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This page: Cameron Young celebrates with a fellow USA teammate after a match at the Junior Ryder Cup. Click on 'Parting Shot' to see more. Photo courtesy of The PGA of America

Bien Joué

Photos: Kate Keller

While the MGA/WMGA team didn't win, they put forth a courageous effort at this year's playing of the 17th French-American Challenge against the Ligue de Paris at Golf de Saint Cloud in Garces, France. They trailed by just one point heading into the final day, but the Ligue was able to retain the cup with an 11.5 – 8.5 victory. Before the competition began, the team spent a few days seeing all the sights in Paris and got an early look at le Golf National, site of the 2018 Ryder Cup. The biennial event that is played in a Ryder Cup-style format was a success as always, bringing together two teams that enjoy the spirited competition and camaraderie that the matches always provide. The MGA/WMGA team will have another opportunity to win the cup when the challenge returns to the Met Area in 2016.

The beautiful view on the 8th hole at Golf de Saint Cloud during competition



Members of the MGA/WMGA gather for a photo at le Golf National, site of the 2018 Ryder Cup



The MGA/WMGA team at the 17th French-American Challenge

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CHALLENGE

BY HELEN STOCK

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Quaker Ridge looked like a movie set on September 22, as 17 five-man teams competed for a \$100,000 prize in the NetSuite Cloud Challenge, a charity event hosted by Van Dillen Partners, that made its way to the East coast for the first time this year. After 18-holes of stroke play, the top teams advanced to the skills challenge portion of the competition, which included putting and chipping contests. It all came down to two teams on Quaker Ridge's ninth hole. The team from YES Network, which included former NBA player Donny Marshall, won the hole and the prize money for a charity of their choice. A crew from the YES Network was on-hand to catch all the action under the lights as the event went into the evening, and some well-known names played in the competition, including two-time World Series Champion Johnny Damon, former Giant and Super Bowl Champion Shaun O'Hara, former Captain of the New York Rangers Chris Drury, NetSuite's CEO Zach Nelson, celebrity chef Ming Tsai and MGA President Jeff Holzschuh.

The top teams advanced to the first leg of the skills challenge on the putting green.



The NetSuite Cloud Challenge Champs embrace each other after victory

The Trophy McBride

BY CHRISTOPHER POWERS

A large turnout of 160 friends and family members that included Morgan Hoffmann, Gene Westmoreland, Al Small, Greg Angelillo, and many more came to Arcola Country Club on September 21 to celebrate the life of Terry McBride. McBride, a longtime member and nine-time club champion at Arcola, passed away on May 6 at the age of 65 after a battle with lung cancer. He was a member of one of the Met Area's true family golfing dynasties that collectively competed in (and won) numerous club championships at multiple Met Area clubs, were frequent participants in MGA Championships, as well as loyal supporters of the MGA and the Foundation for decades.



Terence A. McBride

Among the many places where the McBride name is inscribed is the MGA Father and Son Championship trophy, where a McBride name appears a record five times: Terry and his father Joseph winning three consecutive times (1964-1966). In honor of this family's unique place in Met Area history the MGA's Gene Westmoreland announced at the conclusion of Terry McBride Day at Arcola that it would rename it's Father and Son Trophy, "The McBride Trophy." "The family is honored," Michael McBride said. "That the MGA believes in our family and what we have done in golf over the years, to actually name the Father & Son Trophy after us, it's a complete honor."



Arcola saw a large turnout for Terry McBride Day

Terry's brother Michael (right), nephew Michael Jr. (left) and Gene Westmoreland (middle) at the 2001 MGA Father & Son Championship. Michael and Michael Jr. are the most recent McBrides to win the Father and Son.

Ito "Ames" AT GREATNESS

BY MADDI VETRANO



The Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach provides a very unique opportunity for selected juniors from First Tee programs from all over the country as it teams them up with professionals on the Champions Tour and gives them a chance to experience competitive play on one of the most beautiful courses in the world.

In late September, the event saw the MGA's own 2014 MGA/MetLife Boys Champion, Brent Ito, compete in the event alongside Champions Tour member Stephen Ames. Ito, 15, has been a volunteer at the First Tee of Metropolitan New York for more than 9 years, always lending a hand in mentoring aspiring young golfers. In addition, Ito has time and again proven himself a serious competitor in other junior championships, making it to the round of 16 in the 2014 Met Junior Championship and winning the 2013 Metropolitan Junior PGA Championship.

For the Open, Ito was apprentice to Ames, who has had a notable career with 3 International victories, and 4 PGA Tour victories - most recently the 2009 Children's Miracle Network Classic, and most notably at the 2006 Players Championship. Ames, a Canadian, was also a torch bearer in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

"Being able to play with a successful golfer such as Stephen Ames has taught me that there is a lot to learn about the game", Brent reflected. "[He] told me that this game needs to be taken one step at a time."

The Ito-Ames Pro-Junior Team qualified into the final round and finished tied for 12th with a strong 13-under 202.

In addition to Ito, First Tee of Metropolitan New York participant Tiffany Schapira, who has been a volunteer with the First Tee for 3 years, also competed and played alongside professional Scott Hoch.

PHOTOS: MARC HOWARD AND COURTESY OF THE NATURE VALLEY FIRST TEE OPEN AT PEBBLE BEACH

54 Holes ⁱⁿ San Antonio

By George Angevine

The spirit of The Lone Star State is well captured in the seventh most populous city in the country. San Antonio's rich history blends the Wild West, Old Mexico and the Deep South with modern urban progress. The Southern charm shines through this city, and its golf courses are no exception.

COURSES

- 1 **AT&T Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio** – Greg Norman designed this elite course, which is home to the PGA TOUR Valero Texas Open. From the "TOUR" tees the 7,435 yard course demands length and accuracy, but multiple teeing grounds offer playable options for all skill levels.
- 2 **Brackenridge Park Golf Course** – The oldest public golf course in Texas has nearly a century of tradition dating back to its inception in 1916. "Old Brack", which up until 1940 was the site of the PGA TOUR's Texas Open, was given new life in 2008 with a \$7.5 million restoration to re-route the course to its original layout, while upgrading conditions to modern-day standards.
- 3 **The Palmer Course at La Cantera** – Sculpted out of beautiful Hill Country, this Arnold Palmer-designed course boasts beautiful views of San Antonio from its elevated perch. The slopes, elevation changes and occasional blind tee shot make for a challenging day, but the rewarding sight from the top of the mountain overlooking the city will leave you in awe.

LODGING

- **JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa** – Solidified as San Antonio's top luxury destination, this resort is packed with amenities. Gain access to the 36-hole TPC San Antonio golf course, relax at the Lantana Spa, or feel like a kid again at the six acre water park!

OFF-COURSE

- **San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo** – It wouldn't be Texas without a rodeo. Embracing its origins in the Old West culture, rodeo competition celebrates the heritage of the west. These skilled and courageous participants are sure to impress.

The Palmer Course at La Cantera

BEST WEEK EVER



GLENEAGLES

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At just 17, Cameron Young is getting good use out of his passport. The Scarborough, N.Y., resident just got back from the trip of a lifetime playing for the USA in the Junior Ryder Cup at Blairgowrie Golf Club in Scotland. Cameron helped the Americans defeat the Europeans to retain the Junior Ryder Cup trophy, and then went over to Gleneagles for the start of the Ryder Cup. It was an awesome week for a guy who has already had his share of amazing golf experiences. But according to Cameron, this was the best experience yet.

“It was one of the coolest moments when we won,” Young said. “The group playing in front of mine actually got the winning point, so when my match was finishing up it was really cool to see people already start to celebrate around the green.”

The experience of his life couldn’t have been enjoyed alone. “It was really special to have my dad there with me as a PGA of America member [dad David Young is the head professional at Sleepy Hollow Country Club] and to have my mom, aunt and grandma with me there watching,” he said.

Playing in such an amazing event is pretty cool, but to top it off, he then got to see world’s best on the biggest stage.

“Gleneagles is a unique course, we got to play nine holes before the Ryder Cup,” Cameron said. “When I was on the range with one of my teammates, Hunter Mahan and Rickie Fowler walked over to talk to us. We talked about golf and they asked where we were going to school.”

The trip was an experience he will never forget. He met Tom Watson, hit balls next to Rickie Fowler and Hunter Mahan, and got to play nine holes at a Ryder Cup venue. On top of all that, he got to represent his country and retain the cup for the USA. He said it himself: Best week ever.



PHOTOS: PGA OF AMERICA

LENDING A **H**AND

BY SCOTT KRAMER



FootJoy's September debut of an online golf glove guide, to enlighten golfers about the importance of a proper-fitting glove, did not go unnoticed. The company reports that throngs of people flocked to the micro site in the first three weeks it opened, to read and watch videos about how to read a glove's wear pattern; ensure proper fit (hint: half of all golfers wear a glove that's too large for their hand); extend durability; and care for a glove immediately after their round.

"The right glove can mean as much to your game as the right ball or club," says Maria Bonzagni, senior director of marketing, FootJoy gloves and accessories. "The glove is not just an accessory, but an essential part of every player's game."

The brand simultaneously celebrated the 25th anniversary of its popular WeatherSof franchise by unveiling a new model (\$13) that combines improved breathability and flexibility, with maximum durability and grip performance for all-weather play.

Other fresh gloves for wet weather have just been unveiled by competitors, including Nike's Dri-FIT Tech (\$28) that provides airflow and moisture management in the fingers and back, with a premium cabretta tanned for supple feel and gripping; and HIRZL's Trust Control (\$30) with a Kangaroo index finger for enhanced grip and durability, plus a sweat-resistant palm.

RULES

Ever accidentally cause your ball to move when marking it on the putting green? MGA Managing Director, Rules and Competitions Brian R. Mahoney discusses what to do if you find yourself in this situation.

Click the video below to learn more.



Video by Christopher Powers



ON THE MARK

