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For several years in the 1920s, the structure took ground atop a hill on North Jersey Country Club's old 10th hole, aiming toward the 18th hole pond. The jump – which was the first ski jump in the New York Metropolitan area – earned the club consideration as the “Lake Placid of the Metropolitan section” and led the club to host championships for the Swedish Ski Club of New York City. Norwegian titleholder Ole Jansen won the meet all three years (1925-27) with *The New York Times* reporting that 3,000 spectators attended the inaugural event.

The structure served as one part of the club's highly active winter season. Members ice skated on the 18th hole pond and the club even had a hockey team – The Ice Hounds – that was made up of former college players and was good enough to enter Olympic tryouts. The club also encouraged skiing and tobogganing, while an orchestra provided the sweet serenade for Saturday evening dances.



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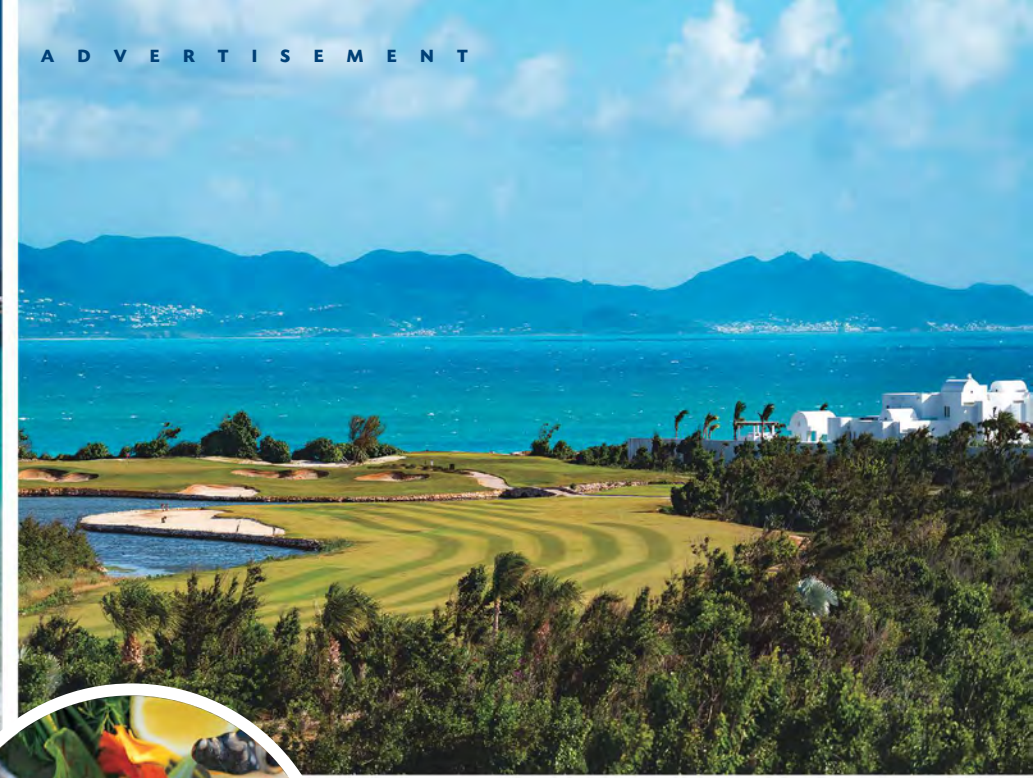
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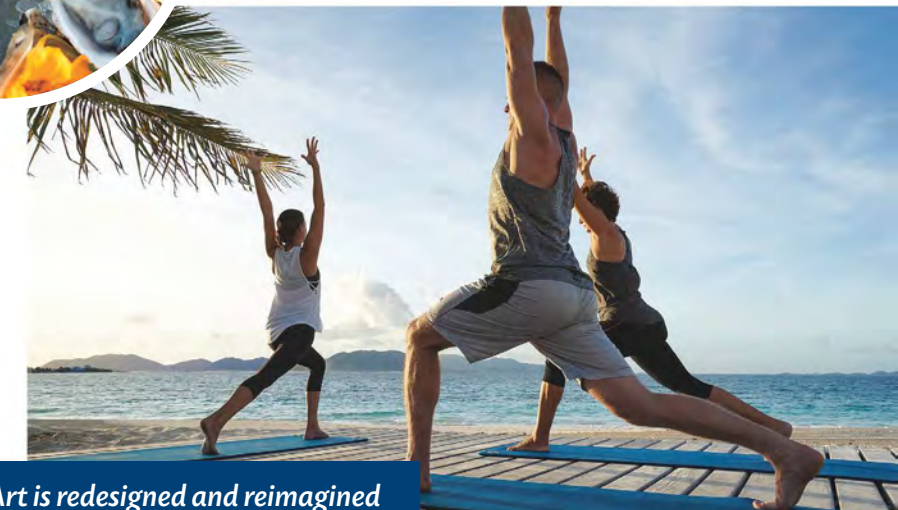
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Anguilla, will have completed major post-storm projects including an extensive bunker renovation. Enhanced maintenance programs were also implemented to bring the course back to its original glory while improving conservation efforts for a sustainable future. Guests will enjoy several new enhancements including a fleet of new Yamaha golf carts and newly incentivized golf play rates to celebrate the resort's reopening. CuisinArt guests can enjoy full 18-hole games for just \$100 (\$299 for non-guests), as well as 9-hole and Twilight games for just \$75 (\$225 non-guests), with complimentary rental clubs.

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2019 Rule

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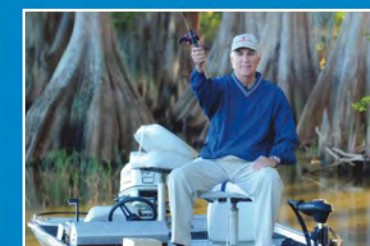


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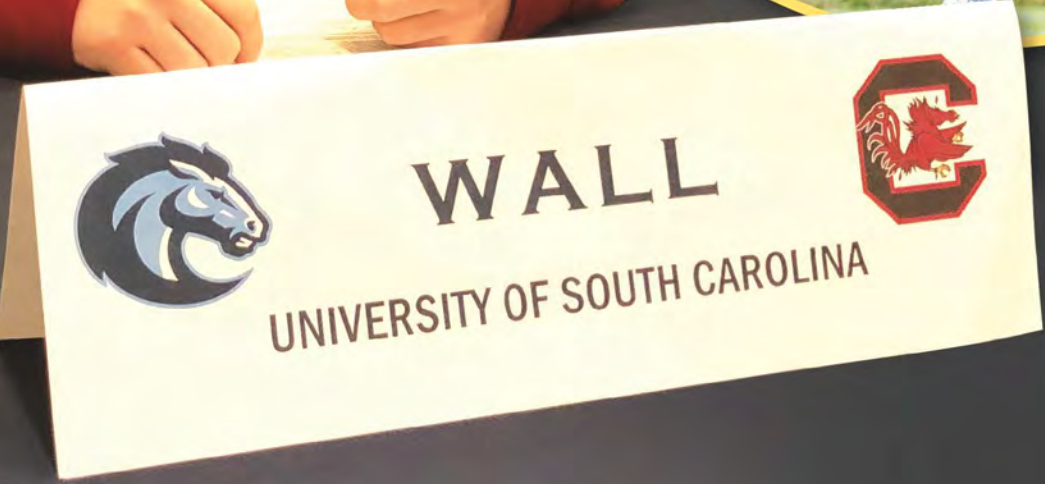


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JACK WALL of Brielle, N.J.
this year's winner of the MGA Junior Player of the Year Award, Presented by Callaway – signed with University of South Carolina. Ranking No. 61 and as the top New Jersey player in the Junior Golf Scoreboard Rankings, Wall performed at his highest level against the strongest fields in 2018 as he logged runner-up finishes in both the 103rd Met Open and the NJSGA Amateur.

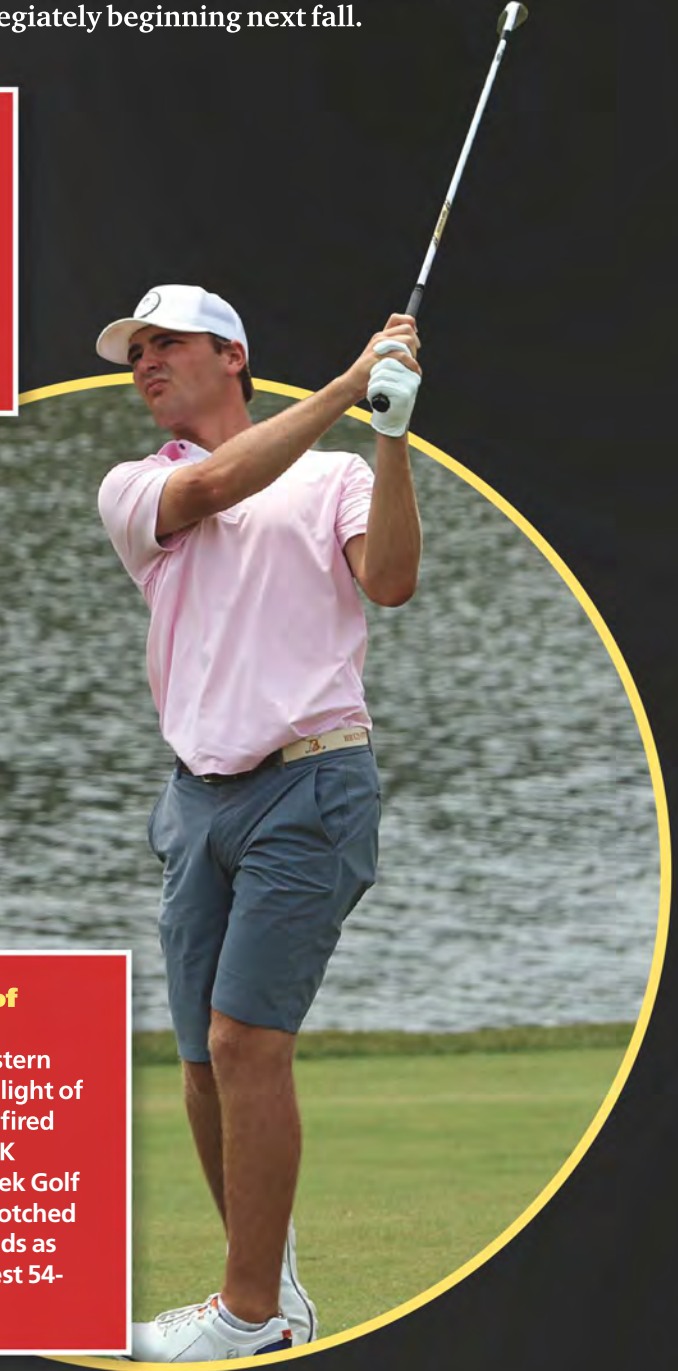


WILL CELIBERTI of Ridgewood, N.J.
this year's Met Junior Championship runner-up, made things official with University of Maryland. Celiberti also represented the MGA this summer as part of the Williamson Cup team.

Part of the fun in following junior golf is seeing players make the jump to college. Early in November, a number of Met Area standouts put pen to paper on a National Letter of Intent, making the commitment to continue their education and to compete collegiately beginning next fall.



MATTHEW CAMEL of Greenwich, Conn.
committed to Northwestern University. Camel's highlight of the summer came as he fired 19-under to win the AJGA's Circle K Junior Championship at Otter Creek Golf Course in Columbus, Ind. Camel notched holes-in-one in back-to-back rounds as he tied the AJGA's record for lowest 54-hole tournament total.





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BY SCOTT KRAMER

What's Your BAG

Golf companies will reach to far corners for product inspiration. Consider the latest crop of golf bags. OGIO—now a subsidiary of Callaway Golf—relied on the needs of soldiers and extreme outdoorsmen in dreaming up the new **Alpha Convoy cart bag (\$300)**. Made of ultra-durable, lightweight and sustainable Cordura EcoMade fabric that won't rip—much like a troop's backpack or a mountaineer's tent—the bag is well-organized and features high-end Fidlock magnetic closures on the stow-away strap and towel loop. Datrek Golf tapped the luggage market, to come up with its **Transit Wheeled cart bag (\$210)** that comes with a retractable handle and two in-line wheels—like you'd find in a suitcase. "It's easy to transport from the car," says Pat Gallagher, product manager at parent company Bag Boy. Full-length, individual dividers keep your club separated. Jones Sports officials say they were inspired by the Pacific Northwest, in designing the **Utility Trouper stand bag (\$230)** that weighs just five pounds. It has extra lumbar cushion, dual strap, backpack-type pocket, and five-way top. And you may find that **Burton's X2 travel bag cover (\$220)** excites you to take your next golf trip. Its slim, tapered design and durable base make travel a breeze, while protecting your gear with extra padding and internal high-density foam.





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Semi-Centennial Snapshots

As 2018 comes to an end, members from Fairview Country Club look back on the golf season fondly having celebrated a milestone year. The club's origins trace to its 1904 founding in Bronxville, N.Y., and include more than 60 years in Elmsford, N.Y., but the club and its Robert Trent Jones-designed golf course have firmly established roots in Greenwich, Conn., with 2018 marking its 50th year at the location.

"Despite the very rainy summer, we had more rounds played and more dinners served than in the last five years," notes past president Fredric Apter, a Fairview member since 1954. For Apter, relationships with members and club staff stand out about being a member at Fairview, as he says that friendships "span anywhere from sixty years to 18 months," thanks to more than 75 new families joining the club during the latter span of time.

The club in 2018 enjoyed its first full season in a newly renovated clubhouse, while many feel as if the course played better in 2018 than ever before. "Fairview is a very beautiful course," says Apter, citing how the club's respect for the history of its trees and their integral role throughout the course has helped maintain the original design for playability. Though minor tweaks have been made through the years – additional tees on the third and seventh holes most recently, and creation of family and mixed tees – one can see how shot values have remained true to Jones' original intent when comparing photos from 1968 and 2018.



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4th hole 2018



9th hole 1968



9th hole 2018



5th hole 1968



5th hole 2018





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Tiburón Golf Club: Designer Greg Norman embraced the natural elements at Tiburón, where pine straw, coquina-shell waste areas and unique sod-faced bunkers line fairways instead of traditional rough. The Gold Course is the longer (7,382 yards), yet more forgiving layout, while shot-makers delight in playing the tighter, strategic Black Course. The courses play firm and fast, and rotate daily for public and member play.

Old Corkscrew Golf Club: North of Naples in Estero, this 7,400-yard Jack Nicklaus Signature design stands secluded from residential development to provide a pure golf experience. The layout winds naturally among mature oak, pine and cypress trees, while marshlands, ponds and fairway-guarding bunkers keep players attentive. The true challenge, however, comes on the course's quick, undulating greens.

Naples Grande Golf Club: Though private, guests of Naples Grande Beach Resort have the privilege of membership during their stay. The Rees Jones design features a number of perched greens and slight elevation changes, accentuated by water features and well-placed bunkers that keep players honest. Rolling mounds and soft doglegs add to the challenging layout, which maintains spectacular conditions.

Tiburón's Gold Course – its par-three 5th pictured here – has hosted the PGA TOUR's QBE Shootout since 2001 and the LPGA CME Group Tour Championship since 2013.

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REMEMBERING James R. Hand

BY JAY MOTTOLA

James R. “Jim” Hand passed away on November 13th at the age of 101. While he has not lived in the Met Area for many years, his contributions to the game here and on the national level will be felt for many years to come.

Jim Hand started his connection to golf as a caddie and junior player at North Fork Country Club on the East End of Long Island. He would later say that, “every good thing in my life came from caddieing.” This experience spurred a lifelong connection to golf and service to the game that he learned to love as a young caddie.

A longtime member and former president of Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Hand also served as president of the Westchester Golf Association and their highly successful caddie scholarship fund. He also served on the MGA Executive Committee and received the Association’s highest honor – its Distinguished Service Award – in 1986. He and his family were honored with the Met Golf Writer’s Family of the Year Award in 1965. Nationally, Hand went on to serve on the USGA Executive Committee, where he chaired the Championship Committee and was elected president in 1984. Jim was also a member of Winged Foot Golf Club and during his presidency oversaw a highly successful U.S. Open at Winged Foot. He directed the USGA’s first-ever Capital Campaign that helped raise significant funds for turfgrass research, the USGA headquarters building and Museum, and created an Endowment for the Future of Golf.

Hand’s background in business and golf administration with the Westchester Golf Association led him to join the USGA’s Executive Committee, where he served as president in 1984 and 1985.

The family has indicated that donations can be made in his honor to the Westchester Caddie Scholarship Fund c/o the MGA and the Evans Scholars Foundation c/o the Western Golf Association.