one. Then they give you a tomato salad, pasta and something called greens and beans, which is kind of like a pasta fagiole. Whatever it is, count me hooked.

There's a German place called Horst Gasthaus, right across from Barefoot, that does an all you eat pork chops for not a lot of money. My son-in-law ate four. I go for the Bavarian Goulash, again for not much cash, that just warms your heart. And of course I get all the usual sides, like German potato salad, sauerkraut and warm red cabbage. I don't get it often, so it sure is different. In a wonderful way.

Crave is a sports bar that serves some excellent Italian fare. Again, for something that won't even remotely begin to break your back account. Not even close. And they have lunch specials and a happy hour that are even more reasonable. We got a \$7 pizza that fed three. Of course we also got a tomato caprese salad that was a perfect complement. And some meatballs, which are great. And I can be a meatball snob. The drinks were good too. But the best is their cream puffs. Two, to be exact. Don't ask, just order. They're enough for two or three. So share. You will thank me later.

Simply Southern Smokehouse might be the best buffet down there, at least if you're looking for that kind of food. And we all should be. And it won't set you back much. Do you sense a theme here? Go for the okras and tomatoes. I would almost go there for that alone. Seriously. But they also have fried chicken, chicken bog, fish, daily specials, cobbler and on and on. If you leave hungry it's your own fault. All I know is that the clientele is almost all locals. That's a very welcome sign.



Abuelo's is a Mexican chain not far from the airport that is my daughter's go-to. For good reason. Go with the Chile Rellenos. They are really tasty. And the salsa and chips is almost a meal by themselves. The \$5 margaritas are delicious, and I don't drink much. Good thing. That means I only had two. For a chain this is top notch.

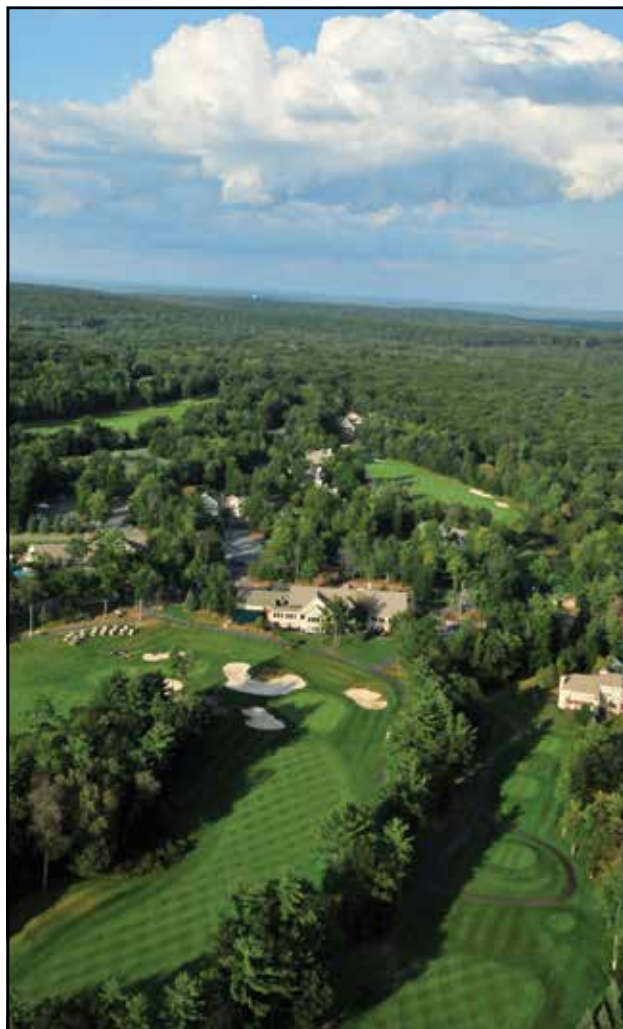
I may have saved my best for last. Paula Deen's is in Broadway at the Beach, which is like Barefoot Landing. My daughter wanted to go. I thought it was going to be a tourist trap. It was not. For about \$30 a person you get all you can eat. You choose two or three or four entrees, and four side dishes. But first they start you out with cheese biscuits that you have to force yourself to stop eating after two or three. The peach ice tea is addictive. We had the pot roast, fried chicken, fried fish and gumbo. I ate til I dropped. We had greens, baked macaroni, broccoli casserole and salad. Yes, a salad. We needed a break. And it was good too. They also give you a desert, which they let you take with you. Peach cobbler, banana pudding or butter cake. Yes, yes and yes.

Oops, almost forgot. Two new places I've been introduced to in the last few years. Flynn's Irish Tavern on Main Street in Cherry Grove is everything you'd imagine. Get the corned beef. Or the Shepard's pie. Or the Guinness stew. Just don't forget the cream of potato soup. Or the shot of Bushmills Black to chase it all down.

Finally, check out Crab Catchers, on the waterfront in Little River. Very casual. You can sit on the deck. I was in the mood for scallops. Mission accomplished. Enough to share. They were like eating butter. And they came with hush puppies, fried corn on the cob and cole slaw. Washed down with a slice of Key Lime pie. A perfect way to end. I probably left something or someone out. Sue me. I tried. Now You want the creamiest fudge in the free world? Go to callahans of calabish. A pound and a half for \$15. Any flavor will do. And they have some different ones. Just do not refrigerate. Hardens it beyond repair. Will last for weeks just hanging out on your kitchen counter.



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BLUE RIDGE TRAIL GC HAS BECOME A NOT-SO-HIDDEN HIDDEN GEM

By TONY LEODORA

For years, smart golfers have been referring to Blue Ridge Trail Golf Course as the Hidden Gem of the Pocono Mountains. Recent statewide, regional and national acclaim is working hard at erasing that "hidden" tag from the description of this universally heralded gem.

Rankings have been coming from a number of different publications and organizations. But the viewpoint that means most comes from the golfers. They love playing this course – over and over.

It took 15 years to complete the golf course at Blue Ridge Trail – near the intersection of Interstate 80 and Interstate 81, on the western edge of the Poconos. Design work was done by the famed Ault/Clark firm, based in Maryland.

Tony Barletta, a golf course superintendent by trade, was the original steward of the project. Nurturing the course as if it was his baby. Years later, Barletta has turned the agronomic part of the operation over to Duane Schell, the current general manager and superintendent. Barletta still can be found almost daily, working in the pro shop as Director of Golf.

Course conditions always have been of optimum concern at Blue Ridge Trail. The quality of the overall golf experience is a combination of quality design and consistent manicuring.

"When this course was built, we cut extra-wide corridors through the trees," explained Barletta. "Too many mountain courses have too many trees and the fairways are too narrow."

Blue Ridge Trail definitely passes the "walk-in-the-park test." Very few houses clutter the views. Each hole is a secluded portrait ... surrounded by nature.

The philosophy of clearing wide enough corridors through the trees and ribboning the fairways so that every shot is not an uphill, downhill or sidehill lie is easier said than done in rugged mountain terrain. In most cases, clearing all of that acreage requires a lot of money – to purchase sufficient land and to do all of the tree-clearing.

Blue Ridge Trail -- located in the appropriately-named town of Mountain Top -- is a perfect example. It began as a 9-hole golf course in the early 90's. In the late 90's, as more money became available, it grew to 18 holes. Just past the turn of the century, the final 9 holes were added.

"Fortunately, Ault and Clark gave us a design that we were able to maintain with a reasonable amount of labor and funds," explains Barletta. And, when it comes to modernizing or making changes, our ownership never backs away from what has to be done."



Blue Ridge Trail Ridge Course #9

The golf world refers to that quality in course design as "sustainability." Too often ego-driven architects design a course that is a superintendent's nightmare. Not at Blue Ridge Trail.

Barletta wouldn't let that happen. His background came from the superintendent world. When combined with Schell, the current superintendent, the end result is a one-two

punch on the side of sustainability.

"Growing grass in a mountain environment is not easy," adds Schell. "You have a short season, violent weather swings and, especially in some years, a lot of water. We were a bit fortunate in that we were able to adapt to the climate one step at a time over a number of years."

What players find when they arrive at Blue Ridge Trail is a course that is beautiful, well-maintained and interesting. That is why it has become one of the most popular courses for the daily fee golfers of Pennsylvania. And now the word continues to spread.

In September, it will spread further, as Blue Ridge Trail GC will be the featured course on the award-winning Traveling Golfer television show. How far will the word spread? The Traveling Golfer now reaches more than 150 million households world wide.

The most popular outlet locally is NBC Sports Philadelphia and NBC Sports Philadelphia +, where the show can be seen five times each week. It also can be found twice daily on the Fun Roads Network, as well as On Demand on the Wing Ding Network.

Plus, the show will be available at any time of the day, beginning September 1, at www.travelinggolfervideo.com.

After that worldwide exposure, nobody ever can call Blue Ridge Trail GC a "hidden" gem again.

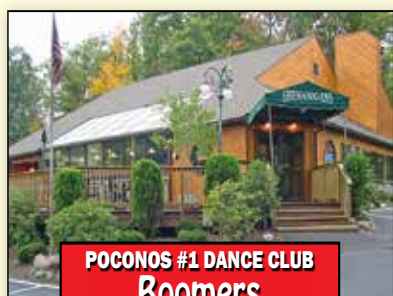


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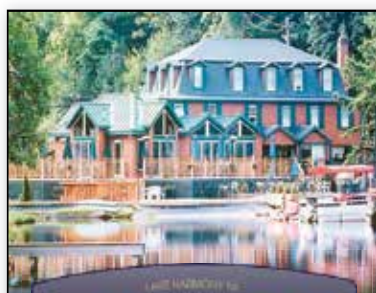
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UNION LEAGUE NATIONAL'S DRAMATIC RE-DESIGN

By TONY LEODORA

My association with the former Sand Barrens GC, just outside of Avalon in South Jersey, goes all the way back to its opening days.

In fact, it actually pre-dates the upscale daily fee course that opened more than 20 years ago.

When the design team of Dr. Michael Hurdzan and Dana Fry first looked at the property being transformed into a golf course by the Robertson family, the plan was much different from the final result. A traditional, parkland-style course was to be cut from the heavy pineland area, about 10 miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

I then witnessed an abrupt about-face.

A number of discoveries about the topography of the land led to an unconventional concept, and Fry took over the lead design on the project.

The course actually was cut below the original surface, using the natural sand foundation as a base. Thousands of square feet of waste areas became the overwhelming landscape of the design – thus, Sand Barrens.

We were involved as the PR and marketing arm of the effort, eventually choreographing one of the largest grand openings and media days the Mid-Atlantic Region ever witnessed. The national media came out for the day, and saw an interesting architecture discussion by Fry and Golfweek architecture editor Bradley Klein.

Rave reviews followed and the new course debuted at No. 99 on the Golfweek list of Top 100 Modern courses.

Fast forward to 2018 and the golf course was purchased by the Union League – a private club that started in Philadelphia in 1862 ... without any golf in mind. The Union League's original mission was as a patriotic society to support the Union and the policies of President Abraham Lincoln.

Earlier this century the Union League added its first course, purchasing the old Donald Ross design of Torresdale-Frankford CC in Northeast Philadelphia. Millions of dollars went into renovation of the golf course and clubhouse.

A few years ago, the Gary Player-designed ACE Club, on the western border of Philadelphia, was added – to the delight of the membership.

The purchase of Sand Barrens signaled the most ambitious project taken on by the Union League. The course was closed and a major renovation of the property, including its 27-hole course, began. It took more than three years and estimates of more than \$10 million dollars, again under the direction of original architect Dana Fry, to achieve the transformation.

In July of 2022, all 27 holes reopened for member and guest use.

Advance reports tested the English language for proper descriptions. The only thing to do was to return to a property that had been a large part of my professional career. But there was no way I was going to digest all of the new work alone. Longtime Philadelphia golf writer Mike Kern was along for co-analysis.

In all honesty, a proper review could not be crafted on the first visit. It is hard to stay objective and logical ... when your eyes are popping out



Union League Lake

of your head and your jaw is open so wide your chin is flapping against your chest.

Huge lakes have appeared from an area where none existed before. Mountains arise from the dead-flat Jersey landscape, using the dredged material to construct the astonishing changes of elevation. An incalculable amount of trees have been removed ... yet the view is far from barren.

In a brief pre-round discussion with Fry before he jetted off to Singapore for another construction job, I

was warned. "If you people think what I did, in terms of moving dirt, at Calusa Pines (one of his most heralded designs, in Naples, FL), wait until you see what I did at Union League National."

He wasn't bragging.

Fry had an amazing pedigree, leading up to his current work. He started as a shaper with the renowned Tom Fazio, working on one of his most courageous layouts at Ventana Canyon, near Tucson. The entire course was blasted out of the mountainside.

He then moved to working alongside artist-architect Mike Strantz, another Fazio devotee. Fry was part of the crew that designed the heralded/controversial Tobacco Road, near Pinehurst, NC. Vestiges of that rugged topography can be seen at Union League National.

An excellent review of Union League National comes from golf-writer Kern ... after he was able to catch his breath.

"If you are familiar with the works of Dana Fry, if you have been to courses like the new course at Philadelphia Cricket Club, then you don't need me to tell you how good they are," said Kern. "And, if you have been to any Union League facility, which I have been lucky enough to do a number of times, they don't do anything second-class. This course is probably one of the better golf experiences in the entire Delaware Valley ... and that's saying something."

The Jersey Shore has long been a hotbed for outstanding golf course architecture. Now Union League National at the top level of the area's golf royalty – with names like Galloway National, Atlantic City CC, the two courses at Seaview Resort, Blue Heron Pines, Twisted Dunes and many more.

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Union League Sherman # By MIKE KERN



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FAMILIAR NAMES TAKE TITLES AT WOMEN'S AM

LANCASTER, Pa. - Another year, another double-digit victory for Katie Miller Gee. But this one had a different feel for the Green Oaks Country Club standout. Despite winning three Amateur titles and then the Middle-Amateur for year, this is a mother. And her dominant Country Club as she posted round two on score of 143 victory in championship, by DICK'S



the third consecutive Miller Gee's first as that's what made showing at Lancaster even more special, a 7-under par 67 in her way to a 36-hole (-5) and a 16-stroke the division at the which was presented Sporting Goods.

"It kind of shows that you do need a lot of support. It takes a lot. It takes a village to raise a child and it takes a village to win a golf tournament," Miller Gee said. "I coach my high school's golf team now and for those girls to be able to see me compete after having a baby, it's kind of cool."

Miller Gee was already off to a strong start with three birdies on the front nine. And on LCC's back nine, she continued to shine, notching a remarkable five birdies on that side.

Despite the incredible round, Miller Gee felt like it was all so simple. The par 5s on the back side were reachable, leaving her a pair of easy birdie putts. On the par 3 17th hole, her tee shot, which she deemed "perfectly straight", was the result of solid mechanics.

"That was a really smooth, simple swing," Miller Gee said. And after a par on 18, she completed a round that gave her a double-digit win in the Middle-Amateur flight for the second straight year. Northampton Country Club's Katrin Wolfe came in second at 159 (+11).

MCGILL REPEATS AS SENIOR CHAMP

Meanwhile, the Senior division saw its winner bounce back from tough starts to eventually flight. Sunnybrook McGill scored a the second hole in But she bounced and six pars in the



win the whole Golf Club's Lisa double bogey on her final round. back with a birdie front nine.

McGill, the champ, had a the back nine. But with two birdies post a 36-hole to win her fourth division. Karen Siegel, of Commonwealth National Golf Club, finished in second place, three strokes back. McGill also claimed the title in 2010, 2018 and 2021.

defending seven to start she recovered to claw back and score of 153 (+5) title in the Senior

HAINES WINS ANOTHER SUPER-SENIOR

The Super-wrapped up with top. Merion Golf captured another with her two-(+14), topping Barbara Pagana Club by three it was her third the Super-Senior



Senior division also a familiar name on Club's Liz Haines win in the event day total of 162 defending champ of Huntsville Golf shots. For Haines, win in four years in realm.

It was a familiar Haines and

The 2018 championship was the last one that neither Haines nor Pagana won, including the 2020 edition where they shared the title.

leaderboard, with Pagana at the top.

ROGOWICZ HOLDS ON TO WIN HER 2ND AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

LANCASTER, Pa. - Jackie Rogowicz of Yardley Country Club took command of 86th Women's Amateur at Lancaster Country Club with a stellar 4-under-par, 70 to win by seven strokes over Hartefeld National's Rylie Heflin and clubmate Jade Gu.

Jackie Rogowicz doesn't always play in the Pennsylvania Women's Amateur but when she does, she wins. The Yardley member was victorious back in 2019 at Philadelphia Cricket Club's Militia Hill course. 2022 was her first time back in the event since her win. Today at Lancaster Country Club, which Rogowicz described as a very challenging course, she secured her second PA Women's Amateur crown with an overall score of 219 (-3). Rogowicz remembers how different the format was (used to be match play) and how on the first day of this year's event, she thought she had a shot.

"After the first day, I was surprised," Rogowicz said. "I just wanted a chance and then after the second day, I was surprised to know I was in the lead."

She was the only golfer in her division to finish with a score under par. This included a third-round score of 70 (-4) where she dominated on the back nine.

Meanwhile, Rylie Heflin of Hartefeld National tied Rogowicz for the most birdies in the event, but finished in second with a total score of 226 (+4). Jade Gu, who University's and is a member Rogowicz, also the three rounds



plays on Purdue women's golf team of Yardley like scored a 226 for the to tie with Heflin.



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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COMPLETE THAT BUCKET LIST DREAM TO PLAY BETHPAGE BLACK IN SEPTEMBER

By TONY LEODORA

There are a number of "Bucket List" golf courses in America. Some are virtually unattainable for the masses – Augusta National, Cypress Point, Pine Valley.

Others on the Bucket List can be played ... but it won't be easy.

For example, Pebble Beach is available to just about anyone. But it might require a large chunk of your life's savings. Other courses such as Pinehurst No. 2 and Shadow Creek in Las Vegas are close to that level of expense.

Bethpage Black, on Long Island, is another Bucket List course ... with a different set of barriers. For one thing, there is the foreboding sign on the first tee: "WARNING. The Black Course is an extremely difficult course, which we recommend only for highly skilled golfers."

Wow. Talk about intimidation.

The other intimidating factor is all of the stories about having to sleep in the parking lot to attain a tee time. Is it worth the wait?

From a personal point of view, nothing was quite as bad as it seemed.

The course is very difficult ... but not unfair. Original architect A.W. Tillinghast and re-design master Rees Jones have teamed to provide challenge ... not torture.

For me, there was no wait ... as I got to play the course as an invited guest on a USGA Media Day. But, to add a bit of the everyman experience, they ran out of caddies when I reached the first tee. I dragged a pull cart around the hilly course, up and down every tee and green ... then dragged my weary body back to my car

in the parking lot. I had to stop on the long drive home to take a nap.

If, after that saga, Bethpage Black still remains on your Bucket List ... there is good news. Help has arrived.

What started out as just an idea in mid-2018 has flourished into an exciting endeavor for owners and founders Theresa Statz-Smith and Bill McAndrews of McAndrews & Smith (M&S). What they have created may be described as a tour operator filling a void in the industry.

M&S has developed a company which targets the international and national golf market to offer some of the finest golf on Long Island, home to some of the world's best and most exclusive golf courses in the world. Most enticing on their list is an opportunity

to play the Bethpage Black golf course and The Seawane Club (an exclusive private club on Long Island) this September.

M&S is working hard to offer Long Island's world-class golf in a way that respects the traditions of the private clubs but allows once in a lifetime opportunity for unique golf experiences.

Over the years, I have enjoyed many discussions about Bethpage Black with fellow golf industry veteran John Glozek. From his home base on Long Island, he has a wealth of knowledge about the championships played on Bethpage Black ... and the battles by amateur golfers on that hallowed layout.

John Glozek recently sat down with Theresa and Bill to ask them what they are trying to accomplish.

JG: Let's talk specifically about the Bethpage Black course experience

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Bethpage Black #8



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JG: This event goes beyond golf, what does it include?

TS: Aside from the rounds of golf at two singular Long Island golf clubs, including the iconic Bethpage Black golf course, golfers will enjoy luxury accommodations at the Garden City Hotel, a welcome reception, a closing dinner and ceremony at the Bethpage Heritage club, top-flight transportation along with breakfast and two lunches. Also included is an experienced “Golf Concierge” who is both familiar with the world of golf and Long Island’s legendary and unique golf. And there’s food — Long Island has a great selection of top tier restaurants.

All of this is very exclusive, well-organized and all-inclusive.

BM: While this event is designed to be a remarkable golf experience, M&S will customize this event so non-golfer guests can choose spa time, shopping, vineyard tours, or a walk on our beautiful beaches, or even a day in New York City.

Long Island has some of the best beaches, singular arts venues, and access to any number of great NY City adventures. M&S can create a singular after-golf adventure.

JG: Back to golf at Bethpage Black for a minute. How many golfers will be playing?

BM: Playing the Black is limited to just 20 golfers to keep this experience at the level we want to keep it. It needs to be special for each player. Limiting the number of players allows for more opportunities to customize the experience and assure each aspect of the outing is exceptional with white-gloved treatment, great golf, luxury transportation and accommodations.

JG: Give me a rundown of the itinerary.

BM: The “Play the Black” Experience will take place this September — Monday, Sept. 19th through Thursday, 22nd. This four-day golf experience starts on Monday with a welcome reception. Day two is golf at The Seawane Club (a very different experience than The Black). This will be followed by après golf libations and then an evening free for dinner or other events. Day three will be the highlight playing “The Black” followed by a cocktail reception, dinner and “awards.”

TS: This itinerary is exceptional in that it takes care of everything and includes hard to get tee times at The Black. M&S takes care of the tee times and all aspects of this 4-day golf experience.

JG: The landscape of golf has changed in recent years, certainly for clubs — whether it be financially or with less participation. How does M&S fit into the landscape we see today and how did this idea come about?

TS: As M&S developed its catalogue of tours, we noticed keen interest from the international and national market for high-end golf experiences. Our marketing consultant said, “Give me a good golf package and we’ll sell it

tomorrow.” Given the beautiful clubs on Long Island, we feel there is a win-win opportunity. The opportunity for a golfer to play a U.S. Open, PGA Championship and a future Ryder Cup site (2025) like Bethpage Black is very appealing to golfers around the country and around the world.

BM: We know from our research, what we are proposing is familiar to the high-end international golf community. Golfers can play on upscale private clubs in other countries — like Ireland and Scotland for example — and they would like to do it here. The international golfer is not a member at their private clubs, but they get to play them. This is a concept that is helping those clubs remain fiscally viable. Not only does it create a great experience it helps the club too.

JG: What are you trying to accomplish for the clubs?

TS: We can bring in these high-end clients. What’s even better, we do all the work. We manage and control the entire experience. When it comes to the private clubs, we make sure everybody is on board and well aware of what is expected when a club opens its doors.

BM: Clubs may even be interested in an international membership category that they don’t have right now. There are high-end affluent international golfers who would love to come to New York and maybe two or three times a year play at one of the exceptional Long Island clubs. It’s untraditional right now on Long Island but this is something that could become traditional. We offer the opportunity to create a whole new level of membership and play that the club can control, and that will drive revenue while respecting the traditions and atmosphere of private clubs.

JG: Let’s close with this. Why pick Bethpage Black for this event?

TS: Bethpage Black has hosted some of the most memorable golf events in history including Tiger Woods winning in 2002 when he was in his prime. It has also hosted several Tour events and the 2019 PGA Championship. It will be hosting the 2025 Ryder Cup. It doesn’t get any better than that. We want to offer golfers from anywhere in the country and the world an opportunity to join us on a golf experience they will never forget.

JG: Anything else you would like to tell us before we go?

TS: As you might imagine, this is a limited, exclusive experience and will sell out very quickly. If you are interested, please email us at golf@mcandrewsandsmith.com ASAP. Once it’s filled, we’ll take your name for the waitlist.

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BMW TO BECOME SECOND LEG OF FED-EX CHAMPIONSHIP

By MIKE KERN

History will be made from August 18-21, when the BMW Championship, the second leg of the three-tournament FedEx Cup playoffs, comes to Wilmington Country Club. It's the first time a PGA Tour event has ever been held in the state of Delaware. And what a debut it should be. The BMW is the last stop before the Tour Championship, and will bring together the top 70 players in the FedEx standings to determine which 30 will then move on to the closing stage a week later in Atlanta.

It's the third time since 2018 that this event is being held on the I-95 corridor. That year, at Aronimink in suburban Philadelphia, Keegan Bradley won his first PGA title in six years by beating Justin Rose in a playoff. And last year it was hosted by Caves Valley in suburban Baltimore. And again it had to go extra holes before Patrick Cantlay outlasted Bryson DeChambeau with an unreal display of putting. DeChambeau, of course, is not eligible for this year's event, after signing with the LIV Tour. But that's another story. Neither will you be seeing Dustin Johnson, for the same reason. Welcome to the new world.

Still, the chances are very good that you will see the likes of Rory McIlroy, John Rahm, Scottie Scheffler, Justin Thomas, Will Zalatoris, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Hideki Matsuyama and Collin Morikawa, to name most of the usual suspects. Which means it will be big-time. But you already knew that.

This event, in case you didn't know, has been around since the turn of the last century. It was called the Western Open, and was considered almost like a major back in the days before there was a Masters. Conducted by the Western Golf Association, it famously has benefitted the Evans Scholarship Foundation that has done so much good for so many youngsters through the years. Did we mention that the only tournaments on the PGA Tour schedule that have been around longer are the U.S. and British Opens.

Since 2007, the event has raised over \$40 million for caddie scholarships.

Wilmington, which has hosted six USGA championships, was also established in 1901, two years after the inaugural Western Open was held near Chicago. The club relocated in the 1950s, and Robert Trent Jones Sr. designed the South Course that will be used.

The club has previously hosted the 1913 U.S. Women's Amateur on what is now known as the "Old" Course. Then came the 1965 and 1978 U.S. Junior Amateur, the 1971 U.S. Amateur, the 1978 U.S. Girls' Junior and the 2003 U.S. Mid-Amateur. So there's already a lot of history to go around. But this chapter should only elevate it to

another level.

Wilmington was also the site of the 2013 Palmer Cup competition between the United States and Europe. Thomas, who just won his second major (and first in five years) at the PGA in May, played in that. As did Daniel Berger and Patrick Rodgers. And didn't we just see Fitzpatrick win a U.S. Open on the same course (The Country Club outside Boston) that he'd won the 2013 U.S. Am. Just saying. Golf works that way sometimes.

I had never played Wilmington, which is a walking layout, before a recent media day. And even though we only got to play five holes before storms blew in, from what we experienced I have to say the best players on the planet are going to be challenged. I realize they play a much different game than you or I, but it is something. And they've made some changes that I'm sure has only made it better. Like the 14th hole, for instance, a par-5 that will play as hole number three in the tournament rotation. It's a long dogleg right. But of course distance is rarely the problem for the big hitters. Still, they moved the green back some 50 yards. And it plays uphill. Just in case, right? I know I can't wait to seem them tackle it, because they are the best for a reason.

Harry Higgs should know. He lived in suburban Philadelphia for the first 10 years of his life before moving to Kansas City. He now calls Dallas home. He has some work to do to qualify for the top 70 by then, but he did finish fourth at last year's PGA Championship, his first major. And he was 14th at the Masters in April. So, he knows what it's like. And what it takes. And he's looking forward to hopefully making it back.

"You need to turn this place into your home course," he said. "I would say that those of us on the PGA Tour are very good at doing that. I would be shocked if any one of the 70, maybe one two or three have been to Wilmington before. I may be the only one that has even been to (the city).

"I think some of us just like to see newer golf courses. Less scar tissue. You haven't seen yourself hit bad shots on any of the holes quite yet. I imagine for a lot of the 70 it'll be a little busier (kind of week). Probably go play nine (practice holes) on Monday, nine more Tuesday and on Wednesday.

"I mean, I have found that my focus is even more intensified (for a bigger event). No disrespect to let's say the Travelers, but some of the courses we'll play throughout the year if you have an 8-iron from the middle of the fairway there's really no penalty if you miss it right or left or short or long (of the green). Of those four, if there are four misses, there's probably one that you can't do.



"In a major," he continued, "of the four misses there are three that you can't do. There's one that's acceptable that would have a chance. Just something about that has heightened my focus, I guess, in kind of preparing for each golf shot. I find that if I'm kind of locked in on the one place my ball could go, it's going there."

Simple game, right?

"And then it doesn't require six, seven, eight birdies a round," Higgs said. "You can still shoot even par. Heck, you can still shoot a couple over in a major and still kind of be right in it. You shoot 1- or 2-over the first day, all you are is two or three birdies the next day in a four- or five-hole stretch and you're moving up from 50th to 10th."

"I like that. You have to really, really exact throughout the day in all facets of your game. You're getting more and more regular season events that are also like that, as well. But there are just some where you have 150 yards and you're just trying to fly it in the hole because there's no consequences to where the ball goes after that."

"That doesn't always get my juices flowing, but I need to make sure that I find a way that it does because those also still matter a whole lot. You can't wind up just going through the processes. They always reward you for good play."

In other words, they all count. But events like the BMW obviously count more. And soon it will be heading to our neck of the golf universe. Which ensures it will have even more meaning for us.

And maybe even for Higgs, if he can get here. With his caddie, who just happens to be his younger brother. And they could have some reunions with family and friends they had to leave behind. Wouldn't that be memorable.

"It's been great," Higgs emphasized. "We started a little over two years now. It's been fun to share it with somebody who obviously I love. He's vitally important ... He runs a tight ship. When we're out there, this is a business. We have to achieve what we both set out to achieve. He'll give me a good talking too if I get a little too whiny, which we can all get too whiny. Get your head out of your rear end. I hear that every now and again."

"There was probably a bit of doubt early on, is it a good idea mixing family and business. But I always joke, and it's 100 percent true, if he's not caddying for me, it's not because I fired him. It's because he left me. I'm more than happy with the arrangement. I think he would say the same thing. For me at least, it's been a great idea."

Sounds like a plan that's already seen some success. And they're only starting out. Last year he closed with a 4-under par 68 for that got him into an eight-way tie for 38th at 278, a scrum that included Louis Oosthuizen, Paul Casey and Stewart Cink. At 30, it remains a growth curve. Maybe time, and perspective, are on his side. It can be a strange game to try and figure out.

But going from 70 to 30 is easy to compute. For the very top of this food chain. Enjoy the scrum.



The graphic features a close-up of a golf ball on a green, with a hole visible in the background. The ISM logo is in the top left corner. The main title '2022 BMW Championship' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the dates 'AUGUST 18 - 21, 2022' and the location 'WILMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB (SOUTH COURSE) WILMINGTON, DE' are listed in smaller, bold, blue letters. A faint silhouette of a city skyline is visible in the background on the right side.

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PACZEWSKI WINS PENNSYLVANIA BOYS JUNIOR



HERSHEY, Pa. - Logan Paczewski felt that he had a couple “bad breaks” with three bogies on the back nine in round one. Still, he thought he set himself up well for the second day of the tournament at Hershey Country Club (East Course). After a first day that saw him record seven birdies and finish with a 68, Paczewski dominated on Tuesday. The junior golfer carded a 67, which brought his total to 135 (7-under par) to win the Junior Boys’ Championship, which was presented by DICK’S Sporting Goods.

Paczewski’s final score ended up being four strokes better than the next-best golfers, Nick Ciccoca of Aronimink Golf Club and Nicholas Turowski of Hannastown Golf Club.

“It feels absolutely awesome,” Paczewski said. “I’ve never been in the position to close a tournament out.”

Paczewski, who plays his golf at Huntsville Golf Club which is not too far from Scranton, described Monday as a “good positioning round.” He ended up playing with fellow top scorers Tuesday could be described as his winning round.

Paczewski credited his solid performance throughout the tournament on his putting. On Monday, he nailed a 40-foot putt to save a par. Today, he was just as pleased with his play on the greens of Hershey Country Club.

“I’ve been struggling with the putter a little bit here and there,” Paczewski said. “But this week it really was solid and I’m really happy that it was.”

His front nine started out with bang after he birdied hole No. 1, a par five. Paczewski would have two more birdies and six pars in eight remaining holes of the front. This resulted in Paczewski scoring a front nine score of 33. It was the same score he got on Monday and tied him with Breckin Taylor and Rocco Salvitti for the lowest score on the front nine.

But Paczewski started the back nine even stronger than the front. Immediately, he hit the ball onto the fairway and now was looking for a good approach shot. Instead, he sunk the second shot for an eagle, the only one among the leaders.

“I was honestly thinking don’t go long. (There was) a back pin and you don’t want to go along there at all,” Paczewski said. “I had a 110(-yard shot) in there but it’s been a missed number for me all year. I stepped up there, executed really well, trusted my swing and (the ball) just flew right at it and it went in.”

On the rest of the back nine, Paczewski excelled. He had four more pars and a birdie on hole No. 14. Even with a bogey on the 17th hole, Paczewski closed out with a par to secure his first-ever victory at the Junior Boys’ Championship.

Paczewski, who will be heading to play college golf at Rutgers in the fall, just played in his last junior tournament, and he couldn’t help but reflect on that.

“This is my last junior event,” Paczewski said. “I’m really happy to just end it on a great mark.”

🏆	Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
☆	1	Paczewski, Logan <i>Huntsville Golf Club</i>	-7	68	67	135
☆	T2	Ciocca, Nick <i>Aronimink Golf Club</i>	-3	69	70	139
☆	T2	Turowski, Nicholas <i>Hannastown Golf Club</i>	-3	67	72	139
☆	4	Stetson, Hunter <i>Aronimink Golf Club</i>	-2	68	72	140
☆	T5	Davidson, Brady <i>Carlisle Country Club</i>	-1	72	69	141
☆	T5	Mulhern, Keller <i>Whitford Country Club</i>	-1	69	72	141
☆	T7	Olsen, John <i>Centre Hills Country Club</i>	+1	70	73	143
☆	T7	Fuhrer, David <i>Oakmont Country Club</i>	+1	69	74	143

BLICHAR WINS 63RD PA SENIOR AMATEUR WITH LATE-ROUND HEROICS



ORWIGSBURG, Pa. - David Blichar needed one final solid hole to push him to a victory at the 63rd Pennsylvania Senior Amateur, which was presented by DICK's Sporting Goods. Going into the 17th hole, Blichar was tied with Hannastown Golf Club's Sean Knapp, who had already finished the event with a 143 (-1).

In his mind, Blichar played the next par five perfectly. Off the tee, Blichar left himself a 4-hybrid on his second shot. With the 4-hybrid in hand, Blichar hit a shot that landed his ball three feet from the hole. He had a tap-in eagle putt to give him a two-stroke lead over Knapp.

"It was funny because I was talking to Perry (Landis) on (hole) 15. He's like, 'do you want to know where you are?'" Blichar said.

At that point, the Olde Homestead Golf Club club member knew even just a birdie would give him the lead. But an eagle and a subsequent par on the 18th hole secured the victory. Blichar remembers winning the 15th Art Wall, Jr. Memorial Championship at Country Club of Scranton in 2018, and now is "elated" from today's title win.

"There's the (opportunity to win a) state to win a state tournament," Blichar said. "(It's) the best field in the state at this age and it's the biggest win of my career by far."

Knapp improved three strokes from yesterday to finish second, while current Senior Match Play champion Jeff Frazier ended up in third place with 145 (+1).

Delcher Repeats in Super-Senior

In the Super-Senior Division, there will be a repeat name inscribed on

the trophy. For the second straight year, Duke Delcher's dominance of the Senior Amateur continued. While the Senior division had a wire-to-wire winner, the Super-Senior division saw much change, including a comeback win. On Monday, Delcher finished with a 38 (+2) on the back nine of Schuylkill Country Club as he recorded three bogeys and only one birdie. But Delcher, who plays golf at Sunnehanna Country Club, played much better on the back in the second round in order to defend his crown in the Super-Senior division.

Delcher, who was one-over par on the front nine at Schuylkill, started the back with an immediate birdie on hole No. 10, which is a par four. Delcher nailed a 10-footer on the green to secure the birdie.

And after back-to-back pars, Delcher notched another birdie on the 12th and his third and last birdie of the back nine on the next hole. On the remaining holes, Delcher recorded nothing but pars. It helped him take home the win in the Super-Senior division. Delcher finished This came despite trailing Applebrook Golf Club's Gary Daniels by four strokes.

"I played really well. I really did," Delcher said. "But I didn't get off to the start that I'd hoped to get off to. (I tried) to get a little pressure on Gary."

With solid driving throughout the back nine, Delcher was able to take hold of the repeat win. But the Sunnehanna golfer credits his improved iron game for his most recent success. He thanked a friend who gave him one small tip over a month ago and his iron shots have been playing well ever since.

"My iron game has really improved over the last month or so," Delcher said. "So that was the fun part (of today)."

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NICHOLAS DEFEATS BROWN IN PATTERSON PLAYOFF

WAYNE, Pa. – Drue Nicholas' grit made great.

The polished 20-year-old from Galloway National Golf Club outdueled veteran and champion golfer Michael R. Brown, Jr. in a playoff to win the 120th Joseph H. Patterson Memorial Cup presented by Provident Bank Thursday at St. Davids Golf Club (par 70, 6,546 yards). Nicholas' birdie on the fifth playoff hole, in sudden-death, clinched his first GAP Major victory. Both players completed a four-hole aggregate playoff, the event's tiebreaker, deadlocked at 15 strokes apiece. The two finished regulation tied at 7-under par with a score of 133.

"I'd say Junior golf is probably the root of it. You are living and dying on every stroke out there because you are trying to get a scholarship. That's probably where I got my grit," said Nicholas, who attended N.C. State for a year before transferring. "Coming back to go to Drexel [University], being in Philadelphia, which is one of the grittiest cities in the country. You just have to dig deep some times."

At multiple times, Nicholas' championship chances seemed buried. Each time, he escaped. None better than on the final hole of the four-hole aggregate playoff, No. 9 (par 3, 230 yards).

Nicholas trailed Brown by a stroke, 11 to 12. Both players pushed their tee balls right. Brown found the hard-pan next to the cart path. Nicholas landed in the greenside bunker on a downward slope. Brown chipped up to 20 feet left of the cup, but on the proper tier. Nicholas "chunked" his bunker shot and stared at a 30-footer up-the-hill must make. As if it was his destiny, Nicholas' par putt tumbled over the edge. Brown's look for par and the win dried up short.

"I was just telling myself get it to the hole. Luckily it fell. I didn't expect that, quite frankly," said a candid Nicholas, who lives in Philadelphia, Pa. "Luckily I got it there. I struggled with that all day today. I put the ball a cup out right. I thought I was done. I just couldn't believe it went in."

Brown, the 2018 Patterson Cup victor and reigning BMW Philadelphia Amateur Champion, understands the mettle Nicholas displayed.

"Drue did what winners do. They hit big shots at big moments," said Brown, 49, of LuLu Country Club and Maple Shade, N.J. "I'd be lying if I said I wasn't surprised when he made the putt on the fourth playoff hole. Usually, somebody that wins a golf tournament does something special like that. And that was certainly that. It was an amazing putt at a time he absolutely had to have it."

On the fifth playoff hole (No. 1, par 4, 385 yards), the first of sudden death, Nicholas secured the precious Patterson. With Brown long of the green in two shots, Nicholas knocked a 60-degree wedge from 89 yards to three feet. Brown managed a par, but the steely Nicholas stepped forward and calmly rolled in the winner.

"I hit it really good. I just didn't want it to hit the pin. I know that sounds bad to say. Luckily it was perfect," said Nicholas. "I figured Michael was going to make par. I knew I had to make the putt. I was so happy [when it went in]. It rolled end over end. I said, 'I think it's in, I think it's in. I was just relieved.' Mike's one of the best. To be able to beat him on a pretty big stage, almost mano-to-mano, so to speak, was awesome."

Brown's victory in the Amateur this June completed the GAP Grand Slam.

Nicholas entered the day atop the leaderboard, carding a first-round Patterson Cup scoring record of 7-under par. Brown started a stroke back.

Little separated the two all day. Nicholas had Brown by two strokes after the opening nine holes. However, Brown birdied No. 10 (par 3, 177 yards) and Nicholas bogeyed No. 12 (par 4, 454 yards). The two remained deadlocked all the way to the clubhouse.

Nicholas' second-best Houdini escape of the day came on No. 17 (par 3, 184 yards). Knowing what was at stake, he tugged a 6-iron into the deep, left greenside bunker. Facing certain disaster, Nicholas blasted out, with touch, and watched his ball dry up just short of the cup. An easy par. Never a doubt.

Nicholas' earlier Junior golf mention may seem a bit peculiar, but consider he won the prestigious Optimist International Junior Golf Championship Boys 14-15 Division in 2017. The list of winners is a who's who of golf: Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, and many more PGA TOUR stars.

He noted he received a serious amount of college offers before heading to N.C. State. Not the fit he was looking for, Nicholas headed back home.

"I was getting those looks and figured I had to take it," said Nicholas. "At the time, I wanted to go pro in golf. It just wasn't for me. I came back to Philly. I have a much better balance now with golf and everything else. I want to be in finance and there is not a much better place than Philly."

The week wasn't a total loss for Brown, who sits as one of GAP's most accomplished players these days. He added to his career playing resume by clinching the season-long Silver Cross Award – his first. Brown's four-round total ended at 8-under 275 and bested Carlisle Country Club's John Peters by two strokes for the honor. Before his Patterson rounds (64-69), Brown carded rounds of 72 and 70 during his march to the BMW Philadelphia Amateur trophy.

The Silver Cross is presented to the player with the lowest aggregate score in the qualifying rounds of the BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship and the Joseph H. Patterson Cup.

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USGA SENIOR CHAMPION HARRINGTON, MIMI GRIFFIN & STAFF



By MIKE KERN

It looked like it was going to be easy. But it's golf. Things happen. Padraig Harrington had taken a five-shot lead into the final round of the U.S. Senior Open at Saucon Valley on June 26. And with nine holes to go, the margin had actually grown to six. Then the three-time major champion on the PGA Tour (back in 2007 and '08), who was making his Senior Open debut, bogeyed 10 and 11. Meanwhile, several groups ahead, Steve Stricker was making a charge. And just like that, the game was on.

Stricker had beaten out Harrington in the first major of the year, months before. That was one of three runner-up finishes for the Irishman, who was still looking for his first Senior victory. Stricker had also been the captain of the United States team in last fall's Ryder Cup in his native Wisconsin, when Paddy was the captain of the European side.

This one would get tight. Stricker, after missing makable birdie putts at 15 and 16, closed with two birds for a 6-under par 65 that left him at 9-under 275 for the championship. That, after a disappointing third round. That happens too.

So Harrington came to the final two holes leading by one one. Not to worry. He made a pair of regulation pars to finish, and finally got to lift the trophy after holing out a 3-footer on 18.

Nothing to it, right?

"When you come to this tour, it's ago win tournaments and win big tournaments," Harrington said. "Try to win majors. I really appreciated the type of week it was. The USGA set up a fabulous course, much tougher than I expected. I knew that would play into my hands. Saucon Valley is excellent.

"Obviously, there's a lot of pressure when you're leading. You don't want to make a mistake. Any time you're more than 20 feet away from the hole you're in trouble in some ways. So it was definitely tension-filled."

He closed with a 72, after going 65-66 on Friday and Saturday. It was enough to win by one. And that's all that really matters.

"As kids, we certainly want it to be magical and dream about it,"

Paddy said. "There's no glory in (winning on a two-putt). But golf's not (always) like that, to be honest. It was a tough day. I said it to you yesterday, where having a five-shot lead going out there, yeah, if I went out and played great and ran away from the field, I could wave to the crowd (coming home). But golf just doesn't be like that. How many times do we see it? It always comes down to the last couple. But I knew if I hit good shots I was going to win the tournament.

"As Arnold Palmer says, if you're going to hit one good shot, make it the last one."

He becomes the 11th player in the four-decades plus history of this event to win on his first try. Jim Furyk did it last year. But the Lancaster native shot 288, breaking 71 only once (a third-round 66).

Harrington's last win had come in 2016, at the Portugal Masters.

Stricker trailed by eight after 54 holes.

"I was happy," he said. "I did a lot of good things today. I had a couple of putts (late) that I wish I could have over, but I made him sweat it out a bit towards the end, which was a goal of mine, and he handled it. Hats off to him. I played with him (on Saturday). It was close, but he was the better player this week.

"Just tried to birdie them all coming in. That's kind of the fun part. I'm in a position where I really had nothing to lose and just try to play aggressive. You typically don't play that way in a U.S. Open, but ... I had a feeling I was getting close.

"We came out with a goal of shooting 6- or 7-under, my caddie and I, and we ended up shooting the 6. Yesterday really hurt me, put me behind the eight ball. I know how difficult it is to win a tournament, let alone a U.S. Open. I just felt if I could put a little pressure on him, you just never know. And it did. And I had to watch it all the way to the end. Could have been a little bit different."

But this was Harrington's day, his moment. And it was hardly unexpected. The Champions Tour is supposed to favor the newcomers, for all the obvious reasons. Nevertheless, until you actually do it, there's always going to be some whatever. Not any more. And there's plenty of glory in that, regardless of the circumstances. And going double-digits under at a USGA event is nothing to take lightly. Ever. It's that

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Philadelphia PGA Section

SCOREBOARD



PHILADELPHIA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP
MON, AUG 1, 2022 LOOKAWAY GC
INDIVIDUAL PRO

0	Pos.	Player	To Par Gross	Total Gross
☆	1	Andrew Turner Berkshire Country Club	-5	67
☆	T2	Brian Bergstol Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort	-4	68
☆	T2	Zac Oakley Hidreman Golf Club	-4	68
☆	T4	Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford Country Club	-3	69
☆	T4	Braden Shattuck Rolling Green Golf Club	-3	69
☆	T6	Andrew Cornish Cedarbrook Country Club	-2	70
☆	T6	Mark Shuffie Lookaway Golf Club	-2	70

SENIOR PRO

☆	1	Rich Steinmetz Spring Ford Country Club	-3	69
☆	2	Eddie Perrino Country Club of York	-1	71
☆	T3	Dave McNabb Applebrook Golf Club	E	72
☆	T3	Jeff Kiedie Aronshire Golf Club	E	72
☆	T3	John Pillar CC at Woodloch Springs	E	72



DOYLESTOWN OPEN
(SILVERCREST CUP QUALIFIER)

0	Pos.	Player	To Par Gross	Total Gross
☆	1	Braden Shattuck Rolling Green Golf Club	-5	67
☆	2	Billy Stewart Union League Liberty Hill	-4	68
☆	T3	Eric Kennedy Overbrook Golf Club	-3	69
☆	T3	Trevor Bensei Sandy Run Country Club	-3	69
☆	T3	Nick Incono Chester Valley Golf Club	-3	69
☆	T3	Joanna Cioe Merion Golf Club	-3	69
☆	T3	Anthony Bonargo Doylestown Country Club	-3	69

☆	1	Jeff Haas Golf Cart Services, Inc	-2	70
☆	T2	John Spina Philadelphia Cricket Club	-1	71
☆	T2	Dave McNabb Applebrook Golf Club	-1	71
☆	T2	Dom DiJulian DiJulia School of Golf	-1	71
☆	T5	Bill Walker Riverton Country Club	E	72

POCONO PRO GOLF SERIES

POCONO FARMS COUNTRY CLUB
PPGS PRO AM

June 15, 2022

LOW PROFESSIONAL

1st	70	Alex Knoll
1st	70	Justin Alunni
3rd	73	Brian Fruehan
4th	76	Chris Mathews
4th	76	Gary Clark
6th	77	Brian Bergstol
7th	78	Dustin McCormick
7th	78	Greg Wall
7th	78	Jeff Fick
10th	82	Brian Boyle



LOW AMATEUR

Low Amateur

Low Sr. Amateur

1st	70	Eric Williams (PGA Monahan)
1st	75	Dylan Spadt (Glenbrook)
2nd	73	Riley Hogan (Southmoore)



WOMEN'S AMATEUR
LANCASTER CC
AMATEUR

0	Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	R3	Total Gross
☆	1	Rogowicz, Jackie Yerkes Country Club	-3	77	72	70	219
☆	T2	Heffin, Rylie Hartfield National	+4	74	82	70	226
☆	T2	Gu, Jade Yerkes Country Club	+4	74	81	71	226
☆	4	O'Sullivan, Ava Whitford Country Club	+10	79	73	80	232
☆	5	Cox, Michelle Lehigh Country Club	+11	72	79	82	233
☆	6	Rubb, Hannah Blackwell Golf Club	+12	83	77	74	234
☆	T7	Maletto, Kayla Moselem Springs Golf Club	+13	75	81	79	235
☆	T7	Disio, Isabella Philadelphia Cricket Club	+13	77	76	82	235
☆	9	Adelman, Megan Bala Golf Club	+15	75	79	83	237
☆	T10	Lee, Julianne Out Door Country Club	+19	82	79	80	241
☆	T10	Wulst, Taylor Southpointe Golf Club	+19	84	77	80	241

THREE TEAMS TAKE TITLES AT GLENMAURA NATIONAL FOUNDERS CLUB

Frosty Valley’s Grant Gronka and Berwick Golf Club’s Joe Kelchner carded a 7-under-par 64 to win the 16th GAP/AGA Founders Four-Ball at Glenmaura National Golf Club (par 71, 6,584 yards) Thursday.

In the event’s Senior Division (par 71, 6,151 yards), Elkview Country Club’s Kenneth Bolcavage and Harry Heck prevailed by three strokes. The team filed a 7-under-par 64. Pocono Farms Country Club’s David Scarpetta and Nittany Country Club’s Vince Scarpetta, Jr. won the Super-Senior Division (par 71, 5, 694 yards) with a 5-under-par 66.

The Founders Four-Ball is a better-ball-of-partners event.



RESULTS
AMATEUR DIVISION

Name,	club	Score
Joe Kelchner/Grant Gronka,	Berwick Golf Club/Frosty Valley	64
Bob Shoemaker/Art Brunn,	Wyoming Valley Country Club	68
Kevin Rossi/Kyle Pritchard,	Green Pond Country Club/Olde Homestead Golf Club	69
Ivan Rivera/Gus Steiger,	Great Bear Golf Club/Glenmaura National Golf Club	69
Frank Kacvinsky/John Mikiewicz,	Country Club of Scranton/Fox Hill Country Club	70
Stephon Draper/Doug Nardella,	Country Club of Scranton/Elmhurst Country Club	71
A.J. Donatoni/Mike Haley,	Fox Hill Country Club	72
Devin McLaughlin/Tom Cicini,	Frosty Valley/Berwick Golf Club	72
Bob Pipcho/Mark Ambrose,	Elmhurst Country Club	72
Bill Ianieri/Gershom Spengler,	Jack Frost National Golf Club	72
Jared Palubinski/Bryan Ott,	Schuylkill Country Club	72
Sean Shanley/Tak Yoo,	Glenmaura National Golf Club	73
Dave Lopatka/Kevin Mullen,	Elmhurst Country Club	75
Ryan Laudeman/Luke Morgan,	Schuylkill Country Club	75

SENIOR DIVISION

Name,	club	Score
Kenneth Bolcavage/Harry Heck,	Elkview Country Club	64
Paul Rogowicz/Edward Erickson,	Yardley Country Club	67
Mark Czerniakowski/Santo Lafoca,	LuLu Country Club/Huntsville Golf Club	68
Mark Bartkowski/Bob Andrejko,	Pocono Farms Country Club/StoneHedge Golf Assn.	69
Mark Choi/Joseph Orsulak,	Saucon Valley Country Club/Olde Homestead Golf Club	70
Jim Fronzoni/Bill Lydick,	Huntsville Golf Club	70
Robert Klem/Bob McCloskey,	Wemberly Hills Golf Club/Elmhurst Country Club	73
Christopher Clauson/Gregory Buliga,	LuLu Country Club/Yardley Country Club	75
John Tolerico/Michael Heck,	Elkview Country Club	78
Jim Sherma/Paul Gruzieski,	Hershey Country Club/Paupack Hills Country Club	80
Stanley Cuneo/Rodger Spear,	Woodloch Springs/Pocono Farms Country Club	81
Jake Armstrong/Tom Jones,	Eagle Rock Resort	85
Steve Hemlock/Mark Prazniak,	Coatesville Country Club	WD

SUPER-SENIOR DIVISION

Name,	club	Score
David Scarpetta/Vince Scarpetta, Jr. ,	Pocono Farms Country Club/Nittany Country Club	66
Robin Bonda/Tom Miller,	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	69
Steve Mazur/Michael Mayeski,	StoneHedge Golf Assn./Elmhurst Country Club	70
Carl Hinkle/Randy Lynch,	Berwick Golf Club	72

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It's that historical.

"When I got to 10-under, I was very anxious about that," Harrington readily acknowledged. "I said, 'Oh no, 10-under at a USGA. Is it that number, isn't it?' Guys get there, they come backwards. Thankfully, I finished that.

"Steve's a tough competitor. Certainly he seems to have one on me over the years. It would have to be Steve Stricker chasing me down. Steve, give me a break, please. So it's nice to get one back on him this time.

"You know, when it got very tight, my caddie just kept reminding me that, if we were told we were going to be in this position on Sunday when we arrived here, a week in advance, we'd be very happy. I had to take it as an opportunity the last couple of holes.

"I think it's harder with a five-shot lead," he went on. "You're definitely very defensive. Still, it's a position you want to be in. Even when I got back down to a one-shot lead, I was still somewhat defensive. I didn't enjoy hitting that last putt from three feet, but you just have to accept it. If you want to win tournaments, you have to put yourself out there. It could have been bad, but I got the glory instead."

And that's forever. And he's probably just getting started. That's the way it often works with the over-50 folks. It's about hitting the ground sprinting.

But you have to get that first one, well, first.

"I'm not a leaderboard watcher, but when I got through nine and I looked up and saw a six-shot lead, I was quite chuffed with that," Harrington recalled. "I hadn't lost anything. I didn't think I played 10 and 11 badly, and (yet) I ended up making two bogeys, which really set me back.

"At that stage I had to start thinking about the leaderboards. When I got around to 13 I think I saw where Steven was 7. I thought he was 6, then he was 7. And that meant a two-shot lead. I knew things were tight. I heard a few cheers as I played 14. Then as I was going to 15, I heard cheers. I couldn't tell who they were for. I'm not sure.

"Then we heard a big cheer (coming from) 18. I said, I assume that's Steve. And (his caddie) said, yeah, he's making birdie at the last to be 9-under. I had options. I was hoping to birdie 16 to give myself a cushion."

Turns out, he didn't need it. But it would have been nice. In the end, all that matters is that he left with the biggest prize. And that feeling never gets old.

"I think it's special for me to win this one just because I've never won a USGA event," he said. "I think that adds more than if you could turn around and win a different senior major. But because I was never a U.S. Open normal champion or a junior champion, it's great to come and win the senior one. It's something that I never had in my career."

Nothing ever wrong with that. The resume would agree. And he did it in memorable fashion.

TAP-INS: This was the third time Saucon's Old Course has hosted the Senior Open since 1992. The club also hosted the Women's Open in 2009.

For the first time in his senior career, the seemingly ageless Bernhard Langer missed the cut.

Australia's Mark Hensby was third, at 280, with a closing 69.

Former club pro Rob Labritz, a crowd favorite playing in his first Senior Open, tied for third with Gene Sauers (who was paired with Harrington in the final group) and Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee at 281. Labritz and Sauers both closed with 74s, to Jaidee's 70.

Steven Alker of New Zealand, this season's leading money winner, tied for 11th at 283.

Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez, the pony-tailed one, had the low round of the tourney, a 64 on Friday. That came after an opening 79. He then went 70-69 to get into a four-way tie for seventh. Also at 282 was 68-year-old Jay Haas, who shot 67-72-71-72.

Judging by the reception, I would expect this event to return to the Lehigh Valley in another decade or so from now. The area can only hope so. It's a great showcase not only for the greater Bethlehem area, but one of the best 54-hole facilities anywhere. It deserves as much.



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