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**T**he 67th Metropolitan Golf Writers National Awards Dinner—held June 18 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, N.Y.—once again did not disappoint as it served as an opportunity to celebrate golf and those who have left a lasting impact on both the game and others around them.

Padraig Harrington received the prestigious Gold Tee Award, remarking that, “It’s times like these that you realize what you’ve done in the game of golf.” Harrington reminisced on the

path of his career, while also reflecting on a variety of topics including how golf’s growth should be through kids. World No. 2 Justin Thomas accepted the Family of the Year Award on behalf of the entire Thomas family. “I don’t get to where I am today without my family,” said Thomas, whose father and grandfather are both PGA of America members. Morgan Hoffmann accepted the Mary Bea Potter Award via video—with his girlfriend Chelsea accepting on his behalf—as he receives treatment for muscular

dystrophy in the Himalayas. Upon his diagnosis, Hoffmann has developed a foundation and in August will host a Pro-Am at his home club of Arcola.

Additional award recipients on the evening included decorated USGA champion Carol Semple Thompson (Distinguished Service Award), Hank Gola (Linc Werden Golf Journalism Award), Fresh Meadow Country Club (Club of the Year), and Spotlight Award honorees Joe Barreiro and Craig Thomas.



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COMPETITIONS

# USA ALL THE WAY



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**A**fter a defeat on foreign soil in 2016, the U.S. squad reasserted its dominance in the 40th Curtis Cup Match, June 8-10, by defeating Great Britain and Ireland, 17-3, at Quaker Ridge Golf Club. However, even with a lopsided finish, the camaraderie and competitive spirit on which the matches were founded remained evident all week at the Scarsdale, N.Y., club.

“The Curtis Cup is filled with charming traditions of friendship and national pride,” said Curtis Cup co-chair Beth Post of Quaker Ridge. “By the end of the three days, the friendships made by the players and guests from the USA and Great Britain and Ireland will endure.”

The U.S. held a 9-3 lead heading into the final day’s single matches, which they swept en route to the largest margin of victory in Match history. Meanwhile, off the course, the teams also experienced New York City, having special tours of the New York Stock Exchange and the 9/11 Memorial Museum and enjoying dinner at 1 World Trade.

For Post and all those at Quaker Ridge, the week was a “spectacular” success filled with memories. “My favorite personal memory on the course was watching the players interact with young children who came to watch. Even during the matches, players on both sides gave pins, high fives and smiles to the children.”

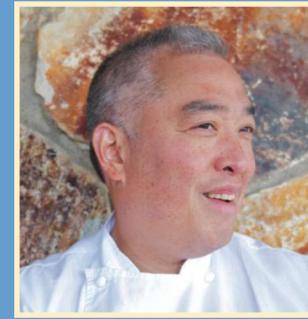
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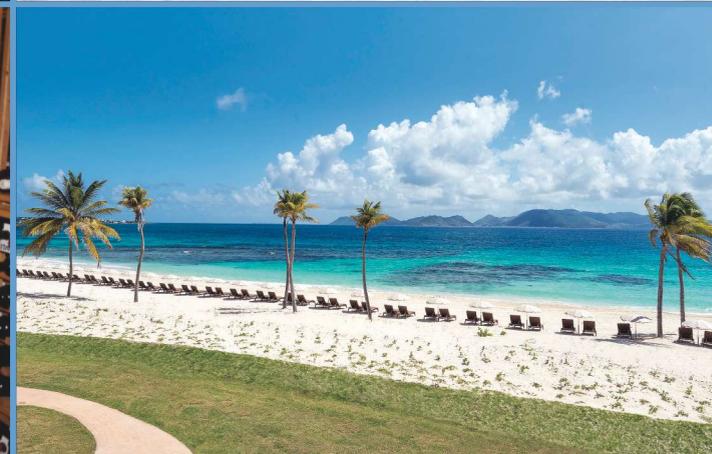
—Michele Greenfield, WMGA, and Member,  
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—Chef Scott Pikey, Executive Chef,  
Mayacama Country Club

"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."

—Glenn Carlson, PGA Head Professional,  
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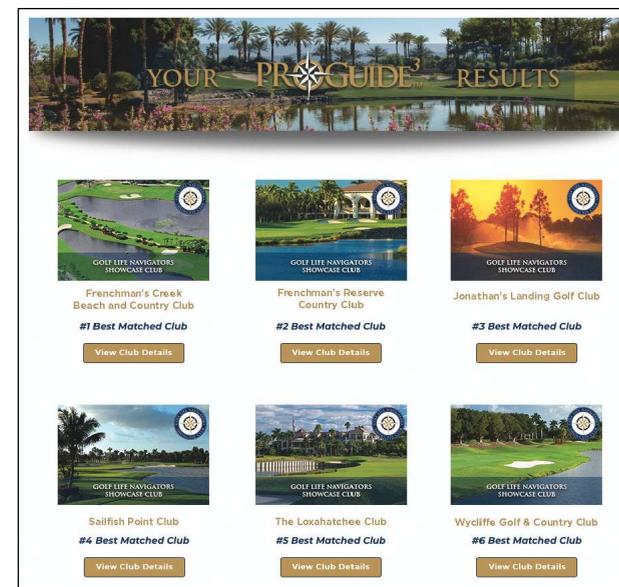
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# HISTORY ON DISPLAY

Johnny Farrell receives the U.S. Open Trophy from USGA Vice President H.H. Ramsay alongside (L-R) USGA Executive Committee member Herbert Jaques and Bobby Jones.

The thrill of U.S. Open week runs just a little bit higher when you're related to a past champion. That's the case for Bobby Farrell, head professional at Tamarack Country Club in Greenwich, Conn., whose grandfather Johnny Farrell held off Bobby Jones in 1928 at Olympia Fields Country Club just outside of Chicago.

Johnny—the golf professional at Quaker Ridge at the time, who later held post at Baltusrol—shot 71-72 on the final day to set up a 36-hole playoff against Jones. Play proved exceptional throughout the entire day, especially down the stretch as William Richardson wrote for the *New York Times*, “Perhaps there will never again be seen such golf as Johnny and Bobby played from the thirty-first hole to the thirty-sixth.”

Farrell took a one-shot lead when Jones bogeyed the par-three 16th, while the pair matched birdies on the par-four 17th. On the last, Farrell rolled in a seven-foot birdie putt for the win, with Jones facing a tap-in for a birdie of his own. Farrell's lone major stands as one of many highlights in an illustrious career, having won upwards of 30 professional tournaments including the 1927 Met Open at Wykagyl.

“The U.S. Open is always a very special time for our family,” says Bobby, who often displays some of his grandfather's memorabilia at Tamarack during U.S. Open week. “We always get together as a family and watch it and reminisce. The older I get, the more meaningful it gets.”



The back of Johnny Farrell's 1928 U.S. Open Medal.

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# Red, White and Greens

BY SCOTT KRAMER

**I**f you're getting in that patriotic spirit for the July 4 holiday, there are some cool new products on the market that can help you celebrate out on the course. So go ahead and show your stripes!

Callaway's Chrome Soft Truvis Stars and Stripes ball (\$45/dozen) has a Graphene-infused core which softens impact feel. It will also help you create a high launch with low spin off the tee — a perfect firecracker formula for distance. Its urethane cover helps generate spin around the green.

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# TEERING IT UP with JOHANNA GAVIN

## a Q&A with the Senior Director, Caddie Scholarship Funds

**J**ohanna Gavin joined the staff at Golf Central in January of 2018 as the MGA Foundation began providing administrative and operational services to both the Westchester Caddie Scholarship Fund (CSF) and Long Island CSF. As Senior Director, Caddie Scholarship Funds, Gavin guides these services. After several months on the job, Gavin has a team assembled and is excited about the growth opportunities ahead.

*Extra: How were you introduced to golf and what about it captured your interest?*

**Johanna:** I got my first set of clubs for Christmas when I was in kindergarten. My dad took me to the club the same day to test them out! Having a golf course basically in our backyard probably played a part in getting me hooked, as did having my dad and my grandfathers who wanted to spend the weekends with me outside on the fairways. The personal competition is what has kept my interest in the game to this day.

*E: How would you describe your role to those who may be unfamiliar?*

**J:** I oversee the Westchester (WGA) Caddie Scholarship Fund and the Long Island CSF. The CSFs team is responsible for engaging golfers, friends, and members from these area member clubs who support the programs. In turn, we award college scholarships to eligible young men and women who work in "service to golf" in the Westchester area and on Long Island.

*E: What have you enjoyed most since taking on this new role in January?*

**J:** I have enjoyed meeting the people who make these programs possible: the staff at Golf Central, the friends of the funds, the caddie scholars and the alumni. All have different stories to tell!

*E: What excites you about the future of the Long Island and Westchester Caddie Scholarship Funds?*

**J:** Both funds have unique and special histories and traditions. I am excited about preserving and advancing the common threads in these programs, including the tradition of the caddie and the opportunity of an education.

*E: What is the most rewarding aspect of working with such organizations?*

**J:** What I have learned off and on the course has honed my sense of respect for the game and its distinguished reputation of philanthropy. While I did not receive a caddie scholarship, I was fortunate to be one of the first recipients of the WMGA Foundation's scholarship, which has played a significant role in my work to educate young men and women on the benefits in the game of golf. What brings me the most joy is hearing firsthand how these scholarships have positively influenced the futures of the recipients and their families.

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# SIGHTS FROM Shinnecock

As if the U.S. Open Championship's highly anticipated return to Shinnecock Hills didn't provide enough excitement already, the Met connections extended well beyond the location of the championship. Check out just a few ways in which locals were involved during the week.



USGA/DARREN CARROLL



USGA/JASON MICZEK

On Tuesday of U.S. Open week, the USGA held its first-ever Celebration of Champions—a four-hole exhibition honoring the past year's USGA title winners, which included 2017 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball winners Alice Chen and Taylor Totland.



USGA/JASON MICZEK

Four decorated Met Area competitors—all winners of MGA championships—teed it up during the week (Clockwise, from top left): Stewart Hagestad, Theo Humphrey, Mike Miller and Cameron Wilson. Wilson had the best showing, making the cut and finishing T64.

Practice rounds featured special guest starters, with former MGA Tournament Director Gene Westmoreland, former MGA Executive Director Jay Mottola and MGA President Michael Sullivan taking part Wednesday on the 10th tee.

# LAYOVER ▶ CHARLESTON

BY TIM HARTIN

The South Carolina Lowcountry overflows with character, charm, and scenery—all fitting ways to help describe golf in the region as well. Charleston itself stands ripe with must-play opportunities, whether you're in town for an extended vacation or just quickly passing through.

Wild Dunes Resort's Links Course (par-four 17th pictured) was Tom Fazio's first solo project, completed in 1980 and later accompanied by his Harbor Course design in 1985.

## COURSES:

**1 Wild Dunes Resort** – A recent renovation to the Links Course expanded greens and rebuilt bunkers, updating an already heralded layout that features a spectacular finish along the Atlantic Ocean. On the Harbor Course, marshes and creeks leave water as a frequent challenge, including on holes 9-11 that run alongside the Intracoastal Waterway.

**2 Kiawah Island Resort** – Pete Dye's famed Ocean Course—1991 Ryder Cup venue and 2012 and 2021 PGA Championship host—headlines five outstanding courses at Kiawah Island. Each layout provides unique experiences, as players can battle the Atlantic winds on the Ocean Course, test accuracy on Turtle Point, get strategic on both Oak Point and Cougar Point, or enjoy the playability of the once members-only Osprey Point.

**3 RiverTowne Country Club** – This Arnold Palmer Signature course is quintessential Lowcountry golf, winding among marshlands, moss-draped oaks, and featuring 13 holes along water—the Wando River and Horlbeck Creek. While the opening nine is slightly more forgiving, scoring well throughout will depend upon accuracy and the ability to navigate multi-tiered greens.



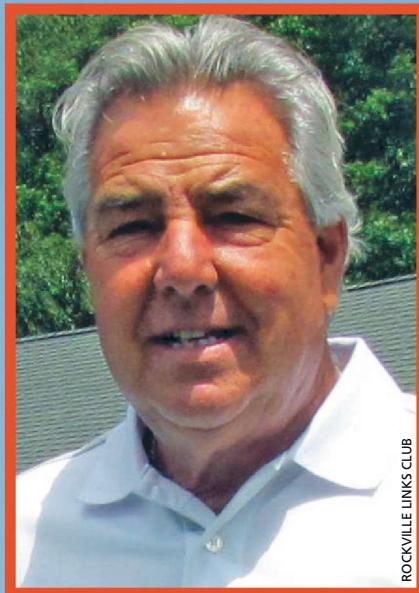
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**Mike Turnesa Jr.**, was head professional at Rockville Links in Rockville Centre, N.Y., for 37 years, retiring following the 2016 season.

**A** simple white ribbon worn by a number of competitors during U.S. Open week raised awareness for lung cancer and served as both a tribute and sign of support for members of golf's great Turnesa family. PGA TOUR winner Marc offered the ribbons to those in the field with his father, Mike Jr., having passed in May due to the disease and his uncle Jimmy facing his own battle with lung cancer. Mike Miller – a nephew of Jimmy as well – was also part of the effort, donning the ribbon as he made his second U.S. Open appearance. What better way to show support for one of golf's greatest families than on one of golf's greatest stages.

Miller (*pictured*) wore the white ribbon at Shinnecock along with U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka, Russell Henley, and others.