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President's Message

It hardly seems possible that another NYSGA tournament season has come and gone. Thank you to all who participated, player and committee alike, whether in a Qualifier, a Championship, a regional State Day, or the Medallion Tournament at your club. We certainly hope the experience was enjoyable.

At this time I would particularly like to recognize our many volunteers without whom the aforementioned events would not be possible. By region, they are:

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As you can see, many have given generously of their time to provide quality events. "If you love golf", there are many opportunities to give back. In addition to the Sectional Affairs Committee, the Course Rating Committee under the leadership of Al Stockholm welcomes volunteers. Whatever your interest may be, your involvement is welcome. Contact a Committee member or the NYSGA: e-mail nysga@nysga.org; by phone -315-471-6979; or mail - P.O. Box 15333, Syracuse, NY 13215.

See you next season.

Janet Reiner, President



NYSGA Scholarships

The New York State Golf Association would like to announce the eleven scholarship recipients for the 2008-2009 academic year. We are proud of all of the individuals below and hopeful they will all continue to excel in their studies and the golf industry. The winners are:

Adam Baj – Buffalo, NY
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Thomas D'Amato – Clyde, NY
Luke Gancarz – Chittenango, NY
Aidan Graven – Owego, NY
Michael Harrower – Batavia, NY
Matthew Kontogianis – Manorville, NY
Richard Martel – Hampton Bays, NY
Dineen Notman – Syracuse, NY
Bryan Springer* – New Hartford, NY

Bryan Springer is the "Bill Arliss Scholarship" winner. This award is funded by the NYSGA and the Arliss family in memory of their son, Billy.

For the year 2008-2009, the annual awards remain at \$1,500 each, bringing the total scholarship presentations to \$16,500.

The New York State Golf Association would like to express their sincere thanks to all for their generous donations to the Scholarship Fund. These donations to the Scholarship Fund will help the NYSGA continue its strong commitment to New York residents who are matriculated in specific two or four year College/University programs such as Agronomy, Turf Grass Management, Professional Golf and Country Club Management or related programs. We also support New York State residents who elect to pursue such programs in out-of-state Colleges or Universities.

Additional contributions will help the NYSGA Scholarship Committee as we begin to aggressively solicit additional scholarship funding from clubs, individuals and corporate sources to expand the scope and impact of our scholarship awards.

Scholarship applications for the upcoming year will be available at www.nysga.org. Interested applicants should contact the NYSGA Office with any questions regarding the application process. The deadline for submitting an application for the 2009-2010 academic year will be April 15, 2009.

For further information concerning the NYSGA Scholarship Program please e-mail us or contact Mr. Henry W. Fust, Scholarship Chairperson, 5784 Widewaters Parkway, Dewitt, NY 13214 or Mr. Bill Moore, NYSGA Executive Director, P.O. Box 15333, Syracuse, NY 13215-0333.



Executive Director's Report



Since 1996 the NYSGA has taken advantage of a program called the P.J. Boatwright, Jr. Internship program, named after the former Executive Director of the USGA. The USGA fully funds the internship to give an individual some "on the job" training in golf administration. Over the past 13 seasons, the USGA has funded 16 interns for the NYSGA and in 2008 alone the USGA funded over 80 internships for golf associations nationwide.

This year, we were fortunate to have 2 interns. Our Boatwright Intern was Ben Maywalt. Ben recently graduated from SUNY Cortland and resides in Auburn. On top of all the administrative duties we pile on our Boatwright Intern while at headquarters, they are always my "right hand man" on site and Ben was no different, running errands for me and making sure the Committee had everything they needed to help us run our Championships. For the first time in our history, the NYSGA began its own internship program, which we named the Frederick W. Box Communications Internship after our long time NYSGA Historian. Our first ever Box Intern was John Cronly, a journalism graduate of Missouri State University who was born and raised in England. The vast majority of the articles you read in this newsletter were a direct result of John's work and if you head

to our website, www.nysga.org, you can download our 2008 Yearbook which John created for us. It is a complete wrap-up of our 85th Championship Season and something I think you would really enjoy reading. I would like to thank both Ben and John for their service and a job well done.

With the holidays right around the corner, we are already looking for 2 good men or women to join us for the 2009 Season. If you live in Syracuse (or are willing to relocate for a few months), and are interested in golf administration, we would love to have you join our staff. The Boatwright Internship is for the individual interested in the golf industry as a potential career. The intern deals in all aspects of the NYSGA Championships, from entry forms and eligibility to the conducting of our championships. The applicant should have a strong background in golf. The Box Internship is looking for an individual with a journalism background who is willing to take on the role of "Media Director" for the NYSGA. The intern will be in charge of all tournament media guides, news articles, and finally, the 2009 Yearbook. All this information and more on each position can be found on our website or by contacting me at bmoore@nysga.org.

We hope you had a great 2008 and all of us at the NYSGA look forward to seeing you next year.

Bill Moore

Executive Director, NYSGA



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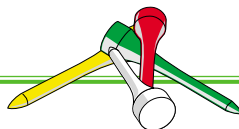
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25th Men's Mid-Amateur Championship

Elmira Country Club September 26-28, 2008



Mid-Amateur champion Tim Rose

By John Conly, NYSGA Media Intern

The 25th Men's Mid-Amateur Championship was staged at Elmira Country Club in Elmira, NY. 123 of the state's finest golfers over the age of 25 were there to attempt to unseat defending champion **John Vaccaro** of Wolferts Roost and become the 25th Mid-Amateur Champion. The immaculately maintained course was host to the NYSGA Mid-Amateur Championship in 1997 as well as the Men's Amateurs in 1957, 1969, and 1983. In the field were five past NYSGA Mid-Amateur champions, two past Men's Amateur winners as well as a State Senior champion.

With the many hurricanes and tropical storms moving up the east coast, there was constant concern whether the tournament would carry on as planned. The only strategy was to wait and see.

Friday came and the game was on. Three players fired even par 72's to take the lead in testing conditions. **Ray Neuman** (Shelridge CC), **Barton Vanleuvan** (North Country GC) and **Chad Stoffer** (Edison Club) set the mark for the opening round. All three players started on the back nine, which was statistically the easier of the two nines, which seemed to help set them up for the more challenging front nine.

Neuman was in one of the first groups to finish in the morning wave, and held onto the lead throughout the remainder of the day as the other 121 players filtered in. Starting on the back nine, the Shelridge C.C. player fired a 2-under-par 35 with birdies on the 10, 12, and par-5 16th, before adding another at the par-4 1st to get to two-under. Ray then made what he said were his only two bad swings of the round, finding the hazard on the par-5 fifth going on to record a double-bogey seven. Neuman said he employed a strategy of keeping the ball in play on the more difficult front nine, and attacking more with the driver on the back side.

Vanleuvan told a similar story of solid ball striking accompanied by exceptional putting. Vanleuvan, starting on the 10th, recorded birdies on 14 and 16 to go along with a bogey on 13 to turn in 36. He then continued to play steadily through the opening holes of his back nine, still at one-under for the round after the fifth. A birdie on six and a par on seven left the North Country player two under with two to play. Unfortunately, he finished with two bogeys to tie Neuman on 72.

The final player to post 72 was the Chad Stoffer, who began with three birdies in his first five holes before a 3-putt bogey on the par-5 16th dropped him back to two under at the turn. Stoffer then came back in two-over-par 37 with seven pars and two bogeys on the front nine.

Syracuse's **Nick Masterpole** (Tuscarora GC) was another early finisher to score well after posting a one-over-par 73. Masterpole, another back-nine starter, began with a colorful first nine recording four birdies, a bogey and a double-bogey for 36. He then turned home with three bogeys and a lone birdie for 37 on the front nine.

Two players from The Links at Hiawatha Landing, **Tim Rose** and **Mike Dalton**, also posted 73 to tie for fourth place.

The field was culled from 122 to the top 60 and ties for the second round. After consistently lower scores in the afternoon, the projected cut dropped from 82 or 83, to finally finish at 80.

The second round began on Saturday and the fears about the weather seemed more of a reality. Play had to be suspended for two hours and forty-five minutes after heavy, persistent rain overnight and early in the morning caused flooding throughout the course making it temporarily unplayable.

After a consistent 72 to post 145 for 36 holes Tim Rose took a one-stroke lead over Barton Vanleuvan going into the final round. Once play resumed at around 1 p.m., Rose said the softer conditions made the greens more receptive and easier to negotiate.

Tim, who is the course superintendent at Hiawatha Landing, came back from a double-bogey, bogey, bogey, start, which included a disastrous 4-putt on the first green, to make the turn in two over. He then recorded birdies on 12, 14, and 16 to get to one-under for the round, before bogeying the 17th to finish at even par.

His aggregate of 145 was one better than round-one co-leader Barton Vanleuvan, who fired a 74 to back up his 72 from round one. Vanleuvan started consistently on the challenging front nine with two bogeys and a lone birdie on the par-5 5th. On the back nine Vanleuvan recorded three bogeys, including a three putt on the last green, along with two birdies on 12 and 16 to come back in 38.

Playing with Rose in the penultimate group was Mike Dalton, also of Hiawatha Landing, who posted a 75 to hold third on 148. Dalton posted 38 on the front nine before an up and down back nine saw him post three birdies and three bogeys to come back in 37.

The 64 who started the second round were reduced to the low 30 players and ties for the final round. The cut ended up coming at 157 with 31 players making the grade. The weather forecast at this point was dicey, but with such a small field chances of overcoming weather delays were higher.

Tim Rose of Hiawatha Landing sealed his maiden state championship on Sunday morning after the final round of the NYSGA Mid-Am was cancelled with incessant overnight rain making the course unplayable.

NYSGA Executive Director Bill Moore made a decision to cancel the final round at 7.45 a.m. after all hopes of getting the course playable were lost.

Rose said he was extremely pleased to win a state championship and convert his recent good form into success in tournament conditions. Despite the fact Rose has not traveled great distances to play tournaments in the past, he said he will make an effort to defend his title at Glenn Falls next year.

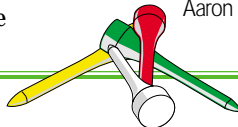
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Champion Christy Schultz

By John Cronly, NYSGA Media Intern

The venue for this year's Women's Amateur Championship was Wayne Hills Country Club in Lyons, N.Y. The course, the site of the 1974 NYSGA Men's Amateur Championship, is set in the drumlins of the Finger Lakes region of the state and is well known for its competitive challenge as well as its picturesque surroundings.

On a day where the temperature reached over 90 degrees, the best female amateur players in New York State battled it out in an 18-hole qualifying round for the 79th Women's Amateur Championship. Sixty-three players began the day hoping to post one of the 15 lowest scores to make it into the championship flight for match play. As is tradition at the Women's Amateur, **Christy Schultz** (Brook-lea CC), the defending champion did not have to participate in the qualifying round and was the No. 1 seed for match play.

There were 12 scores of 82 or better, with the remaining three spots being determined by a five-woman playoff contested by: **Annemarie**

Kissane (Capital Hills-Albany), **Dana Prozeller** (Blue Heron Hills CC), **Tracy Barnard** (CCof Rochester), **Sara Eichelberger** (Brook-lea CC) and **Rene Sobolewski** (Transit Valley CC).

Rene hit one of the shots of the day with her approach at the first playoff hole, which finished less than six inches away from the pin. The birdie secured her position as the 14th seed.

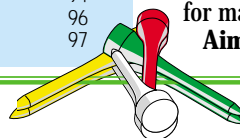
Annemarie Kissane and Tracy Barnard joined Sobolewski in advancing to the championship flight after surviving the playoff.



Runner-up Rene Sobolewski

The round of the day belonged to **Sandy Jackson**, of Whipoorwill G.C. Jackson got off to a red-hot start by making birdie on the first three holes on her way to an outward nine of even-par 37. She came back in 40 to post 77 and clinch the number 2 seed for match play.

Aimee Caligiore of Craig Wood G.C., Lake Placid, posted the



Third Title for Christy Schultz in 79th Women's Amateur

Wayne Hills Country Club, July 8-10, 2008

second lowest score of the day with a round of 78 that included five birdies

Ashley Meng of Penfield C.C. was another to break 80, carding a 79. Meng was joined on that score by Jackie Quinn of Wiltwyck G.C.

Sarah Guarascio of St George's G&C.C., Long Island, clinched victory in a dramatic first round match on the 21st hole. Guarascio holed out a pitching wedge for her third shot on the par-5 3rd in her match against Bethpage State Park's **Suzie Lee**. Lee had hit her approach shot first into around 12 feet of the pin with an opportunity to make birdie, before she watched as Guarascio's ball rolled in for a three.

Another close match from the morning round was Rene Sobolewski taking on Aimee Caligiore. Sobolewski had a three-up lead after the 13th hole, a lead which she almost squandered before holing a clutch four-foot putt on 18 to secure a 1 up victory. She would take on Guarascio in the quarterfinals.

The other six winners from the round of 16 were: Defending champion Christy Schultz, **Michele Romano** (Bethpage SP), **Joanna Beatty** (Stony Ford), **Teresa Cleland** (Bellevue CC), Annemarie Kissane and **Jillian Fraccola** (Cazenovia CC).

There was a repeat of last year's final in the quarterfinals with Schultz taking on Michelle Romano of Bethpage State Park. Schultz was up early, winning the second and fifth holes with birdies, before missing a five-foot putt that would have given her a three-hole lead on the seventh. Romano rallied, squaring the match with a birdie of her own at 10, before taking the lead on 12 after Schultz made bogey. Schultz was able to square the match after hitting her approach to 12 feet on the 14th and took a one-up lead when Romano bogeyed 16. Schultz sealed victory to reach yet another State Women's Amateur semi-final with a 7-wood onto the middle of the green at the par-4 18th, the resulting par good enough to secure a 1-up win.

The semi finals for the Women's Amateur saw two rising stars and two experienced campaigners battle it out for the title of New York State's best amateur golfer.

Rene Sobolewski successfully progressed to her first state Women's Amateur semi-final with a 3&2 victory over Sarah Guarascio. Her opponent for the semi-final would be Jillian Fraccola, who eased through her morning and afternoon matches, winning both 5&4. The other semi-final pitted Rochester's Christy Schultz against Syracuse native Teresa Cleland. Defending champion Schultz completed a 7&6 victory in her first round match, beating Tracy Barnard.

The last time Cleland and Schultz met in the Women's Amateur was the final of 2004. Schultz prevailed on that occasion, recording her maiden State Women's Amateur title.

Final Match Play Results for All Flights

Championship

Christy Schultz (Brooklea CC) def. Rene Sobolewski (Transit Valley CC) 7&6

1st Flight

Chloe Altchek (Westchester CC) def. Ingrid Narken (McCann GC) 5&3

2nd Flight

Ariana Gaeta (Hidden Valley GC) def. Alexandra Battle (Ravenwood CC) 2&1

3rd Flight

Natalie Wisniewski (East Aurora CC) def. Bailey Cocca (Shaker Ridge CC) default

4th Flight

Ali Wakefield (Woodcrest GC) def. Melanie Kleiner (Villa Roma) 2&1

5th Flight

Penny Schiek (Hiland GC) def. Kathy Zawicki (St. Bonaventure) 19 holes

16-year-old Rene Sobolewski remained on course for her first Women's Amateur title after producing some of the best golf of the championship so far to brush aside Jillian Fraccola in the semi-finals. Sobolewski then closed out the match with a par on the difficult 16th to claim a 3&2 victory.

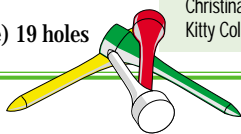
In the other semi-final defending champion Christy Schultz advanced to her third Women's Amateur final after defeating 2004 finalist Teresa Cleland. The front nine saw Schultz take a two-hole lead, before Cleland fought back with birdies on 10 and 11 to square the match. Cleland hung tough with Schultz until failing to get up and down on the par-3 15th, gifting Schultz a two-up lead. Cleland was able to sink a 15-footer to stay in the match on 16, before winning 17 with a par after Schultz left her approach to the par-5 in the right greenside bunker. Schultz then bogeyed 18 after missing another green in regulation and Cleland won the hole with a two-putt par 4, sending the match into extra holes. On the first extra hole, Cleland missed a short par putt to extend the match, giving Schultz a ticket to her third Women's Amateur final.

Despite saying she felt nervous on the first tee, it was Sobolewski who took the early initiative, holing a long birdie putt on the first green to take a 1-up lead. Rene then struggled to find the form that saw her reach the final, stringing together four bogeys in a row starting at the second, before double-bogeying the short seventh and allowing Schultz to move 4 up. With a 6-up lead on the 12th tee Schultz hit another perfect drive in the right center of the fairway and hit her third shot safely onto the putting surface. Sobolewski hit her second shot into the trees on the left and was unable to recover and make par.

After lagging her first putt to three feet, Schultz was able to sink her par putt and seal her third Women's Amateur title in five years. Winning 7&6, Christy Schultz of Brook Lea Country Club became only the ninth woman in New York State history to capture three Women's Amateur Championships.

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Champion Jeff Woiniewicz

By John Cronly, NYSGA Media Intern

Sunny, benign conditions greeted the 156 golfers who began qualifying at Pinehaven Country Club in Guelderland, an Albany suburb. This fine course has hosted two NYSGA Championships in the past—the Men’s Amateur in 1998, and the Women’s Amateur in 2002. Once again Head Professional **Scott Warren** and Superintendent **Rob Bigley** were ready for the event.

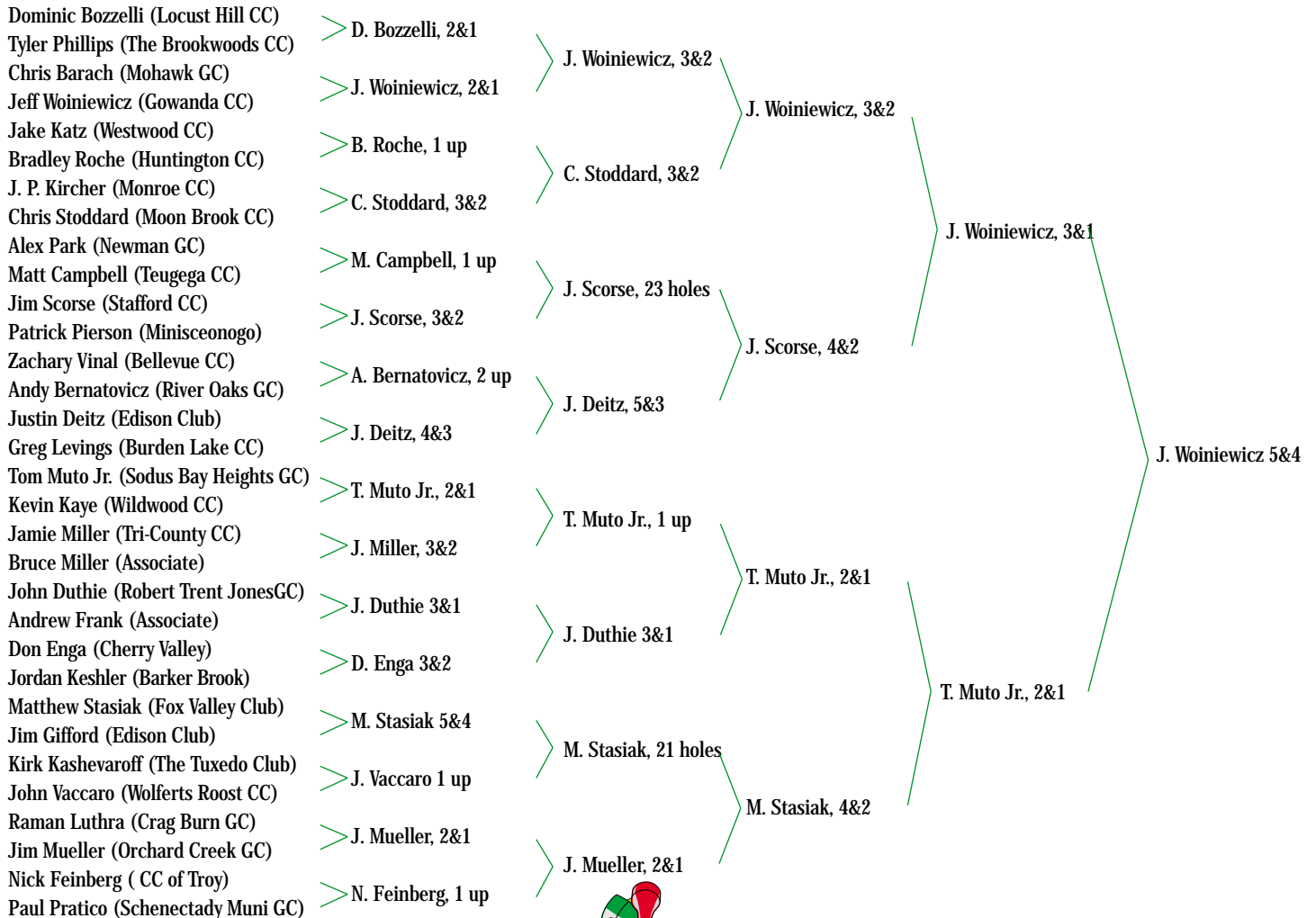
With sunny skies and very little wind for most of the morning, **Matthew Stasiak** (Fox Valley Club) shot a four-under-par 67 and was leading the New York State Men’s Amateur after the morning scores were recorded. Although morning conditions were conducive to good scoring, slick greens and some tightly tucked pins proved difficult for the majority of the field. The only other round under par of the morning competitors belonged to current New York State Junior Champion, **Dominic Bozzelli** (Locust Hill CC). Bozzelli fired a one-under-par 70, a round which included making birdie on each of the three par-5s.

Three players managed to negotiate the 6,496-yard layout in level-par in the morning: **Thomas Muto Jr.** (Sodus Bay Heights CC), **Raman Luthra** (Crag Burn GC) and **Jim Scorse** (Stafford CC).

Of the 78 competitors who teed off in the morning wave, 31 players were at 75 or better. 32 players would advance to match play after 36



MATCH PLAY RESULTS



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Runner-up Tom Muto Jr.

holes of qualifying. Despite weather conditions that remained ideal all day, the cream of New York State's male golfers struggled on the 6,496 yard, par-71 course as only one player was able to break 70.

Two players were tied for second place after posting rounds of 70: Dominic Bozzelli and **Ray Neuman** (Shelridge CC). Neuman, runner-up in the 2006 NYSGA Mid-Am, was the only player with an afternoon tee time to break par. His 1-under-par total included a chip-in birdie from 15 yards short of the 18th green, exciting the patrons gathered on and around the clubhouse patio.

Thomas Muto Jr., Raman Luthra, Jim Scorse, **Kevin Vandenberg** (Bellevue CC) and **Jake Katz** (Westwood CC) all shot rounds of level-par 71 for a share of fourth. On this first day, there were 40 players at 74 or better and 26 at, or under 73.

On another morning full of

sunshine, Pinehaven began to show its teeth with the warm, dry weather firming up the greens causing scores to rise compared to day one.

Alex Park of Newman G.C. posted the lowest 36-hole total of those who teed off in the morning, recording rounds of 72 and 70 for a 142 aggregate.

The round of the morning wave belonged to **Justin Deitz** (Edison Club), who shot a 68. Deitz improved from an opening round 78 to record the second lowest 18-hole score of qualifying so far. Although Deitz's 10-shot improvement from day one to day two was commendable, the biggest turnaround-story of the morning was **Chris Stoddard** (Moon Brook C.C.) who recovered from a disastrous 80 in the first round, to post a 69 for a 36-hole total of 149. In a round that included four birdies and two bogeys, Stoddard said that yesterday's experience was the key to playing better today. Dominic Bozzelli, Matthew Stasiak and Thomas Muto Jr. finished co-medalists after qualifying for the 86th NYSGA Men's Amateur Championship concluded.

Bozzelli was 4-under for the round heading to the seventh, his 16th hole, before bogeying there and following it with a double-bogey on the eighth. A closing par resulted in a second consecutive round of 70 with a total of 140. Matthew Stasiak fired a two-over-par 73 to join Bozzelli on a 140 aggregate. Muto Jr. said his long game was consistent over the two days and was not worried about the expectation of being considered one of the favorites for match play.

A random draw took place to determine the top three seeds from the co-medalists, with Bozzelli taking the one seed and Muto Jr. and Stasiak seeds two and three respectively.

With many of the scores up from day one, early predictions of a cut around 148 or 149 were squashed as many of the players who posted 75 or better on Tuesday, struggled. There were 29 players at 149 or better after all scores were turned in and four players tied at 150. With only 32 players eligible for match play the four tied at 150 had to playoff

for the remaining three spots.

Jim Gifford (Edison Club), **Kevin Kaye** (Wildwood CC), **Josh Robinson** (Tioga CC) and **Tyler Phillips** (Brookwoods CC) headed to the 1st tee for a sudden-death playoff. Kaye and Gifford both hit the fairway from the tee and made a par and birdie respectively to secure the 30 and 31 seeds for match play.

Robinson and Phillips, both made bogey and the pair then made their way to the 18th where Robinson blocked a drive right of the fairway, just feet from being out-of-bounds. Josh punched out of the trees but was unable to do better than a double bogey six. Phillips then had the luxury of two putts from ten feet to secure the last spot in match play.

Defending champion **John Duthie** (Robert Trent Jones GC) fired a level-par 71 for a two-round total of 145. The top three seeds and the defending champion all progressed to the round of 16 after some exciting play in the first round. No. 1 seed Dominic Bozzelli, was the first to book his place in the last 16, with a 2 and 1 victory over Tyler Phillips of The Brookwoods C.C. Bozzelli was two down after seven, then sprang into life with birdies at 13, 15, 16 and 17 to overturn Phillips. John Duthie also made it through to round 2 with a 3&1 success over **Andrew Frank** (Associate).

19 year-old Duthie's next opponent was 48-year-old **Don Enga** (Cherry Valley Club). Enga won his first round match against **Jordan Keshler** (Barker Brook) 3&2. Enga was seeded 10 for match play after rounds of 72 and 74 in qualifying.

Comeback-kid Chris Stoddard was another to advance to the round of 16 with a 3 and 2 victory over **J.P. Kircher** (Monroe GC).

The last player to secure a place in the final 16 was **Nick Feinberg** (Country Club of Troy). Feinberg survived his match with **Paul Pratico** (Schenectady Municipal GC) which went all the way to the

18th. Feinberg attended St. Andrews university in Scotland where he captained the golf team his senior year.

2005 champion Jim Scorse survived an epic encounter with **Matthew Campbell** (Teugega CC) with five extra holes needed to separate the pair in an exciting second round match. The match came to the eighteenth all square, both players eventually missing par putts that would have earned victory. Scorse looked like the winner on the second extra hole, before Campbell holed a 25-foot par putt to extend the match. Jim was finally able to end the marathon battle with a 30-foot birdie putt on the 23rd hole, refusing Campbell the opportunity to deny him with another long par save.

Forty-three year old Scorse played a total of 39 holes today, winning his morning match 3 and 2. Relying on adrenalin and a hot dog he picked up after the turn in the morning round,

the determined Scorse battled through.

The first player to secure a place in the quarterfinals was **Jeff Wolniewicz** (Gowanda CC). Wolniewicz took out NYSGA Junior Champ Dominic Bozzelli 3 and 2. Wolniewicz birdied holes one and

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six on the front nine and took command of the match, gaining a 2-up lead by the 15th tee. Both players then hit the short par-5 in two with Wolniewicz draining a 35-foot putt for eagle, as Bozzelli looked on in dismay. Bozzelli then narrowly missed a birdie putt on 16 to extend the match, sending Wolniewicz into the last eight.

Another exciting round-of-16 match saw Matt Stasiak outlast Mid-Amateur champion **John Vaccaro** (Wolferts Roost CC) in another overtime contest. Stasiak was eventually able to emerge the winner on the 21st hole, in a match where neither player was more than 1-up at any time.

Defending champion John Duthie and no.2 seed Thomas Muto Jr., round out the eight players for the quarterfinals winning 3&1 and 1-up respectively.

Three college students and a seasoned veteran made up the field for the New York State Amateur Championship, after quarterfinals were completed Friday morning.

Thomas Muto Jr. took out defending champion John Duthie 2&1 despite Duthie's valiant attempt to battle back from 4 down with four to play. Duthie's trophy defense came to end, however, after he was unable to get up and down from 40 yards short of the green on the par-5, Muto Jr. sinking a 4-foot par putt to close out the match.

Stasiak progressed to the semi-finals for the first time after a comfortable 4 and 2 victory over Jim Mueller. Stasiak recorded three birdies in the match and was level par for the 16 holes.

2005 champion Jim Scorse sealed a place in another State Amateur semi-final after defeating Justin Deitz 4&2. Scorse, a storied campaigner in State and National level amateur events, would meet 2006 finalist Jeff Wolniewicz who defeated Chris Stoddard, winning 3&2 in the first of the quarterfinal matches.

In the semifinal round Jeff Wolniewicz advanced with a 3&1 win over Jim Scorse, while Tom Muto Jr. defeated Matt Stasiak 2&1 for his position in the final. In the 36 hole final, Wolniewicz had established a 6-up lead after the morning round and was on track to complete a comfortable victory. However, 20-year-old Muto Jr. had other ideas and fought back right from the tee-off in the afternoon round, winning three of the first six holes to reduce the deficit to 3-down. Muto Jr.'s momentum was halted, however, after a three-putt bogey on the par-4 seventh allowed Wolniewicz to restore a 4-up lead. On the eighth, Wolniewicz hit his second shot into the right greenside bunker before Muto found the green in regulation. After an excellent bunker shot to within three feet of the hole, Wolniewicz saved par and Muto Jr. was unable to sink his birdie putt, Wolniewicz remaining 4-up.

On the par-4 10th, playing from thick rough to an elevated green that ran away from them, neither player had much of a chance at getting up and down. Muto Jr. was unable to hit the green with his third or fourth shot, leaving it 15-feet short on the fringe. Wolniewicz made a good third, pitching to 15 feet past the hole. Five was good enough as Muto was unable to make his putt and Wolniewicz moved 5-up.

An excellent long-iron on the par-3 11th to eight feet, showed that Muto was not about to lie down and let Wolniewicz get his hands on the trophy just yet. Wolniewicz was unable to get up and down after missing the green and Muto Jr.'s three was sufficient to win the hole.

The 12th saw the defining moment in the afternoon play, as both players hit approach shots to within 20 feet of the hole on the short par-4. Muto Jr. holed a curling up-hill putt to apply the pressure to Wolniewicz, who was 15 feet away on the fringe. Wolniewicz was up to the challenge, however, and coolly rolled in the downhill, sliding left-right putt to halve the hole and remain 4 up with just five holes to play.

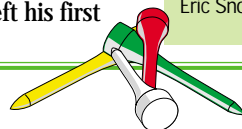
Tom hit his tee shot short of the green on the par-3 14th after Jeff kept his 15 feet below the back hole location. With a long putt up the steep slope at the front of the green, Muto Jr. left his first

putt short and, after Wolniewicz lagged close for a conceded three, Muto Jr. was left with a 12-foot putt to keep the match going. It was not to be, and the miss ensured Wolniewicz a 5&4 victory and his first NYSGA Men's Amateur title.

Jeff Wolniewicz celebrated his first New York State Amateur Championship with a 5&4 victory over Rochester's Tom Muto Jr., as a threatening thunderstorm closed in on Guilderland, N.Y. Wolniewicz competed in the final two years ago, losing out to **Andrew DiBitetto**, which he said hurt at the time, but in hindsight, the disappointment of that loss made this year's success all the more satisfying.

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By Frederick W. Box, NYSGA Historian Emeritus

The Konsek Saga

A record three consecutive victories started in 1958 by John Konsek of Cheektowaga, a Purdue sophomore at 18 and the 1957 Junior champion, at Yahnundasis Country Club, New Hartford, a 6,450 yard par 70.

Ray Billows, John Ward and Tommy Goodwin were in the field but it was Ward again reaching the finals where youth was served 4 and 2.



John won his way by defeating: Dr. C. H. Payne, Utica, 4 and 3; Mandel Doppelt, Rye, 4 and 3; Vic Riccio, New York Mills, 2 and 1; Tom Huber, Syracuse, 1 up; Jerry Affion, Newburgh, 5 and 4; Frank Kosien, New York Mills, 1 up and Ward, 4 and 2.

Konsek led all the way and was 2 up at 18 scoring 71 to 72 for his 37 year-old opponent. He added another win by 27, halved the next five holes and closed the match with a birdie at 34.

An all-Buffalo final came in 1959 at the Troy Country Club where Konsek was matched with Ward Wettlaufer, who played a national schedule and had won the North and South Amateur.

John Ward and Robert Monk, the 1954 champ, went out in the first round and young Warren Simmons of Canandaigua eliminated the seven-time champion Ray Billows 5 and 4. Wettlaufer gained the finals defeating Charles Decker, Wellsville, 4 and 3.

Konsek's record: 4 and 3 over Peter Nisselson, Mamaroneck; 2 and 1 over Simmons; 8 and 6 over Daniel Blatt; 1 up over Peter Van Campen, Albany; 4 and 2 over John Moynihan, Troy; and 4 and 3 over Wettlaufer.

The Purdue junior and Big 10 Champion led from the sixth hole while shooting a 65, six-under-par, to 70 by Ward. When it ended Konsek was eight under par for the 33 holes.

Some semi-final matches were played over 36 holes for part of the decade but then went back to 18 in 1957.

It was another all-Buffalo final when John Konsek won his third state title to match his third Big 10 Championship, this time at Locust Hill Country Club, Rochester, a 6,525 yard, par 72 course. The finalist this time was Edwin Kaczor of Hamburg.

Ray Billows defeated Ed Hughes of Elmira before losing. A trio of Southern Tier golfers played well: Charles Keating, Jr., son of the Corning Country Club pro, knocked off Allen Short of Jamestown and Ward Hamm Jr., Elmira, before losing to Konsek. Warner (Butch) Berry of Ithaca retired Don Allen of Rochester departing courtesy of Kaczor.

Among Konsek's victims were: Larry McGinnis, Poughkeepsie, 5 and 4; Skip Wallace, Ithaca, a junior champion, 1 up; Keating, 2 and 1 and Kaczor 8 and 6.

The repeat titlist took the lead at number 2 and never trailed, shooting 73 to Kaczor's 75 in the morning and piling up six consecutive wins by 25 in the afternoon. Konsek had won 22 straight matches over four years that included the 1957 Juniors.

The Konsek victory string came to an end in 1961 at Onondaga Country Club, Syracuse, a 6,541 yard, par 72 course, that started another many time winner, Don Allen of Rochester on his great career.

Ray Allen Jr., Don's brother, John Ward and Charles Keating Jr. of Corning were in the class field but it was progress of Allen and Konsek that delighted the spectators.



This is another chapter in a series from Frederick W. Box's manuscript, "The 20th Century NYSGA". Mr. Box of Elmira is the New York State Golf Association's first and long-time historian, now retired.

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Dewart Robinson, Syracuse, and Ward were among Allen victims before his match with Konsek, who extended his string to 27 matches. The former Colgate University golf captain was 2 up at 18 with three birdies in a 70-72 edge in scoring. Writers said Allen straightened

his tee shots in the afternoon, combined with brilliant approaches and bullied putts and lost only two holes in that stretch. The final tally was 5 and 4.

Allen came close in 1962 losing in the final to Bill Tryon of Elmira in 38 holes at Glens Falls Country Club in a battle of insurance executives.

Tryon gained the final by defeating Robert Westerling of Schenectady 2 and 1 while Allen had the same result against Stewart (Skip) Wallace of Ithaca, the 1956 Junior Champion.

It was a ding-dong battle that was all even at 36. They halved 37 with birdies and Tryon knocked in another putt from 28 feet for a birdie and the victory.



Don Allen

Don Allen resumed his winning ways in 1963 at Knollwood Country Club, Elmsford, where Tryon defended and Ray Billows, Tommy Goodwin and Lloyd Ribner were among the favorites.

Tryon lost to Richard Rooney of Clinton 1 up after defeating Frank Lillich of Rochester, 2 and 1. Ribner knocked out Goodwin 1 up and then Billows 4 and 3.

Meanwhile Allen ousted: Robert B. Wallace, Ogdensburg, 2 and 1; Jim Maver Jr., Winged Foot, 4 and 2; Walter Gaca, New York Mills, 2 and 1; John Carroll, Geneva, 5 and 3; Bob Hoff, Rochester, 5 and 4 and Rooney, 7 and 6.

Don was up 3 at 18 with a 74, won 19, 22 and 23 with a 39 at 27 holes to Rooney's 43. They halved the next two holes and the match was over.

Allen's record: 5 and 3 over John Downey, Oswego; 1 up over Bill Leagans, Ithaca; 4 and 3 over Hugh Skelley, Armonk; 6 and 5 over Mark Yahn, Snyder, the 1960 Junior winner, and 3 and 2 over Dr. Edward O'Keefe, Schenectady.

Allen shot a three under par 69 to gain a 3 up lead at 18, but O'Keefe matched shots in the afternoon winning three holes while losing the same number. The doctor won 33 with an eagle but each parred the next hole to end the match.

Hole-in-one Story From One of our Readers.

This note was sent to Bill Moore, NYSGA Executive Director, and we thought we should pass it on.

Interesting story:

I made a hole in one at my home course on 8/25, The Lake Placid Club. When I got home I told my wife. She almost fell off her chair. She said that I better check the answering machine. When I did I found out that my brother also scored a hole in one on his home course in California, his first 8/25.

The ball I was using was a Titleist with my brother's home course name on it - Foxtail. Don't know where this is going, but I thought it was worth sharing.

Mark Gilligan

If you have any unusual or interesting stories, we would be glad to hear from you. Contact us at www.nysga.org. Send text and/or photos.



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56th Women's Senior-SuperSenior

Holiday Valley Country Club-August 19-20, 2008

By John Cronly, NYSGA Media Intern

The Senior Women's tournament traveled to the western part of the state for a change, but played at another "mountain" course. Holiday Valley is a resort where downhill and cross-country skiing take place in the winter, and golf can be enjoyed in the other seasons. Holiday Valley is not only celebrating holding its first NYSGA event, but also its 50th anniversary.

The numbers were up from last year as 115 golfers started the first of two rounds of stroke play to compete for both the Senior and Super-Senior title.



Champion Kim Kaul

Kim Kaul (Gowanda C.C.) led the 56th NYSGA Women's Senior Amateur Championship after day one, with a one-over-par 72 on a wet and chilly morning in the hills. Kaul recorded two nines of 36 in a round that

included four bogeys and three birdies. She said she was able to recover from a shaky start and hold her round together. Kaul turned in a one-over-par 36, before recording bogeys on 10 and the treacherous 11th, a hole that gave many of the field problems. However, she bounced back with birdies on 12 and 17 to post the low score of the day.

Although the course played firm and fast for the practice round, heavy overnight-rain softened the fairways and greens.

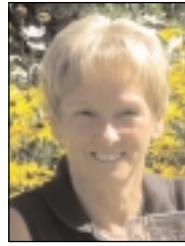
The pace of play was a concern throughout the day, particularly on 11 where, at times, groups were log-jammed on the tee causing some players to have to wait to play the hole.

The second-lowest score of the day belonged to **Lynn Quinn** (Clifton Springs C.C.) who fired a three-over-par 74. Quinn was paired with fellow Rochester players **Joy Florczak** (Ravenwood GC) and **Tracy Barnard** (CC of Rochester), which she said helped her to stay relaxed during her round.

Lynn Lyman (Pompey Club) and **Susan Kahler** (Ballston Spa CC) fired 75's to tie for third, while defending champion **Jan LaVigne** (Ravenwood GC) was seven shots off the lead after a 79.

In the super-senior division, defending champion **Gail Brophy** (Saratoga National) was in the lead by three strokes over **Lula Garland** (Drumlins GC) after an opening 78. Brophy birdied three of her first four holes to race to three-under-par, before a double bogey on the seventh and a bogey on the eighth dropped her back to even at the turn. She was able to par the 11th, but then dropped six shots in the last six holes to finish at seven-over-par.

Gail hit her second shot into the creek that guards the front of the 18th green to finish with a double-bogey on a hole that ranked as the second most difficult at 1.68 shots over-par. The only hole



Gail Brophy

ranked harder was the par-4 11th which averaged 6.56 shots for the entire field.

Although Brophy is classified as a super-senior, she is eligible to win the overall competition as all competitors play from the same tees.

In the second round things tightened up. At one point it looked as though it was going to be a battle between Kaul and fellow player Susan Kahler. Kahler turned in 1-under-par 34 on the front nine to Kaul's 38, putting Kahler one ahead for the championship overall. Kaul had faltered after double-bogeying the par-3 fifth, before coming back strongly with a birdie on 10 to draw level with Kahler. Kaul continued to play strongly with pars all the way in, including two crucial up and downs on 16 and 17.

Kahler, however, saw her hopes of winning dashed when she bogeyed 16 and 17, the latter after hitting into a hazard with her second shot. Kaul stood on the 18th tee three clear of Kahler but unaware of the exploits of **Maggie Kril** (Deerfield CC) earlier in the day.

Kril, the 2005 and 2006 senior champion, posted a145 after a scintillating 68 in the second round, which she said was the lowest score of her life. Kril had three birdies and two bogeys on the front nine for 34, before coming back with eight pars and a lone birdie on 17 to hold the clubhouse lead with the first-round leaders yet to finish.

After splitting the fairway with her tee-shot, Kaul pitched her second to within six feet of the hole on 18, leaving a downhill right-to-left putt for a 71 and the title

"I could sense something from the people around the 18th green that it was close," Kaul said. "No one said anything to me so I thought I might need to go for my birdie putt." Her putt looked good for a moment before lipping-out violently on the high side and finishing 3 feet below the hole. She was then able to collect herself and bravely hole the par putt to secure victory.

Kim Kaul won the NYSGA Women's Senior Championship in her first attempt. She fired a two-over-par 72 for a total of 144, edging Maggie Kril by one shot.

In the Super-Senior division defending champion Gail Brophy of Saratoga National G.C. backed up her opening 78 with a round of 76, to win by four shots from Lula Garland of Drumlins G.C.

Brophy once again played well on the front nine, posting an even-par 35 before dropping six shots on the last seven holes to finish on 154 for the championship. She finished tied for fifth in the overall standings.

Garland started the day three behind Brophy, but closed to within one shot after the 13th. Brophy then pulled away once again after Garland double-bogeyed 14 and bogeyed 15.

Brophy was a two-time Women's Amateur champion in the early 1960s before giving up the game completely until two years ago. She said she was been enjoying her rekindled interest in the game ever since.

Final Results by Age Group

Senior Champion:	Kim Kaul	Gowanda CC	144
Senior Runner-up:	Maggie Kril	Deerfield CC	145

Ages 50-54:

Low Gross:	Susan Kahler	Ballston Spa CC	147
Low Net:	Debbie Fairbanks	Penfield CC	137

Ages 55-59:

Low Gross:	Kitty Colliflower	Oak Hill CC	156
Low Net:	Betsy Cherundolo	Bellevue CC	134

Ages 60-64:

Low Gross:	Sharon Johnson	Fox Valley Club	159
Low Net:	Ellen Sommer	Lancaster CC	135

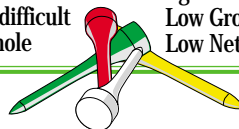
Super-Senior Champion:	Gail Brophy	Saratoga National	154
Super-Senior Runner-up:	Lula Garland	Drumlins GC	158

Ages 65-69:

Low Gross:	Cinny Hood	Pompey Club	163
Low Net:	Sandra Walser	Yahnundasis CC	137

Ages 70+:

Low Gross:	Nancy Proctor	Cazenovia CC	174
Low Net:	Grace Stewart	Pompey Club	140



Junior Girls Amateur Championship

Oneonta Country Club August 5-6, 2008



Champion Suzie Lee

By John Cronly, NYSGA Media Intern

A strong field of girls gathered at Oneonta Country Club to vie for the Betty Deeley Cup and title of NYSGA Girls' Champion. The first of two rounds of stroke play produced some great scores.

Bailey Cocca (Shaker Ridge CC) fired a 77 while NYSGA Women's Am runner-up **Rene Sobolewski** (Transit Valley CC) shot a 78.

Pamicka Marinello (Country Club of Buffalo) posted the second-lowest score with a 75 and **Melanie Kleiner** of the Club at Villa Roma was in third with 76. But the round of the day belonged to **Suzie Lee**



Runner-up Rene Sobolewski and Betty Deely

(Bethpage State Park). She led the Girls' Championship after firing a 1-under-par 71. Suzie began with a birdie 2 starting on the 10th, before faltering with a triple-bogey 6 on the par-3 13th. Lee was able to bounce back strongly, however, with birdies on 14 and 15, before driving the green on the par-4 18th and sinking her putt for an eagle 2 to turn in one-under 35. From the 1st, Lee reeled off seven straight pars before birdying the par-5 eighth and bogeying the par-5 ninth for a 71 total. She still enjoys a four-shot lead at the tournament halfway point.

At the end, Suzie Lee was a run-away winner at the 2008 Girls' Championships recording a nine shot victory. Rene Sobolewski was second after recording a fine 74 on the second day. Lee fired even-par 72 to both post aggregate 36-hole score under-par. Lee finished at 143, 1-under. Suzie had a steady start to her round, turning in 1-under-par and was still 1-under on the 15th tee. She did make bogeys on 16 and 17, however, before making a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th, to finish off in style and seal the Betty Deeley Trophy to raptures of applause from the spectators gathered around the green.



14 Year Old Champion Bailey Cocca

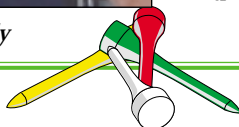
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Results by Divisions

Champion:	Suzie Lee (Smithtown Landing)	143
Runner-up:	Rene Sobolewski (Transit Valley CC)	152
Age 13/younger:		
Winner:	Danielle Fuss (Oak Hill CC)	164
Runner-up:	Larissa Carter (Lakeview G&CC)	173
Age 14:		
Winner:	Bailey Cocca (Shaker Ridge CC)	157
Runner-up:	Alexandra Seabury (Drumlins GC)	179
Age 15:		
Winner:	Pamicka Marinello (CC of Buffalo)	154
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Age 16:		
Winner:	Melanie Kleiner (Villa Roma)	153
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Age 17:		
Winner:	Stephanie Bednar (Columbia)	158
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52nd Men's Senior-Super-Seni

Normanside Country Club • September 9-11,



Senior Champion Chuck Connolly

By John Cronly, NYSGA Media Intern

The Senior Men's Championship returned to Normanside Country Club this year, where it hosted the event in 2003. The NYSGA returned to the Albany area for the second time this year. In July, the Men's Amateur was played at Pinehaven CC and now the seniors would compete in Delmar.

Tournaments held at the end of the season have a special autumn beauty with low suns and crisp air, but there is always the concern for inclement weather. This was the case on the first day. The first round of the 54-hole event was scheduled for Tuesday, but a heavy thunderstorm caused play to be cancelled and the championship to be reduced to 36 holes. In making the decision on Tuesday, it was also decided that there would be no cut. All competitors would play both remaining rounds.

When play finally got under way on Wednesday, **Randy Young** (Bellevue CC), Super-Senior defending champion **Mickey Gallagher** (Stonehedges) and **Richard Hanington** (Huntington CC) were the leaders in the championship. Gallagher, who led both the Championships last year with one round to go, compiled a round of 72 that included two birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey on the par-70 course.

The super-senior championship is for those players over the age of 65. As all competitors play from the same tees, those over 65 are eligible to win both the senior and super-senior.

Gallagher said he managed to stay out of the thick Normanside rough, which many players said they found difficult, and other than the double bogey on the tricky 13th was able to avoid costly mistakes.

Co-leader Young was similarly consistent with four bogeys and two birdies in his 72. The Bellevue player said keeping the ball in play and solid putting were the keys to his good scoring. Young said the course was in immaculate condition considering the heavy rain that soaked it Tuesday.

Young and Gallagher were in the morning wave of players whilst Hanington posted the low score of those teeing off in the afternoon. Hanington, 66 and last year's runner-up to Gallagher, has competed in two U.S. Senior Amateurs' and three British Senior Amateurs'. He recorded two nines of 36 in a round that included three birdies. He birdied the second and third holes along with the par-5 14th, but did record a double bogey on the par-3 6th after three putting from close range on the severely sloped green.

With the cancellation of play on Tuesday there was no re-pairing of players for the final round so it is conceivable that the eventual winner could finish six or more hours before the final group

finishes play. Players teed off Thursday at their original Tuesday times.

In the Super-Senior division, five players posted rounds of 75 to lay three back of defending champion Gallagher and Hanington, including 72-year-old local radio show host **Perry Noun** (Oswego CC). Noun is the host of the weekly Syracuse golf show, "Tee time with the Pro-Noun," and has been a regular competitor in NYSGA events for many years, including winning the super-senior championship in 2005.

Noun turned in 37, with a birdie and three bogeys on his outward half, before coming back in 38, his three bogeys on the back nine prevented Noun from achieving the rare feat of shooting his age.

Twenty-nine players finished within four shots of the lead in the overall competition, making the final an exciting day's action.

Chuck Connolly (Hiland GC) surged to a scintillating 68 on the last day of play. Connolly, the 2005 runner-up and 2000 Senior Champion, teed off in the morning wave and started on the 10th tee. He turned in 34 after birdies on the 14th and short 17th to go with a solitary bogey on the difficult par-3 13th. On his back nine, the front nine for the course, the Queensbury native was a model of consistency. He birdied the 350-yard par-4 1st before closing with eight straight pars for another 34 to finish at two-under par for the round.

His aggregate of 2-over-par 142 took the clubhouse lead early, with the last group in the afternoon wave not scheduled to finish for at least another five hours. The afternoon wave included first round co-leaders, Randy Young and super-senior Mickey Gallagher. Wednesday co-medalist Young was not able to capture the form he had in the opening round and slipped to a second-round 81 to follow up his 72.



Senior Runner-up and Super Senior Mickey Gallagher

Results by Age Group

Senior Champion:	Chuck Connolly	Hiland GC	142
Senior Runner-up:	Mickey Gallagher	Stonehedges GC	144
Super-Senior Champion:	Mickey Gallagher	Stonehedges GC	144
Super-Senior Runner-up:	Richard Hanington	Huntington CC	148

Age 55-59:

1st Place:	Allen Stranahan	Shaker Ridge CC	146
2nd Place:	James Hamburger	Red Hook GC	146
3rd Place:	Kevin Broderick	Pinehaven CC	147

Ages 60-64:

1st Place:	Doug Vergith	St. George's G&CC	148
2nd Place:	Brad Griffin	Craid Wood GC	150
3rd Place:	Joe Quillinan	CC of Troy	151

Ages 65-69:

1st Place:	Fred Arliss	Wayne Hills CC	151
2nd Place:	John Pretak	Dutchess G&CC	151
3rd Place:	Steve Hinman	penfield CC	151

Ages 70+:

1st Place:	Perry Noun, Jr.	Oswego CC	151
2nd Place:	Ralph Maru	Van Patten	155
3rd Place:	Don Allen	CC of Rochester	160



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Gallagher, who held a commanding lead in last year's championship, turned in two-over-par 37 to fall to +4 for the championship. He was able to rally early on the back nine with birdies at 10 and 12 to get back to +2 for the championship, and draw level with Connolly. However, unaware of Connolly's 68 which was posted after he teed off, Gallagher bogeyed two of his last four holes to finish at 144 and second in the overall competition for the third time in his career.

Gallagher's 144 was good enough to clinch the super-senior title for the second straight year.

"This victory feels even more special than the first," Connolly said. "When I won in 2000 it was really the first time I had played in anything outside of my area and I didn't really appreciate it as much as I should have. Now that I have been trying to win it again and I finally have, it's a pretty cool feeling."

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Director's Report: NYSGA Course Rating



As an authorized golf association by the USGA one responsibility of the New York State Golf Association is to maintain approved course ratings of the member golf courses. The USGA Handicap System states that: An authorized golf association or golf club must be licensed by the USGA to utilize the USGA Handicap System and issue a USGA Handicap Index. One requirement of the System is that a golf club's tee(s) must be rated every ten years to provide valid scores for handicapping purposes in order satisfy this licensing agreement. The New York State Golf Association is authorized by the USGA to conduct and issue valid USGA Course Ratings to it's member golf clubs and the NYSGA stands ready to provide this service and also to notify clubs when they are not in agreement with the USGA Handicap System. To request a course rating or to learn more about NYSGA Course Ratings and the USGA Licensing Agreement please call the NYSGA Office at 1-888-697-4223.

The NYSGA Course Rating Program had another busy season for in 2008 with the rating and measuring of 50 Men's Tees & 26 Women's Tees on 24 golf courses that involved 371 golf holes. This was accomplished with the skillful and diligent efforts of our Regional Team Leaders and their volunteer course raters. Many thanks to each and every one of these raters and especially to our Course Rating Team Leaders: Ed Evans, Utica-Rome; Bob Folley, Albany-Glens Falls; and Warren Winslow, Albany Schenectady.

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NYSGA Director- Course Rating & Measurement

Questions and Answers about Handicapping

From Scott Gerbereux, NYSGA Director of Handicapping

Scott,

I joined NYSGA a couple of months ago for one reason, to learn an accurate indication of my handicap index. How many scores do I need to post to calculate an index? I have posted seven 9-hole scores. When can I expect to receive an index? Thank-you. Jack

Jack,

In order to get an official Handicap Index a golfer needs to post five 18-hole scores or ten 9-hole scores. Once you have posted the necessary amount of scores, you will receive a Handicap Index on the next revision date.

Scott,

I had surgery and did not play at my club last year. Now I'm getting back into playing again. Do I still have the handicap from over a year ago? Does it carry over? I was a 12 at Craig Wood Golf Course in Lake Placid, NY. Thank you very much. Cheryl

Cheryl,

Yes your scoring record does carry over. Once you join a club your Handicap Index will become active at the next handicap revision. Your club's Handicap Committee may issue a Modified Handicap Index sooner if at least five scores exist in your scoring record.

The scoring record of a member who resigns should be preserved by the previous golf club or authorized golf association for at least one year in the event a new golf club may need it.

If you have questions about handicapping, please contact Scott by e-mail at handicapping@nysga.org, or at our web site, www.nysga.org, or by telephone at 1-888-nysga-23.



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Boys and Junior Boys Amateur Championship

Oneonta Country Club August 5-6, 2008

By John Cronly, NYSGA Media Intern

Located between Binghamton and Albany, N.Y., Oneonta Country Club hosted the Championship for the young men of the state. At only 6,374 yards from the back tees, Oneonta Country Club is short by modern standards, but short should not be confused with easy in

relation to this golf course. What it lacks in length it more than makes up for in a well-crafted design and undulating green surfaces.

According to club professional **Jeremy Kerr**, the championship may well be decided by the outcome of the last four holes at Oneonta C.C.

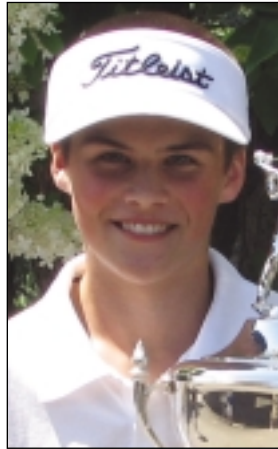
BOYS DIVISION

There was excitement in the Boys Division (Ages 11-14) in the first round of stroke play as thirteen-year-old **Gavin Hall** (CC of Mendon) led the New York State Boys' championship, after posting a record setting 6-under-par 66. Hall said his game was consistent if not spectacular from the start, before it caught fire as he headed into the middle part of his round en route to crafting the lowest 18 hole score in NYSGA Boys' history.

Hall made three birdies in a row and then almost made another on the twelfth. He then made three more birdies on 13, 14 and 15 to get to 5-under heading to the tee on the par-4 16th. He narrowly missed his birdie putts on 16 and 17, before driving over the green on the 272-yard par-4 18th. His ball finished in a burrowing animal hole, from which he got relief, and he was able to get up and down for a closing birdie and an incredible 6-under-par 30 on the back nine.

Defending champion **Joe Drummond** (Wildwood CC) fired a 75 in a round he called so-so, ruing some mistakes on the greens that prevented him from coming closer to the leading score. To make up a nine-shot deficit, Drummond would almost certainly need some help from Hall if he was to claim back-to-back Boys' titles.

Normally competitive scores as **Pierce Terrance** (Brighton Park) shot



Champion

70 to lie in second place with **Victor Fox** (Normanside CC) and **Ben Stone** (Potsdam Town & CC) third with 74's.

On day two, Gavin Hall did not relent and was run-away winner at the 2008 Boys' Championship recording an eight-shot victory. **Derek Bard** (Cedar Lake Club) had a great round of three-under-par 69, but it only placed him in the runner-up position. Hall fired even-par 72 to post aggregate 36-hole scores under-par. Gavin shot 138, 6-under to Derek's 146, 2 over.

Hall was able to enjoy the last few holes of his back nine as he had established a comfortable lead over his nearest competitors. Starting on the 10th, Hall turned in 1-over-par 37 with a birdie and two bogeys on the card, but extended his lead over fellow player Pierce Terrance by two strokes, Terrance turning in 39.

The Championship was all but over after the 3rd hole when Terrance hit a bunker shot that rebounded off the face of the bunker and came back to hit his club. Terrance

gallantly called the penalty on himself despite the fact no one else saw the incident. He scored a triple-bogey seven on the hole and thus fell nine shots behind Hall.

JUNIOR DIVISION

The final paring for the last round of the NYSGA Junior would once again include defending champion **Dominic Bozzelli** (Locust Hill CC) and **Yaroslav Merkulov** (Penfield CC), as was the case in 2007. They would be joined by Mill Creek's **Bryce Edmister** in the final threesome on the last day, after all three fired two-under-par 70s in the opening round.

Bozzelli was able to rally from a relatively slow start, however, with birdies on 14 and 17 to come back in 34 and claim a share of the clubhouse lead. Bozzelli was joined on two-under with fellow player Bryce Edmister, after the Chili native followed up his blemish-free 34 on the front nine with an up and down 36 on the back side.

Edmister chipped in for birdie on the par-3 10th to get to three under, before bogeys at the tricky par-3 13th and short par-4 15th temporarily set him back to 1-under. However, a 15-foot birdie putt on the 16th saw him restore his score to 2-under and two closing pars followed to join Bozzelli on 70. (Edmister is transferring high schools this year in Rochester to join Bozzelli on his high school team where he will be a junior in the fall.)



Champion Yaroslav Merkulov

In that final round the trio came to the 18th tee with Merkulov and Bozzelli tied at 1 under par for the tournament, 1-over-par for the day, and Edmister one behind at even par for the tournament and 2-over-par for the day.

Bozzelli drove first, finishing pin-high but to the left of the green on the short par-4, with Merkulov and Edmister long and short of the putting surface respectively. Merkulov chipped well from a downhill lie to leave himself 12 feet for birdie, while Edmister, from an easier uphill lie, was able to chip to within a few feet.

Bozzelli then hit under his delicate pitch and left the ball in the rough short of the green, recovering to make par but allowing Merkulov the opportunity to make his putt to clinch the title. Faced with an uphill left-to-right putt Merkulov calmly stroke the ball into the right-center of the cup and with it gained vengeance for his near miss on the eighteenth green last year, where he finished runner-up to Bozzelli.

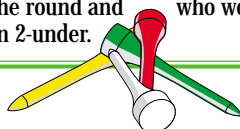
Edmister was able to hole his putt for a three to tie Bozzelli on 143, one back of Merkulov's 142 total.

Merkulov was able to convert his long drive on 17 with a birdie to match those by Edmister and Bozzelli. Edmister wasn't able to get off to the best of starts but battled back and hung in until the very end.

Yaroslav Merkulov claimed his first New York State Junior title with a final round 72 for a one stroke victory over Bryce Edmister and defending champion Dominic Bozzelli. Merkulov said the feeling of becoming the state junior champion was overwhelming and hadn't quite sunk in yet. "It feels great. I won the Boys' championship and since then I have had a goal of getting to the next level and winning the Junior division also," Merkulov said. "Dom and I have had some great battles back and forth the past two years, and it just feels great that I'm the guy who won this time."



Runner-up Dominic Bozzelli



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Director's Report Handicapping/Club Services

By Scott Gerbereux

The 2008 season was my first as Director of Handicapping for the New York State Golf Association. I was pleased with the success we had in broadening the scope of the Handicapping Service provided to golfers and clubs. We added fourteen new golf clubs to the GHIN Handicap Network, bringing the total number of clubs in our area over 200. The NYSGA currently oversees the handicaps of almost 37,000 golfers in New York State.

If your golf club is interested in joining the nations' largest and best handicap service, then contact me about getting the GHIN Handicap Network. There have been many recent exciting upgrades to the programs and I would be happy to show you how they can improve handicap computation and tournament administration at your club.

Four internet-based golf clubs, or eClubs, were created by the NYSGA. These are designed to accommodate golfers who wish to establish an official USGA Handicap Index but cannot find a golf club to join. Through one of these websites a golfer can post scores from any course, track statistics about their rounds and receive Handicap Revision Updates via email every two weeks. At the end of the 2008 season, over 180 New York State golfers had joined an eClub.

There were four State Day Tournaments this year. These were one-day, handicapped events held at clubs across Upstate New York. Any golfer with an official GHIN Handicap Index can compete for prizes in this tournament series. Next year we are expanding the tournament schedule. Clubs slated to host State Day Tournaments in 2009 are: Seven Oaks GC, Cornell University, Elmira CC, Diamond Hawk GC, Western Turnpike GC and Town of Colonie GC. To encourage group play, some events will be two-person best-ball formats. Visit www.nysga.org/statedays.html for details and the complete list of events.

Have a pleasant winter and I look forward to seeing you in the spring. As always, please feel free to send me your questions and comments about golf handicapping.

Sincerely,

Dir. of Handicapping, NYSGA

GOLF HANDICAPPING: Inactive Season Information: Posting Scores and Handicap Revisions

Now that the posting season for New York State Golf Association clubs has ended, rounds played in Upstate New York cannot be used for handicapping purposes. In the past, this meant that a golfer could not post any scores until their club reopened in the spring and therefore not see any modification to their Handicap Index. Now, thanks to changes in the USGA and GHIN Handicap systems, a New York State golfer can maintain an active Handicap Index all year long.

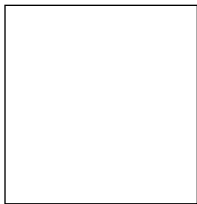
One of the many servicescores using the Internet. During the NYSGA posting season, this is helpful for golfers who forget to post their score at the club. They can surf to the NYSGA website and post their score. This is also useful for golfers who play during the winter in areas such as Florida and Arizona that allow posting year round. Any round played in any area still observing an active posting season can be posted online to a NYSGA Handicap Index. If the club played at during the winter is also a GHIN club, a score could be posted from that club's computer. It will be routed to the golfer's NYSGA/GHIN scoring record. This is another benefit of GHIN, the nation's largest handicap provider.

For the first time, the USGA has approved Golf Associations to update USGA Handicap Indexes during an inactive season. This means that golfers who belong to clubs using the NYSGA/GHIN Handicap service will receive emailed Handicap Revisions during the inactive season on December 3, January 7, February 4 and March 4. So if a golfer posts scores during the winter, he/she will see their Handicap Index adjust. When reading the email, remember to click on links within the Association News area at the top to keep up-to-date with announcements, schedules and articles from the NYSGA. To get emailed Handicap Revisions, visit: www.ghin.com/email.shtml.

The typical active posting season for our area is April through October. In 2009, the start posting date will be Friday, April 10. If a club determines that course conditions warrant postponing the start of posting, it should do so. The start posting date set by the NYSGA is an estimation of when the majority of clubs have achieved normal playing conditions. Clubs in the northern areas of the State usually open in May and should therefore delay the posting of scores until their course is ready.

Any questions or comments can be directed to me via email at handicapping@nysga.org or by phone on 315-471-6979.





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