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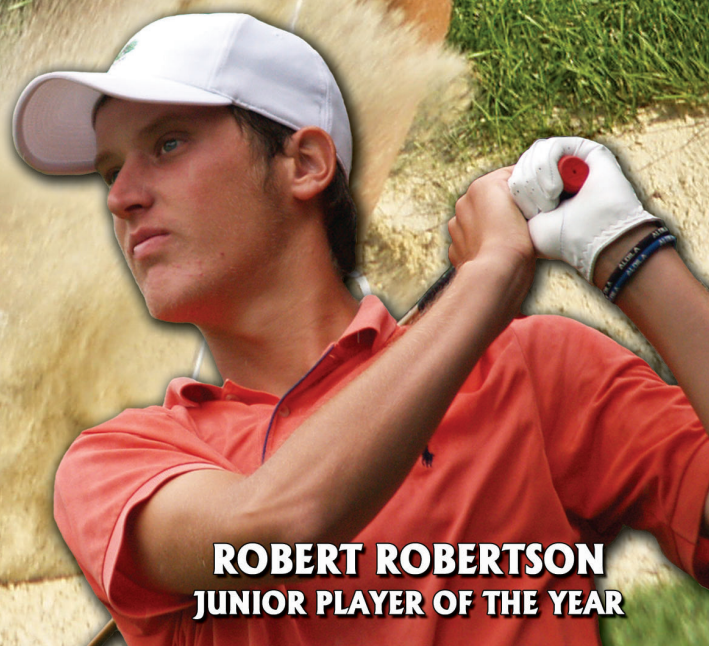
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Letter from the President

The Golf Association of Philadelphia had another banner year in 2007. The organization had record entries in almost all events and the quality of both the fields and venues continue to demonstrate why this area is one of America's top places for amateur golf.

A continuous Association focus is the improvement in all we do and, in that vein, we are pleased to announce the addition of two new events to our 2008 competitive schedule: the Brewer Cup and Father-Son (Middle Division).

The Brewer Cup is a Senior match play competition. The low 16 Seniors and eight Super-Senior qualifiers advance into a match play draw after 18 holes of qualifying. The event honors one of Philadelphia's finest amateurs, O. Gordon Brewer, Jr. Mr. Brewer, who won the Golf Association of Philadelphia's Amateur Championship in 1967 and Senior Amateur Championship in 1997, is a two-time national champion. He won the 1994 and 1996 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship and remarkably has qualified for 42 United States Golf Association events. The inaugural Brewer Cup will be held July 15-17 at Huntingdon Valley Country Club, one of Philadelphia's great golf venues where Mr. Brewer has been a long-time member.

The Father-Son (Middle Division) was created to meet the demand for this wonderful event. The tournament will be for fathers and sons ages 18-29 and is slated for May 29 at Bellewood Golf Club. There is no more enjoyable experience in all of sports than competing with your father or son.

At the end of the year, the Association recognized two of its finest members: Stanton Friedman and Joseph Tyrrell.

Mr. Friedman was selected as the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) winner. A longtime Bala Golf club member, Mr. Friedman exemplifies the spirit of the game at its highest levels, serving on both the Golf Association of Philadelphia Executive Committee and the J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust Board. He



GAP President Dan Burton

is also a contributing Lifetime Member of the Trust and does annual work to help caddie-scholars. Mr. Friedman has been a leader at his various clubs throughout his career and was honored with the DSA at this year's Annual Meeting.

The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Mr. Tyrrell of Spring Ford Country Club. He has been an active volunteer of the

Association for 11 years and all of

you who play in our events know Joe and appreciate the high level of value he and his fellow volunteers bring to Golf Association of Philadelphia tournaments.

Congratulations to both of these gentlemen. I hope all of you have a chance to thank them for their years of service to our great game.

We are also excited to welcome three new members to the Golf Association of Philadelphia's Executive Committee. Mr. Chip Lutz of LedgeRock Golf Club, Mr. J. Stacey Redican of Sandy Run Country Club and Mr. W. Scott Yard of Whitford Country Club. That trio replaces three wonderful men who retired from the Executive Committee after great contributions to this organization, Dr. David M. Junkin of Pine Valley Golf Club; Mr. Brian Kelly of Whitemarsh Valley Country Club and Mr. William Weihenmayer of Huntingdon Valley Country Club. Thanks to these fine gentlemen for all their hard work and efforts with the Golf Association of Philadelphia.

On behalf of the entire Executive Committee, I would like to thank our staff for their tremendous effort in 2007. As all of you know nothing good happens without attention to detail and hard work, something our staff does very well. Also, heartfelt thanks to all of our Member Clubs who graciously allow us to use their fine facilities to hold our events and support us in many ways.

Daniel B. Burton

Dan Burton
President

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2007 Players of the Year

*Michael McDermott,
Merion GC*

William Hyndman, III Player of the Year **Michael McDermott, Merion GC**

Michael McDermott's spectacular final-round performance in the Joseph H. Patterson Memorial Cup propelled the 32-year-old to his fourth William Hyndman, III Player of the Year Award. McDermott, who surged to victory with a smashing 6-under-par 66 at Berkleigh CC, which along with Moselem Springs GC served as the Patterson Cup sites, earned prior POY titles in 2000-01 and 2003. McDermott's Patterson Cup victory also sent the Havertown, Pa., resident to his second Silver Cross Award (given to the player with the lowest aggregate score in the qualifying round(s) of the Amateur Championship and Patterson Cup).

"The Player of the Year Award is a prestigious recognition of an overall solid season," said McDermott of Merion GC. "My goal in any season is to have a chance to win every tournament I enter and, in 2007, I put myself in that position from the GAP Mid-Am. right through to the day of the Patterson Cup when I was able to capture that and the Silver Cross."

McDermott finished the year with 676.6 POY points, 76.6 points ahead of second-place finisher Chris Gallagher of Penn Oaks GC.

In addition to the Patterson Cup and Silver Cross, the long-hitting McDermott also earned points with a third-place tie in the Middle-Amateur Championship; a second-round appearance in the Amateur Championship and as a qualifier for the Open Championship. He also

qualified for his fifth U.S. Middle-Amateur Championship.

"Middle-Amateur golf is the ultimate challenge for us to balance our personal lives, careers and golf games. This year's award is even more special because 2007 was a year where I had so much going on in my business and personal life," added McDermott, "with all the great players in GAP, I am honored to have come out on top and look forward to another exciting year in 2008."

Senior Player of the Year **Raymond Thompson, Overbrook GC**

Thompson wins again.

That sentence became synonymous with the 2007 Golf Association of Philadelphia Senior tournament season. Not surprisingly, it was Ray Thompson of Overbrook GC earning the Player of the Year honors after sweeping the senior series and becoming the first to do so in the history of the Association.

And although coming into the season it was suspected that the former professional and 1972 GAP Amateur Champion would have success on the



*Raymond Thompson,
Overbrook GC*

senior circuit, no one could have seen this coming, not even Thompson.

"I really didn't know what to expect when the year started," said the senior rookie. "I thought I could be competitive but what I accomplished was way more than I expected."

Thompson, who led in the Senior Player of the Year point standings from gate-to-wire, grabbed his first senior win back in May after defeating long-time fellow competitor Charles "Buck" Jones of Philadelphia Publincs GA in a six-hole, sudden-death playoff to take the Francis B. Warner Cup.

Thompson's season-long tear included a fantastic 2-under-par 68 for a Chapman Cup victory on his home track and a come-from-behind victory in the 37th Senior Amateur Championship at Waynesborough CC.

The 55-year-old Thompson also won the Senior Silver Cross Award (given to the player with the lowest aggregate score in the Warner Cup, Chapman Cup and Senior Amateur) by 12 shots.

Thompson scored a Senior Player of the Year record 740 points.

Junior Player of the Year Robert Robertson, Sunnybrook GC

Robbie Robertson of Sunnybrook GC captured his first Junior Player of the Year title this season scoring a total of 515 points in five tournaments.

He nabbed two 2007 victories, one in the Francis X. Hussey Memorial with partner Chip Culp of Philadelphia Cricket Club, and a second in the Jock MacKenzie Memorial where he defeated J.R. Fasy of Wilmington CC in a sudden-death playoff. He was the runner-up in the Junior Boys' Championship where he fought his way to the final against

Robert Galbreath, Jr. of Huntingdon Valley CC and turned in probably his top performance all season by forging a tie for fourth in the Open Championship at Merion GC. He traversed Merion's historic East Course under treacherous conditions in a splendid 5-over par for two rounds.

Robertson also registered an impressive tie for eighth in the Patterson Cup.

"The Philadelphia Open was a memorable tournament for me this season. I was very pleased with the way I stayed in there," said Robertson, a senior at Chestnut Hill Academy. "I loved seeing my name up on the top of the leader board with [assistant professional] Mark Sheftic from my club."

In comparing his performance from last year to this year Robertson commented, "My mentality was so much different, fairways and middle of greens was my focus and it worked. I think that winning the club championship at Philadelphia Cricket Club [his second club] sparked my game and I was able to carry that throughout the summer."

Robertson has made a verbal commitment to attend Purdue University, his father's alma mater, next year.

"The facilities and everything about it are all I could ask for to take my game to the next level and be the player that I would like to [become]," said Robertson.



*Robert Robertson,
Sunnybrook GC*

GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA Player of the Year Final Standings

WILLIAM HYNDMAN, III PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NAME, CLUB	POINTS
1. Michael McDermott, Merion GC.	676.6
2. Chris Gallagher, Penn Oaks GC.	600
3. Mark Miller, Yardley CC.	545
4. Chip Lutz, LedgeRock GC.	518.33
5. Christopher Lange, Overbrook GC.	482.5
6. Cole Willcox, Philadelphia CC.	460
7. Philip Bartholomew, Yardley CC.	417.5
8. William McGuinness, Tavistock CC.	300
9. James Sullivan, Jr., Huntingdon Valley CC ..	239.1
T10. Philip Arouca, Philadelphia Publincs GA ...	235
T10. Robert Robertson, Sunnybrook GC.	235

SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NAME, CLUB	POINTS
1. Raymond Thompson, Overbrook GC.	740
2. Francis McFadden, Overbrook GC.	360
3. Charles Jones, Philadelphia Publincs GA ..	287.5
4. William Lawler, Fox Hill CC.	275
5. Ed Chylinski, Chester Valley GC.	220
6. Daniel Burton, Bent Creek CC.	190
7. Thomas Bartolacci, Jr., Saucon Valley CC ..	185
T8. Roc Irey, Cedarbrook CC.	165
T8. Robert Ockenfuss, Indian Valley CC.	165
10. Don Donatoni, White Manor CC.	160

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NAME, CLUB	POINTS
1. Robert Robertson, Sunnybrook GC.	515
2. Robert Galbreath, Jr., Huntingdon Valley CC ..	495
3. Russell Hartung, Doylestown CC.	390
4. James Bea, Spring Mill CC.	292.5
5. John Fasy, Wilmington CC.	257.5
6. Kevin Melnick, Jr., Plymouth CC.	191.6
7. Bobby Arthur, Tavistock CC.	170
8. Andrew Lawson, Hershey's Mill GC.	145
9. Michael Kania, Overbrook GC.	140
10. J.D. Hall, Merion GC.	135



Young Guns of Yardley

By Rick Woelfel

In a corner of the grillroom at Philmont Country Club, Stephen Arnold was taking in the scene around him. In a few minutes he would officially be proclaimed the Patterson Cup and Silver Cross champion for 2006 but prior to the formal trophy presentation his friends from Yardley Country Club wanted to extend their own congratulations. As the celebration went on, it was clear that the men at the table were as delighted for Arnold as the new champion was for himself.

The members at Yardley would have a lot to celebrate in the days to come.

This past May, Phil Bartholomew captured the Philadelphia Amateur title at Applebrook Golf Club and just this past August, Mark Miller claimed the Philadelphia Open at Merion Golf Club. For a span of 72 hours, until the 2007 Patterson Cup was staged just three days after the Open, Yardley players were in possession of three of the Golf Association of Philadelphia's four major titles.

Yardley has produced a number of elite players in recent years. Glenn Smeraglio won the 1998 Patterson Cup and captured back-to-back Silver Cross titles in 2000 and 2001. Jon Rusk had a fine amateur career playing out of Yardley before turning professional and Paul Rogowicz reached the final of last year's Philadelphia Amateur.

The club has been most celebrated however for its achievements in the GAP Team Matches. Yardley won its first GAP Team Matches championship in 1989 and subsequently won titles in 1997, '98, 2000 and 2002.

With an abundance of strong players around the club it's a relatively simple matter for a Yardley player to get a good match. The 2007 season was Phil Bartholomew's first competing regularly in the GAP events but he was on Arnold's bag for the latter's Patterson Cup win.

"Young golfers see how good the veteran players are here and it pushes them to be as good as they can be," Bartholomew said. "It's always been like that here."

In exchange for tuition of perhaps a dollar or two in a Saturday-morning Nassau, 20-somethings like Arnold and Miller and the 19-year-old Bartholomew have an opportunity to learn from the veterans. Certainly they learn a lot about course management. Designed by Alex Findlay and dating back to 1929, Yardley measures just 6,422 yards from the back tees with a par of 72. The course rating is just 70.6 but newcomers learn quickly that the layout can't be negotiated with raw power alone.

"You can get by without a driver or 3-wood in your bag."



Stephen Arnold



Mark Miller (left) and Stephen Arnold of Yardley Country Club

Bartholomew said, "but the fairways are tight. If you miss the fairways you're going to be in trouble."

Playing at their home course gives the young guns a chance to test themselves regularly against the likes of not only Smeraglio and Rogowicz but also other veterans like Gary Roberts, Jeff Muhlbauer and Terry Sawyer and others who are expert players but perhaps don't play as much tournament golf as they used to because of other responsibilities.

"Those guys are legends here," Bartholomew said. "They've all been to championship events and not necessarily won but they've been very consistent players."

The corps of veterans at Yardley provides moral support when the younger players are contending in tournaments. "The guys are rooting for you all the time," Arnold said. "There's a ton of guys at the club who will ask you how you're doing, supporting you and encouraging you on a day-in, day-out basis."

The friendships extend beyond the golf course. During the football season it is common for a group of Yardley members to spend their Sunday afternoons together, watching NFL telecasts.

The veterans impart more than their golf knowledge and on-course experiences. At Yardley young players, particularly those who compete regularly in tournaments, learn how an elite player should conduct himself.

Arnold, who is the reigning club champion, said that men like Smeraglio and Sawyer among others are their own best examples in that regard. "There are guys that can play but don't know how to handle themselves afterward," he said. "They don't know the proper etiquette. With guys like Terry and Glenn, you hang out with those guys enough, you go to awards dinners with them, you play tournaments with them, just to watch the way they handle themselves, the way they're able to talk to everybody."

"Whether winning or losing they're very gracious in handling situations and it rubs off on everybody else."

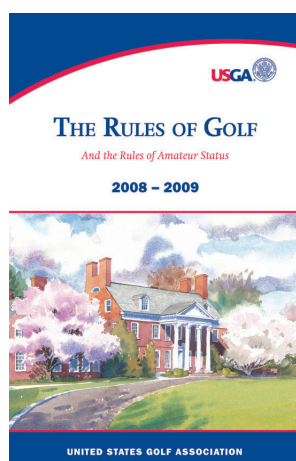
"When it comes down to it," golf is a gentlemen's game," Bartholomew said. "You learn that at Yardley."

The Rules of Golf

By David Staebler
USGA Manager,
Rules Education

The United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, the two ruling bodies for the game of golf throughout the world, limit changes to the Rules of Golf to once every four years. With the beginning of 2008, one of the most extensive group of quadrennial changes in decades will take effect. That said, in the average round of golf, most players shouldn't experience much impact from these changes. Many changes involve clarifying the text of Rules without intending any shift in their meaning.

I'd like to highlight two changes that are the likely to have some impact on an average round of golf. First, beginning in 2008, if your ball in



motion after a stroke accidentally strikes you, your equipment, your caddie or your partner, his equipment or his caddie you will incur a one-stroke penalty and must play the ball as it lies. Previously a ball deflected or stopped in such a way resulted in the player incurring the larger general penalty (i.e. loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play). The ruling bodies have long held the principle that "the penalty must not be less than the advantage which the player could derive from the particular Rule violation."

Penalty reductions in the Rules are rare and come only after considerable deliberations in which both ruling bodies satisfy themselves that such a reduction will not encourage players to deliberately accept a penalty rather than playing the game in accordance with the Rules.

Second, beginning in 2008, if you make a stroke at a wrong ball, no matter where it is when you play it, you will incur a loss of hole penalty in match play or a two-stroke penalty in stroke play (Rule 15-3). No longer will golfers be exempt from penalty for making a stroke at a wrong ball when it lies in a hazard (whether a bunker or a water hazard). Since there will be a penalty for making a stroke at a wrong ball anywhere, including in a hazard, Rule 12-2 (Identifying Ball) has also been modified to allow a ball to be lifted from any part of the course, if necessary, in order to identify it.

As now, if it is necessary to lift a ball in order to identify it, there will be a procedure a player will be required to observe in order to lift the ball without incurring a penalty. In order to lift a ball to identify it without penalty a player must: 1) announce his intention to his opponent in match play or his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play and 2) mark the position of the ball. He may then 3) lift the ball and identify it, provided that he gives his opponent, marker or fellow-competitor an opportunity to observe the lifting (and subsequent replacement if the lifted ball is his). 4) The ball when lifted

must not be cleaned beyond the extent necessary for identification.

If the ball is the player's ball and he fails to comply with all or any part of the required procedure, or he lifts his ball in order to identify it when it is not necessary to do so, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

These changes simplify how the Rules will deal with the play of a wrong ball and how players identify a ball before making a stroke at it if they are unsure it is theirs. These changes will also eliminate complicated and unfortunate situations that can occur now. For example, now if a player finds a ball in a water hazard that may be his; makes a stroke at it and hits it out of bounds or loses it, he never really knows if that ball was his.



The 2008 Rules of Golf can be found now on the USGA Web site at <http://www.usga.org/playing/rules/2008ROG.pdf> as well as a detailed comparison of the principal changes (2004 v. 2008) http://www.usga.org/playing/rules/2008Principal_Changes.pdf.



WHAT DOES THE GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA DO FOR YOU?



PLATT CADDIE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS \$800,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2007-08 ACADEMIC YEAR

200 College-Bound Caddies From Region Named Platt Caddie-Scholars

The Platt Caddie Scholarship, founded in 1958 by the Golf Association of Philadelphia to support the educational goals of its member club caddies and the continuance of the caddie tradition, announced that it has awarded \$800,000 in college scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year. The Scholarship has awarded \$12.3 million in scholarships to more than 3,000 young men and women throughout its service region in the nearly 50 years since the its inception.

In addition, through various matching grant programs, 28 Platt Caddie-Scholars have received an additional \$46,400 from their educational institutions, to date.

According to Scholarship Coordinator Bob Caucci, although the Scholarship was designed to provide financial support to caddies working toward college degrees, Platt Caddie-Scholars benefit from more than just a meaningful financial assist. Based on the experiences reported by previous



scholarship recipients, newly minted Platt Caddie-Scholars can count on the local golfing community to support their higher education goals, applaud their academic achievements and encourage their success, stated Caucci.

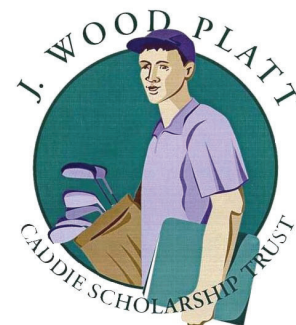
"Our Platt Caddie-Scholars caddie at clubs whose individual members have dug deep to support The J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust for decades, and they keep digging deep because they sincerely want these kids to achieve their higher education goals and to succeed in their chosen careers," said Caucci.

Becoming a caddie is the first step toward receiving a Platt Caddie Scholarship. After caddying for a GAP member club for one year, caddies pursuing a college education are eligible to apply for a Platt Caddie Scholarship. Visit www.plattcaddiescholarship.org for more information about the Platt Caddie Scholarship.

"Caddying is a great way for boys and girls as young as 13 to earn money and learn the game of golf. All they need is a great attitude and a willingness to learn. And who knows? Today's novice caddie might just be tomorrow's Platt Caddie Scholar," Caucci said.

About the Platt Caddie Scholarship:

Founded in 1958, the Platt Caddie Scholarship is the Philadelphia region's only organization dedicated to furthering the educational goals of caddies while supporting the traditional role of the caddie in the game of golf. The Scholarship was founded by the Golf Association of Philadelphia in honor of its first contributor, J. Wood Platt, an accomplished player of the era. Headquartered in Wayne, Pa., the organization runs a variety of programs designed to assist caddies with their educational goals: the Matching Fund Program; a Caddie Mentoring Program; the Francis C. Poore Caddie of the Year Award; the Eagle Club Tournament and Alumni Tournament; and a Corporate Matching Gift Program. In the past 49 years, the Caddie Scholarship has helped more than 3,000 caddie-scholars; combined, these young men and women have received a total of \$12.3 million in aid. In the 2005-06 academic year, 235 caddies were awarded scholarship money totaling \$750,000; in the 2007-08 academic year, 2000 caddies will receive \$800,000 in scholarships.



GAP announces creation of Brewer Cup

THE GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA announced the creation of the inaugural Brewer Cup for the Association's 2008 Senior Tournament season at its Annual Meeting.

Named after O. Gordon Brewer Jr., a



*O. Gordon Brewer,
Pine Valley GC*

two-time U.S. Senior Amateur Champion, this three-day event consists of a one-day, 18-hole stroke-play qualifier followed by match play for the Top 16 players in the Senior Flight and the Top 8 players for the Super-Seniors. The inaugural Brewer Cup is set for July 15-17 at Huntingdon Valley Country Club, one of Philadelphia's great golf venues where Mr. Brewer has been a long-time member.

"When I was told that this tournament was going to be named after me I was obviously honored," said Brewer, who is currently in his 10th year as president of storied Pine Valley GC.

Brewer is a veteran of 42 USGA Championships and holds U.S. Senior Amateur championship titles from 1994 and 1996. Aside from his national accolades, he

also took home Golf Association of Philadelphia Amateur titles in 1967 and 1976 as well as the 1997 GAP Senior Amateur Championship title, which earned him Player of the Year honors in that year.

"Not only does this competition expand upon an already great GAP senior circuit, it also honors a great ambassador and player in Mr. Brewer," said Dan Burton, president of the Association.

The event is open to Senior players with a handicap index of 7.0 or less and Super-Seniors with an index of 12.0 or less.

Burton also announced the addition of the inaugural Father & Son (Middle) tournament. The event, set for May 29 at Bellwood GC, is for those father and son teams with sons ranging in ages from 18 to 29.

Friedman receives Distinguished Service Award

The Golf Association of Philadelphia named **Stanton H. Friedman** as the 2007 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Friedman, 80, of Narberth, Pa., has embodied golf's spirit with a life-long and unwavering dedication to the sport in the Philadelphia region. He has served on the Golf Association of Philadelphia Executive Committee, the J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust Board and on the club board level. He's volunteered for the Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association, is a Lifetime Member of the Platt Caddie Scholarship and for the past 25 years has coordinated a fundraiser for the Trust.

"Mr. Friedman's dedication to golf in this community is something special," said Dan Burton, the Golf Association of Philadelphia President. "He's touched individuals at all levels and continues to do so on a daily basis. He is most deserving of the Association's recognition."

The Distinguished Service Award was created in 2006 and honors individuals who, through their actions, have exemplified the spirit of the game at its highest level and who have made a substantial contribution to golf in Philadelphia, nationally and/or internationally.

Mr. Victor Mauck, Jr., ironically a classmate of Mr. Friedman's at The Haverford School in the mid-40s, was the first Award recipient. Mr. Mauck was highlighted for his efforts as the Association President and with St. Davids GC and the National Club Association.

Mr. Friedman, a retired commercial real estate broker, has served the game, at least in a formal sense, since 1963 when he accepted the role of Handicap Chairman for Squires GC. He became involved



Stanton H. Friedman with wife Honey

with the Golf Association of Philadelphia in 1971 and served on the Executive Committee through 1984. During that time, he also was a Platt Caddie Scholarship Board Member. He remained with the Platt until 1986 but continues his support even today through the Lifetime Membership program and the aforementioned annual fundraiser.

In his tenure at the Golf Association of Philadelphia, Mr. Friedman created and formed the Historical Committee that ultimately led to the book "A Centennial Tribute to Golf in Philadelphia," written by

James W. Finegan.

He was a member at Rolling Green GC from 1974-2006 and served on the club's Board of Directors for a time. He was also a key figure in the creation of the Francis X. Hussey Memorial Tournament, a better-ball event for Juniors, annually held at Rolling Green GC.

Currently, Mr. Friedman plays his golf at Bala GC, where he's been a member since 1970.

"I was absolutely fractured when I found out," said Friedman. "I'm very touched. You don't do things and think you will get rewarded, especially, for something you love so much."

Mr. Friedman has been married to wife Honey for 35 years and the couple has two children, Ronald Barnett and Francesca Harrison. They also have two grandchildren Jacob and Robert Barnett.

Mr. Friedman has also volunteered his time at Bryn Mawr Hospital as well as serving on the board of the Philadelphia Seniors Golf Association.

GAP Volunteer of the Year

A LOT HAS CHANGED on the Golf Association of Philadelphia landscape in the past decade.

From the introduction and yearly evolution of the Web site, to the growth and increase in the Association's member clubs, staff, tournaments and tournament fields. Expansion combined with change has been somewhat of a constant theme with the GAP.

That is until you look at the heart of the Association: The volunteers. Their faces and devotion remain the same.

Joseph Tyrrell, an 11-year GAP volunteer out of Spring Ford CC, has earned the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award for his service and unwavering commitment to the Association and, above all, the game.

"Golf is a game for a lifetime and I enjoy it just as much when I'm playing as I do volunteering," said the soft-spoken 69-year-old from King of Prussia, Pa. "The game means a lot to everybody and that's what I love about it."

Tyrrell has been a volunteer even longer than the Golf Association of Philadelphia's Executive Director, Mark Peterson, has been at the helm of the Association.

"Joe epitomizes what a GAP volunteer strives to be," said Peterson, who took office in 2000. "He's always one of the first to show up at a tournament and never leaves the course without offering his help to the staff."

Tyrrell, who retired in 2002 from a 33-year career as a lawyer for the Unisys Corporation, got into volunteering with the Association after Dick Nelson, a GAP Volunteer at the time and fellow member at Spring Ford CC who has since passed away, discussed volunteering with Tyrrell.

"I just heard him speak of volunteering and I thought, 'Hey I could do that,'" Tyrrell said. "I wanted to give something back to the game and [volunteering] seemed like a good way to do it."

The Golf Association of Philadelphia volunteer veteran, who joked that he had to count the number of volunteer shirts he owned to figure out how long he has been a volunteer, has primarily been a starter for the majority of his volunteer career. He's also been to a number of Rules seminars and is set to become a Rules Official this year as well.

"I like starting because it has a pace to it," said Tyrrell, who has worked events for every skill level of GAP competitions. "When you're starting you get to send everybody off on their round and you get to meet all the players. It's fun."

In 2007 alone, Tyrrell gave up his time to volunteer at everything from the Junior Boys' Championship to the Caddie Tournament to the Patterson Cup and even the Open, spanning three states and hundreds of miles.

"It's all golf," said Tyrrell when asked which event was his favorite. "The beauty of the game is that, at all levels, people can play it. I just wish more people would volunteer. Now that I'm retired volunteering is basically my life."

Added Tyrrell, "I'm going to try and live up to this award and hope to continue to be able to say 'Play away please.' I'm going to do this as long as I can and still give something back."

"It's quite an honor but I also know there are many others just as, if not more, deserving than I. This was completely unexpected. It was a total surprise."



Tavistock CC's Arthur honored with Junior Sportsmanship Award

The well-known pressures of competition and individual achievement have sometimes been known to work against the enjoyment of sport by its participants. But for **Bobby Arthur**, the 2007 Junior Sportsmanship Award winner, that statement could not be further from the truth.

"You just don't go out there to grind it out and live and die on every shot," said Arthur, 17, from Marlton, N.J. "You also go out there to have fun and meet people. You always want to respect everybody on the golf course."

And although the Tavistock CC member admitted to some struggles on the course early in his last season on the junior circuit, he carried that positive attitude throughout the year while advancing to the quarterfinals of the Junior Boys' Championship and accepting an invite to be on the Williamson Cup team.

"It was nice to go out there as a team and compete," he said of his Williamson Cup experience. "Everybody was rooting for each other and that's what I liked about it. We had a nice team."

Even after the team lost its first-round lead to finish third, Arthur's team-first mentality only solidified the Association's decision to present him with the sportsmanship honor.

"Bobby Arthur's attitude on and off the course is widely consid-

ered the ethos of sport," said Mike Sharp, Junior Coordinator for the GAP. "It was easy to see why we would name him the Junior Sportsmanship Award winner for 2007."

Arthur, who said this award came as a surprise to him, was pleased to be recognized by the Association with the accolade but he was still humble even after its presentation.

"There are so many good guys out there that are a joy to play a round of golf with that I didn't expect this for me," said the Cherokee High School senior. "This was definitely a surprise."

Arthur, who hopes to play on Tavistock CC's first team in the GAP Team Matches next spring, is looking forward to next season, his first away from the junior golf ranks.

"Not being a junior [golfer] next year should be different," he said, "but it's something I'm looking forward to."



Whitemarsh Valley Hosts Golf Summit

The Golf Association of Philadelphia and eight other allied associations met on Nov. 1 at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club to discuss and address key issues affecting each respective organization as well as the game as a whole.

Representatives of the Club Managers Association of America (Philadelphia and Vicinity chapter); First Tee of Philadelphia; Golf Association of Philadelphia; National Golf Course Owners Association (Pennsylvania Golf Course Owners Association – East); Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents; Philadelphia Section of the PGA of America; Platt Caddie Scholarship; United States Golf Association and Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia were in attendance.

Each organization submitted hot-button topics for discussion and presented those to the attending parties.

Topics included: legislative action to create a voice for the Pennsylvania golf industry in Harrisburg, Pa.; the escalating cost of golf course maintenance and the rising expectations of the golfer versus maintenance budgets and how to grow the game in Philadelphia, amongst other issues.

This meeting was the first of its kind in Philadelphia to bring together the area-allied associations. The genesis of the November meeting came as a result of an informal gathering coordinated by the Golf Association of Philadelphia in April.



New GAP Board Members Confirmed

Chip Lutz of LedgeRock Golf Club, **J. Stacey Redican** of Sandy Run Country Club and **William Scott Yard** of Whitford Country Club were nominated and confirmed as new board members of the Golf Association of Philadelphia's Executive Committee at the organization's Annual Meeting on Oct. 24 at Bent Creek Country Club.

Mr. Lutz, 52, of Reading, Pa., is president of Sentry Abstract Company, a Pennsylvania licensed full service title insurance agency and settlement service provider based in Reading, Pa. Mr. Lutz is a founding member of LedgeRock Golf Club, which opened in 2003, and is its current president. He is a long-time supporter of Golf Association of Philadelphia competitions and is a past Amateur Championship victor (1977) and a two-time Middle-Amateur Championship winner (1998, 2007).



*Chip Lutz,
LedgeRock Golf Club*

Lutz earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Florida and holds a juris doctor from the Widener University School of Law. He is a past president of the Berks Country Golf Association and is a former chairman of the Berks County Chamber of Commerce (1998-2000). He also holds a membership at Pine Valley Golf Club.

Mr. Redican, 62, of Hatboro, Pa., is a retired (since 2003) English/social studies teacher of 36 years in the Cheltenham, Pa., School District. He volunteers with the Ronald McDonald House, assists with Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and contributes to radio station WXPB (public radio). Redican holds a bachelor of arts degree from King's College and

a master of education degree from Arcadia University. He has been a member at Sandy Run Country Club since 1983 and has been a Golf Association of Philadelphia volunteer the past four years.



*J. Stacey Redican,
Sandy Run Country Club*

Mr. Yard, 62, of Downingtown, Pa., is a recent retiree from Smurfit Corp. (formerly Container Corp. of America), an industrial packaging company. He served the company as a sales manager, general manager and divisional general manager for more than 25 years. Mr. Yard has been a member of Whitford CC since 1977 and has served on the club's Executive Committee and as its Golf Chairman, Greens Chairman and Junior Golf Chairman. He volunteers with the Lionville Youth Association, is the ninth-grade basketball coach at Downingtown East High School and is a PIAA high school basketball official. Mr. Yard earned degrees in marketing as well as a master of business administration from Penn State University.



*William Scott Yard,
Whitford Country Club*

The three retiring Executive Committee members were Dr. David M. Junkin of Pine Valley GC; Brian P. Kelly of Whitemarsh Valley CC and William B. Weihenmayer of Huntingdon Valley CC.



GAP RESULTS

Middle-Amateur Championship

Stonewall (North Course) - May 23-24

NAME, CLUB	1-2-TOTAL
1. Chip Lutz, LedgeRock GC	70-70=140
2. Chris Gallagher, Penn Oaks GC	69-72=141
T3. Michael McDermott, Merion GC	71-73=144
Brian Rothaus, Philmont CC	71-73=144
James Sullivan, Jr., Huntingdon Valley CC	73-71=144
T6. Brian Gillespie, St. Davids GC	76-70=146
Don Pinciotti Jr., Huntingdon Valley CC	75-71=146
Jamie Slonis, Tavistock CC	71-75=146
9. John Brennan, Spring Ford CC	73-74=147
T10. James Donnelly, Philadelphia Cricket Club	76-72=148
Daniel Delaney, Concord CC	75-73=148
Michael Moffat, Commonwealth National GC	72-76=148

Amateur Championship

Applebrook Golf Club, Malvern, Pa.

(White Manor Country Club, Malvern, Pa.; Qualifying Only) - June 11-13 & 16

Final

7. Phil Bartholomew, Yardley CC (144), d. 12. Bill McGuinness, Tavistock CC (145), 2&1

Semifinals

12. McGuinness, Tavistock CC, d. 9. Philip Arouca, Philadelphia Publincs GA (145), 3&2
7. Bartholomew, Yardley CC, d. 14. Mark Miller, Yardley CC (145), 3&1

Quarterfinals

9. Arouca, Philadelphia Publincs GA, d. 1. Kyle Davis, Fieldstone GC (DNQ), 20 holes
12. McGuinness, Tavistock CC, d. 4. Cole Willcox, Philadelphia CC (141), 5&3
7. Bartholomew, Yardley CC, d. 18. Chris Gallagher, Penn Oaks GC (146), 1-up
14. Miller, Yardley CC, d. 22. Robin McCool, Saucon Valley CC (147), 2&1

Round of 16

1. Kyle Davis, Fieldstone GC, d. 17. Cory Siegfried (146), Philadelphia CC, 2&1
9. Philip Arouca, Philadelphia Publincs GA, d. 25. Thomas Gramigna (147), Tavistock CC, 5&4
4. Cole Willcox, Philadelphia CC, d. 20. Chris Lange, Overbrook GC (146), 1-up
12. William McGuinness, Tavistock CC, d. 5. Michael McDermott, Merion GC (141), 1-up
18. Chris Gallagher, Penn Oaks GC, d. 31. Chip Lutz, LedgeRock GC (149), 4&3
7. Philip Bartholomew, Yardley CC, d. 23. Glenn Smeraglio, Yardley CC (147), 5&4
14. Mark Miller, Yardley CC, d. 3. Conrad Von Borsig, Concord CC (140), 1-up
22. Robin McCool, Saucon Valley CC, d. 6. Stephen Seiden, Concord CC (143), 3&2

First round:

1. Davis, Fieldstone GC, d. 32. Michael Moffat, Commonwealth National GC (149), 4&2
17. Siegfried, Philadelphia CC, d. 16. Brian Gillespie, St. Davids GC (146), 3&1
25. Gramigna, Tavistock CC, d. 8. Alan Borowsky, White Manor CC (145), 1-up
9. Arouca, Philadelphia Publincs GA, d. 24. David West, Whitford CC (147), 2&1
4. Willcox, Philadelphia CC, d. 29. James Kania, Jr., Overbrook GC (148), 1-up
20. Lange, Overbrook GC, d. 13. Robert Galbreath, Jr., Huntingdon Valley CC (145), 1-up
5. McDermott, Merion GC, d. 28. Ryan McCarty, Little Mill CC (148), 2&1
12. McGuinness, Tavistock CC, d. 21. Stephen Arnold, Yardley CC (146), 4&3

31. Lutz, LedgeRock GC, d. 2. Chase Duncan, Meadia Heights GC (140), 1-up
18. Gallagher, Penn Oaks GC, d. 15. Douglas Schroer, St. Davids GC (146), 2&1
7. Bartholomew, Yardley CC, d. 26. James Sullivan, Jr., Huntingdon Valley CC (147), 4&3
23. Smeraglio, Yardley CC, d. 10. Douglas Zelner, Coatesville CC (145), 3&1
3. Von Borsig, Concord CC, d. 30. John Michael Pelet, Wyncote GC (148), 5&4
14. Miller, Yardley CC, d. 19. Bill Murray, Merchantville CC (146), 4&2
6. Seiden, Concord CC, d. 27. Donny Wessner, Golden Oaks GC (148), 19 holes
22. McCool, Saucon Valley CC, d. 11. Jamie Slonis, Tavistock CC (145), 20 holes

Junior Boys' Championship

Cavaliers Country Club - Aug. 26-28

Final

8. Robert Galbreath, Jr., Huntingdon Valley CC (74), d. 3. Robert Robertson, Sunnybrook GC (73), 1-up

Semifinals

8. Galbreath, Jr., d. 13. Jimmy Johnston, Merion GC (76), 7&6
3. Robertson d. 15. Joe Bernard, RiverCrest GC & Preserve (76), 19 holes

Quarterfinals

3. Galbreath, Jr. d. 16. Bobby Arthur, Tavistock CC (76), 6&4
13. Johnston d. 12. J.D. Hall, Merion GC (76), 1-up
15. Bernard d. 7. J.R. Fasy, Wilmington CC (74), 1-up
3. Robertson d. 11. Warren Taylor, Yardley CC (75), 3&2

First Round

16. Arthur d. 1. Kevin Melnick, Jr., Plymouth CC (67), 4&3
8. Galbreath, Jr., d. 9. Vinny Alessi, Penn Oaks GC (75), 7&5
13. Johnston d. 4. Paul Kovalcheck, Lu Lu CC (74), 5&4
12. Hall d. 5. Michael Kania Overbrook GC (74), 3&2
15. Bernard d. 2. Russell Hartung, Doylestown CC (71), by default
7. Fasy d. 10. James Bea, Spring Mill CC (75), 1-up
3. Robertson, d. 14. Kevin Genuardi, Cedarbrook CC (76), 3&2
11. Taylor d. 6. Eric Spiller, Woodcrest CC (74), 4&3

Open Championship

Merion Golf Club (East Course) - Aug. 6

NAME, CLUB	1-2-TOTAL
1. Mark Miller (a), Yardley CC	71-69=140
2. Mark Sheffic, Sunnybrook GC	70-71=141
3. Christopher Gray, Hartefeld National	73-70=143
T4. Robert Robertson (a), Sunnybrook GC	72-73=145
Jeffrey Griest (a), Waynesborough CC	75-70=145
Christopher Lange (a), Overbrook GC	73-72=145
Stuart Ingraham, Overbrook GC	69-76=145
David McNabb, Cavaliers CC	73-72=145
T9. Kyle Davis (a), Fieldstone GC	73-73=146
Adam Corson, Toftrees Resort	73-73=146
Graham Dendler, Trenton CC	74-72=146

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Phil Bartholomew



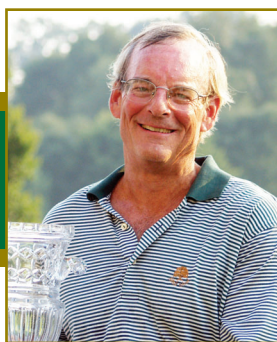
Chip Lutz



Mark Miller



Michael McDermott



Raymond Thompson



Russell Hartung



Robert Galbreath, Jr.

Joseph H. Patterson Cup

Berkleigh Country Club & Moselem Springs Golf Club - Aug. 9

NAME, CLUB	1-2-TOTAL
1. Michael McDermott, Merion GC	70M-66B-136
T2. Nathan Sutherland, Berkshire CC	70M-68B-138
Christopher Lange, Overbrook GC	68B-70M-138
4. Chris Gallagher, Penn Oaks GC	73M-66B-139
5. Cole Willcox, Philadelphia CC	70B-70M-140
T6. James Kieserman, Talamore at Oak Terrace CC	73M-68B-141
Christopher Gold, Little Mill CC	69B-72M-141
T8. Chip Lutz, LedgeRock GC	73M-69B-142
Robert Robertson, Sunnybrook GC	69B-73M-142
Raymond Thompson, Overbrook GC	70B-72M-142

Senior Amateur Championship

Waynesborough Country Club - Aug. 29-30

Senior Division

NAME, CLUB	1-2-TOTAL
1. Raymond Thompson, Overbrook GC	70-71-141
2. Ed Chylinski, Chester Valley GC	73-69-142
3. Francis McFadden, Overbrook GC	74-72-146
4. William Lawler, Fox Hill CC	76-71-147
5. Craig Scott, Huntingdon Valley CC	75-73-148
T6. Charles Jones, Philadelphia Publincs GA	74-75-149
Don Donatoni, White Manor CC	75-74-149
T8. Andy Thompson, Overbrook GC	75-75-150
Daniel Burton, Bent Creek CC	78-72-150
Roc Irey, Cedarbrook CC	79-71-150
Thomas DiCinti, Little Mill CC	76-74-150
Art Brosius, DuPont CC	77-73-150

Super-Senior Division

NAME, CLUB	1-2-TOTAL
1. Robert Proto, Little Mill CC	71-72-143
T2. Curt Fromal, The Springhaven Club	75-72-147
Jay Howson, Jr., St. Davids GC	73-74-147
4. Joseph Scott, Jr., Kennett Square G&CC	73-75-148
T5. James Sherratt, Old York Road CC	80-72-152
Richard Smith, Philadelphia CC	77-75-152
T7. Bill Weinfeld, JC Melrose CC	80-74-154
Larry Loughner, Bent Creek CC	80-74-154
9. Warren Deakins, Philadelphia CC	79-78-157
T10. Ernest Eichenberg, III, Waynesborough CC	82-78-160
G. Clay von Seldeneck, Sunnybrook GC	82-78-160

Silver Cross

NAME, CLUB	1-2-3-4-TOTAL
1. Michael McDermott, Merion GC	72-69-66-70-277
2. Cole Willcox, Philadelphia CC	67-74-70-70-281
T3. Chase Duncan, Meadia Heights GC	67-73-75-69-284
Christopher Lange, Overbrook GC	71-75-68-70-284
5. Chris Gallagher, Penn Oaks GC	74-72-66-73-285

6. Raymond Thompson, Overbrook GC	73-72-70-72-287
7. Philip Bartholomew, Yardley CC	68-76-72-72-288
8. Stephen Arnold, Yardley CC	71-75-70-73-289
9. Douglas Zelter, Coatesville CC	70-75-71-74-290
T10. James Kieserman, Talamore at Oak Terrace CC	73-77-68-73-291
Chip Lutz, LedgeRock GC	76-73-69-73-291
Donny Wessner, Golden Oaks GC	73-75-71-72-291

Rounds (in order): Applebrook GC; White Manor CC; Berkleigh CC; Moselem Springs GC

Senior Silver Cross

NAME, CLUB	1-2-3-4-TOTAL
1. Raymond Thompson, Overbrook GC	70-68-70-71-279
2. Francis McFadden, Overbrook GC	75-70-74-72-291
3. Charles Jones, Philadelphia Publincs GA	70-75-74-75-294
4. William Lawler, Fox Hill CC	73-75-76-71-295
5. Daniel Burton, Bent Creek CC	71-77-78-72-298
6. Ed Chylinski, Chester Valley GC	76-81-73-69-299
7. Don Donatoni, White Manor CC	78-74-75-74-301
8. Neil McDermott, Lanerch CC	78-73-75-76-302
9. Thomas DiCinti, Little Mill CC	75-78-76-74-303
T10. Michael Dougherty, Huntingdon Valley CC	74-78-77-75-304
Charles McClaskey, Wyncote GC	73-78-77-76-304

Rounds (in order): Bent Creek CC; Overbrook GC; Wayneborough CC (final two rounds)

Super-Senior Silver Cross

NAME, CLUB	1-2-3-4-TOTAL
1. Richard A. Smith, Philadelphia CC	72-73-77-75-297
2. Robert Proto, Little Mill CC	78-77-71-72-298
3. Curt Fromal, The Springhaven Club	78-79-75-72-304
4. Larry Loughner, Bent Creek CC	74-83-80-74-311
5. James Sherratt, Old York Road CC	83-80-80-72-315
6. Harvey McCumber, Wilmington CC	79-87-82-79-327
7. Jim Callaghan, Rolling Green GC	82-87-78-83-330
8. Charles Carter, Sunnybrook GC	88-83-81-82-334
9. Ben Sack, Overbrook GC	87-80-83-86-336
10. Richard Genoni, Waynesborough CC	88-86-82-81-337

Rounds (in order): Bent Creek CC; Overbrook GC; Wayneborough CC (final two rounds)

Harry Hammond Award

NAME, CLUB	1-2-3-4-TOTAL
1. Russell Hartung, Doylestown CC	71-76-72-75-294
T2. James Bea, Spring Mill CC	75-74-76-73-298
John Fasy, Wilmington CC	74-71-75-78-298
T4. Robert Galbreath, Jr., Huntingdon Valley CC	74-76-74-75-299
Kevin Melnick, Jr., Plymouth CC	67-81-78-73-299
6. Michael Kania, Overbrook GC	74-74-75-79-302
7. Bobby Arthur, Tavistock CC	76-73-82-73-304
T8. Richard Marabella, Whitmarsh Valley CC	81-76-76-78-311
James Tallent, Merion GC	82-79-76-74-311
Andrew Zoeller, Waynesborough CC	78-81-75-77-311

Rounds (in order): Cavaliers CC; Sandy Run CC; Jericho National GC (final two rounds)

Golfers' Shoulder Pain *Role Reversal*

By Dave Ostrow, President and CEO of Body Balance for Performance, Inc.

Fixes and Prevention

By now I hope you are seeing a trend...that there are only a few problems responsible for most of the shoulder injuries and swing faults golfers experience. It is very simple. Improve thoracic mobility, scapular stability, shoulder joint strength and mobility and fix the alignment. Simple, right? Here is the process.

Improve Thoracic Mobility

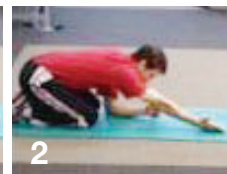
This process can be easy. You will need to improve forward and backward bending, and rotation. To improve flexion and extension lengthen the muscles and tissues on the chest and strengthen the spinal muscles in the upper back. The stretching is easy. There are a variety of chest stretches from over the ball, to over a foam roller, to just a static back position...see the pictures below. When doing these stretches you must be careful not to cause pain shoulder joint. The spinal muscles in the upper back are easy to get. You can do rolling activities, or prone extension. Again see the pictures below.



As your flexion and extension improve then it is safe to begin working on rotation. If we work on rotation before we improve flexion and extension, there is a good possibility that the rotational movements will cause lower back pain. This is because a thoracic spine stuck in flexion cannot rotate efficiently or effectively and as a result will put pressure in the lower back. To improve rotation in the thoracic spine, try the side lying trunk rotation. Once again you must be careful not to irritate the shoulder joint. Once you have stretched, try seated rotation without resistance.



Now strengthen the shoulder and shoulder blade muscles. To do this try reach roll and lift per the picture below. You can also try the shoulder rotation exercises called external rotation, first sitting then standing. After mastering these move onto more advanced shoulder exercises like I's, Y's and T's. Do all of these exercises in sets of 8-10 repetitions.



Try the exercises noted above to see what happens. Bottom line is that if you do not improve in a week to ten days doing these on your own, you probably will need help from a golf fitness professional with the knowledge of the areas noted in the previous paragraph. If you want to have us look at this email us pictures of you: standing with your back against the wall and arms overhead and straight, touching the wall, and with arms in a 90/90 position as shown in the picture below. Once we see these we might be able to guide you to a solution.



If you have any questions, please feel free to email them to me at dostrow@fitgolf.com.

Here's to your healthy shoulders and good golf.
Dave

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WHAT'S IN THE BAG

Michael McDermott
of Merion GC



Here's a look inside Michael McDermott's golf bag. McDermott, who earned his fourth William Hyndman, III Player of the Year Award in 2007, has been a force in Golf Association of Philadelphia circles since 2000. This year, McDermott grabbed his first Patterson Cup trophy and second Silver Cross Award with a scintillating 6-under par performance at Berkleigh CC/Moselem Springs GC. McDermott's earned prior POY honors in 2000-01 and 2003.

Driver

Titleist 983E, 8.5 degrees with Fujikura Speeder shaft
"I got this driver in 2003 and it was a good year. I have not always hit it my best, but I just never find the time to switch to anything else. I don't like switching clubs right before a tourney so it keeps making the cut. With all the young guns out there, I think I need to get some more modern technology in this offseason."

4-wood

Titleist, 17 degrees with Fujikura Speeder shaft
"I used to have a strong 3-wood, but I felt like I almost had two drivers. I like the 4-wood because it gives me some space between my driver and the next club."

Driving Iron

Titleist, 19 degrees, 2-iron with Dynamic Gold S300 steel shaft.
"I'm not sure what I would do without this club. This is the club I hit on almost half of my tee shots."

Irons (4-9 iron)

Mizuno T-Zoid Pro II, two inches extended.

"I got these at the end of 1999 and they really helped my game because they have such great feel. Many people don't keep irons this long anymore, but I just can't find a good reason to switch from these."

Wedges

Titleist Vokey 48, 51, 55 and 58 degrees.

"I took out my 3-iron to add a fourth wedge because I found myself with many more wedge shots than 3-iron shots during a normal round. I also have had these wedges for about five years now. I have kept these for that long on purpose. One of my old problems was that I would spin my wedges too much and now that these grooves are pretty much worn down, I don't have that problem of spinning it too much."

Putter

Mizuno Bettinardi.

"I had my old putter for five years and just this year I made the switch. This putter was definitely on shaky ground, but after making a few key putts at the Patterson Cup, it is safe again."

Golf Ball

Titleist Pro V1x.

In closing: "I have always felt that if I was swinging OK, I could hit whatever club was in my bag and if I was swinging poorly, I couldn't hit any clubs. With that philosophy, I don't switch equipment all that often."

NEW INACTIVE SEASON REVISION SCHEDULE SET

Beginning in January, and lasting throughout the entire off-season, the Golf Association of Philadelphia will update each member's Handicap Index® on a monthly basis to provide those traveling golfers with the most accurate Handicap information available. As a Golf Association of Philadelphia member, you can only post scores during your 'active season,' which in this region is designated as April 1-Oct. 31. However, when traveling and playing golf in a region of the country and abroad that is in 'active season' those scores are required to be posted.

So, remember, as you travel this off-season in search of some warm winter golf, check your email for the Golf Association of Philadelphia's monthly Revision with your Handicap Index®, 20-score history and updated Golf Association of Philadelphia news.



EVENT	DAY	DATE	VENUE
Chairmen's Meeting	Wednesday	April 9	Lancaster CC
GAP Team Matches	Sunday	April 13, 27, May 4	---
Compher Cup Matches	Monday	April 21	Pine Valley GC
Middle-Amateur Qualifier	Thursday	May 1	Talamore CC
Middle-Amateur Qualifier	Monday	May 5	White Clay Creek CC
Warner Cup (Gross)	Wednesday	May 7	Whitford CC
USGA Open Qualifier	Thursday	May 8	Woodcrest CC
GAP Team Matches Playoff & Challenges	Saturday	May 10	---
USGA Open Qualifier	Monday	May 12	White Manor CC
Amateur Championship Qualifier	Tuesday	May 13	Hopewell Valley CC
Pro-Pres., Golf & Green	Wednesday	May 14	Brandywine CC/Concord CC
Amateur Championship Qualifier	Friday	May 16	Radnor Valley CC
Middle-Amateur Championship	Wed. & Thurs.	May 21-22	Fieldstone GC
Warner Cup (Net)	Tuesday	May 27	Bala GC
Father & Son (Middle)	Thursday	May 29	Bellewood GC
Team Qualifying	Monday	June 2	Overbrook GC
Spring Net Championship	Tuesday	June 3	Bucks County CC
Senior Four-Ball Stroke Play	Thursday	June 5	Hershey's Mill GC
Amateur Championship	Tues.-Thurs. & Sat.	June 10-12 & 14	Whitemarsh Valley CC/ Philadelphia Cricket Club (Militia Hill)
Caddie Tournament	Monday	June 16	TO BE DETERMINED
Open Championship Qualifier	Wednesday	June 18	Olde York CC
Four-Man Team	Thursday	June 19	The Saint Annes Club (Back Creek)
Open Championship Qualifier	Monday	June 23	Spring Ford CC
Junior Boys' Championship & Junior Team Championship	Tues.-Thurs	June 24-26	Huntingdon Valley CC
Open Championship Qualifier	Wednesday	June 25	LedgeRock GC
Team Championship	Thursday	June 26	Wyoming Valley CC
USGA Junior Amateur Qualifier	TBD	TBD	Delaware State Golf Association
USGA Senior Open Qualifier	Tuesday	July 1	Burlington CC
Father & Son (Younger)	Wednesday	July 2	Melrose CC
Pre-Junior Tournament	Wednesday	July 9	Philadelphia Cricket Club
Senior Four-Man Team	Thursday	July 10	Golden Oaks GC
Christman Cup	Friday	July 11	Whitford CC
Patterson Cup Qualifier	Tuesday	July 15	Laurel Creek CC
The Brewer Cup	Tues.-Thurs.	July 15-17	Huntingdon Valley CC
Jock MacKenzie Memorial	Monday	July 21	Sandy Run CC
Open Championship	Wednesday	July 23	Lookaway GC
Patterson Cup Qualifier	Friday	July 25	Brookside CC
Francis X. Hussey Memorial	Monday	July 28	Rolling Green GC
Junior-Junior Boys' Championship	Tues.-Thurs.	July 29-31	Phoenixville CC
Chapman Memorial (Gross)	Thursday	July 31	North Hills CC
USGA Amateur Qualifier	Monday	Aug. 4	DuPont CC
The Deeg Sezna Four-Ball	Tuesday	Aug. 5	Hartefeld National
USGA Middle-Amateur Qualifier	Thursday	Aug. 7	Galloway National GC
Fall Net Championship	Monday	Aug. 11	Deerwood CC
Williamson Cup Matches	Mon. & Tues.	Aug. 11-12	CC of Scranton
Patterson Cup	Thursday	Aug. 14	St. Davids GC/Waynesborough CC
USGA Senior Amateur Qualifier	Monday	Aug. 25	Cedarbrook CC
Marston Cup	Wednesday	Aug. 27	Bent Creek CC
Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship	Thursday	Aug. 28	RiverCrest GC & Preserve
Senior Amateur Championship	Tues. & Wed.	Sept. 2-3	The Springhaven Club
Chapman Memorial (Net)	Monday	Sept. 8	TO BE DETERMINED
Father & Son (Older)	Thursday	Sept. 11	Woodstone GC
Senior Net Championship	Monday	Sept. 15	Ashbourne CC
Senior Challenge Matches	Wednesday	Oct. 1	Manufacturers G&CC
Challenge Matches	Thursday	Oct. 2	Stone Harbor GC
Tournament of Champions	Friday	Oct. 3	The ACE Club
Players Dinner	Tuesday	Oct. 7	Torresdale-Frankford CC
Mason-Dixon Matches	Sat. & Sun.	Oct. 11-12	Columbia CC, Chevy Chase, Md.
Volunteers Day	Monday	Oct. 13	French Creek GC
Annual Meeting	Wednesday	Oct. 22	Philmont CC

All Venues and Dates are Subject to Change



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