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*This page: U.S. Ryder Cup Captain Tom Watson was surrounded by media members after announcing his captain's picks live from the 'Saturday Night Live' Studio 8H in New York City on September 2nd. The event was hosted by the PGA of America and was shown live on Golf Channel.  
Photo courtesy of The PGA of America*



# ELS FOR AUTISM

**I**n 2009 Ernie Els and his wife Liezl established the Els for Autism Foundation after their son had been diagnosed with autism. Five years later, the foundation continues to put together fundraising events for autism causes, while promoting golf as a fun activity that can help individuals with autism to develop life skills, encourage social interaction, and live healthy. On August 25th at Century Country Club in Purchase, N.Y., Ernie Els himself and many of the world's top ranked golf professionals, including U.S. Open Champion Martin Kaymer, Bill Haas, and Ryan Palmer came out to support the cause in a tournament sponsored by Venator, a real estate investment management group. Local professionals like Andrew Svoboda, Mike Miller, Danny Balin, and Max Buckley were also in attendance. Venator's President Philip Mintz was the key fund-raiser and organizer of the event and played alongside 2011 FedEx Cup Champion Bill Haas. The event raised over \$500,000 which will go towards the establishment and construction of the Els Center for

Excellence, an educational facility in Florida that is aiming to assist 300 children with autism between the ages of 3 and 21. The Center will help them develop life skills and undertake vocational training to promote independent living.



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## They said it...

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"I gained confidence when it comes to communicating to successful adults. I know these skills will help me out as I learn to network."

– Gerardo Ramos, The Apawamis Club

"I have learned how to take responsibility for myself, be more independent and sociable from learning how to talk to the members."

– Aidan D'Allessandro, GlenArbor Golf Club

"It was nerve-racking for me at first to work in a new place with different people. But at the end of the day, life is all about communication with different types of people and getting outside your comfort zone." – Marc Garcia, Forest Hill Field Club

"I learned how to be a good time manager and how to communicate with all sorts of people.."

– Cindy Duran, Forest Hill Field Club

Congratulations to the Class of 2014. No, it's not June already, this applause is reserved for the MGA Foundation's 2014 GOLFWORKS interns who recently completed summer internships at 75 MGA member clubs marking the 20th Anniversary of the Foundation's premiere junior program. This year's class was clearly one of our best with 99 students entering the program for the first time and 138 returning to clubs for a second or third year of work. The skills and exposure that these internships provide extend well beyond club walls, as students interact with positive role models and learn new skills that will help them throughout their lives. Over the course of two decades, more than 1,800 students have come through GOLFWORKS and many move on to careers in the golf industry or to successful careers that they can trace back to their experiences working in GOLFWORKS. Two decades ago it was just 12 students at six clubs and today GOLFWORKS is one of the most successful junior golf initiatives in the country. This would not be possible without the great support we receive from our member clubs and MetLife, the Founding Partner of GOLFWORKS, but most importantly, we thank the outstanding students who have worked so hard to make this program such a success. So congratulations to the class of 2014 and to all our alumni. We invite you to take a look at GOLFWORKS Interns in action in our [Photo Gallery](#).



# BRADY'S BUNCH

BY ZACK ALCORN

**B**efore Hamilton Farm, Trump National Bedminster and Fiddler's Elbow became prominent, neighboring New Jersey Golf Clubs, they shared something else in common: the last name Brady. James Cox Brady, the son of an Irish Immigrant and founder of the Maxwell Motor Company, wanted one day to create a working estate like those found in England and Scotland. After consulting with his good friend and pharmaceutical magnet Charles Pfizer, he purchased several thousand acres in Somerset, Morris and Hunterdon Counties (very close to Pfizer's own estate) where he established Hamilton Farm. Hamilton Farm would thrive for years and after the original mansion burnt down, Brady had a 64-room Georgian Mansion built in its place.

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# Cherry on Top

BY HELEN STOCK

**M**organ Hoffmann headed to Cherry Hills for the BMW Championship with a daunting task ahead of him – in order to advance to the final leg of the FedExCup Playoffs, the TOUR Championship at East Lake, he would need to finish tied for third or better. The 2005 Carter Cup winner had come a long way from his junior days as a top player in the Met Area. Now, in his second season on the PGA TOUR, his position at 124th in the FedExCup standings got him in the field for the first event of the playoffs, The Barclays. With crowds of friends and family supporting him at Ridgewood, just minutes away from where he grew up in Franklin Lakes and near his home course Arcola, he finished tied for ninth and headed north to Boston for the Deutsche Bank Championship. There, he finished tied for 35th, and moved up to 68th in the points race, just barely earning a trip to the BMW Championship (Top 70 make it). Hoffmann’s name was the talk of Cherry Hills during the weekend. On Saturday he shot an 8-under 62 to break the course record at historic Cherry Hills by two strokes, and he followed that up with a 63 on Sunday to finish right where he needed to be – in third place. With a performance like that, Hoffmann earned his place in PGA TOUR history – he was the first player to have played his way inside the cut line to advance to each event and 62-63 was only one stroke off the all-time low for the final 36 holes at a historic U.S. Open venue. Not only did the 25-year-old keep his PGA TOUR card for next season, he also earned exemptions into the first three majors of the year – the Masters, U.S. Open, and British Open. Oh, and along the way he earned almost a million dollars just from the playoffs alone.

	Barclays	Deutsche Bank	BMW Champ	TOUR Champ
Standings Going into tournament	124	72	68	21
Finish	T9	T35	3rd	T-27th
Money	\$208,000	\$36,950	\$544,000	\$135,000

Final FedEx Cup Standing – 26th  
 Total FedEx Cup Money – \$923,950





# What Happens **NEXT?**

Video by Christopher Powers

**W**e have all been in or encountered this situation before. Your ball lies just off the green and on your line of play could be a variety of obstacles. MGA Managing Director, Rules and Competitions Brian R. Mahoney discusses the procedure when you find yourself in this situation.

*Click the video below to learn more.*





# 54 Holes <sup>in</sup> West Virginia

By George Angevine

**W**ith The Appalachian Mountains providing extraordinary backdrops and challenging layouts to West Virginia, it's easy to see why the state is nicknamed 'The Mountain State.'

Vacationing golfers have a plethora of championship courses to choose from that are tucked into the state's breathtaking scenery.

## COURSES

- 1 **The Old White TPC at The Greenbrier** – Opened in 1914, The Old White TPC celebrates a century of prestigious golf tradition. The oldest course on the PGA TOUR and home of the Greenbrier Classic challenges players with a 7,287 yard Charles Blair MacDonald designed masterpiece.
- 2 **Stonewall Resort** – Get back in touch with nature on this award-winning Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course. This charming course is built along the Stonewall Jackson Lake and rises into the mountainous surroundings, offering a serene wilderness golf experience.
- 3 **Cobb Course at The Resort at Glade Springs** – The legendary Cobb Course prides itself in being among the state's best. Set between the foothills and eight lakes, the elevation changes and 51 bunkers call for strategic shots that test players of all abilities.

## LODGING

- **The Greenbrier** – Also known as "America's Resort," the Greenbrier is a National Historic Landmark that dates back to 1778. Its grandiose styling sets the tone at this luxurious full service resort. After 18 holes, relax at the spa or test your luck at the casino – the Greenbrier offers endless vacation possibilities.

## OFF-COURSE

- **The Civil War Discovery Trail** – West Virginia was the only state created as a direct result of the Civil War. Take a history lesson along part of the trail as you tour the battlefields, historic homes, railroad stations, and parks.

The first hole on The Old White TPC at The Greenbrier



The beautiful clubhouse at The Greenbrier.



# LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

By Christopher Powers



**A**t the age of 17, Cameron Young's golf game seems almost unfairly good. Watching his effortless swing, one might think, "He must get it from someone." That someone is the head golf professional at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, his father, David Young. As if Cameron's game didn't already give him enough of an edge, how about having your head pro Dad caddying for you. That's exactly what happened this past August in the Met Open at Trump – Bedminster, when Cameron and his father marched down the fairways of the Old Course at Trump. After posting rounds of 72 and 67, for the third consecutive year the kid was in contention to win the Met Area's most prestigious event (remember he

is only 17!). As a soon-to-be star at Wake Forest and a quarterfinalist at this year's U.S. Amateur you would think he wouldn't have enough time to return the favor for his father, but just four days later Cameron was on his dad's bag at the MGA Senior Open. It was no surprise when David Young also posted a top-10 finish at Alpine after two steady rounds of golf. The two seemed almost robotic for a week straight, plugging away, making pars, birdies, and recording yet another top finish. Older, wiser knowledge and young awareness and understanding prevailed for both players/caddies in their respective events. It was as if they had been doing it for years. Like they were father and son.



# VALUABLE INPUT

BY SCOTT KRAMER



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