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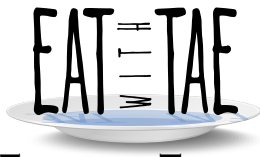
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Dear Reader,

We are proud to present the Fall Issue of the Eastern Shore Golf Magazine to the Eastern Shore Community. Thank you so much for a successful summer season for us at the magazine. Your readership and viewership are very important to us and we are so excited to continue giving you the best golf news the Eastern Shore has to offer.

When you flip through the pages of the magazine, you will find stories that range across the shore from Kent Island to Berlin to Millsboro. In this issue, we were very happy and honored to interview Kim Ruark Mihaly about the history, legacy, and impact of the Ruark Golf Company. We also got a chance to catch up with Buddy Sass at Ocean City Golf Club. Blue Heron Golf Course underwent a major renovation, and our Food Writer Tae Cha sat down with Chef Murty at Plantation Lakes to talk about the changes they are making to the restaurant. Also in this issue, we created a new section titled, "Living on the Links", where we tour the houses of those who live on golf courses. You may also notice that our mascot "Divot" has changed from the last issue. He's pretty shy, so keep an eye out for him!

We hope you enjoy the fall issue of the Eastern Shore Golf Magazine! We had a great time putting it together for you.

Warmest Regards,

Delaney Cha
Editor

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2017 GlenRiddle Golf Club | Man O' War Course
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Sitting at the tables of the Member's lounge in the GlenRiddle Club House, you can't help but to feel the history running through the walls of the building. The high vaulted ceilings and the exposed support beams accentuate the architectural integrity of the building, proving their might as you transcend through time to learn the history of the course.

For the past 30 years, the Ruark Family has been a titan of the Eastern Shore golf community. Through the development of their courses and their entrepreneurial expertise, the Ruark Family has left a permanent mark on the shore, just like the history of their courses left a mark on them.

In 1991, Tom Ruark began to develop a plot of land which later came to be known as Nutter's Crossing in Salisbury, MD. Soon after, he continued to buy and build and preserve.

"My father, Tom, first opened Nutters Crossing in Salisbury in 1991," said his daughter, Kim. "He was originally developing housing and subdivisions in the area when he realized there was no public course. That's when he decided to build it along with the Nutter's Crossing Community."

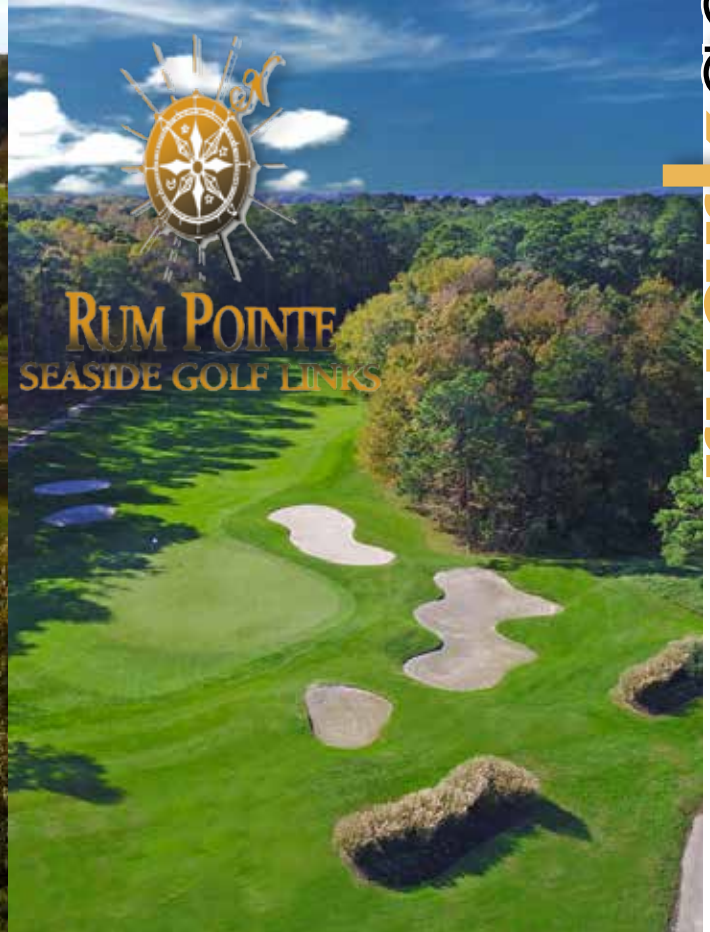
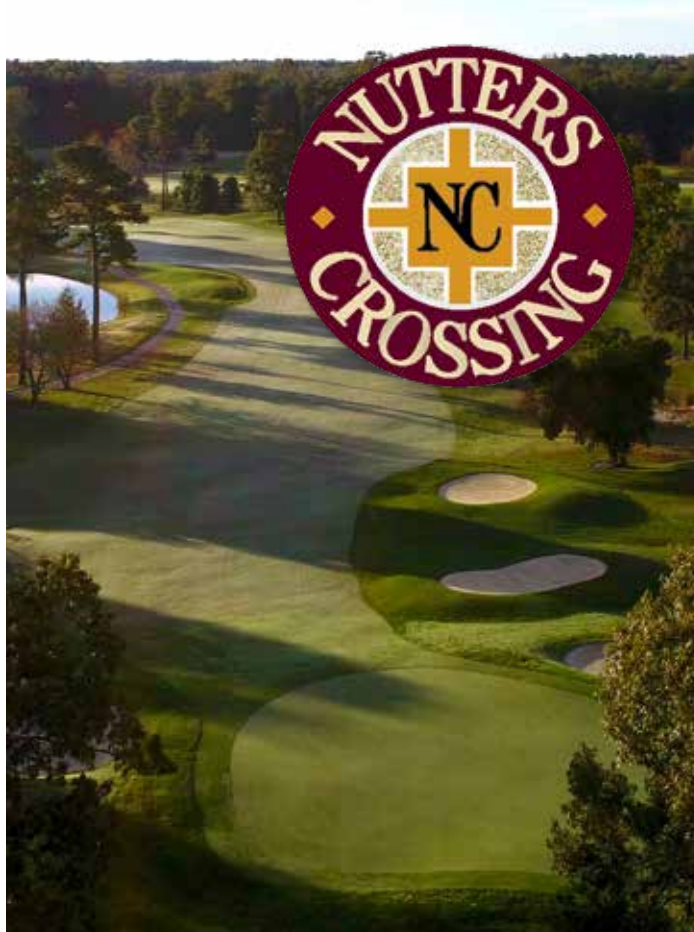
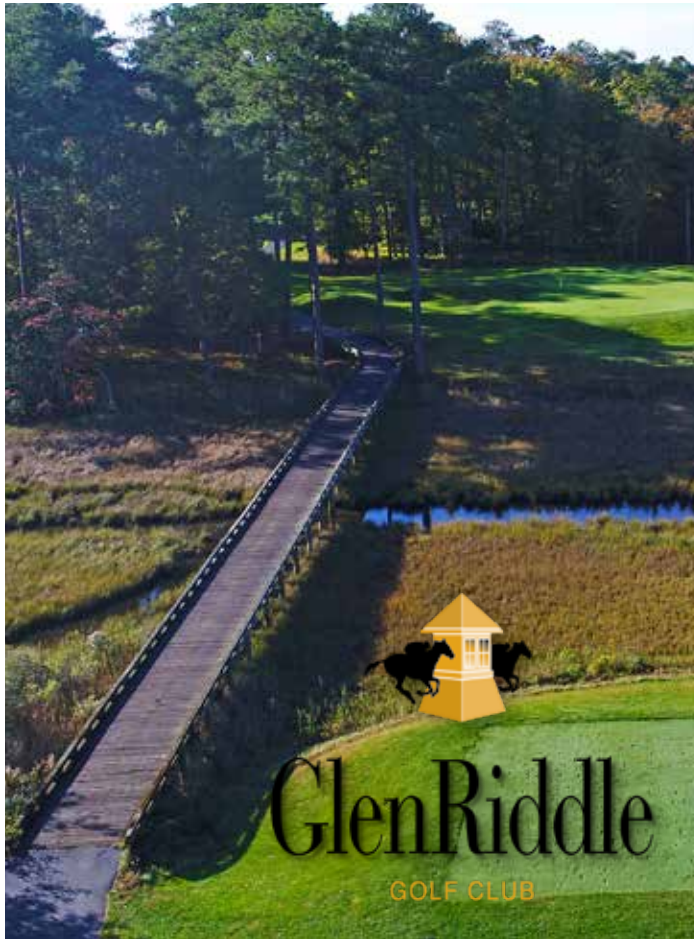
From there, Mr. Ruark developed Rum Pointe Seaside Links in 1997, the Links at Lighthouse Sound in 2000, and was approached by the developers of Glen Riddles community to develop two courses there: Man of War and War Admiral. After opening the Lighthouse Sound course, the company decided to develop their own golf packages for their courses.

"The property for Rum Pointe, which is towards Assateague Island, came up for sale and my father jumped on the opportunity because of the scenic views," said Kim. "We then started developing Lighthouse Sound after its original sale fell through. After that we created Ruark Golf Getaways."

"We were approached by the developers of GlenRiddle to build two courses on the property which are Man O' War which opened in 2007 and War Admiral which was opened in 2008. We approached Jim Furyk and got him to be a consultant for War Admiral," she said. "We also knew that we needed a big name for the development of the restaurant, to pull people off of Route 50 and the main drag, so we went after the Ruths Chris brand, which opened in 2006."

"We also had Pete and PB Dye design Rum Pointe and we had Arthur Hills design Lighthouse Sound," said Kim. "It was kind of my fathers vision to acquire big names to design the courses. He saw the higher end courses doing well and the lower to middle grade courses were the ones that were closing up. He decided he wanted to be on the higher end of the spectrum, especially with the views of the properties that we had. We wanted to do it first class."

Kim also mentioned how important it was to have course designers who respected the history and the natural beauty of the land that the courses were on.



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"One of the reasons we chose the Dyes was because they use a lot of historical pieces in their builds, like railroad ties in their bunkers and used a lot of natural elements in their design. The other courses they worked on had the look of what we were envisioning for that property," said Kim. "We wanted a different designer for each property. Arthur Hill was another big name where we liked his designs, and did top quality work."

"Jim Furyk at the time was one of the best players on the PGA Tour," she said. "It was funny, at the time, but our grand opening he almost wasn't able to come. The day before he was at the U.S. Open and he was tied for first place, and they were expected to have a rematch on the day of the grand opening. He ended up losing by one stroke, so he ended up being able to come, which was good for us."

The grounds that the courses were built on also have a significant history and the Ruarks work in preserving the history is what makes their company so special.

GlenRiddle is situated on land with a deep history. Originally owned by the Riddle family of horse-racing fame, the clubhouse that is now currently situated on the property was originally the stables that the racehorses used to stay in. The two courses at GlenRiddle are named after two of the most famous horses in racing history, Man O' War and War Admiral, who were trained at Riddle Farm. Man O' War, who was born in 1917, set racing records, of which some have still not been beaten, and forevermore changed American Horseracing.

Kim said, "My father's vision when he recreated everything was to keep as much of the history in store as possible. When he chose the lighting fixtures in the [GlenRiddle] Clubhouse, he chose fixtures that would have been used back in that time. It's amber lighting, its very soft, very dim lighting."

"The brick foyer looks similar to the same brick that was originally used with the stable. The stable had a kind of wood stove with the red brick in the middle. So everything was done to try to keep everything the same as possible," said Kim as she motioned to the table she was sitting at. "This table is made from the old doors to the stables, and you can see where the doors were originally. We kept the stable doors to use as tabletops,

and we tried to repurpose as much as we could. The beams of the building are all original. We had to change out a few, but really the bones of the building are all the original parts from the original building."

Kim recalled, "It's amazing, you know, to look back at when we originally started to renovate the building. The outside of the building was rotting, falling apart. Windows were broken from trees growing through them. The floors were dirt. It's really neat to look back on."

The land that Rum Pointe sits on is also steeped in history and lore. According to legend, Captain Kidd and Captain Blackbeard frequently sought shelter around Assateagues barrier islands. Multiple native american artifacts from multiple different cultures were found during the construction of the course. Some have even said that the course is haunted by the ghost of one of the Rackliffe sons who refused to ally with the British during the Revolutionary War. The Rackliffe's house is still on the course, located to the left of the fairway on hole six and is one of the only pre-revolutionary war dwellings in Wicomico County. The Ruark family later partnered with the Park Service to help preserve the house and part of the land.

"It's important to preserve the history. The house was on our property and that's what my Dad gave back to the county who restored it. It was really falling apart on our property, so we wanted to give it them. He knew that they would take care of it," she said. "They would take all the efforts it took to restore that building, which they did. We wanted to keep all the history on the land."

Since 1991, Ruark Golf has been making their own history, with the land that they developed to turn into world class courses. Their dedication to preservation and supplying high quality golf to consumers helps set them apart from everyone else.

"Our vision for everything high-end, our preserving of the history of each property, we've gone to great lengths to renovate buildings that would have been knocked down," said Kim. "My dad wants to make sure that everything that comes into the buildings goes along with the history of each course. He had a very precise vision."



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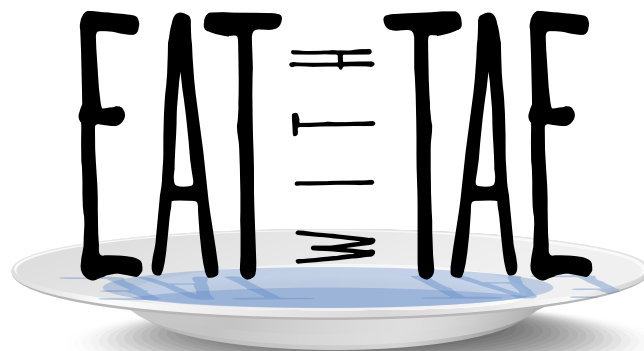
PLANTATION LAKES' THE LANDING BAR & GRILLE

Has anyone seen a pink flamingo in lower Delaware? Well, there is a flock of them not far from the intersection of Rt. 113 and Rt. 24 in Millsboro. The flamingos can be seen in the soon-to-be largest new resort community in Millsboro: Plantation Lakes.

Currently, Plantation Lakes has approximately 1,500 townhomes and single-family homes in this newly modeled community. At the end of the phases, it will be complete with around 2400 different family homes. This community features luxury resort amenities like swimming pools, tennis courts, clubhouses, and more. This community features luxury resort amenities like swimming pools, tennis courts, clubhouses, and even award-winning golf! It was just ranked the #1 Public Course in Delaware for the second year in a row by Golfweek.

The new community comes with a championship 18-hole, Arthur Hills designed, golf course and country club. Troon Golf has managed the golf club since January of this year. It also features a practically new 22,500 sq. ft beautiful clubhouse, restaurant, pro shop, and event space. The clubhouse is the epicenter of this community with The Landing Bar and Grill leading the way.

Open to the public, residents, and golf members of Plantation Lakes, The Landing Bar and Grill is a diamond in the rough. Managed by Christina Redden and new Executive Chef Michael Murty, the restaurant has much to offer not only for its residents but also to the public. Taking a setback three months after it opened in December of 2019, due to COVID, it had much ground to make up. With all of its ups and downs, since it re-opened, this fairly new restaurant seems to be on its best leg now. Whenever I golf here, I make sure to stay behind and make it my 19th hole. Currently, it is my favorite elevated dining experience in Millsboro, DE. It has recently won Restaurant Guru's Best Club award.



by: Tae Cha

Christina Redden, food and beverage director, at The Landings Bar and Grill, has been in the restaurant business since she was 16 years old. Her careful guidance is leading the restaurant to new places. Understanding the importance of quality and service, Christina is stressing to her staff the highest standards for the customer's experience. She is constantly thinking of ideas for special events for this upcoming fall/winter season. Be on the lookout for football specials, with a special happy hour menu and holiday events. They have just launched their new website, thelandingmillsboro.com, where you can find upcoming events along with menus.

Welcome executive chef Michael Murty! Having just started in May of 2023, Michael comes with a breadth of experience. A longtime Philadelphia native and now a Delaware native for the past 5 years, Michael has studied at the Culinary Art Institute of Philadelphia and the Culinary Art Institute of Tampa. He worked at various restaurants in Philadelphia and Tampa honing in on different tastes and skills. He was most recently the executive sous chef at Bayside Resort in Selbyville before coming to Plantation Lakes. Upon trying the various dishes, I would have to say Chef Murty has incredible skills and I will come back again soon.

Can we say capital "T" for tender? His buttermilk-soaked, all-natural, lightly breaded chicken tender is a massive hit. With a plethora of different homemade sauces, I decided to go with the Maple Sriracha. It didn't disappoint. The tenders are incredibly moist and flavorful. If I had my kids with me, these would be the tenders of choice I would want my kids to eat.



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Another delicious option would be the flatbread. For the flatbread, I tried the traditional Margherita. It was a burst of flavors. It came on a well-cooked crust topped with homemade marinara sauce, slices of sweet Eastern Shore tomatoes, and mozzarella cheese. It was then drizzled off with a chef-inspired pesto sauce and a balsamic glaze reduction. The taste was a combination of a great bruschetta, but the crispness of the flatbread and mozzarella cheese gave you the sense of a slice of pizza. Magnifico!

If you care for sandwiches, I would strongly recommend the hot honey chicken. A nice, big, healthy breast portion of your favorite eastern shore yardbird, fried perfectly moist. In addition, the hot honey buffalo sauce adds a wonderful hot and sweet flavor that just bursts into your mouth. Most of the sandwiches can be ordered from the golf cart if you're making the 10th hole turn while playing golf here with their GPS range finders. It would be best to order while you're starting the 8th hole to pick up at the Putt Hutt making the turn. The Putt Hutt serves breakfast and lunch menu items made fresh upon ordering. If you forget, they always have your favorite all-beef hot dogs and snacks along with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

For an entree, I tried two different fish dishes and the house special of the evening. Both Salmon and Mahi dishes were cooked perfectly: moist and well seasoned. They were both nicely portioned and had a nice seared crust on the outside. Both adorned a bed of delicious coconut rice and vegetables. The salmon had a tantalizing teriyaki glaze while the mahi had a magical pineapple salsa accompanying it. The house special was a non meat option of eggplant parmigiana. It had two large slices of nicely dredged eggplants which were baked and oozing of Mozzarella and Parmesan heese running down the spaghetti noodles. This, of course, came with fresh basil and homemade marinara sauce surrounding this great dish.

A dessert we had to try was Chef Michael's 2-year endeavor of his classic take on cheesecake. The cheesecake was truly dynamite. It was light and silky with just the right amount of sweetness that didn't overpower the palate. The combination of homemade caramel sauce and whipped cream of this classic just made you smile with your first bite and multiple head nods affirming Chef Mike's crusade.

The clubhouse at Plantation Lakes and The Landing Bar and Grill is open to the public for special events like weddings, banquets, meetings, holiday parties, and anything you may need a private room for. The large banquet room can accommodate up to 200 people and other spaces to accommodate your desire. If you're playing golf or driving through Millsboro, do yourself a favor and make it a point to stop off at the Landing Bar and Grill. You will be surrounded by many of Millsboro's best flamingos when you are here. Say "hi" and stay for a while.



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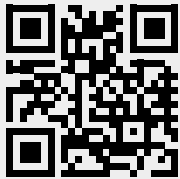


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YOU KNOW THE DRILL COIN UP

By: Steve Menz

Coins have been used for years in golf. Jack Nicklaus has been rumored to keep three pennies in his pocket every round he plays. He carries one to mark his ball on the green and two for his playing companions. While it is true using a coin is proper golf etiquette for marking your ball, did you know you can use them to help you make more putts? A secret of all good putting strokes is hitting up on the ball at impact to roll the ball with top spin and no skidding. Here is a simple trick that can help you to hit your putts properly. Stack two coins on top of each other and place them right behind your ball. Stroke your putt and strike the ball without hitting the coins. What you should see is a ball that rolls truer. The loss of skid will keep your ball on line longer.



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by: Delaney Cha

This past summer, Blue Heron Golf Course, located on Kent Island, Maryland completed its green renovation project for the front nine holes of the par 63 course.

The new greens, which are "state-of-the-art" USGA greens doubled the size of the original greens and enhanced the drainage system to help the greens drain better. The renovations began in February 27, 2023 and ended on July 27, 2023, taking exactly five months to complete.

The decision to renovate the greens was an anticipated project for a few years, ever since Eric Beaufait joined the Blue Heron team in 2005.

"We decided to do the renovations because the greens were too difficult for the average golfer to play. The greens were small, crowned greens," said Eric. "On top of that, they didn't do well in the heat during the summer and with the humidity. They were old style push up greens, built in the '50s. In the 50s they just built turtle shell greens where water would drain off the side and down the front and that was basically their drainage system. The new style for the USGA greens have drainage underneath of them, with a stone base, and sand on top of that so everything drains quickly."

As Eric and the team at Blue Heron continued working, they observed that more people were more interested in playing the back nine.

"As we went along, we found that more people wanted to play the back because the greens were easier, bigger, more fun to play, and golfer friendly," he said. "We're missing a lot on the front because everyone wants to play the same nine. We decided that it would be better for the golfer and for the course in general to upgrade the greens."

Eventually Eric and those involved with the renovation project sent a proposal to the Commissioners of Queen Annes County about the potential project.

"We put together the dream for the commissioners and said 'What do you think?' and they were very supportive," said Eric. "The commissioners have always been supportive of the golf course because they see it not only as an active senior center for older people to do something, but an activity that anyone can do. The kids can do it, the ladies, the guys, the seniors. It's active recreation for everyone."

At the beginning of the renovation, there were very few set backs for the project, which put the construction ahead of schedule.

Eric said, "We ended up being way ahead construction wise because we had a warm winter. The construction company was ahead on all of their projects and ended up bringing in extra crew to get everything done."

However, the weather during the spring time caused an eventual delay due to the temperatures.

"The only delay was the cold spring. We had that time for about a month where nighttime temperatures were always in the 40's, maybe 50's. There wasn't a lot of rain for while, which wasn't a huge issue because we have irrigation, but with the cold weather, the soil temperatures never rose above 55 so there wasn't any growth," he said. "That was our biggest delay, it took us back about two and a half to three weeks of opening because of the cold spring."

As the greens were being built, excitement started to grow within the community and at the course. Eric explained what golfers can expect with the new greens.

"I think the greens are going to be really challenging once they get up to speed. It will be easier for the average golfer to hit, but there will be more difficult and more challenging pin placement once on the green," he said. "There's a lot of shelves on them and they could fall off the sides. I think playability wise, they will be more fun. Easier to get on them, but challenging to maneuver when you're on them. I like the flow of how the holes turned out so the way they all play will be a lot more fun."

When it came to the designing of the greens, Eric worked with McDonald and Son's design group, who specialize in golf course design, building, construction, and renovation since 1984.

"We worked with McDonald and Sons which is a great company. They have a design engineer who went out, talked about how the hole played, what we would like to see, then they did the drawings," Eric said. "As they went along with the process, they began with building them out of dirt so you could see the elevation and change things."

"We wanted to make them bigger with more playability. A runoff area where people could chip or putt if they missed the green. From there, we wanted to move the greens a little closer to the bunkers. The whole process was going out with the design company and the

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superintendent and we all through got together and said 'Could we do this? How about this?'".

"It was important to have the superintendent involved so they know about all of the drainage issues and other maintenance issues," he said. "Sometimes designers want to do crazy things. Golf pros want to do crazy things. The superintendent pulls us back down to earth and says we can't do that."

While the front nine of the course was closed during the renovation, the back nine was still opened and being utilized by the community. However, managing half of an open course was not as difficult as Eric thought it would be but it still had its challenges.

"It was certainly challenging, trying to get people to play 18. It altered the flow of everything, replaying the same nine. But most of the golfers were really excited. They knew that we were redoing it, and redoing it for them. Everybody was pretty understanding," Eric said.

"Some of the big challenges were the leagues, trying to make sure the leagues could get out and play on their scheduled days, and that they enjoyed themselves. For the most part things went pretty smooth. Everything kind of flowed together and everyone was excited for the project."

Over time, Eric and the Blue Heron staff came up with a plan to allow people to play 18 with only the back nine open.

"We ended up charging people for 9 holes of play rather than 18. If they wanted to play 18, we charged them 9 and said 'If you wanna keep going, come through the back door and we'll charge you the rest of the cost to play 18. We'll let you see what the number 10 tee box looks like,'" he said. "If it was backed up, they didn't have to complain that they paid for 18. They could decide if they wanted to continue playing."

Since Eric arrived at Blue Heron in 2005, he has been present for many of the renovations that have taken place at the course.

"It's been fun, we've done a lot of renovations and projects here. We built the cart barn and the pro shop. Built the driving range, and paved the parking lots. It's been fun, all of my little to do items on my checklist are being crossed off."

Eric plans to continue renovations at Blue Heron starting this fall with new cart paths.

"We're looking at renovating the cart paths this fall, so that will allow more people to get on when the course is wet. I also want to increase the sizes of the tee boxes as well. Those are the next two major renovations. From there, it's just maintaining and keeping up with the course."

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Why Sportsmanship is Good for Golf, Too!

By: Al "Hondo" Handy

Al "Hondo" Handy has been an advocate for good sportsmanship for a long while. During his long recreation & parks career he promoted the value of sportsmanship to many youths and adults that went through his programs. The Ocean City Recreation & Parks Department even named their yearly awards ceremony, the Al "Hondo" Handy Sportsmanship Awards.

Handy says, "I like to describe good sportsmanship through five pillars: respect; fairness; integrity; responsibility; perseverance. Respect is treating people the way you want to be treated. Fairness—don't take advantage of others. Integrity—do what you're supposed to do. Have the courage to do the right thing. Responsibility—be accountable for your choices. Perseverance—always try your best; be persistent. Have that never give up attitude; have a positive attitude. To be a good sport is to be a person of good character."

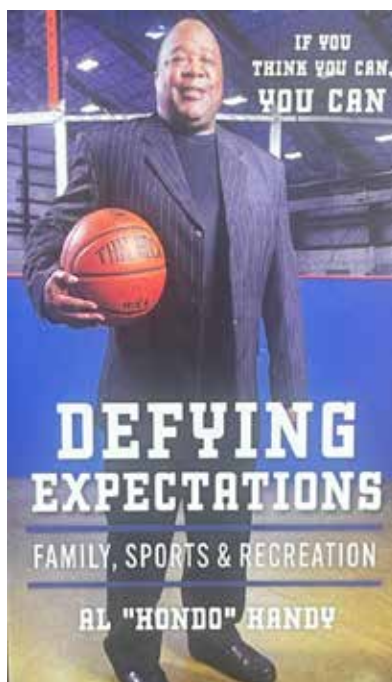
Now that he has retired and playing more and more golf, he wants to remind the average golfer about "Good Sportsmanship," while playing on the course. "I don't want people to think that I am a professional golfer or even in the golf business, but I do know that following the rules when playing and treating others on the course the way you want to be treated makes your experience more enjoyable. I just think you should respect what the pro shop staff tells you and if the starter tells you cart path only, then you should follow what they say. They don't really want to tell you that because it does cut down on the whole experience, but it's only fair that as golfers we do our part to help take care of the course for the next golfer. It probably rained the night before or maybe there was a problem with their sprinkler system. Golfers don't want to play on a course that has muddy tire tracks in the fairway. So, respecting the golf course is the responsibility of each golfer.

Golfers should play with integrity. What do I mean by this? Just do what you're supposed to do. You should repair your divots on the course. It's easy to do your part on the course, just replace the grass or use the bottles of sand and grass seed on your cart. Don't take a shot when golfers are in the middle of the fairway or on the putting green and be forced to shout out "fore", sending them for cover. "I say this from experience, I have been hit in the back while playing and it didn't feel good." Be sure to apologize to the golfers and move on. Just do the right thing.

Perseverance on the course is what we should all try to do. Trying our best, while following the rules. If you're playing with

a friend, you should follow the course rules. If you're playing in a local tourney follow the tournament rules. Take the penalty when you should and count it on your scorecard. The game of golf can be frustrating sometimes, but we must make every attempt to be positive on the course. You don't want another golfer complaining about you. We all don't play at the same pace, so be aware of this and don't get too upset. Be fair to every golfer. Many seniors play and their age is catching up to them. Just remember, one day you will be that senior and you wouldn't want balls being hit at you because you are moving a bit slow.

BIO



Al "Hondo" Handy recently retired from the Ocean City Recreation & Parks, after thirty-nine years and three months, as the Recreation Manager. He presently serves as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative for the National Alliance for Youth Sports, based out of West Palm Beach, Florida. He also hosts the Hondo Handy's Podcast. The Hondo Handy's podcast shares the journey of athletes across the country and Recreation Professionals

throughout the nation, the importance of youth sports coaches' certification, and the value of Good Sportsmanship in youth sports,

At Stephen Decatur High School, he played guard with former Clemson University Head Basketball Coach, Oliver Purnell and won the Maryland State Basketball Championship at the University of Maryland. During his senior year at Decatur, he was named the Athlete of the Year and won the Most Valuable Player Award for Soccer. He received his undergraduate degree in Physical Education from Salisbury State College, now Salisbury University, where he played basketball, baseball, soccer, and ran indoor track.



He is a Two Time Citizen of the Year in Ocean City, Maryland. He has received two Keys to the City from Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan. He was Named the Best Youth Organization Director by Coastal Style Magazine. He received the highest Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Citation Award for demonstrating significant and exemplary service to the parks and recreation field. In his honor, the Ocean City Recreation & Parks Sportsmanship Ceremony has been renamed the Al "Hondo" Handy Sportsmanship Awards. He was also instrumental in getting the month of March Designated as Sportsmanship Month in Maryland.

He has also received Maryland Governor's Citations from Governor Paris Glendening, Governor Robert Ehrlich, Governor Martin O'Malley, and Governor Larry Hogan.

He has been a speaker locally, statewide, and nationally. Now he is an Author. His first book is "Defying Expectations," Family, Sports & Recreation. <https://store.bookbaby.com/book/defying-expectations>

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Living on the Links



by, Delaney Cha

◀ back yard view

There's something so soothing about living on a golf course. The picturesque views, the quiet ambiance, and the camaraderie of the community all lend themselves to creating the perfect environment to build a home.

A few years ago, the Dixon family purchased their current home at Prospect Bay Country Club located in Grasonville, Maryland after Lindsay Dixon had been a member since 1996.

"I love Prospect Bay," said Lindsay. "I think living on a golf course is soothing and it extends your yard visually. For a lot of us, golf is a stress reliever. So when you come home from work and you look out the window and see a golf course, you know in a day or a couple of days you'll be out there playing, and it kind of makes it easier to go to work the next day."

He continued, "The view out of the window is my favorite part about living on a golf course. My family and I live right behind the 10th green on Prospect Bay."

The Dixon's completely gutted their home and redesigned it from the ground up.

◀ front yard view



"We bought the house about seven years ago, and we tore everything out of it. We tore out the drywall and insulation and ended up adding an addition to the original house," said Lindsay.

Over 25 years ago, Lindsay founded the company Lacrosse Homes which develops housing in communities located anywhere from the Bay Bridge to Cambridge and into Dover and Annapolis.

Lindsay said, "We build all over the place. The most homes we ever built were on a golf course called 'Jonathan's Landing' which is in Dover, Delaware. If I were to guess, we built around 75 to 100 homes there and most of them were on the golf course."

"My grandfather, Bill Dixon, was a land developer in Anne Arundel County and he really wanted me to get into homebuilding when I was a couple years out of college," he said. "He had a development he wanted me to start with when he was retiring. But the caveat was that he made me name the company 'Lacrosse Homes' and that was because of all the lacrosse I played as a kid."

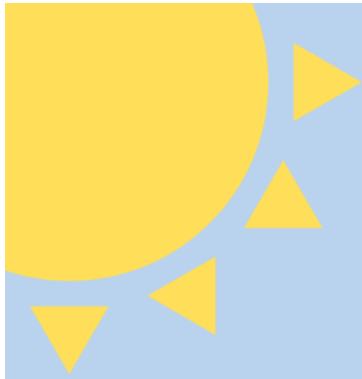
"It's funny because my passion growing up was lacrosse, but now because of my love of golf, all of our homes that we designed and built are named after golf courses. If you go on our website

and look at the models, the names of the houses are all golf course names," said Lindsay.

Building homes on a golf course is not much different than building a home in another community. However, some things need to be considered when building or purchasing a home on a golf course.

"Something we always try to do when someone is building on a golf course is that we try to focus on how the back needs to be as beautiful as the front," said Lindsay. "From all the people who are playing golf and being at the back of your house, you certainly don't want to have your whole focus on one side of the house. You want it to be beautiful from all sides."





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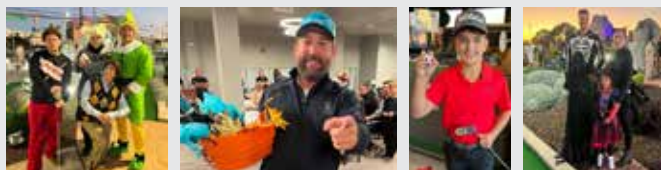
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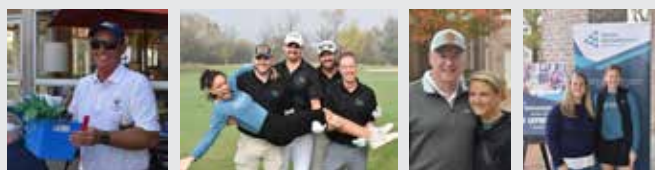
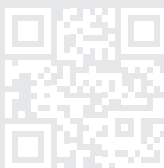


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The Greater Berlin Minority Scholarship Committee, 17th Annual Samuel S. Henry Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament

Another successful GBMSC Samuel S. Henry Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament was held at GlennRiddle Golf Course on Thursday, July 20th. A full slate of golfers, with thirty seven hole sponsors and wonderful weather, contributed to a great tournament.

The committee thanks all the teams, hole sponsors and contributors for making this event a success. Your continued support has made it possible for Greater Berlin Minority Scholarship Committee to award eight scholarships this past school year. Thank you for helping us assist Stephen Decatur graduates to attend college.

First place gross with a 59 went to Linwood Harmon, Kenny Ethridge, Madison Harmon and Scott Schafer. First place net was Donnie Berkey, Kenton Yoder, Joe Noble and Victor Rolli with a 52.3. Second place net went to Sammy White, Regan Haldeman, Bruce Hunter and Lee Webster with a 54.8, in a tie breaker. Third place net went to Todd Ferrante, Bryan Taylor, Ken Lazorchak, George DelRicco with a 54.8.

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First, let me thank everyone who participated in this fund raiser! It was in my opinion a MAJOR SUCCESS! It could have not been accomplished without everyone who sponsored, participated, volunteered, and donated. As a recap, this page was created in 2022. In 2022, we raised \$4000 which is included in the total funds raised on this page. The two years prior, 2021 and 2020, we raised about \$6000, but that was not captured on this fundraising page. So together over those 3 years, we raised a little more than \$10,000!



- This year, 2023, the Golf Tournament and Corn Hole Tournament combined raised \$13,617.50!
- Below is a summary of this year's fundraising:
- Total \$ Collected from Golf Tournament & Corn Hole \$25,859.00
- Total Expenses for Golf, Prizes, Catering, Administrative \$14,431.50
- Direct Website Donations in 2023 \$2,190.00
- Website Donation to be Made on Behalf of Remaining Donors \$11,427.50 (will round up to 11,500.00)
- In just 4 years, together, we have raised over \$23,700.

I want to thank each and every donor including our corporate sponsors and local businesses and individual donors! No matter how large or small your contribution was, be proud that you helped the children and families at St. Jude.

God Bless each and every one who helped make this possible!



DELMARVA CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS GOLF CLASSIC RECAP

Delmarva Christian Schools held their annual Golf Classic Tournament on Friday, June 21 at the Heritage Shores Club in Bridgeville, DE. With a field of 128 golfers and over 40 sponsors, the tournament raised funds to further the mission of Delmarva Christian.

"We cannot thank our sponsors and golfers enough for their support of the work we are doing at Delmarva Christian Schools," Justin Savini, Director of Advancement. "To see this level of support for our school is incredible and we are grateful for the community's support of Excellent Christian Education."

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PUTTING IS *half* THE GAME...

by: Richard Robinson

Putting is often considered half the game. The calculation of par allows for 2 putts on every hole. Thus even par putting is 36 putts for 18 holes. Yet for both tournament and recreational players, bettering par on the greens is essential to better scoring. Elite players are regularly 8 under "putting par" per round.

Many players spend hundreds of dollars on new drivers. Finding the right putter is not as complicated or expensive as with other clubs. It can be a wise investment. What are the keys to discovering the treasure of a magic wand?

The most important consideration is matching the club characteristics with your technique. This is a two way street. As with any club, you will eventually adapt to the club design. So, if you seek a unique technique, get a putter that helps you achieve your goal.

An important step is defining your preferred posture and stroke concept. There is a wide range of effective techniques, but all great putters share a common goal of feeling comfortable when addressing the putt.

CONSIDER THESE FACTORS...

POSTURE: Do you feel better standing tall or crouching over the ball?

HAND POSITION: Do you like your lead hand above or below the trail hand on the club handle at address?

BALL POSITION: Do you play the ball forward, centered or back in your stance?

STROKE CONCEPT: Do you like to tap or rap the ball, or make a flowing stroke to roll the ball?

STROKE PATH: Do you take the putter straight back and through, or allow the club head to arc as it moves away from the ball then back along the target line?

THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS OFFER SUGGESTIONS TO FINDING THE BEST FITTING PUTTER.



LENGTH: A putter length that allows for a natural extension of the lead arm at address is always a good start. This is especially true if you play the ball forward in your stance with your lead hand high on the grip, like Ben Crenshaw. A longer putter is an obvious choice for a player who stands tall like Raymond Floyd. A longer putter can also allow the grip to rest along the lead forearm like Bryson DeChambeau or Matt Kuchar. Choosing a very long putter to enable a split handed grip and essentially a trail arm stroke like Adam Scott or Lucas Glover.

WEIGHT: Many people prefer a light putter for fast greens and a heavier putter for slow greens. The weight can effect your ability to control the tempo of the stroke. Research indicates the heavier putters encourage a more flowing stroke and actually performed better for mid and high handicap players under all conditions. But if you are a “rapper” with a heavy putter distance control can be difficult.

FACE BALANCE: Balance a putter on your finger with the shaft parallel to the ground. If the face of the putter remains parallel to the ground it is a “face balanced” design. If the toe of the putter “drops” toward the ground it is not face balanced. A face balanced putter encourages a straight back and through stroke. A “toe drop” design encourages an arc stroke.

LOFT: With the ability to create and maintain fast smooth greens many current putters are designed with very little loft. Some designs even have inverted loft to encourage a top spin roll. Old school putters have as much as 4 degrees loft. This is beneficial on slower “shaggy” greens. It also allows a hands forward shaft lean address position that can be very effective.

HEAD DESIGN: Lines, ball shapes, triangular head shapes are all intended to aid in alignment. The question is does it “fit your eye” ? For some, these visual references are precise sights. For others, a mere distraction.

GRIP: Thicker grips reduce hand movement and tension facilitating an arm shoulder stroke. However, normal grips do not preclude a minimal wrist action. The degree of wrist movement is a matter of technique. Most “putter grips” have a flat surface that needs to be properly aligned to the club head. If you suddenly develop a push or pull missing putts consistently to one side, there may be nothing wrong with your stroke, but your grip may be misaligned. Thus, the club face off line at impact.

LIE OR SHAFT ANGLE: Eye position over the ball target line is important. Most good putters try to get the eyes directly over the “putting line”. However, several great putters have the eye line slightly closer to their body or “inside” the putting line. The lie of the putter is important to enable a most comfortable and repeatable address position. This is one area where help from an instructor or fitter is valuable.

meet the pro

BUDDY SASS, PGA

interviewed by: Delaney Cha



How long have you been playing golf?

I'm 61 now, and I've been playing since I was 10, so about 51 years.

What made you interested in the sport? Who got you interested in the sport?

My dad was a golfer and my parents bought a beach home in Ocean Pines in 1969. Just about the only thing you could do in Ocean Pines in those days was play golf. We would go to the beach during the day, then at night we would come back and I would play golf until I couldn't see until it was too dark to play anymore. That's how I started, and I wanted to be good enough so I could play with my dad.

Was your father a good golfer?

He was a pretty good golfer. He wasn't a scratch golfer, but he was a 7-10 handicap and he liked to play on the weekends. My goal for me was to be good enough to play with him on Saturdays.

What's your favorite course that you've played?

There's a course in Scotland called Kingsbarns, which is just around the corner from St. Andrews course. Old Head in Ireland would be a close second. Kingsbarns is like the 18th hole of Pebble Beach on 10 holes. They have many holes right on the water similar to Pebble Beach and it is very cool. Old Head was similar as well, with it being right on the water.

When did you receive your PGA Certification?

I went to High Point University and played golf for them and stayed at the local club there which is now called High Point Country Club. I worked there for about six

or eight months when I first got out of school. From there, I went to Cary, North Carolina and worked at a course called Lochmere and Wildwood Green. I came back to Ocean Pines in 1987. That was the year that I became a Class A Professional. I was an assistant pro but I was fully certified working for Hunt Crosby at Ocean Pines.

What's a brief timeline of the courses you worked at?

In 1987 and 1988, I worked for Hunt as an assistant at Ocean Pines. Then in 1989, I moved and worked with Frank Scott and built the Beach Club. I was a construction manager there and that opened in 1991. Hunt ended up becoming the Pro at the Beach Club and I became the Pro at Ocean Pines. I was at Ocean Pines from '91 to '96. I then moved to Green Fields Golf Park which eventually became Deer Run and I was there in '97 and '98. Then in January of '99 I came to Ocean City Golf Club and I have been here ever since.

What would you like to see more of in the sport?

I think golf is doing great. What I really like to see and what I really think is healthy and good for the sport, and makes me happy is all of the things that are going on for kids. When I was a kid, you had to search to find tournaments and things and not necessarily easy to get into. It was kind of a niche thing that your dad did. It is much more mainstream now and I think the opportunities for kids is great, and I hope that continues. It is extremely healthy for the sport. I don't think it's really anything new, but I'm just amazed at this area for the opportunities. As a kid growing up playing golf in Ocean Pines, I would have to travel to Dover, Chestertown, or even across the bridge to find tournaments to play in. Now there's tournaments everywhere, the high schools have strong golf programs and so do the middle schools.

What is the most impactful lesson that you have learned in your time in the industry?

In all my time, and I've been in it for a long time, the most apparent is that I get this unique opportunity to see 2-400 different people everyday. It gives a perspective on just seeing them, getting to them, and about

their lives, get to know a little bit about them. What great people we have on the Eastern Shore, just the goodness of the humanity. For every difficult customer that I have, I have a hundred that are easy, and great, and have wonderful stories. To be able to know a little bit about them and their lives and the stuff that goes on, and every good thing that they do. It's wonderful to see the goodness of the area in the people.

What's your vision for the club over the next few years?

What I see for the club is a kind of renaissance. The club in the past couple years and what I see for the future is a very broad membership, with a lot of people. We are up to around 3,000 members. We have a great large group of people who are like a family, and call this place home. We refurbished the building, we're doing work on the golf course. We're remaking ourselves and I think our root has always been a place of membership where people can come together. By Ocean City Golf Club focusing on being a melting pot, we are able to do a lot of upgrades. The course has never been better, and we have been doing a lot of upgrades. New building, new kitchens, new everything. I feel like after 62 years, we're ready for another 62 years.

Why do you think mentorship and leadership is instrumental to the sport?

Golf is one of the few sports where you have a student and a coach. It might be dad, it might be mom, it might be an instructor, but whatever it is you always start with someone showing you how to play, that's teaching you the ropes. The fact that this is one-on-one in golf, it's a close relationship. If you're coaching a large football team, it's one coach to 10 or so kids, but golf tends to be one-on-one. I think values, right practices, etiquette is taught early on. It's a game of integrity and you learn to keep your own score at a young age. You call the penalty on yourself. I think because it is one-on-one, it provides a great atmosphere for mentorship, and the opportunity for leadership. It further creates an atmosphere where the game improves, cause you have experienced people helping inexperienced people which help bring the values of the game along.

Mr. James Black resteasy

You have left your mark on the greens.



by: Ray Taranto

Rest Easy Mr James Black - My dear friend, mentor and confidant. We are dedicating the Summer National Championship to Mr Black. A pioneer and a legend, featured on Golf Channels Uneven Fairways passed away in June. Mr. James Black turned 80 years old on May 28, 2022, and with every year of celebration, his legendary status is only shining brighter. Black was excellent at his sport and good enough to win tournaments on the United Golf Association (UGA) tour, the primary

tour for Black players for decades. That's where he met Joe Louis and Jackie Robinson, who played in some UGA events, and he took his game on the road, wherever it led him.

The former exceptionally skilled pro golfer had 11 career starts on the PGA Tour and won many times on the UGA Tour. A number of people familiar with golf would probably say that Tiger Woods was the first Black professional golfer to score a 67 in the first round of his first tournament. Woods did that in

the Greater Milwaukee Open in 1997. Black, who was a self-taught caddy and child prodigy, accomplished that feat at the age of 21 at the L.A. Open back in 1964. That week, Black would finish in the top 10, one of two top-10 finishes in five PGA Tour starts that year, earning \$2,425 in 1964 according to tour records—proving his ability to play at the highest level of the game, an opportunity many Black players were denied. 6/22/23 - I will always love you my friend.



DISTRICT VIII CHAMPIONSHIP HIGH SCHOOL PLAY



On October 10, 2022, players from the Bayside Conference gathered at River Marsh Golf Course to compete in the District Championship. In addition to Bayside honors, players were looking to advance in the State Tournament to the semifinals at the University of Maryland later in the month.



Among the field were those who had earned top ten honors in the regular season in the Bayside North and Bayside South.





Stephen Decatur led the field and won the District Championship, shooting a qualifying score of 335. They were tops in the 1A/2A bracket and best overall. James M. Bennett advanced by winning the 3A title.

In addition to team qualifying, individuals shooting a qualifying score included Nate Smith of Queen Anne's, Kole Kohut of Stephen Decatur, Evan Oglesby of Stephen Decatur, Sam Boger of Stephen Decatur, Isabella Westerfield of Easton, and Brianna Kurtz of Kent Island.

Individual honors were earned by Brianna Kurtz of Kent Island High School, who shot 90, and Nate Smith of Queen Anne's County High School, who led the tournament with a 79.



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Keep an eye out for the 2023 District Championships results which will be featured in the upcoming insssue!



QUEEN ANNES HIGH SCHOOL

Queen Anne's County has been very competitive in the North Bayside over the last several years, winning several tournaments, and pushing for the North Bayside title. While we did lose one of our top golfers in Ethan Lenox, we are fortunate to return North Bayside Player of the Year, Nate Smith. Nate has had a busy summer on both the Philadelphia Junior PGA and Hurricane Tours, both of which have yielded great success. Both Keira Corcoran and Camaryn Jacobi made very large strides last year, and were our most improved players. We expect these young ladies to continue their ascension and become forces on our team. We have returning players who have the opportunity to make an impact this year, including Aedan Bonfoey, Giles Stanton, George Cook, Nathan Cunningham, Braden Wilson, and Tucker Ingle. They are joined by newcomers Greyson Baker, Evan Norwood, and William Rooney. Many of these players are looking to become regular Varsity contributors and help us push for the North Bayside title in a very competitive field. We are very grateful to Mike Sabol and John Anderes at Queenstown Harbor for all of the support they provide our team as our home course.

-Brad Niesz, Queen Anne's



ST. MICHAELS HIGH SCHOOL

The outlook for this season's Saints golf team is very promising. After 3 time tournament winner Geo Greaves decided to leave the program. Our top five consist of Junior Lexi Rockwell and Lola Browning who spent their Summer playing in several very competitive AJGA junior golf tournaments. Rounding out the top five are Senior's Will Bridges and Andrew Patrick. Fighting for fifth spot will be Sophomore Buel Jensen Freshman Cohen Wilson Sean Kline Ben White and Drew Yetter.

I want to give a huge thank you to Hog Neck golf course and Head Pro Rich Sutter for allowing us to use the beautiful facilities at Hog Neck.



KENT ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL

I'm Josh Dishong, teacher at KIHS since 2012 and 1st year head coach of the golf team.

KIHS finished last year as runner up in both the bayside conference after losing the championship to Stephen Decatur as well as at the District 8 Championships. We did have representation at states last year where one of our female golfers Brianna Kurtz, qualified as an individual!

This year we return a solid core of golfers to our team in seniors Steven Nichols, Grant Ferrier and Lizzie McConnell as well as Junior Brianna Kurtz and Sophomore Joshua David. In addition to our returning players we've also added some new talent including senior Owen Wynot and Freshman Tyler Criswell who both look poised to be consistent members of our top 5 this season.

Our focus this season is to build upon our successes last season and contend for the district and bayside titles!



EASTON HIGH SCHOOL

This fall kicks off new Head Coach Dan Greaves first season with the Warriors. The Warriors have a young team this season with lots of talented players that will be sure to keep the Easton team growing over the next few seasons. There aren't many seniors this season, but returning senior and starter Isabella Westerfield looks to finish her high school golf career strong and looks to play collegiate golf following graduation.



KENT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

My name is Jonathan Fitch. I am the head coach of the Kent County Golf Team. This is my first year of Coaching Golf. I also have an assistant coach. His Name is Kolby Kirby. Our team's home course is Chester River. This is our first year having a golf team in about 5 years. Our team is made up of 5 seniors, 2 juniors, and 1 freshman.



STEPHAN DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL

Stephan Decatur has been a leader in the South Bayside Conference. Decater's golf team has won the conference title 3 of the last 4 years, the district title twice and sent multiple players to the state tournament. The four returning players who played in the state tournaments are: Bayside Player of the Year Kole Kohut, All Conference Players Evan Oglesby, Clayton McCabe and Sam Boger who finished 5th in the state. With these core players returning, we have added several additional players to an already qualified team. These players are Luke Popielaski, Brady Cunanne, Jasper Davis, Brody Kendall and Parker Mason. We continue to look forward to a great, competitive season with the goal of repeating as Bayside and District champions. Special thanks to Bob Croll at Eagle's Landing Golf Course for his support as our home course and Buddy Sass and Bob Beckelman for all their support.



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2023 SEASON OPENER NORTH BAYSIDES HIGH SCHOOL PLAY



With conditions ranging from overcast to misting and the occasional downpour, golfers in North Bayside kicked off their season at River Marsh Golf Course on August 28th.

The team event was won by Kent Island High School, with Queen Anne's finishing second, and North Caroline rounding out the top three.



IN THE INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION, NATE SMITH (QUEEN ANNE'S) LED THE FIELD, WINNING MEDALIST HONORS WITH AN EVEN PAR 36. TARYN BRANDT (NORTH CAROLINE) EARNED 2ND PLACE HONORS WITH A ROUND OF 38. STEVEN NICHOLS (KENT ISLAND) ROUNDED OUT THE TOP THREE WITH A SCORE OF 39.

Many thanks to Head Professional, Abby Messick and Paul Russo for their support and efforts to make our tournament a success.



**KENT ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL
1ST PLACE**



**QUEEN ANNE'S HIGH SCHOOL
2ND PLACE**



**NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL
3RD PLACE**

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY & WASHINGTON COLLEGE

GOLF PRESS RELEASES



Perennially one of the top athletics programs at the NCAA Division III level, Salisbury University recently took another step forward, announcing the addition of men's and women's golf to its offering of Division III varsity sports.

Teams are set to begin competition in the 2024-25 academic year.

The two golf programs will bring the number of intercollegiate varsity sports at SU to 23, representing the first completely new additions to SU's program since women's soccer was added in 1994.

"I'm thrilled to introduce men's and women's golf as our newest varsity sports," said SU President Carolyn Ringer Lepre. "We know that one of the things that makes our SU campus community so unique is our strong history of Division III athletics. The addition of these two sports will provide new opportunities for student-athletes from across our country to contribute to the growth of our campus and be a part of a nationally renowned athletics program."

The two sports will be added as part of the President's "Salisbury Seven" pledge, an initiative announced by Lepre during her inaugural State of the University address in February.

"Golf is a very popular sport not only in our community and region but nationwide," said Dr. Gerry DiBartolo, SU's director of athletics and campus recreation. "We've had tremendous interest throughout the years in adding golf, but we wanted to make sure we had the resources and sustainability to ensure that we will be able to field competitive programs."

A nationwide search for a coach will start in late spring, with recruitment for student-athletes for the inaugural season beginning in the summer.



Dan Philippon has been named head coach of the Washington College men's and women's golf teams, it was announced today by Thad Moore, Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics at the college. Both programs will begin competing as club sports this fall, and NCAA Division III competition will commence in the fall of 2023. Washington College has not offered the varsity sport of golf since 1961.

"We are extremely excited to name Dan as our first men's and women's golf coach at Washington College in over sixty years," Moore states. "His extensive knowledge and leadership skills along with his ties to the Chestertown community make him the perfect choice to build a program that can be very successful both in and out of the classroom."

Philippon has served as the PGA head golf professional at the Chester River Yacht & Country Club (CRYCC) since July of 2020 and will continue in that role while also tutoring the Shoremen and Shorewomen.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be named head men's and women's golf coach at Washington College," stated Philippon. "I would like to thank Athletic Director Thad Moore for entrusting me with this position and CRYCC for their support in this appointment and making CRYCC the home course for the golf team."

"My goal is to develop a golf program that emphasizes teaching, teamwork, and collaboration to ensure our players are put in the best position to be successful," Philippon added. "This applies not only on the fairways and greens but in the classroom and community as well. I am excited for this great opportunity and to be a part of the WAC athletics family."

The Maroon & Black will use the Chester River Yacht & Country Club for all practices and home competitions. Both teams will compete with seven other programs for Centennial Conference Championships in 2023-2024.

LPGA EASTERN SHORE

Submitted by: Trisha Seitz

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

The members of the LPGA Amateurs Eastern Shore Chapter are finishing up a busy season on the links. During the 2023 season, our members enjoyed playing golf Sundays through Thursdays in 14 different leagues. We offered leagues for every level of golf.

The Beginner and Transition Leagues played at Bear Trap Dunes and Ocean Pines. Our fun league played at Bethany Bay and our early birds played at Ocean Resorts. Our non-handicap leagues played at Plantation Lakes, Salt Pond, Nutters Crossing and River Run. Our handicap leagues played at Rum Pointe, Lighthouse Sound, Glen Riddle and Eagles Landing. And members on our Maryland / Delaware Travel Team played at a variety of courses in the area.

During the week of August 13 - 18, our members participated in Pink Ball Tournaments to raise funds for cancer research at Atlantic General Hospital and Beebe Medical Foundation. We also held our Chapter's Inaugural Unsinkable Pink Ball Mini-Golf Fundraiser at the Millville Boardwalk.

In addition to league play, our members enjoyed several social outings. Our volunteers organized events including a magic show at the Dickens Theater, a cooking demonstration at Mio Fratello's, a happy hour with a golf simulator and miniature bowling at Alley Oops, a Nine and Dine event at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club, and a Member/Guest golf outing at Lighthouse Sound.

Throughout the 2023 season, we offered a series of educational events on the Handicap/GHIN system; and, Rules, Course Etiquette and Pace of Play. Our newest members enjoyed a meet and greet at the Community Center at Evans Park in Millville.

In August, we held our annual Volunteer Luncheon at Lighthouse Sound. This is our Chapter's way of saying "thank you" to our volunteers including Board Members, Chairs, Captains/Co-Captains and event organizers.

Diane Sarsfield

President

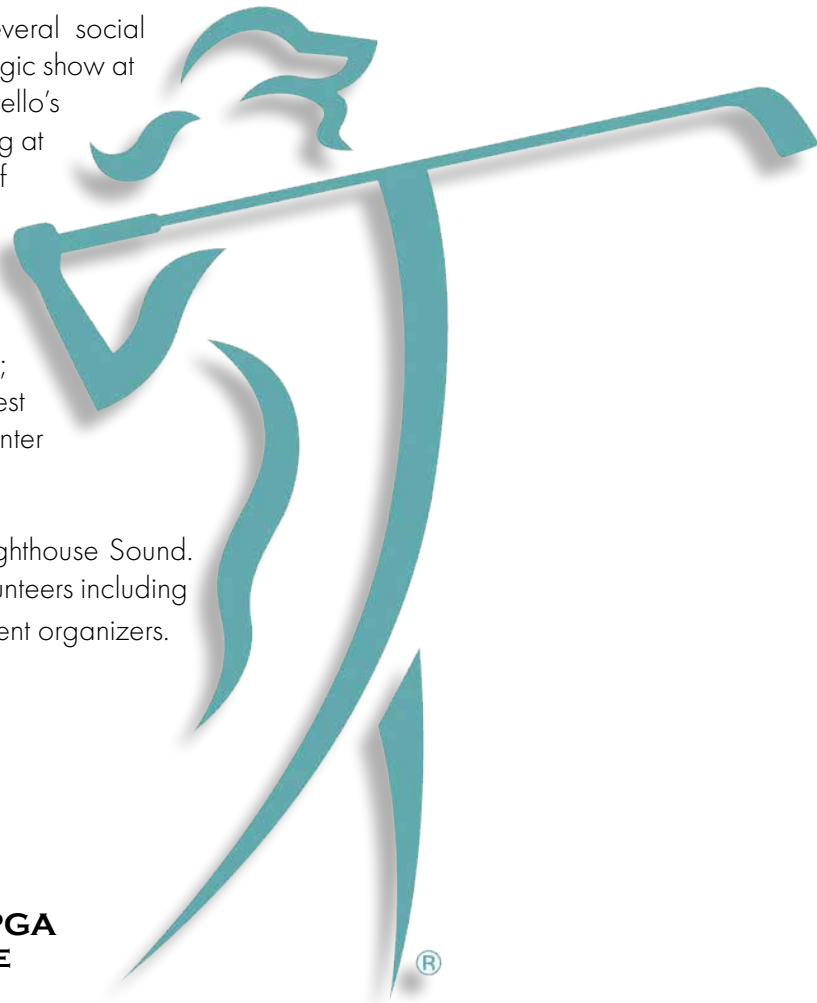
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The Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club Ladies Invitational

recap

submitted by: Bill Sterling



The Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club Ladies Invitational was held Tuesday, Aug. 22 with 44 golfers coming from many miles away with many making it an annual affair.

Sponsored by the Ladies Golf Association (LGA) at the club, proceeds go to the Eastern Shore Coalition for Domestic Violence (ESCADV).

Barbara Murphy, a co-chairman of the event along with Peaches Dodge, thanked the staff of the ESY&CC, who held the awards ceremony in the clubhouse.

Shelley Strain, director of the ESCADV for the past seven years, spoke briefly to the group about services provided by the group, whose mission is provide support and empowerment to victims of domestic and sexual abuse and to provide programs that increase awareness and prevention in the community.

Dodge, a longtime director for ESCADC, said the organization has expanded its services and resources tremendously in recent years and thanked the local sponsors who have supported the tournament.

Gigi Smith and Andi Grant, from the Virginia Beach National Golf Club, won first place gross with a 71.

Susan Daugherty and Laura Dibbern, from Nutters Crossing In Salisbury, Md., were first place net winners with a 59.

Mary Beth Huneke Richmond and April Dampier of Chester, Va., placed second in the gross division with a 76. Joy Cimburke and Sandy Lee were third gross with a 76, based on a tiebreaker. Cimburke hails from the The Crossings Golf Club in Richmond, Va., and Lee is from Mill Quarter Plantation, Powhatan, Va.

Earning second place in the the net division were Jennifer Frieman from Great Hope in Crisfield, Md., and Laurie Haugh from Nutters Crossing in Salisbury, Md., with a 59, based on a tiebreaker. The ESY&CC's own Barbara Murphy and Susan Duer were third, also with a 59.

Margie Byrd of the ESY&CC won closest to the pin on 13 with a shot that stopped 13 feet, five inches from the pin.



Susan Daugherty, left, and Laura Dibbern, center, from Nutters Crossing in Salisbury, Md., were winners of first place net with a 59 at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club Ladies Invitational held Tuesday, Aug. 23. Co-chairman Barbara Murphy is pictured at right.



Gigi Smith, left, and Andi Grant, right, with a 71, were first place winners in the gross division at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club Ladies Invitational held Tuesday, Aug. 23. Co-chairman Barbara Murphy is pictured at center.



Margie Byrd of the ESY&CC won closest to the pin on 13.



EASTERN SHORE YACHT & CC 2BB4 WPGA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Eastern Shore Yacht & CC held the first WPGA event of the season on June 27th. Congratulations to the winners and to the ESYCC. The following are the results of the 2BB4.



LOW GROSS WINNERS:
L-R: Marcia Soule, Toni Wilde,
Diane Braver, Nancy Mawhinney.
All Players are from Ocean City



1ST LOW NET WINNERS:
L-R: Mimi Montosti, Susan
Daugherty, Claire Barr, Pam Idoni.
All Players are from Nutters



2ND LOW NET WINNERS:
L-R: Susan Duer, Barbara Murphy,
Margie Byrd, Tiffany Bloom.
All Players are from ESYCC



CAPTAIN'S COVE 2BB4 WPGA TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Captain's Cove hosted their first WPGA event on Sept. 7th.

A very hot day on a challenging course.
Fortunately, it was followed by a delicious lunch.

Thank you Captain's Cove!



FIRST GROSS: Hog Neck
Rose Pelligrino, Michelle Boutcher,
Susan Bohaker, Donna Kostens



FIRST NET: Captain's Cove
Carolyn Cox, Denise Sapienza,
Kathy McNally, Vera Nickell



SECOND NET: Eastern Shore
Barbara Murphy, Margie Byrd,
Susan Duer, Maggi Stodghill

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Fall leagues and clinics will be announced soon so stay tuned!

Our Holiday Celebration will be held in December and more information will be emailed closer to the time.

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Interviewed by: Delaney Cha

"I have been a part of The Junior Tour powered by Under Armour for about nine years. I started the tour when it began as The Junior Tour on the Shore."

I became involved with The Junior Tour after my family and I researched tournament opportunities in the area. Once I started playing, I got to know Devan Scott and Ray and Holly Taranto. They all were very welcoming and made me feel like family, making me want to continue with The Junior Tour.

Although Wild Quail is my home course, my favorite course I have played is probably Baywood Greens in Long Neck, Delaware. I really like the layout and how nice the staff is to junior golfers.

The Junior Tour has helped me grow as a golfer by building my confidence and showing me that I can do what I set out to do. It has also provided me the opportunity to make friends from all over the country and world, exposing me to many different backgrounds.

The Junior Tour has helped me with my high school career through exposing me to several different golf courses. High school golfers usually do not have the opportunity to play a practice round at a golf course before a match. I have learned to read new courses which helps when my team plays different high schools at their home courses. Also, a lot of the courses I play on The Junior Tour are the same as the high school ones, which allows me to play some courses more regularly.

In addition to golf opportunities, The Junior Tour has inspired me to give back to others. The Junior Tour has provided many athletes a place to feel welcome while they are competing and has brought more opportunities for us to compete. Their tournament is more than just playing golf, it provides a family atmosphere and encourages us to help and support one another. Not only does The Junior Tour provide scholarships, but it emphasizes positive messages for the junior golfers to help them grow. I am currently working towards my Gold Award with Girl Scouts with the goal to lessen the financial burden on high school golfers by collecting golf balls for the high school teams. This will hopefully let junior golfers, who do not have the resources to play golf, enjoy the game. I am hoping this will grow the game of golf for junior golfers and encourage giving back, like The Junior Tour.

I really want to play golf at the college level. I am hoping to receive a golf scholarship to a school where I can also study forensic science. I would like to take golf as far as I can before starting a career in forensics. I also hope to eventually earn my doctorate in forensic science or chemistry.

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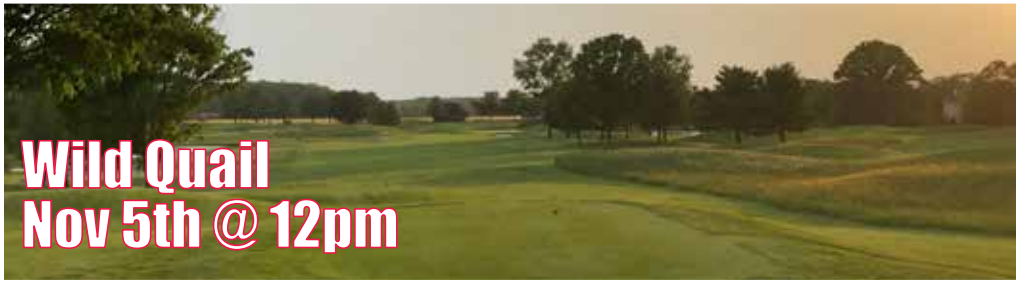
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PUTTER TRIVIA...

The calculation of par includes 36 shots allocated to putts. However, the best tournament putters average nearly 8 shots under “putting par” per round. Certainly, tour player’s proximity to the hole on approaches creates one putt opportunities. Yet, in recent major championships, the ultimate victors rolled in a number of long putts. More significantly, they made almost every putt inside 10 feet, as Brian Harman did on the 2023 Open.

The putting statistic of total feet of putts made is revealing. Cameron Smith recently tied a tour record with 18 putts in one round. In the 2022 Open, Smith made a record 255 feet of putts in his final round overtaking Rory McIlroy. Rory had an even par putting round with two putts on every green the same day, McIlroy totaled approximately 40 feet of putts made. In the 2023 FedEx St. Jude’s tournament, Lucas Glover made over 150 feet of putts in the final 4 holes. Tommy Fleetwood finished 1 stroke behind, but made less than 15 feet of putts on the same holes.

The quality and consistency of green conditions is a major reason for such phenomenal putting statistics. But as with other clubs, putter design has evolved. From Hugh Philp’s 1819 Putting Cleek, subsequent Scottish blade designs in the late 1800’s, The Schenectady 1903, Otey Crisman’s Mallet, and John Rueter’s Bullseye of the 50’s increasingly diverse styles emerged in the past 70 years.

WILSON 8808

Introduced in 1963, this design was the choice of many of the greatest putters in history. It is more a work of art than scientific design. The wide flanged sole, a fluted shaft, a subtle taper grip were components, but the whole was greater than the sum of its parts. It looked and felt great. The putter of choice for Arnold Palmer, Ben Crenshaw, Lee Trevino, Phil Mickelson. When Corey Pavin won the Centennial U.S. Open in 1995, he selected an 8808 to replace the Bullseye he had used in many other championship competitions. Jack Nicklaus used a George Low putter, that was essentially the same design as the 8808.

PING ANSER

Karsten Solheim could not putt. So he began on a quest with sugar cubes and popsicle sticks to design a perfectly balanced putter. He “discovered” the benefits of heel toe weighting and eventually perimeter weighting for irons. He found the “Answer” in 1966. But, Answer would not fit on the space available for the Club name. Karsten’s wife Louise suggested leaving out the w. The Anser soon solved the mystery of putting for millions of golfers. Originally made in Karsten’s home garage in Scottsdale Arizona, his design is widely copied and some version is used by the majority of tour players today.

MAC GREGOR RESPONSE

In 1985, Clay Long designed a putter used by Jack Nicklaus to win the 1986 Masters. This was Jack’s last major championship and spectacular putting was a major contributor to victory. The Response was a supersized version of the Ping heel-toe design. In fact when the USGA set maximum design limits for putters, the Response was used as a standard. No putter can be made larger than the dimensions of the Response.

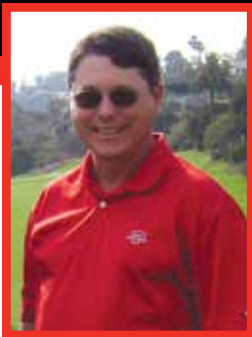
ODYSSEY INSERTS

Odyssey makes a wide array of putter designs. However, the most significant design feature across the brand has been face inserts of varying types. The basic concept is to vary the face hardness. The result of a softer face slows the initial ball speed, while firmer face will increase initial ball speed. Depending on the green speeds and type of ball you play, these inserts can help match your stroke tempo to find your best personal feel.

EVAN’S STAND ALONE

There are putters that can be placed on the ground and “stand up in place”. The player can align the blade from behind the club, looking at the hole, without actually holding the putter. Roger Evan’s original design has been around for decades. One of the newer versions is the S7k brand. The Bloodline brand is used and endorsed by Ernie Els. These clubs are especially great for instruction and practice.

Heading into the winter months you might “gift” yourself or a friend with an old school putter. Practicing with such clubs can improve your feel and give you an appreciation for the history, and the technological evolution golf equipment. Of course, the newest technology may be your path to lower scores.



ROBINSON'S P U T T E R MATCHGAME

Draw a line to correct putter answer. Good luck!

1. The Old Man's putter was banned by the R&A.



Bullseye

2. This independent putter might be called "The Untouchable".



Orey
Crissmon

3. You will hit the center every time with this putter.



Cleek RR

4. The quest for speed control.



Scottish
Blade

5. Some would call this a hybrid putter.



Schenectady

6. Set the USGA standard not to be exceeded.



Ping Anser

7. A hickory stick for the Master's.



MacGregor
Response

8. The answer to better putting.



Wilson
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TOOLS OF THE TRADE

BY STEVE MENZ

“MASTERING BUNKERS”

Having trouble getting out of tricky green side bunkers? Maybe you don't have the right tool for the job. I carry 4 wedges in my bag and each does a specific job much like a tool box. I have a pitching, gap, 56 degree and 60 degree wedges. For bunkers I mainly use the 56 and 60 degree wedges. Each has a different degree of bounce. The sand dictates which wedge I will use. If there is a lot of sand in the bunker I will choose the 56 degree with 12 degrees of bounce and if it is thin or firm sand I will use the 60 degree sand wedge with 6 degree of bounce. Rule of thumb; little sand, little bounce, lotta sand lotta bounce. Now that you have chosen your weapon you need proper technique. Follow these simple fundamentals and sand will be a breeze. Widen your stance and “sit” down. This means you should set your knees like you are bow legged. Lower your hands at set up and place at least 60% of your weight on the front foot, then use your wedge like a mirror. Open the face of the wedge so you can look into it at address, you should also be able to look at the face of the club through the back swing and down swing. I am not suggesting that you watch the club as you swing, but when you practice check that the club face is facing you throughout the entire swing. Follow these guidelines and you bunkers will become a day at the beach.

ROBINSON'S PUTTER MATCHGAME

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1. Schenectady
2. Stand Alone
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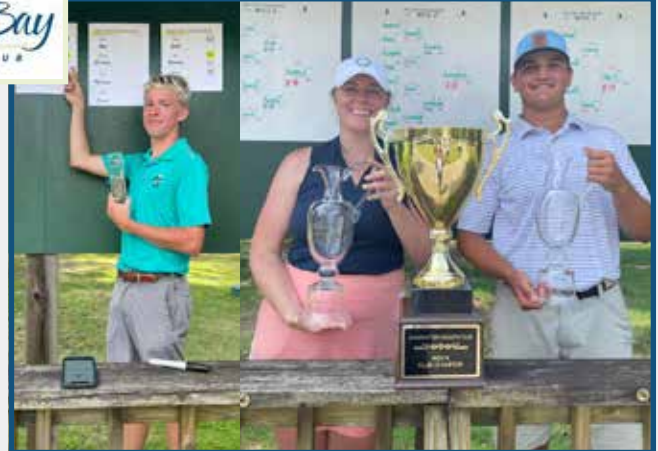
Womens' Club Champion Sue Bennett
Mens' Club Champion Gillis Green



Womens' Senior Champion Sue Bennett
Mens' Senior Champion Steve Morgan
with Club Pro Andy Hewitt, PGA



Mens' Senior Club Champion Jason Embrey
Womens' Senior Club Champion Sandy Patterson



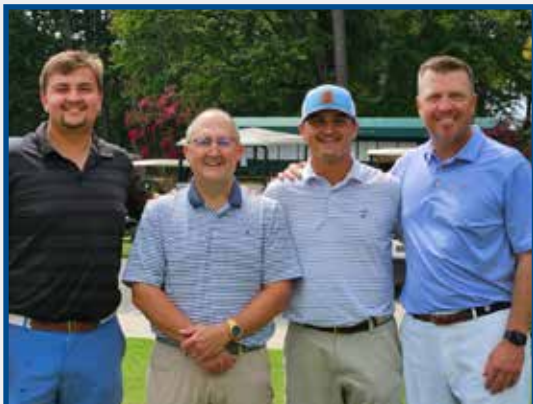
Junior Club Champion Steven Nichols

Womens' Club Champion is Kelsey Woodall

This is Kelsey's 6th Club Championship victory and she has established herself as one of the most dominant players in club history

Mens' Club Champion is Harrison Smith

Harrison Smith won over 10 time club champion Matt Tengwall.



Harrison Smith and Matt Tengwall went on to play in the Maryland State Four Ball at Links at Perry Cabin Course. Harrison Smith & Evan Tengwall shot an 8-under par 29 coming home to finish 1-shot out of 1st place. Matt Tengwall and Ron Getek also played, finishing just outside the top 25 with an impressive 1-under par 71.



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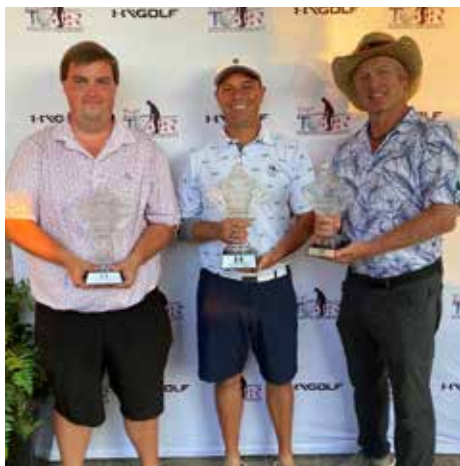
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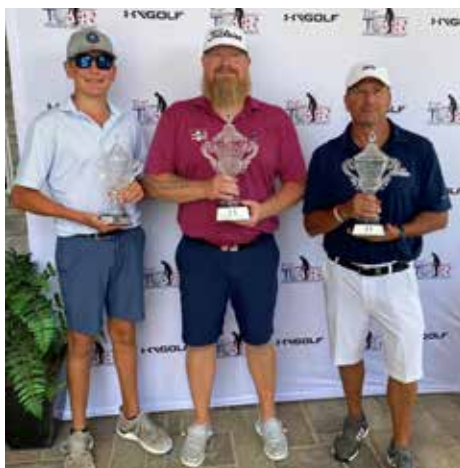
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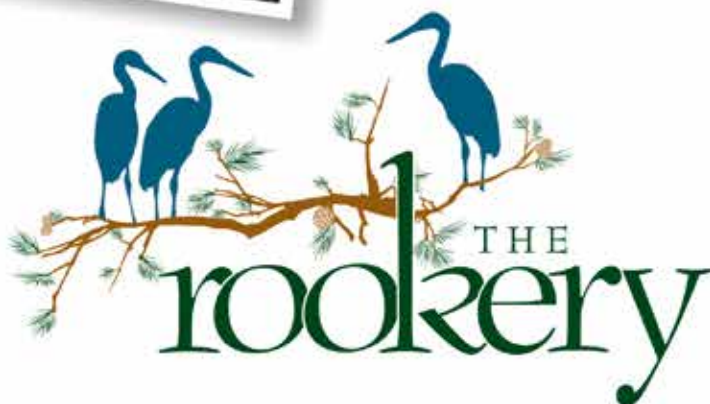
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by: Rob McDonald, PGA



While working at a club down in Florida several years ago, I had the pleasure of teaching four young brothers ages twelve, ten, eight, and six. All were talented athletes in other sports but had just gravitated towards golf. The twelve and ten-year-olds, being older, showed lots of promise in the game. The eight-year-old, a bit smaller, was also left-handed, but he could hit just as nice a shot using my adult-sized, right-handed club as he could with his left-handed clubs. But the smallest one, six-year-old Josh, owned the putting green. Being much smaller than his brothers, he couldn't hit it as far as his brothers, but on the greens, he was the master. He could just see what needed to be done and do it. His mind wasn't filled with doubt. It was filled with "Of course it's going in!" He could see the curvature and would just roll it on the path he saw, knowing it would go in. My mission was to not let my teaching him technique, interfere with his natural feel and positive mindset.

We do need to learn solid fundamentals in becoming a good putter. While there are many different styles of putting on the tours, they all have certain qualities that make them great putters. No one makes

the tour being an "okay" putter. Technique-wise, the smooth rhythm used to roll the ball versus just hitting it. The quietness of the hands, body, and eyes while making a simple pendulum stroke are important factors in building a good putting stroke. The ability to free your mind of the consequences of the stroke is one of the most important qualities you need to develop so that you can make a free stroke. Any hesitancy can cause deceleration or interference in the freedom of the stroke. We've all had a putt, and while we're over it we just know it's going in, and it does. You can create that feeling for every putt. Just don't be upset if it doesn't. That feeling of "knowing" is what frees you up in the stroke.

When you practice, try picking out different holes at different distances, from one location, and without a lot of thought, look at your location once and let it ride. You'll develop better distance control by tapping into your natural instincts and freeing your mind from the importance of the outcome. Let the "Josh" take over!



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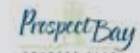
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