



# NYSGA *News*

The Newsletter of the New York State Golf Association

Fall 2009

## President's Message:

I am most honored to have been named the 38th President of this esteemed organization. Those preceding me have been among the finest I have known at fostering the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf. Ensuring that these traditions continue throughout the State of New York will be our primary focus for the next two years.

We have just ended our tournament season and what a success it was. It started with our Women's Amateur and (first ever) Women's Mid-Amateur Championships. Kristina Wong of Vestal outlasted three-time former winner, Christy Schultz, who was named Mid-Amateur champion. Kristina, the second ranked Junior in the country started her freshman year at Stanford this fall. Our Men's Amateur and the Junior's & Boy's Championships were won by golfers just as accomplished and nationally recognized. Yaroslav Merkulov won the Men's title in July with a narrow victory over fellow Rochester rivals, Dominic Bozzelli and Gavin Hall. Then he defended his Junior's title by shattering the course record with 10 under par, 61, on the final day at Skaneateles C.C.. Gavin Hall defended his Boy's title at the same club with a 13 stroke victory with rounds of 68 and 65. We look forward with the hope of watching these young people compete and grow in the game of golf for many years.

The NYSGA Foundation awarded 11 scholarships in this 2009-2010 academic year to help college students succeed in golf related fields of study. These young scholars geographically represent the whole state from Hampton Bays to Bemus Pt. Congratulations to these matriculating students. We are also funding a First Tee Initiative, the "National School Program". This is a plan in existence since 2004 but new to us, to introduce golf into physical education programs in elementary schools. Starting with 10 schools in Central New York, we will expand to other areas of the state if it proves successful.

Looking ahead to 2010... Our excellent staff is already preparing for a great tournament season, including a Men's Amateur Championship at my home course, Albany Country Club. There is a great deal of work in arranging for twenty-nine Qualifiers for those championships which need pre-qualifying, plus the preliminary work which make all of our tournaments so successful. There is also preparation for an expanded State Day Tournament schedule. Watch the NYSGA web site for the full list of venues providing competition for golfers with USGA handicaps.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that we are an association of member golf clubs and that those people you see at NYSGA tournaments with rules badges or blue blazers are volunteers. They gladly give their time without compensation or reimbursement so that the accomplished golfers of New York State have a chance to compete against others of like ability. They also rate and measure your golf courses and assist the staff in servicing GHIN. Basically you, through your clubs, are the NYSGA and your input to help make us a better organization is always welcome.

Have a joyful holiday season and productive winter.

*Dick*

Dick Dorgan, NYSGA President



## New York State Golf Association Awards Eleven Scholarships for 2009-2010 Academic Year

The New York State Golf Association would like to announce the eleven scholarship recipients for the 2009-2010 academic year. This year, the annual awards remain at \$1,500 each, bringing the total scholarship presentations to \$16,500.

**Benjamin Abbate** – Ashville, NY

**Nicholas Augustyniak**– Lakeview, NY

**Adam Baj** – Buffalo, NY

**Thomas D'Amato** – Clyde, NY

**Aidan Graven** – Owego, NY

**Robert Jorgensen** – New Hartford, NY

**Richard Martel** – Hampton Bays, NY

**Dineen Notman** – Syracuse, NY

**Corey Quick** – Canastota, NY

**Mike Wesko** – Endicott, NY

**Bryan Springer\*** – New Hartford, NY

\* Bryan Springer is the Bill Arliss Scholarship winner for the fourth consecutive academic year. This award is funded by the NYSGA and the Arliss family in memory of their son, Billy.

The New York State Golf Association would like to express their sincere gratitude to all for their generous donations to the Scholarship Fund. These donations will help the NYSGA continue its strong commitment to New York residents who are enrolled in specific two or four year programs related to attaining a career in the industry of golf management.

College/University programs such as Agronomy, Turf Grass Management, Professional Golf and Country Club Management or other related programs are recognized under the NYSGA Scholarship Fund. In addition, we also support New York State residents who elect to pursue such programs in out-of-state Colleges or Universities.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



While I usually take this time in my "review" to talk about our Championships...I think you will find plenty of content on those in the next few pages. The changes to the formats went well and I appreciate the continued support of our Championships by the very best golfers in our great state. The talent level at the top is outstanding, and I hope that many of you will come out to compete against the best or follow our championships online.

The 2009 State Day

Series, despite the wet weather, was a huge success and we have expanded our tournament schedule from 7 to 14 events in 2010. Next year will also be the introduction of the "NYSGA State Day Tournament Series", which you can read about in this newsletter. The schedule is already locked in and we hope you all find the time to come out and play at least one of the events. Please check our website frequently at [www.nysga.org](http://www.nysga.org) for more information.

On the Foundation front, the NYSGA has made a substantial financial commitment to the National School Program, which is a First Tee Program initiative aimed at introducing elemen-

tary school children to the game of golf and its values. The NYSGA will fund 10 elementary schools in Central New York in the spring of 2010, at the cost of \$25,000. This initiative has the potential to reach over 3,500 kids in its first year and many more down the road. All of us could not be more excited about starting our funding of this initiative and you can expect to hear a lot more about it in the coming months.

I would like to thank our 2009 Interns, Andrew Hickey and Kevin Solan. Both of them worked awfully hard to make our Championships and State Days a better experience both on and off the golf course for the competitors, and I know they made the NYSGA Office a better place to work every day. Thanks, guys, you will be missed.

Finally, I would like to thank our now immediate Past President, Janet Reiner, on a successful two year run as NYSGA President. Being President of the NYSGA is not an easy job and she embraced the opportunities and challenges of the position with a smile and a whole lot of class. Her leadership will be felt for many years to come and I know she will continue to be a big part of this Association. As always, if you have any questions or comments for me, feel free to contact me at [bmoores@nysga.org](mailto:bmoores@nysga.org). I look forward to seeing everyone in 2010.

Sincerely,

## 2009 State Days Tournament Net Winners:

### *Seven Oaks GC*

Men's CH 0-10: Gregory Heidelberger  
Men's CH 11-17: Pete Moro  
Men's CH 18+: John Starr  
Women's: Kim Stanfield

### *Town of Colonie GC*

Men's CH 0-12: Tom Neiss  
Men's CH 13-17: Bob Pecker  
Men's CH 18+: Vincent Somaio  
Women's CH 0-17: Jeanette Pawlik  
Women's CH 18+: Katherine Kassabasian

### *Cornell University*

Men's CH 0-9: Brian Davis  
Men's CH 10-14: Kenneth Gravante  
Men's CH 15+: Terry Taylor  
Women's CH 0-20: Amy Monnat  
Women's CH 21+: Kristy Weber

### *Highland Park GC*

Men's CH 0-10: Stan Jones  
Men's CH 11-17: AP Jandial  
Men's CH 18+: John Nolandier  
Women's: Jody Conroe

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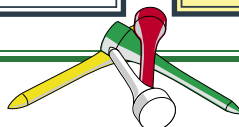
### Is your Club struggling with:

- Unfair and Inequitable Handicaps?
- Non-USGA Compliant Handicap System?
- Untimely Handicap Reports?
- Handicap Stickers not available?
- Not updated ratings for other area courses?
- Or do you just want the best Handicap System available?

If you answered YES to any of the above, then your club needs **GHIN** and the **NYSGA!**

### For more information call:

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# GOLF HANDICAPPING



In my second season as Director of Handicapping for the NYSGA, I was happy with the success we had broadening the scope of services available to golfers and clubs. In addition to bringing new golf clubs to the GHIN Handicap Network, we expanded our State Days Tournaments, which provided competitive net events to nearly 400 golfers.

## State Days Tournaments:

There were seven scheduled State Day Tournaments this year. Page 2 lists the net winners from the events. These are one-day,

handicapped events held at clubs across Upstate New York. Any golfer with a USGA Handicap Index can compete in this tournament series.

Next year we are giving the tournament schedule a series format.

Winners of flights from thirteen regular season events qualify for the Champions Day, a free round of golf and an awards dinner at Drumlins GC. Clubs slated to host State Day Tournaments in 2010 are: Bellevue CC, Ravenwood GC, Partridge Run Golf & CC, Country Club of Ithaca, Shorewood CC, Orchard Creek GC, Links at Hiawatha Landing, Western Turnpike GC, Ives Hill CC, Cornell University GC, Diamond Hawk GC, Ballston Spa CC and Wayne Hills CC. There will also be a two-person best ball event at Seven Oaks GC. Most events will be shotgun starts and include a meal afterward. See the detailed tournament schedule on page 11.

## eNewsletter:

This year the eNews format for the emailed GHIN Revision reports got a facelift. They are now personalized messages for each golfer. From this email you can print your Handicap card and score history, register for NYSGA events, post scores and calculate a Course Handicap. It also keeps you informed with the latest NYSGA news such as Championship and Net Event schedules and results. To get this great service, update your email address with the GHIN administrator at your club.

## Linking scoring records:

If you travel to a warmer climate this winter and belong to a golf club there; you can link your two handicap vendor accounts. The International Golf Network (IGN) allows golfer's who have accounts with multiple handicap providers to route all their scores together. Contact our office to find out how to complete this process.

## Seminars:

On May 12 there will be USGA Handicap and Tournament Pairing Program Seminars at Bellevue CC. Check our website or call the office for registration information.

## Get GHIN at your club:

If you are reading about all the benefits of GHIN and your golf club does not use it, 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 how they can improve your club's handicap computation and tournament administration.

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,

Director of Handicapping, NYSGA



# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## NYSGA Course Rating Report for 2009

By the time you are reading this report on our 2009 course rating activities the NYSGA will have rated 25 golf courses at 23 golf clubs. Fifty-eight men's tees and 26 women's tees were assigned new ratings by NYSGA Rating Teams using the United States

Golf Association's Course Rating System.

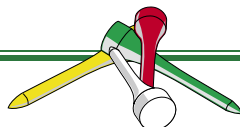
Twenty-two different qualified volunteer NYSGA Course Raters were involved in conducting these ratings during the past golf season. They arrived to rate the course bright and early, and probably left the course between four and six in the evening. Oh yes, they probably got a chance to play the course which serves a rating purpose of actually seeing how the course plays to possibly adjust some morning measurements and to get a second opportunity to look at the course for any possibly overlooked factors. In total, 366 holes were carefully inspected for effective playing yardage and for obstacles influencing the playing of the hole. The analysis of each hole's effective playing yardage requires the rating team to evaluate the influence of roll, elevation, wind, altitude and dogleg/forced lay ups on every shot for both the scratch player and the bogey golfer. A course rating for a given tee is largely based on this effective playing yardage but the obstacles encountered during the playing of the hole often are the determining factors in two similar length golf courses receiving markedly different course ratings.

As the personnel of the rating team work their way from the tee to the green of each golf hole they measure and evaluate the following obstacles as they may influence play in both the bogey and the scratch players landing zones: 1) **Topography**- stance and lie; 2) **Fairway**- width and likeliness for keeping the ball in the fairway; 3) **Green Target**- green size and approaching shot distance; 4) **Recoverability & Rough**- playing difficulties around the green; 5) **Bunkers**- frequency and severity; 6) **Out of Bounds/Extreme Rough**- proximity to the landing zone; 7) **Water Hazards**- required crossings and proximity to the landing zone; 8) **Trees**- likeliness of coming into play and recoverability from; 9) **Green Surface**- putting difficulty due to speed and contours; and 10) **Psychological**- the combined influence of all the obstacles encountered on the golf hole.

The USGA's computerized Course Rating System uses weighted obstacle values to arrive at an overall Obstacle Stroke Value. Based on considerable study the USGA interestingly assigns the most obstacle weight to water hazards and the bogey's weights are higher than Scratch for Trees, Bunkers, Topography and Recoverability and Rough. These higher weightings along with the Effective Playing Yardage (which is also weighted) produce higher results thus the Bogey Course Rating is always higher than the Course Rating, which is scratch's rating.

There is sometimes confusion in understanding Slope which is essentially the difference between the Scratch and Bogey Rating numbers. Another way of understanding Slope is to think of it as a numerical expression of how much more difficult the course is for the Bogey golfer to play. The Course Rating and the Slope number are both required in the calculation of a player's handicap.

Al Stockholm, Director  
NYSGA Course Rating



# 80th Women's Amateur/1st Mid-Amateur Championship



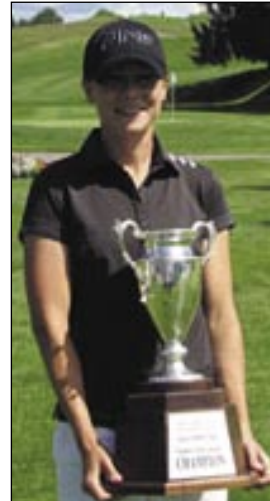
Champion Kristina Wong

The 2009 Championship season commenced with a new feel to an 80-year-old event as the Women's Amateur discontinued match play and introduced three rounds of stroke play along with the birth of the Mid-Amateur Championship to its contestants in the first week of July. The venue for the 80th Women's Amateur and inaugural Mid-Amateur Championship took place in the heart of Central New York at the Drumlins East Golf Course in Syracuse. The site was a familiar one for NYSGA competition as Drumlins last hosted the Men's Amateur in 1992 and the Women's Amateur four years before that.

On a day where the forecast greeted players with everything but snow, the field of 70 competitors was challenged in battling the conditions to post a low enough score to survive the cut following the second round. Hit-or-miss afternoon thunder-

course to its fast and firm conditions. Following Wednesday's cut, 42 players advanced including 18 that were eligible for the first-ever Lancy Smith trophy in the Mid-Amateur field.

The final round pitted the experienced three-time Women's Amateur champion Schultz against the #2 ranked junior in the country Kristina Wong and Longwood University graduate Mary Carmody in a final pairing that was destined to produce a champion.



Mid-Amateur Champion Christy Schultz

All three players got off to an unnerving start on the outward nine with scores of under-par 35. However, the trio struggled on the back nine; the side of the course which played much more difficult in the final round with three holes that calculated average scores of over-par. Carmody was the first to falter with a series of bogeys starting at the 11th and continuing through the 15th hole which happened to be a double-bogey.

Meanwhile, Wong enjoyed a one-stroke lead for most of the back nine. The Stanford University bound Wong said she never felt a momentum swing until the 17th hole, where the outcome was decided when

Wong made birdie and stretched her lead to two strokes with one hole to play. Each player made par on the final hole in front of a gallery of followers that circled around the 18th green and applauded the dramatic finish.

The Vestal teenager never relinquished her lead en route to her first ever Women's Amateur Championship. The 29-year-old Schultz would not be denied a trophy, however, as she became the first individual to claim the Mid-Amateur Championship title. Seven-time NYSGA winner Lancy Smith appropriately handed out the prestigious hardware as she made the trek from Buffalo to bestow the honor upon Schultz.

## ALL SCORES

Kristina Wong, Binghamton CC	216	Monica Hamilton,* Lake Shore Yacht & CC	255
Christy Schultz,* Brook-Lea CC	218	Shelly Pargh,* Newnan GC	256
Mary Carmody, Elm Tree GC	222	Penny Schiek,* Hilland GC	258
Teresa Cleland,* Bellevue CC	223	Jane Linn,* Associate Member	258
Katelynn Mannix, Westport	229	Amy McCollum, Blue Heron Hills CC	260
Lois Kim, Harbor Links GC	230	MISSED CUT	
Rene Sobolewski, Transit Valley CC	230	Caroline Lennox, CC of Rochester	+29
Jillian Fraccola, Cazenovia CC	232	Vanessa Fassler, Oneonta CC	+29
Leeann Lewis,* Southward Ho CC	235	Caroline Hayes,* North Country GC	+30
Natalie Wisniewski, East Aurora CC	237	Christina DeStefano, Dutchess G & CC	+31
Carly Bergin, Genegantslet GC	238	Lauren Petty, Foxfire G&CC	+31
Lauren Steates, Yahundasis G	239	Michele Romano, The Creek	+31
Pamieka Marinello, CC of Buffalo	242	Sandy Jackson,* Whippoorwill Club	+31
Karen Feldman,* Olde Kinderhook	242	Ali Wakefield, Cazenovia CC	+34
Bailey Cocca, Shaker Ridge CC	243	Pennie Carlo,* Shamrock Golf & C.C.	+34
Melissa Snizek, Skenandoa Club	243	Shannon Kramer, Colonial Springs GC	+34
Dineen Notman, Drumlins GC	244	Linda Ptak,* Golf Club of Newport	+34
Jackie Quinn,* Wiltwyck GC	244	Kathy Jones,* Airway Meadows	+35
Aimee Caligiore, Whiteface Club & Resort	244	Kelly Campbell,* Spook Rock GC	+37
Bridget Carr, Crag Burn GC	244	Michelle Goman,* Newman GC	+38
Sandra Wood,* Robert Trent Jones GC	244	Amy Tripp,* Carlowden	+38
Joanna Beatty,* Stony Ford	244	Jamie Brown,* Elm Tree GC	+41
Alyssa Murrett, Associate Member	245	Darcie Trapasso,* Western Turnpike GC	+41
Annemarie Kissane, Capital Hills at Albany	245	Diane Waldron,* Oneida Community GC	+41
Wendy Burdman,* Cortland CC	245	Lorrie Histed,* Wellsville	+41
Nikki Fowler,* Oswego CC	246	Deborah Enders,* Rogues Roost G & CC	+41
Alexandra Battle, Ravenwood GC	249	Melinda Kuhn,* Lake Shore Yacht & C.C.	+42
Sharyn Costello,* Robert Trent Jones GC	250	Noel Nowak, Lancaster CC	+42
Gail Flanagan,* Westchester CC	251	Molly Nulty, Cortland CC	+42
Leslie Arakelian,* Pinehaven CC	251	Janis Luce,* Green Lakes State Park	+43
Rebecca Studin, Robert Trent Jones GC	252	Sue Chambers,* Western Turnpike GC	+45
Megan Cahill, Highland Park	254	Alyssa Klenk,* Tan-Tara Golf Club	+46
Gail Brophy,* Saratoga National GC	254	Kathy Zawicki,* St. Bonaventure	+52
Patricia Mayne,* Western Turnpike GC	255	Melinda McElroy,* Cazenovia CC	+55

\*eligible for the Mid-Amateur Championship



storm cells, which made it about as difficult to predict the weather as it was to read the undulating greens on the course, replaced the clear skies that were present throughout the morning.

The low round of the day belonged to **Mary Carmody** (Elm Tree G.C.) who notched 13 pars to complement three birdies and two bogeys in her opening round performance of 1-under-par 70.

The defending repeat champion **Christy Schultz** (Brook-Lea C.C.) had an impressive round of even-par 71 after the first day. Starting off the back nine, Schultz began her round 2-over-par after the first two holes, but managed to post 2-under for the rest of the day despite soggy conditions produced by heavy rain. After the first day, Schultz led the Women's Mid-Amateur field by two strokes over Teresa Cleland (Bellevue C.C.), who played in the same pairing as Schultz.

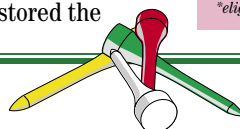
Cleland earned a third place standing alongside **Kristina Wong** (Binghamton C.C.) in the overall championship after play on Tuesday as the two each fired scores of 2-over-par 73. The 2008 Junior Girls' 14-year-old division winner, **Bailey Cocca** (Shaker Ridge C.C.), registered a 5-over-par 76 and found herself in contention with the top players in the field.

In the second round, the average score soared to almost a full stroke higher as a result of overnight rain that softened the fairways and the greens. Wong played her second time around the course two strokes better at level-par to take the lead with a two-day total of 144.

**Jillian Fraccola** (Cazenovia C.C.) surged to a second-round 18-hole score that was seven strokes better from her opening 79 and jumped to fifth place heading into the final round.

The Rochester resident Schultz appeared to be making a bid for her fourth career Women's Amateur title as she tallied the third best score on Wednesday at 3-over-par 74. Carmody recorded a 6-over-par 77 on the second day but remained just three shots back of the 36-hole leader Wong heading into the final round as a result of her 1-under-par performance on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Cleland's two-day total of 150 placed her fourth in the overall standings and five shots behind Schultz in the Mid-Amateur division.

Thursday's forecast was picture perfect for the final round of the championship with clear skies and a gentle breeze that restored the



# 26TH MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP



Mid-Amateur Champion Ken Riter

The NYSGA championship season came to a close in the last week of September with the Mid-Amateur Championship. The event returned to its inaugural site 26 years ago at Glens Falls Country Club, where Charles Murphy registered a 54-hole total of 216 to become the first individual to etch his name into the Robert Hogan Memorial Trophy. Eligibility requirements stipulate that men 25-years of age and older are eligible to participate.

A typical fall atmosphere of breezy, cool temperatures

presided over the field of 128 competitors in Friday's opening round. The course at Glens Falls C.C. held its own against the field of top amateur players from around the state as it failed to yield any scores of under-par. **Raman Luthra** (Crag Burn G.C.) and **Richard Rivanera** (Traditions at the Glen) were the only players to avoid posting rounds over-par as they paced the field with scores of 71 in the morning wave.

On a day when the temperatures failed to reach sixty degrees, the wave of afternoon competitors faced no real advantage in terms of weather conditions since the wind only died down slightly as the day progressed. Syracuse resident **Jim Roy** (Bellevue C.C.), who has basically written the record book in state mid-amateur play, tallied a 1-over-par 73 on his first go at Glens Falls during the afternoon.

The cut following Friday's first round fell at 8-over-par 79 which meant that 66 players had the opportunity to extend their stay at Glens Falls at least one more day.

Chilly conditions overnight on Friday were exacerbated by frost warnings in the early morning that luckily never came to fruition and the second round was able to get underway at its scheduled time. As a result, the average score dropped nearly two full strokes to a 77.53 in what later turned into a comfortable, balmy day.

With tight, hilly fairways that often presented players with an uphill, downhill, or sideways lie, a real premium was placed on accurate approach shots and hitting greens in regulation.

**Kevin VandenBerg** became the second Bellevue C.C. player to break into the top two with a second round score of 1-under-par 70, which made him the 36-hole leader. Meanwhile, players like **Kenneth Riter** (The Park Club) and **Michael Wheeler** (Shaker Ridge C.C.) didn't improve upon their Friday total but still remained only one shot behind the leader, VandenBerg, following 36 holes of play. Riter and Wheeler each fired consistent 73's on Friday and Saturday.

**Chris O'Keefe** (Oyster Bay) matched VandenBerg's 70 as the low-round of the day after three straight birdies through Nos. 4-6. He added one more birdie at the par-4 eighth which boasts a severely undulated green as he carded a 32 on the outward nine.

Sunday's final round couldn't prolong the sea of green precipitation heading its way on the radar map for the final 18 holes. As a result, the thirty players which survived the cut had the unlucky fortune of playing in a steady stream of showers which made for soggy conditions throughout the day.

The leaderboard fluctuated throughout the day as several names floated to the top at one point or another. After all 10 groups had made the turn, there were 10 individuals within two shots of the lead. A playoff atmosphere was brewing with four individuals sharing a tie of the lead at 6-over-par with four holes to play.

Roy, who began the day three shots back of the lead, played the final round at even-par and waited as the leader in the clubhouse with three groups still left to finish. **John Vaccaro** (Wolferts Roost C.C.) also

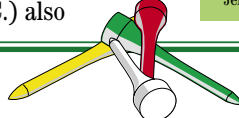
found himself in the mix of the playoff buzz following a 1-over-par performance that pitted him at 6-over-par 219 for the championship. Finally, **Dennis Lynch** (Nassau Players), who started five shots back, turned up the heat with six birdies to close his round and fired the lowest total of the three-day event with a 69 to put the pressure on Riter.

But it was Riter who controlled his own destiny as he stepped to the 18th tee with a 53-hole total of 216, and one more left to play. Riter, who mentioned that he wanted to avoid a playoff – which would have been a four-man playoff – calmly stuck his tee-shot about eight feet from the pin in front of a collection of spectators who braved out the rain and congregated around the scoring area to witness the dramatic finish. Riter then gently rolled in the winning birdie putt from the right side of the green.

On Saturday, Riter nearly put the finishing touches on a round of 1-under-par 70 but carded three straight bogeys to close his second round at 73. He atoned for his bogey barrage at the end of Saturday's second round on those same final three holes with two clutch birdies; one on the 16th to give him a share of the lead, and one at the par-3 18th to seal his first victory in state competition.

## ALL SCORES

Kenneth Riter, Park Club	218	<i>The following players failed to make the cut after Friday's first round</i>	
Dennis Lynch, Nassau Players	219	Jay Collier, Tan-Tara Golf Club	80
Jim Roy, Bellevue CC	219	Richard Luther, Deerfield CC	80
John Vaccaro, Wolferts Roost CC	219	Chad Stoffer, Schenectady Municipal GC	80
Chris O'Keefe, Oyster Bay	221	Tom Fletcher, Tuscarora GC	80
Raman Luthra, Crag Burn	221	Mickey Hayes, Glens Falls CC	80
Kevin Cook, Mark Twain GC	221	John Schantz, Jr., Oak Hill CC	80
Michael Wheeler, Shaker Ridge	221	Andrew Weise, Town of Colonie	80
James Scorse, Stafford CC	222	Todd Czepiel, Shaker Ridge CC	80
Kevin VandenBerg, Bellevue CC	222	Paul V Parrone, Midvale CC	80
Glenn Stephenson, Craig Wood GC	224	Robby Bigley, Pinehaven CC	80
Kirk Kashevaroff, The Tuxedo Club	225	Barry Winter, Dutchess G & CC	80
Chuck Connolly, Hiland GC	225	James Mason, Oak Hill CC	80
Stephen Rose, Fresh Meadow CC	225	Cj O'Rourke, Shaker Ridge CC	80
Dennis Gosier, McGregor Links CC	225	Bob Gennarelli, Capital Hills at Albany	80
David Huestis, McGregor Links CC	227	Joseph Parrottino, Albany CC	81
Patrick Pierson, Minisceonogo	228	Lenny Garrow, Cedar View	81
Todd Dischinger, Foxfire G&CC	228	Nick Masterpole, Tuscarora GC	81
Bruce Miller, Associate Member	228	Reynold Jennetti, Sr., Briarwood CC	81
Marc Richard, Binghamton CC	232	Ray Neuman, Shelridge CC	81
Doug Slattery, Brook-Lea CC	232	John Garcia Jr., Rondout CC	81
Barton Vanleuvan, North Country GC	232	Michael Fortuna, Twin Hickory GC	81
Steven Bartholomew, Thunderhart GC	233	Stephen Hall, Cortland CC	81
Jacob Reimer, Blue Heron Hills CC	233	Michael Gifford, Edison Club	81
Jerry Thibau, Blue Heron Hills CC	233	Chris Taylor, Centennial GC	81
Chuck Finder, Endwell Greens GC	234	Dennis Jelenik, Saratoga National GC	81
Randy Powers, Bellevue CC	234	Steve Quiliano, Ballston Spa CC	81
Steve Owens, Normanside CC	234	Bobby Goerlich, Associate Member	81
Doug Vergith, St. George's G&CC	234	Glenn Gaylor, Binghamton CC	81
Richard Rivanera, Traditions at the Glen	238	Brad Anderson, Delhi College	82
<i>The following players failed to make the cut after Saturday's second round</i>		Robert Shulha, Hamlet Wind Watch	82
Kevin Cassidy, Albany National	155	Don Ireland, Country Club of Troy	82
Michael Rogers, Stafford CC	155	Jordan Keshler, Barker Brook	82
James Wilson, Hiland GC	155	Greg Stopera, Edison Club	82
Douglas Speer, Seven Oaks GC	155	Craig Burmeister, Shinnecock Hills	82
Brian Evans, Beaver Meadows	155	Andrew Wickersham, Links at Unionvale	82
Walt McDardell, Radisson Greens GC	155	Daniel Krieger, Associate Member	82
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# 57th Senior Women's Championship

Previous champions in state senior play fused with an incoming class of eligible participants at the 57th Women's Senior/Super Championship. Seasoned veterans in the state championship like two-time super-senior champion **Gail Brophy** (Saratoga National G.C.) met a strong field of new participants like **Teresa Cleland** (Bellevue C.C.) who recently became eligible to compete by reaching the age of 50.

This year's event was held during the middle of August at Thendara Golf Club, which is located just minutes away from Old Forge. The venue boasted Adirondack beauty with a unique front and back side to the course. Donald Ross created his signature undulating greens to offset open fairways in his 1921 design of the front side. Meanwhile, local resident Russell Bailey presented flatter greens and more tightly framed fairways in his design of the back side 35 years later.



Senior Champion Teresa Cleland

the finale. Cleland did not disappoint the crowd as she nearly sunk a 15-foot downhill putt from the top of the hump to the back right pin location on the undulated green. She would tap in for par and tip her cap to the ovation of the crowd. Her two-day total of 152 was eventually good for a four-stroke victory over LaVigne.

In the Super-Senior Championship, Sandra Wood used her three-stroke lead from Tuesday to her advantage in recording a three-stroke victory. Wood posted an 86 on Wednesday for a two-day total of 164. She used a birdie on the par-4 17th to separate herself from the



Super-Senior Champion Sandra Wood

Intermittent showers greeted the field of 120 competitors for the first round of competition on Tuesday. Cleland, a newcomer to state senior competition, paced the field with an even-par 73 on the first day. She made an eagle on the opening par-5 and a birdie at the par-4 second for a scorching start of 3-under-par through the first two holes.

Cleland clutched a three-stroke lead by the end of the day and just 11 competitors remained within single digits of her first round total. **Barbara Harrison** (Oswego C.C.) rattled off an even-par start through the first six holes and finished the final 12 at 3-over for a finish at 76 on Tuesday.

Four other players broke into the 70's on Tuesday, including 2007 senior amateur champion **Jan LaVigne** (Ravenwood G.C.), who posted a 4-over-par 77. **Kathy Hunt** (Brookfield C.C.) was locked alongside LaVigne in a tie for third place after she played the back side (37) three strokes better than the front (40) for a 4-over-par 77.

**Sandra Wood** (Robert Trent Jones G.C.) added a 5-over-par performance (78) to hold a three-stroke lead in the Super Senior division. Sharyn Costello (Robert Trent Jones G.C.) fired a similar front side as fellow Cornell Golf Course member Wood as she broke into the 70's with an opening round score of 6-over-par.

Defending senior champion **Kim Kaul** (Gowanda C.C.) struggled to get going on the front side but redeemed herself with a 38 on the back to end up at 80 following play on Tuesday.

A sunny and warm August day had all the makings for improving totals from Tuesday's average (93.31) but scores soared in Wednesday's final round to a mean of 94.01. The best score of the day (79) was notched by four individuals, including 18-hole leader Cleland.

Cleland started Wednesday's final round off the back nine and made the turn with a five-stroke lead over LaVigne. She tallied her lone birdie of the day at the par-5 dogleg first hole. However, LaVigne kicked it up a notch on the front and fired an eagle to cut the lead down to four strokes. At the par-5 second hole, it took Cleland three strokes to reach the green before a three-putt effort for bogey. Meanwhile, LaVigne continued to succeed on Thendara's par-5's and carded a birdie for a two-stroke swing and the lead dwindled to two strokes.

LaVigne, however, was unable to keep up the momentum and played the remaining seven holes at five-over-par, including five straight bogeys to close her round. For the second time that day, Cleland survived a stretch a three straight bogeys which came at nos. 6-8, all of which being par-4's.

By the time the lead group reached the 9th green, a full gallery of players created a semi-circle outside the clubhouse to watch

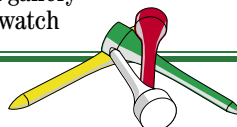
field which included two-time defending champion Gail Brophy and former senior champion **Sue Sims** (Skaneateles C.C.).

Brophy trailed Wood by three strokes heading into the final round and managed a runner-up finish with a two-day total of 167. Sims, a three time winner between the years of 1993-1996, including a repeat stint in 1993 and 1994 where she defended her title, registered a 36-hole total of 171 which was good for a third place finish. She tied at third with **Patty Sue Ploysa** (Lancaster C.C.) who fired Wednesday's best total amongst her field (84). **Donna Stack** (Binghamton C.C.) tallied the NYSGA's lone hole-in-one of the year in championship play as she aced the par-3 12th hole on Wednesday. She finished up 95-95 for a finish near the middle of the pack.

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The 47th Junior Girls Championship unfolded in the heart of Central New York's renowned Finger Lakes region. The polished, private golf course at Skaneateles C.C. sits on the shores of Skaneateles Lake with over 2,000 feet of lakefront, thus creating a picturesque location for the two-day stroke play event.

All 39 players and state officials were given first-rate treatment by PGA Master Professional Michael Doctor and his fine staff at Skaneateles. The course itself was in excellent condition and a rain-free forecast had all the ingredients for two days of enjoyable golf.

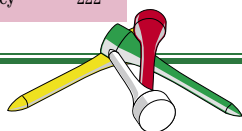
The Skaneateles Lake, which sits adjacent to the opening par-3 at Skaneateles Country Club, glistened throughout the early morning on Tuesday as the early wave of Girls progressed through the inward and outward nines.

Five individuals broke into the 70's on Tuesday, including **Paige Thompson** (Penfield C.C.), who carded a 3-over-par performance (74) to lead the field. **Rebecca Studin** (Robert Trent Jones G.C.) avenged a 5-over-par start on the front nine (41) as she rebounded with an even-par effort on the back for a second-place standing in round one. **Megan Cahill** (Highland Park G.C.) fared one stroke higher than Studin with a 6-over-par 77 on Tuesday.

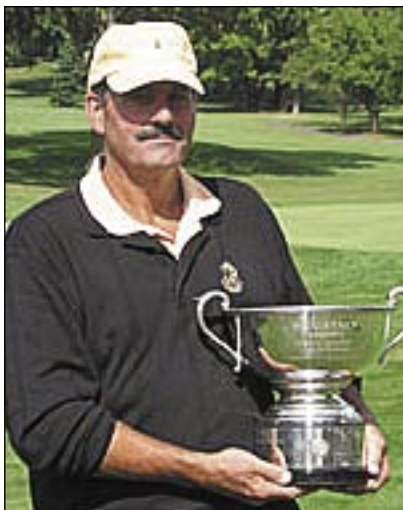
**Ariana Gaeta** (Hidden Valley G.C.) and perennial contender **Bailey Cocca** (Shaker Ridge C.C.) each remained in strong contention as they fired 78's in the opening round. Cocca, who finished among the top 15 in the Women's Amateur a month ago, was the only individual to dissect the front nine in even-par fashion (36) but ended up tied for fourth after five bogeys and a double for a 42 on the back side. In Wednesday's final round, Cocca adroitly handled the four-stroke deficit as she fired the low round of the tournament with a 1-over-par-72 to give her a three-stroke edge over Thompson for the victory. Despite a 3-over-par start, the Latham teenager never gave up and made amends for her 7-over score on the back nine Tuesday with a nine-stroke improvement that included three birdies and a bogey.

Thompson joined the rest of Tuesday's top four finishers (Gaeta, Studin, Cahill) in struggling through the second round as the group dropped a combined 20-strokes. However, Thompson's two-day total of 153 was still good for runner-up honors. Gaeta grabbed third place accolades as her score barely wavered over the two days. She was the fifth player to notch a 79 on Wednesday. **Julie MacDonell** (West Sayville) marched into a three-way tie at fourth place with Cahill and Studin at a 36-hole total of 160. **Lauren Petty** (Foxfire G & CC) jumped into the top ten following an eight-stroke improvement in the second round (87-79).

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# 53rd Senior/Super Senior Men's Championship



Senior Champion Mathew Haeefe

The stage for the 53rd Senior Men's Championship was set halfway through the month of September at Stafford Country Club. The traditional 18-hole championship course at Stafford, a town located on the outskirts of Batavia, boasts an old Walter Travis design from 1921; a design that has earned the approbation of countless golfers such as Walter Hagen, Arnold Palmer, and Tom Watson, who have flocked to the area to compete in prominent regional events over the years.

Picture perfect conditions met Stafford on Tuesday for the opening round of the Senior/Super Senior Championship. The field of 115 skilled participants traveled from various regions of the state to

compete in the state senior's. However, it was **Mathew Haeefe**, whose local course knowledge paid dividends on Tuesday as he fired a 2-under-par 70 to acquire a two-shot lead over the rest of the field at his home course.

The next best score of the day was even-par which was tallied by three individuals, including **James Burns** (Wild Wood C.C.), who caught the contagious spell of playing well in Haeefe's group.

**Joe Quillinan** (Country Club of Troy) and **Robert Zeman** (Sodus Bay Heights G.C.) also fired even-par on Tuesday. Quillinan said the back nine was kind of a rollercoaster for him as he carded a colorful scorecard of even-par 36 with four birdies, two bogeys, and a double bogey on the final nine holes.

The second round played almost synonymous to the first round with the same leader atop the standings following 36 holes (Haeefe +1), similar weather conditions, and the average scores between the two rounds identical at 81.49. (10 strokes over-par)

A few players made a move on Wednesday, climbing a few spots in the standings such as **Alan Foster**, (Bellevue C.C.) who posted the day's low score at even-par. Despite three birdies on the final five holes for a strong finish, Foster still trailed Haeefe by three strokes heading into the final round. He did, however, enjoy a three-stroke lead of his own in the Super Senior division, over **Stephen Hinman** (Ravenwood G.C.) who played his first two rounds at 75-76.

The 2008 senior champion, **Chuck Connolly**, (Hiland G.C.) traveled across the state from his Queensbury residence to participate in this year's event. He posted a 54-hole total of 234 which was good enough to break into the top 25 finishers this year.

Haeefe created an exciting buzz throughout Thursday's final round as spectators from around the area flocked to see the local Bergen resident deliberately dissect the par-72 Travis design Stafford Country Club.

With an impressive 1-under-par start on the front nine, Haeefe was able to fend off any last minute charge by competitors like **Robert DeWitt** (Transit Valley C.C.), who turned in a scorecard ridden with circles from his round of 71 that included eight birdies. DeWitt began the day in a tied for sixth position as he trailed Haeefe by eight strokes. However, he catapulted to a runner-up finish along with Alan Foster after he birdied four of the first seven holes and turned in a 33 on the front nine.

The 59-year-old Haeefe played the final nine holes in front of his wife, Kathy, who was able to witness her husband tally two bogeys, six pars, and a birdie en route to finishing the back nine at 1-over-par. With a five-stroke lead, Haeefe continued to play aggressive as he drove the left green-side bunker at the short par-4 18th. He spun the ball on his second shot to within three feet of the hole and gently tapped in his 217th stroke over the three days to the content of the crowd as he won in wire-to-wire fashion.

Haeefe's seven-stroke victory wasn't the only runaway performance at the 53rd State Senior Championship. Alan Foster, who played in the final pairing with Haeefe, recorded a 4-over-par showing in the

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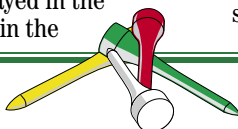
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final round to become a six-stroke winner in the Super Senior Championship.

With his victory, Foster becomes the first individual in NYSGA history to win all four adult male championships at the state level (Men's Amateur, 1975; Men's Mid-Amateur, 1992 & 1995; Men's Senior, 2002; Men's Super-Senior, 2009). The feat is an impressive one considering the Mid-Amateur has only been around since 1984.



Super-Senior Champion Alan Foster



# 53rd Boy's & Junior Boy's Championship

## BOY'S DIVISION



The 53rd Boys Championship commenced on the same pleasant Tuesday morning that the field of 39 Girls experienced. All 36 entrants took aim at the par-71 layout at Skaneateles but only one individual posted a round under-par.

The top-ranked 14-year-old in the country, **Gavin Hall** (Country Club of Mendon) started

on the front side with an even-par 36 and turned up the heat on the back nine with birdies on three holes for a 3-under 32. The scorecard belonging to

**Danny Drummond** (Wild Wood C.C.) featured the only front side played under-par at 2-under (34). He finished his round with a 39 on the back to remain five shots behind the leader Hall. **Hanish Nagrani** (Glen Oak G.C.)

produced an 18-hole score worthy of being a participant in the final pairing for Wednesday's deciding round. He registered a 4-over-par 75 in the opening round.

The 2008 Boys champion Gavin Hall ensured a drama-free finish with a scintillating 6-under-par 65 on Wednesday. He birdied the second, fifth, and sixth holes to make the turn at 3-under and then matched his 32 on the back side in the first round while compiling a 13-stroke victory to defend his title.

Meanwhile, Drummond secured second place honors with his second 73 of the tournament.

**Andrew Romano** (Lancaster C.C.) leaped into a tie for third place after bettering his first round 78 with a 1-over-par 72. Nagrani shared third place acclaim with Romano following a two-day total of 150 that included two consistent 75's.

## JUNIOR DIVISION



*Junior Champion Yaroslav Merkulov*

The field of 71 participants in the junior division was unable to reap the benefits of excellent weather conditions that existed for the morning wave of competition. Instead, constant gusty winds erased any possibility of this talented group posting a round under-par at Skaneateles C.C.

The ominous weather didn't seem to faze McQuaid Jesuit classmates **Andrew Lane** (Oak Hill C.C.) and **Benton Kircher** (Monroe G.C.) who each fired 1-over-par 72's for a share of the lead heading into Wednesday's finale. Kircher turned in a plain scorecard, one devoid of circles for birdies or squares for bogeys as he tallied 17 pars and one lone bogey in the opening round. Lane, on the other hand, handed over his colorful scorecard of three birdies, six bogeys, and one eagle in a similar 1-over-par effort.

Despite the impressive play by the two high school classmates, eight other players remained within three shots of the lead. The 2009 Men's Amateur winner and defending junior champion **Yaroslav Merkulov** (Penfield C.C.) lurked behind day one leaders Lane and Kircher with a 2-over-par 73. **Eric Edmunds** (Dutch Hollow) also played the course in similar fashion (36-37) for a standing alongside

Merkulov. **Michael Wesko** (En-Joie G.C.), **Austin Nowak** (Lancaster C.C.), and **Kyle Lewis** (McGregor Links C.C.) all arrived at an 18-hole total of 3-over-par 74 as they remained three shots shy of the lead.

In the final round, Yaroslav Merkulov defended his junior title in record-breaking fashion by firing an astonishing 10-under-par 61. The Penfield teenager entered the day one-stroke behind leaders Andrew Lane and Ben Kircher but tallied eight birdies and an eagle en route to a double-digit victory.

The 17-year-old Merkulov etched his name into the Skaneateles record book with his round of 61 which shattered the old mark of 67 in a competitive round from the back tees. According to the Director of Golf at Skaneateles Mike Doctor, the best recreational round was set by Tom Scherrer (62) but that no longer stands after today's top Junior mastered the 6,474-yard par-71 course.

The four-time NYSGA winner turned in a 32 on the front side. Incredulously, he wasn't done there as he notched four more birdies and an eagle on the back nine for an astounding 29. Merkulov, who recently announced his plans to attend Duke University in the fall of 2010, dazzled the spectators in attendance including college coaches from top Division I schools such as Duke University and Ohio State.

The two-time junior champion overshadowed a solid 1-over-par performance by Lane. However, the fellow Rochester resident Lane would have to share second place accolades with Eric Edmunds, who flew under all of the attention given to the final group as he silently pieced together an even-par round of 71. **Paul Andrews** (Corning C.C.) was another even-par performer on Wednesday as he moved into fourth place with a two-day total of 147.

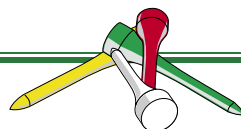
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# Men's Amateur Champ



Men's Amateur Champion Yaroslav Merkulov

Drastic changes were made to the format of the 2009 state amateur over the off-season. The NYSGA switched back to stroke play, which was abandoned in 1991 to mirror the U.S. Men's Amateur format of match play. As a result, the championship would be conducted over three days as a 72-hole stroke play event.

Ravenwood G.C. was selected for the second time in

its short six year history to host the prestigious Men's Amateur Championship. The devoted staff at Rochester's premier public golf course implemented numerous changes, such as a complete bunker renovation program, since the last playing of the Men's Amateur at Ravenwood in 2003.

General Manager Mike Roeder and his staff worked tirelessly to ensure the finest conditions for the outstanding field of amateur participants from around the state. Golf Course Superintendent Peter George kept the course in immaculate shape for the new format.

Among the talented field of competitors was the defending champion **Jeff Wolniewicz** (Gowanda C.C.), who took the 2008 title at Pinehaven. Last year's match-play runner-up **Thomas Muto Jr.** (Sodus Bay Heights G.C.) joined the exempt 2008 junior champion **Yaroslav Merkulov** (Penfield C.C.) as one of a few Rochester youngsters that planned to take aim at the par-72 Ravenwood course. Past champions **Jim Roy** (Bellevue C.C.) and **James Scorce** (Stafford C.C.) also headed the field as favorites for the 87th Men's Amateur.

The mid-July sun was out all day on Tuesday to welcome the elite field of 139 participants. However, not all was quiet on the set as the wind sabotaged shots throughout the day, allowing just eight players to post rounds under par at the 7,083-yard course.

The morning buzz centered around **Gavin Hall** (Country Club of Mendon), who tallied seven birdies en route to a 3-under-par 69 in the first round. However, the attention at Ravenwood quickly shifted to the story of the day which took place in the afternoon wave when **Dominic Bozzelli** (Locust Hill C.C.) fired a 6-under-par 66 for a 3-shot lead heading into round two action on Wednesday.

Binghamton University junior, **Jake Katz** (Westwood C.C.), also recorded a 3-under-par round to stand tied with Hall at 3-shots back of Bozzelli for the lead in this year's championship. Meanwhile, the defending NYSGA junior champion, Merkulov, was undaunted by the long layout at Ravenwood and played an aggressive style as he posted a 2-under-par 70.

Four individuals (Scorce, **Nicholas Morreale**, **Chris Malec**, and **Kevin Kaye**) registered 1-under-par performances on the first day as they remained five shots behind the lead.

Nineteen players took advantage of the dry weather in Victor on Wednesday to post rounds under-par at the 87th Men's Amateur Championship. At the end of the day, only 42 players survived the cut, which fell at 151 for the two days; thus, giving them a chance to compete in the 36-hole finale on Thursday.

Muto, Jr. carded six birdies and an eagle on the par-4 second hole

to match Bozzelli's 6-under 66 performance the day before to climb just two shots back of the lead. Merkulov shared a 36-hole total of 139 and second place honors with Muto Jr. after he notched a 3-under-par effort on Wednesday. The 14-year-old Hall played his second consecutive day under-par at 1-under 71 and could find his name fourth on the leaderboard through 36 holes of play.

**James Buchanan** (Wolferts Roost C.C.) came through the field in the second to last group to post the low-round of the tournament at 7-under-par 65. His stunning 15-stroke improvement from round one landed him a position amongst the top ten for Thursday's finale. Roy also broke into the 60's with a seven-stroke improvement from Tuesday. He shared a tie for 10 with Buchanan following his 3-under-par 69 on Wednesday.

Warm and muggy conditions shined down on the 42 finalists for a grueling 36-hole finale on Thursday. In the morning round, Merkulov was 3-over-par through the back nine holes while Dominic Bozzelli, the leader after two-days, notched an unthinkable feat in reaching 10-under par for the tournament following three birdies through the first nine holes. However, Merkulov managed to finish the morning round at 1-over-par while Bozzelli struggled mightily through the front nine, making three bogeys and a double over a span of five holes that erased his comfortable eight-shot lead that had since dwindled to three.

Meanwhile, Hall miraculously survived a quintuple bogey at the par-4 15th to post an even-par 36 on the back side. He tallied five birdies, including three in a row after his major mishap, which allowed him to steady the ship and register his second 1-under (71) of the tournament. Roy resurfaced into contention with another round under par at 2-under (70) in the morning.

Bozzelli and Merkulov continued to battle in the fourth and final round Thursday afternoon with Bozzelli clinging to a three-shot advantage. Merkulov began his comeback on the ninth hole when he flipped a wedge shot onto the green from 45 yards and then made his 15-foot birdie putt. At the 10th, he again showed off his up-and-down game hitting a wedge shot about 3 feet from the pin where he would make birdie and the lead was down to one stroke. On the next hole, Merkulov landed his second shot from 130-yards away to just 8-feet from the pin as he tied Bozzelli for a share of the lead with his third consecutive birdie.

It came down to the 71st hole when it became clear that Yaroslav Merkulov would be crowned champion at the 87th Men's Amateur. Bozzelli met face to face with strong prevailing winds, a difficult pin placement which was tucked at the back right of the green, and a water hazard as he carded a quadruple bogey on the par-3. Merkulov sealed the deal with a par on the 17th and a safe bogey on the 18th to win by two shots over Bozzelli and Gavin Hall.

Merkulov tied Nick Raasch's feat of becoming the youngest state amateur winner in NYSGA history at the age of 17. The two Rochester teenagers Bozzelli and Hall shared runner-up honors while Roy secured fourth place with a 72-hole total of 1-under-par 287.

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If you are interested in helping the NYSGA accomplish their goal of reaching more kids with the National School Program, we can be reached at [nysga@nysga.org](mailto:nysga@nysga.org), or at (888) NYSGA-23. We look forward to hearing from you.





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