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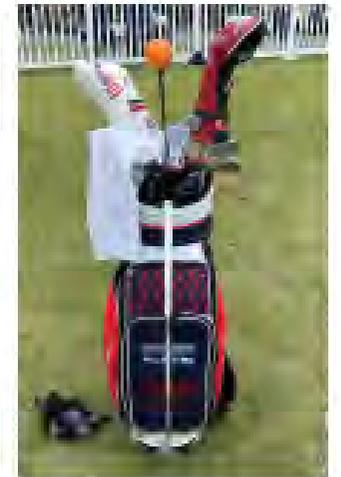
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# PGA CHAMPIONSHIP & PGA CHAMPIONS TOUR COMING TO EASTERN PA IN 2026

By Pete Kowalski

Men's professional golf is making two visits to the eastern parts of the Commonwealth in 2026, offering fans a chance to see current stars and legends in the making just a short drive from home at two of the best tracks in the state.

The PGA Championship will be played May 11-17 at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square. It is the second time the Major will be played at the hallowed Philly club as Gary Player won the title in 1962. This marks the ninth time the PGA will be played in Pennsylvania.



"Hosting the 2026 PGA Championship at Aronimink Golf Club is an incredible honor, not just for the club, but for the entire Philadelphia region," said Championship Director Ryan Ogle. "Aronimink has long stood among the most storied and respected venues in golf. It's also the first club in the country to host all three of the PGA of America's rotating major championships: the PGA Championship, KPMG Women's PGA Championship and the Senior PGA Championship. Following Gil Hanse's recent restoration, the course now reflects Donald Ross's original design intent, offering a pure test that celebrates both heritage and modern playability.

The 2026 PGA Championship represents a full-circle moment - the



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first PGA Championship in the region since 1962, which coincides with Philadelphia's celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary. It's a proud milestone for Aronimink, Newtown Square, Delaware County and the Commonwealth, which will once again showcase its unmatched passion and hospitality on the world stage."

Before 1958, the event was conducted at Match Play with Gene Sarazen winning at Oakmont C.C. in 1922, Denny Shute at Pittsburgh Field Club in 1937, Paul Runyan at Shawnee C.C. in 1938, Byron Nelson at Hershey C.C. in 1940, and Sam Snead at Oakmont in 1951. After it became a stroke-play event, Dave Marr won at Laurel Valley, outside of Pittsburgh in 1965 and Dow Finsterwald won at Llanerch C.C. in 1958.

"Philadelphia's excitement for the 2026 PGA Championship has been incredible," Ogle added. "The region's passion for sports, and golf in particular, runs deep and that's reflected in the demand we are seeing. More than 95% of hospitality packages are already sold, reinforcing that anticipation is high and momentum is only growing as we move toward May 2026.

While Championship+ daily grounds tickets for Thursday through Sunday are sold out, there are still great ways for spectators to be part of the action, including practice round tickets, weekly ticket packages and upgraded hospitality options like Club PGA. For individuals still hoping to attend the sold-out Championship rounds, verified resale tickets are available exclusively through SeatGeek, offering a safe and reliable way to secure remaining access.

Another opportunity to experience the Championship is through the event's robust volunteer program. For those interested in playing an important behind-the-scenes role at the 2026 PGA Championship, volunteer registration is still open, with limited spots available. Interested individuals can learn more at [www.pgachampionship.com/2026](http://www.pgachampionship.com/2026). It's clear that the Philadelphia region is hungry for a moment like this, and we're ready to deliver an unforgettable experience."

World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler will defend his PGA Championship title at the revered Donald Ross masterpiece that opened in 1928 and features daunting par 4s and dastardly greens and surrounds. The par-70 layout had some revisions by Gil Hanse (2017) in advance of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship in 2020.

"Coinciding with the city's celebration of the country's 250th anniversary, the PGA Championship will be a marquee event during the historic year, attracting spectators and media from around the world, bringing increased visibility and tourism to the region while contributing to the city's vibrant celebration of history, culture and athletics," Ogle added.

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"The Championship will also kick off what's shaping up to be a landmark year of major sporting events in the region, following March Madness and leading into the MLB All-Star Game.

While we're still finalizing details, we're focused on programming that celebrates the spirit of the city, honoring its legacy while inspiring new generations to engage with the game of golf."

Later in the year, the Jefferson Lehigh Valley Classic will bring the PGA Tour Champions to Lehigh Country Club in Allentown, September 28-October 4 in the first of five slated appearances in the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton metropolis.

Ticket, hospitality and volunteer opportunities are available with more information available at <https://www.jeffersonclassic.com/>.

The actual competition days are October 2-4 with 54 holes of stroke play by a field of 78 players. The finest in the game -- Bernhard Langer, Steve Stricker, Stewart Cink, Ernie Els, Padraig Harrington, Fred Couples, Vijay Singh, John Daly, Justin Leonard, and Darren Clarke -- are some of the names likely to compete.

Designed by William Flynn and opened in 1927, Lehigh Country Club is renowned for pristine course conditions and its rolling terrain which is adroitly employed throughout the course.

Per usual, local charities are the prime beneficiaries from the tournament, most notably Valley Youth House and Eagles Autism

Foundation.

United States Armed Forces, veterans, first responders, and youth 17 and under attending with a ticketed adult are offered complimentary admission. Fans can purchase tickets at [www.jeffersonclassic.com](http://www.jeffersonclassic.com), which also offers hospitality and pro-am opportunities.

Ticket prices range from \$15 for Thursday (Pro-Am Day), \$35 for general admission on tournament days and \$75 for weekly admission. Within the hospitality options are skyboxes on the 18th green, cabanas and the ninth and 18th greens and shared hospitality on the 16th green, with non-reserved access to the open-air pavilion with a sports-bar atmosphere, according to the tournament website.

On September 28, the Eagles & Friends Celebrity Pro-Am gives a chance to be inside the ropes, playing the course, with local and regional sports celebrities.

Volunteer positions are also still available.

"The Jefferson Lehigh Valley Classic speaks to our commitment to making a long-term positive impact on the Lehigh Valley and the surrounding areas," said Nick Ragone, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Jefferson.



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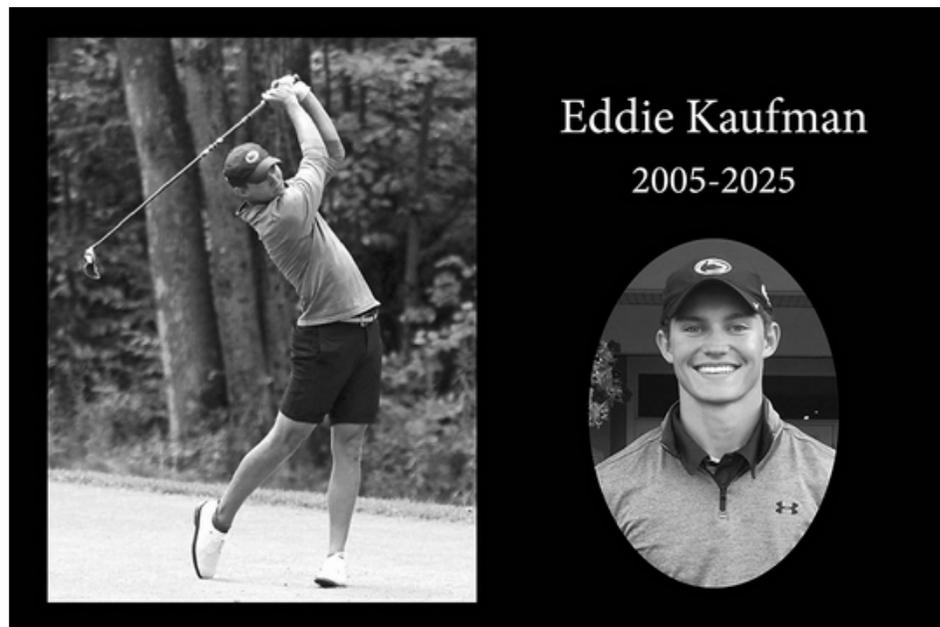


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**IN MEMORIAM: EDDIE KAUFMAN**


ELKVIEW MEMBER, LAWLER JUNIOR TOUR SUPPORTER

Eddie Kaufman, an Elkview Country Club member and former Lawler Junior Tour supporter, died Oct. 7 following a year-long battle with leukemia. He was 20.

A sports-oriented individual, Kaufman bore a deep passion for both baseball and golf. He attended Mid Valley Secondary Center and accrued accolades on the diamond. Ranked the No. 9 outfielder in Pennsylvania by Perfect Game USA, Kaufman won the Lackawanna League batting title (.463 average) in 2022 and earned First Team All-Star honors in consecutive years (2022-23). He, of note, pitched a perfect game against Western Wayne High School on May 3, 2023.

Kaufman excelled on the golf course as well. He served as a three-year captain of the Mid Valley golf team and earned Scranton Times-Tribune First Team All-Region honors. Kaufman was named Scranton Times-Tribune Player of the Year in 2022. All the while he spent summers competing on the Lawler Junior Tour.

“Eddie’s grandmother Carol Kaufman, who was the individual Women’s Coal Scuttle Championship winner in 2007, introduced Eddie to golf and would take him to lessons and his summer tournaments,” Patrick Lloyd, GAP Director of Northeast Operations, said. “I think those who knew Eddie are in shock as just a few years ago he was such a strong, good looking young man who I think you just assumed would beat the diagnosis.”

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Upon his graduation from Mid Valley in 2023, Kaufman headed to Roanoke College, a Division III school in Salem, Va., to start his collegiate baseball career. Kaufman played in 12 games during his freshman season, starting in eight. Roanoke finished second in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference in 2024. That summer, Kaufman was recruited by the Elmira Pioneers of the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League. He finished third on the team in RBIs, sported a perfect fielding position and contributed to the Pioneers West Division title.

After returning to Roanoke for his sophomore year, Kaufman was diagnosed with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia, an aggressive bone marrow and blood cancer. T-cells are white blood cells made in the bone marrow that help the body to fight off infections.

“The crazy part about all of this is that Eddie was never sick as a kid,” Brian Kaufman, Eddie’s father, 52, of Throop, Pa., said. “Eddie wasn’t just healthy; he was thriving, playing all different types of sports throughout his entire life, and to see this happen to him has been very difficult to accept, rationalize and understand.”

Eddie Kaufman underwent chemotherapy treatment at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). He was part of CAR-T, a clinical trial focused on T-cell therapy treatment.

GAP Communications Intern Chris Gress spoke with Kaufman prior to his passing.

“I look forward to getting back to the golf course. I took a lot for granted and look forward to playing again next year. I’m thinking golf will be part of my rehab in building back my body and athleticism,” Kaufman said. “I’m praying I can get back to all the things I love.”

During his time as a CHOP patient, Kaufman threw out the ceremonial first pitch during the Philadelphia Phillies June 14 game against the Toronto Blue Jays.

“Eddie was nominated to do so by a fellow patient, a 10-year-old named Chase,” Brian Kaufman said. “Once he found out Eddie was a college baseball player, he thought it would be very nice for Eddie to throw out the first pitch, and the Phillies and Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia made it a reality.”

“It was quite the honor from Chase, the Phillies, and Larry Bowa,” Eddie said. “It’s a day I will never forget. I was not feeling the best that day, but it was a wonderful honor to take the mound and represent all the kids at CHOP who are battling cancer or other life challenges. I’ve met some of the toughest people here at CHOP, and I was hoping this, in some small way, highlighted their courage and fight.”

## GOLF AT SOUTH JERSEY SHORE

By Mike Kern

The South Jersey Shore. I've spent a lot of time there, for as long as I can remember. It was part of me, in so many ways. The boardwalk. Surf, sand. The food. The doing nothing and making it seem like you were doing everything. Whatever your favorite thing is, it's always good. And for me, there was the golf component. That's always been good too. For the last three decades, I've been there for most of the openings, from Blue Heron Pines to Shore Gate to just about every new one that's come along. And there's been a bunch. For whatever reasons I don't get down there as much as I used to. But recently I got the chance, thanks to a friend, to play three really good courses in as many days. And it brought back a bunch of memories. So let me tell you about my latest mini adventure, and maybe you can make some more memories of your own.



SEAVIEW BAY COURSE #2

First there was Seaview, the Bay course to be specific, which of course hosts the LPGA's Shop Rite Classic each year in early June. There's also the younger Pines layout, which actually may be a bit more challenging. Hey, they're both worthy. And as I like to say, there's nothing wrong with doing a 36-holer with lunch in between if you're up to it. The burgers are worth it in their own right, as is some of the other things on the menu. But I digress. The Bay is a Donald Ross design, situated right along the water across from Atlantic City. So you will get some views mixed in with your bogeys. Never a bad perk. And this is where Sam Snead won the 1942 PGA Championship, the first of his seven major titles (but alas, no U.S. Opens but four runner-ups. It happens). So much for the history lesson.

This course is for shot makers. It's not overly long, although the wind can often be a factor. And the greens are on the smaller side. As you can imagine with a Ross design, there also tricky. Don't say you weren't warned. But if nothing else it's fun. You just have to be careful navigating your way around. Ball placement off the tee is key, but it's open enough that you can spray it a little. That's not

the case on your approach shots. The second hole, a par-4 heading toward AC, a lot of times plays harder than the next, a par-5 that heads back in the other direction. So it's very possible to go 5-4 there. It has an interesting set of par-3s. Two are long for most players, even though one is downhill. And then there's the 17th, which measures maybe 100 yard at most. But I've seen 4s. And even made some myself. The 18th is a rather easy closer, which women in the tournament can sometimes eagle. Hey, Annika Sorenstam did, in one of her three victories there. It has a nice mix of holes, which makes it interesting since on media day we play it as a scramble. It's the kind of place you never really get tired of. Not necessarily a brute, but certainly the kind of venue where you can test a variety of your skills. In other words, you can't go wrong getting a tee time. And then maybe heading to the White House in AC, which is only about 10-15 minutes away, to grab an Italian hoagie or cheesesteak to take home. Or eat there. Maybe one of each. Trust me on this. I don't lie about what to eat. Along that vein, if you're in the mood to splurge check out their Friday night seafood buffet. It's the bomb. If you leave hungry it's your own fault.

Next up was McCullough's Emerald Golf Links, which was built in the early 2000s on what had been a landfill. It was a course that had to grow on me, and it has. And the wind can blow here too. It's pretty wide open. It has a little bit of everything. There's some blind shots, some forced carries, some down and others up. I enjoy the variety. Maybe my favorite is the 15th, a totally dogleg right where you just try to hit your drive straight about 175-200 yards. Unless of course you want to go over the trees and just put it on the green, which I've seen some guys better than me do. But for most of us you just leave yourself a wedge into the putting surface, which isn't the easiest to conquer. But at this length it shouldn't be. There are bunkers, and I've made 5. I've also made 3. Anyway, I love it. Because I have a chance. And at this stage of my journey that's all I can really ask. That's followed by an uphill par 3 that plays about 110, and I've messed that up too. But again, it's doable. Ditto the closing hole, a dogleg right that plays downhill off the tee with water on the right. A nice way to finish up.



McCULLOUGH'S EMERALD GOLF LINKS #16

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Perhaps my favorite stretch, though is 8 and 9. First you play another dogleg right where you probably have to hit a decent tee ball to have a legit shot at getting on in two. The green is tucked around a hill, so if you're too far right you can't really see where you're supposed to hit your second. And even if you do leave yourself a clear view of where you're headed, it still can be a pretty good poke. And there is a sand trap in case you come up a bit short. If you make 4 here you feel good. Sometimes even when you're on in 2. The ninth, going back toward the clubhouse, is a par-3 of about 165 with water on the left and bunkers in the front. A good shot gets rewarded, but an iffy one can leave you just trying to scratch out a 4. And isn't that the way it's supposed to be? Much of the time, anyhow. At least in my world. Anyway, I think this course is an underrated taste treat. And I don't say that lightly.



TWISTED DUNES #16

Finally we were off to Twisted Dune, which is just up the road. Again, I was here at the beginning. And it really is unlike just about anything you're going to play, not just down there but pretty much anywhere outside of the British isles. And I don't say that lightly either. It's the kind of layout you're going to find in Scotland or Ireland, where the dreaded gorse comes into play unfortunately too many times. Oh well. Nobody ever said it was supposed to be easy, right?

I fell in deep like with this place from the first time I played there, even though it's eaten my lunch on more than a few occasions. But that's why, when you do play well there, you come away feeling even better about what you just did. Like I pointed out, you don't want to miss the fairways, at least not too badly. But they are rather generous, so there is that to help you. You start off with a relatively manageable par-4, but don't get too comfortable. Then comes a rugged two-shotter, the No. 4 handicap, followed by a long par-3 with lots of bunkers, which checks in at No. 2. So that will get your attention right away. Then you get an uphill par-5, where your third shot will probably not be a short iron. Or even a medium one. Or maybe not even an iron at all. But not everything is going to break your whatever. In fact, there's a few holes where you kind of feel bad

if you don't make a decent score. Just don't mess those up, since that will only make you feel worse.

The back-to-back par-5s at 9 and 10 are both gettable. But again, there's a couple more holes that are going to test your abilities. And please, as I always so, choose the right tees to play from. Nobody cares if you break the course record, and the idea is to have fun. It's way more fun if you're not hitting a 3 wood on every second shot, believe me. The closing stretch has a lot to like. Sixteen is a par-3 of about 150 over a stretch of stuff that you don't need to get into. So take enough club. The 17th is a good par-4 of medium left that bends slightly to the left and goes back uphill to the green. Again, over some trouble. I've made 3 there. And 6. So tread carefully. But it is I think one of the better holes there. Then you have 18, which is all distance. It plays straightaway, and measures like 400 from the whites. But there's nothing guarding the front of the green, so you can roll it on. The green is also huge, so you can be on and maybe face a four-putt. Only kidding. More like three. But you get the idea. If you make 4 here you've done well. And it will help keep you coming back.

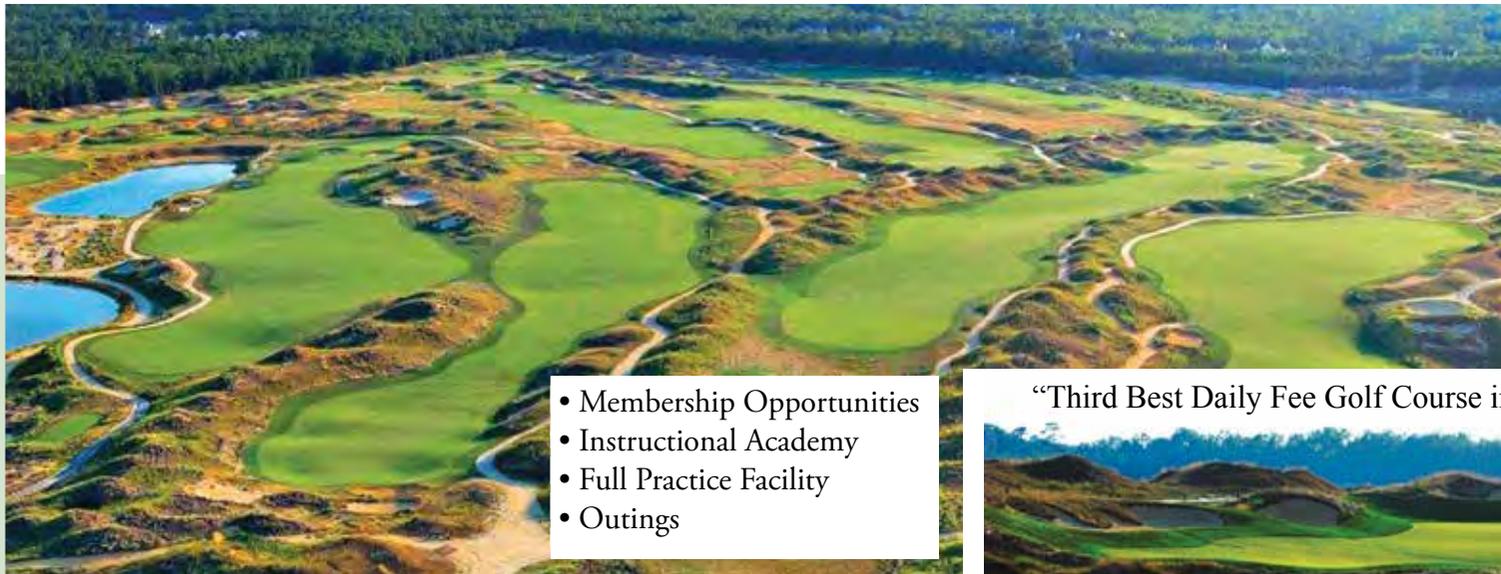
So there you have it. Three courses that I never mind going to. And all within about an hour's drive or so from Philadelphia. So tell them I sent you. And by all means enjoy yourself. I think they will become some of your go-to's as well. Maybe I'll ever see you there. Fore!



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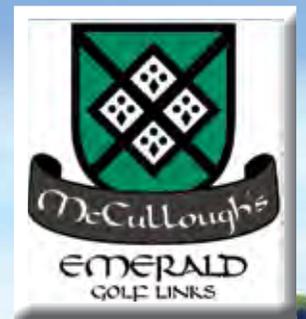


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## PLATT SPOTLIGHT: WYOMING VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB'S ALI O'CONNOR



By Tony Regina

Ali O'Connor's phone buzzed. During study hall, of all places.

She didn't recognize the number. Spam, she thought. Let it go to voicemail.

To her astonishment, friend Brianna Seiwel grabbed the phone and answered.

"She said, 'It's Pete Korba from Wyoming Valley Country Club.' I was like, 'Oh my gosh. Did I do something wrong in [my high school] match [held at the club]? What's happening?'" O'Connor, 20, of Newport Township, Pa., said. "[Korba said] I didn't know you were in school. Call me back after. I have a job opening I think you may be interested in."

That opening, pro shop attendant at Wyoming Valley, opened O'Connor's eyes to the J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust. That organization opened a financial door to her college education.

O'Connor, who started at Bloomsburg University this fall, is a Service to Golf recipient. Service to Golf is defined as being employed in club golf operations: bag room, driving range, cart management or pro shop. The Trust started Service to Golf scholarships in 2023.

It is also another Korba phone call that altered O'Connor's path.

"I have a scholarship that I want you to apply for.' I said, 'Sure, I'll

do it.' He kind of threw it at me," O'Connor, who will major in early childhood education at Bloomsburg, said. "I thought it was just a scholarship. You apply, they send you money. That's all. I went to my induction ceremony. That's when I realized [the Trust] was not at all what I thought. I realized there was so much more behind it. This is something I'm going to be a part of. This isn't just a check I'm getting."

"Ali is a great fit for us, for the scholarship. It's a win-win," Korba, Wyoming Valley's golf professional, 59, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., said. "She greets everyone who comes into the pro shop with a smile. She makes it a point to greet you or talk to you before you leave."

O'Connor vaguely knew Wyoming Valley before joining its staff in April 2023. She attended brunches with Santa and egg hunts with the Easter Bunny as a kid. O'Connor, a Greater Nanticoke Area High School alum, experienced the golf course during matches against Hanover Area Junior Senior High School. A four-year letter winner, she served as captain of the Greater Nanticoke team.

To think high school golf resulted from a deal made with her stepfather, Ryan Amos.

"He got me a set of Top Flite [clubs] for my birthday. It started with the driving range, and golf was here and there until high school," O'Connor said. "He was offered our head coaching position for my golf team. He said, 'I'll do it if you play.' I might as well."

O'Connor also followed Amos off the course. From January through

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June, she worked as a paraeducator at Northwest Area Primary School, where Amos is principal. O'Connor will continue as a substitute teacher in the fall. Her college class schedule provides flexibility for that. Education runs in the family. O'Connor's sister Kelsi is a third-grade teacher at Northwest Elementary School in Lebanon, Pa. Same school name, different school district.

The teaching trail is clear of debris thanks to the Trust. Even so, O'Connor is accustomed to navigating trails. She spent five years riding horses at Eagle Rock Equestrian Center at Eagle Rock Resort in Hazleton, Pa.

"I immediately fell in love with it," O'Connor said. "[Horse trainer Kayla Braskie] gave me lessons in return for my help at the barn. It taught me how to work. I was a 13-year-old hauling bales of hay. You took care of the horse, cleaned it, set up tacks. I got into showing horses, competing and volunteering with junior horse camps. I loved the reward of it."

The stables provided stable working experience, which groomed O'Connor for Wyoming Valley.

"A lot of the members came into the pro shop. It was kind of overwhelming, but I quickly got the hang of it," she said. "Not too long after I started, we completely switched our [point of sale] system at the club. Everyone else was starting over at the same point I was. I'd like to say that's what got me comfortable."

O'Connor oversaw the pro shop three to five days a week this summer. She plans to continue working there during school. Responsibilities include answering phone calls, arranging reciprocals, refreshing tee sheets, organizing outings in Golf Genius and managing retail. O'Connor operates Wyoming Valley's social media channels (Facebook, Instagram).

"It's something I excel in," she said. "A lot of members have noticed a difference. There's more content being put out."

The J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust assuredly made a difference in O'Connor's life. It, to her, is more than financial support for her college education. She participates in the EMPOWER program, which supports scholars in career development and community engagement.

"I realized they wanted to make us the best versions of ourselves, to become great people and successful students. I like being a part of something like this. It opened a lot of doors for me," O'Connor said. "I'm so happy to become a part of something like the Trust. They cared about seeing my face and knowing who I was and what I did. I wasn't just a name on someone's screen."

To think it all started with an unknown phone number on O'Connor's screen.

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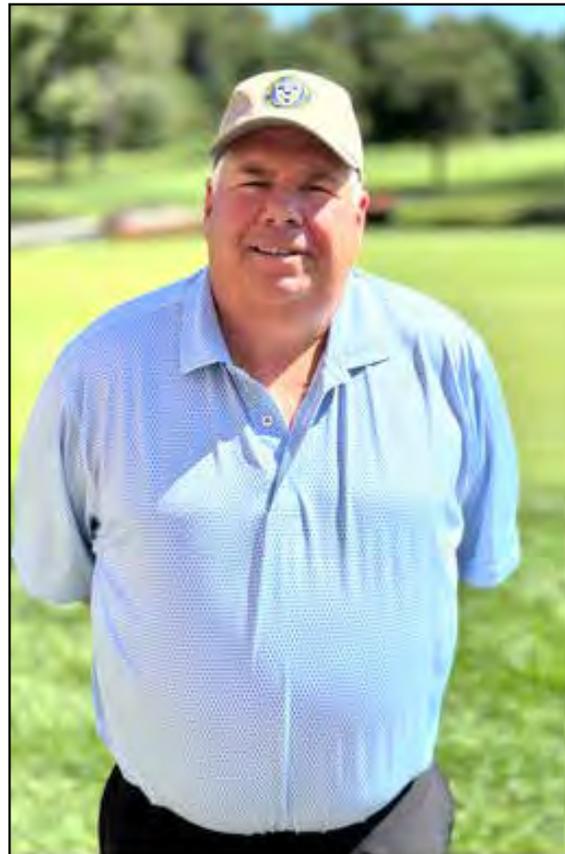
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# GOLF COURSE REVIEW - STEEL CLUB

by Phil Sokol

Course Architect: Donald Ross (1948), William and David Gordon (1956)

Year Opened: October 1, 1948

Location: Hellertown, Pennsylvania

Slope: 137. Rating: 74.1

Par: 72

Yardage: 6,997

Hole-by-Hole: 1 - Par 4 444 Yds    10 - Par 4 428 Yds

2 - Par 4 303 Yds    11 - Par 4 410 Yds

3 - Par 4 387 Yds    12 - Par 4 367 Yds

4 - Par 3 200 Yds    13 - Par 3 194 Yds

5 - Par 5 558 Yds    14 - Par 5 520 Yds

6 - Par 4 441 Yds    15 - Par 5 489 Yds

7 - Par 4 410 Yds    16 - Par 3 235 Yds

8 - Par 3 181 Yds    17 - Par 4 406 Yds

9 - Par 5 557 Yds    18 - Par 4 467 Yds

Par 36 3,481 Yds    Par 36 3,516 Yds

Website: [www.steel.club](http://www.steel.club)

Events Held: U.S. Open Local Qualifier (2021), U.S. Junior Girls' Championship Qualifiers, Patriot League Men's Golf Championship (2022), U.S. Senior Open Qualifier (2024).

**HISTORY:** As the story goes, the Bethlehem Steel Club, formed in 1934, hired one of the greatest course architects in the game, Donald Ross to not only design, but build a championship golf course in 1946.

Ross, who is credited with designing over 400 courses around the world, has crafted some of the finest venues in the United States, such as Aronimink, Plainfield, Scioto, Essex, Interlachen, Inverness, Oak Hill (East), Oakland Hills (South) and Seminole, all ranked in the top-100 of Americas Greatest Courses.

The Steel Club opened for play in 1948 and is regarded as one of Ross' final designs before his death in '48. In Pennsylvania alone, Ross is credited with creating 26 layouts! Admitted to the World Golf Hall of Fame, Ross was an accomplished player as well, winning the North and South Open three times and the Massachusetts Open twice. He appeared in eight U.S. Opens (Four top-10s) and two Open Championships.



Although William and David Gordon were involved in the building of the course, make no mistake, this is Donald Ross. It turns out that the Gordon's added an additional nine holes in 1956 on the other side of Wassergass Road, which comprises of holes 3-11. Ross is credited with crafting holes 1-2 and 12-18.

In 1986, the powers that be changed the name of the course to Silver Creek Country Club, as it became a private club, managed by its members.

Moving forward to 2018, local businessman and resident David Spirk, who learned to play golf at the club at a young age when his parents joined in 1951, purchased the venue and made a commitment to invest at least \$2.5 million in improvements and to keep it as a private golf club. In addition, Spirk renamed the course back to its original roots, the Steel Club and is determined to make it a top notch country club.

Plans are already in the works to build custom homes on part of the land that sits above the driving range. "The plan is for 168 custom homes up on the top ridge behind the driving range," said head professional Mark Chlebek. "In addition, a nine-hole par three golf course will be built on the land where the original Hill Course was and a big fitness center and turf bubble is part of the grand scheme with a two-story driving range." With 280 acres and a 27,000 square foot clubhouse, the skies the limit. So stay tuned.



The Steel Club has hosted several USGA qualifying events over the years, including the 2024 U.S. Senior Open qualifier. Playing just less than 7,000 yards, the course stood up against some of the best professionals and amateurs, as not one single player broke par. In fact, the low score was one-over par by five players, including amateur Michael Brown, who qualified for the Senior Open at Newport Country Club last year.

"I've been competing for 30 years," Brown, a three-time William Hyndman, III Player of the Year, said. "Most of my family doesn't know where I'm playing and what I am playing in. They just know that golf is all I do. In a lot of ways golf is who I am to them, which is cool. I have no problems with that, but it'll be nice for them to see what was motivating me."

Although Brown failed to advance to the weekend at the U.S. Senior Open, he certainly held his own, as he shot rounds of 73-71 to miss the cut by two shots. Other notables who missed the cut, Woody Austin, Mark Calcavecchia, David Toms, Jeff Sluman, Colin Montgomerie and Tom Lehman.

"Although nothing is in the works currently, we are always open to hosting key events, as we enjoy showcasing the place," added Chlebek.

**COURSE REVIEW:** How many courses do you know that start off with the hardest hole on the course? Not many, I can assure you.



This is certainly the case at the Steel Club. The opening hole is a rugged, uphill par four that stretches 444 yards from the silver tees. Bending ever so slightly to the left, the first requires an accurate tee shot, avoiding the bunker on the left of the landing area. Aiming left will help you negotiate the left to right sloping fairway. From there you're left with an ascending approach to the green. Sand on either side of the elevated putting surface leave very little for a bail out. The green slopes severely from left to right and back to front. Missing long is no bargain either, as you'll be left with a difficult up and down. That is one heck of an opener.

The second hole gives the player an opportunity to get one back, as this downhill par four can be had. Just 303 yards in length, this two-shotter features dense trees down the right and trees and out of bounds to the left, but with a successful tee shot, you'll be left with just a little wedge to attack the putting surface. Sloping from back to front, the green is guarded by a pair of bunkers in the front. Although the big hitters can go for the green, there is little or no chance of holding your tee shot on the surface and any play long will result in a big number.



One of the more difficult driving holes at the Steel Club is the dogleg left, par four third. Although just 387 yards in length, sand and trees down the right tighten the fairway and a tall oak stands tall on the left, along with a pair of bunkers. With a quality tee ball, you'll be left with a mid-iron approach to another well-guarded and slightly elevated green, however if you're in need to run your shot up, the bunkers on either side leave an opening in the front. The false front will repel any shot left short, so play accordingly.



The first par three on the course is the downhill fourth, reaching 200 yards in length. Usually played into the wind, this one-shotter features a wide putting surface that runs from back to front. In addition to wide, the green is quite long, with a bunker down the left side. Try to stay below the hole, as anything above could result in a three-putt.

Number five is the longest hole on the course, stretching to 558 yards from the back markers. What you see is what you get, as this straightaway par five is long and lean and plays uphill from the tee. Trees and out of bounds guards the left with just one fairway bunker on the right. The best play is to lay up to a reasonable yardage and then attack the green. Three bunkers protect the putting surface, which is fairly benign in slope. Although long in yardage, birdies can be made.



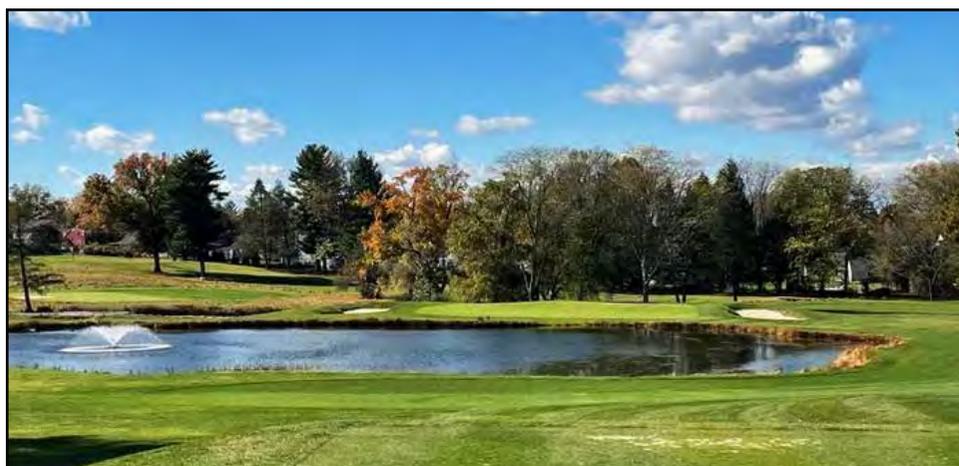
One of seven par fours over 400 yards in length, the sixth is a difficult dogleg right that plays uphill off the tee and then down to the green

from the fairway. avoid the trees on both sides of the landing area and you'll be left with a medium to long iron to the green. The long and narrow putting surface possesses sand on either side and runs hard from back to front. If you find yourself in trouble off the tee, play a run-up shot, as the front of the surface is wide open.

The seventh is another 400-plus par four that also bends from left to right. This one requires a solid tee ball down the left side and over a creek to the fairway. Your approach shot with a short to medium iron will be uphill to the green that features plenty of slope. Avoid the two bunkers flanking the surface to give yourself a shot at birdie on one of the most difficult holes on the course. One word of caution, a back-right pin will certainly be difficult to go after, so play towards the middle of the green.

One of the most picturesque holes at the Steel Club is the par three eighth. Playing at 181 yards and usually into the wind, you'll need a quality play off the tee, covering the fronting pond and negotiating the wide green. The putting surface runs from back to front and is quite slick with a bunker on either side. This gem is rated as the 11th most difficult hole on the course.

Playing uphill from tee to green, the par five ninth can be stretched to 557 yards and bends to the right. Although devoid of sand off the tee, trees adorn the left and right sides of the fairway. Your layup will need to avoid the fairway bunkers on either side of the landing area. Now it's time to attack, especially if you have a short iron in hand. The green, with a false front, runs hard from back to front and left to right with a pair of traps near the front. Stay below the hole for your best shot at birdie.



The back nine opens with a robust, downhill par four that bends from right to left. Fairway bunkers on either side of the partially blind landing area shrink the zone, not to mention the out of bounds left and trees right. Now it's straight downhill to the green. A medium iron remains to another putting surface that slopes severely from back to front with bunkers on either side. Take one less club, as anything short will run up to the green.

The eleventh hole is a wonderful downhill off the tee, near 90-degree, dogleg left par four of just 410 yards. The key here is placing your tee

shot far enough past the trees on the left to leave a straight shot to the green. The putting surface is slightly elevated and requires pinpoint control as to avoid the bunkers on either side and the slope behind the deep green.



One of the most difficult driving holes, the 12th bends sharply to the right, however the fairway slopes hard to the left. If you do find the fairway, your approach is straightforward with a medium or short iron and although the green is fairly open, the bunker left captures plenty of errant shots. Miss right and you're left with a difficult chip from a shaved bank. A back-right flag will prove to be the most difficult.

The first par three on the backside is a fairly long one-shotter that plays slightly downhill to a round putting surface. A meandering creek, some 20 yards short, protects the front of the back-to-front sloping green.



The first of two, back-to-back par fives, the 14th is just 520 yards in length and can be reached in two, as long as you dissect the fairway. The tee ball is played uphill to the right-to-left sloping landing area. Two traps down the right need to be avoided, as well as the stand of trees down the left. If laying up, you'll need to avoid the two bunkers down the right and one left, as this will set up a relatively easy third shot to a back-to-front sloping green. Three bunkers sit well below the putting surface, making for a difficult up and down. No question, this is a definite birdie opportunity.

Fifteen is certainly a risk-reward par five, as it stands only 489 yards in length. Bending slightly to the left, this hole can be had with a successful tee ball down the center of the fairway. Trees guard the left side of the fairway, while thick rough is right. A fairway metal or long iron should remain to reach the green in two. A word of caution, your approach must clear the fronting creek that looms 15 yards short. If you're laying up, you need to avoid the pair of bunkers down the left of the landing area. The green is wide open, with little trouble and features one of the softest sloping surfaces at the Steel Club.

The longest par three on the course, the 16th stretches 235 yards from the back buttons. Not only is this the furthest of the one-shotters, but it also plays uphill to a severely sloping, left to right and back-to-front green. Two deep bunkers, both on the right side make for an incredibly difficult up and down, especially with a back-left pin. Make par here and you pick up at least one against your opponent.

The closing two holes are rated fourth and second most difficult on the course respectively. Although just 406 yards in length, the 17th is a sharp, dogleg right par four. A left-to-right shot is the best shape off the tee, crossing the meandering creek and avoiding the tall tree down the right. A quality tee shot will leave a short iron approach to a fairly small putting surface that slopes left-to-right and back to front. Closely mown chipping areas and a bunker right protect the green. Play short of the green, as shots will bound towards the hole.

The second most difficult hole on the course, the 18th is a long, 467-yard par four, that bends from left to right. Although the fairway is fairly wide open, any shot missing right can find the creek or a group of trees. Devoid of fairway sand, the best play is down the left side, as the landing area slopes from left to right on this uphill tee ball. Your approach with a long iron or fairway metal must negotiate the narrow opening that features bunkers on either side of the green. The two-tiered, long green is as slick as any on the course and is pinched in the front by sand. A back-pin and a short approach will most likely result in three putts.

**OVERALL:** If you have the opportunity to play the Steel Club, by all means, make it happen.

As it is with most golf courses, pick the right tees to play from. The Steel Club offers six sets of tees, ranging from 3,973 yards to a robust 6,997 yards. With all of the hills and slopes, the course plays longer than the yardage indicates.

In my estimation, the Steel Club is a hidden gem that flies mostly under the radar of most golf enthusiasts.

Let's start off with the conditions. You'll be hard-pressed to find another course in the region that's in better shape from tee through green. Immaculate fairways, well-groomed bunkers and slick and undulating putting surfaces.

The practice facility features a large teeing area, complete with a chipping green and deep bunker to practice those difficult trap shots. The original bowling alley has been changed into golfers paradise,

complete with five hitting stations, a putting green and a TrackMan Golf Simulator with over 120 courses. In addition, just off the 17th green is a chipping area and a 100-yard short-game practice area.

The membership opportunities are endless. From the Full Golf membership, with a very reasonable initiation fee to the Limited Family Golf membership, that features 25 full rounds per household, to the Social Membership, that has a small initiation fee. In addition, there is a clubhouse and a dining membership with no initiation fees. So the options are quite reasonable. "We are right around 500 total golfers for our membership, the healthiest the club has been in a while," continued Chlebek.

"We have three different categories for full membership," added Chlebek. "Based off age, 19-35, 36-40 and 40 and over, which gives full access with different dues levels."

Speaking of dining. The food at the Steel Club is outstanding. Whether you start off with a crock of the smoked brisket chili or a main entree of bourbon garlic strip, you won't be disappointed. After a weekend round of golf, meet in the BeamYard Bar for a cold beverage to watch your favorite sports team on the many flat screens or just rehash your recent round.

"The dining membership has over 10,000 members and there is no charge for this membership," Chlebek continued. "We hold a credit card; you fill out a form and at the end of the month we charge your card. So, the restaurant is busy all year round."

The best spot during those summer months and early fall has to be the patio, overlooking the 18th hole, as you relax with a post-round drink or a quick bite.

Yes, there is an Olympic sized swimming pool and tennis court usage at Lehigh University, but the real star is the golf course. The fact that this was one of the last courses that Donald Ross designed should tell you something. Ross was a genius architect. Just think about it. Pinehurst No. 2, Oak Hill, Oakland Hills, Inverness, East Lake and Seminole, just to name a few, all of which are ranked in the top-100 of the greatest courses in the country.

"Since I've been here, the club itself is a unique place," added Chlebek. "The golf course is awesome, and it changes daily depending on where you put the pins. One day you'll find that the hole you're on is seemingly a birdie chance and the next day you have trouble making par. If you miss in some wrong spots, you'll have trouble making par. I think for the everyday member, that's what great about the Steel Club. We have members that play it 4-5 times a week because it's so different every day. That's what makes it such a unique place. It has a little bit of everything for everybody. Any of the PGA or local professionals that come out and play, they all feel like this is kind of a cool hidden gem."

The bottom line. The Steel Club is a must-play!



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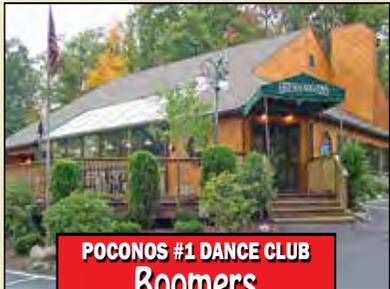
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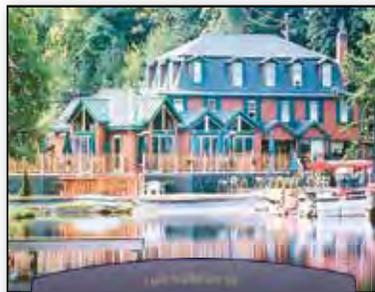
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# 12TH CARLYLE ROBINSON FALL FOUR-BALL

## THREE TEAMS TAKE TITLES AT FOX HILL

Huntsville Golf Club's Alex Anderson and Frank Nockley carded a 2-under-par 69 to win the 12th Carlyle Robinson Fall Four-Ball at Fox Hill Country Club (par 71, 6,492 yards) Monday.

Amid cold and rainy conditions, the duo bested a pair of teams — Rolling Green Golf Club's James Bresnahan and Drew Taylor, Mike Haley of the host club and Jonathan Wilson of Irem Country Club — by a stroke. Anderson is two weeks removed from a runner-up finish in the Men's Coal Scuttle Championship.

Green Pond Country Club's Jim Boburka and Moselem Springs Golf Club's David Strohl carded a 2-under-par 69 to capture the event's Senior Division (par 71, 6,268 yards). In the Super-Senior Division (par 71, 5,805 yards), Emanon Country Club's Gene Chiavacci and Len Coleman posted a 6-under-par 65 to prevail by five strokes.

The Carlyle Robinson Fall Four-Ball concludes the GAP/AGA tournament season. It is a better-ball-of-partners event.

### AMATEUR DIVISION

Name	club	Score
Frank Nockley/Alex Anderson,	Huntsville Golf Club	69
James Bresnahan/Drew Taylor,	Rolling Green Golf Club	70
Jonathan Wilson/Mike Haley,	Irem Country Club/Fox Hill Country Club	70
Jason Considine/Ben Esgro,	StoneHedge Golf Assn./Pocono Farms Country Club	71
David Mecca/Cory Calvert,	Country Club of Scranton	72
Eamon Evans/Charles Dennis,	Glenmaura National Golf Club	72
Tyler McGarry/Anthony Bellino,	Fox Hill Country Club/Emanon Country Club	73
Cade Kelleher/Thomas Murray,	Country Club of Scranton	73
John Mikiewicz/Patrick Ruane,	Fox Hill Country Club	74
Marc Cloruri/Doug Nardella,	Pocono Farms Country Club/Elmhurst Country Club	74
Brandon Jackson/Christopher Wade,	Wemberly Hills Golf Course/USGA/GAP GC	76
Santo Lafoca/Michael Boland,	Huntsville Golf Club	77
Joseph Weiscarger/Brian Weiscarger,	Wyoming Valley Country Club	77
Bill Ianieri/Keith Devos,	Jack Frost National Golf Club	77
Sean Shanley/Sean Madden,	Glenmaura National Golf Club	77
Michael Harostock/Jasonn Wood,	Glenmaura National Golf Club/StoneHedge Golf Assn.	78
Robert Crofton/Rocco Barge,	Glen Oak Country Club/Emanon Country Club	78
Michael Grimes/Damien LaRue,	Huntsville Golf Club/StoneHedge Golf Assn.	78
Bill Krenitsky/Nick Percival,	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	82
Connor Matteo/Patrick Bush,	Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club/Frosty Valley	83

### SENIOR DIVISION

Name,	club	Score
David Strohl/Jim Boburka,	Moselem Springs Golf Club/Green Pond Country Club	69
David Blichar/Jeff Hudson,	Olde Homestead Golf Club	70
Ken Bolcavage/Mark Bartkowski,	Elkview Country Club/Pocono Farms Country Club	70
Douglas Erney/Dave Rippon,	Hershey Country Club	73
Billy Mattioli/Scott Francis,	Irem Country Club	75
Frank McGinty/Chris Coleman,	Frosty Valley	79
Walter Mikucki/Harry Heck,	Elkview Country Club	80
Bill McDermott/Dave Torrisi,	Scranton Canoe Club	81

### SUPER-SENIOR DIVISION

Name,	club	Score
Len Coleman/Gene Chiavacci,	Emanon Country Club	65
Barry Westington/Bob Gill, Scranton	Canoe Club/Fox Hill Country Club	70
John Tolerico/Michael Heck,	Elkview Country Club	74
Bob Andrejko/Steve Mazur,	StoneHedge Golf Assn.	77
Robin Bonda/Tom Miller,	StoneHedge Golf Assn./Elmhurst Country Club	78
Scott Carney/Charles Gelso,	Huntsville Golf Club	78
Michael Vassil/Kerry Maloney,	Country Club of Scranton	80

## VISITING THE CATHEDRAL OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL AND AN EXQUISITE GOLF RECLAMATION PROJECT

By TONY LEODORA

It was 2016 and the eyes of the college football world were focused squarely on South Bend, Indiana. Michigan State was in town for a face off with Notre Dame – always a trumpeted event.

But this was not just any Michigan State-Notre Dame game. It was the 50th anniversary of the infamous 1966 game between the two rivals – the 10-10 tie that guaranteed Notre Dame an undefeated season and another National Championship.



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How significant was that game? Not only was it the head-on clash of two behemoth super powers, but it showcased the most All-American players to take the field in a single game ... ever.

The pageantry spread past the boundaries of the weekend. Guest speakers at the massive Friday pep rally on the Notre Dame campus included Ara Parseghian, the legendary former coach of the Irish, and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. No surprise, hotel rooms were harder to find than crew cuts at Woodstock.

It was not our first trip to South Bend on a football weekend. Although none of us were really part of the Notre Dame faithful, we were big college football fans and making an occasional pilgrimage to the sport's mecca was in our blood. And we had learned a few tricks of the trade.

Avoiding the crush of humanity in South Bend was not a bad idea. We learned that there are a few small towns along the shores of Lake Michigan – only about 45 minutes from the Notre Dame campus – that could be reserved on a football weekend for a reasonable price. We picked a small hotel in New Buffalo, Michigan and enjoyed a great weekend.

Part of the trip was a Sunday morning jaunt, a few miles to the north of our hotel, to see a relatively new, interesting and slightly controversial project in the town of Benton Harbor.

Well, not quite in Benton Harbor ... because there wasn't much left in Benton Harbor.

Once a thriving hub of manufacturing and product transit via railways and on the water through Lake Michigan, Benton Harbor already had started to resemble a ghost town. Most of the manufacturing had pulled out and moved to Mexico, thanks to

the ill-fated trade deals that had been signed. What was left was industrial pollution and toxic land sites.

In this depressing atmosphere, Whirlpool CEO David Whitwam conceived a plan to save at least part of Benton Harbor. It was a mammoth project – one worth seeing in person. And, to be honest, it was viewed with a skeptical eye.

The 520-acre site, purchased for the entire project, was situated in between the desolate Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, which was still a quaint little tourist town on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Harbor Shores golf course, designed by Jack Nicklaus, had recently been completed. Also, the Inn at Harbor Shores had opened. Like any new construction area, there was still a lot to be done and it was difficult to really appreciate the magnitude of the project.

Most of the talk focused on the reclamation of the toxic ground beneath the golf course, the hotel and a planned residential community. An unimaginable amount of contaminated dirt had to be scraped, piled and trucked out of the area. More than three million square feet of dilapidated buildings were demolished and more than 140,000 tons of waste material was removed from portions of the Paw Paw River, which cuts through the golf course.

Still, new houses scheduled to be built could not have basements because that might bring the residents too close to toxic ground.

A lot had been done ... but there still was a lot to do.

Fast forward nine years, to 2025, and it was time for another inspection of the property. This time it was purely a golf trip.



HARBOR SHORES-INN

First stop was check-in at the hotel – a modern, sparkling beauty situated on one of the canals that come off Lake Michigan. An attractive marina had been constructed alongside the hotel and it was filled with beautiful boats, of all varieties. The tall masts of the sailboats climbed up to a brilliant blue sky and the rhythmic clanging of the halyards provided a relaxing symphony.

Once in the handsomely appointed guest room, next stop was dinner. Plank's Tavern on the Water is the hotel's restaurant and came highly recommended. There was no disappointment. The view, service, drinks and food all were excellent. The Seared Halibut in a hibiscus reduction, with ginger basmati rice and summer vegetable

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was appropriate for the setting and exceeded all expectations.

Properly fortified, it was time for a good night's rest ... in order to take on the daunting challenge Nicklaus had prepared at Harbor Shores.

At first glance it was evident that the golf course had matured into the sparkling gem of Southwest Michigan. It is a blend of four diverse terrains that keeps interest high throughout the round of golf.



HARBOR SHORES MARINA

Holes 1-6 present the Inland Terrain. Holes 7, 8 and 9 are the Dunes Terrain, with stark elevation changes that present impressive views of Lake Michigan. Holes 10 through 13 are in the Woodlands Terrain and wind through a hardwood forest. The finishing holes, 14 through 18, are the River Terrain and border the Paw Paw River, Ox Creek and its wetland.

The architectural genius of the Nicklaus Design Team is evident throughout all four course settings. Recognition was immediate, as Harbor Shores was ranked No. 3 on the Best New Courses You Can Play list by GOLF Magazine. Since then it has been ranked as high as No. 20 in the country by Golf Digest.

Professional golf also gave its stamp of approval. Harbor Shores has hosted the Kitchen Aid Senior PGA Championship every other year since 2012. That national exposure has served the destination well in terms of attracting golf visitors to the area.



HARBOR SHORES #9

Colin Montgomerie, two-time champion of the Kitchen Aid Senior PGA Championship, gave rousing stamp of approval. He was quoted as saying, "Whenever Jack Nicklaus does a Signature golf course, it is special and this is a special golf course. Every hole is unique. You remember every hole. It's a special golf destination."

Make no mistake, Harbor Shores is a very difficult course. But it is a beautiful beast. Picking a signature hole is an extremely difficult task because the eye is presented with such a treat at almost every turn. Therefore, a few choices are presented.

Hole No. 2 is a short par 3 over an environmentally protected area. Carrying the hazard is only part of the challenge. The narrow green has multiple tiers and landing on the wrong tier is an almost-certain three-putt.

Hole No. 7 is the most difficult par 4 on the course. Though not very long, it plays long. From an island tee box over wetlands the



HARBOR SHORES #7

trick is to hit a fairway that is guarded by multiple bunkers and a lake on the right. The approach shot is a climb to a tiny green, elevated more than 25 feet to the top of a dune. The green is surrounded by dune grass but provides a magnificent view of the beach and Lake Michigan below.

Not only is No. 18 a strong finishing hole – a medium-long par 4 – but it provides the final touch to the Nicklaus experience. With the Paw Paw River along the right side and wetlands to the left, the tee shot is key ... especially into the prevailing winds off Lake Michigan.

The bottom line is that the total experience at Harbor Shores – from hotel through the golf course – is exceptional. And the revitalization of the community is a shining example of what golf can do improve all it touches.

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## HUNTSVILLE CAPTURES MEN'S COAL SCUTTLE CHAMPIONSHIP



HANOVER, Pa. — Academia twisted Logan Paczewski's golf brain and game. He played collegiately at Rutgers University for two years, then transferred to George Mason University. His business credits, however, didn't line up with the school's curriculum.

"I was put in a tough position. I could've finished school, but I was going to kill myself with playing golf, with the expenses that it was going to cost. We figured it was the best choice for me to come home, finish off school online at Penn State (Wilkes-Barre)," Paczewski, 21, of Dallas, Pa., said. "College golf was tough on me. Now I'm starting to play better. I was stressed with school. It's tough. You have to make the lineup. Week in and week out, the first thing you want to do is make sure your game is solid. It's hard to do both, school and golf. I like focusing on school first, and getting golf out of the way after that."

Paczewski is in a better place with golf. So, too, is his Huntsville Golf Club home. Led by a renewed Paczewski, Huntsville filed a 2-over-par 574 to capture the 75th Men's Coal Scuttle Championship at Wyoming Valley Country Club (par 71, 6,153 yards). Paczewski carded a 7-under-par 136 to earn individual medalist honors.

Clubmate Alex Anderson finished second at 4-under-par 139. Jason Barkley (153), Dom Castrignano (151) and Earl Thompson (154) rounded out the Huntsville team.

Huntsville bested Fox Hill Country Club by seven strokes. It is the

club's fourth Men's Coal Scuttle Championship (2004, 2010, 2012).

"We were kind of curious when the last time Huntsville won was. We potentially thought 2005," Anderson, 29, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., said. "It's nice that we will host on Sunday next year and hopefully run it back. I think we put the best team we could field forward, and everyone did their part."

"Wyoming Valley won eight of the last 10 years. It feels good to give it back to them on their own course. We're going to try to do it again next year. It's nice to bring it home," Paczewski, the 2022 Joseph H. Patterson Cup Champion, added.

Huntsville led Glenmaura National Golf Club by nine strokes entering Sunday's final round at Wyoming Valley. Paczewski planted the flag at home (par 72, 6,853 yards) by carding a 5-under-par 67. He opened eagle-birdie-birdie and inked a career-best 30 (6 under) on the front nine. Paczewski hit a wedge 155 yards to 20 feet and canned the downhill on No. 1 (par 5, 482 yards). He made a 10-footer on No. 2 (par 4, 391 yards) and a five-footer on No. 3 (par 3, 160 yards). Sharp iron play continued on Nos. 5 (par 3, 185 yards) and 7 (par 4, 410 yards): a 12-footer for birdie on the former, a six-footer on the latter.

Logan Paczewski

"I've been searching. Golf is a game where you're going to have your ups and downs. I played in the Lehigh Valley Amateur last week. I had a down week," Paczewski said. "But I came here on Saturday,

had a good attitude and stayed positive. I came out and was 8 under through 14 holes. Golf is the best game there is."

Paczewski's power ported to Wyoming Valley. He registered 16 greens in regulation. Highlights included back-to-back birdies on Nos. 11 (par 5, 509 yards) and 12 (par 5, 536 yards), where a 6-iron and hybrid, respectively, resulted in eagle opportunities from 20 feet.

Anderson complimented his teammate with a fiery finish of his own. He knocked a wedge 40 yards to five feet for birdie on No. 17 (par 4, 398 yards), a wedge 70 yards to 15 feet on No. 18 (par 4, 354 yards).

"We knew the Wyoming Valley crew and the Fox Hill guys were going to play hard here. We were looking at it from a match-play standpoint, where everyone was about 2.5 shots up against their opponents. We just had to make putts and convert," Anderson, a Huntsville member of 15 years, said.

Coincidentally, Anderson lost to Paczewski by three strokes in Huntsville's men's championship, a 54-hole stroke play event, two weeks ago. He is cool with a runner-up repeat.

After all, it came with a long-awaited trophy for Huntsville.

"A lot of courses in this area are great golf courses, but Huntsville is one of the few where from practice facility to the challenge of the course, you can really improve your game. The camaraderie ... we have a bunch of close-knit guys. You can't beat it," Anderson, who works in sales for Gartner, a research and advisory company, said.

That camaraderie is for Paczewski to enjoy year-round now. He is pursuing a degree in business management, taking online classes at Penn State. His school schedule affords more flexibility for Huntsville trips.

At peace in school, at peace in golf, and giving Huntsville a piece of hardware for its halls.

"Every time I come out to the golf course, it's a new day. I'm going to take it one shot at a time. I'm going to go through it like I play every tournament," Paczewski said. "Yes, it's a team event. I'm trying to do my best for my team. I'm going to hit every shot to the best of my ability."

The Men's Coal Scuttle Championship, open to all GAP Member Clubs, is a 36-hole tournament. The low four of five scores count toward the team total.

Established in conjunction with the Anthracite Golf Association's founding in 1951, the Men's Coal Scuttle Championship is a cornerstone event in which clubs compete against one another to determine regional supremacy. The inscription on the trophy reads as follows: Once a year and never more

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Four golfing champs shall gather round  
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LOGAN PACZEWSKI



Team	RESULTS			FAILED TO QUALIFY		
	R1	R2	Total			
<b>Huntsville Golf Club</b>	288	286	574	<b>Berwick Golf Club</b>		386
Logan Paczewski	67	69	136	Grant Gronka	71	72
Alex Anderson	71	68	139	Corey Bierly	74	
Dom Castrignano	77	74	151	Joe Kelchner	78	
Jason Barkley	73	80	153	Jared Marshman	91	
Earl Thompson	79	75	154	Phil Geiser	92	
<b>Fox Hill Country Club</b>	299	282	581	<b>Pocono Farms Country Club</b>		398
A.J. Donatoni	72	69	141	Mark Bartkowski	73	80
Tyler McGarry	71	72	143	Tommy Gaudette	76	
Shamus Gartley	77	69	146	Patrick Giblin	80	
John Mikiewicz	79	72	151	Matt Bartkowski	89	
Joe Bevevino	82	72	154	Ben Esgro	NS	
<b>Wyoming Valley Country Club</b>	299	291	590	<b>Scranton Canoe Club</b>		412
Eric Plisko	76	67	143	Ryne Luce	73	76
Joseph Weiscarger	76	70	146	Corey Cuneo	83	
Frank Schiel, Jr.	73	76	149	Dave Rees	88	
Brian Kerstetter	74	78	152	Anthony Bugno	92	
Chris Jones	77	82	159	Joseph Fitzsimmons	99	
<b>Glenmaura National Golf Club</b>	297	298	595	<b>Country Club of Scranton</b>		307
Eric Williams	74	74	148	Gary Phillips	74	
Eamon Evans	72	76	148	Christopher Hoban	77	
Patrick Mitchell	74	75	149	Frank Kacvinsky	77	
John Barone	77	73	150	Michael Thomas	79	
Tak Yoo	84	78	162	Michael Vassil	82	
<b>Irem Country Club</b>	305	296	601	<b>Elmhurst Country Club</b>		307
Jonathan Wilson	72	68	140	Jack Hauber	75	
Brett Ostroski	74	75	149	Doug Nardella	75	
Ethan Zawatski	80	76	156	Mike Bonavoglia	77	
Matthew Hoover	79	77	156	William Pabst, Sr.	80	
Michael Wills	81	89	170	Sean Pittack	82	
<b>Elkview Country Club</b>	304	307	611	<b>StoneHedge Golf Course</b>		317
Frank Osborne	69	77	146	Michael Grimes	77	
Anthony Rusnak	76	76	152	Race Sick	78	
John Pash	77	75	152	Michael Peregrim	79	
Billy O'Dell	82	79	161	Jason Wood	83	
Mario Costa	85	82	167	John McGraw	89	
				<b>Emanon Country Club</b>		324
				Rich Brown	78	
				Rocco Barge	80	
				Zachary Mulhern	81	
				Jake Wysocki	85	
				Joel Filipek	91	
				<b>Glen Oak Country Club</b>		331
				Robert Crofton	80	
				Matthew Nothdurft	81	
				John Connell	81	
				Max Lubin	89	
				Brian Huston	100	



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**OPEN QUALIFYING:**

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West - TBD

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Bellewood CC – Aug 17

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### Pro-Am Results – September 10, 2025

#### Team

Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
1	-11	Bethlehem (Jason Wilson)
2	-10	Shawnee (Brian Bergstol)
3	-9	Royal Oaks (Terry Hatch)
T4	-8	Green Pond (John Kulhamer)
T4	-8	Olde Homestead (Kevin Edwards)
T6	-5	Moselem Springs (Jeff Fick)
T6	-5	Philadelphia PGA (Wayne Phillips)
T6	-5	Stone Hedge (Cory Herne)

#### Individual

##### Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	-4	Brian Bergstol
2	-2	Terry Hatch
3	-1	Jeff Fick
T4	+3	Kevin Edwards
T4	+3	Steve Osterhout
T4	+3	Cory Herne

##### Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	-1	Nate Fry
2	E	Zach Fischl

##### Senior Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
T1	+2	John Kulhamer
T1	+2	Wayne Phillips
3	+8	Jim Booros

##### Senior Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	+2	Charlie Leon
T2	+4	Robin Bonda
T2	+4	Bruce Jodoin

##### Professional – Skins

Hole	Golfer
1	Brian Bergstol (Birdie)
2	Steve Osterhout (Birdie)
4	Dustin McCormick (Eagle)
13	Jeff Fick (Birdie)

##### Amateur – Closest to the Pin

Hole	Golfer
6	Shane Gunning (32'2")
15	Ike Haluska (6'0")
17	Riley Hogan (9'3")



**Pocono Professional Golf Series**  
**PGA of America – Philadelphia Section**

**Skytop Lodge**  
**Pro-Am Results – September 17, 2025**

**Team**

Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
1	131	Olde Homestead (Kevin Edwards)
T2	133	Glen Brook (Dustin McCormick)
T2	133	Glen Brook (Alex Knoll)
T4	134	Woodloch Springs (John Pillar)
T4	134	Glen Oak (Harvey Williams)
6	135	Buck Hill Falls (Brian Fruehan)
T7	137	Scranton (Jamie Wescott)
T7	137	Royal Oaks (Terry Hatch)
T7	137	Shawnee (Brian Bergstol)
T7	137	Bethlehem (Jason Wilson)
T11	138	Scranton (Chris Miller)
T11	138	Lehigh (Wayne Phillips)
T11	138	Moselem Springs (Jeff Fick)

**Individual**

**Professional – Low Score**

Finish	Score	Golfer
T1	68	Kevin Edwards
T1	68	Alex Knoll
3	71	Jeff Fick
4	72	Jason Wilson
5	74	John Pillar
T6	75	Terry Hatch
T6	75	Dustin McCormick
T8	76	Todd Moser
T8	76	Brian Fruehan

**Amateur – Low Score**

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	73	Gus Steiger
T2	75	Chris Ventolo
T2	75	Eric Williams
T2	75	Riley Hogan

**Senior Professional – Low Score**

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	69	Wayne Phillips
2	74	Harvey Williams
3	77	John Kulhamer

**Senior Amateur – Low Score**

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	71	Dave Blicher
2	72	Shane Gunning
T3	74	Mike Vassil
T3	74	Al McCormick



## Pocono Professional Golf Series

### PGA of America – Philadelphia Section

# Scranton Canoe Club

## Pro-Am Results – September 23, 2025

### Team

Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
1	106	Royal Oaks (Terry Hatch)
2	108	Bethlehem (Jason Wilson)
T3	110	Buck Hill (Brian Fruehan)
T3	110	Highlands (Steve Osterhout)
5	112	Glen Brook (Dustin McCormick)

### Individual

#### Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	56	Dustin McCormick
T2	59	Spencer Lunger
T2	59	Terry Hatch
4	60	Steve Osterhout
5	61	Corey Herne
T6	62	Brian Fruehan
T6	62	Jason Wilson

#### Amateur – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	59	Dave Blichar
T2	64	Floyd Bowen
T2	64	Dave Pompey Sr.

#### Senior Professional – Low Score

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	62	Harvey Williams
2	70	Greg Wall



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**Glen Brook Golf Club**  
**Pro-Am Results – September 30, 2025**

*Team*

Finish	Score	Team (Pro)
1	123	Glen Brook (Bill Lee)
2	125	Great Bear (Howie VanBuskirk)
3	127	Bethlehem (Paul Viola)
4	128	Glen Brook (Dustin McCormick)
T5	129	Bethlehem (Jason Wilson)
T5	129	Saucon Valley (Mike Furey)
T7	130	Shawnee (Brian Bergstol)
T7	130	Stone Hedge (Corey Herne)

*Individual*

**Professional – Low Score**

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	65	Dustin McCormick
2	68	Brian Bergstol
T3	69	Kevin Edwards
T3	69	Corey Herne
T5	70	Paul Viola
T5	70	Brian Fruehan

**Amateur – Low Score**

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	67	Gus Steiger
T2	74	Andrew Saglenbeni
T2	74	Keith Devos

**Senior Professional – Low Score**

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	69	Bob Fritz
2	70	Bill Lee
3	74	Tom O'Malley

**Senior Amateur – Low Score**

Finish	Score	Golfer
1	64	Craig Scott
2	68	Mike Guro
T3	72	Dave Blicher
T3	72	Dave Strohl

## GOLF IN MAUI

By Mike Kern, Maui story for Don

So I'm standing on the first tee of the Gold Course at Wailea Golf Course in southwest Maui, and it's a wonder how I can ever take my driver back to try and hit the ball. The view is that breathtaking. And I've been here before. Three times, actually. For my 25th, 30th and then 35th anniversary. And now I'm back for our 40th (I couldn't do it alone), even though the wildfires had destroyed Lahaina (about 45 minutes away up the coast) a little less than two months earlier. And yes, it's tragic (more on that later). And you can feel the impact everywhere, even in those areas that weren't directly impacted. But the island has a connection that's hard to explain unless you've been there and experienced it up close.

But first... the opening hole on one of Maui's best layouts is a downhill dogleg left. That's not the problem. It's the distractions, which are all over the place in this setting. In the distance is the Pacific Ocean, where I'll be sitting on the beach or lounging at my hotel pool later in the day. And it's beautiful. And unlike anything we see at the Jersey Shore. And I've been going there all my life. Still, this is different. In a wonderful way. But somehow I manage to get my whatever together and hit my rental driver straight down the middle. Don't ask. And we're off. No, I didn't make par. I settled for a bogey, one of many. It happens. Did I mention that I've been paired with the owner of Unami Burger. I can't make that up. And the guy on my cart doesn't speak much English. But somehow we managed to communicate our way around. I guess the language of golf can be universal.

I would tell you it's a perfect day, but that's a given. It's why we go. I don't go to Hawaii to golf. But I manage to sneak some in. I'm familiar with Wailea. I've also played at Kapalua, where the PGA Tour's season-opening Tournament of Champions takes place each year the first week of January. And I've played at Kaanapali, where they once played a Champions Tour event. And Maui has plenty of other courses to offer, but public and private. I just only have so much time. And even though we were staying 11 days this time, I only played once because Kapalua and Kaanapali were still pretty much off limits. You have to respect what everyone over there was going through. But if I was only going to play once, Wailea was certainly the way to go.

They have three courses. There's also the Emerald and the Blue. The Gold is considered the best. But they do offer packages where you can play all of them for a pretty decent price. And I'm sure many folks head over looking to make mostly a golf vacation out of it. Nothing wrong with that. Did I mention that the young woman playing with Mr. Unami sometimes hit her ball past me. Well past, on several occasions. But that's OK. I was better around the greens and such. Hey, you take what you can.

I was playing with a rental set that might have been better than my own clubs, so I can't use that as an excuse. But I hadn't been playing much for various reasons. So my game was up and down. And that's more than OK. I went in with modest expectations. And needless to say I played from the forward tees. Another given. It plays to 6,100 yards from the white, which is a little much for me even with my clubs. We chewed off something more along the lines of like 5,500. And it was still challenging.

I had my moments, both ways. The par 3s were all fairly short, never a bad thing. And I parred each of them. I think I was even on three of them, although one of those was a shot that I left about 20 yards short that rolled onto the putting surface. Don't ask. The greens were in great shape. The layout had a nice flow to it, and if nothing else it was fair. Most everything was right there in front of you, always a good touch for a resort. In short, it was fun. But then again, it's Hawaii. How can it not be? Even your bad shots don't see as, well, disappointing. Seriously. There were a lot of bunkers, but not to the point where they overwhelmed you. You just had to be aware that they were there and do your best to avoid them. The fairways and greens were largely user-friendly. I only lost one ball, and that was totally my bad. We went around in less than four hours, which I thought was really good since we weren't exactly breaking the course record (although Mr. Unami could play a little). There's not too many forced carries. There is lava rock. You don't get that in the tri-state area. All in all, it's quite visually pleasing. Just as I remembered.

Which brings me to the 18th, a medium-length par 4 heading back to the clubhouse. I have a memory there. Five years earlier, I had 195 yards to the green, from the right rough. As I told the two guys I was with, there was no way I was getting there, because my normal fairway wood tends to go left to right. But I try. And I smacked a 3 wood that instead went straight, or even had a little draw. Who knew? And the ball hit short of the green and rolled up to three feet past the hole. No, I didn't miss. Now that's the way to finish. Not that I needed a

reason to keep me coming back. This time, I had a little over 200 left, from the left side of the fairway. Again, I can't carry it that far. But I hit a low liner that caught the downslope and rolled onto the green. It was more like 20 feet away, but I wasn't complaining. When I saw the ball on the green I actually thought it was Mr. Unami's ball. So I was a little shocked, to be honest. My birdie putt just missed to the left, but it was all good. I'll always have that hole to fall back on when I'm having a tough round. For that I'm thankful.

This story, though, is about Maui. And the people, who are hurting right now. I don't know what's going to happen to Lahaina, or how long it's going to take. It may never be the same. And there's nothing anyone can do about it, except try to help in any way possible. We donated some money to the Maui Strong fund, which I hope in some small way can help make a difference. There's a fine line that they're walking at the moment to try and start the rebuild without infringing on their culture and heritage. It's not going to be easy. The residents think it's too soon to do too much, and they've made their feelings known. But the rest of the island needs tourism to survive. That's just a fact. They want visitors back. They need them.

I have to admit we weren't sure we were still going to go, when the news first broke. We didn't know much of anything, about what might be awaiting us. We found out a week before we left that we couldn't be staying for our final three nights at the Kaanapali hotel we had booked. Which meant we had to remain in Wailea for our entire stay. Which trust me was no hardship. But some things were difficult to take in. The woman working in the gift shop, when I asked how she was doing, explained that she had lost two people. I didn't know what to say, because nothing I could have would have made her feel any less heartbroken, but we talked for five minutes anyway. And so it went. Almost everyone knew somebody that had lost a house, or worse. They had stories to tell. And they told them. Some with tears in their eyes. The lady at the car rental return gave me a hug and said it was her first day back at work.

We drove up one day to eat dinner at a favorite restaurant, Roys, which has the best meatloaf anywhere. I don't lie about food. We drove past Lahaina, and although you couldn't see most of the worse damage, you saw enough to make you realize just how horrible it was and is and will continue to be. The restaurant had five tables open, since almost all of its staff had yet to return. And we had a great meal, right down to the special dessert they prepared for us to celebrate our 40 years. But the thing that struck us most is, they thanked us. Over and over. For coming. And I tried to tell them that no, we should be the ones thanking them. Imagine that.

The images will never go away. Whenever I think I'm having a bad day I will think of them. And what they're going through. And how they're coping. And the price they've paid. And I hope that we get to go back, at least once more, maybe for our 45th or even before. Because I know I'm going to be in paradise, and I'm going to have an unbelievably great time. Yes, it's about the place. But as I've found out, even before this, is that it's the people who make that place everything it is. And if golf is a part of it, that's even better. But you can't put a price on the fabric of Maui. That never gets old. Those who call it home won't allow it.

I'll leave you with this story. We were sitting on the beach one brilliant afternoon, and started talking to the family next to us. A military husband, his wife, their children and an uncle who lived there. And he was weaving these hats from palm leaves. It was fascinating watching him work. I asked if he sold them, and he said no, he was retired and just did it for pleasure. Later, he came over to my wife and gave her a rose that he had made. And he made us recite an Hawaiian oath pledging our love to each other. Very cool. Then he handed my wife a bowl, and I thought she was going to cry. It was so sweet. And he said it was from a tree that his friend had in Lahaina that got burned down. So we will have a piece of that town forever. How many can say that? We were touched, more than he could ever know. The next day we ran into him walking through the lobby, and we talked some more. Precious. So what do you think the favorite recollection of our trip will remain?

Hey, as uncanny as my par on the 18th had been, it got trumped. Big time. Not even close. As it should be. And that's the Maui I'll carry with me. Until we find our way back. Because something deep inside me wouldn't have it any other way. And it's the best way we can give them something back, in return for all they extend to us.



### **From Beach to Fairway: How PYGO Is Reshaping Golf Instruction**

**By Scotty McAlarney, Top 50 Golf Instructor W.G.T.F./I.P.G.A., Director of Golf at Scott Greens Golf Club/A Swing for Life Golf Academy**

At Scott Greens Golf Club in Scott Township, Pennsylvania, I wear many hats—but my true passion lies in player development through fitness-focused instruction. After more than 30 years of teaching, I've found that the most transformative golf experiences begin not on the range, but in the body.

Each winter, I head to Hollywood, Florida, to host immersive four-day golf boot camps that start on the beach and end on the fairway. We kick off with sunrise PYGO routines—Pilates, Yoga, and Golf Positions—followed by breakfast and range work. These sessions begin as early as 7:00 a.m., and every day is designed to build both physical awareness and swing mechanics.

I developed PYGO and the HZ (Hitting Zone) Golf Swing Trainer seven years ago to help students internalize proper movement patterns. With just four participants per camp, the experience is intimate and intensive. We've even welcomed college teams from upstate New York, all eager to improve not just their swings, but their strength, balance, and mental game.

Midweek, we shift to on-course play and course management to break up the technical instruction. By Thursday, our students are tired—but transformed. Whether they arrived as beginners or seasoned players, they leave with sharper swings, stronger bodies, and a deeper understanding of golf fitness.

Back home in Pennsylvania, our four-week women's clinic draws over 40 participants each session. Led by myself and six instructors, these 90-minute clinics always begin with PYGO warmups and slow-motion swing rehearsals. Every student leaves with "homework"—drills they can practice at home or on the range to reinforce their progress.

Our students come from all walks of life—couples, friends, solo travelers—and they're united by a shared commitment to improvement. Whether or not they start out fitness-minded, they leave with a new appreciation for how movement shapes performance. And thanks to our online PYGO resources, their journey doesn't end when the clinic does.

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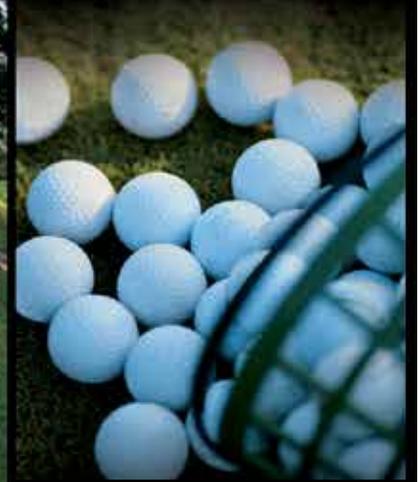
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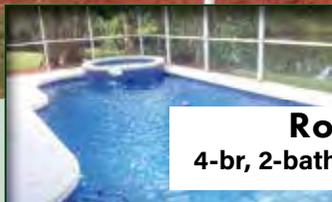
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