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This page: LPGA Tour player Brittany Lincicome spent the week of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship exploring New York and proved she has skills off the golf course when she threw out the first pitch at Citi Field when the Mets played the San Francisco Giants.
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Barbara Israel, an accomplished amateur golfer from Katonah, N.Y., showed that she's got skills as she hit a ceremonial tee shot to christen the new fountains at the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy's annual Summer Solstice Sunset Soiree in Yonkers. Israel, the founder of Barbara Israel Garden Antiques and a consultant for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, was honored for her dedication and work in the garden antiques field. Israel's neighbor from Katonah, Martha Stewart, introduced her as the night's honoree and was on-hand to witness her tee shot.

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In the NICK of TIME

BY MARK McCORMICK

The USGA held a special ceremony on May 27 to officially open the new, 1,200 square foot Jack Nicklaus Room at the USGA Museum in Far Hills, N.J. Nicklaus and his wife Barbara spent the day checking out the new room, which took a total of 24 months to build and focuses on Nicklaus's achievements highlighted by his successes at the U.S. Open, PGA TOUR career, and his accomplishments off the course. The gallery features 82 artifacts, including a short film of his first win at the U.S. Open in 1962 and items donated by Nicklaus himself, such as his first paycheck and his tie case from his first Masters in 1959. Over the course of Nicklaus's career, he won a record-tying four U.S. Opens, two U.S. Amateurs, two U.S. Senior Opens, and was a Walker Cup team member. Nicklaus played his first USGA event at the 1953 U.S. Junior Amateur, and since then had 11 top-five finishes and 18 top-10 finishes in his 44 starts at the U.S. Open. Another honor bestowed to Nicklaus by the USGA was the naming of the U.S. Open medal awarded each year to the winner. The medal had been previously unnamed since 1895, but has now held Nicklaus's name since 2012.

Nicklaus and his wife Barbara spent the day checking out different displays in the Jack Nicklaus Room which focus on the different stages of his career.

BY MADDI VETRANO

Inspire GREATNESS

The KPMG Women's PGA Championship had one mission: Inspire Greatness. The inaugural event at Westchester Country Club (formerly the LPGA Championship) not only showcased the most talented female golfers in the world, but also took the opportunity to bring together local female professionals and leaders in the industry to host a series of special clinics and events that inspire women and junior golfers toward their own success stories both on and off the golf course. Among the events was a Leadership Summit, keynoted by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Duke Energy President and CEO Lynn Good. They encouraged girls to take on roles as future leaders of industry. Winners of the local Drive, Chip & Putt contest took part in a press conference and got to meet and interview some top women executives.



Lynn Doughtie, KPMG's first female CEO; Nancy Henderson, LPGA Chief Teaching Officer; Annika Sorenstam, World Golf Hall of Famer and Suzy Whaley, PGA of America Secretary, participated in the Women's Leadership Summit and spent time meeting local Drive, Chip & Putt Winners.

54 Holes in Vermont

By Maddi Vetrano



Courtesy of Sugarbush Golf Club

Even in the summer, there are reminders of the area's main attraction everywhere – an antique gondola car sits on the range at Sugarbush's course.

It might be tough to get your head out of the clouds with holes like these at Stowe.

Now that the warm weather looks to be sticking around, we can head North to Vermont to play, where our scores hopefully won't rise along with the altitude.

COURSES

- 1 **Stowe Mountain Club Golf Course** – While you may be familiar with Stowe for the spectacular skiing, you should introduce yourself to its golf course. Recently named one of the 10 best new courses you can play by *Golf Magazine*, Stowe's golf course combines the grand mountain views of Mount Mansfield with a challenging course carved into Spruce Peak, making for an unforgettable experience.
- 2 **Okemo Valley Golf Course** – Ranked as one of the Best Courses You Can Play and the Best Public Golf Course in Vermont in 2011 by *Golf Digest*, Okemo offers everything that golfers hope to experience when in Vermont. Accompanying the rolling hills on the outskirts of Okemo State Forest, the course also offers its Family Fore Course, which is a 4-hole course friendly to new golfers learning to play.
- 3 **Sugarbush Resort Golf Club** – This Robert Trent Jones, Sr. designed course is one of the true gems of Vermont golf. Nestled amongst the Northfield mountain range, Sugarbush delivers breathtaking views from every angle, giving you a tremendous center stage when you sink that birdie putt.

WHERE TO STAY

- **Stowe Mountain Lodge** – Its location alone makes Stowe Mountain Lodge the ideal place to stay when visiting Vermont. Nestled right into the mountain, this rustic resort offers a number of relaxing amenities to complement those long days on the course, including a world-class spa that features old American Indian techniques to rejuvenate your swing

OFF-COURSE

- **Ben and Jerry's Factory Tour** – With scenic views of ice cream mountains glistening with rivers of hot fudge, you won't want to miss out on this Vermont treat for a behind-the-scenes look at how your favorite flavors are made. It may be smart to bring a spoon, just in case of an emergency.

Chambers Bay Wilson's Way



Among some of the unforgettable experiences for Pat at Chambers Bay were signing autographs for fans and hitting balls right next to Tiger Woods on the range.



2013 Met Amateur Champion Pat Wilson of Andover, N.J., played in his first major championship after qualifying for the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay. From playing a practice round with Keegan Bradley, Dustin Johnson and Jason Dufner, playing a hole with Rory McIlroy and hitting balls on the range next to Tiger Woods, Wilson's week at Chambers Bay was filled with excitement. Wilson shared his thoughts on playing his first U.S. Open in what he called an unbelievable experience—check out his behind-the-scenes look on mgagolf.org.

The Perfect Drive

George Cutler and his wife Michelle of Newton, N.J., went on a trip to a lifetime to Chambers Bay after winning the Lexus Perfect Drive to the U.S. Open contest. George and Michelle traveled to Washington and spent Saturday and Sunday following the leaders around the scenic course. "This was our first U.S. Open, and it was exciting to see the golfers who made the cut for the weekend. The course was beautiful, the landscape was outstanding, and the Lexus hospitality was great," George told the MGA. The Lexus Perfect Drive to the U.S. Open contest was open to MGA members and gave the lucky winners airfare, a two-night stay, transportation and Lexus hospitality during the final two rounds of the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay.



MET OPEN *Magic*

BY MARK McCORMICK

With just two months before the 100th Met Open, we turn the clocks back four decades to when Martin Bohen captured the 1976 and 1977 Met Open titles.

Bohen, a 6-foot-4 golfer who at the time resided in White Plains, won his first Met Open title in 1976 at Upper Montclair Country Club with a dramatic finish. After missing a birdie putt on the final hole to win, he found himself in a three-hole aggregate playoff. Bohen squared off against UMCC assistant pro Lloyd Monroe, who was vying to become the first club pro to win the Met Open at his own club since 1949, and 1969 Met Open winner Jimmy Wright. It wasn't until the third hole when Bohen, who was a stroke back from Monroe, hammered a 345-yard drive down the middle of the fairway that would set him up 90 yards short of the green. He knocked his shot 25 feet short of the hole, where he would make his putt for birdie and defeat Monroe by a stroke to win his first title as a professional.



MGA President Allen DuMont congratulates Bohen.

With more composure and mental fortitude, Bohen the next year entered the final round at Meadow Brook a stroke behind Tom Ulozas. With difficult hole locations and Meadow Brook's challenging greens, Ulozas fell behind and shot a five-over 77. But Bohen went on to shoot an even-par 72 and defeat Ulozas by four shots to capture the title.

What makes his wins so special is that the former assistant pro at Leewood Golf Club in Eastchester, N.Y. became the first man since 1938 and the fourth player at the time to win the Met Open in consecutive years, joining golf legends Alex Smith, Walter Hagen, and Jimmy Hines. Today, there are just seven players who have accomplished this feat.

Gordon S. White Jr., a New York Times reporter, said the sub-par victory in three rounds of golf on the difficult Meadow Brook course was a "major achievement."

