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**T**he MGA and official partner Lexus concluded the season's Introduction to Women's Golf clinic series on September 11 at Sterling Farms Golf Course in Stamford, Conn. Under the direction of Sterling Farms professionals, more than 20 attendees spent time on the putting green, around the chipping green and on the driving range – some learning skills for the first time and others building on experience. The evening concluded with food and drinks as special guest Greta Wagner addressed the group. Wagner, the Executive Director and Executive Vice President of Chelsea Piers Stamford, shared how she has enjoyed the process of taking lessons and getting more involved with golf, encouraging the women to continue taking steps to learn the game.

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BY SCOTT KRAMER

Summer's over, but your golf season isn't. You may be walking the course, donning thicker clothing to offset cooler temps. And perhaps you don't even want to take a full set out there. Or carts are restricted, due to damp conditions. Here's an idea: Try a Sunday bag – a featherweight, thinned-down, minimalist carry-all for your clubs and essentials that's easy to tote. “Our intent was for golfers to use maybe 10 or 12 clubs with our Sunday bags, but we're finding many put all 14 in there,” says Akbar Chisti, president of Seamus Golf. His company's **Harris Tweed Fescue Project Sunday bag (\$595)** is hand-woven in Scotland. Its weather-resistant shell is made of waxed canvas, and the center panel from leather that eventually distresses for a patina look. Datrek's **Ranger Sunday bag (\$90)** weighs two pounds even and includes a shoulder strap, two pockets, and a soft-grip rubberized top with two dividers. Mackenzie's slim **Leather Sunday Walker (\$995)** is crafted of buckskin and mahogany. Weighing just four pounds, its 7-inch opening with divider holds a full set of clubs. And PING's wildly popular **Moonlite (\$100)** hardly tips the scale at less than 2.5 pounds, yet it includes four pockets that'll accommodate up to 14 clubs, an adjustable strap, and a water-resistant belly.



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# Embracing History with Hickory

Forty members enjoyed turning back the clock at Westchester Hills Golf Club.

On September 7, members at Westchester Hills Golf Club in White Plains traded modern equipment for mashies and mesh-patterned balls as part of a special throwback evening that included nine holes with hickory clubs.

Head professional Brian Giordano led the organization of the event, combining his experience and interest with hickory golf with the membership's passion for their club's history. "It's nice for golfers to experience what the game was like in the old days," says Giordano, whose father restores hickory clubs. "It's just a different way to enjoy the game."

Prior to everyone hitting the course, Giordano – who has competed in the U.S. Professional Hickory Golf Championship – shared several tips for playing hickory shafts. "Typically, you'd try to hit it a little thin. There's no bounce on the bottom of the club, so hitting the ground might result in a broken shaft," he explained.

With no detail overlooked, period-specific replica balls sported the club's newly found original 1922 logo, members donned 1920s garb, and course conditions even mimicked the era, with the event purposely scheduled shortly after aeration to allow for slower green speeds. After play, members wrapped up the evening with a Roaring Twenties dinner.



President of the Board of Governors Mr. Joseph P. Oates and Head Golf Professional Brian Giordano.



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Steve Carnavalla and Carmine Lippolis inspect one of the hickory-shafted clubs.

# Kim-Schaad Shines at U.S. Women's Mid-Am

**T**he 33rd U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship came down to a battle between New York City residents, with three-time Women's Met Amateur winner Ina Kim-Schaad earning the 3-and-2 victory over 25-year-old Notre Dame graduate Talia Campbell.

Kim-Schaad's performance was impressive throughout the championship, qualifying as the No. 11 seed in stroke play, then trailing for just four holes during match play. Her run through the bracket – six victories in which the Deepdale member lost only 13 holes – came against the toughest of competitors as well, as Kim-Schaad ousted defending champion Shannon Johnson and four-time U.S. Women's Mid-Am titlist Meghan Stasi before meeting the two-time All-ACC selection Campbell in the final.

This was Kim-Schaad's eighth USGA championship appearance, but after hoisting the Mildred Prunaret Trophy, she's earned a spot in 13 more: the next U.S. Women's Open, the next two U.S. Women's Amateurs, and the next 10 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateurs.



Kim-Schaad's husband Ian, who sparked her return to the game after an 11-year hiatus, was on the bag all week in Arizona.

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# Course Campout



**W**e know players still spend the night in their cars to get a tee time on Bethpage Black, but camping isn't just for Bethpage anymore. On Friday, September 13, Glen Ridge Country Club in Glen Ridge, N.J., held its 2nd annual Family Campout, which saw more than 130 campers spend the night on the golf course under the Harvest Moon. "We know how

hectic and stressful September can be for our members – vacations end, kids go back to school, parents go back to work – so we wanted to give them the opportunity to relax, reconnect, and have fun together," said Director of Membership and Marketing Madison Klein. Members did just that, enjoying a BBQ dinner, making s'mores, and watching "The Great Outdoors" under the stars as

they closed out the summer season among friends and family. "The campout at the club was a hit two years in a row," said member Joel Boff. "Our son, Will, was asking about it three months prior. It's an excellent event for the whole family." The new tradition appears to have caught on quickly, too, with the number of campers more than doubling from last year.



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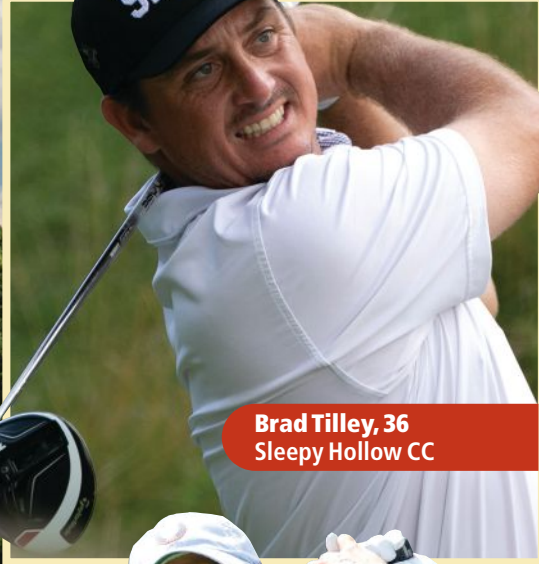
# COUNTDOWN TO THE CAREY CUP

**T**eam MGA is set to welcome its friends from the Golfing Union of Ireland next month, when the two sides square off in the 15th Governor Hugh L. Carey Challenge Cup, Oct. 22-23 at Arcola Country Club in Paramus, N.J. While 2017 MGA Player of the Year James Nicholas will gain his first MGA international team experience, the rest of the players have represented the MGA a combined 21 times. The Irish once again sport a strong team, which includes recent Walker Cup competitors Conor Purcell, Caolan Rafferty and James Sugrue. Despite the Irish owning an 8-4-2 lead in the event's history – which dates back to 1990 – the record stands at 2-2-2 over the last six meetings. As the biennial matches return stateside, the MGA aims to claim the Carey Cup on home soil for the fourth time.

*Find out more about the Carey Cup, this year's venue, the MGA's competitors and captains, and the event's preceding Am-Am competition.*



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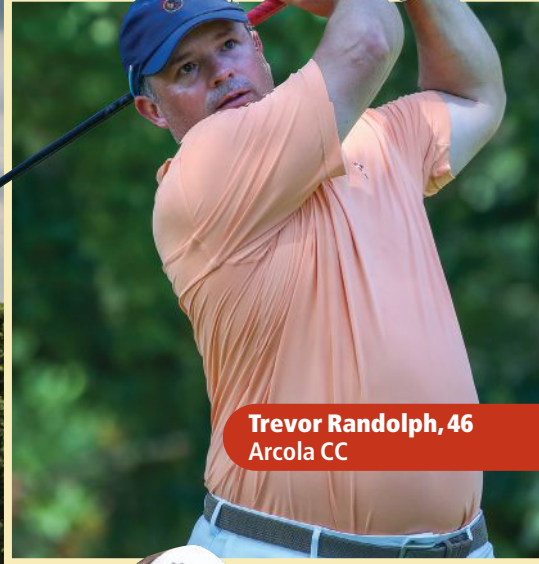
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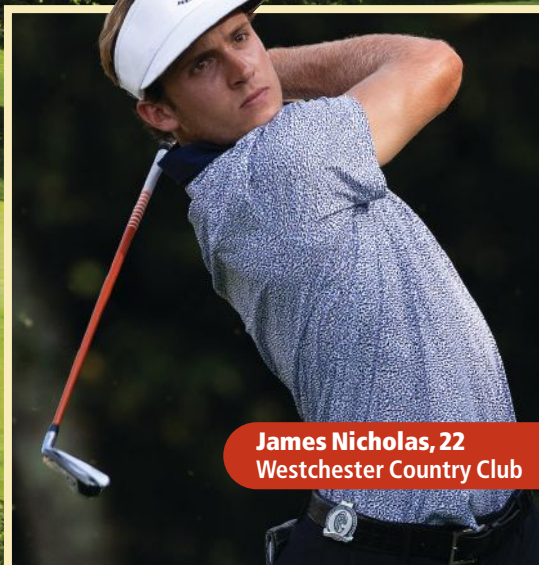
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“My dad always said it was the greatest privilege to give back when possible, and the Arnold & Winnie Palmer Foundation is a testament to that,” said Amy Palmer Saunders, Palmer's daughter and Chair of the Arnold Palmer companies and the Foundation. “That the Empire State Building is honoring his efforts with a lighting on what would have been his 90th birthday is a tremendous honor, and one that he would have enjoyed.”

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