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editorial.

Welcome to our second issue of 2020. This issue is crammed with a great deal of information. I was told that we have too much in the issues. Is that like having too much money? I know that I don't read every column in the Providence Journal, but there are enough to interest me to keep reading it every day. We try to provide a wide variety of stories to make it interesting for most every golfer that likes to read about different happening.

There is some great things happening in golf even as the pandemic shows not many signs of abating. The National Golf Foundation reported that rounds were up six percent in May from 2019 and about 30 percent in June from last year. Let's hope that trend continues for the rest of 2020.

Bryson DeChambeau has been all over most every golf publication, so I thought that we should put in our two cents. Like him or hate him, he is changing the game of golf with his massive drives; some traveling over 400 yards. When he won the Rocket Mortgage event in Detroit he

averaged over 350 yards per drive, and surprisingly he led the field in putting. Hope you enjoy the story, especially the first sentence.

I think you are really going to enjoy the Missing Links story; especially if you are from Rhode Island. We will do Mass. and Ct. with your help. Send me names of courses that have gone to golf heaven that you remember.

Not being at the Travellers media day and tournament was a bummer. It will be the same at the Northern Trust—the new name for the event held every year in Norton, Mass. (normally over Labor Day, but earlier this year.)

Imagine winning the New England Amateur at age 16. That got John Broderick's picture on page 3. He won in a playoff in a rain-shortened event. This reporter can't remember anyone younger winning that event.

We will have our next issue on September 27. Enjoy the publication. Keep your head down and swing easy. Also, stay safe and subscribe!

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COVER STORY

DECHAMBEAU IS CHANGING THE PGA TOUR



The first time I saw Bryson DeChambeau after the return to golf in May I thought I was looking at Mark McGwire! How does someone gain 40 pounds of muscle in just a few months? Why are his drives traveling 400 yards? Why are some of his carries in the air for 350 yards? Is he using a juiced up ball?

I was amazed, dumbstruck and confused. How is this happening? Is the game of golf really going to change? Players have continued to drive the ball further and further over the years, but there has never been anything quite like this.

This reporter could not stop watching DeChambeau hit tee shots. Last issue we talked about the match between Woods/Manning and Mickelson/Brady being must-see TV. Well now every time Bryson DeChambeau puts a peg in the ground I want to be watching. There was one hole he was playing recently when he told his playing partner to hit first—he was going to wait until the players were off the green. The green was 405 yards away. No, he didn't put it on the green, it was just to the left of it!

DeChambeau has always been known as a cerebral player. He majored in Physics at Southern Methodist University in Texas. He feels that he is the smartest player on Tour, and he might be! This Modesto, California native was a great player in

college and won the U.S. Amateur in 2016. He also won his first professional event on the Korn-Ferry Tour in 2016 to earn his PGA Tour Card.

"I've gone from size medium to size extra-large in my clothing, and PUMA has been very accommodating," said the Hogan-capped DeChambeau. Before the Tour stopped playing at The Players in March DeChambeau weighed just about 200 pounds, but now he sits at 240. "My ultimate goal is to get as strong as I can, and I'm not sure what that weigh will be," said DeChambeau recently.

His clubs are unique. His driver is only 5.5 degrees, his three wood is at 10 degrees (normal driver loft for most players) and all of his shafts are the same length at 37 ½ inches—the normal length of a seven-iron. When he stands on the tee to hit his shot, he swings as hard as he can—and surprisingly most go pretty straight. He is averaging over 60 percent of his drives in the fairway and is currently number one in driving distance at 323.8 yards, but that includes the eight events he participated in before the shutdown for the coronavirus. Since returning in June he is averaging just over 350 yards per drive.

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many other publications have been having a field day with DeChambeau's new physique and phenomenal driving distance. John Hawkins, the esteemed golf writer, recently called his drives "my version of the apocalypse, and he is a one-dimensional player." One dimensional was ruled out after he recently won the Rocket Mortgage title by being the person who let the field is driving distance and strokes gained on the greens.

In the five events (as of 7/23) he has finished tied for third, tied for eighth, tied for sixth (The Travelers) and won in Detroit. He missed the cup at the Memorial after taking a "Tin Cup" 10 on a hole when he hit three balls out of bounds in his fifth event.

We all recall when Tiger Woods bulked up and was hitting drives much further than the rest of the players. His body paid the price. His back gave out, he was always pulling muscles and he had to refrain from playing for a few years. Is this going to happen to DeChambeau? When quizzed about this, he remarked that taking five to seven protein shakes (not Mark McGwire!) every day makes him stronger, but won't cause him to get hurt. Whatever the result, the professional game of golf is going to change. Many players are going to look at Bryson DeChambeau and think that he was is the best way. Tony Finau, who is already one of the longest drivers said at the Memorial, "I'm not swinging at my top speed, and maybe I should go all out with my swings." It has been proven statistically that longer but occasionally wide left and right is better than shorter, but down the middle as far as final score is concerned.

It will be very interesting to see if he can last for the long term. In the meantime I will be watching Bryson DeChambeau hit tee shots as often as I can. I'm sure I'm not in the minority. •

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RISING STAR



Matthew Wolff

Age: 21
Birthplace: Aguora Hills, Calif.
Family: Single
College: Oklahoma State University
Turned Pro: 2019

Matthew Wolff was a two-time first-team All American at Oklahoma State University as a freshman and sophomore. He left school after his second year to pursue his golfing career, and was given a sponsor's exemption into the 3M Open last July and proceeded to win the event and earn full Tour status through the end of 2020-21 season. He was the first player under the age of 21 to win since Jordan Spieth.

Wolff partnered with Rickie Fowler this May at the TaylorMade Relief Fund made for TV event that gave him notoriety for his long driving skills. He then finished second at the Rocket Mortgage event where he had the lead until passed by Bryson DeChambeau.

He is currently in 44th place in the standings for the Fed Ex Cup and has earnings of \$1,393, 577 for this year. His two-year earnings on Tour are almost \$2.8 million.

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HOW IS YOUR GREENS IN REGULATION?

First of all, what is a Greens in Regulation? (Or GIR, for those golf geeks!) A green is considered hit in regulation when the ball lies on the putting surface after the number of strokes taken is 2 less than par for the hole (ex: 1 stroke for a par 3, 2 strokes for a par 4 and 3 strokes for a par 5). That being said, how many greens "should" you be hitting in regulation? Well, that depends upon your handicap... A Tour Player hits about 12 greens, a 0-4 handicap hits about 10 greens and a 20 hdcp. hits about 4 greens. A Google search can give you more specifics to your handicap.

Another major factor in GIR's is how long of a golf course you play. If you are playing an extremely long course, you cannot expect to hit the same number of greens as a shorter course. Which leads to another question of which tees you should be playing. A formula that is pretty accurate is taking your 5-iron distance and multiplying it by 36. So, if you hit your 5-iron 180 yards, you "should" be playing a course yardage of around 6,500 yards. Most players are playing from the wrong tee box, playing a course that is way too long for their club distances. It may be a tough pill to swallow, but I guarantee that golf becomes a lot more fun when you can hit many more greens in regulation, leading to more birdie opportunities!!!

When making decisions on the golf course, you need to take into account the length of the hole related to par... Most players will arrive at a long par 4 with the mindset that it's a par 4 and they "should" be hitting the green in 2 shots...If they still

have a significant distance into the hole for their 2nd shot and they decide on hitting a longer club, there are things that need to be taken into account:

First, I will look at the lie of the ball (fairway or rough, uphill or downhill) along with what hazards are presented on the hole, planned shot shape for attacking the hole location, and wind... Once I have taken those into account, if I don't feel as though I can pull off the shot with that club (about 70% of the time), I will move down to a shorter club to lay up short of the green, try to get it close with a wedge and still make my par. Worse case, I'll make a bogey and move on from a really long hard hole. I can make up bogies, but it's tougher to make up doubles, triples and "others" as there are only so many birdie opportunities out there on the course during your round!!!

In summary, choose a tee box that matches up to your distance. You will find more GIR's as a result! And start to implement some good course strategy with smarter decision making on the course. Also, try using Google Chrome to look up the satellite view of your home course to help you map out a better strategy by using the distance measuring tool. It's quite eye opening to see it from this view! •

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Davis Chatfield and Andrew O'Leary had three things going against them during the 71st Rhode Island Golf Association Four-Ball Championship. The first was they had never seen Potowomut Golf Club (par 71, 6,380 yards) before. The second was severe weather delays each day of the tournament. The third was trying to beat darkness to claim the title.

Chatfield and O'Leary, teammates on the University of Notre Dame's Golf Team, claimed the RIGA Four-Ball in their first tournament as partners Tuesday with a final round best-ball score of 64. They shot 63 in Round One.

Chatfield, of Wannamoisett Country Club, and O'Leary, of Pawtucket Country Club, finished with a team score of 15-under-par 127 to win by four shots over two-time champions Bobby Leopold and Tyler Cooke (2015-16).

Cooke and Leopold, of Wannamoisett, carded a team total of 11-under-par 131 after a final round of 64. "We needed to shoot 60 or 61 to at least put some pressure on them," said Leopold, 35, of Coventry. "We missed a few birdies early and it was tough out there. We couldn't seem to get together where we both had our best." "We were off rhythm the whole time," said Cooke, 28, of Warwick. "It could be the case of not playing that much right now."

Chatfield and O'Leary are the first pairing of past RI Amateur champions to team up and win the RIGA FourBall since Leopold and RIGA Hall of Famer Paul Quigley did it in 2009. Chatfield won the Rhode Island Amateur at Point Judith Country Club in 2016 and O'Leary won in 2019 at Shelter Harbor Golf Club.

"It's nice to get the win and join the elite company of the best players in Rhode Island who have won this event," said Chatfield, 21, of Attleboro, Mass. "It's a pretty cool list to be on." "It means a great deal to me since I haven't played in this event before," said O'Leary, 20, of Norfolk, Mass. "But Davis called me up asking if I would play with him. I thought it would be a lot of fun. Winning my first tournament is a nice way to start the summer."

The Irish duo entered the day with a two-shot lead over Valley

Country Club's Joe Tucker and Alex Parente. All they wanted to do was keep the pedal down. "We didn't have a specific number in mind," said Chatfield, a rising senior at Notre Dame. "We figured that if the weather was OK, the course was still soft. Shooting something like we did Monday was what we thought we needed."

They played the first four holes in 1 under. Then the horns blew. Play was suspended at 4 p.m. due to lightning in the area and resumed at 5:40 p.m. after an hour and 40 minute delay.

That break didn't shake Chatfield. After they both birdied No. 7 (par 4, 352 yards). Chatfield birdied No. 9 (par 5, 445 yards), eagled No. 10 (par 5, 497 yards) and birdied No. 11 (par 4, 355 yards). It was a stretch that gave them a stranglehold on the tournament.

"Davis didn't miss a beat after the rain delay, he came out firing," said O'Leary, a rising junior at Notre Dame. "It took me a few swings to get loose again. We didn't want to take the foot off the pedal." They said they believed the tournament was theirs after No. 11. That was before both bogeyed No. 12 (par 3, 207 yards). But birdies from Chatfield on Nos. 15 (par 5, 527 yards) and 16 (par 3, 159 yards), cemented them at the top.

As they approached the final hole, the only thing that stood in their way was darkness. They used every second of daylight to avoid returning Wednesday morning to finish. O'Leary tapped in the winning putt at 8:40 p.m.

In the two-day event, Chatfield made 12 birdies and an eagle. O'Leary added eight birdies of his own. Both showing the serious firepower and talent they possess. "We are both grateful to be here and to be back competing again," said Chatfield. "It was cool to play in something with each other and to play as well as we did. I am going to remember this for a while."

"It means a lot to win this with Davis," said O'Leary. "We grew up playing together and this was the first time we teamed up. Usually we are playing against each other even though we are on the same team at school. It was nice to have him on my side for a change."

Davis Chatfield (L) & Andrew O'Leary (R)



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LUKOWICZ WINS FIRST STATE AM.



Every athlete dreams of coming through in the clutch when everything is on the line. A game-winning shot, a last-second touch-down. In golf, it is a putt to win a tournament. Jamie Lukowicz stepped up to an 18-footer on hole No. 35 (par 4, 434 yards) the 17th at Pawtucket Country Club (par 69, 6,420 yards) to win the 115th Rhode Island Golf Association Amateur Championship.

He and his caddie Rob Grossguth, a 2003 Finalist, read the putt perfectly and he rolled it in the center. And when that putt reached the bottom of the cup, he put himself in his position to get the missing notch in his belt.

"The putt was downhill, and I didn't want to roll it four feet by,"

said Lukowicz, 46, of Newport. "I knew exactly where I stood. I read it to break a little left to start and to the right at the end. It rolled in dead center." The host club's Andrew O'Leary still had a 15-footer to extend the match but was unable to respond.

No. 3 seed Lukowicz, aided by a brilliant tee-to-green game and a hot putter, claimed the 115th Amateur at Pawtucket in the 36-hole Final with a 2&1 victory over defending champion and No. 1 seed O'Leary.

Lukowicz hit his tee shot in the right trees on No. 35 and drew a break because he had a shot to the green. He said his 8-iron from 165 yards came out of the rough hot but held the green. "I had no desire to play hole No. 36 (No. 18) (par 4, 379 yards)," said Lukowicz. "It was a great feeling to win it on hole 35. Andrew is a great player and a great kid."

"That putt Jamie made to win was the story of the day," said O'Leary, 20, of Norfolk, Mass. "Jamie made a lot of nice putts today and I didn't. I was hitting the ball well on the range and was loose. I hit the ball solid all day. I didn't have much fear when hitting my approach shots. I left a few putts short or I just missed them. My speed on the greens is usually good. You aren't going to putt well the whole week and I didn't have it at the right time."

Lukowicz, a Finalist in 2017 at Valley Country Club, said on Friday he needed to come out and make birdies to beat O'Leary. He did just that. In the morning 18, Lukowicz shot 67 to O'Leary's 69. He made three birdies to O'Leary's one. He closed out that 67 in style on No. 18 with a 20-footer after O'Leary made a 30-footer for par. A huge momentum boost heading into the afternoon being 2-up instead of 1-up.

The shot of the day for Lukowicz came on hole No. 25. He nearly aced it with a 7-iron and his birdie was conceded. Putting him in firm control of the match with the sun beating down on the both of them and their energy draining hole-by-hole.

"In these types of situations, you tend to get a little quick and want to rush," said Lukowicz. "But Rob [Grossguth] told me to be patient and I did that. It was good to be ahead in this match as opposed to having to come from behind against Billy [Forcier] in the 2017 Final."

They halved Nos. 26-30 in par and O'Leary won Nos. 32 (No. 14) (par 4, 414 yards) and 34 (No. 16) (par 4, 432 yards) with birdies and was knocking on the door until Lukowicz shut it with that 18-footer on No. 35.

O'Leary had a chance to make history through a few different avenues. He was looking to become the 13th player in the history of the event to win at least two-consecutive titles. The last time was Brad Valois in 2006-07. He also was looking to win at his home club. The last player to do that was Mike Soucy at Metacomet Golf Club in 2001.

But what he's done in his first two appearances in the RI Amateur can't be overlooked.

He was the qualifying medalist both years and won his first nine matches before falling to Lukowicz Saturday.

"This run I have had in this tournament has been a lot of fun," said O'Leary, a rising junior at the University of Notre Dame. "Especially playing that year at Shelter Harbor and this year at my home club. I was happy to play well the last two years and I hope I can continue to make a run in this tournament for years to come."

Lukowicz has won RIGA majors before. He won the Stroke Play in 2018, the John Burke (Gross) in 2018 and the Mid-Amateur in 2014 and 2015. But saying you are the Rhode Island Amateur champion has a different ring to it.

"There's so many great players in the history of this tournament that have won it," said Lukowicz. "Hard work and practice pay off. I grind hard on my wedges and my putting. I hit a lot of balls."

He played the 35 holes in 4 under, 33 of them were flawless. "Under the circumstances, this is the best golf I have ever played," said Lukowicz. "I am proud of myself. I have come a long way."



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GOLF SUCCEEDING WHEN OTHER SPORTS ARE STRUGGLING NOW

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And then there is the collateral damage. Businesses that were shut down, many of which never reopened. Schools closing forcing our children to stare at their laptops each day taking part in remote learning. The lack of socializing as we once did in normal times leaving many to feel isolated and depressed has been another unfortunate circumstance from the pandemic.

Much farther down the list was, of course, the absence of sports which, for a guy like me, has left a huge void in my life. But, for golfers and golf fans, there have been many good things that have come out of this mess.

First, there may not be a sport which lends itself more to social distancing than the sport of golf. You're out in the fresh air with your friends and competitors enjoying a game that you love while staying far enough away from one another to not risk spreading the virus.

This is why golf, before any other sport, made its triumphant return giving us all something to entertain us. It started with the coronavirus charity match involving Rory McIlroy, Dustin Johnson, Rickie Fowler and Matthew Wolff followed by another featuring Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Peyton Manning and Tom Brady. Shortly after that, the PGA Tour resumed play and has been going strong ever since giving us something to watch from Thursday-Sunday each week.

Has it been different watching pro golf with no galleries of cheering fans? Sure. But that hasn't taken away from our enjoyment of watching the world's best golfers compete, including in nearby Cromwell, Connecticut where Dustin Johnson held on to defeat Kevin Streelman by 1-shot in arguably the most entertaining PGA Tour event since the resumption of play.

And then there's possibly the best thing, as I see it, that has come out of this awful pandemic for golfers – a dramatic improvement in pace of play at public golf courses. In the early weeks of the COVID-19 outbreak here in the United States, many golf courses closed. Those that remained open spread out their tee times to 15-minute intervals while not allowing the use of carts. In Rhode Island, courses also limited play to in-state residents only.

As the pandemic progressed the many states started to flatten the curve, golf courses began allowing out-of-state residents to play their tracks while they moved the tee time intervals to 10 minutes. They also permitted the use of golf carts for single riders only, unless you were playing with a member of your household.

Having played Triggs Memorial in Providence in the month of May, I was amazed at how quick the pace of play was relative to what it normally was in years past. Having played the course twice, my foursome was able to finish each round in well under four hours, which almost never happened before the pandemic.

On June 4th, Triggs sent an email to those on their email list saying that they would no longer schedule tee times 8 minutes apart and keep the 10-minute tee time intervals because of the positive feedback from golfers about the significant improvement in pace-of-play.

Likewise, I had a chance to play Cranston Country Club on a

day where the starter told me that their tee times were booked from the start of the day to the end of the day. Despite that, my friends and I played 18 holes in 3 hours and 40 minutes. Why? One reason clearly had to do with the 10-minute tee time interval. The other had to do with your choice to either walk or take an individual cart.

While some courses might see their fleet of carts stretched to the max on a busy day, those like Cranston who can handle it are seeing a huge benefit from it. Whether you are walking or taking a cart, you now have the ability to go directly to your own golf ball after each shot allowing for the optimal "ready golf" situation where golfers are at their ball and ready to hit once their partner or opponent who is away has played.

Hopefully the world will soon rid itself of this awful COVID-19 virus with a vaccine that will protect us all. That is, by far, the most important thing that we could all wish for. And, selfishly, I think I speak for all golfers when I say that I hope that the pace of play at our local public courses continues remain as it has been these past few months even if this wish is much farther down on the list.

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ELKINS. HILLER. SMITH. CHERY. TOPS AT WORLD SERIES

Year after year the Challenge Cup's World Series of Junior Golf at Triggs Memorial GC continues to live up to its billing as the top junior golf competition in New England. Annually the field for the World Series is the largest and strongest in all of New England junior golf. This year's champions continue an impressive roll call of winners of this prestigious event.

Fourteen-year-old **John Hiller** won the Boys 14-15 Division and overall title by paring the first hole of a sudden-death play-off to defeat Villanova-bound **Jonathan Elkins**. The duo finished regulation with 4-under par 140 totals 1-stroke clear of **Christopher Pieper** and **Colin Spencer** (who fired a final round 4-under par 68, the day's low round).

Hiller, who just turned 14 the week before the tournament won the 13 & Under Division as a 12-year in 2018, but finished 5th in the same division last year.

"I like coming to this tournament. I have been coming here since I was eleven. The tournament annually attracts a great field of players. To beat this group of guys means a lot to me," gleamed Hiller.

"This was my final junior tournament. It would have been nice to win the whole thing. Normally when you win the older division here, you win the overall title, but John played very nicely today. Pretty amazing for a recently turned 14-year old," stated Elkins.

While the drama was intense in the battle for the overall Boys crown, **Molly Smith** was in cruise control in the Girls Division. The 15-year old Westford, Massachusetts phenom fired an opening round of 3-under par 69 to hold a 5-stroke overnight lead. She never looked back en route to a 7-stroke victory over her sister **Morgan Smith**, who won this event in 2018.

"This is one of our favorite tournaments and courses to play. My sister and I love this event. It feels good to have matched her

(my sister) with a win here," the younger Smith reflected.

Not to be outdone a rising star won his second consecutive Challenge Cup event in the Boys 13 & Under Division. **North Chery**, a name you will be hearing for many years, outdueled **Matthew Oliveira** by 3-strokes to take top honors. Chery carded rounds of 71-72 for a 1-under par 143 total.

The 30th annual World Series of Junior Golf attracted a field of 163 junior golfers from 7 states. All four champions finished the tournament with under par winning totals (a tournament first). A total of 12 players finished the 36-hole event under par. Despite some of the perks at tournaments being removed due to Covid-19, one of the traditions that has become a part of the World Series continued at this year's championship. Palagi's Ice Cream truck was on campus for the 2nd round. A sliver of return to normalcy. •

Connecticut Amateur Championship

Christopher Fosdick def. Cody Paladino 1 up

Maine Amateur Championship

Cole Anderson 71-67-65-203 (-10)

John Hayes 72-69-68-209 (-4)

Massachusetts Amateur Championship

Matthew Organisak def. Nick Maccario 2 up

New Hampshire Amateur Championship

James Pleat def. Cameron Sheedy 2 & 1

Rhode Island Amateur Championship

Jamie Lukowicz def. Andrew O'Leary 2 & 1

Vermont Amateur Championship

Garren Poirier 68-64-69-72-273 (-15)

Corey Jozefiak 72-64-71-67 (-14)



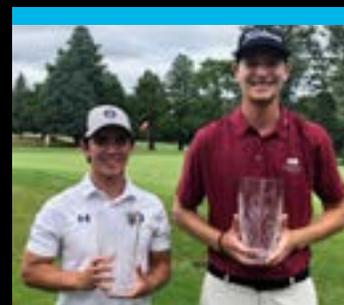
John Hiller and
Jonathan Elkins



Jack Boulger



North Chery



Davis Chatfield and
Jimmy Hervol

Boys 13 & Under Division

1	North Chery	Monroe, CT (2025)	-1	F	71	72	143
2	Matthew Oliveira	North Dartmouth, MA (2025)	+2	F	72	74	146
3	John Scully II	Winchester, MA (2025)	+9	F	74	79	153
4	Aarav Lavu	Wellesley, MA (2027)	+15	F	80	79	159
5	Rocco Capalbo	Westerly, RI (2027)	+18	F	82	80	162

Boys 14-18 Division

1	John Hiller	New York, NY (2024)	-4	F	69	71	140
2	Jonathan Elkins	South Deerfield, MA (2020)	-4	F	68	72	140
T3	Christopher Pieper	Woodbury, CT (2022)	-3	F	72	69	141
T3	Colin Spencer	Mashpee, MA (2022)	-3	F	73	68	141
T5	Jack Pepin	Plaistow, NH (2021)	-2	F	69	73	142
T5	Zachary Colon	Bolton, MA (2022)	-2	F	70	72	142
T5	Will Braxton	Saratoga Springs, NY (2021)	-2	F	71	71	142
T8	Liam Gill	Wayland, MA (2021)	-1	F	67	76	143
T8	Alex Landry	Andover, MA (2022)	-1	F	71	72	143
T8	Weston Jones	Sudbury, MA (2021)	-1	F	71	72	143

Girls Division

1	Molly Smith	Westford, MA (2023)	-1	F	69	74	143
2	Morgan Smith	Westford, MA (2022)	+6	F	76	74	150
3	Sofia Robinson	Weston, MA (2024)	+8	F	76	76	152
4	Christine Mandile	Winchester, MA (2021)	+10	F	79	75	154
5	Kylie Eaton	Greenville, RI (2023)	+11	F	75	80	155
T6	Victoria Veator	Bridgewater, MA (2023)	+14	F	79	79	158
T6	Emma Abramson	Sandwich, MA (2023)	+14	F	77	81	158
T8	Eva Gonzales	Nashua, NH (2023)	+16	F	82	78	160
T8	Mackenzie Whitney	Westminster, MA (2022)	+16	F	74	86	160
10	Jillian Barend	North Attleboro, MA (2020)	+19	F	82	81	163

Amateur Invitational

1	Jack Boulger	Walpole, MA	-4	F	-9	76	62	138
T2	Ricky Stimets	Osterville, MA	-3	F	E	68	71	139
T2	Nick Maccario	Manchester, NH	-3	F	E	68	71	139
T2	Michael Thorbjornsen	Wellesley, MA (2020)	-3	F	-4	72	67	139
T5	Weston Jones	Sudbury, MA (2021)	-2	F	E	69	71	140
T5	Davis Chatfield	Attleboro, MA	-2	F	E	69	71	140
T5	Chris Francoeur	Amesbury, MA	-2	F	-2	71	69	140
T5	Jared Winiarz	Norton, MA (2018)	-2	F	-5	74	66	140
T9	Dillon Brown	Halifax, MA	-1	F	+2	68	73	141
T9	Matt Parziale	Brockton, MA	-1	F	+1	69	72	141
T9	Max Jackson	Cumberland, RI (2024)	-1	F	-1	71	70	141
T9	Charlie Dubiel	North Palm Beach, FL	-1	F	-2	72	69	141

BOULGER POSTS COURSE RECORD

EN ROUTE TO AMATEUR INVITATIONAL CROWN

UConn senior-to-be **Jack Boulger** entered the final round of the Amateur Invitational with little chance of winning the title. An opening round of 5-over par 76 left him 8-strokes behind the trio of **Nick Maccario**, **Ricky Stimets** and **Dillon Brown** in a tie for 69th just barely making the first round cut. 62 strokes later Boulger was leaving the scoring area as the leaders were just pulling into the parking lot at New England CC.

"I could barely find the world in the first round," Boulger said. Today I was locked in though. Everything was clicking. With so many good players in the field I didn't think my total would be good enough for the win. I was just pumped I broke the course record."

Roughly six hours after Boulger posted his round, the Walpole resident, then a spectator watched as the last player in the field with a chance to tie him, clanked his 5-footer for birdie off the pin leaving Boulger an improbable winner and **Ricky Stimets** a stunned runner-up.

"I probably should have adjusted the flag stick on that last putt," reflected Stimets. I am pretty sure if we could have removed the pins it would have gone in. This is the era we are in though. What can you do? Tip of the cap to Jack. That was an incredible round. Not sure what course he was playing."

Stimets wasn't the only one who had his chances to match Boulger. 2019 Mass Golf Mid-Amateur champion **Nick Maccario** missed a couple of very makable putts down the stretch to fall 1-stroke shy.

"Prior to the tournament I felt like you were going to have to do something special to win this tournament," stated Maccario. "The top 8 players ranked in Massachusetts by Scratch Players were in the field. I don't know if we will have a field this strong all season. Jack certainly did something special. 62 here is an amazing round."

2018 USGA Junior Amateur champion **Michael Thorbjornsen** put on a frantic rally by birdeying



four holes in a row (the 11th through 14th) to get within 1-stroke, but he missed his best chance to tie Boulger at the 17th hole where he had a harsh lip out for birdie from 12-feet. A spectacular par from the water hazard that fronts the 18th green earned him top honors in the Junior Division, 1-stroke clear of **Weston Jones**.

While the younger players were staging brilliant battles, recently retired **Jack Kearney** held off three of Mass Golf's top seniors en route to the Legends Division crown. Kearney posted rounds of 71-75 for a 4-over par 146 total, 2-strokes clear of **Frank Vana Jr.**, **John Hedges** and **David Pierce**. Talk about your Fab 4's.

Had Boulger not won in such dramatic fashion, the talk of the tournament may have been the play of 14-year old **Max Jackson**. Jackson carded rounds of 71-70 to finish with a 1-under par 141 total, tied for 9th with the likes of former USGA Mid-Amateur champion **Matt Parziale** and three of New England's top collegians.

The Amateur Invitational attracted a field of 149 players. It was the first competitive event in 2020 for many of the players in the field, as virtually every tournament had been canceled due to Covid-19 to date.

NATION CLAIMS FIVE STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Six state amateur championships were contested over the past month and Challenge Cup Nation produced five champions and five runner-ups.

In an all Challenge Cup final at Connecticut State Am, Chris Fosdick rallied from a 5 down deficit through 16 holes to beat 2006 Challenge Cup Player of the Year Cody Paladino 1 up. Fosdick made an eagle and six birdies, including four in a row on Nos. 9-12, in shooting an 8-under 63, one off the course record, in the afternoon round. He and Paladino, who fired a final round 67, combined to shoot 11 under for the first 12 holes best-ball in a phenomenal display of golf.

In Massachusetts all eight quarterfinalists hailed from the Nation. The final was yet another thriller in which Matthew Organisak defeated Nick Maccario 2 up at the Kittansett Club.

Cole Anderson led a Challenge Cup 6-pack as he dusted the field at the Maine Amateur. The top 6-finishers cut their teeth with the Challenge Cup.

James Pleat (NH) and Garren Poirier (VT) completed the visit to "Champions Row" for Challenge Cup Nation. The victories were extra special for two of New England's top mid-amateurs. Poirier's win was an emotional one, as he won the inaugural Dave Pfannenstein Trophy named in honor of his friend, Dave Pfannenstein, the former Vermont Golf Association executive director, who died this spring.

Pleat became the 4th member of the Pleat family to win the NH Amateur. His father is a 3-time NH Amateur champion. James' grandfather Thomas J. Leonard, Jr. won eight New Hampshire state amateurs between 1939 and 1952, and his great grandfather Thomas J. Leonard, Sr. won in 1922.

Jamie Lukowicz prevented a Nation sweep winning a barnburner with defending champion Andrew O'Leary at the RI Am.



Matthew Organisak
Picture Courtesy of David Colt

NATION REPRESENTATION

2018 USGA Junior Amateur champion Michael Thorbjornsen and 2017 USGA Mid-Amateur champion Matt Parziale lead a strong contingent of Challenge Cup players past and present who were invited to the 2020 USGA Amateur Championship.

For the first time in the history of the US Amateur the field for the tournament proper was determined by the WAGR ranking system. Due to Covid-19 the USGA canceled all of its qualifiers and utilized the WAGR system to determine the field. In addition to using the ranking system the field was trimmed from 312 players to 264 players.

2015 Challenge Cup Player of the Year Patrick Welch, fresh off a 9th place finish at the Southern Junior, Providence Open low am Davis Chatfield, recent Boston College grad Christian Cavaliere, Rutgers stalwart Chris Gotterup, and Michigan grad Brent Ito round out the Challenge Cuppers, who will do battle with the world's top amateur golfers August 10-16 at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, Oregon.

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Collin and Justin are playing a match. Collin hits a ball close to a bunker and it gets imbedded in the ground and only the top 2/3 of the ball is visible. Collin thinks he should get a free drop, but Justin disagrees. What is the ruling?

Ruling: Rule 16-3 says that players may take a free drop if the ball is imbedded anywhere but in a hazard or bunker. The player is allowed to lift, clean and place and drop it within one club length, not nearer the hole.

FOSDICK SPECTACULAR IN STATE AMATEUR WIN

A week before the Connecticut State Golf Association Amateur Championship, Chris Fosdick advanced through the Travelers Championship pre-qualifier at Ellington Ridge CC, a thrill for any 17-year-old. But that feat put Fosdick in a serious dilemma. The Travelers Championship open qualifier for the final two spots in the field was the same day as the 36-hole qualifying for match play in the State Amateur at Shorehaven GC in East Norwalk.

Fosdick had reached the State Am after an opening 4-over 40 on the front nine at his home course, Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield, but rallied on the back side with a 4-under 32 that enabled him to share medalist honors. So after weighing the pros and cons of trying to play in his first PGA Tour event or compete in the biggest amateur tournament in the state, Fosdick opted to head to Shorehaven GC instead of making a second appearance at Ellington Ridge CC in hopes of improving his amateur status.

"It was an extremely difficult decision," Fosdick said. It certainly proved to be the right decision as Fosdick made what is believed to be the biggest comeback in 118 State Amateur finals, rallying from 5-down after 16 holes to beat former pro and 2013 champion Cody Paladino 1 up in the 36-hole final. Fosdick made an eagle and six birdies, including four in a row on Nos. 9-12, in shooting an 8-under 63, one off the course record, in the afternoon round. He and Paladino, who had 67, combined to shoot 11 under best-ball for the first 12 holes in a phenomenal display of golf that players in the Travelers Championship would have had a hard time duplicating.

"It's the best match that I've ever been part of," said Fosdick, who qualified 21st for match play and reached the final with a 2-up victory over medalist Bradford Tilley, another former pro who won three New York Mid-Amateur championships in 10 days last fall. "When you're 5-down, it's hard not to feel down, but I knew there were still 20 holes to play, so I just tried to hang in there. And I tried to stay below the hole because I thought I could go low if I did, and I went really low."

Fosdick, of Wallingford CC, actually started his comeback when he parred the 17th hole and made 25-foot birdie putt at No. 18 to get within 3-down at the lunch break.

"Making that 25-footer gave me a lot of momentum," Fosdick said. "I knew I was still in it."

Then on the par-5 first hole in the afternoon, Fosdick hit a 188-yard 7-iron to 4 feet and made the putt for eagle. A 15-footer for birdie at the third hole got Fosdick within 1-down, but Paladino made an 18-footer for birdie at No. 4 to double his lead.

Paladino missed birdie bids of 10 and 25 feet on the last two holes, and Fosdick made routine pars, missing 12-foot



birdie putt at No. 18 that would have given him a share of the course record. But he had hit a 122-yard wedge shot from a fairway bunker to set up the possible closing birdie that he called his best shot of the day.

Moments later, Fosdick was celebrating with several junior golf buddies, two of whom played in the championship, and Mike Kohs, his former coach at Xavier High School in Middletown. Kohs had watched Fosdick win the first Connecticut High School Open Championship in 2018 before he became an All-American as a freshman at Division II Florida Southern this year. But Fosdick decided to transfer for more of a challenge at the University of Virginia, where CSGA executive director Mike Moraghan was the men's golf coach for 15 years.

"I really wanted to get into a solid program where the players really play off each other," Fosdick said. "The Atlantic Coast Conference is really strong, so that will give me a lot of great competition and shape me more for professional golf."

In two years, Fosdick will be joined by close friend Ben James, a 17-year-old who will be a junior at Hamden Hall County Day and twice edged Fosdick for the individual title as Connecticut won the team competition in the New England Junior Championship the past two years. The duo played together on the CSGA Tri-State Team last year, and James, considered by many as the best male junior player in Connecticut golf history, also finished third in the Connecticut Open and won two of three matches as the U.S. Junior Presidents Cup Team beat the International side in December in Melbourne, Australia. He bogeyed the 18th hole to lose to Paladino in the State Am quarterfinals.

Paladino, 31, became a reinstated amateur in April after

spending five years pursuing a professional career on four tours on four continents and playing in 32 countries, including golfing outposts such as China, Malaysia, Thailand, Columbia, Chile, Ecuador and Paraguay.

"It was a very tough decision, excruciatingly tough," Paladino said of ending his pro career. "But over time, the travel, the pressure, constantly being concerned about finances, it takes a toll. And as time went on, the related stress and strain wears on you. 'Why haven't I made it?' You're feeling so unstable about your life. Does that affect what's happening on the course? I don't know. But I know it's hard to separate the two. And in the end, I knew there were other things I wanted to do with my life."

After talking to close friends and relatives, including some of the Wethersfield Country Club members who had supported his LLC, Paladino joined boyhood friend Kevin Josephson, another good amateur player, at Lyle Health, a new health industry placement company in Farmington where is the Director of Surgical Services. He is engaged to be married to fiancé Anna Pfau, a commercial real estate financial officer, in October. Paladino's gallery included Pfau, his mother Cindy, older brother Brent and Chuck Lasher, his coach for 15 years. Brent, an accomplished player who formerly worked at the CSGA, is now the senior director of championship administration for the U.S. Golf Association.

As expected, Paladino had mixed feelings about losing in the final of his return to amateur golf.

"It's hard to take away with what I did for the week right now, but of course, I'm disappointed," said Paladino, runner-up to Tommy McDonagh in the 2006 State Amateur and winner of the 2015 Connecticut Open. "I played great for a while, then got kind of stagnant and let Chris back into the match and then played good in the afternoon. I felt I controlled my emotions well and never thought about losing a 5-up lead because you know there are going to be changes in a match.

"You just have to give Chris all the credit in the world. He played exceptional in coming back, just spectacular, just outstanding. I love competing and testing myself and hope to meet Chris somewhere in the future."

DOYLE CAPTURES TWO MAJOR JUNIOR TITLES

Matt Doyle won two major state junior championships in quite different fashion. First, the 17-year-old standout at Hand High School in Madison captured the Connecticut Junior PGA Championship by 10 strokes at Keney Park GC in Hartford. Doyle, 17, shot 8-under 132 for 36 holes to easily outdistance Christopher Pieper of Woodbury. Josephine Genereux, 16, of Greenwich was nearly as dominant in the girls' division, shooting even-par 140 for a nine-stroke victory over Mia Scarpati of Norwalk.

A week later, Doyle defeated Kyle St. Pierre of Shelton High School 2 and 1 in the CSGA Junior Championship at Watertown GC in the first matchup of the Southern Connecticut Conference foes. They were scheduled to meet twice this spring, but high

school sports were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Doyle lost to Connor Belcastro in the 2018 Junior Amateur final but is now believed to be only the fourth player in history to win the two major state junior events in the same year.

The shot of the tournament in the Junior PGA Championship was Gavin Kvadus' hole-in-one on the 290-yard, par-4 12th hole for a rare double eagle. Kvadus, 14, is fortunate to be playing golf as he has a rare condition called Juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibroma, a benign vascular tumor that appears in the nasal cavity. Since being diagnosed two years ago, Kvadus has undergone seven surgeries and had tumors removed four times at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford.

"I was super excited to make the hole-in not only on a par-4 but in an actual golf tournament," Kvadus said. "I'm excited that I played well enough to qualify for next year's tournament by finishing in the top 40." The hole-in-one led Kvadus to a 71, 10 strokes lower than his first round, and a tie for 32nd.

HOLLAND WINS SNEWGA TITLE AGAIN

Jen Holland of Lyman Orchards GC shot 7-over 149 for 36 holes to win her record eighth Southern New England Women's Golf Association Championship at Richter Park GC in Danbury. Holland finished 11 strokes ahead of Debbie Johnson of Oronoque CC in Stratford and put herself in position to win the CSGA's Liz Janangelo Caron Female Player of the Year for the fourth year of the award. She captured the Connecticut State Women's Amateur Championship Senior Division in 2019, finishing third overall.

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BECKER WINS HIS THIRD CONN. SENIOR OPEN

As the years progressed, Jim Becker has appreciated the game that he has played for nearly six decades more and more. And he never appreciated golf more than on July 13, when he birdied two of the last three holes for a second 3-under 68 and a two-stroke victory over defending champion Robin Byrd in the storm-delayed final round of the 38th Connecticut Senior Open at Shenecosset Golf Course.

"This is the highest on the gratification scale," said Becker, the head pro at Blue Fox Run Golf Club in Avon. "I'm 64 years old, so you never know when you're going to win again, but the more you win, the better it gets. Being close is always fun, and to get it done this time is very gratifying. I'm just trying to accumulate as many wins as possible and hopefully get in the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame. I didn't play a lot in the state through the years so people might not know what I've accomplished, but maybe this will get me some consideration."

Maybe more than just some. Becker's latest victory was historic, as he became the first player to win the Senior Open three times (2012, 2015 and 2020) and the Connecticut Open twice, in 1975 and 1976 as an amateur. And he did it in a championship fashion.

Becker, who began the day tied with Byrd, sank a 22-foot par putt from the fringe after a poor bunker shot at the 15th hole and then made a 9-footer for birdie at No. 16 for a one-stroke edge. He made a good par on No. 17 after his drive stopped on the edge of a fairway bunker, forcing him to stand in the sand and hit his approach off a sidehill lie. His 9-iron shot from 131 yards stopped 18 feet left of the hole, he two-putted for a par and retained his lead when Byrd missed from 6 feet to tie.

On the final hole, the par-5 18th, Byrd hit his second shot 70 feet right of the cup while Becker was in a greenside bunker and blasted 6 feet long. After Byrd rolled his eagle bid 4 feet to the left, Becker converted his birdie try to clinch the victory, worth \$4,000.

"I've won 60 to 70 tournaments, but this is first time that it came down to a putt on the last hole," a smiling Becker said. "That's what it's all about, and to make that last putt was really special."

Byrd missed his 4-footer for birdie, but it didn't matter because his 70 for 138 edged 2018 champion Bobby Gage (71), the new head pro at Green Woods Country Club in



Winsted where he learned to play the game, and Robert Tramonti, of Cumberland, R.I., who shot a 3-under 32 on the back nine, capped by a birdie at No. 18, for 69, the second-lowest final round behind Becker.

"I hit a lot of greens but didn't hit it close enough," said Byrd, who won eight mini-tour events and earned his PGA Tour Champions card in 2019 "Jim scrambled really well, and that's what you have to do to win."

Former Central Connecticut State University All-American John Elliott, the 2016 runner-up and 2017 champion who played on the PGA Tour and PGA Tour Champions, shot a second 71 to tie for fifth with Jan Wivestad, the head pro at Crestbrook Park GC in Watertown. Wivestad was only two strokes back at the turn but made a double-bogey 6 at No. 10 just before the horn sounded stopping play at 2:40 p.m. and then bogeyed the 11th hole after returning from a 50-minute delay.

David Jones, the club champion at Mohegan Sun Golf Club in Baltic, shot a second 72 to tie for eighth and was low amateur for the third time, earning \$300 in merchandise credit. Ironically, he has won that title in the same years that Becker captured the tournament.

But it was really a two-time horse race after Gage failed to make any kind of charge after starting the final round one back in third. "I just didn't have it," said Gage, 55, who has played on the PGA Tour, Kerry Ford Tour and PGA Tour Champions. "I didn't have good control and just didn't drive the ball very well, which is what you have to do here."

A TRAVELERS LIKE NEVER BEFORE



CROMWELL, Conn. – No spectators. No concession stands. No corporate skyboxes. No earth-shattering roars from some of the largest crowds on the PGA Tour. No problem.

Despite seven players withdrawing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Travelers Championship again proved why it's the biggest and most important sporting event in Connecticut. The starting field was the best since the tournament began as the Insurance City Open in 1952, and though two of the top five players in the world didn't get to the first tee at TPC River Highlands because of the virus, high drama and a stirring finish produced yet another worthy champion.

As in most sports, you often need to be good AND lucky as bearded Dustin Johnson proved on the way to a closing 3-under-par 67 for a 72-hole total of 19-under 261 and a one-stroke victory over 2014 champion Kevin Streelman after being 1-over for his first 12 holes of the tournament. The win ended a 490-day drought, matching the longest of his career that almost certainly will land Johnson in the World Golf Hall of Fame.

After starting the final round two strokes behind Brendan Todd, four birdies gave Johnson a three-shot lead with six holes to go after Todd made a triple-bogey 7 at No. 12. But Johnson's hooked drive at the reachable par-5 13th hole hit a cart path and went inches out of

bounds, and he had to make an 10-foot putt for bogey to remain two ahead of Streelman, who had made a 10-footer for birdie in the group ahead.

Johnson then got one of the most fortuitous breaks in tournament history at the drivable par-4 15th hole when his pulled 3-hybride drive stopped inches from a pond thanks to the ground being soggy from rain the last two rounds. He took off his shoes and socks, rolled up his pants, waded into the water, didn't get his pitch to the green, hit another pitch to 3 feet and made the putt for par to remain two ahead of Streelman.

Johnson made a routine par on the 17th hole and then flushed a 351-yard drive on No. 18, the longest of the day on the hole by 15 yards, hit an 82-yard lob wedge shot to 12 feet and two-putted for his 21st career victory. That enabled Johnson to tie Hall of Fame members Davis Love III, William Macfarlane, Craig Woods and 1992 Canon Greater Hartford Open champion Lanny Wadkins for 30th on the PGA Tour wins list.

"I putted very nicely, and it's very exciting to get my 21st win and my first win of the season," said Johnson, who used a new putter that had him feeling as if he was rolling the ball down the line better. "It was big because I hadn't played well, but I put in a lot of good work the last couple weeks after Colonial (Charles

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Schwab Challenge) so it's nice to see the game just start coming around.

"It's definitely strange playing with no fans, but you still can feel the pressure, you still can feel how important a golf tournament it is. It was strange not seeing a whole bunch of people around the 18th green, but coming down the stretch, it felt the same to me, whether it was a million fans or zero."

Streelman won six years ago thanks to closing with seven consecutive birdies, the most in PGA Tour history by a champion. There's a plaque on the 12th tee commemorating the start of Streelman's record run, but he narrowly missed birdie putts on the last two holes this year to finish one back after a 67, his 14th consecutive sub-70 round at TPC River Highlands.

Added Streelman, "I did my best, and that's all I can ask for. And I sure love this place. It's very special for me to always get back here. The whole team is just incredible. (Tournament director) Nathan (Grube) and (Travelers executive) Andy (Bessette) are just the best in the business. It's an honor to be here and to be a past champion, and I plan to come back here for many more years to come."

Will Gordon, 23, birdied the 18th hole to shoot 64 and tie for third at 263 with Canadian Mackenzie Hughes. Gordon, who didn't have a PGA Tour card and nowhere to play after the MacKenzie Tour in Canada was canceled because of the virus, thanked Grube and Bessette for a sponsor's exemption. Gordon was especially grateful when the tie for third gave him enough non-member FedExCup points to earn a Special Temporary Membership for the remainder of the 2019-20 season. He became eligible for unlimited sponsor exemptions as he tried to earn his PGA Tour card for the 2020-21 season.

"Nathan and Andy have had a long history of giving young guys opportunities," Gordon said, "and last summer when I was up in Canada, there were guys down here my age getting starts, and they were able to take advantage last summer. I was really excited and thankful to have the opportunity this year and looking forward to taking advantage and felt confident. I was supposed to play in three events that got canceled over COVID, so for those guys to take a chance on me and believe in me means the world."

Kevin Na made a 23-foot birdie putt on No. 18 to shoot 67 and snare solo fifth at 264, one ahead of Ryan Armour (64), Brennan Steele (66), Patton Kizzire (67), Scott Stallings (67) and No. 11 Bryson DeChambeau (68), who notched his sixth consecutive top-10 finish. Top-ranked Rory McIlroy, never a serious threat, shot 67 to finish in a nine-way tie for 11th at 267 that also included Todd (75), No. 9 Patrick Cantlay (65), Zach Johnson (68), Abraham Ancer (69) and Viktor Hovland (68), one of the four leading amateurs in the world who turned pro and received a sponsor's exemption last year.

Phil Mickelson, the only back-to-back winner in tournament history (2001-02) who led after 36 holes at

13-under 127, shot a second straight 71 to tie for 24th at 269. Defending champion Chez Reavie, who made the cut on the number at 136, shot 69 to tie for 46th at 273.

The 156-player starting field had the top seven players in the world rankings, nine of the top 10 and 15 of the top 20. But Cameron Champ, fourth-ranked Brooks Koepka and No. 5 Webb Simpson, coming off a victory in the RBC Heritage, were among five players to withdraw two days before the tournament because of issues with COVID-19. Champ and the caddies of Koepka (Ricky Elliott) and Graeme McDowell (Ken Convoy) tested positive for the virus. Koepka's younger brother Chase, one of two to advance in open qualifying, withdrew because he had played a practice round with McDowell and Brooks, and Simpson departed as a precaution after a family member tested positive. But Chase was the beneficiary of the "class move of the week" when officials guaranteed him a sponsor's exemption to the 2021 tournament.

"It is 100 percent confirmed," Grube said of Koepka's special invite. "I called Chase and said, 'Listen, I don't know if you'll even need it next year, but if you need a spot, we have you covered. We were so excited for you, so looking forward to see you play, and we know you're disappointed. But you're here (next year). You've got a spot.'"

Reached at home as he watched the first round, Koepka, 26, said, "I was ecstatic when I got the call. I obviously didn't know something like that would happen. ... It makes me feel so great that they saw what I did. Hopefully, I don't need the start and can find a way to earn my PGA Tour for next year."

Despite the lack of fans, the tournament still generated more than \$1.6 million for charity. Two days after Johnson won, the tournament and Hartford Foundation for Public Giving announced they were providing a two-year, \$300,000 grant to the University of New Haven's Center for Advanced Policing (CAP) and Tow Youth Justice Institute (TYJI) to launch the Connecticut Institute for Youth and Police Relations (CIYPR) in Greater Hartford. CIYPR will enhance education and training delivered to police officers to assist them in balancing the demands of public safety and the best interests of youth and the Black and diverse communities.

The program is expected to begin in the fall and focus on police officers who have regular contact with young adults to the age of 24. CIYPR staff will integrate community perspectives on current policing to inform the curriculum and discussions with participating officers. At the conclusion of training, the officers will focus on a project intended to make lasting improvements in their departments' relationships with young people and families in their respective communities. A mighty worthwhile cause in these trying times.

THOUGHTS FROM A WOMAN GOLFER

Katharine Dyson is a member of the Golf Writers Assn. of America and the Golf Travel Writers of America and writes a woman's column in each issue of snegolfer.com.



WHAT REALLY COUNTS WHEN IT COMES TO "WOMEN-FRIENDLY?"

Too often I hear a course described as "women-friendly" because it is ridiculously easy. They don't get it. Just because a course is more open, flatter and with fewer bunkers, doesn't mean it's the one women prefer to play. Women like a challenge as much as men but a well-designed layout gives us choices like alternate routes for forced carries. Women like to play courses that are fun, not dumbed down. "Easy" can also be about as exciting as a mole sauce without anchovies.



FIRST TEE JITTERS

Your heart beats faster. Will you top the ball, shank it into the saguaro cactus, or dribble it off the mound? So embarrassing, especially if you're playing with a new boyfriend or your boss. Forget that. Pull the club you feel most comfortable with (not necessarily your driver), take some relaxed practice swings, suck in a deep yoga breath and hum Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah. Swing. Well you missed it? So what. Patience grasshopper. You'll soon learn no one cares. **NO ONE CARES.** Golfers focus on their own game, not yours.



TEE SENSE

When I asked the pro why the green and red tees were so close together on his course, he mumbled, "Uh, some guys don't like to move up to the reds even if they can't hit the ball farther than 150 yards." Well that's a quick fix I thought. Don't paint them red, don't call them "ladies' tees" and design tee boxes at sensible increments. Then all golfers, men and women, can play from the tee that best suits his or her game.



SURPRISING WAY TO GET MORE WOMEN INTO GOLF

This year our witty, smart league president used her secret weapon to increase participation. She sent out weekly emails to everyone that were self-effacing, funny, and encouraging. And she named names. No one escaped her keen eye. Take the day I opted out and tried to sneak by the golfers' lunch table to join my card-playing friends. She caught me and I too appeared in her next email. Her parting message for this season read, "I've had fun trying to lay a guilt trip on all of you if you don't show up for golf! My tactics never worked with my boys, so I'm trying to hone my skill on all of you. Forgive me, and just try to be kind to old people!!!" Do we read her emails? Do we show up? You bet.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH SHORT SKORTS (OR SHORTS) ON THE GOLF COURSE?

Nothing. Establishing length rules for golf attire is just plain stupid, and not practically enforceable. Ever hear of a pro measuring the length of a player's skort? You have tall players with long legs, and short....you get my point. I see nothing wrong with more glam on the links as long as we're talking tasteful.



TIPS FOR PLANNING THE PERFECT GIRLS' GOLF GETAWAY

A golf vacation with no men? What's that all about? Kickback camaraderie naturally, on and off course. Find a place such as a condo or house where you can all be together, then delegate tasks—restaurant reservations, food, transportation, projected costs, daily tournaments, communications, other activities and itinerary. Bring comfy pajamas and games for late evening fun. Trust me, you'll want to do it again.



HOW GOLF CAN HELP YOU BREAK THE GLASS CEILING

Going shopping or getting a hot rock massage on a corporate outing instead of joining in on the golf is a big time No-No. Not only do you lose the opportunity of spending several hours getting to better know your fellow associates, your isolation can continue into the evening as players rehash their miraculous shots. Boring. You don't play? Guess what, it's time to learn. Then you too can share your birdies with the gang over a glass of Cab. Sweet.



BEWARE OF MAKING SOMEONE'S OLD CLUBS YOURS

What are you thinking? The balance, the shafts, the forgiveness of the heads—everything about someone else's clubs, could be totally wrong for you. If you can't get the ball off the ground with your husband's blade irons, you're not going to want to play the game. Listen up men. If you really want your sugar pop to join you on the links, treat them to a custom fitting and a snazzy new set of clubs.



HANG IN THERE

I've seen it a lot: good women athletes who excel in tennis or softball who try to take up golf, only to give it up. Too hard they say. I say hang in there. It's worth it. Take some lessons, learn the etiquette so know where you should stand and how to drive the cart—things that make you feel comfortable. Then go out and play with forgiving friends. Take more lessons. Just don't give up. It's a tough game. If you find it's not your warm and fuzzy place, well, there's always mahjong. That too is a game that can last a lifetime. But remember, whereas mahjong is good for your mind, golf is good for your body and mind.



THE RULES NAZI

If you're playing in a tournament, you better know the latest rules. If someone on your team abuses the rules, you need to "protect the field" and kindly explain the infraction. If you're just playing for fun, you still need to know the rules, but keep your mouth shut unless asked. You're out to have a great time. The important thing is to know the difference. Do not turn into a Rules Nazi.

Not long after he graduated from Bryant College in 1984, Drew Chapman faced a life-changing decision. He was using his business degree to earn a good paycheck. But he wasn't happy. His friend and mentor, Tom Tetrault, offered him a job as assistant golf pro at Fall River Country Club, where he had spent countless hours playing golf and working in the pro shop.

Chapman's brain told him to stick with the money. But his heart told him he'd never be happy if he wasn't working in the golf industry. He went with his heart. He's glad he did – and so are hundreds of people who have learned how to swing a golf club and a lot more from Drew Chapman.

Two years after taking the Fall River job, the Somerset native was offered the position of head pro at Highland Country Club, the beloved private course in Attleboro that dates back to 1901. He continued in that role for 31 years until Highland closed in 2018.

Among his accomplishments over the years was being named the 2010 Rhode Island PGA Teacher of the Year and launching an annual youth clinic for the Attleboro Area Golf Association. Chapman also prided himself in running clinics for club pros, so that they can pass the lessons on to their students. "I've probably given more lessons to club pros than any other group," he said.

After another stint at Fall River Country Club, Chapman earlier this year was named head pro at The Links at Mass Golf, the par-3 course in Norton that serves as the home of the state's First Tee program, which introduces the game and teaches its values to young people. Becoming an integral part of the First Tee program is what sold Chapman on the job with Mass Golf.

"We're trying to make good golfers and better citizens," Chapman said in his office on the second floor of The Links clubhouse in Norton. "What appealed to me with this job is the opportunity to make a bigger impact on the future of the game."

"His professionalism, positive attitude and commitment to growing the game will make him an incredible asset to The Links and to the First Tee program," said Kyle Harris, director of operations for the First Tee of Massachusetts.

Just as Tetrault took him under his wing at Fall River, Chapman mentored several youngsters at Highland who went on to play well but – more importantly to him – become strong role models. Among them are Jim Renner, who earned over \$1 million on the PGA Tour; Sean Harbour, who enjoyed an outstanding amateur and professional career; Davis Chatfield, now a member of the golf team at the University of Notre Dame; and Mike Michel, who played at Rutgers and who holds an annual around-the-clock fundraiser called 24 Hours of Golf to establish a foundation to introduce the game to young people. "I'm still giving an occasional lesson to Jimmy," Chapman said of Renner, who is trying resurrect his career at age 36 after a serious hip injury.

Chapman started in his position on March 5. A little more than a week later, the state, including the entire golf industry, was shut down by the coronavirus pandemic. When golf resumed in May, Chapman was limited in his activities. Only recently has he been able to give lessons again, including clinics and an expanded program with the Hockomock Area YMCA. "COVID certainly set us back," he said.

Chapman, 58, appreciates the opportunities he had when he was young. His father was an excellent player and a member at Fall River. Starting at age 10, he began spending hours at the course and soon was offered a pro shop job by Tetrault, who passed away this spring at the age of 70.

Chapman was the star player on his Somerset High School team and learned more about the game from legendary coach Archie Boulet at Bryant. During his time at Bryant the golf team climbed to number 3 in the country among Division II schools.

Following that life-changing decision over three decades ago, he knows he chose an enjoyable and interesting career. More than ever, he hopes to give back to the game.

Golf today faces challenges, with participation down and course closings on the rise. He believes his role at The Links offers an opportunity to grow the game against the three hurdles facing the sport: cost, time and difficulty of play. Costs are minimal for junior members at The Links, he says, and 18 holes there can be completed in just over two hours.

"And in terms of the difficulty," he says, breaking into a smile, "well, that's why I'm here."

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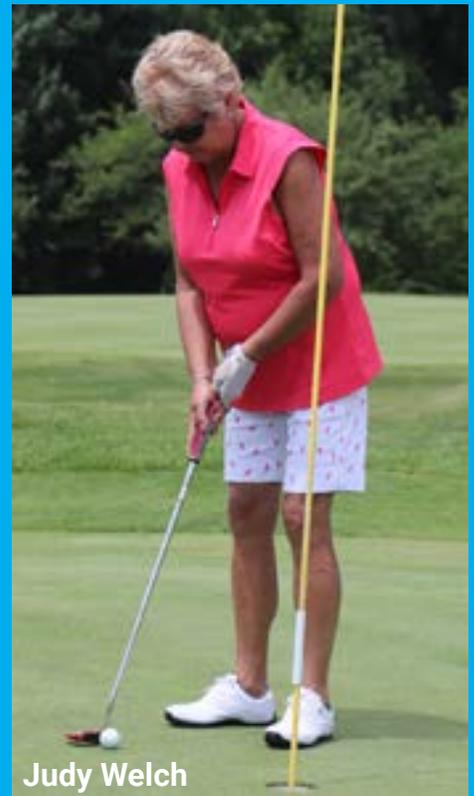
The Worcester County Women's Golf Association turns 75! WCWGA has a rich history, beginning with seasonal championship tournaments held in 1931, 1936 and 1940. The official founding date, though, for the WCWGA was in 1945, and the organization has been teeing it up on a regular basis every spring and summer since, making 2020 a birthday year—the 75th.

Since its birth, the WCWGA has grown and now boasts a membership of 24 golf clubs throughout the state with over 400 members. Several tournaments scheduled for 2020 were canceled because of the coronavirus, but the association was back up and running in late July with a tournament at Blackstone National in Sutton.

Interestingly, the yearly dues for WCWGA are usually \$15, but this year they have been cut in half to \$7.50 in tribute to the organization's 75th year of operation. Upcoming WCWGA tournaments include the following: July 29 at Green Hill Municipal in Worcester; Aug. 6 at Quinnetisett CC in Thompson CT, and Aug. 10 at Hopedale CC.

Member clubs in the WCWGA in Worcester County include the following:

Bedrock Golf Course, Blackstone National Golf Course, Blissful Meadows Golf Course, Cohasse Country Club, Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, Dudley Hill Golf Course, Gardner Municipal Golf Course, Green Hill Municipal Golf Course, Highfields Golf & Country Club, Holden Hills Country Club, Hopedale Country Club, Juniper Hill Golf Course, Leicester Country Club, Marlborough Country Club, Northern Spy Golf Club, Quail Hollow Golf Club, Quinnetisett Country Club, Raceway Golf Course, Shining Rock Country Club, Sterling National Country Club, Templewood Golf Course, Westboro Country Club, Westminster Country Club and Whitinsville Golf Course



Judy Welch

INAUGURAL JULY FOURTH TOURNAMENT

Patrick Casey made his final par putt, an easy two-footer on the 18th green, then turned to his father, Sean, and said, "It took me 22 years, but I finally did it." The "it" the 22-year-old Patrick was referring to was carding a lower score than his 52-year-old Dad, who has won four major championships at GMGC.

Patrick's 3-over-par 74 edged Sean's score by a stroke and the duo captured the inaugural Independence Day Weekend Four Ball Tournament at Gardner Municipal Golf Course with a 36-hole, low gross total of 5-under-par 137, a three-shot margin ahead of the field. Under perfect sunny skies for both days of competition, the Caseys opened with a 1-under-par 70 and a one-shot lead. On Sunday, they pulled away, charging to a 4-under 67, beginning with a wake-up call on the par-5 seventh hole.

After an extra-long drive, Patrick reached the seventh green in two shots, two-putted for birdie and they were pumped. The Caseys then reeled off birdies on the next three holes for a four-in-a-row blitz. "Our day could have been ugly before that ending on the front nine and the birdie to start the back," said Sean Casey, noting that they had bogeyed holes 4 and 6.

On the back nine, the Caseys never gave it away even when confronted with challenges. Sean made a par putt from 45 feet away on the 13th and Patrick rolled in a 40-footer for par on the 17th. "It was a day when we made a lot of feet of putts," said Sean Casey, who lives in Leominster. "And it was a lot of fun."

Besides winning the tournament, Patrick Casey was just as thrilled with carding a lower score than his father for the first time. "This has been a long time coming. I've tied him three or four times,



Sean Casey with son Patrick

and two summers ago I had a two-shot lead over him on the 18th, but I doubled and he made birdie," said the 6-foot-3 Patrick, who recently graduated from UMass-Amherst and is now living in Medford and working as a computer software engineer in cyber security for the Mitre Corporation.

Sean Casey, who played college golf at St. Anselm in Manchester, N.H., has won GMGC's junior and men's club championships as well as the Delay Memorial once and the Commissioner's Cup Match Play Championship twice, was obviously pleased with his son's performance, although admitting, with a smile, that he doesn't enjoy getting beat by anyone.

CENTRAL MASS SENIOR TOUR

The Central Mass Senior Men's Golf Tour, with increasing participation this summer, will continue to hold events every Thursday through Oct. 22. There are no annual dues or membership fees, and you can show up as a group, pair or single. For more information, contact DeCarolis at 508-560-9545 or email at seniormensgolfma@gmail.com.

The weekly cost is \$24 to walk. Cart riders will pay an additional \$16 to \$20 more depending on the course. There is also an optional "Closest to the Pin" contest each week with two winners, one from the regular tees and one from the forward tees. Entry fee for the contest is only \$1.

The format is always point quota with the following points awarded: eight for a double eagle; five for an eagle; three for a birdie; two for a par, one for a bogey.

Tournaments through the end of September include the following: July 23 at Gardner Municipal; July 30 at Chicopee CC; Aug. 6 at Ellinwood CC; Aug. 1 at Ledges CC; Aug. 20 at Quail Hollow CC; Aug. 27 at Cold Springs CC; Sept. 3 at Heritage CC; Sept. 10 at Westminster CC; Sept. 17 at Southhampton and Sept. 29 at Templewood GC.

WORCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR

Owen Quinn repeated as the Worcester County Amateur champion, firing a 1-under-par 71 at Wachusett Country Club, finishing the two-day tournament at 5-under 139, edging Max Ferrari of Framingham CC by a shot and Tim Umphrey of Worcester CC and Tatnuck CC by two shots.

For the 21-year-old Quinn, a graduate of Lehigh University, this was his second straight Worcester County Amateur victory. His father, Fran Jr., a PGA Tour Champions golfer, nursing back to health and competition after an injury, was on the scene watching Owen capture the title. Owen plans on completing a master's degree at Lehigh and may also turn pro next year. Fran Quinn Jr. won the first two Worcester County Amateur titles in 1986 and 1987.

Frank Vana Jr. of Marlboro CC tied for fourth at this year's event with John Frobert at 2-under 142. The 57-year-old Vana, the Worcester County Amateur champion for three straight years 1997-99, won the senior division for golfers aged 55 and older.

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LOOKING BACK

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011 OF SNE GOLFER

The cover of the Aug/Sept 2011 issue had Jeff Heddon of Connecticut on the cover with the headline Hooray for Fortysomethings! as he had just won the 2011 New England Amateur at Metacomet C.C. in East Providence, RI. What a difference from this year's winner, John Broderick who is 16 years old. He won the event over Richy Werenski (who ironically is leading the PGA Tour event in Minnesota as I'm writing this column.)

In other news, Brad Valois had just won his third Rhode Island State Amateur crown. Valois had won back-to-back title in 2006 and '07, then tried Q-School. He decided that life on Tour was not for him, and he went back to being an amateur.

The Northeast Amateur had just finished and the winner was Peter Uihlein who then turned professional and went to play on the European Tour with his good buddy Brooks Koepka. Uihlein has been playing on the PGA Tour for the last few years, but has not been able to get to the winner's circle like his buddy, Brooks.

Another story featured Samantha Morrell who won her first RIWGA Championship by defeating Jenna Masnyk 3 and 2 in the finals. In other divisions Chris Zanolli of Warwick C.C. won the President's Bowl by defeating

Nancy O'Neill 3 and 2, and Judy Horton of Potowomut defeated Michelle Scoggins in the Past President's Cup.

The Course Profile for the issue was Harbor Lights Marina @ Country Club in Warwick, R.I. The course had recently been purchased by former governor Phil Noel, his son Joe and Ted Wheeler. That had begun a masterful job of fixing up the nine-hole course that sits right next to Narragansett Bay.

Brad Faxon made the issue also. He had just turned 50 and joined the Champions Tour. "I'm psyched for this, I really am," said Faxon to our reporter Bob Dickson.

This was the third issue of Southern New England Golfer that had been Ocean State Golf for twenty years. We had hired many new writers to cover the wider area, and Bruce Berlet was showing how good and prolific a writer he was as he had two pages of stories that included Liz Caron, Tommy McDonagh, Branden Chicorka, Nicole Yatsenick and Linda Lyons.

The late Joe Gordon, who had written for the Boston Herald for over 30 years, was on staff. He did a fine story about Wentworth Hills in Plainville, Mass. The 2011 CVS Charity Classic was won by Matt Kuchar and Zach Johnson who were 24 under in the two-day event. Davis Love III and

Morgan Pressel finished second. Kyle Gallo won the Mass. Open, Rick Stimets won the Worcester County Amateur.

In another story Rory McIlroy was pictured as he had come to play on Cape Cod in at Willowbend after just winning the 2011 U.S. Open. Geoff Converse had the story. Travel stories for this issue include Brunswick Island in North Carolina, the Catskills in New York and Samoset Resort in Maine.

Many of the advertisers in that issue are still with us today. CVS took the center spread, the Deutsche Bank Championship took page 2 and Spargo Golf took the back cover. Golfers Warehouse has been advertising with us since we began and we so appreciate their support. The same goes for Rehoboth CC, Maplegate, Blissful Meadows, Beaver River, Triggs, Mulligan's Island and Laurel Lane. Calvino Law has been with us for over 20 years, and Bungay Brook, Wood River and Rehoboth continue to support the publication.

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MISSING LINKS

A few years ago I received a wonderful letter from Reverend Gerald Beirne from Narragansett, R.I. He had found a very interesting book by Daniel Wexler called "Missing Links" that listed classic courses around the country that were no longer around. Father Beirne decided to research courses in his native Rhode Island that were no longer in existence.

Like so many other things in life, I put it aside. "I'll get to it someday and it will make a good story for the publication," said I. Not. While looking through some old stuff I came across Father Beirne's letter and decided it was time.

The letter listed dozens of courses—some that I remembered and some that I never heard mentioned. My goal is to have readers send in courses that they remember in Connecticut and Massachusetts as well as any in Rhode Island not mentioned in this column. You can send them to bruce@snegolfer.com and I'll compile them for a story for a later date.

Father Beirne mentioned in the letter that Paul Kenyon, the former golf writer for the Providence Journal and a contributor to this publication, helped him with his list. I will be quoting Beirne often in this column. Here goes!

The only entry from Wexler's book for Rhode Island was Beaver Tail in Jamestown, an A.W. Tillinghast design that opened in 1925 on bluffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. "It was 6,423 yards and a par 71 and was only open to Jamestown residents plus Navy officers from Newport War College," wrote Wexler. It only lasted 20 years, closing in 1945.

Father Beirne found 40 other "missing links" in Rhode Island. One of his sources was Harper's Official Golf Guide, 1901. Little Rhody had 24 courses built in less than a ten year golfing boom. Five are still open—Agawam Hunt, Pawtucket, Wannamoisett, Misquamicut and Newport that hosted the first U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open Championships in 1895.

There were some weird names for courses, probably Indian in origin—Annaquatucket (No. Kingstown), Choppequonset (in Pawtuxet), Chackapacasset (in Barrington), Quinnobeguinn (in Cranston), Mianetuck (in Middletown).

When the Rhode Island Golf Assn. was founded in 1902, those courses above were members along with Weekapaug, Melrose and Long Meadow and a few others.

Here are courses that Fr. Beirne included in his "missing links"—Block Island—Ocean View Hotel Golf Links (it was easily accessible by steamship from Providence, New York and Newport), Valles Hotel and G.C.; Bristol Golf Club opened in 1897—it is now a retirement home. Blue Eagle was in Burrillville. Shelter Harbor was a posh 18-holer in the 1920's and 30's. Some of the holes from that course are incorporated in the new course that opened in the early 2000's.

Cranston also had Comstock GC on Scituate Ave., Meshanticut on Phenix Ave and Mechanticut Valley CC by Mr. Dean of Dean Estates. Cumberland had two courses—Cumberland and Cumberland Hill that was located right behind where Cumberland High School is now. Yawgoo Valley was a par 3 in Exeter, and is now a ski area. Spring Haven G.C. was on the Exeter/Hopkinton line.

Jamestown was considered a jewel for golfers. Besides Beaver Tail, they had Conanicut G.C. The only one still standing is Jamestown C.C. that opened in 1901 and some claim it is the oldest nine-hole course in the country. Besides Mianetuck, Middletown also had Sachuest near Third Beach that lasted into the 1950's. Narragansett has lost Eastward Look and there was a nine-hole course where the corn fields of Sunset Farm is today. It was built by James Duke, the father of Doris Duke of Newport. Bonnet Shores planned a nine-hole course near the beach—the clubhouse is still standing, but it never got started.

Newport had a private course called Ocean Links where Francis Ouimet once played. It was nine holes along Ocean Drive. North Kingstown had Saunders Golf Club and Wickford G.C. that are now gone. Pocasset in Portsmouth lasted until 2006.

Boulder Hills was an 18-hole course in Richmond. It is now a beautiful par 3 course designed by Robert O'Neill that is part of The Preserve. Smithfield had Stillwater where Route 295 now runs through. It was a 6-hole course that charged \$0.25 to play. South Kingstown had the Narragansett Golf Club that is now the Salt Pong Shopping Center. There was also a Women Only three-hole course called South County for women who couldn't get membership at the Narragansett Club.

Warwick had many courses that have been replaced by urban sprawl. I remember playing Bayside C.C. There was also Cowessett, Long Meadow, Massasoit and Oakland Beach. Westerly had Riverside, and Woonsocket had Woonsocket and Castle Hill.

Hope this brought back some good memories, it certainly did to me. Thanks so much to Father Beirne for sending this along. Imagine all these courses in a state that measures 30 miles by 40 miles. The goal now is to compile lists from Massachusetts and Connecticut—both much larger and probably much larger lists. I grew up in Connecticut and know some, but I need help from readers. Please send your remembered courses to me at bruce@snegolfer.com. I will keep compiling the lists and include a story in another issue. Thanks.

Bruce Vittner is a long-time member of the Golf Writers of America and the Golf Travel Writers of America and is old enough to remember many of those courses listed.

WARREN AND SEAVEY COMBINE TO WIN NEPGA JUNIOR-SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. -- A bogey on the third hole is all that stood between the duo of Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC) and Jeff Seavey, PGA (Goose River GC) and a 59 on Monday at the New England PGA Senior-Junior Championship at Wanumetonomy Golf & Country Club, as the two cruised to a four-shot victory.

Warren & Seavey combined for 11 birdies to post 10-under par 60 in the four-ball stroke play Championship. Six of those birdies came on the back-nine as the pair shot 29 on the back side. With just one par-5 on the course, the duo relied on strong iron play and great putting to pick up the win.

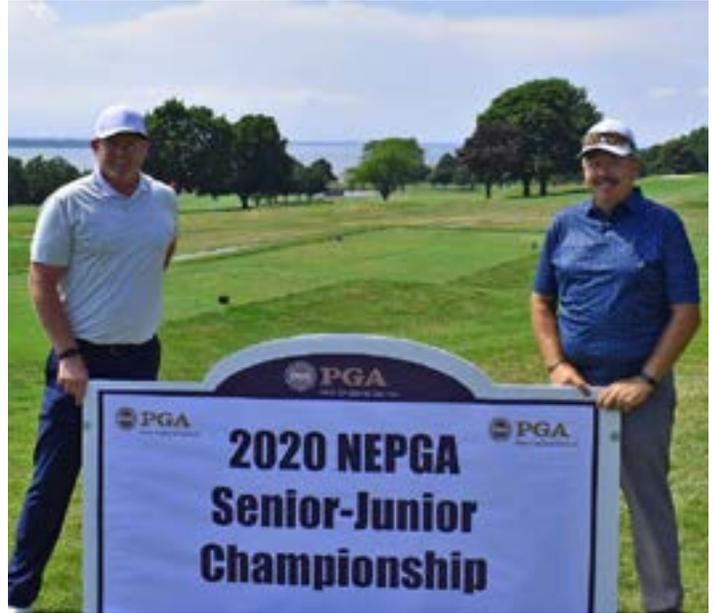
"I had the putter rolling," Seavey said. "On a lot of holes we had two putts for birdie. I stoned it a couple times to two or three feet and a few other times Shawn would hit it to eight feet, I'd hit it to 12 and make the putt and he would pick up. On the holes when I did hit it in the woods he was knocking it on the green and either making birdie or making par."

"On the back Jeff just kept on making putts," Warren added. "There was no secret to it. Any chance he had to get a good roll at it he just hit a ton of good putts and we were fortunate that they were falling."

2019 NEPGA Senior-Junior champions Chip Johnson, PGA (Hatherly CC) and Liam Friedman, PGA (Nashawtuc CC) tied for second at 6-under par 64 with eight birdies and two bogeys.

Brendon Ray, PGA (Point Judith CC) and Todd Scarafoni, PGA (Bass Rocks) rolled in five birdies without a bogey on the front to make the turn at 5-under par. They added two more birdies and a bogey on the back to post 6-under par 64 and join the tie for second, along with Brenden Mitchell, PGA (The Country Club) and Robert Tramonti, PGA (Triggs Memorial GC), who combined for seven birdies and just one bogey.

Results on page 29



Shawn Warren (L) & Jeff Seavey (R)

A scenic view of a golf course with a clubhouse in the background. The clubhouse has a prominent steeple. In the foreground, there is a green fairway and a sand trap. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text "Blissful Meadows Golf Club" is overlaid in a white, cursive font. Below the image, there is a black box containing white text.

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- 1 Jeff Seavey, Goose River & Shawn Warren, Falmouth CC: 31-29-60 -10
- T2 Chip Johnson, Hatherly & Liam Friedman, Nashawtuc: 32-32-64 -6
- T2 Brenden Mitchell, The Country Club & Robert Tramonti, Triggs Memorial GC: 32-32-64 -6
- T2 Brendon Ray, Point Judith CC & Todd Scarafoni, Bass Rocks GC: 30-34-64 -6 \$930.00
- T5 Matt Baran, The Ridge Club & Sean Edmonds, Oyster Harbors Club: 33-32-65 -5
- T5 John Hickson, Chequessett Yacht & CC & Nick Jagoe, Allendale: 31-34-65 -5
- T5 Jeff Martin, Wollaston GC & John Paesani, Bay Club at Mattapoisett: 33-32-65 -5
- T5 Matt Zdon, Belmont & Frank Dully, Kernwood CC: 32-33-65 -5
- T9 Robert Brusco, Blackstone National & Rick Karbowski, Auburn Driving Range: 32-34-66 -4
- T9 Steven Field, Plymouth & Peter Norton, Blue Hill: 32-34-66 -4
- T11 Scott Hickey, Cyprian Keyes GC & Greg Farland Marlborough CC: 33-34-67 -3
- T11 Chris Hulme, Newport National- Orchard & Kyle Dobbs Bay Club: 34-33-67 -3
- T11 Ed Kirby, The Aquidneck Club & Matt Hillier, The Aquidneck Club: 33-34-67 -3
- T11 Greg Kelly, Myopia Hunt Club & Michael Bemis, Myopia Hunt Club: 34-33-67 -3
- T11 Troy Pare, Ledgemont & Kirk Hanefeld Salem CC: 33-34-67 -3
- T16 Brian Owens, North Kingstown GC & Christian Hoecker, Essex County Club: 33-35-68 -2
- T16 Brendan Walsh, The Country Club & Nick Hallowell, The Country Club: 33-35-68 -2
- T16 Greg Yeomans, Bay Club & Tom Tobey, Sandwich Hollows GC: 35-33-68 -2
- T19 James Antonelli, Marshfield CC & Mike McBroom, Furnace Brook: 34-35-69 -1
- T19 Dan Gillis, Nabnasset Lake CC & Gregg Richbourg Cape Cod National GC: 35-34-69 -1
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OCEAN EDGE IS A GEM ON CAPE COD



The scenic and difficult 17th hole at Ocean Edge

You know you are at a wonderful place when you pull into the grounds of Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club in Brewster, Mass. The beautiful Nickerson Mansion built in 1912 serves as the centerpiece of the 337-room property and is where you check in. It sits on a bluff above Cape Cod Bay with views to Provincetown, the picturesque sand dunes and almost to Boston.

We had stayed at Ocean Edge in 2009 and written a glowing story. It is even better now! The Nicklaus Design golf course reopened in June to rave reviews. The course is so pristine; the fairways are firm and fast, the green complexes are Tour quality and the greens are pristine and fast. Ocean Edge is one of the best courses in the northeast.

Some of the bunkering and mounding is quite severe in true Nicklaus fashion, but the key is to pick the correct tee for your game. The championship tees measure 7,011, the Blue are 6,404, the White 6,093 and the Teal are 4,886. The new design has incorporated three sets of COMBO tees that give you plenty of options to make your golf much more enjoyable, as you can tee off from where you really belong. When you get on the greens you'll know why you haven't seen any elephants on the Cape. They are buried under some of the greens.

There is so much to do at this beautiful complex besides golf. There is a 700-foot private beach, tennis courts, five pools (two indoors), a fitness center and exercise studio, a full-service spa, 26 miles of walking and biking trails, and they are

currently building six pickle ball courts.

The resort is really in two places. The golf course sits across Route 6A from the Mansion and meanders through many of the golfing villas and homes on the Villages side of the property. Normally houses are an intrusion on a golf course, but the setbacks and the routing of the course make you feel that you are out in the woods. You seldom see any other holes and the routing and elevation changes make for an extremely enjoyable day.

The conditioning of the course is spectacular. Tee times are set ten minutes apart, so you don't feel like you are rushed. The tees, fairways and greens are all bentgrass, so you feel like you are on Tour. Many of the fairways are sloped, so you need to take that into account while on the tee. Water only comes into play on the 8th and 14th holes. Number 8 is a par 3 over the water to a wide, but shallow green and 14 requires a carry over the pond on the tee shot.

Ocean Edge is a Troon Privé course—the management company that serves dozens of private clubs in seven countries as well as hundreds of public golfing venues. They do an excellent job. The only people who can play the course are members or those staying at Ocean Edge. Many of the homes on the property are vacation homes and the membership is derived mostly from the homeowners.

Staying at Ocean Edge gives you the chance to play this private course with a layout fit for tournament golf and service fit for the rich and famous. We stayed in one of

the recently renovated Britteridge villas near the golf course. There are one- two- and three-bedroom villas on the property, so your golfing group or family will probably fit. Each comes with a full kitchen, wide-screen televisions and pullout sleeper sofas.

Besides the activities mentioned above, they also have croquet courts, spinning classes, yoga on the beach, and archery that can keep members of the family busy while others are golfing. The six restaurants on the property offer a wide variety of choices and the food is excellent.

This is truly a first-class property—it has been rated an AAA Four Diamond Resort for the last seven years. They do a large convention business as well as individuals and groups. There is a 4,500 square-foot luxury ballroom, perfect for special events for up to 500 guests. The property is 1-½ hours from Boston and Providence, 2 ½ hours from Hartford and about four hours from New York City.

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GOLFERS 911 MEDICAL GUIDE



Everyone knows to call 911 when there is a medical emergency. But how many golfers know what to do when a medical emergency occurs on the golf course?

The worst thing you can do in the event of cardiac arrest-is NOTHING. There is a small new book that you can stick in your golf bag is written by Mason Delafield of Fla. and edited by Ronald Brown, MD of North Carolina, both avid senior golfers who saw a need to educate and inform golfers about what to do in an emergency on the course.

"When playing golf we are often in a remote environment confronting a variety of hazards," explained Delafield. "Golfers 911 is a guidebook intended to give golfers a better chance for surviving a medical emergency." The book is compact at 4" X 6" and contains 64 pages of useful information including fainting, cardiac arrest, choking, seizures, lacerations, head injuries, insect bites and more. There are illustrations throughout to assist in giving aid.

Golfers 911 can be purchase individually for \$14.95 and can be customized and ordered in bulk for reduced prices. For more information email customerservice@golfers911.com or call Holly at 321-303-9684.



FOUR YARDS MORE GOLF TEE



An item this year at the PGA Merchandise Show was the 4 Yards More Golf Tee that has been proven in Robotic and Field tests to work better than wooden tees. The tees have flexible, six prong plastic tips that reduce resistance and allows for better contact. The tees are durable and come in four sizes—1 ¾ (short), 2 ¾ (standard), 3 ¾ Driver Tee and a 4-inch extreme tee.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN GOLF

I love Vermont. I especially love it in these difficult times. Because of the coronavirus, medical experts tell us to wear a mask, wash our hands and keep at least six feet from others. There are 9,623 square miles of beauty in Vermont, and only 623,000 residents. That gives you plenty of room to social distance.

We wanted to take a quick trip to the Green Mountain State and play a little golf. It was only a three hour trip to Quechee, Vermont. First stop was the Quechee Gorge, known to the local folk as "Vermont's Little Grand Canyon." The bridge is 162 feet above the Ottauquechee River, and if you are feeling fit, you can walk the trail down to the chasm and gather minerals or look for trout.

Travel west on Route 4 and in 15 minutes you will enter the village of Woodstock. It is a classic New England small town that looks like a Norman Rockwell painting. General stores filled with everything from home-made crafts to flannel jackets to keep you warm in the coldest days. Taverns, art galleries with paintings of cows, lots of cows, and a mansion built by the Rockefellers.

We stayed at the famous Woodstock Inn and Resort next to the town common. The Inn started as a tavern in 1793. After a number of revisions, Lawrence and Mary Rockefeller rebuilt the inn in 1967. It maintains the old world charm, while expanding the amenities to include a pool, tennis courts and of course, a golf course next to the inn.

Woodstock Country Club plays only 6,052 yards from the tips, but it is a serious challenge to all. The course is in the middle of Vermont but is as flat as a hayfield in Kansas. The course was established in 1895 and was redesigned by Robert Trent Jones Senior. Jones designed some of the most iconic courses in America, including Hazeltine, Spyglass and Firestone National.

The course demands accurate tee shots if you want to score well. The greens have little break, but you must put your approach shot in the right spot or the bogey man will get you. The 174-yard par 3 second hole and the 134-yard 5th hole are short, but still difficult to score a par. The course is at the base of a small mountain only a couple of miles from the center of Woodstock.

I felt like splurging a bit, so we made reservations at the Simon Pearce factory in Quechee. Resting on boulders that overlook a waterfall, Simon Pearce is world famous for their hand-blown glasses. It was of such high quality that I could not even afford to pick up crystal that was discounted in their "seconds" shop.

Next to the shop is a restaurant that is as elegant as their glassware, and also quite expensive. Yet the food and ambiance were, in a word, superb. It was only a five minute drive back to Woodstock, and it was a perfect

night to stroll through the village and do a little window shopping.

The next day we were in the mood for a hearty country breakfast. I found it at the Mountain Creamery on Main St. in Woodstock. I have never had a breakfast like it. The bacon was from a farm up the road, and my pancakes, about the size of a truck tire. My wife had French toast that was made with bread from a local bakery.

Next we were off to the Quechee Resort for some golf. The resort has two 18-hole courses. The Lakeland Course is a formidable 6,671 yards from the tips and borders a lake. It is very flat and is reminiscent of a course you would find in Florida. The practice range is at the base of a mountain, and it is as fun to try to hit a drive and land it on the bunny slope.

I played the Highland Course, which is hilly and plays 6,840 yards from the back tees. It is an unusual course in that the first shot is from an elevated tee to a 180-yard par 3. You need to be driving the ball well if you wish to score. If your tee shot lands on the correct side of the fairway you can get a good kick and it will shorten your approach to the green. And the well maintained greens were as smooth as silk. The holes on the back nine provided great views of the surrounding mountains. Quechee is a first class resort providing fun for all.

I plan on going back in the fall, check out the foliage, grab some more maple syrup, and play some mountain golf.

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3rd hole at Woodstock C.C.

BLUE ROCK & OLD BARNSTABLE FAIRGROUNDS FUN COURSES ON CAPE COD



9th at Blue Rock G.C.

We recently had the chance to play two more courses on Cape Cod. One of the features of the Cape is the rolling hills. Another is the sandy soil that makes golf courses easier to build and quick to recover after a rain storm. The fact that Cape Cod is surrounded by water that makes the climate much more temperate allowing for playing golf all year round.

Our first stop was Blue Rock Golf Course in So. Yarmouth, one of the prettiest and testing par 3 courses you will play. It was designed by legendary architect Geoffrey Cornish of Western Massachusetts. There is a reason that it is rated one of the top 10 par 3 courses in the country. That rolling hill mentioned above comes into play on four holes. There is huge depression with water that sits below the clubhouse and bisects part of the property. Holes one and two go along the southern half of the property, but the third requires an uphill shot over the pond.

Holes 4 thru 8 play on the level northwestern side as do holes 11 thru 17. It's holes 9, 10 and 18 that will make you remember Blue Rock for a long time. The ninth hole plays over the pond and chasm and measures 169 yards from the back tee. You then turn around and hit over that same chasm to the 10th green that has a huge bunker in front.

As you proceed up the cart path/walking path, you'll notice the tee box for 18 that is the reverse of the shot you just made. Something to think about as you play 11-17.

The course is truly pristine. The greens look like they could be placed on a championship course. The holes measure from 255 yards (#4) down to 103 (#1) from the back tees. There are five sets of tees, but the blues are a fine test at 2,868 yards. We saw many couples, families as well as very good golfers playing the course. It is really a challenge and a great chance to work on all the clubs in your bag.

We stayed right on property at Blue Rock Resort that is owned by Red Jacket Resorts, a family-owned company that have been service guests on Cape Cod and in North Conway, N.H. for six decades. The boutique hotel includes a beautiful outdoor pool and overlooks the first hole of the golf course. The resort is family-friendly and provides a true resort experience. Red Jacket Resorts operates four other ocean-front properties on Cape Cod, including

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The next day we played Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds just off exit 5 of the Mid-Cape Highway. This course opened in 1992 and was designed by Mark Mungeam, a disciple of Cornish.

For the last four years it has been voted one of the top 25 courses in New England. In true Cape Cod fashion there are rolling hills and lots of hardwood trees that line most of the fairways. We saw many people walking the course.

The course measures just under 6,500 yards and there are four sets of tees. The landing areas are very fair and the greens are large and undulating. The toughest hole might be the last. It is a par 5 double dogleg that has a huge tree in the middle of the fairway at about 300 yards. This reporter hit it on his second shot! You then play uphill to a long undulating green. Make par and the ride home is much better—unless there is an accident on the bridges.

We spoke with Merry Holway who has been the head professional for the past 15 years and has worked there for 26 years. "We see many of the same people keep coming back to play the course. We have a huge practice area, a nice upstairs bar area overlooking the ninth green (not currently open due to the virus), and our course is always in great shape."

Right next door to the golf course is a small airport like you see in many places on the Cape, so I guess if you had your own aircraft, you could land it and be on the tee within ten minutes.

Olde Barnstable and Hyannis Golf Club are owned by the same entity, and they have deals to include playing at both courses. To reach Olde Barnstable you can call 508-420-1141 or reach either course at www.barnstable.golf.

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THE CLUB AT NEW SEABURY

RENOVATION OF THE OCEAN COURSE COMPLETED



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The Club at New Seabury has completed renovations of its Ocean Course and restored the 7,131 yard track to its original glory with aesthetic enhancements, design variety, new drainage and full bunker renovation for golfers of all levels to enjoy.

"We have improved the ambiance, playability and maintainability of the Ocean Course with this renovation, the final steps of our multi-year, multi-million dollar plan, all in an effort to enhance our Club offerings," said The Club at New Seabury President Chris Card. "We're thrilled to bring this storied course back to a level it deserves."

The Ocean Course renovation, which spanned eight months, completes the Club's 36-hole renovation which included New Seabury's Dunes Course in 2019. Architect Bruce Hepner of Hepner Golf Design, in collaboration with Agriscapes Golf Course Construction and Scott Nickerson, New Seabury's Director of Agronomy and Project Manager, developed a plan for both courses.

With the Ocean Course, enhancements were made to the front nine setting which offers views of the Atlantic Ocean as well as redesigned rebuilt and repositioned bunkers; expanded fairways, recontoured multiple greens and the relocation of cart paths on designated holes.

Hepner who has renovated some of the world's most renowned and top-ranked golf courses, said: "The renovation of the Ocean Course takes advantage of the ocean, pure and simple. Our goal was to make the golf better and interesting by changing grass lines and angles so people can subtly enjoy their round and surroundings. We infused classic architecture into the site to make it feel old, a classic style, where the golf course lays right on the land."

Hepner's renovation also included a regrading of the first and ninth holes to enhance the ocean views from the entire first hole. He also approached the landscape and plantings so visually the course and the ocean could come together.

According to Scott Nickerson, Director of Agronomy and Project Manager, "Several approaches were also reshaped to give golfers an option and avenue to access the greens without forced carries, allowing the higher handicap player with lower shot trajectory a chance to get rewarded for their shot. And with the same concept in mind, many fairways were expanded."

Added Jim Clay, Director of Golf at the Club at New Seabury: "The work completed on our property has enhanced each course while maintaining the unique characteristics each course is known for. The modifications made look like they've been here for years, they look natural and blend well with the course and its surroundings."

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Editor's Note: We had done a story in our June 2019 about The Club at New Seabury, and had a great time. We told them to send us the press release when the Ocean Course was finished with renovations.

FORMER TOUR PRO BOBBY GAGE NOW AT GREEN WOODS CC IN CONNECTICUT

Every day, Bobby Gage looks at a picture of Stan Staszowski on the wall in the pro shop at Winsted, Connecticut's Green Woods Country Club and thinks about how much "Staz" loved and promoted the game. "If I can do that, then I will have succeeded." Gage, a former member of the PGA and Champions Tours, as well as a successful New England region player, is serving in his first season as Head Golf Professional.

Staszowski, who passed away last year at the age of 101, was a mentor of a young Gage when the latter was attending The Gilbert School and learning how to play the game. Staszowski was a mentor to so many golfers, young and old alike, and Gage was one of his most talented pupils. "He taught you how to play the game right, act like a professional and always respect the game."

Staszowski was employed at Green Woods Country Club for over 50 years and retired in 1986. He was accepted as a member of the PGA in 1939, and had been a member for over 80 years. He served as an officer of the Connecticut Section PGA, and played with the likes of Sam Snead, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, Tommy Armour and other golf legends.

The 54-year-old Gage, is working at Green Woods this summer and fall before he returns to his winter quarters at The Fountains in Lakewood, Florida where he is a teaching professional. He played a year each on the PGA and Champions tours and a number of years on golf's minor league tours. He has also competed and continues doing so in regional and state events, and two years ago won the Connecticut State Senior Open.

In Gage's one year on the PGA Tour, he competed in 28 tournaments and recording a lone top 25 finish. He also played 143 events on the Web.com Tour, bagging one runner-up finish. In his sole year on the Champions Tour (for players 50 and over) in 2017, he won just shy of \$60,000. In 2018, he had one of his best showings as a pro, finishing 32nd at the U.S. Senior Open as a qualifier and pocketing \$22,155.

After graduating from Gilbert, Gage continued to blossom at East Tennessee State University, where he earned All-America honors. He later attended the San Diego Golf Academy and then launched a professional career. Over the years he has dabbled at several jobs in the area while he pursued playing the game for a living. He lived in Canton, Ma. in 2016, while teaching the game at Blue Hill Country Club in Massachusetts and also at Candlewood Valley Country Club in New Milford.

When the job of Head Professional at Green Woods opened up this past winter, Gage was approached by the club about taking the position. He was a bit hesitant, having been on the other side of the counter, so to speak, for his entire golfing career, except for a few stints helping out at courses here and there and teaching.

"Being a playing professional is a selfish occupation," said Gage. "It has to be. It's all about being wrapped up in your game, trying to get better, competing and trying to win. That's about all you have time for. This is different for me and there has been somewhat of a transition period."

Gage was lured by Green Woods, in no small way because the club is so intricately associated with Staszowski, he explained. Gage has been able to tap into the wisdom and experience of Green Woods Golf Professional Ed Slattery, who worked at Green Woods previously and was at New Milford's Candlewood Valley Country Club for several years. The two men are good friends. "Ed has been a tremendous help, teaching me the ins and outs, dealing with members, running tournaments and everything associated with the job. I don't know if I could have done it without his help."

"People are great here, Gage observed. "The members and

daily fee players want to play golf and have a good time. I really love the camaraderie between the members. You don't have that sometimes at a bigger club. I'm trying to set a good example and establish a professional atmosphere and I think the members and visiting golfers appreciate that. We changed the pro shop around some and made some improvements."

Gage is also continuing to teach the game, a task he enjoys. And he will try to remain as active a player as he can, given his job responsibilities. "I definitely want to continue to compete in state and regional tournaments and I think I can win. I believe the members enjoy having someone who can go out and play a high level and in important tournaments." He also enjoys getting out onto the historic course at Green Woods whenever he can, a track on which he once fired a sizzling 61.

As always, Bobby Gage is giving his new job his best shot.

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Bobby Gage



Stan Staszowski

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- 19. RICHMOND CC** (18) P
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- 28. BUNGAY BROOK G.C.** (9) P
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- 32. FRANCONIA G.C.** (18) P
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- 36. MAPLEGATE C.C.** (18) SP
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- 37. THE LINKS AT MASS GOLF** (18) P,X
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The first person to email the correct answer for "Name That Hole" to bruce@snegolfer.com will receive a prize.

Prizes may include one of the following: a Season Passport, balls, hat or other prizes.



Jim Ruschioni of Massachusetts was the winner of last issue's name that hole. It was the 6th hole at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass. He opted to receive a half-dozen golf balls.

This issue's Name That Hole is above (left). Be the first person to email Bruce Vittner at bruce@snegolfer.com with the name of the hole and win a prize.

We are also picking a winner weekly from our new subscribers between each issue.

Winners this month were Tom Turner, Paul Richards, Randy Black of Connecticut and Michael Funke from Michigan. Asked how Michael found our website he said, "I was visiting New England and Google sent me to your website when I had a golf question. Thanks Google!"



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Last month I had made a plea for more readers to subscribe to this publication. It is free and always will be. When I went to see how many had subscribed a week later, I noticed that the link for subscribing had been broken. Alas, no one was able to subscribe—especially in the fifteen seconds that I had promised that it would take.

It has been fixed. Sorry for the confusion, and I promise it will be easy. We are running a prize program for the next four weeks giving prizes to recent subscribers. It could be a half-dozen golf balls, a hat or even a 2020 Season Passport (\$40 value). It is the winner's choice. One of the winners we had this past issue was Michael Funke. When I called him to ask where to send the prize he said "Michigan!" Why subscribe if you live in Michigan? "I was in New England visiting and I wanted to get some golf information and Google sent me to your website. I liked it and subscribed," said Michael who received a ½ dozen of Bridgestone balls.

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I promise that there will never be a charge for subscribing to our publication. We will not inundate your inbox with foolish emails. You will get each copy of the publication the moment it is finished. We are only planning two more issues this year because of all the problems, but we will send out occasional stories and good golfing information.

The more subscribers that we have the better the advertisers will feel about advertising and the more activity they will see as a result of their ads. You'll notice all of the many ads in this issue. Our advertisers have been hurt badly by this coronavirus pandemic, but they still saw the need to get their message out to our great readers.

My last request is to tell three of your good golfing friends to consider subscribing as well. I promise you that you will always find something worthwhile to read in every issue.

SEPTEMBER 27 ISSUE PREVIEW

We are only planning one more full issue on September 27. We will be bringing you the results of the Northern Trust event at TPC Boston from Aug. 20-23, but we won't be there in person. The U.S. Open has been rescheduled to Sept. 17-20 at Winged Foot in New York, so we will have that result and story. The Ryder Cup scheduled for September at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin has been postponed until September 2021.

The Challenge Cup continues to have results for our junior golf pages. We will promise to deliver a fact-filled and fun group of stories for your enjoyment. We are planning a couple of trips, so we will have some travel stories for you. Stay safe and get out to enjoy one of the greatest games on the planet.