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Connecticut Section PGA News

Young Guns Victorious in Lake of Isles PGA Pro-Scratch

Kyle and KJ Ten-Under-Par



NORTH STONINGTON, Conn. – Kyle Bilodeau, 26, of The Hartford Golf Club and amateur partner, KJ Camera, 25, extend their lead after day one shooting a two day total of ten-under-par 134 to win the 2011 Lake of Isles PGA Pro-Scratch Invitational. In the first day of play, Bilodeau and Camera fired a six-under-par 66 which held a two stroke lead over Mike Martin of Clubs To Go and amateur partner, Ryan Leahey. However, following brutal conditions on Tuesday, many teams were not able to shoot under par, in fact, only two teams did with Bilodeau & Camera, and Martin & Farrell. Their one-under-par, a very impressive score today, was not enough to take the lead from Bilodeau and Camera who fired a four-under-par to clench the title.

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Brian Higgins Named 2011 President's Award Recipient

Over \$50,000 Raised In Two Years from Hartford Charity Classic



ROCKY HILL, Conn. – Brian Higgins, general manager of The Hartford Golf Club, has been named the recipient of the 2011 President's Award. The President's Award is presented annually to a PGA member for exceptional influence towards fund raising during annual PGA campaigns that benefits The Connecticut Section PGA Golf Foundation. In just two short years, his instrumental work in developing the Hartford Charity Classic has raised over \$50,000 for the Connecticut PGA Golf Foundation.

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Kevin Captures Fourth Match Play Championship

Final Match Won 4&3 Over Gleeton



ORANGE, Conn. – Following five rigorous rounds in the [21st Match Play Championship](#), Kevin Giancola of Golf Quest Family Sports Center and Tom Gleeton of the Country Club of Waterbury set out for the [final Championship match](#) at Race Brook Country Club. Giancola was victorious being 4 up with 3 holes to play, capturing his fourth match play championship title. His [semi-final match](#) earlier this morning over Fran Marrello of Canaan C.C. also solidified him as the 2011 Player of the Year with 328.50 points over Marrello's 312.75. This is Giancola's sixth Player of the Year title and third in four years. His incredible short game, sinking key putts and making impressive up and downs, kept Giancola in the hunt in each of his five matches.

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George Connor Named Connecticut Section PGA Teacher of the Year



ROCKY HILL, Conn. – George Connor, Director of Instruction at the [Academy of Golf at Gillette Ridge Golf Club](#) in Bloomfield, Conn. has been selected by the Connecticut Section PGA as the 2011 Teacher of the Year. This award was inaugurated in 1986 to honor outstanding teachers of golf where selection is based on overall performance as a teacher, and unusual, innovative, and special programs the professional utilizes, as well as outstanding golfers the professional has instructed.

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