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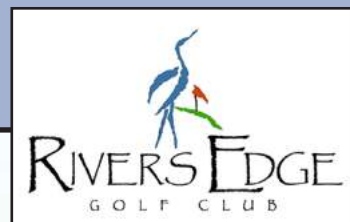
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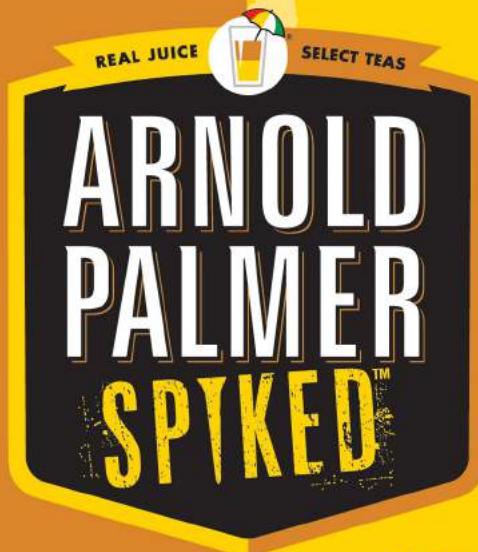


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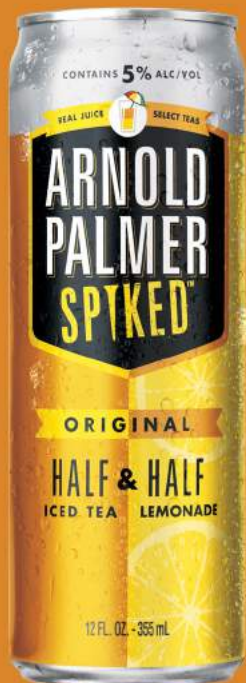
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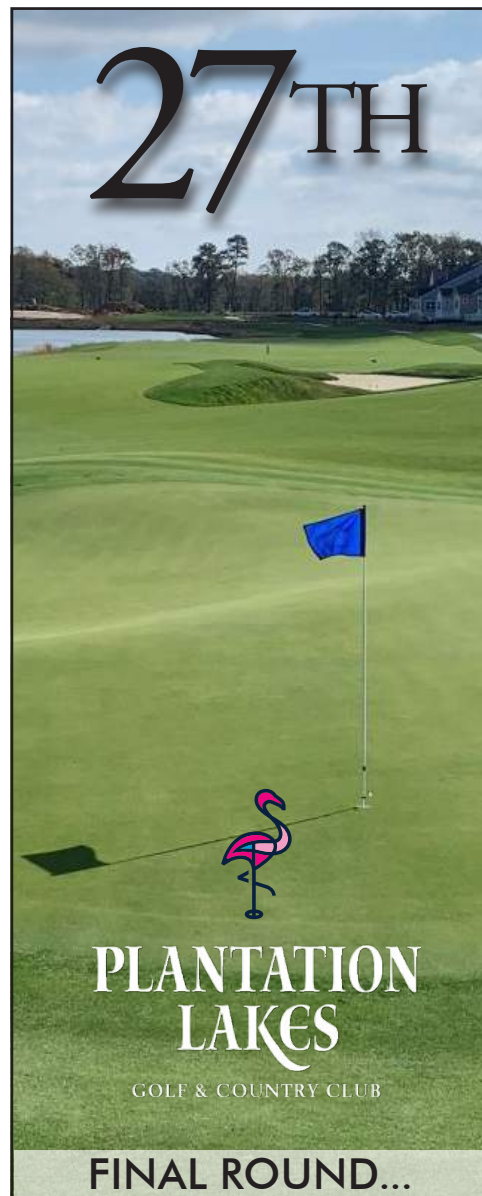
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FINAL ROUND...

was hosted by Plantation Lakes on the Arthur Hills Design. The course was all that we thought it would be and more!





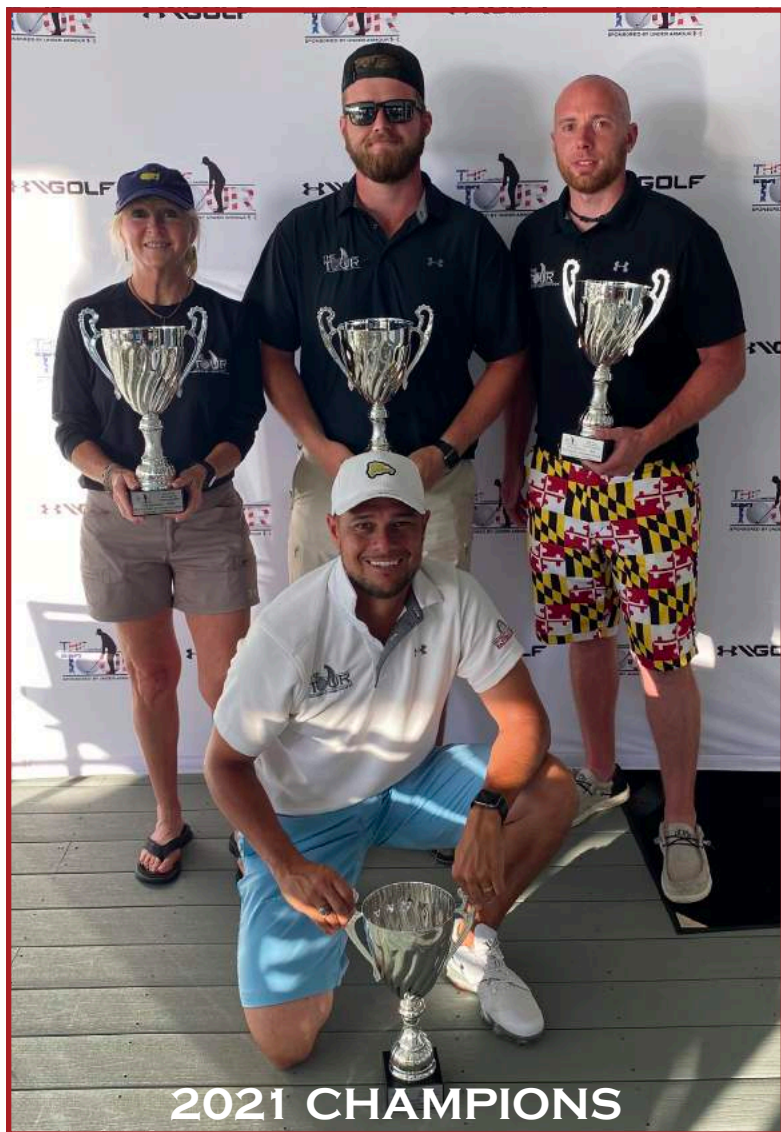
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- 1ST PHILLIP FENSTERMAKER (4TH TITLE IN 5 YEARS)
- 2ND BRIAN GARNSEY
- 3RD MATHEW SMOLKA

B FLIGHT (6-11 HANDICAP)

- 1ST JASON DEAL
- 2ND MIKE BOUNDS
- 3RD SHELBY TAPMAN

C FLIGHT (12-20 HANDICAP)

- 1ST JASON SHORTER
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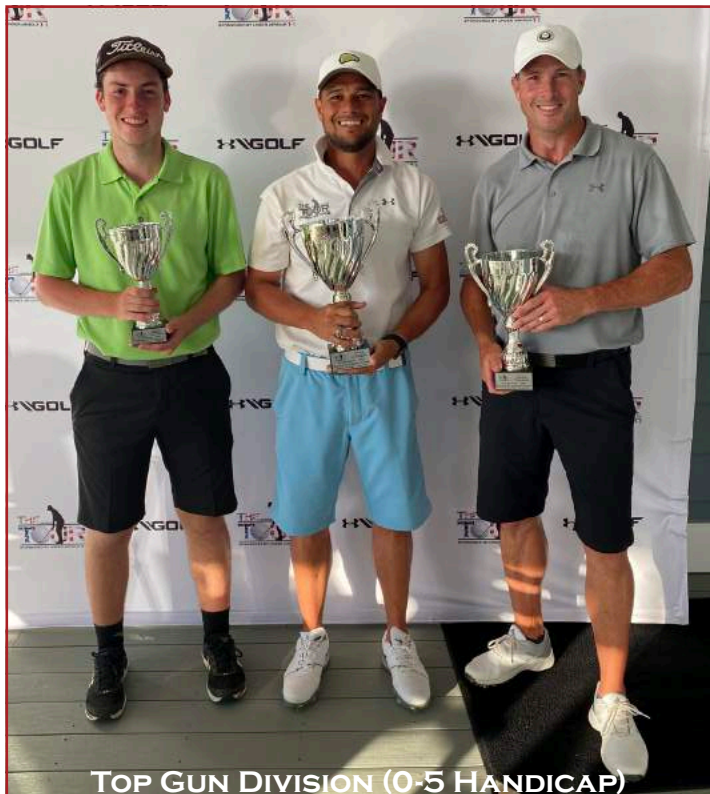
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Jack's secret was his vision of the game. What is your vision? Your vision of the game consists of many components. Four essentials are visual judgement, visual memory, visual imagination and visual focus.

VISUAL IMAGINATION: There are endless exhortations to visualize your desired result, as a method to improved shotmaking. Certainly, visualization is important and was a key for Nicklaus. He never made a shot without first “going to the movies”, in other words visualizing the result in detail, line, trajectory, distance, target. Yet, we could visualize a perfect draw, fade, or dead straight laser, and still not succeed, unless we had the physical capacity to actually perform the skill required to realize our visualization. Yet, an effective use of visual imagination is “seeing” shots you can make and figuring out how to play to your strengths.

VISUAL JUDGEMENT: This was once a vital skill. Now with gps, laser range finders, on course markers, this is an antiquated if not extinct skill, except on windswept links courses. Although distance judgment may be a skill delegated to gadgets, defining the right landing area for your shotmaking ability is an important judgement. Nicklaus and Hogan pioneered the detailed mapping or blueprinting a course. They both played golf holes as they were designed to be played. Nicklaus, despite his ability to do so, typically restrained the temptation to overpower a course, unlike current players like Bryson De Chambeau or contemporaries like Arnold Palmer. The common denominator for both aggressive and strategic philosophies is that the greats played shots they practiced and had good reason to expect success. Good reason is a 70% chance of success not a hopeful 50-50.

Perhaps the best use of range finders is determining distance to hazards, so club selection can avoid the possibility of landing in a hazard. The other is near the green, where green complex contours can fool you. Knowing the distance to the pin or over a bunker is vital to good scoring.



VISUAL FOCUS: Your body acts, responds to and learns from visual input. The emphasis on keeping the head still during the swing, is essentially to maximize the ability to maintain a consistent visual focus. If your head moves you are attempting to hit a bouncing ball. If you think still eyes rather than still head you might get better results. Your head can be still but if the eyes are moving it is hard to make consistent contact. Top players concentrate their gaze on the ball for only 2 or 3 seconds, prior to making the swing. Staring longer tends to create tension, less is no focus at all.

VISUAL MEMORY: You need to have a clear vision of your target. Good players define the target, look at it and can remember it as they address the ball and make a swing. It is analogous to a basketball player making a “no look pass”. The target is “known, visualized, and remembered” and the pass, or your shot, is made to the target remembered. An interesting adjunct is that we tend to remember the last thing we look at. So if your target the pin, then glance at the bunker guarding the pin, or the water hazard to the side of the green, or the out of bounds stakes behind the green, you are not likely to remember the pin is your target.

However, the most important focus of golf should be your enjoyment of the round, the hole or shot you are playing. Embrace the beauty or challenge of the design. Play shots within your capability on this day. Be attentive to what you are striving to do. Do it. Then enjoy the memory of a well made shot and accept the challenge of the next one.

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A general definition of Pressure as it relates to performance is any factor that boosts the significance of an occasion or outcome. This characterization highlights the tremendous impact an athlete's perception of Pressure will have on accomplishing goals. Feeling anxiety in the form of nervousness or "butterflies" prior to performing is a natural phenomenon and a sign motor activation and readiness. Too much anxiety may limit an athlete's ability to optimally perform, and zero anxiety may lower the motivation necessary to meet the task's requirements. The challenge to balance anxiety begins with an athlete's viewpoint of each competitive situation, a controllable component.

Golfers, equal to if not more than any other athletes, recognize and act on the critical value of psychology in sport. Working with a Mental Game Coach to manage anxiety and embrace Pressure as a tool for maximizing potential may be the key to a successful run on the back nine of 2021.



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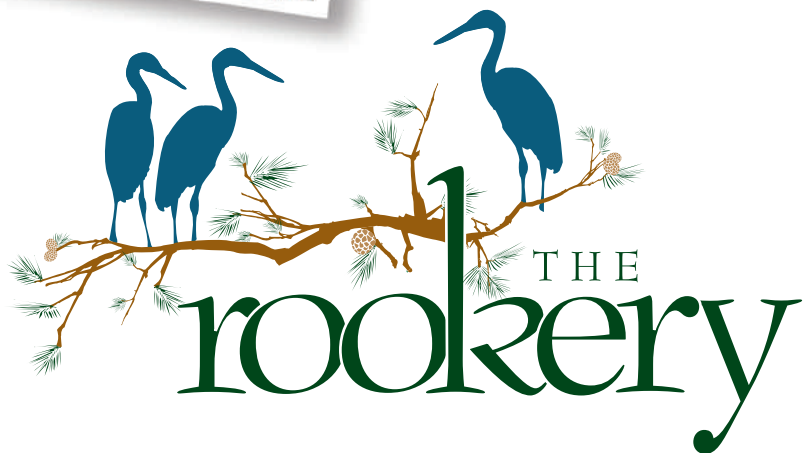
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UMES UPDATE!

"We are proud of how our 2021 graduating class handled the difficult transition to virtual classroom during their last year and a half of school".

Stated, Dr. Pamela Allison, Chairman

PGA Golf Management Program

Graduation for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore was pretty much back to normal this year with a few exceptions. Much like other universities UMES went back to a traditional ceremony celebrating the graduates, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic there were protocols that did not include faculty in the procession and limited the number of guests each graduate could invite.

UMES's spring 2021 graduates were the first class to walk across the stage since the Covid-19 pandemic began in January of 2020. UMES PGA Golf Management Program celebrated two graduating students on Friday, May 14th, 2021. During UMES's graduation Lane Dillon and Langston Frazier became official UMES PGA Golf Management Program graduates that are now able to apply for the illustrious PGA Class "A" Membership. "It is always hard to see such a great group of students leave the program, but we wish them nothing but the best and know that they each have a great future ahead of them in the golf industry as PGA members", said Billy Dillon. The following is a brief description of each student's beginning career placement:

◀ **Lane Dillon** accepted an Assistant Golf Professional position at St Clair Country Club in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He had previously interned at the facility during his junior year at UMES and will be responsible for merchandising, providing lessons, golf club fittings, and managing league play for the facility. Dillon played three and a half seasons for the UMES Men's Golf Team. Dillon also interned with The Tuxedo Club in Tuxedo Park, New York, and locally at Bear Trap Dunes in Ocean View, Delaware.

◀ **Langston Frazier** will start a Masters Degree in Broadcast Journalism at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism - University of Maryland - College Park in August. In addition, Langston recently accepted a position as Media Relations Graduate Student Assistant/Sports Information Director (SID) for Maryland Golf (Men's/Women's).

Primary contact responsible for team media coverage, press releases, tournament notes, statistical updates, tournament coverage, social media, writing features and recaps, and updating the umterps.com website. He completed his internships with Golf Digest in New York, New York, Golf Channel in Orlando, Florida and the BroAdmoor Resort located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



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“FAIRWAY BUNKERS”

Fairway bunkers are a tool of course architects. Designers like Pete Dye used them to frame hole views. Recently passed golf courses architect, Arthur Hills used fairway bunkers to guide you around the course. Hills would put bunkers on the preferred line and expect you to keep it short or go over that obstacle to obtain the best angle to the green for your approach. Knowledge is power and here is all you need to know to master the fairway bunker shot. First of all recognize that fairway bunkers are played the opposite of green side bunkers. In green side bunkers your objective is to not hit the ball but move the sand around the ball out. Fairway bunkers require you to hit all ball and little to no sand. To keep it simple, The mantra in my head goes like this; take one extra club, choke down an inch, don't dig your feet in, stare at the front of the ball

and swing easy. The first job is to get the ball out. Take what the shot will give you. Recognized the height of the lip of the hazard. Realize that you're going to be hitting this shot thin and it won't have as much loft as expected. Grab the club that will clear the lip and get you as far down the fairway as you like. You take one extra club because your going to make an easier swing due to the fact your not digging your feet in. The easier swing will keep your feet from slipping. You are choking down an inch to make sure you are hitting all ball first. Staring at the leading edge or the part of the ball that is closer to the hole will also help you hit all ball as well, in a fairway bunker think "thin to win". Remember these things next time your in a fairway bunker and you will get it out with ease!

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SEMI-FINAL TEAM MATCH RESULTS

MATCHED WERE HELD @ NUTTERS CROSSING GC

NORTH DIVISION

Jonathan's Landing
Maple Dale
Rookery
Mulligan's Pointe
Wild Quail

EAST DIVISION

Bear Trap Dunes
Cripple Creek
Kings Creek
Bayside
Heritage Shores

WEST DIVISION

Chester River
Hog Neck
Prospect Bay
River Marsh
Talbot CC

SOUTH DIVISION

Eastern Shore
Nutters
Great Hope
Green Hill
Ocean City

GROSS DIVISION

Kings Creek - 50.5 points vs Ocean City - 21.5 points

Mulligan's Pointe - 39 points vs Hog Neck - 33 points

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KINGS CREEK WILL PLAY MULLIGAN'S POINTE
IN THE FINALS.

NET DIVISION

Bayside - 43 points vs ESVA - 29 points

Prospect Bay - 36 points vs Rookery - 36 points tied
[First cart players played sudden death play-off on the 1st hole for the tie breaker. Prospect Bay WON-scoring 4 net and Rookery scored 5 net.]

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WPGA SEMI-FINALS TEAM MATCH RESULTS

GROSS DIVISION



MULLIGAN'S POINTE - NORTH DIVISION

L-R: Diane Braver, Ann Reed, Linda Kauffman, Brenda Lewis, Sue Ahern, Helene Malloy, Maxine Ansbach, Sue Brady



KINGS CREEK CC - EAST DIVISION

L-R: Diane Herndon, Judy Wetzel, Deb Ward, Suellen Vickers, Lisa Lekawa, Lisa Schofield, Anita Pettitt, LeeAnn Wortmann



HOG NECK GC - WEST DIVISION

L-R: Mimi Eckerlin, Ceil Morris, Jane Kasper, Susan Bohaker, Bernadette McLain, Donna Kostens Fumiyo Terasawa Burchell, Rose Pellegrino



OCEAN CITY GC - SOUTH DIVISION

L-R: Susan Copenhaver, Sandy Andersen, Pam Marshall, Penny O'Linger, Marcia Soule, Mary Renshaw, Cindy Bandler, Colleen Hacker

NET DIVISION



THE ROOKERY - NORTH DIVISION

L-R: Linda van de Wiele, Lisa Orem, Becky Caprano, Jane Kuhfuss, Vicki Sama, Sue Bardsley, Barbara Thompson, Lisa Dillon



BAYSIDE RESORT - EAST DIVISION

L-R: Karen Seibel, Diane Wiggs, Sandy Scitti, Deb Quattlebaum, Diane Martino, Carol Rhodes, Jan Neel, Gail Fallon



PROSPECT BAY CC - WEST DIVISION

L-R: Sandy Patterson, Dee-Dee Murphy, Julie Dixon, Kathy Kelly, Nan Ciandella, Katie George, Karen Dooley, Sue Tying



EASTERN SHORE VA - SOUTH DIVISION

L-R: Jamie Hoffman, Margie Byrd, Carolyn Davis, Tiffany Bloom, Barbara Murphy, Peaches Dodge, Peggy Tilghman, Susan Duer



2021 WPGA FINALS

WERE HELD @ THE GLEN RIDDLE
MAN O' WAR GOLF COURSE ON JUNE 15TH

GROSS DIVISION



WINNERS!

KINGS CREEK COUNTRY CLUB (48 POINTS)

L-R: Diane Herndon, Judy Wetzel, Deb Ward, Wendy Bunce, Suellen Vickers
Lisa Lekawa, LeeAnn Wortmann, Anita Pettitt

NET DIVISION



WINNERS!

BAYSIDE RESORT (43 POINTS)

L-R: Gail Fallon, Jan Neel, Charlotte Bryan, Diane Martino, Beth Wagner
Colleen Cawley, Front: Debra Quattlebaum, Sandy Scitti



RUNNERS-UP

MULLIGAN'S POINTE (24 POINTS)

L-R: Sue Brady, Brenda Lewis, Maxine Ansbach, Sue Ahern
Helene Malloy, Ann Reed, Diane Braver, Linda Kauffman



RUNNERS-UP

PROSPECT BAY COUNTRY CLUB (29 POINTS)

L-R: Donna Schaub, Angelina DiDonato, Sandy Patterson, Sue Tyng
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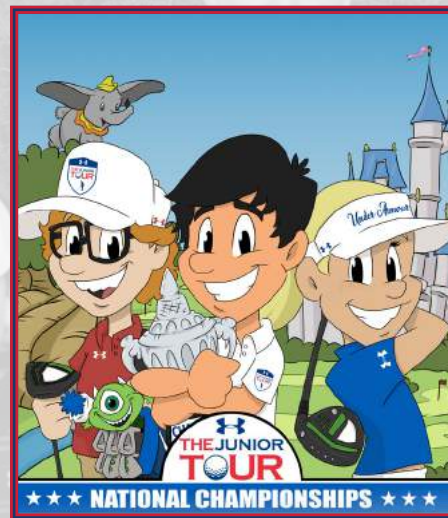
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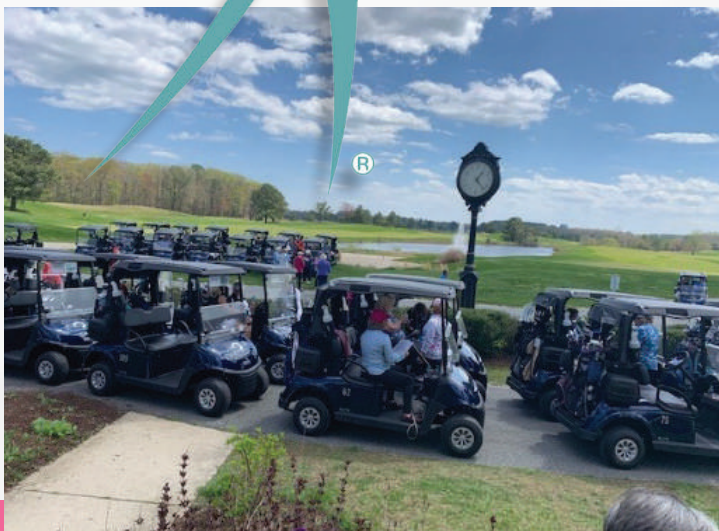
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MAPGA | HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2022 **FRANK J. LABER, PGA | Master Professional**

The Middle Atlantic PGA is proud to announce its newest selectee for the MAPGA Hall of Fame, Master Professional Frank Laber. Frank epitomizes the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical behavior, and the mission of the MAPGA. His enthusiastic spirit, loyalty, and selfless service toward promoting the game of golf and the PGA professional are extraordinary and undisputed. Frank will become the 56th member of the MAPGA Hall of Fame in March of 2022.

Born in Baltimore, MD, in 1947, the only child of Frank and Eleanor Laber, Frank is well known and respected in the Baltimore/Washington area where he has spent his entire life. He began playing golf as a youngster and was a fixture at Clifton Park GC and Mt. Pleasant GC. Later, he and his mentor and best friend for almost 60 years, Coleman Plecker, could often be found playing golf at Carroll Park GC. In keeping with the true “Baltimore son” that he is, Frank attended the University of Baltimore.

This four-time recipient of the Section’s Bill Strausbaugh Award (1988, ‘90, ‘91, ‘95) dedicated his career to improving the financial stability of the golf professional. Recognizing a need for employment support for MAPGA professionals, Frank played a proactive role in establishing the position of The PGA of America’s first Section Employment Director in 1990. The creation of this position within the Middle Atlantic Section was the foundation for career services being offered in the Section today. Frank’s initiative to establish the position of Employment Director on the Section level subsequently evolved into a National effort, impacting the entire structure of The PGA and all its members!

As a result of Frank’s inspiration, positive systemic changes have taken place to improve employment opportunities, the financial well-being, and the negotiating climate all enhancing the status and lifestyle of today’s PGA professional. Frank still believes that along with the honor that comes with being a PGA Head Professional, there also comes a responsibility to mentor others to realize their potential in the profession. He was awarded the Section’s PGA Professional Development (formerly Horton Smith) Award in 1987 for his efforts as an educator and has continued over the years to play an important role in the Section’s education programs. Promoting the game through sharing knowledge, developing human relations skills, improving playing proficiency, and keeping current with education and certification requirements are some of the most important lessons he still teaches new associates he comes into contact with. Frank can proudly reflect on the success of many of his former assistants who were inspired by his methods and continue in that same tradition today.

Frank became a PGA member in 1978 and has a long history of service to the MAPGA, including serving on the Section’s Membership, Tournament and Employment Committees in some capacity since 1981. He was Chair of the MAPGA Membership Committee in 1984-85, and Chair of the MAPGA Employment Committee from 1986 – 1995. Frank served as the first President of the Northern Chapter in 1989- 90; and following that term, he served as Vice President of the Northern Chapter in 1991-93. He served as Northern Chapter Director-at-Large from 1994 – 2001. For his years of dedicated service to his fellow professionals and to the Section, Frank was awarded the prestigious MAPGA President’s Award in 2001. Lastly, Frank was honored as the Section’s highest active honor, as its Professional of the Year in 2002.



Frank was also active on a national level, serving on the PGA Education Committee in 1984-85, and from 1986-91 as a member of the PGA Employment Committee. One of Frank's proudest career accomplishments was earning Master Professional status in 1996. Just as in the game of golf, the commitment to achieve this status reflected a challenge to surpass one's own level of mastery; and Frank eagerly accepted the challenge.

Another of Frank's goals was in pursuing his dream to create and own a facility where people of all ages and playing ability could learn, practice, and enjoy the game of golf. Frank accepted that challenge and realized his dream in 1999. Following 18 years as the Head PGA Professional at Longview GC and a year at Hereford Golf Center, Frank became the co-owner of Black Horse Golf and Learning Center in Whitehall, MD.

Frank "retired" to Life Member status in 2009, but that has not kept him from staying active in the Section. Frank is famous for stopping by "for a cup of coffee" with his PGA peers to see how they are doing, especially on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. But many of his contemporaries still get calls on their birthday or a few times a year when Frank checks in with them. He truly loves being an MAPGA member and cares about his peers. Frank is currently involved with efforts to get his fellow PGA Master Professionals organized to share camaraderie and their collective wisdom.

Frank has been married for 41 years to his wife, Susan, who says Frank is her favorite "All World" PGA Master Professional. For his unrelenting dedication and countless contributions to the golf profession and to PGA professionals, the MAPGA is proud to recognize Master Professional Frank Laber as its newest selectee for the MAPGA Hall of Fame.





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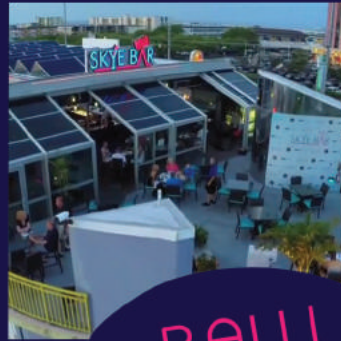
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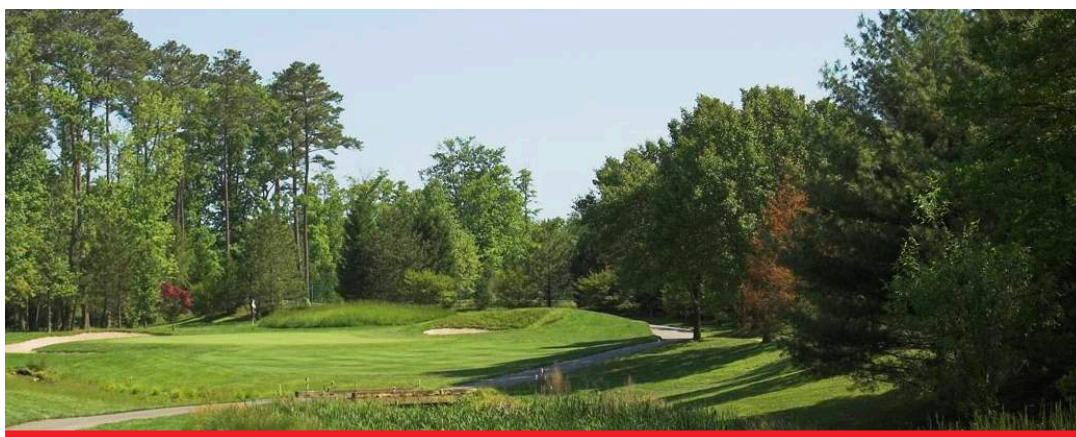


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Two of golf's greatest players Bobby Jones and Sam Snead were initially unimpressed by the Old Course at St Andrews. Jones tore up his scorecard and walked off the course after repeatedly failing to escape a bunker at the 11th hole. Snead had the temerity to arrive at St Andrews, and while standing near the 18th green ask, "Where is the golf course?" Snead had developed his golf game on two of the most opulent resorts in the USA, the Homestead and the Greenbrier. Mountain courses manicured by man, in Virginia and West Virginia, with no similarity to the flat wind blown seaside links that is a product of natural evolution in St. Andrews Scotland. Jones and Snead had expectations and a vision of how a golf course should be designed and played. At first glance, St Andrews did not fit.

COURSE DESIGN IS OFTEN DESCRIBED BY THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

LINKS: Seaside, wind blown, undulating terrain, firm fast fairways deep bunkers. The effects of weather and terrain de-emphasize yardage and require judgement to compensate for conditions of the moment. Shot-making skills must consider the roll of the ball after it lands.

PARKLAND: Fairways bordered by rough and trees. Remote from the sea, but may feature significant water hazard ponds and streams. Wind diminished by trees, make yardage an aid to shot-making. Shot making skills favor target golf, as high trajectory shots land and stop on soft surfaces.

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DESERT: Strips of green lead you through the harsh adjacent environment. Shot making skills usually target golf. If you get off the fairway don't back into a cactus.

PAR 3/EXECUTIVE COURSES: Basically save time and space, eliminate the driver and focus on approach shots. Some of the greatest golf courses such as Augusta National, Pinehurst, Sand Valley and Bandon Dunes have developed this style. It may become a trend of the future. The Eastern Shore has courses. Salt Pond in Bethany and Assateague Greens in West Ocean City representing this type design.

Eastern Shore golf offers a great variety of course styles. Ocean Pines, a Robert Trent Jones gem, represents the best of Parkland design, as does Baywood Greens Woodside, which in full bloom deserves the reference "Augusta of the North". However, the special attribute of many Eastern Shore courses is a blending of Links and Parkland attributes. Lighthouse Sound and Rum Pointe offer Links course challenges on the front nines, and are more Parkland style on the back nines. Ocean City Golf Club's Newport and Seaside courses, Baywood Greens Woodside and Waterside and Gary Player's River Run give you sampling's of both the Links and the Parkland design as does Eagles Landing and Bear Trap Dunes. Glenn Riddle's Man O'War course has several holes that could be "moved" to Carnoustie and feel right at home. War Admiral is a Heathland course that could exchange a few holes with Alister Mackenzie's first design at Alwoodley north of Leeds England.

In Great Britain courses that have a Links/Parkland hybrid design are a result of the type of land on which they are developed called the heath. They are referred to as Heathland courses. Links land is coastal with sandy, acidic soils. The heath is a transition zone to more fertile inland soils. Heathland courses thus possess some qualities of an open Links with the addition of some trees characteristic of the Parkland. The firm sandy soil rewards skillful links shot-making, yet trees along fairways diminish wind effect. The Eastern Shore courses are, for the most part, Heathland in character.

Although Sam Snead and Bobby Jones, had, and made, bad first impressions at St. Andrews, their visions of the course and the skill required to play it changed following their Open victories at the Old. Jones in fact, chose Alister Mackenzie, whose first design was a Heathland course, Alwoodley, to help Jones create Augusta National as a tribute to St. Andrews. Ironically, the most renowned Parkland Course designed as a tribute to the most renowned Links, by a man who began in the heath.



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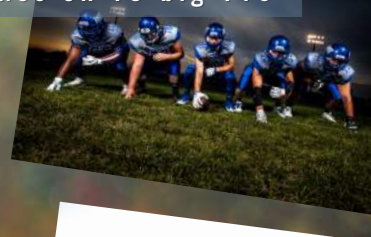
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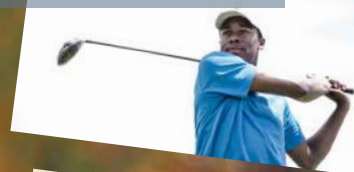
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