



2021 GAP PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



THE *Player's* Dinner

PETER BRADBEER
OSCAR MESTRE
BRIAN ROTH AUS
MORGAN LOFLAND
CHRIS LANGE

2021 GAP CHAMPIONS



BMW GAP Team Matches LuLu Country Club
BMW Philadelphia
Amateur Championship Conor McGrath, Huntingdon Valley

BREWER CUP

Senior Jeff Frazier, Carlisle
Super Senior Brian Rothaus, Philmont

FRANK H. CHAPMAN CUP (GROSS)

Senior Jeff Hudson, Olde Homestead
Super Senior Scott Carney, Commonwealth National

FRANK H. CHAPMAN CUP (NET)

Men *Lou Donofrio, Manufacturers'
Women Charlotte Kocher, LedgeRock
Christman Cup Jeff Homer, Wilmington

DEEG SEZNA

Junior Boys'
Gross Christian Matt/Keith Matt, Cedarbrook/Talamore
Net Brett McGrath/Stephen Wallick, Huntingdon Valley
Junior-Junior Boys'
Gross Colby Komancheck/Kurt Meyers, RiverCrest
Net Aaron Nye/Logan Nye, 1912 Club
Mixed
Gross Bruce Cowgill/Mia Pace, Whitford
Net Mark Harris/Nina Harris, Doylestown
Junior Girls'
Gross Beth Brennan/Nicole Yun, Philadelphia Cricket/Spring Ford

TEE IT FORWARD FALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP

Men Brian Kreamer, Bala
Women Leslie Debbas, White Manor

Father & Son (Middle) Brad Bradbeer/Peter Bradbeer, Merion

FATHER & SON (OLDER)

Championship Craig Kliewer/Alan Kliewer, Lebanon
Super Senior Jimmy Muller/Max Muller, Manufacturers'

FATHER & SON (YOUNGER)

Junior Kenneth Matt/Christian Matt, Philadelphia Publincs/Cedarbrook
Junior-Junior Randall Clouser/Ethan Clouser, Merion;
 Eric Skjeveland/Niklas Skjeveland, Commonwealth National

FOUR-BALL STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Gross *Curtis Geiger/John Foley, Raven's Claw
Net Geoffrey Cooper/Kevin Dougher, North Hills/Philadelphia Cricket

FOUR-PLAYER TEAM

Gross Larry Benedetto, Doug Fedoryshyn, T.R. Gatti
 & Matthew Vandever, Concord
Net Keith Falconer, Paul Matisse, Ted Mowery & Harry Warren,
 West Shore
Women's Gross Jackie Beck, Lehigh; Taylor Hollander, Kennett Square;
 Nicolina Kulhamer, Green Pond & Katrin Wolfe, Northampton
Women's Net Sharon Hudacek, Glenmaura National; Deb Mileski,
 Wyoming Valley; Jacqueline Brozena & Barb Maier, Fox Hill

FRANCIS X. HUSSEY MEMORIAL

Junior Boys' Jake Maddaloni/Billy Pabst, Aronimink/Elmhurst
Junior-Junior Boys' Davis Conaway/Ian Larsen, Fieldstone/Honeybrook
Harry Hammond Award Jeff Homer, Wilmington

JOCK MACKENZIE MEMORIAL

Junior Boys' Matt Homer, Wilmington
Junior-Junior Boys' Thomas Ploszay, Chester Valley
Junior Girls' Molly Gregor, Huntingdon Valley

Junior Boys' Championship Joshua Ryan, 1912 Club
Junior-Junior Boys' Championship Davis Conaway, Fieldstone
Junior Team Championship Wilmington
Marston Cup Jason Loehrs, McCall
Middle-Amateur Championship Scott McNeil, Philadelphia Publincs

MIXED FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

Gross Timmy Cooper/Allison Wix, Harrisburg
Net Carlos Fullerton/Sonya Fullerton, Brookside Allentown

Open Championship Blake Hinckley, Wilmington
Joseph H. Patterson Cup Peter Bradbeer, Merion
Philadelphia Team Championship LuLu Country Club

SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Senior Chip Lutz, LedgeRock
Super Senior Greg Osborne, Overlook
Senior Silver Cross Jeff Hudson, Olde Homestead

SENIOR 27-HOLE CHALLENGE

Gross
Senior Tom DiCinti/Byron Whitman, Philadelphia Publincs/Berkshire
Super Senior Robin McCool/Craig Scott, Saucon Valley/Great Bear
Net
Senior *Jeff Bergeman/Tom Gergel, Hershey's Mill
Super Senior Mike Dutil/William Erskine, Philadelphia Publincs

SENIOR FOUR-BALL STROKE PLAY

Gross
Senior Chris Fieger, Sr./Craig Kliewer, Philadelphia Publincs/Lebanon
Super Senior Robin McCool/Craig Scott, Saucon Valley/Great Bear
Net
Senior Ron Jamarowicz/Matthew Kohn, DuPont/White Clay Creek
Super Senior Joe Balkovec/George May, Manufacturers'

SENIOR FOUR-MAN TEAM

Gross *Bill Charpek/Robert Harrington/J. Kirk Luntley/Joe Roeder, Merion
Net *Robert Campbell/Rich Edwards/Samuel Reed/Mike Wall, Hershey
Silver Cross Peter Bradbeer, Merion

TEE IT FORWARD SPRING NET CHAMPIONSHIP

Men *Augustine Altieri, Medford Village
Women Alison Kellock, Flouertown

Super-Senior Silver Cross Brian Rothaus, Five Ponds

FRANCIS B. WARNER CUP (GROSS)

Senior *Craig Kliewer, Lebanon
Super Senior *Tom Borsello, Wyncote

FRANCIS B. WARNER CUP (NET)

Men Lee Oxman, Moselem Springs
Women Charlotte Kocher, LedgeRock

WINTER SERIES PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Amateur Gross Kevin Rossi, Green Pond
Amateur Net Greg Smith, Radley Run
Senior Gross George Steinmetz, Spring Ford
Senior Net Mick Dunphy, Flouertown
Women's Gross Muffy McCabe, French Creek
Women's Net Alison Kellock, Flouertown

WOMEN'S SPRING SCRAMBLE

First Flight Diane Herring, Whitford; Diane Bartunek, Brenda Johnson
 & Tammy Vinnig, RiverCrest
Second Flight Lisa Calle, Karen Hilliard, Lauren Studebaker
 & Kathy Wolfgang, Spring Ford

*-determined in playoff

Middle-Amateur Championship

May 25-26 • Concord Country Club



BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship

June 13-15 & 18 • Philadelphia Country Club



Open Championship

July 19-20 • Philadelphia Cricket Club (Wissahickon)



Joseph H. Patterson Cup

Aug. 3-4 • St. Davids Golf Club



WILLIAM HYNDMAN, III
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PETER Bradbeer

Merion Golf Club • 742.5 points

🏆 • **119th Joseph H. Patterson Cup Champion**

🏆 • **Silver Cross Award winner**

- Medalist, 121st BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship, Stroke-Play (Qualifying)
- 121st BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship, Round of 16
- T12, 117th Open Championship
- Qualified for the U.S. Amateur Championship
- Pennsylvania Golf Association R. Jay Sigel Amateur, Round of 16
- Metropolitan Golf Association Amateur Championship, Round of 16
- Finished sixth in Metropolitan Golf Association Stroke Play Championship



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SENIOR
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

OSCAR
Mestre

Overbrook Golf Club • 501.67 points

- *Runner-up, Senior Silver Cross Award standings*
- *Runner-up, Pennsylvania Golf Association Senior Open*
- *Semifinalist, Brewer Cup*
- *T3, Francis B. Warner Cup (Gross)*
- *T3, Frank H. Chapman Memorial Cup (Gross)*
- *T7, 51st Senior Amateur Championship*
- *T11, 38th Middle-Amateur Championship*



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SUPER-SENIOR
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

BRIAN
Rothaus

Five Ponds Golf Club • 512.5 points

🏆 • **Brewer Cup Super-Senior Champion**

🏆 • **Super-Senior Silver Cross Award winner**

- T2, Senior Amateur Championship
- T5, Frank H. Chapman Memorial Cup (Gross)
- T12, Francis B. Warner Cup (Gross)
- Runner-up, Pennsylvania Golf Association Senior Amateur Championship



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JUNIOR
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

MORGAN
Lotland

Phoenixville Country Club • 420 points

- 🏆 • **Pennsylvania Golf Association Junior Boys' Champion**
- Runner-up, 107th Junior Boys' Championship
- Medalist, 107th Junior Boys' Championship, Stroke-Play (Qualifying)
- Semifinalist, 121st BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship
- T16, 117th Open Championship



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THOMAS Larkin

"You want your opponents to be in a good mood and playing their best."

A **S 100-DEGREE HEAT** stifled the golf swings of his groupmates, Thomas Larkin didn't complain. He didn't roll his eyes or mutter condescending remarks under his breath.

Instead, Larkin offered words of encouragement to Kevin Deng and Carson Thompson throughout the 22nd Christman Cup. No mopes. Just jokes.

"There's nothing I want more than for the whole group to play well. I'll try to be the light at the end of the tunnel for someone who might be playing badly," Larkin, 18, of Drexel Hill, Pa., said. "I like keeping the vibe in the group positive, even if someone is beating me. I'll take that as an opportunity to embrace an opponent. You don't want to look at it as a negative thing. You want your opponents to be in a good mood and playing their best."

If Larkin is living his best golf life, then it certainly didn't go unnoticed in 2021. He is GAP's Junior Sportsperson of the Year.

"It feels awesome. Honestly, I'm a little surprised," Larkin, a GAP Youth on Course member, said. "It's an honor, and I thank GAP for choosing me."

"Thomas exemplifies sportsmanship. He's courteous and respectful to all GAP staff, volunteers and, perhaps more importantly, his fellow competitors," Neil Gilman, a GAP Tournament Director, said. "He's always smiling. He's always appreciative. He's always a good sport, not to mention a good competitor."

The congenial, comedic Larkin you see today is a stark contrast to the frustrated, feverish Larkin seen circa 2015.

"My dad (Michael), my brother (Michael) and the people close to me will be the first ones to tell you that I used to be a little bit of a hothead on the golf course. That, I realized, wasn't the way to go about things at all," Larkin said. "When I started to even take positives out of bad situations, that's when I really excelled in my golf game. I saw results in that, in being mature on the golf course and in being able to smile even though you made a mistake."

Proof is in the aforementioned Christman Cup at Chester Valley Golf Club. Larkin shared runner-up honors with Huntingdon Valley Country Club's Patrick Isztwan. He also placed sixth in the Harry Hammond Award race and finished 11th in the Junior Player of the Year standings.

Larkin, a recent Cardinal O'Hara High School graduate,

enjoys golf beyond competition and camaraderie among contemporaries. He's worked as a caddie at Llanerch Country Club since 2015.

"My brother Michael started caddying at the club. He would always come home, blowing up about Llanerch, the people and what loop he had that day. He fell in love with it," Larkin said. "I was all over it once I [became eligible to caddie]. I fell in love with it."

Also climbing Larkin's love ladder are his new academic surroundings. Larkin is a freshman at the University of the Sciences majoring in pharmaceutical and health care business. He is a member of the men's golf team – an impactful one at that. He broke the Devils' previous Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Championship (CACC) individual scoring record by two strokes on Oct. 4-5.

"[College at first] was a little bit academically challenging. I was thrown into a whirlwind, but then once I got into a groove, I'm really enjoying it," Larkin said. "The people I've met have been great."

Always a Larkin light at the end of the tunnel. — **Tony Regina**



CHRIS Lange

Chris Lange is the first player in GAP history to secure the career Grand Slam. His victory in the 2005 Middle-Amateur Championship completed the feat.



Lange receives congratulations from GAP President Bill Walsh after winning the 1993 Amateur Championship at Philadelphia Country Club.

Golf Association of Philadelphia Accomplishments

- Amateur Championship – 1984, 1993, 1994
- Middle-Amateur Championship – 2005, 2006
- Open Championship – 2004
- Joseph H. Patterson Cup – 1989, 1994, 1999
- William Hyndman, III Player of the Year – 1994, 2004
- Senior Amateur Championship – 2010
- Warner Cup (Gross) – 2013
- Compber Cup – 25 appearances
- Mason-Dixon Matches – 20 appearances
- Williamson Cup – 1971

Other Notable Amateur Accomplishments

- Pennsylvania Golf Association Amateur Championship – 1999

USGA Appearances

- U.S. Junior Amateur Championship – 1972
- U.S. Amateur Championship – 1984, 1988, 1994, 2000, 2004-05
- U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship – 1997, 1999, 2002-03, 2005, 2008-09
- U.S. Senior Open Championship – 2005, 2007, 2009-10
- Pennsylvania representative in USGA Men's State Team Championship – 1999, 2003, 2005

GAP HONORARY TEAMS



59th Compher Cup

Somerset Hills Country Club

New Jersey State Golf Association 11, GAP 7

(From left) Richard Riva, LuLu; Ben Feld, Green Valley; Michael R. Brown, Jr., LuLu; Grant Skyllas, LedgeRock; Brian Gillespie, St. Davids; Troy Vannucci, Little Mill; Peter Barron, III, Galloway National; captain Bob Morey, Merion; Will Davenport, Whitmarsh Valley; Patrick Knott, Merion; Matthew Mattare, Saucon Valley; Calen Sanderson, Jericho National; Jason Wilson, Olde Homestead.



69th Mason-Dixon Matches

Country Club of Maryland

Middle Atlantic Golf Association 11.5, GAP 6.5

(From left) Jack Irons, Little Mill; Ross Pilliod, LedgeRock; Jeff Frazier (senior), Carlisle; Mark Miller, Philadelphia Cricket; Zach Arsenault, Riverton; Peter Barron, III, Galloway National; captain T. Quinn Spitzer, Makefield Highlands; Josh Ryan (junior), 1912 Club; Oscar Mester (senior), Overbrook; Andy Butler, Huntingdon Valley; Troy Vannucci, Little Mill; Stephen Cerbara, Huntingdon Valley; Patrick Knott, Merion.

29th Philadelphia Challenge Matches

Saucon Valley Country Club (Grace)

GAP 10, Philadelphia Section PGA 8

(From left) Andrew Keeling, Kennett Square; Josh Ryan, 1912 Club; Jeff Frazier (senior), Carlisle; Troy Vannucci, Little Mill; Sean McMonagle, Tavistock; Jack Irons, Little Mill; captain Robin McCool, Saucon Valley; Oscar Mester (senior), Overbrook; Patrick Knott, Merion; Scott McNeil, Philadelphia Publincs; John Barone, Glenmaura National; Michael R. Brown, Jr., LuLu; Ross Pilliod, LedgeRock.



32nd Senior Challenge Matches

Gulph Mills Golf Club

GAP (455) placed second out of four teams: New Jersey State Golf Association (442), Maryland State Golf Association (456) and Delaware State Golf Association (480).

(From left) Michael Anderson, Philadelphia Cricket; Michael Tash, Stone Harbor; P. Chet Walsh, Philadelphia; Chip Lutz, LedgeRock; Craig Kliewer, Lebanon; Oscar Mester, Overbrook; Chris Fieger, Sr., Philadelphia Publincs; Brian Rothaus, Five Ponds.



57th Williamson Cup

Country Club of Buffalo

GAP placed second out of 10 teams.

Team members were (from left) Jeff Homer, Wilmington; Billy Pabst, Elmhurst; Morgan Lofland, Phoenixville; Jake Maddaloni, Aronimink.



BMW GAP Team Matches



LuLu Country Club, in existence since 1912, captured its first BMW GAP Team Matches title in thrilling fashion. It finished with 71 points to best Huntingdon Valley Country Club by 4.5 points. Philadelphia Cricket Club placed third with 54.5 points. Tavistock Country Club finished fourth with 24 points. The BMW GAP Team Matches was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



101st Team Championship

LedgeRock Golf Club

LuLu Country Club (24.5 points) won its second Team Championship title by besting LedgeRock (21), Philadelphia Cricket Club (17.5) and Huntingdon Valley Country Club (9). Team members were (from left) Jack Melville, Glenn Smeraglio, P.J. Acierno, Matthew Crescenzo, Michael R. Brown, Jr., John Simone, Jim Sullivan, Jr. and Jon Rusk.





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