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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the second issue of 2023. Last issue we talked about "How did you find golf?" We had most of our writers recall their memories of how they got involved with golf. The stories were interesting and we hope that you thought back to your beginnings in this wonderful game.

We are continuing with our introspection by asking "What do you like best about golf, and also what you might not like about this wonderful game. I think you will enjoy reading their thoughts and hopefully it will stir you to consider the many wonderful parts of this game and maybe even take a look at some of the parts of golf that may irk you or raise your gander. Have fun with it.

We do not recognize women very often in our "Rising Star" segment, but how could you not write about Rose Zhang, the young lady who had just won an LPGA event in her first professional tournament.

She had just finished her second year at Stanford University (Tiger's alma mater) and won the NCAA Championships a few weeks ago. She decided to leave college (although she has already organized her courses to work on her degree) and join the LPGA. No one had won their first tournament on the LPGA in over 70 years.

The Travelers Championship will be in less than two weeks, and Bruce Berlet has good information about this event that has earned priority status and the winner will win over \$3 million. A great way to get all the top players to enter the event, and they have the best field ever. You still might be able to purchase a ticket or two for this event.

Next year the Men's Champions Tour will be playing their U.S. Open at Newport Country Club. This is the event that was scheduled during COVID that got cancelled when all tournaments were cancelled. Individual tickets will be going on sale around the end of September, but the U.S.G.A. just announced that weekly tournament tickets are available. If you want to get a jump on this event that will be a huge tournament for little Rhody.

One of the best amateur golf tournaments takes place in Rumford, Rhode Island every year, and it will be played on June 21-24. You will definitely see some of the best young male golfers in the country and even a few from outside the U.S. This reporter sat with Justin Thomas for about a half-hour when he played here as a teenager who was planning to go to the University of Alabama. Scottie Scheffler also played here as well as many of the best amateur players in the country. You can get up close and personal with the players and there is never a charge.

We have been doing a lot of travel since the last issue in April. We spent a wonderful two days at Mohegan Sun in Connecticut, three perfect days on Cape Cod and six days in Pennsylvania just last week. Those stories are all included in this issue.

We had written about Sqairz Golf Shoes last spring, and we have the update in our product review section. You are seeing more and more of these rather unique shoes on the courses. Our winner last month on our Name the Picture column was Brian McCaffrey. They were the Fitzpatrick brothers taken a decade ago when Matthew Fitzpatrick had just come over from England to win the U.S. Amateur. Pictured beside him was his brother, Alex, his caddie, who had just started his professional golf career. We have many more guesses when it is Name That Hole, so we are going back to that.

We have added another writer to our publication. I had been given a book at the PGA Show in Orlando in January. The author is psychiatrist and Brown University emeritus professor Dr. Richard Goldberg, MD and he talks about unlocking the transformative power of golf. I think you will enjoy his short columns to help you become a better player and maybe even a better person.

Hope you enjoy our new map in the back of each issue that helps you find courses in areas that you are going to be visiting. You can thank our graphic designer Stephanie for that change and the fine job she does with this publication.

Please support our advertisers who keep this publication alive. Keep your head down and swing easy. We will see you again on July 24 for our next issue. ■

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Major Changes in Men's Professional Golf

We were just about ready to put this issue to bed when the news below happened on June 6. We will spend some time writing about this in our next issue. Personally I thought that this had to happen at some point, but I certainly didn't think it would be this soon. Litigation is such a huge cost, and it didn't make sense for all the parties to try to go off in different directions. It will be a good thing overall for professional golf.

In a stunning announcement on Tuesday, the PGA Tour, DP World Tour and LIV Golf announced a unified commercial interest that would unite the tours under one umbrella and immediately end the legal battle that had created a rift in the professional game.

Details of the merged interests have not been revealed, but the tours will still exist while the "new

entity will work to ensure a cohesive schedule of events that will be exciting for fans, sponsors and all stakeholders." The announcement said the three organizations "will work cooperatively and in good faith to establish a fair and objective process for any players who desire to re-apply for membership with the PGA Tour or the DP World Tour following the completion of the 2023 season and for determining fair criteria and terms of re-admission, consistent with each tour's policies." ■

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Dr. Rich Golf Talks About The First Tee Jitters

Dr. Richard J. Goldberg is a Professor of Psychiatry at Brown University and Founder of Dr Rich Golf™, a golf mental coaching program. Along with his dedication to golf, Dr. Goldberg's perspective evolved from a 45-year career in psychiatry, competition in endurance athletics, and a lifelong dedication to mindfulness practices.

"Dr. Rich" has brought together his experience and knowledge in his new golf book, *Better Golf Better Life* to help golfers learn why they are falling short of their golf potential and often feel stuck despite new clubs and more lessons.

As this is the first of a series, let's talk about a common problem: the first tee jitters. Fears that plague many golfers on the first tee are "I hope I hit it well, I don't want you to think I'm a lousy golfer. I don't want anyone see me hit a terrible shot." Fortunately, there's a fairly straightforward approach to managing the first tee jitters and it doesn't take years of psychotherapy!

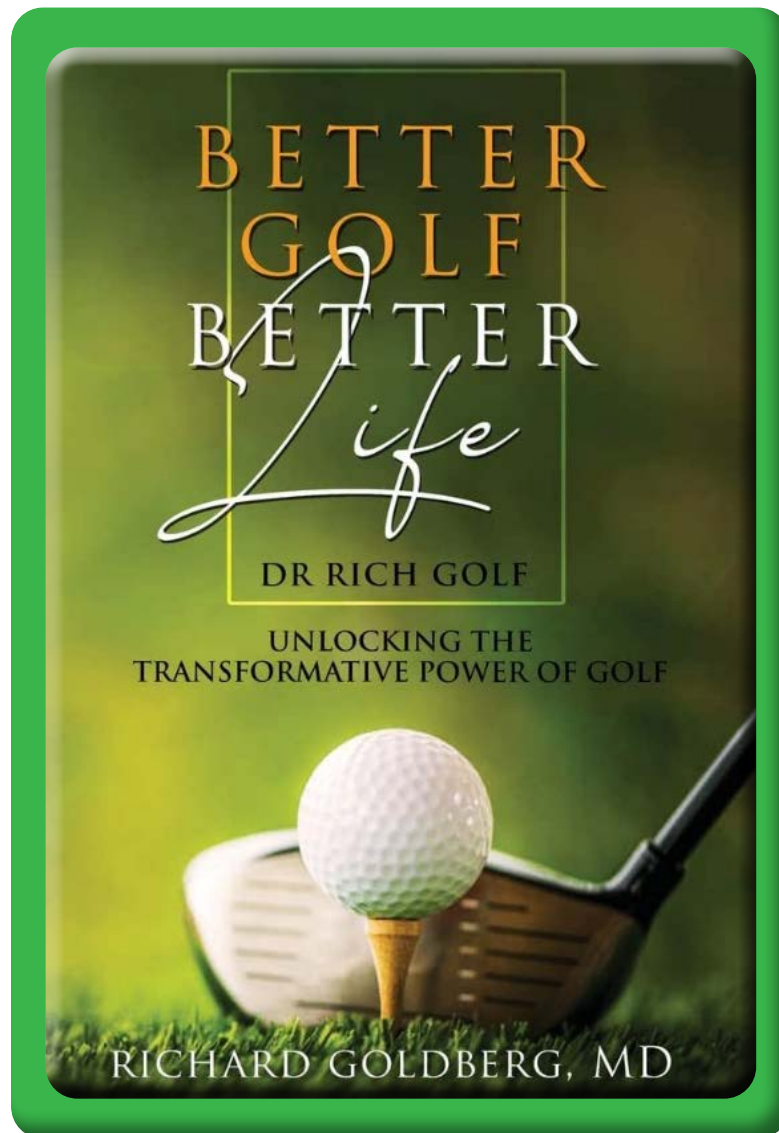
Here are the three elements you need to overcome the first tee jitters:

First, focus on managing your tempo in those beginning practice swings. An overly quick tempo is the cause of many first tee misses and usually emerges from being too pumped up, and thinking you have to swing hard and fast to launch that long first drive.

Second, control your breathing to manage your arousal level. Some golfers get so nervous on the opening tee shot that they shake. Breath control is the most effective approach to reducing the sympathetic nervous system hyper-arousal associated with performance anxiety.

Third, engage fully with your pre-shot routine. If you do not have a pre-shot routine – you need to create one. If you immerse yourself fully in your pre-shot routine, you will become calmly oblivious to everything going on around you on the first tee. Your mind has no space for anxious thoughts, outcome goals, or fears to intrude. Put aside that internal narration to "bomb one out there." You don't need to extract a compliment on your opening tee shot to feel good about yourself.

Better Golf Better Life is available on Amazon and in most eBook formats. ■



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[Click here to buy *Better Golf, Better Life* by Richard Goldberg, MD on Amazon](#)

How Senior Golfers Can Get The Most Out Of Their Game

All golfers could use more distance, especially as we get older. The golf course keeps getting longer, and we keep getting shorter. It's just not fair! Below are a few things I work on with my senior golfer students. Give them a try and see if your distance game improves.

1. Stop clinging to the past!

The speed at which I could swing a club 10-15 years ago is quite different from what I can swing today. As we get older, we are fighting for flexibility and working around injuries, new and old. Luckily, today's golf clubs are more de-lofted than models from 10+ years ago, so even though we are swinging at less speed, a new or newer golf club model will help take the sting out of getting older. Also, consider how far you hit the ball now and use a sound course strategy tailored to those distances.

2. Turn, Baby, Turn!

Most senior golfers need to make more turn in their backswing. Instead, they lift and collapse their arms to the top of the swing. This may feel like the golfer is making a bigger backswing, but it's just an arm swing. When I get a senior golfer to make a bigger turn going back, they tell me the swing "feels" shorter, but in reality, it's a great turn building up to a more powerful downswing.

3. Show Some Flare!

When setting up your feet for a swing, try flaring out the feet a bit. Nothing crazy, maybe 10-15* with each foot. By flaring the feet, you can turn your hips more than if your feet were perfectly straight.

4. Shoot for the MOON!

When students come in to work on their driving, I ask them what size tee they use, tall or short? Flags immediately go up when they tell me they use a short tee, typical of someone who

hits "down" on the golf ball. It has been proven that you can drive a ball further when you hit up on it versus hitting down. This up/down is known as the Angle of Attack. We usually will see a 20-30 yard distance gain by hitting 5* up vs. hitting 5* down. Try a taller tee placed off your front foot = Higher, Longer Drives!

5. Foot Spray!

Spray a dusting on the clubface to see where you are making contact. Off-center hits reduce ball speed & overall distance and induce Gear Effect spin - Toe hits add hook-spin, and Heel hits add slice-spin.

6. Knuckle Sandwich!

When you grip the club with your lead glove hand, I like to see about two knuckles showing. That would be a slightly strong grip position, ideal for getting the club to square up through impact.

7. Baby Bird!

Lastly, but probably most important - Grip Pressure! The tighter you hold the grip, the more tension you create in your body, greatly affecting your golf swing. Think back to all of the great shots you have hit. What do they all have in common? They were executed while you were the most relaxed!!! If you feel tense over a ball, you probably don't have the correct club for that given shot. The shot you are trying to hit has a low-percentage outcome unless you hit it perfectly, thereby causing pressure on you to pull off a perfect shot. Pick a shorter club, and you'll be amazed at how much better you strike it! ■

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The Best and Worst of Golf

In our last issue, I told you about how I was introduced to the sport of golf. This month, I'll give you my likes and dislikes about the game.

Mark Twain once said that, "golf was a good walk spoiled." While I disagree with Twain's assessment, there are times when I wonder if he was right. Which leads me to what I dislike about the sport. Let's get the unpleasanties out of the way first.

As a public golfer, I have always been one who prefers to be on the first tee at the crack of dawn, chasing the sunrise in the first group out that day. The benefits of this are the sheer beauty of the time of day when everything is calm and, indeed, the sunrise is quite a spectacle to see and, as an added bonus on those hot summer days, you avoid the heat of the day.

But the main reason I like being first out of the box is that I am not a fan of slow play. This is my biggest pet peeve. I was taught to play "ready golf" meaning you walk to your ball and hit it when it is your turn. No dilly-dallying, congregating at another player's ball or shooting the bull before and after each shot. Get there, hit it and move on!

And that goes for on the greens. When it's your turn to putt, be ready! That means getting a read on your line BEFORE it is your turn to putt and not waiting until you are up to begin the process of getting that done.

In my opinion, an 18-hole round of golf at a regulation course should NEVER take more than four hours. At the very least, four and a half hours should be the absolute maximum, but this is simply not the case at many public courses.

Private courses seem to have mastered the 4-hour round, but it continues to elude most public courses which can make for a long and frustrating day for ready-golfers like me and validate Twain's claim. The inability to play ready golf leads me to my next point which is ignorant golf. Some people just don't know any better or, even worse, don't

seem to care!

A friend of mine once said, "you can suck at golf, but you can suck fast!" He's right. Whether you are a scratch golfer or 30-handicapper, you can play at a good pace so that everyone in your group and those behind you can enjoy their games.

It's doing the small things like learning to play ready golf, placing your bag between the green and next tee box as opposed to having to come back to get your bag after putting before proceeding back in the same direction to the next tee. Also writing your score down on the tee while others in your group are teeing off instead of standing on the green after all have putted out while making the group behind you wait to hit their approach shots. It's common sense people!

And that goes for maintaining the course. Fix your ball marks, replace your divots. Is that too much to ask? Lastly, would it be too much for courses to give a small discount to golfers who play the course immediately after the greens are aerated? This seems like good business to me and would leave golfers feeling much less aggravated about their unfortunate timing to play that particular course.

But enough about my whining! What I like about the sport far outweighs the negatives which is why it keeps me coming back round after round and year after year. For instance, I touched on the beauty of playing an early morning round. I would argue that this is the case no matter what time of day you decide to play.

Being outside in the fresh air at a nicely manicured course enjoying the sights and all that Mother Nature has to offer is pretty special and something that I do not take for granted.

I also love the competition with friends. Whether we are playing a \$5 nassau, an 18-hole match, skins game, point quota or simply bragging rights, my love for competition is one of the main reasons I play the sport. And that goes for trying to shoot the best score possible when playing alone.

It's me against the course and, unfortunately, the course usually wins.

There's also the camaraderie with your buddies. Speaking for me and my friends, it's four hours of cracking jokes, busting chops and talking about anything and everything while playing the sport that we love. And that doesn't even include the post-match burger or sandwich and beer following the round.

What's made the game even more desirable to me in recent years is the fact that my son, Jack, has taken up the sport of golf. A couple of years ago I introduced him to the game and he loves it! Now, we get out there as often as we can which makes for some great father-son time on the links. It has been more than 30 years since I was introduced to the sport of golf and I am so glad that it happened! ■

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Rose Zhang

How could we have anyone other than Rose Zhang as our Rising Star as she won her first LPGA event at the Mizuho America Open on June 4. This is just less than two weeks after she led her Stanford University Team to the NCAA Championship.

Zhang, who started playing tennis as a child, but picked up golf when she was nine has been a star since being a young teenager. She has won two NCAA titles at Stanford and was on the Golf Medal team. She lives with her parents and her brother Bill. Her official earnings are now at \$412,500 after her recent win, but she has already signed on with Callaway Golf and had earned quite a bit from being at different events as that is now legal for college players with the NIL. She has left Stanford, but has already made arrangements to keep her college work going towards earning her degree. The sky is the limit for this budding star, and it will be fun to watch her career.

RISING STAR

Golf—Great People, Great Places, Quell the Music

It was once said that golf is thusly named because all other four-letter words were already taken.

It is definitely a love/hate relationship. Anytime anyone is on a golf course there are sure to be heard a variety of expressions that range from the pure joy of finding one's ball nestled into the bottom of the cup to screams of anguish over a four-putt or the dreaded shank. Those usually include many of the other four-letter words.

This is my 53rd year of playing this game, never mastered, oft aggravating but never dull.

There have been many bright spots and way too many moments of frustration, two of which resulted in clubs finding homes in trees.

On one occasion I heaved a brand new driver into a tree, climbed up to retrieve it, and was rewarded with a severe case of poison ivy. On another, I missed a short putt and deposited my Anser 2 putter into a tree where it rested for approximately 14 years. I used to wave to it until one day I couldn't see it anymore.

So what do I like about golf?

What do I dislike? Let me count the ways.

1) It's a game one can play for a lifetime.

I must have over 7,000 rounds in my over a half century of chasing the little white (sometimes other colored) pill around some beautiful natural settings. Three times I have broken par, 12 times I have shot even par. That's a snippet of good golf and a ton of bad.

2) The best aspect of golf is the people you meet along the way.

I have so many friends who I wouldn't have if I had never stepped on a golf course. It's also been beneficial in other areas of life. I met the man, who would become my primary care physician, on a golf course, my future financial planner. The list is extensive.

3) Travel.

I've visited other parts of this country

because of golf. That leads to visiting places that would never have been available.

4) Meeting famous people.

I've played golf with Bobby Orr and Brad Park, had beers with Darius Rucker and John Daly, had a drink with Arnold Palmer, chatted with Willie Nelson, Steven Stills and Nash Crosby, played behind Lawrence Taylor and Reggie White, shared a joke with Jack Nicklaus. There are more but that's enough for now.

5) The challenge.

No matter how good you think you are, no matter how well you may be playing on a particular day, golf is never easy. The margin for error is so small that it's inevitable that you're going to get bitten even on your best days.

6) The 19th hole.

There is nothing better than polishing off a round of golf by sitting on a deck or patio overlooking the course and having a couple of cold ones with a good cigar and good company. The lies flow, the few great shots get embellished, and many of the world's problems are solved.

Now, what I don't like about golf.

1) Slow play.

Every once in a while it's understandable. A packed golf course, a lost ball, a cute cart girl. But for the most part slow play is unnecessary. Too many weekend warriors think they're playing a tour event or the U.S. Open. Reading putts from four different sides, taking five practice swings before you hit a shot, waiting for the green to clear when you're 250 yards away and a strong wind is hitting you right in the face. Or just four people telling stories when there's a hole open in front of them. If it's recreational golf then move it!

2) People who refuse to give up on a lost ball.

You have three minutes to look. Also, if you hit

a ball that looks like it's headed for trouble, hit a provisional. One thing that drives me crazy is somebody coming back because they couldn't find their ball and now they have to hit again.

Of course, most players don't follow that rule. They just drop a ball anywhere.

3) Courses that don't allow walking.

The essence of golf is walking. Carts are great and a nice stream of revenue, but nobody should be forced to ride all the time. I ride now more than I used to but still enjoy walking the golf course.

Golf is not a good walk spoiled. It's a good walk period. Even if you played horribly, you did something beneficial for your health.

4) Seeing a single or twosome on the course when they could easily be paired.

Drives me nuts if I see a pair of twosomes back to back.

5) Sandbagging.

This probably should be second, after slow play. Way too many players have overinflated handicaps. Then there are the reverse sandbaggers. People who want to have an ego handicap so they don't turn in their bad scores.

6) music blaring from a cart.

Okay, I get it. You like music, you like to have a few pops on the course. Fine, but if I'm two holes away from you and I can hear ZZ Top then you're out of line.

7) Being forced to play out of a divot if your ball is in the fairway.

In the rough, okay. You should be penalized. Don't give me any "rub of the green" crap. IT'S GROUND UNDER REPAIR! Or it's abnormal ground (terminology has changed). Jack Nicklaus has been petitioning for this rule change forever.

Okay, that's my take on what I like and dislike about golf. Everyone has their own views, but the one thing we have in common is we'll play as long as we can and we'll never beat the golf course. ■

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Simple and Complicated

This sport we love so much was summed up in 37 words by someone who was unquestionably a better player than me but also, apparently, a better writer.

“Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening – and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented,” said Arnold Palmer, succinctly capturing the crazy charm of a game involving a ball, sticks and 18 holes in the ground.

But there’s other elements to golf that escape Arnold’s brilliant summation of the ying and yang golf. First, golf courses are just a pretty place to spend a good chunk of the day.

Even before I began playing as a young teen, I always thought golf courses were the most picturesque parts of town. Long stretches of vibrant green grass, cut precisely in wide stripes, guarded by tall pines, oaks and maples with an occasional splash of sparkling water were a brilliant contrast compared to the suburban split-level ranch environment I was accustomed to.

I remember as a teen attending a wedding at a local country club and being dazzled by the sweeping emerald carpet outside the patio. No wonder people pay a lot of money to join this place, I thought to myself.

But here’s the most important element to enjoying a round of golf or hating every minute of it: people. Think about it. Sure, it’s great to watch your drive hurtle down the middle of the fairway or your putt snake across 20, 30 or more feet of green and drop in the center of the cup, punctuated by the sweet sound of hard plastic striking metal. There’s something intoxicating about envisioning what the shot should look like and then summoning the skill to execute it.

But it’s so much better to do it – celebrate it – with other people. Not that playing alone can’t be fun. Not long ago, after I was able to join that beautiful country club, I would arrive early, before

play was officially allowed to begin. The superintendent and his staff didn’t mind, provided I stayed out of their way. If a worker was mowing the green, I’d just skip the hole.

There was something refreshing about the sun just creeping above the trees, dew still clinging to the fairways, the heat of the day still hours away, that made it a great way to start the day. But golf is meant to be played with others. The sport’s rules even require a witness to make a hole-in-one official. It’s wonderful to compete or just have a few laughs with friends who have the same passion for the game as you, isn’t it?

Unlike your job, there’s constant encouragement. “Looks good!” “Great try!” “Just missed!”

And there’s constant praise. “Good ball!” “You crushed it!” “What a putt!” And this involves not just golf buddies. Complete strangers can make for great companions as well.

This was especially true during our occasional early spring trips to Florida. My wife and I would usually be paired with two other players, often another couple. We’d talk about our jobs, our kids, our lives with strangers from Canada to California, maybe even enjoy a post-round beverage with them.

A pairing with a father and son from Italy turned into one of the most enjoyable rounds we ever played. The father, an old-school gentleman, praised every shot my wife hit. “Bravo!” he’d shout.

Spotting a familiar Florida creature on a river, he shouted, “Look! A-LIG-a-tor!” “No, daddy,” his son responded, shaking his head. “Alligator.”

How else but through a round of golf can you spend four-plus wonderful hours with someone you’ve never met before and will never see again? But, let’s face it, people can also spoil a round.

Granted, golf can be “maddening,” as Arnold Palmer put it. But nothing can spoil a good walk faster than injecting anger into the day. Sure, we all get peeved at a failed shot. And a curse or two, under the breath, is acceptable. But a loud expletive, usually the F-bomb, does nothing but bring

down the tone of the day for everyone.

Even worse: a thrown club. Really, you, an amateur at this most challenging of games, are going to respond violently to a mistake, even if it does cost you a few dollars. Besides, a helicoptered 7-iron is undoubtedly considered a dangerous weapon in every state.

People are also solely responsible for another thing that can spoil a round – slow play. Please just follow basic etiquette to keep a brisker pace: Play ready golf, always be prepared when it's your time to hit, no talking in someone else's backswing, don't waste time looking for balls that are obviously lost.

And here's a final thought from another pretty good golfer (and writer), Bobby Jones: "Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots – but you have you to play the ball where it lies." ■

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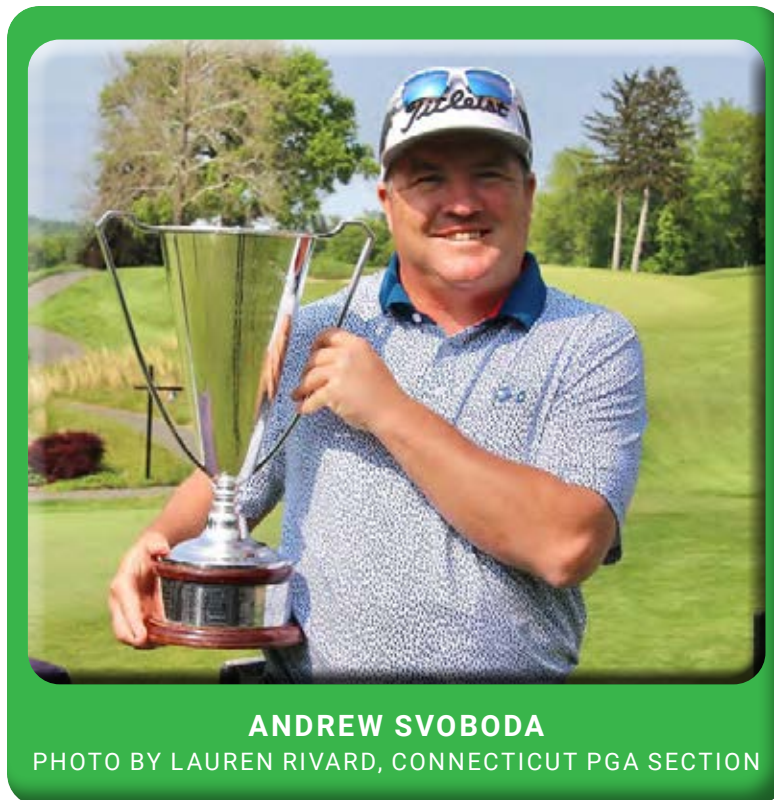
After spending most of his professional career on the PGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour and in the Metropolitan (N.Y.) Section PGA, Andrew Svoboda joined the Connecticut Section PGA ranks this year as the new head pro at Great River Golf Club in Milford.

Svoboda won three Korn Ferry Tour events and eight major tournaments in the Met Section, and he captured the first Connecticut Section major championship of the year after battling swirling winds on the final nine holes for a closing 1-under-par 70, 36-hole total of 5-under 136 and a three-stroke victory over Corey Harris at the Country Club of Farmington.

Svoboda earned \$4,000 from a \$21,500 purse and a fifth berth in the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell on June 22-25. "I'm so excited to win this thing and get the exemption," said Svoboda, who last played in the biggest sporting event in Connecticut in 2019, when he made his only cut. "I drove it great all week but missed a few makeable putts (in the final round). But the putting got tough with the wind blowing so hard the last four holes."

But Svoboda had things well in hand by then before missing 6-foot par putts on the 15th and 18th holes. After shooting a bogey-free, 4-under 67 in the first round for a three-stroke lead, Svoboda three-putted the second hole from 25 feet for bogey in the second round but made a 25-footer for birdie at No. 8. He missed a 3-footer for birdie at the ninth hole but virtually clinched the win with a 30-foot curler for birdie at No. 13 and a 4-footer for birdie at the 14th.

Svoboda, 43, played on the PGA Tour in 2013-15 and on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2009-12 and 2016-20, winning three tournaments on the latter circuit. His best finish on the PGA Tour was a tie for second in the 2014 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, and he also had several strong showings in national championships before returning to the club professional ranks.



ANDREW SVOBODA

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"The Tours are a lot of traveling, and it's such a fine line to being successful," Svoboda said. "A shot here, a couple of putts there can make such a big difference." After his latest win, Svoboda, the 2022 Met Section Assistant Player of the Year, focused on the 36-hole U.S. Open sectional qualifying at Canoe Brook CC in Summit, N.J. A 4-under 66 put him in a tie for second after the morning round, and after a triple-bogey 7 on the first hole in the afternoon, he birdied the 16th and 18th holes for a back-nine 30 for 70 in the afternoon to tie for fourth at 3-under 137. That got him into a two-for-one playoff for the final spot in the 123rd U.S. Open at Los Angeles CC the week before the Travelers Championship, and Svoboda made a 15-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole to beat Christopher Crawford of Bensalem, Pa.

"It was a tough start in the afternoon, 4-over after two holes, but I just hung in there, kept

grinding, and started playing better on the back nine,” said Svoboda, who pumped his right fist twice after his divisive putt disappeared and got him into the national championship for the sixth time. “Fortunately, I made the putts on 16 and 18, and I’ve had some experience in playoffs.”

Through it all, Svoboda continued to tap his chest with his left hand before every putt, something that he learned from hypnotist/sports psychologist Peter Solana while he was at St. John’s University, where he won 14 collegiate tournaments, including the 2001 Big East Conference Championship.

“It helps me get focused and calm,” said Svoboda, who played on the PGA Tour and Korn Ferry Tour for 14 years. “Keegan Bradley (another St. John’s grad from Vermont) does it sometimes, but I do it all the time.”

Harris (Washington Golf Club) tied the low round of the final day with a 69, which included an eagle 3 at the third hole. He finished one ahead of Craig Hocknull (GlenArbor Golf Club-Bedford Hills, N.Y.), whose 71 also included an eagle at No. 3.

The second low Connecticut Section PGA finishers were C.J. Konkowski (Hartford Golf Club) and Chris Tallman (GreatHorse GC-Hampden, Mass.), who started birdie-par-eagle-birdie-bogey-birdie on the way to 69 after an opening 73. Tallman tied for fourth with four-time Connecticut Open champion Kyle Gallo, who owns Full Circle Golf in Berlin with John Vitale and closed with a 72 that included four consecutive birdies on the 11th through 14th holes. Tallman, the three-time Section Player of the Year, qualified for the 2019 Travelers Championship and tied for 34th in the PGA Professional Championship in New Mexico in May.

Jack McConachie (PGA Life Member), the 1982 Connecticut PGA Championship winner and Connecticut Section PGA Hall of Fame member Jack McConachie shot his age, 75, in the second round for a 36-hole total of 152 and a tie for 20th. It also was the 43rd anniversary of playing in the U.S. Open at Oak Hill CC in Rochester, N.Y., where Brooks Koepka won the PGA Championship.

Svoboda will play in one of the PGA Tour’s new “designated” tournaments that have a purse of at least \$20 million and are assured of getting most of the Top 20 players in the world. The tournament also reportedly will be a “designated” event next year with 70-to-78 players and no cut under the

PGA Tour’s new scheduling format.

Early commitments to this year’s tournament included Scottie Scheffler, ranked No. 1 in early June and co-runner-up to Koepka in the PGA, No. 2 and Masters winner Jon Rahm, No. 3 Rory McIlroy, No. 4 Patrick Cantlay, No. 5 Viktor Hovland, No. 6 and defending champion Xander Schauffele, No. 7 Max Homa, No. 12 Tony Finau, No. 15 Justin Thomas, No. 17 and 2022 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year Cameron Young, No. 18 Collin Morikawa, No. 23 Tommy Fleetwood and No. 24 Bradley.

Schauffele might get a few friendly jabs from Connecticut fans since his alma mater, San Diego State, lost 76-59 to the Huskies in the NCAA national championship game in April. But as a smiling Schauffele said during Media Day, “You can’t even make fun of the situation. We were just massive underdogs on the spot. I’ve very proud of the Aztecs. They held it together.”

A year ago, Schauffele “held it together” for most of the final round after opening the tournament with a pair of 63s but found himself one stroke back of fast-closing Sahith Theegala with two holes to go. But Theegala made a double-bogey 6 on the 18th hole after pulling his drive against a bank in a fairway bunker as Schauffele watched from the tee.

“What a weird spot, to be honest,” Schauffele said, “just sitting on the tee, kind of waiting and watching stuff unfold in front of me.” Schauffele then hit his drive in the fairway and an approach to 3 feet to close with a 2-under 68 and a 72-hole total of 19-under 261, two better than Theegala and J.T. Poston for his seventh PGA Tour title. Now Schauffele, 29, will try to join fellow San Diego native Phil Mickelson (2001, 2002) as the only players to win back-to-back titles in the 71-year history of the tournament that began as the Insurance City Open in 1952.

“It’s obviously more added pressure,” Schauffele said of trying to repeat. “You feel you have a higher expectation just because you’ve played well on site, so I’m looking forward to the challenge.” ■

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Guerrera Makes Up For Lost Time In A Big Way

Anthony Guerrera had tried to win a Connecticut State Golf Association title for seven years, and when he finally did, three victories in varying styles came in only eight days. Guerrera, a graduate of Watertown High School and Post University in Waterbury, ended his winless drought with a dominating five-stroke victory with A.J. Ouimet in the Two-Man Championship at the Black Hall Club in Old Lyme. Three days later, Guerrera and Ouimet led the CSGA to a record-setting sixth consecutive victory over the Connecticut Section PGA in the Julius Boros Challenge Cup Matches at New Haven Country Club.

Guerrera then capped his unprecedented run with his first individual title via a three-stroke victory over 2022 CSGA Amateur champion Ben Carpenter in the 20th Russell C. Palmer Cup at the Country Club of Waterbury. Guerrera's moment of truth came at the difficult 12th hole, where he hit an 8-iron shot to 6 feet to set up a birdie 2 after Carpenter had emphatically celebrated a 2 in the group in front to get within a stroke of the lead.

"This win means everything," said Guerrera, who had a large local crowd following him. "I have been competing in CSGA events for seven years so to be able to see the progression and finally break into the winner's circle feels great."

The breakthrough was due largely to an increased dedication to his game. Last August, Guerrera left his accounting job and began caddying at Bull's Bridge GC in Kent. With more time to play golf, his game quickly improved and continued over the winter months after he moved to Florida and took a job working on the bag staff at Gulf Stream GC in Delray Beach. Since returning to Connecticut, his improvement has been on full display.

Guerrera began the final round 3-under and the leader by two shots over Carpenter, a junior on the Yale golf team, but three bogeys in the first eight



ANTHONY GUERRERA

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holes opened the door for several challengers. The most notable runs were made by Carpenter and Tommy Dallahan (Hartford GC), a senior at the University of Connecticut. Dallahan jumped up the leaderboard with birdies on the ninth and 10th holes to get to 1-over and within a stroke of Guerrera. But Dallahan bogeyed three holes down the stretch for 72-211 and third place, his second consecutive Top-5 finish.

The event is named for Russell C. Palmer, former CSGA Executive Director (1986-1995) and inductee into the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame

(1997). Palmer's numerous accomplishments included establishing the use of GHIN throughout CSGA member clubs and initiating the purchase of the "Connecticut Golf House" that has served as the home of the organization for 30 years.

Ouimet, who played at Central Connecticut State University and Valdosta State University, said, "I will give credit where credit is due. I was playing with Ben Day at the CC of Waterbury where we are both members and he told me that the only thing Tiger Woods preaches to his son Charlie is that execution is more important than breathing. When I first heard it, I thought this is so serious and intense and I kind of laughed about it. Then Ben got all serious and stared me in the eyes and said if you hit every shot like your life depends on it, you will win your next tournament. So, I tried to incorporate that a little bit and once it started working that is what we kept saying all day."

Guerrera and Ouimet notched six of their 11 birdies in the morning on the first eight holes and added two more birdies in the afternoon. "It takes a lot to win, but winning validates the work that we put in together over the winter," Ouimet said. "I think there is a lot of chemistry between us and in four-ball it really shows. We feed off each other. Breaking through is the feeling that you need to start making a run. Both of us, I think, have professional ambitions and winning now is great. It is a great way to start the year."

Second place was shared by Brad Tilley and Conor McGovern (Brooklawn CC-Fairfield) and Eric Bleile (Sterling Farms GC-Stamford) and Jason Longo (Brooklawn CC) at 4-under.

Then in the Julius Boros Challenge Cup Matches, Guerrera and Ouimet combined to win 8.5 of a possible nine points in a 49.5-22.5 romp over the pros. "It is very exciting," seventh-year team captain Roger Everin said. "I'm really proud of the players and happy for them. I take a lot of pride in being part of this whole thing. It is a great celebration of the best players in the state playing against each other."

Everin recognized the 24-year-old leaders of the CSGA side. "They are the youngest players here and rookies on the team," Everin said. "It is nice to see a new crop of players come in. However, we still have our seniors and they did well. We have a very talented group of players." ■

BEN JAMES' STELLER SEASON FINISHES STRONG

The freshman season of University of Virginia sensation Ben James of Milford ended on yet another high in the NCAA Men's Golf Championship at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

James shot a closing 2-under-par 68 for a 4-under total of 276 for 72 holes to finish sixth in the individual competition, three behind champion Fred Biondi of Florida, and lead the Cavaliers to seventh in the match-play team event, where they lost 3-2 to eventual champion and No. 2 Florida in the quarterfinals.

James, 19, also had led UVA into the national championship when he won the Las Vegas Regional with a 20-under 196 for 54 holes to tie the program's record that he set in the season opener. That shared medalist honors at Bear's Best Las Vegas to become the first Cavalier in history to win a NCAA Regional as UVA advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time with a total of 49-under 815, 10 more than medalist Arizona State, the fourth-ranked team in the country.

Virginia, ranked No. 1 for the first time early in the season, competed in the national championship thanks mainly to James, who was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Freshman of the Year and a member of the All-ACC team. He is ranked seventh in the Golfstat standings and No. 1 among freshmen, won five tournaments, tied for third in the ACC Championships and was named to the PING All-East Region team and the ACC Golfer of the Month twice.

James was also one of six males to earn a spot on the 2023 United States Palmer Cup team, the only major tournament that features the top men's and women's university/college golfers matching the United States against International players. The event is a Ryder Cup-style tournament co-founded by Arnold Palmer and the Golf Coaches Association of America that began in 1997 at the Bay Hill Club & Lodge in Orlando, Fla., the site

of the PGA Tour's Arnold Palmer Invitational. Longtime Palmer partner Rolex is continuing its 50-plus year relationship through its support of the matches, which will be on June 8-10 at Laurel Valley GC in Ligonier, Pa.

The Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation supports the Palmer Cup, which provides a platform for perpetuating Arnold Palmer's commitment to youth character, the development and growth of amateur/collegiate golf. For more information, visit ArnoldPalmerCup.com.

Andy Bessette, the executive vice president and chief administrative officer at Travelers, said James might receive a second exemption for the Travelers Championship June 22-25 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. "He's had a great freshman year," Bessette said during Media Day. "We are giving him serious consideration (for another exemption). Giving those young golfers an opportunity is what we are all about. That's what we do." ■

NEWTOWN NATIVE JOE LACAVA HIRED BY PATRICK CANTLAY

Newtown native Joe LaCava has been considered one of the leading caddies on the PGA Tour for more than three decades, including the last 12 years with Tiger Woods. But with Woods out indefinitely due to his latest in a litany of injuries and surgeries – a subtalar fusion procedure in April to address post-traumatic arthritis in his right foot – LaCava joined Patrick Cantlay at the Wells Fargo Championship in Charlotte, N.C. And LaCava will make a rare appearance in his home state at the Travelers Championship.

Cantlay, 31, found his new caddie after getting permission from Woods. "Joe wants to work, and so I think Tiger got that," Woods' longtime agent Mark Steinberg told ESPN. "Joe called Tiger to ask him and get approval, and, of course Tiger gave it. Tiger and Joe are like brothers, tremendous friends. You shouldn't read anything more in to that other than Joe wants to caddie. He loves

it. It's his passion. He's great at it and one of the best."

LaCava, 59, made it clear that the move wasn't a sign that Woods is retiring, but it does show golf's biggest draw wasn't close to returning to the course. "I wasn't actively looking," LaCava told the PGA Tour website. "I missed it, and I wanted to work more. He knows me well enough, and I know him well enough, that we know it's hopefully-slash-probably going to work."

LaCava replaced Matt Minister, who had worked for Cantlay since 2017 before they split after the Zurich Classic, where Cantlay and close friend and 2022 Travelers Championship Xander Schauffele tied for fourth in the PGA Tour's only team competition. LaCava has worked for Cantlay in the past and will now do so for the foreseeable future. ■



JOE LACAVA & PATRICK CANTLAY

MALEN, MURPHY, FUCHS ENTER CONN. SECTION PGA HALL OF FAME



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It's amazing, ironic and fitting how things work out sometimes. Don Malen was one of three new inductees into the Connecticut Section PGA Professional Hall of Fame during the Spring PGA Membership Meeting at the Golf Club of Avon. Malen has been associated with the club for 48 years, 35 as the head professional, and was a longtime close friend of John Murphy, another inductee who worked most of his career at the Country Club of Farmington, located only seven miles away.

"When they held a retirement celebration for John in 2007, we remembered how he and I broke every rule in the book," Malen said with a smile. "Every time there was an outing at one of our clubs, they always said they had a good day with Murphy and Malen. A lot of people know how I felt about John."

Malen and Murphy were two pros who had their staff wear ties, giving them a professional look. Murphy died last Oct. 6, and he and Malen were honored with the late Al Fuchs. "Basically, golf has been my whole life," said Malen, 76, a PGA Life Member. "When I found out that I was going into the Hall of Fame, I thought, 'Wow.' Then I reflected on the club and all of the pros that I've been fortunate to know."

Malen started in the game as a caddie and caddie master and then became an assistant pro at Wampanoag Country Club in West Hartford in 1970. Five years later, his "dream came true" when he was named the head pro at the Golf Club of Avon. Shortly after joining Avon, Tom Nettelbladt, son of Hall of Famer Harry Nettelbladt, was severely injured in an automobile accident during a

storm. Malen, who played Hogan clubs at the time, sent a letter to the legendary Ben Hogan about a charity event that was going to be held to help Nettelbladt, whom Hogan knew. Hogan couldn't attend the benefit, but he did send a \$1,000 check to help the cause.

As heartfelt as those sentiments were, Malen was a bit upstaged moments after his speech ended by one of his students, 13-year-old Avon member Brayden Grossman. "Thanks, and congratulations," said Brayden, who has taken lessons from Malen for years.

Loud applause all around.

Murphy was one of the Section's leading merchandisers before he died in 2022 at 78 while living in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. He was born in Newport, R.I., as the fifth of 10 children and graduated from De La Salle Academy in Newport in 1961. He began his golf career as a caddie at Newport CC, caddied for Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy, and a picture of him standing behind Eisenhower is prominently displayed at the club.

Murphy attended the PGA Business School in 1963 and moved to Connecticut to be an assistant at Hartford Golf Club. He would head to Florida in the winters and was an assistant at The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. In 1966, he was hired as the head pro at Westwoods in Farmington, and then in 1967, in the middle of a snowstorm, he was offered and signed a contract to be the head pro at Farmington. Often described as the Pro's-Pro, he had a 40-year career at Farmington and redefined what it was to be a golf professional.

In January of 2000, Murphy was inducted into the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service to Golf by the CSGA. In 2007, Murphy received the Section's highest honor, Professional of the Year. He also was actively involved in the Recovery community and helped many people get help and find sobriety over the years. He was passionate about recovery and the fellowship that the program provided to him and others. For years, he was a chairman and director at High Watch Farm in Kent, a devote Catholic, a Eucharistic Minister for decades and was awarded the Hartford Archdiocese's Medal of Appreciation in 2004. Upon retirement, he went to Juno Beach, Fla., until 2019 when he moved to Ponte Vedra Beach to be close to his family, which was his greatest joy. ■

GOODWIN PARK EARNS PRESTIGIOUS PUBLIC COURSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Goodwin Park Golf Course (pictured right), which underwent a \$4 million facelift seven years ago, has been selected by the Connecticut Section PGA to receive the prestigious Walter Lowell Public Course Distinguished Service Award for 2023. The award is presented annually to a public golf course for their dedication, promotion, advancement and accessibility to the game of golf. The Hartford course was honored at the annual Walter Lowell PGA Tournament on May 30 at Pequabuck GC in Terryville.

“The City of Hartford’s Goodwin Park is one of the oldest municipal golf courses in Connecticut,” said Bob Sparks, president of the Connecticut Section PGA. “The recent improvements in the past several years have restored the golf course and reinvigorated the surrounding community. Goodwin’s programming for golfers of all abilities and backgrounds is exactly what this award is all about.”

In 1906, a nine-hole golf course was laid out upon a meadow in the newly founded Goodwin Park, followed by another nine holes in 1911. Before an additional nine holes were built in 1927, the land served as an emergency landing field for airplanes during World War I. In its current state, the facility features an 18-hole, 6,015-yard South Course and the nine-hole North Course, also known as the “flat nine,” for the enjoyment of golfers of all skill levels.

First Tee – Connecticut Executive Director Mark Moriarty said, “This award is a tremendous honor for our entire team at Goodwin Park Golf Course and at First Tee – Connecticut because it recognizes our ongoing efforts to provide broad and diverse opportunities for entry into the game of golf. We are proud to continue serving the Hartford community by providing opportunities



for all who wish to explore the game.”

“Goody,” as it is affectionately known, hosts nearly 40,000 rounds a year in addition to outside events such as the Hartford Women’s Open and the Greater Hartford Amateur Championship, which has been played at course since 1963.

Growing the game and providing access to a multitude of backgrounds and programs has been a highlight of the facility. Programs such as Golfers in Motion (an organization for individuals with amputations), US Kids Golf, PGA HOPE (introduces golf to veterans and active-duty military to enhance their physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being), high school and collegiate golf teams and the Connecticut Latinas Women’s Golf Team, which is open to all women looking to learn the game of golf. ■

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Samantha Morrell Earns 24th Connecticut Women's Open Title

Wilton, Connecticut (June 6, 2023) – One year after losing the Connecticut Women's Open presented by [Crescent Point Private Wealth](#) in a playoff Samantha Morrell got her redemption. Entering the final round of the 24th Connecticut Women's Open at Rolling Hills Country Club Morrell held a two-shot lead but after falling one shot behind with nine holes to play she dug deep to pull out the victory.

"It took a little while for the win to sink in," Morrell said after her round. "I think I was so focused and in tournament mode that I really didn't (let it sink in for a little while). I kept telling myself to not get too ahead of myself and to just grind it out until the last minute. It didn't really immediately hit me."

Following a 2-over 37 front nine that dropped the Warwick Country Club assistant professional back to level par Morrell began to turn her day around with an up-and-down birdie from the greenside bunker on the par-5 10th. The birdie moved Morrell back into a tie for the lead with 2021 champion Melissa Siviter (GC of Georgia) at 1-under.

Siviter, playing in the final group alongside Morrell and 13-year-old Arabella Lopez (Redding CC), opened the final round at even-par before quickly moving to 1-under with a birdie on the 465-yard par-5 first. That is where she remained for the next 10 holes and as they made the turn she was in the lead alone.

However, after Siviter bogeyed the short par-4 12th and Morrell rolled in a twisting 30-foot birdie putt on the ensuing downhill par-3 to return to 2-under the lead ballooned back to two shots. Bogeys were traded on the par-4 14th hole keeping the difference at two shots when play was suspended due to lightning in the area with four holes remaining.

"I told myself not to peak at the leaderboard (during the delay)," explained Morrell who to her surprise with the victory earned an exemption into the Epson Tour stop at Great River Golf Club from July 14-16. "It was very tempting to do that, especially with the downtime. I got lunch which was very important. I got to relax a little and I didn't look at the leaderboard and I told myself it doesn't matter, I can't change anything and to go back



out like I haven't had the chance to look at it."

When play resumed Morrell and Siviter once again traded bogeys on the par-3 15th. Those would be the last blemishes on either scorecard as both players tightened the screws down the stretch. Matching pars on No. 16 sent the competitors and former collegiate rivals turned friends to the penultimate hole separated by two shots. Morrell was even-par and just ahead of the 2-over Siviter.

On the par-4 17th it looked as if Siviter might have a chance to make up some ground. Off the tee, Morrell lost her drive to the right and was forced to punch out around a tree leaving herself a 36-yard pitch shot. Morrell had been short on pitch shots all day long but with the tournament hanging in the balance she wouldn't make the same mistake again telling herself in the middle of the swing not to leave it short. She didn't as she almost holed the chip for birdie. Moments later she cleaned up the five-footer for par and carried the lead into the final hole.

As Morrell and Siviter were duking it out Angela Garvin (Myrtlewood GC) nearly swooped in and stole the tournament. Fresh off her senior year at the University of Maryland Garvin birdied the par-4 16th to move within

two shots and then moved within a stroke with a birdie on the par-5 last. Her birdie on the final hole capped an impressive 2-under 71 final round which matched the low score of the day. With Garvin's work complete all she could do was watch.

Morrell began the par-5 18th with a drive that missed the fairway left but after a good recovery shot she found herself just short of the green in two. Meanwhile, Siviter played aggressively finding the green with her second shot. Morrell played first and hit her third shot long setting up a tricky downhill birdie putt.

Siviter played next and despite missing her eagle putt she was able to tap in for birdie to finish 1-over and in a tie with Garvin. Forced to get down in two in order to avoid a playoff Morrell lagged her birdie putt close and then brushed in one final par putt that sealed the title.

"I have been very close to winning this tournament numerous times and that seemed to be a trend for me in college as well," explained Morrell who will be playing in the KPMG Women's PGA Championship for the third time later this month. "I always felt that I was in the top-five or second place. I called it always a bridesmaid and never a bride and it happened last year but not this year. I am very happy to have pulled off a win in this event."

Morrell finished the 36-hole tournament even-par with rounds of 71-75 and she was able to hold off Siviter and Garvin both of whom finished in a tie for second at 1-over. 2011 winner Jordan Lintz (Blackhawk CC) made an early charge before settling for a 3-over fourth-place finish. Fifth place was shared by Chelsea Dantonio (Crag Burn GC), four-time winner Liz Caron (Mill River Club), and Alexis Hios (Woodway CC) at 4-over. ■

About the Connecticut State Golf Association

The Connecticut Women's Open is one of 20 championships conducted by the Connecticut State Golf Association. The CSGA functions as an extension of the USGA and provides stewardship for amateur golf in Connecticut. Founded in 1899, it is the country's oldest state golf association and conducts over 60 Championships, Qualifiers, and One Day Tournaments throughout the year.

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Last April we did a story about Sqairz Golf Shoes and it is revisited below. I was offered a pair of golf shoes by owner Bob Winskowicz, but they did not feel comfortable on this golfer's old feet. I met Bob again at this year's PGA Merchandise Show and he said, "I've got a new line of shoes that you might like." He was right. The new Men's SPEED MESH are much lighter in weight while providing structure needed to use the ground force and optimize swing speed. I couldn't believe the difference from the previous year, and now I am hooked on Sqairz.

Sqairz sales have been booming since they were introduced and has been Golf Digest's Best Golf Shoe since 2020.



Sqairz Golf Shoes an Engineering Marvel

Faldo's Google Search Leads to Big Profits

One of the best part of this job is the people that you meet and the stories you can hear. At this year's PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando I met Bob Winskowicz of New Hampshire who invented and patented (in fact seven patents) the Sqairz Golf Shoe. We've all seen the ads on television about this radically new golf shoe designed by Winskowicz and promoted by Sir Nick Faldo.

How did Faldo come to be involved? Faldo was doing a segment on balance in the golf swing for his television show. He was having trouble with keeping his balance with tennis shoes on, and even with his bare feet. He asked his agent to Google (balance, stable and golf shoes) and up popped Sqairz golf

shoes. The agent called and asked to have Faldo be sent a couple of pairs of Sqairz golf shoes, and Nick loved them.

Winskowicz started in the consumer goods industry and became a regional VP for MacGregor Golf. He then worked with Arnold Golf Company as an Executive Vice President. "Those were wonderful years," he remembered.

How did he get the idea for Sqairz? "Having worked in the golf industry for a number of years, I learned a great deal about ground force and the importance of using the ground to create swing speed. The launch of sneaker-like golf shoes for comfort really didn't help golfers play better golf.. Shoes without structure and spikes created a problem for golfers in using ground force and balance

Winskowicz set out to build a better shoe for the golf industry. "There are two connections in golf, your hands to the club and your feet to the ground. I would argue that your connection to the ground and your golf shoes are most important, as they facilitate the key



fundamentals of the golf swing. Without balance, stability and ground connection you will never have consistency in accuracy or distance," he said.

The principal advantage of the square toe design allows the toes to sit naturally, providing better balance and stability. As a result of the square toe we were able to widen the base under the ball of your foot, providing added balance and stability. The added width also provides more surface area contact with the ground providing a more efficient energy exchange, resulting in increased distance.

While I was interviewing Winskowicz at the Golf Show, a famous golfer on the Champions Tour walked in and asked if he could try a couple of pairs. He wanted to remain anonymous, as he is under contract to a different shoe company. "Golfers are really enjoying the shoes," said the founder as he watched the transaction.

Sepp Straka, PGA professional presently ranked #14 in FedEx Cup points, recently won the Honda Classic in Florida wearing the

Sqairz shoes. "Sales went up quite a bit after that," said the unassuming Winskowicz who is married to a girl from Cranston, R.I and often travels to Rhode Island for the fine food.

Sqairz are only sold online. "I just didn't want to fight that very competitive golf shoe retail market," he said. Sqairz won the Best Golf Shoe award from Golf Digest in both 2021 and 2022. It was really a treat to speak to Winskowicz and learn about how this entrepreneur has definitely built a better mouse-trap. We have something in common. We both love Shark Tank.

You can get more information about the shoes at www.Sqairz.com—Faldo did! ■

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Menante Back To Defend At 61th Northeast Amateur



2022 NORTHEAST AMATEUR



2021 NORTHEAST AMATEUR

Last year's champion, Dylan Menante from the University of North Carolina will be back to defend his title in the 61st playing of the Northeast Amateur, which will run from June 21 through the 24 at historic Wannamoisett Country Club in East Providence, R.I.. where he shattered the tournament record at 19-under par.

Some of the best players in the world of amateur golf traditionally play in the Northeast Am and 105 players have been invited to the Rumford neighborhood for a week to test their games against the par 69 layout. This will be only the second time the event will welcome back its two years' straight defending champion because the

Northeast attracts so many great collegiate players who turn professional the next year. "It's rare to have anyone return to defend-- Collin Morikawa of Cal Berkley, was the last to do it. Only three other players have won consecutive Northeast titles; Luke Donald (200-'01), Jay Sigel (1984-'85) and John Cook ('78-'79)," said tournament director, Ben Tuthill, who added that some invitees have already qualified for the U.S. Open the week before the Northeast Am and might not make it back cross-country for the event.

"Wannamoisett is not a long golf course by today's standards, but it doesn't need to be. The greens are tricky. You have to be in the right

spots. I'm always learning new things every round. Everyone says this is the best tournament of the year, from the mid-ams to the college kids. We love to come here. It's a really fun event," said Matt Parziale who has played in the event many times.

Dozens who are now household names on the PGA and even Champions Tours have competed in this event over years, including Bryson DeChambeau. "Bryson played here before turning pro," said Tuthill. "It's not that much of a surprise to see guys who played here win out on the PGA Tour. Every year I get the question, 'who is the big name here this year' and the answer is you don't really know. Any of the 105 players we have in this field this year could go on and do unbelievable things in golf. We've seen it time and time again. You look at the history of the players who have been here and have gone on to accomplish incredible things," said Tuthill who will be hosting for his tenth year, and he also played in four Northeast's.

The participants in the Northeast Amateur are a "who's who" of professional golf. Scottie Scheffler played here three times as did Sam Burns and Cameron Champ. Both of Jack Nicklaus' sons played here. Freddie Couples played in 1980. Brad

Faxon played six times, and all three Quigleys have played here. Webb Simpson played four times and Justin Thomas played in three events. Dustin Johnson player in 2006 and 2007, and Rickie Fowler was also here in 2007. PGA of America President Seth Waugh's son, Clancy, played in the event for four years. Peter Uihlein won and had set a new record in 2011.

There is no charge to come and watch the best amateur players in the world, and Wannamoisett is a very nice walking course. See the PGA Tour stars of tomorrow! They put on quite a show. Imagine telling your friends that you had followed Scottie Scheffler, or Justin Thomas or even Tiger Woods around Wannamoisett C.C. where you can get up close and personal with the players. ■

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2023 NORTHEAST AMATEUR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 19:

8:00am – Contestant Registration opens
8:00am – Course is open for practice

TUESDAY, JUNE 20:

8:00am – Course is open for practice.
12:30pm – Course closes for practice
1:15pm – Shotgun Am/Am Tournament
6:30pm – Opening Ceremonies

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21:

First Round:
Starting times 8:00 to 9:12 & 11:45 to 12:57

THURSDAY, JUNE 22:

Second Round:
Starting times 8:00 to 9:12 & 11:45 to 12:57

FRIDAY, JUNE 23:

Third Round: Starting times 7:15 to 12:35
5:00pm Long Drive Contest.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24:

Fourth Round: Starting times 7:00 to 11:00
3:00pm – Closing ceremonies & awards presentation.

Ten Things I Like And Don't Like About Golf

In the perfect world, you tee off on time, play with people that make you comfortable and score par on every hole. In my world, there are good days and bad days; times you play like Lexi Thompson on steroids; times if your clubs dropped off the low end of a pickup truck you would just keep on driving.

Here is how I see what I love and don't love about the game of golf:

The Challenge

Love: Every day is a new challenge. Some days, you just can't miss. Your swing is smooth; your ball on target., your putts roll in. You laugh a lot.

Love not-so-much: Every day is a new challenge: You hit out of bounds four times, lost three new pink Chrome Supersoft balls in the rough and you end up tied for last place.

The Good Old Outdoors

Love: being outside, smelling the spring blossoms off the cherry trees; hearing the birds; walking through lush green grass.

Love not-so-much: The wind is howling, the air frosty; and your nose runs. Sometimes when I wake in the morning on a drizzly golf day and the temp is a frigid 48 degrees, much like I used to pray for a snow day in school, I hope the pro shop will close the course and let me off the hook. Usually it doesn't happen. Where is the Baileys when you need it?

Meeting New People

Love: After playing 18 holes, you know you have a new friend. Ally is fun, knows how to play ready golf, doesn't talk in the middle of your swing, and likes to walk.

Love not-so-much: Help! No more iPhone pictures of cute grandchildren you don't know... just drive to the next tee please. And no more excuses for topping the ball. Own it.



KATHARINE DYSON

Practice

Love: That no practice is required before hitting the course. It's totally your call.

Love not-so-much: I don't like to practice, even a little bit. But I can see a direct correlation between time spent on the driving range and score. I don't like it, but practice does help.

Time Constraints

Love: Getting away for a few hours to play and soak up the fresh air.

Love not-so-much: Let's face it. Golf takes a lot of time. I've always played 18 holes, but you can count on that taking up a big chunk of your day. I wish more courses would offer 12-hole options with rates to match. And I would be thrilled if our club organized more 12-hole tournaments.

Speed Of Play

Love: Playing when a round moves right along.

Love not-so-much: Being stuck behind a group (or groups) who have no concept as to how to keep play moving. How many times have I noticed a player walk to her ball, ponder over what club to use, then walk back to her cart to pull a club and walk back to her ball, line up the ball, and finally, hit it. Men do this too by the way.

19th Hole

Love: Sharing stories of golf round with fellow players; margaritas.

Love not-so-much: Can't think of anything here...unless I get stuck with the bill.

Legends

Love: Learning about legends of the game like Annika Sorenstam, Gene Sarazen, Bobby Jones, Babe Zaharias, Sam Snead, and Edith Cummings. Who you ask is Edith Cummings? She was a glamorous lady who won the 1923 Women's Amateur in Rye, NY. Cummings travelled in elite social circles and F. Scott Fitzgerald based his character Jordan Baker in his novel, *The Great Gatsby* on her. She was the first woman to make the cover of *Time*.

Love not-so-much: Realizing so many of these Legends are gone.

Family Fun

Love: Nothing better than playing with those you love.

Love not-so-much: Being out-driven by my 10 year old granddaughter.

Exercise

Love: Looking at my Apple Watch at end of round and finding I walked my max in steps.

Love not-so-much: Tournament golf when you're required to take a cart.

Golf Is A Solitary Sport

Love: When I finish a round without a snowman on the card, I can take full credit. Whatever I do, it's all on me, the good and the bad.

Love not-so-much: This is a game where I get

to blame no one but myself for my mistakes. So I miss a short putt. I'm the one holding the putter, I'm the one who pushed the stroke or misread the line. All me.

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Love: I recall a story about an 84 year-old widow. She decided at that late age to take up golf. When her pro asked her what motivated her, she said, "All the eligible men I know around here, are golfers." She took up the game and found husband #4.

Love not-so-much: Talk about a limited field!

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More Likes Than Dislikes With Golf

There are a few things I don't like about golf, but there are many more that I do so I'll start with one of them. I like to play fast. Usually, I play in a threesome or foursome and we walk 18 holes while pushing our carts in less than three and half hours at hilly Green Hill Municipal Golf Course in Worcester.

My motto is, "If you think, you stink." The longer I analyze a shot, the worse I hit it. I need to simply pick out a line and hit the ball. Sometimes I don't even take a practice swing.

To be honest, I don't like to practice at all and that explains why I haven't improved much even though I often play four times a week. The few times I do hit balls before I play don't seem to translate into lower scores.

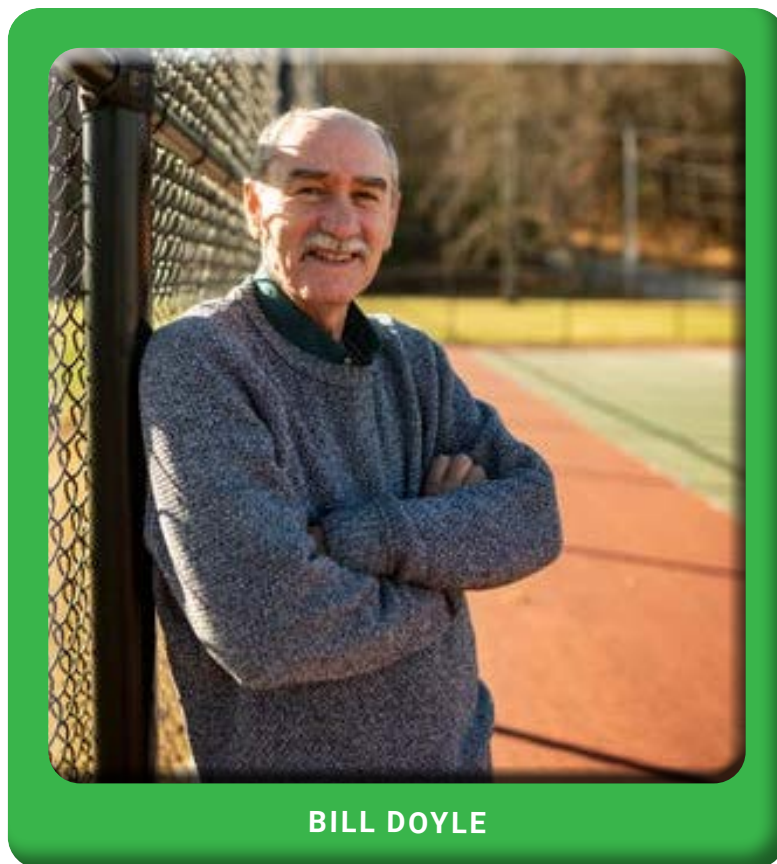
My group likes to play early so we don't get stuck behind slow golfers. It drives us crazy to watch golfers in front of us taking so long to putt. My playing partners arrive early enough to warm up by chipping and putting, but I can't seem to get out of the house soon enough to do much of that. I show up so close to our tee time sometimes I don't have any time to putt at all.

One of my playing partners tells me he can't believe I can hit a straight and somewhat long opening tee shot with no warm up. Unfortunately, the accuracy and length of my drives aren't consistent.

I like being outside with the sun shining and the birds chirping. There's also chirping in our foursome. I like teasing my golf buddies and talking about sports and politics. While golfing together for three or four hours, you have a captive audience.

I like discussing what we did right during a round, from launching a long drive to knocking an approach close to sinking a curling putt. I even like lamenting our mistakes, most of which are putts that we can't believe didn't fall into the cup.

I like seeing deer, foxes and turkeys on the course. I don't like the sight of geese and their



BILL DOYLE

droppings on the fairways. I like the exercise of walking and pushing my cart for 18 holes, even up and down the hills. (Except for the severely uphill par-5 12th and 16th holes at Green Hill.)

Being follicly challenged, I like golf caps. I have so many of them, I've never worn some.

I like golf shirts. I've worn every one that I have many times. Having had a couple of skin cancer scares, I like sun sleeves so I don't have to smear sunscreen all over my arms.

I like hybrids because they're so much easier to hit than irons. I like the forgiveness of the new equipment. But I wish putters were even more forgiving.

I like to place my golf ball on short tees on par 3s. I don't like struggling to push long tees into the frozen ground on cold, early spring days. But I dress



GREEN HILL MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE IN WORCESTER

in layers and play anyway.

I like watching golf on television, especially at some warm weather location in Hawaii, Florida or California when it's winter here and we don't want to go outside. After the snow melts, I like to return to the golf course as early as February even if the temperature struggles to reach 40. I don't even care what I shoot, but for some reason I seem to post some of my best scores early in the season. I think it's because I haven't developed any bad habits yet.

I like the international flavor of Green Hill. I've played with people from Kenya, Ghana, South Korea and India, but we all speak the same language on the golf course. I don't like losing golf balls, but I do like finding balls that someone else lost. I'll probably never use all the golf balls I've found, but I keep looking for them.

I don't like ridiculous pin placements, especially when a putt misses a cup on a hill and the ball rolls back to your feet. Then it happens again.

I like greenside bunker shots because they don't intimidate me. I don't like fairway bunkers because they do. I can usually blast out of both

types of bunkers, but my ball doesn't travel very far. That works for greenside bunkers, but not for fairway bunkers.

I don't like doubles or triples. Unless, the Red Sox hit them. I don't like playing in the wind unless it's at my back, but that never seems to be the case.

I don't like it when people throw clubs in frustration. Fortunately, my usual playing partners don't do that because we don't take golf that seriously. We don't play for money, just for fun.

To me, that's what golf is all about - fun. To some, golf is a fierce competition. To me, it's the camaraderie, the fresh air, the exercise. It's something I can still do at age 68 and there aren't many other sports older people can play. Someday I hope to shoot my age, but more importantly I just want to keep playing for as long as I can. ■

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Lifetime Memories

Golf is the healthiest thing I do. It's four hours outside, breathing fresh air, standing on grass, looking at trees."

I will always remember those words said a few years ago by Regan Remillard, the former owner of The Haven Country Club in Boylston during the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new home facility of the New England PGA. Spoken long before the decided theme of this month's Southern New England Golfer issue, Remillard's particular reasons for his love of golf got me thinking about the different ways why we all love the sport.

So, here a few of my own thoughts on the subject:

The Lifetime Memories That Golf Creates:

As a kid and through my early teens, I played a lot of golf with my father, who died suddenly at age 54 in the spring, right before the start of the 1969 golf season. At Gardner (Massachusetts) Municipal, my dad would always boom a long, straight shot from the 10th tee which was close to the clubhouse and close to other golfers watching. On the next hole, the 11th, however, with a water inlet just beyond the tee area, dad would very often top his shot and the golf ball would skip into Crystal Lake.

"I need that gallery I had on the last hole," my father would say with a laugh. All these years later I can still hear his joking voice when I approach the par 5, 11th hole at Gardner Municipal. He left our family way too soon, but the warm memories of our playing golf together live on.

Playing Great Golf Courses:

For this one, Tom Coyne, in his wonderful book, "A Course Called America," nailed the criteria for me when he noted that "a great course presents a cerebral experience, requiring calcu-

lation and strategy and forcing a player to make choices according to their own mettle."

Coyne continued in his book, stating what he desired as he traveled throughout the country, searching for the best venues: "It should challenge good players, and at least entertain the strugglers. Sheer enjoyment remained a vital component, but a truly great course, to me, required something more abstract. It had to inspire. And not just inspire you as a golfer, but as a human being; it should make you ponder your gifts, wonder at the earth, and prize your moment. It should leave you a more mindful person than when you arrived, and reward you with awe, the kind you used to summon so easily as a child."

My Love Of Golf Led To The Love Of Writing About It:

My sports-writing life would not be the same if I never had the chance of covering golf tournaments and interviewing interesting amateur and accomplished professional players.

Some of the stories I will cherish forever include the following: The 1988 and 2022 U.S. Open championships at The Country Club in Brookline; the 1995 Ryder Cup at Oak Hill in Rochester, N.Y. and the 1999 Ryder Cup at TCC, Interviewing 16-year-old Tiger Woods at the U.S. Junior in 1992 at Wollaston CC, 87-year-old Gene Sarazen via telephone in 1989 about his winning the Mass. Open at Oak Hill CC in Fitchburg in 1935, Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson at the U.S. Senior Open at Salem CC in 2001, Annika Sorenstam at Cyprian Keyes in West Boylston in 2008, and the legendary Chi Chi Rodriguez at the Ouimet Fund Banquest in 2003.

What I Like Least About Golf:

Not a lot, but okay, here's a brief list of more annoyances than actual dislikes: slow

play, music from golf carts blaring distractingly too loud, cheaters, rainouts after a great front nine, unraked bunkers, unrepaired ball marks on greens, divots unreplaced on fairways, huge, huge ball markers, overpriced greens fees and yes, I'll say it- wearing denim jeans while playing.

Really, though, what I like the least about golf is when great golfers leave us. Like Gene Sarazen, Payne Stewart and the King, Arnold Palmer.

The latest to rest in peace is a great professional from my hometown, Bob Menne, who passed away at age 81 on June 2, 2023 on the exact day of his 49th anniversary of his only win on the PGA Tour, the 1974 Kemper Open at Quail Hollow CC in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Menne's name lives on among other Kemper champions, golf legends including Arnold Palmer, Raymond Floyd, Tom Weiskopf and Doug Sanders, all names emblazoned in gold letters and displayed on a wall at Quail Hollow.

Bob Menne, over the years, was a great guy to talk to after winning club championships along with the 1981 Mass Open, the 1985 New England Open and the 1991 Rhode Island Open. Menne's PGA Tour career totals included over 200 events, 82 cuts and 10 top-10 finishes. Two years after winning the Kemper Open, he threatened to win the 1976 Pleasant Valley Classic in Sutton after his course-tying record round. He eventually finished tied for third behind winner Buddy Allin and runner-up Ben Crenshaw.

In my last interview with Menne in 2014 on the 40th anniversary of his Kemper win, he told me,

"When I look at the whole thing, my whole career in golf and coming from Gardner, Mass, as a kid whose best sport in high school was really basketball, well, it was a pretty good run and I enjoyed it all."

Rest in peace, Bob Menne. You made Gardner very proud. And you helped so many people learn to love golf. ■

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Why Love Golf? Why Not Indeed

Camaraderie, independence, and the smell of fresh cut grass in the early morning hours scratch the surface of reasons to love the game of golf. Nothing like the exhilaration of hopping out of the car, putting on the golf shoes and heading to the pro shop to check in for your tee time. Perhaps you are a weekend warrior, work is done and the course is a calling. To get golf in before the weekend chores and errands, the early morning tee time just after sunrise offers peace and tranquility, and hopefully not too many ball marks to fix from other golfers that soon in the day.

More important than the golf may be the regular foursome of buddies that you play with, catching up on how everyone is doing while getting in plenty of good-natured ribbing and jokes along the way. Hopefully a birdie or two on the course mixes in for that shot that makes you want to get back to the course real soon.

There are endless reasons to love the game of golf. As you get older, with other sports such as baseball, football or basketball, the wear and tear on the body leads to possibly giving up these sports as we age. As may of you know, golf is a sport that you can play all your life, going on a voyage of trying to find that perfect round while realizing at some point no one will ever perfect this game of frustration and exhilaration.

Why love golf? Why not I say. With team sports, one can rely on others competing and trying to beat the opponent. In golf, it is you and the ball, and you have no one to blame but yourself for how the round turns out. But do not go blaming your swing first. Another beautiful thing about us golfers is the endless reasons why we do not play well. Oh, the greens were not right, too windy, must need new clubs, the goose honked in my back swing, and so forth and so on.

Golf is a great escape as well to help you take a break from the hustle and bustle of our hectic, fast-paced lives. After a bad day of work, getting in at least a quick nine to bash the pellet around could be what the doctor ordered before heading home. Sometimes a walk or cart ride on the course gives you time to stop thinking and just worry about that next shot, one hole at a time.

Golf also is a great reveal on one's demeanor and character. You can learn a lot about friends during a round, especially how they react after a bad shot. Will they keep calm and shake it off, or will a meltdown occur, with a club flung in the air while expletives you may never have heard before are bellowed out for all to hear.

From the view in the pro shop, working behind the counter, golfers come in and will talk about their round, maybe confide a few things to you, making the pro shop feel more like a confessional at times. Don't worry, though, what is said in the pro shop, stays in the pro shop. Or just stories you get to hear add to the list of benefits of being around the game. Why love golf? Why not, indeed. ■

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Mohegan Sun Golf Club Making Major Renovations

The next time you head to Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino in Uncasville, Ct., you might want to pack your golf clubs in the trunk. “We are open for public play and excited to share with everyone what a great golf experience awaits golfers,” said Philip Krick, Jr., Vice President and General Manager of Mohegan Sun Golf Club.

Krick organized a press trip last fall where a group of golf writers and their spouses stayed at Mohegan Sun Resort, ate at the fabulous Tao Restaurant inside Mohegan Sun Resort and also played the golf course. The press trip was to announce the work that Ron Garl Golf Design of Lakeland, Fla. was in the process of doing at the course. “We have hired renowned Golf Designer Ron Garl of Lakeland, Fla. to do a “sympathetic restoration” of the original design by Geoffrey Cornish in 1960 and the restoration work of course architect Robert McNeil of Northeast Golf Properties in 2010 and 2011,” added Krick who had met Garl in 1999 while working in Costa Rica.

“We need to continue to get the word out about our club being open to the public and the wonderful improvements we are making to the course,” said Krick in his opening comments. “Our course is so nice, Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino gets millions of visitors, but I don’t think that a very large percentage of visitors even know that we have a golf course available for them to play; and it is only twenty minutes away from the resort,” he added.

In 2007 the Mohegan Sun Tribal Council purchased Pautipaug Country Club in Baltic, Ct. The major problem was that the course, designed by Geoffrey Cornish in the 1960’s had serious water problems that made it almost unplayable at times and unsustainable in the long run. Course architect Robert McNeil of Northeast Golf Properties, a native of Northbridge, Mass. was hired in 2010 to do major renovations to the course. “We closed the course down in August 2010 and restyled and

repositioned all bunkers, rebuilt and realigned all the tees, constructed five new greens, reshaped two others and regrassed all the other greens. We used T1 bentgrass to provide the best turf coverage with limited use of water,” said a proud McNeil who now owns Kings Crossing Golf Course in No. Kingstown, RI and had designed the new Preserve at Boulder Hills in Wyoming, RI.

When the course reopened in 2012 as Mohegan Sun Country Club at Pautipaug, it had a completely new look with an upgraded clubhouse, new water sources and pristine conditions.

“Fast-forward ten years and it was time to make more improvements. We have repositioned our efforts to operate a more resort-centric golf experience and now encourage public play with the only requirement being that all players must register for the Mohegan Sun Momentum Card – an incentive rewards program that recognizes and rewards guest spending. We know we have a great product, and want to encourage more public play that includes corporate golf outings, bachelor parties and many other regional resort guest groups,” said an enthusiastic Krick.

The course is a gem. It measures 6,790 yards from the back tees down to 5,359 yards from the red tees. You will know that you are playing on a championship course as you see the lasered tees, huge rolling greens, well-designed bunkering and pristine conditioning.

Usually it is the par 5s or 3s that stand out on a course and make it memorable. That is not the case at Mohegan Sun Golf Club. The most difficult hole is the par 4 seventh—a long dogleg left par 4 with woods on the left, a split fairway and a green that has a couple of elephants buried under it and sticks out on a peninsula with a large bunker in front.

The par 3’s on the front are long with water on the fourth and a huge slope on the eighth green. The par 5s on the front are back-to-back



LOOKING BACK DOWN NO. 18

at numbers 5 and 6. Six is a unique par 5 as your drive is straight downhill and then you turn right to an uphill green that is three-tiered. It is a true risk/reward hole as the green sits uphill with big trouble in front. The smart play is to lay up and then hit a wedge uphill to the green. Garl is in the process of altering that hole.

Hole 12 is a drivable par 4 over a pond. But once you get to the green you see the rest of that elephant herd. One of the toughest putting greens this reporter has seen.

Holes 9 and 18 both play slightly uphill towards the clubhouse. The ninth is a 424-yard par 4 and the 18th is a 537-yard par 5 from the back tees. What makes 18 difficult is the second shot needs to be hit over a pond.

Cornish had developed a very nice routing and McNeil had certainly tightened it up and made it play like a very modern course.

You will have a very good and enjoyable time playing it. One of the features of the course "The Triple Tee" is the convergence of three tees. Holes 9, 14 and 17 tees are all close together and the food station is right in the middle. The grill is always going and it makes a fun place to stop with excellent food.

Garl met with the writers twice to talk about

his plans for the course. He is making changes to nine different holes as well as removing 200 trees and replacing many that will be better for the property. He is building bunkers and removing others, changing mounding on many holes, rebuilding tees, doing a great deal of drainage work and sodding many area. "I have no doubt that the course will be outstanding when the projects are completed," said the affable and talented Garl.

Philip Krick, Jr. has a fine staff. Chris Ellsmore, formerly the senior assistant superintendent at Shelter Harbor in Rhode Island is doing a fine job as superintendent, Joe Mentz is the head professional and Jason Thomas is the assistant professional. They have lessons available and use the V1 database.

The rates range quite a bit and they often do specials, so it is wise to contact the course to make a tee time. There are twilight rates; military rates, senior rates and folks who are staying at Mohegan Sun Casino and Resort receive a discounted price. They also have extra stay and play packages and they make a fine gift for the golfer in your family.

You can call the club at 860-862-9660 or visit their website at www.mohegansungolfclub.com. The website has a wonderful look at all of the golf holes. ■

2022 Economic Impact Report Highlights Golf's Wide-Ranging Positive Impact in MA

The 2022 Impact Report Showcases Economic, Lifestyle and Environmental Gains Produced by Golf in the Commonwealth

NORTON, Massachusetts —

Massachusetts is home to some of the oldest and most revered public access and private courses in the country, so it's no surprise that the Bay State is brimming with avid golfers. The game's popularity has soared in recent years, leading to a host of benefits for playing and non-playing residents alike.

The 2022 Economic Impact Report, which was developed for the Alliance of Massachusetts Golf Organizations (AMGO), showed that in 2022, Massachusetts' golf industry supported nearly 35,115 jobs, paid out \$1.9 billion in wage income, raised over \$72.2 million in charitable giving, and contributed \$225.8 million in state and local taxes.

Mike Higgins, Executive Director of New England, PGA Section of America, noted the recent growth of golf in Massachusetts: "Golf's popularity has exploded since the last time this report was released, and its impact on the Commonwealth is significant. PGA Professionals are helping to lead the way in growing the game, raising significant dollars for charity and impacting lives throughout golf."

The game drove \$2.06 billion in direct economic activity, an increase of 19% over its \$1.74 billion impact in 2012. Further, when considering indirect economic stimulation in industries such as tourism, hospitality, and real estate, the total economic impact topped \$3.3 billion.

"This report reflects the incredible levels of impact and engagement we have been experiencing throughout the industry, which benefits and

supports citizens throughout the Commonwealth," said **Jesse Menachem**, Executive Director/CEO of Mass Golf. "From playing the game, to working in the game, to giving back to a local charity, golf is a vehicle that is essential to our economy, environment and well-being. This was proven throughout the pandemic and holds true given the figures in this report that we were able to achieve through the monumental year of 2022."

The market for golf continues to thrive in Massachusetts, supporting 221 public access facilities, plus 37 stand-alone driving ranges, and 43 simulator locations. Survey results estimated that 93% percent of facilities offer a junior program—coupled with programs like the PGA Junior League, Youth on Course, and the First Tee, these efforts have ensured that golf will remain accessible, and the game will continue to grow with a new generation.

The abundance of golf courses affords residents approximately 52,000 acres of green space in the state. Don Hearn, Executive Director of Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, said, "Golf course superintendents have put an emphasis on the environment, outlined in the Best Management Practices for Massachusetts golf courses, and are helping ensure the game remains sustainable."

The study demonstrates the many ways the game of golf continues to flourish in the Commonwealth. As Elaine Gebhardt, Executive Director of the New England Golf Course Owners Association, put it: "I am so proud of the way AMGO came together to spearhead efforts like the Economic Impact Study. No single organization could pull this off, but as a team we can get the job done. We have a great story to share and now we have current figures to back it up." ■

Myrtle Beach World Am to Celebrate 40th year

The 40th annual PlayGolfMyrtleBeach.com World Amateur Handicap Championship will begin accepting entries for the milestone event now. A 72-hole, net stroke play tournament, the World Am will be played Aug. 28 – Sept. 1 with more than 3,200 players from across the world are again expected to participate. That number will go higher as there are already 3,006 entrants as of June 7.

Early entry into the tournament, which includes at least four rounds of golf, nightly admission to the World's Largest 19th Hole and a gift bag. The cost for the event is \$699 "The World Am is the game's premier recreational tournament, and the fact we have arrived at Year 40 and continue to attract a robust field is a testament to the event's enduring appeal," said tournament director Scott Tomasello. "We can't wait to welcome golfers back to Myrtle Beach and provide them the opportunity to compete like a pro over the course of 72 holes and earn the title of World Champion. With everything we have planned for this year's tournament, especially at the World's Largest 19th Hole, 2023 will be a great for our players."

The World Am, which will be played on more than 50 Myrtle Beach area golf courses, flights players based on age, gender and handicap and is open to all golfers 17 years of age and older with a verifiable USGA handicap.

The World Am flights players into 12 divisions – men 49 and under, senior men (50-59), mid-senior men (60-69), super senior men (70-79), seasoned seniors (80+), women (59 and under), senior women (60+), the gross division, senior (50+) gross division, mid-senior (60+) gross division and women's gross division. There is also a "Just For Fun" flight, created for players who want to enjoy the World Am experience without the pressure of competition.

After four days of tournament play, all flight

winners and ties advance to the World Championship Playoff, an 18-hole shootout that crowns the event's winner. While the competition is initially what lures players to the tournament, it's only part of what keeps them coming back. At the heart of the World Am's appeal is the camaraderie among its participants and much of that kinship is fostered at the World's Largest 19th Hole.

Each night of the event, the 19th Hole overtakes all 120,000-square feet of the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, providing participants with free food and drinks, live entertainment, celebrity guest appearances, a golf expo and more. Among the big names that have appeared at the 19th Hole in recent years are David Feherty, Brandel Chamblee, Charlie Rymer and John Daly.

Players also receive a gift bag that includes a polo, pullover, golf towel, logo'd hat, PGA Tour Superstore gift card and an assortment of other goodies valued cumulatively at \$250. ■

There is a tremendous amount of information about what to know and expect at the World Am so please visit:

www.MyrtleBeachWorldAmateur.com

Editor's Note: I have attended this event at least a dozen times, and it is a wonderful experience. The people you meet and the fun you have will be with you for a lifetime. I normally drive down (about 850 miles), but there are many flights (including some non-stops) the fly in and out of Myrtle Beach. Going with friends or family makes it even more fun.

Looking Back— August 2000

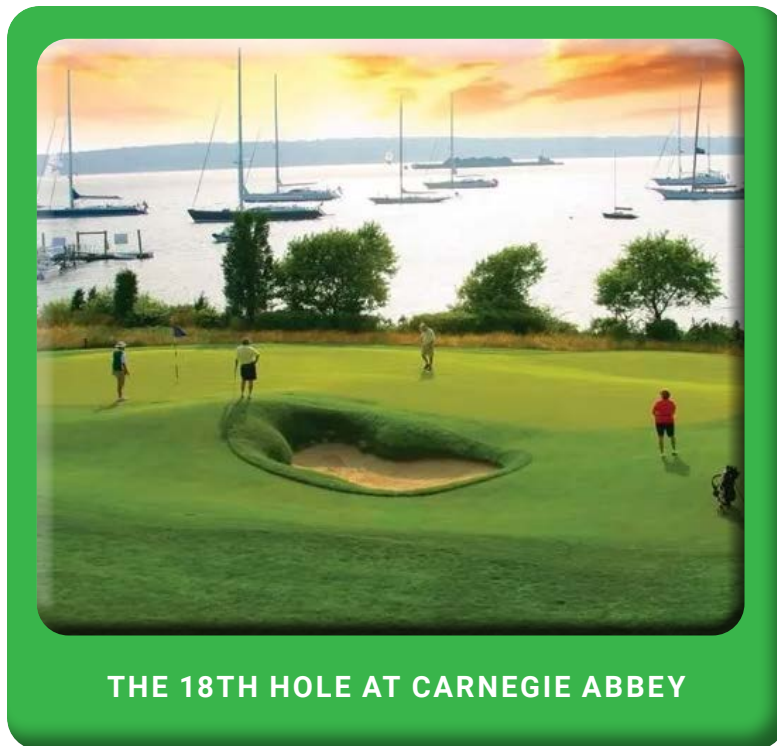
The August 2000 issue of Ocean State Golf (we changed our name to Southern New England Golfer in 2010) had a picture of Ben Tuthill lining up a putt with his caddie, Mike Hogan, behind him. Tuthill went on to win the RI Amateur that year. The small cover picture was Bill Lunnie, Jr. who qualified for the U.S. Amateur that year.

The edition was 24 pages then, but we tried to pack a bunch of stories in it. On page two was a story of Dr. George Pirie nipping Charlie Blanchard at the Mid-Amateur held at Pawtucket C.C. Rodney Butcher was pictured on page three as he “sliced the field” at the R.I. Open held at Agawam Hunt. Former Bryant star Scott Tretheway finished second and Ryan Porter, Brad Adamonis and Chris Congdon tied for third.

This was my first issue as both publisher and editor. The late Dave Adamonis and I had started the publication in 1990, but after we both retired from teaching high school at Johnston High, Dave moved to Florida to start the golf program at Johnson and Wales University’s campus in Miami. I’ve been writing the editorial column for the last 23 years, and I hope the readers still find it interesting and informative.

Carnegie Abbey in Portsmouth had just opened as the newest course in Rhode Island, and we did a feature about the unique property that Englishman Peter deSavary had developed. The legendary designer Donald Steel had done a fine job making the course look like it was lifted from Scotland and brought to the banks of Narragansett Bay.

The second annual (who would have thought that they would have 20 and counting) CVS Charity Classic was won by Davis Love III and Justin Leonard who combined to shoot a two-day total of 126 to win by three strokes over Craig Stadler and Steve Elkington. Large galleries followed John Daly who made the second annual event a



THE 18TH HOLE AT CARNEGIE ABBEY

huge success.

Windmill Hill, the new nine-hole par 3 course in Warren had just opened—now closed. The picturesque and demanding layout had been the site of Revolutionary War activity in 1778 as French and American forces set up camp on Windmill Hill in their Battle of Rhode Island against the British. General Washington even stopped at Windmill Hill on March 3, 1781.

Owner, Jeff Francis, started the application process to build the course in 1995 on the land that was previously a farm owned by his father. “I always thought this property would make a great little golf course,” he said. He was right.

We used to have caricatures in each issue drawn by George Braman. The Aug. 2000 issue featured Bill Campbell. Campbell, who worked for Paul Fireman at Liberty National in New Jersey, was a long-time member of Wanumetonomy, a teacher at Rogers High and a vice president of the RIGA. ■

Cape Cod Offers Great Golf, Great Food and Fun Adventures

We recently had the chance to play three more courses on Cape Cod as guests of Patti Todd, the Senior Vice President of Sales for the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. We have been visiting the Cape for over fifty years. In fact it was where I gave my wife (then my sorority sister) a kiss for the first time in 1964. We've only been married for 53 years!

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 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 a 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 is 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



THE DIFFICULT 18TH HOLE AT BLUE ROCK

course. It is really a challenge and a great chance to work on all the clubs in your bag. It is a great course to play either on your way onto the Cape or heading home as you can play in under three hours easily.

Blue Rock Golf's Director of Communications, Matt Pitta announced that the course has recently been ranked as one of the Top 10 executive golf courses in the United States. It was listed as Number 5 in the nation by the editors of the golf website www.golfspan.com, a national golf media outlet that focuses on helping players improve through tips, equipment advice, health, etc.

Here's what the editors said about Blue Rock: "With its meticulously maintained greens and challenging holes, Blue Rock Golf Course is a great choice for golfers seeking to improve their short game."

"This ranking is a true honor for our team and the golfers at Blue Rock Golf Course. Other courses in the Top 5 include the executive courses at Augusta and Pinehurst, two of the most famous courses in the world," said Blue Rock Golf Course PGA Pro Jim Campbell.

Blue Rock was the only executive course in Massachusetts and the rest of New England to make the Top 10 list.

"Our grounds crew works tirelessly everyday to

make sure our golfers have the best possible experience while on the course. Their attention to detail on the greens, fairways and tees ensures every aspect of a golfer's game will be of the highest quality," said Blue Rock Golf Course Superintendent Wes Jones.

To get more information or book a round call 508-398-9295 or online at www.bluerockgolfcourse.com

Our accommodations for the trip were at Aiden by Best Western on Route 28 in West Yarmouth. The location is excellent for all your golfing and dining choices in the Hyannis, Yarmouth and Dennis area.

The hotel is two levels with 116 very nicely decorated guest rooms with plenty of free parking. There is a full-service café, restaurant and bar on site as well as a huge indoor heated pool and a seasonal outdoor pool with an adjoining Tiki Bar. There is a fitness center and meeting and wedding facilities that can hold up to 100 guests. I can attest to the comfort of the mattresses in this independently owned and operated facility that we stayed in for the last two years. Brenda Smith is the general manager and she is the one to call if you are planning a golfing trip—508-778-1500. She is very helpful and knowledgeable about all the golfing and activities in the area, and they have many Stay and Play packages.

Great food, especially seafood is a major attraction on Cape Cod. Our first night we ate at Captain Parker's just a short drive from the Aiden. Noted for its excellent clam chowder (ten of the twelve of us diners had it!) and wonderful seafood dinners, Captain Parkers was a huge hit with our group.

Our second day took us to Dennis Highlands, just fifteen minutes from the Aiden. Dennis is a unique town that has only about 13,000 year-round residents but swells to about 67,000 in the summertime. There are two courses in Dennis, the Highlands and Dennis Pines.

The two courses are very different although both are always in excellent condition. As the name implies you are often going either up or down on the Highlands. The first hole is downhill and then slightly uphill to a relatively short par 4. Wait until you start the second hole, a par 5 that goes up a slight hill, then downhill and then back up hill to a rather treacherous green that slopes back to front, but also has a drop-off near the back of the green. Par is a joy on this 5th handicap hole.

Dennis Highlands is quite open whereas the Pines is rather tight. The sixth on the Highlands course is the number one handicap and well deserved. It is a long par 4 that goes straight uphill after your drive to a two-tiered green. It is tough! The eighth is a par 5 that goes up

slightly off the tee, then downhill, then severely uphill. It's the third handicap hole on a course that plays just over 6,500 yards from the blues and a fair 6,076 from the white.

We didn't play Dennis Pines, but I have a good friend from Dennis who was born in Redding, Mass., but spent many years in Rhode Island. "Being a resident is a great deal for golfers," said my friend who used to own the Mercantile in Dennis. We can play both courses all year for a cost of \$875 with a discount on carts—the best deal around," he said.

He went on to describe the Pines course. "It is much more narrow, but it is quite flat. Water comes into play on 10, 11, 14 and 15. He rated 15 the hardest, but the number one handicap hole is 3 and the second handicap hole is that 15th. "I always walk the Pines," he said,

We were told that much of the income from the two courses goes back to the courses for capital improvements and the conditioning bore that out. Two fun courses to play.

Our last round was at Bayberry Hills in Yarmouth, just eight minutes from the Aiden. This reporter had to leave before the round started for skin surgery (way too many hours on the golf course in his 65 years of golf), but had the chance to talk to the staff before the others teed off, and had played the course last October with friends from Rhode Island..

We talked to Scott Gilmor, the Director of Golf. He talked about the 27 holes on property. The first 18 plays up and down hills and is fun to play. The fairways are quite wide and the greens are huge (especially the practice green that often holds little tournaments). It is a very fair course with the fourth hole being the most intimidating. There is a huge pond in front of the green that you don't see from the tee. Be careful. The newer nine holes of the property has much more water and is quite intimidating. Rhode Island's Tim Gerrish has done a lot of design work on the property and has done a fine job. You will enjoy your round of golf at Bayberry Hills.

There will be times when you are not playing golf on Cape Cod, and we had a chance to sample a Ryan's Entertainment Center in Yarmouth where we played candlepin bowling and did some axe throwing. Yup, axe throwing! Ryan's recently opened their tenth family entertainment center in Hanover, Mass and they have many throughout Massachusetts, an Arcade in Rhode Island and even one on Martha's Vineyard. It is a great choice for the family and also for when the golfers need a break from the fairways. ■

[Lots to Like About Golf]

There's a lot to like about golf; that's why we play the game after all. It starts at the first tee on a sunny, crisp spring or summer morning; is there anything that smells as sweet as the aroma of freshly mown grass as you start your round?

Early, when the dew clings to the playing surface, you can see where balls are rolling on the green as you approach. It would be great if we could see the line so clearly to the hole every time we putt. But the dew only lasts for a while and, of course, often isn't there at all when the weather warms up. Courses used to employ, and I imagine a few still do, what are called dew sweepers, workers that get onto the course before the players and literally use a long, thin wand to sweep the dew from greens. I don't know about you, but I get a kick watching the dew spin off the golf ball as it tracks to the hole.

Golf presents a wonderful escape from every day bustle and bustle, whether it is chores around the house, work, or the multitude of other factors what wear us down on a daily basis. For four hours or so it's just you and the golf course, surrounded by nature and man-made beauty. I never carry a cell phone onto the course. It stays in the car waiting for my return. I've got a buddy who takes his cell wherever he goes and he is constantly bombarded with calls that he sometimes has to take. I feel sorry for the guy. I know when it's business sometimes you have to take the call, but the cell phone interjects life's problems into what should be a relief for the mind and spirit. If you can, leave the phone in the glove compartment.

For those of us who are far from scratch golfers, the occasional feeling of striking a ball purely is delightful and keeps us coming back for more. It's difficult to imagine how pros can have this feeling pretty much on every shot they take. Of course we don't hit 1,500 practice balls a week like the best of the best do. We'll take that once in

awhile joy of the perfect strike and watching the ball sail into the air toward its intended target.

In what other sport can you drive a little motorized vehicle around the countryside for four hours? Yep, golf carts are a fun part of any round if you choose to ride over walking the course. Sometimes, there's a bit of an argument over who gets to drive the cart. Splitting the duties in half is a good solution to the hassle between friends. But then again, often one of the group is happy to just go along for the ride.

Speaking of walking, carrying your bag or using a pullcart is a great way to get in some serious exercise. Figure it's about a four-mile walk during an 18-hole round, and if you carry your bag on your shoulders you get that much more of a workout. Sure, it's stop and go, but the distance logged on foot is still considerable.

Golf is also a great way to meet and make new friends. You sometimes have a person or two join you and your group for a round if the course is crowded and the starter wants to get a single or two out. Sometimes it's you that is the single. It can take a bit of time for the new person to the group, or you, to feel comfortable. But once the ice is broken you can find out a lot about someone while playing golf. I had a businessman tell me once if you want to find out if someone you are considering hiring handles himself or herself well, spend four or five hours with the person on a golf course. A person's true personality always comes to surface when faced with a challenge or unpleasant circumstance, like missing a three foot putt or making a triple on a hole.

Now, let's not make golf to be a bed of roses. There are things that happen that can be irritating and one of them is the pace of play; this is a problem the game has wrestled with for years. I have found that there is a line of about three and a half or fours that feels right for 18 holes. Start pushing it beyond that point, and it starts

to get on your nerves a bit. Too much standing around makes it difficult to work up a rhythm and leads to the mind wandering, and that's not good for playing well. I've had nine-hole rounds that took three or more hours to play and that's just ridiculous. A few friends have walked off the course when faced with such slow play.

An unwelcome sight is seeing the group playing ahead of you for the day tee their balls up on the back markers, only to have two or three of the golfers roll the ball off the tee to start the round. You know it's going to be a long day if you get stuck in front of a group like this. Courses set up three, four and sometimes five sets of tee makers. Now, if only golfers would check their

egos at the pro shop and play from the distance that best suits their games. Not only will it make the round move smoother and faster it will help with scoring and don't we all want to shoot lower scores.

All in all, there are a heck of a lot more about golf that is positive and good than the opposite. You just have to stop and smell the roses as you walk down the fairway. ■

John Torsiello writes a Connecticut Notebook column in most issues of snegolfer.com

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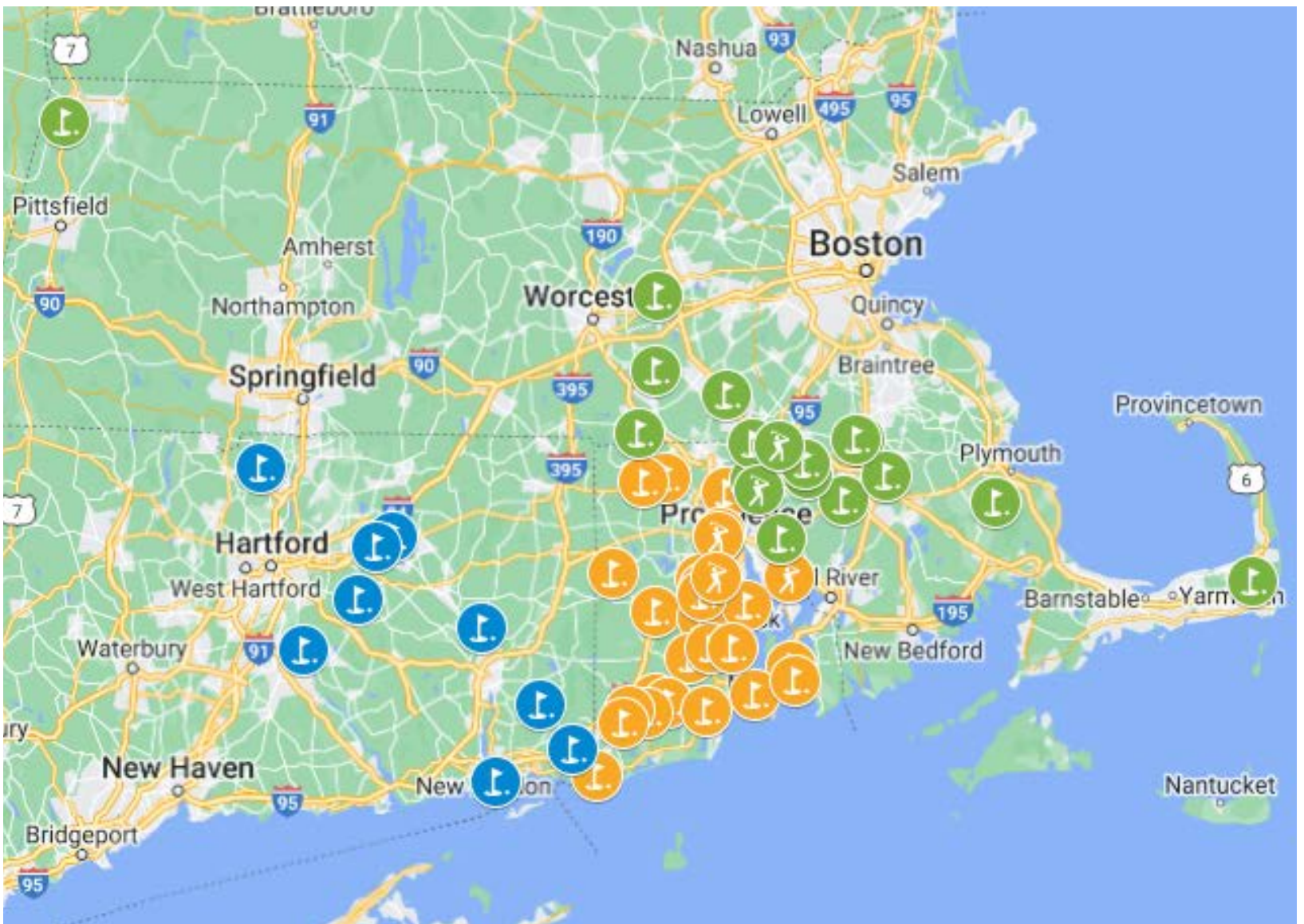
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26. **BLISSFUL MEADOWS G.C.** (18) SP
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27. **CAPTAIN'S COURSE** (36) P
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28. **CHEMAWA GOLF COURSE** (18) P
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29. **EASTON C.C.** (18) SP
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30. **HAZELTON GC** (18) P
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31. **JOHN F. PARKER G.C.** (9) P
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32. **JUNIPER HILL G.C.** (36) P
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33. **MAPLEGATE C.C.** (18) SP
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34. **THE LINKS @MASS GOLF** (18) P, X
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36. **OLDE SCOTLAND LINKS** (18) P
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37. **PINE OAKS GC** (9) P
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38. **SHINING ROCK G.C.** (18) SP
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49. **TALLWOOD CC** (18) P
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50. **TWIN HILLS** (18) P
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SP = Semi-Private

X = Executive

CR = Cart Rental

DR = Driving Range

PS = Pro Shop

CH = Clubhouse

O = Outings

SB = Snack Bar

CL = Club Rental

R = Restaurant

L = Lessons

LG = Leagues

S= Simulation

