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FALL FORUM



Autumn weather remains anything but consistent, but Presidents Council—part of the yearlong education series sponsored by the MGA Foundation—continues to serve as a sure sign of fall’s arrival. On October 9, nearly 200 club leaders gathered at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit, N.J., and heard from industry experts on timely and relevant topics of club operations. Henry Wallmeyer of the National Club

Association, Certified Club Manager Bob James formerly of Westchester Country Club, Peter Petrina of Petrina Group International and Anne Catherine Nielsen of Westchester Country Club (*pictured above*) served as panelists in an interactive session titled, “The Workforce Challenge.” Jeffrey McFadden of The Union League of Philadelphia and Henry DeLozier of Global Golf Advisors presented in the afternoon, speaking on technology trends and

the opportunities that millennials present for the golf industry, respectively. Wallmeyer also gave an update on the NCA’s activities in Washington, D.C., while a number of MGA Partners including ClubUp and its founder Matthew Rose (*left inset*) were also on hand to share their expertise with club leaders.

For more information along with photos and videos from Presidents Council, visit mgagolf.org.

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"Joan and I had a great time on the trip. The food was fantastic and the other participants were great. We made a bunch of new friends on this trip and look forward to joining you for a third trip in the future."

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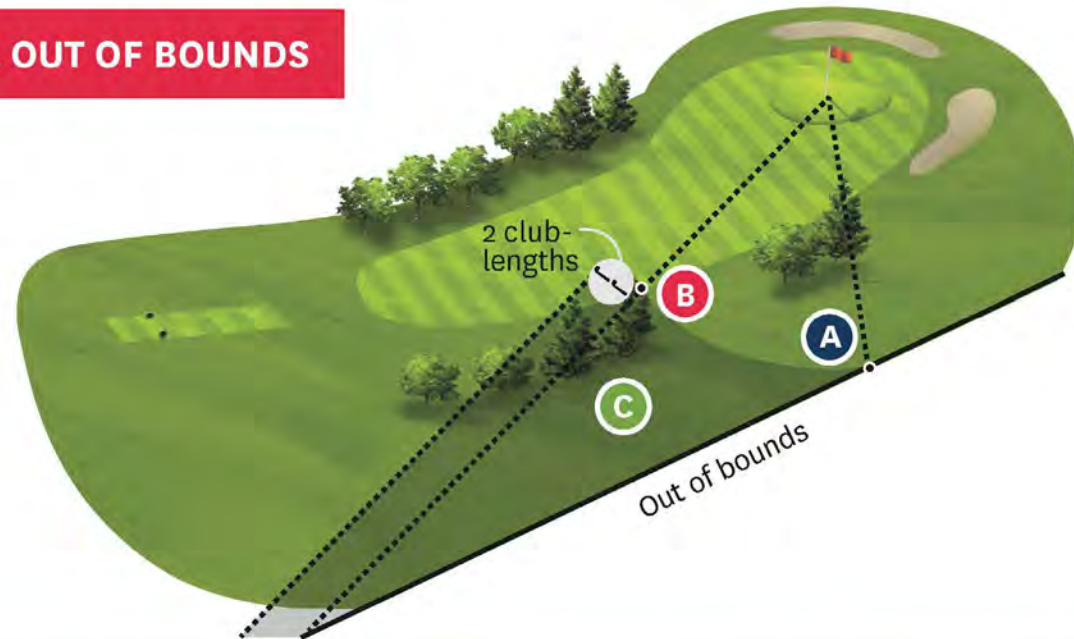
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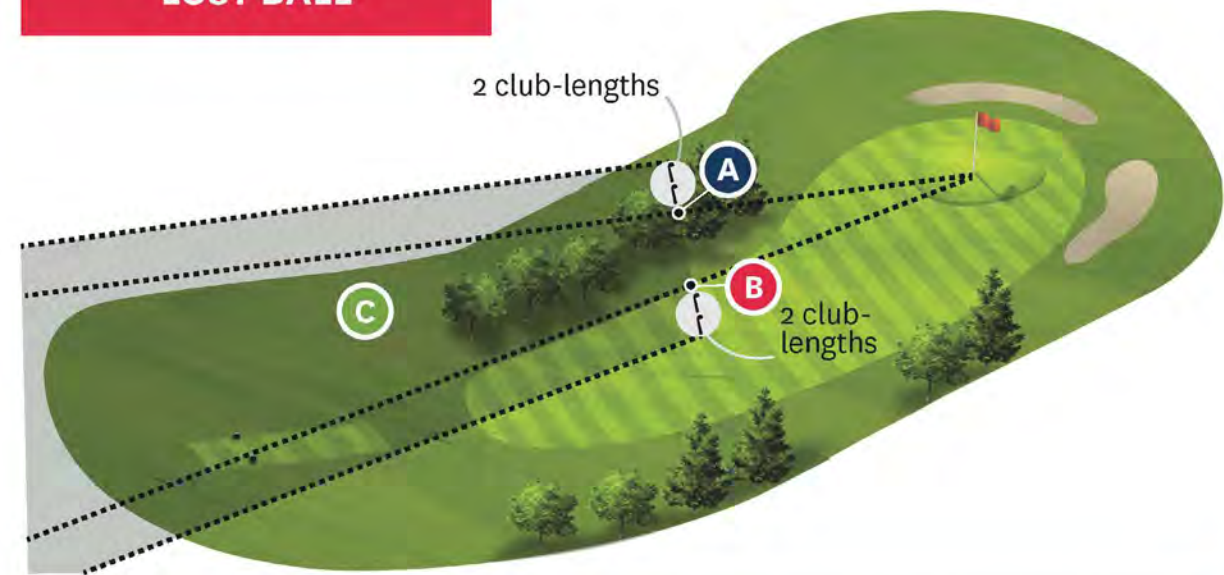
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A new Local Rule will provide an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds. This new Local Rule will be available beginning January 1, 2019.

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This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.



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When a provisional ball has not been played, significant issues with pace of play can result for a player needing to take stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is out of bounds or cannot be found. Be sure to see whether your Committee in 2019 adopts this new Local Rule, which will provide an extra relief option allowing a player to play on without returning to the location of the previous stroke. This Local Rule is appropriate for general play and not for competitions limited to highly skilled players.

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A Q&A

with

2019 PGA Championship Director Scott Reid



The stately Wanamaker Trophy was last handed out on Long Island in 1939, when Henry Picard claimed the title—in match play—over Byron Nelson at Pomonok Country Club.

In 2019, the PGA Championship makes its move to May with Bethpage State Park's famed Black Course serving as host to usher in the major's second century. Though still more than six months away, many details are beginning to come to fruition. For a look at preparations and planning for the PGA Championship's long-awaited return to Long Island, we checked in with 2019 PGA Championship Director Scott Reid:

Extra: What has been of highest concern with the PGA Championship's shift from August to May?

Scott: In regards to planning for the PGA Championship's move to May, we're keeping a close eye on weather during the infrastructure build. We'll start building the Championship infrastructure in mid-February as it takes three months to complete. We're also focused on raising overall awareness of the new date and its place on the yearly golf calendar.

Read Scott's full Q&A, featuring more on his role as Championship Director, the expected economic impact of the PGA Championship and what he's most looking forward to in May.

E: In planning for Bethpage's first PGA Championship, how much are you able to draw on previous championships conducted at the venue?

S: Bethpage's rich history of hosting major championships allows us a chance to review what worked best, but also bring to life the unique atmosphere that is a PGA Championship. No two PGA Championship setups are alike and the 101st PGA at Bethpage is no exception. Kerry Haigh, Chief Championships Officer of the PGA of America, will design a world-class experience for players and spectators.

E: Still more than six months out, what are the top priorities and what plans are being finalized?

S: Over the next few months, our top priorities are ticket and hospitality sales. Tickets went on-sale Oct. 9 and we've been excited to see the response from the New York region. We're also working on finalizing the overall site plans for the Championship.

E: Based on ticket registration and the opening of ticket sales, how does the fan's excitement level seem to stand for the championship?

S: We've seen lots of excitement, especially coming off a tremendous 100th PGA Championship in St. Louis. It's a chance to be a part of the first PGA Championship held on Long Island in 80 years, as well as its return to May at one of the country's most storied golf courses.



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Warm Front

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Puma Golf's Dassler PWRWARM jacket (\$160) is water-resistant, lightweight, and moves quietly with your body as you swing. Its proprietary insulation keeps you snug without overheating. Another jacket—**Galvin Green's E-Golf Base Interface-1 (\$380)**—

features a two-way front opening for either a full-zip or button-down look, as well as a quilted collar and ribbed cuffs and hem. It's windproof and repels water, and is designed to be worn both on and off the course. The **Sankaty Performance 1/2-zip (\$125)** from **vineyard vines** is a double-knit jacquard that's made of polyester and acts as a great layering piece. Once your top half is warm, it's time to cover your feet.

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The afternoon of laughs and learning began at Sleepy Hollow's Performance Center, where Jacobsen—with his engaging personality—shared his top fundamentals. The winners then took swings under Jacobsen's watchful eye. After just several shots, Jacobsen provided the players with multiple areas for focus or improvement, using his own phone to take video and then provide tips on items such as ball position, posture and flexibility.

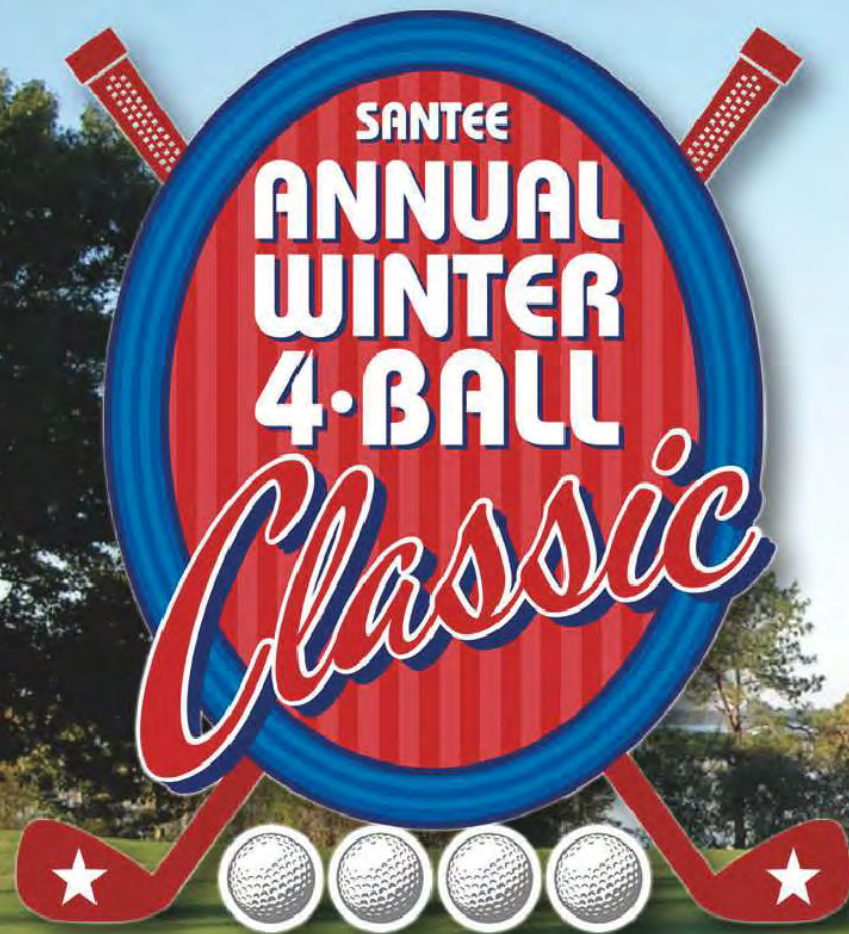
After 90 minutes at the Performance Center, the guests joined Jacobsen and his brother, David, for lunch at the club. The camaraderie developed even more as Jacobsen shared stories from his experiences and Bruce, Kevin, and David shared stories as well.

"It was even better than I expected," said Brener, who was at a Lexus dealership when he received the call about winning the contest. "It was fantastic and I loved every minute of it. I really enjoyed the day."



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TPC Four Seasons Las Colinas: The former host of the PGA TOUR's Byron Nelson Championship remains as a top choice among public access facilities in the area, giving players a chance to test their game where pros competed for 35 years. In addition to excellent conditions, large undulating greens, scenic water features, striking white bunkers and first-rate service add to the club-like experience at the resort.

Texas Star Golf Course: Even with close proximity to DFW Airport, Texas Star provides a secluded setting where players can focus on the golf at hand. Measuring just under 7,000 as a par 71 from the back tees, Texas Star traverses rolling terrain that features several creeks, environmental areas and stands of sprawling oaks—all working together to create 18 unique holes.

The Tribute: The sprawling property alongside Lewisville Lake presents the perfect landscape for this links-like track. Better yet, the par-72, 7,000-yard layout pays homage to the British Open, featuring replica holes of the Postage Stamp, Road Hole and 18th at St. Andrews. From typical firm and fast conditions to the dunes and wiry fescues, you'll swear you're across the pond.



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Dawkins—17 and a senior at Union Catholic—and the rest of the juniors were selected by a national panel of judges based on playing ability and application of the Nine Core Values and life skills learned through The First Tee's programs. Dawkins

has played golf for more than 10 years and is a nine-year participant in TFTMNY programming.

"Playing beside Jerry Kelly was an experience of a lifetime," said Dawkins. "Not too many kids from where I grew up can say they have spent a week and played with a professional. He always told me to relax and just have fun. He has been a great inspiration to me and I still keep in contact with him." Dawkins and his game apparently left a lasting impression as well, with Kelly complimenting Dawkins on Twitter.

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ALL ON THE LINE

It's not over 'til it's over. That was certainly the case in this year's race for the MGA Jerry Courville Sr. Player of the Year Award, as the final tally in the points listing gave Darin Goldstein of Noyac a 4.33 point advantage over reigning honoree James Nicholas of Westchester Country Club. Nicholas added a pair of events to the fall following his collegiate schedule, aiming to chase down Goldstein. While Nicholas made the most of his attempt—winning the Nassau Invitational at Nassau Country Club and coming in second at the Gene Sarazen Memorial Invitational at Fresh Meadow Country Club—Goldstein's finishes down the stretch allowed him to earn the coveted title by the smallest point margin in the history of the award.

Nicholas and Goldstein shake hands following the final round of the Sarazen, where Goldstein solidified his position atop the yearlong points listing.

