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Yamba rises to the top at Berkshire Valley

SHIPPEN CUP LEADERBOARD

PLAYER	RANK	POINTS
Burnell Williams	1	90
Zack Yamba	2	71.3
Errol Blake	3	65
Perry Medina	4	60
Ray Woolfolk	5	55
Hugh Lecky	6	48.8
DeLano Bonner	T7	40
Greg Cavanaugh	T7	40
Walter Frye	T7	40
Larry Jones	10	36.7
Sebastian Sepulveda	11	35
Mike Conrad	12	34.2
Keith Kirkland	T13	30
Joe McLaughlin	T13	30
Mel Knight	15	26.7

BERKSHIRE TOP GROSS

Perry Medina	84
Zack Yamba	88
DeLano Bonner	91
Greg Cavanaugh	95
Larry Jones	95

Berkshire Valley Recap

May 30, 2026 | Jefferson Township, Morris County, NJ

By Anthony Darby

The final Saturday of May brought the New Jersey Ball Strikers to Berkshire Valley Golf Course for another memorable stop on the 2026 tour. While the setting was beautiful, the weather left much to be desired.

Temperatures hovered in the 50s throughout the afternoon, and a relentless swirling wind cut through the rolling hills of Morris County. The first groups teed off at noon, but conditions never truly improved. Golfers bundled themselves in jackets, pull-overs, winter hats, and extra layers as they battled the elements from the opening tee shot to the final putt.

The day's competition featured individual match play contests within foursomes, with head-to-head battles throughout the field. Berkshire Valley is never an easy test, but the cold temperatures and gusting winds made scoring even more challenging.

A Visitor Before the Event



Top performers at Berkshire Valley were (left to right) Zack Yamba, Walter Frye and Burnie Williams

The most talked-about sighting of the weekend actually occurred the day before the tournament. A group of Ball Strikers made the trip to Berkshire Valley on Friday for a practice round and received an unexpected reminder that golf in Morris County occasionally comes with wildlife spectators.

As the foursome approached the area near the sixth hole, a healthy-sized black bear emerged from the edge of the woods and into view. The sight immediately captured everyone's attention. One golfer attempted to calm the group by reminding everyone, "Don't run... he's more scared of us than we are of him."

Whether that reassurance was fully accepted remains up for debate.

The bear, however, seemed completely uninterested in the golfers. After briefly acknowledging their presence, he casually continued along his route and disappeared into the surrounding woods, never to be seen again.

Although the encounter lasted only a few moments, the bear remained a popular topic of conversation for the remainder of the round and throughout tournament day.

Former Ball Strikers who had previously competed at Berkshire Valley were quick to share stories from years past, recalling that the local bear population has long been considered part of the Berkshire Valley experience. Their stories brought back memories of earlier encounters and reminded newer members that the course's natural beauty has always come with a touch of wilderness.

For many participants, the

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Some friendly advice from one of the locals

bear became just another chapter in the growing collection of stories that make Berkshire Valley one of the more memorable stops on the Ball Strikers schedule.

Gross Division Leaders

Despite the difficult conditions, several players managed to separate themselves from the field.

Top Gross Finishers

1 Perry Medina – 84

2 Zack Yamba – 88

3 Delano Bonner – 91

T4 Greg Cavanaugh – 95

T4 Larry Jones – 95

T6 Joe McLaughlin – 98

T6 Burnell Williams – 98

T6 Anthony Darby – 98

Perry Medina's 84 proved to be the class of the field and earned him Gross Champion honors on a day when pars were valuable and every mistake was magnified by the wind.

Shippen Cup Leaderboard

While Medina claimed Gross honors, Zack Yamba put together the net performance of the day to capture Shippen Cup honors.

Top Shippen Cup Scores

1 Zack Yamba – 71

2 Burnell Williams – 74

T3 Perry Medina – 78

T3 Walter Frye – 78

5 Greg Cavanaugh – 80

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T6 Joe McLaughlin – 81

T6 Larry Jones – 81

T8 Keith Kirkland – 82

T8 Delano Bonner – 82

T10 George Weeks – 83

T10 Anthony Darby – 83

Yamba's net 71 was the lowest Shippen Cup score of the day and provided a clear victory in the net competition.

Conditions Dictated the Story

Berkshire Valley proved to be every bit as demanding as expected. The combination of cool temperatures, gusting winds, elevation changes, and firm conditions challenged every aspect of a golfer's game.

Only one player broke 85, and just three players finished below 92, illustrating how difficult scoring conditions were throughout the day. Yet, as always, the true success of the event extended beyond the scorecards.

The fellowship, competition, stories, laughter, and even an unexpected bear encounter combined to create another memorable chapter in New Jersey Ball Strikers history.

Congratulations to Gross Champion Perry Medina and Shippen Cup Champion Zack Yamba on their outstanding performances.

The tour now moves on to Hunterdon County and the next stop on the schedule: High Bridge Hills Golf Club, High Bridge, New Jersey

Another challenge awaits.

Match Play Results

Berkshire Valley, 5/30/2026, Match Play Results

Match	Points	Team/Player A	Team/Player B	Points	Match
7 & 5	10	Medina, Perry	Williams, David	0	
4 & 2	10	Cavanaugh, Gregory	Rucker, Donald	0	
8 & 6	10	Yamba, Zack	McLaughlin, Joe	0	
	0	Sepulveda, Sebastian	Woolfolk, Raymond	10	4 & 2
4 & 3	10	Arthur, Bruce	Kirkland, Keith	0	
6 & 5	10	Bonner, DeLano	Carothers, Terrell	0	
	0	Smith, Charles	Lecky, Hugh	10	8 & 7
	0	Brown, Maurice	Jones, Larry	10	2 & 1
Tied	5	Weekes, George	Whitaker, Greg	5	Tied
	0	Blake, Errol	Branson, Jesse	10	3 & 1
	0	Fraser, Earl	Williams, Burnell	10	4 & 3
1 up	10	Darby, Anthony	Thomas, George	0	
5 & 4	10	Frye, Walter	Holloway, Joseph	0	

Green background = Match WIN

Pink background = Match LOSS

Blue background = Match TIE

Yellow background = odd man in Odd Man Match

Net Stroke Play Results

Berkshire Valley Event, 5/30/2026, Net Stroke Play Results

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Points
1	Yamba, Zack	E	71	30
2	Williams, Burnell	3	74	20
T3	Medina, Perry	7	78	12.5
T3	Frye, Walter	7	78	12.5
5	Cavanaugh, Gregory	9	80	10
T6	McLaughlin, Joe	10	81	10
T6	Jones, Larry	10	81	10
T6	Branson, Jesse	10	81	10
T9	Kirkland, Keith	11	82	10
T9	Bonner, DeLano	11	82	10
T11	Weekes, George	12	83	5
T11	Darby, Anthony	12	83	5
T13	Lecky, Hugh	13	84	5
T13	Fraser, Earl	13	84	5
T15	Woolfolk, Raymond	14	85	5
T15	Blake, Errol	14	85	5
T17	Arthur, Bruce	15	86	5
T17	Brown, Maurice	15	86	5
T19	Whitaker, Greg	16	87	5
T19	Thomas, George	16	87	5
21	Rucker, Donald	18	89	5
T22	Sepulveda, Sebastia	23	94	5
T22	Carothers, Terrell	23	94	5
24	Holloway, Joseph	29	100	5
25	Smith, Charles	32	103	5
DNF	Williams, David	-	DNF	0

Gross Hole by Hole

Berkshire Valley Event 5/30/2026 Ranked by GROSS																										
RANK	NAME	TEE	HOLE PAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDCF	NET
				4	3	5	4	4	3	5	4	4	36	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	35	71		
1	Medina, Perry	WHT	7.7	4	6	6	4	4	5	6	6	5	46	5	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	5	38	84	6	78
2	Yamba, Zack	GLD	21	4	4	6	5	5	3	7	5	4	43	5	5	3	6	6	6	4	4	6	45	88	17	71
3	Bonner, DeLano	WHT	10.6	5	5	5	6	5	5	6	5	5	47	5	4	5	6	4	7	4	4	5	44	91	9	82
4	Cavanaugh, Gregory	WHT	16.3	6	6	5	6	5	4	6	5	8	51	5	4	4	7	4	8	3	4	5	44	95	15	80
4	Jones, Larry	WHT	16	6	4	7	5	5	3	6	5	4	45	6	4	5	8	5	6	3	8	5	50	95	14	81
6	Williams, Burnell	GLD	27.5	8	4	6	5	6	3	7	8	5	52	6	3	5	6	5	6	6	3	6	46	98	24	74
6	McLaughlin, Joe	WHT	18.4	6	6	6	6	7	5	7	6	4	53	5	4	4	4	4	8	5	5	6	45	98	17	81
6	Darby, Anthony	WHT	16.5	5	3	6	4	6	4	5	6	5	44	7	4	6	7	5	9	5	4	7	54	98	15	83
9	Brown, Maurice	WHT	14.6	5	3	6	6	7	4	6	5	5	47	7	4	4	7	4	7	4	8	7	52	99	13	86
10	Branson, Jesse	WHT	20.2	4	4	7	6	7	4	7	5	5	49	6	5	6	5	5	7	4	5	8	51	100	19	81
11	Lecky, Hugh	WHT	18.7	8	5	6	4	5	5	7	4	6	50	7	4	3	8	6	7	5	6	5	51	101	17	84
11	Thomas, George	WHT	16	6	4	6	5	8	6	7	5	4	51	7	5	5	5	4	6	4	7	7	50	101	14	87
13	Frye, Walter	WHT	26	6	4	6	5	5	6	9	5	8	54	6	5	4	7	6	8	3	5	5	49	103	25	78
13	Kirkland, Keith	WHT	22.7	4	4	7	5	6	3	9	7	7	52	8	4	5	7	5	9	4	5	4	51	103	21	82
13	Blake, Errol	WHT	19.7	4	6	7	5	5	5	8	7	5	52	6	7	5	7	5	5	4	7	5	51	103	18	85
16	Woolfolk, Raymond	WHT	20.4	6	4	6	6	5	4	7	8	5	51	7	6	6	6	4	7	4	8	5	53	104	19	85
17	Weekes, George	WHT	23.2	6	4	6	6	7	3	8	8	5	53	6	6	5	8	5	8	4	4	6	52	105	22	83
17	Rucker, Donald	WHT	17.8	6	5	7	6	7	5	9	5	5	55	6	4	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	50	105	16	89
19	Fraser, Earl	GLD	26.1	6	4	6	7	8	5	6	6	7	55	6	6	5	5	6	7	6	4	7	52	107	23	84
19	Arthur, Bruce	WHT	22.3	6	4	6	5	4	5	8	6	7	51	7	5	5	6	5	7	6	8	7	56	107	21	86
21	Carothers, Terrell	WHT	15.6	5	4	7	7	6	5	8	8	6	56	7	6	4	7	5	10	4	5	4	52	108	14	94
22	Whitaker, Greg	GLD	33.1	7	5	6	4	6	5	10	8	7	58	6	6	5	8	5	6	5	8	6	55	113	26	87
22	Sepulveda, Sebastian	WHT	20.1	5	6	9	6	5	3	9	4	6	53	6	8	6	6	6	8	6	8	6	60	113	19	94
24	Smith, Charles	WHT	17.2	8	6	7	7	6	6	10	8	7	65	6	5	6	7	5	7	6	7	5	54	119	16	103
25	Holloway, Joseph	GLD	42	7	4	6	7	8	4	8	8	8	60	7	8	6	7	6	10	6	8	8	66	126	26	100
	Williams, David	WHT	10.1	4	5	6	5	5	6	10	5	6	52	6	8	W/D							14		8	

Skins & Skills

BERKSHIRE VALLEY SKINS & SKILLS, May 30, 2026

Gross Skins (skins pool = \$110)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Medina, Perry	4	\$73.00	Par on 5, Par on 12, Par on 13, Par on 15
Carothers, Terrell	1	\$18.00	Par on 18
Darby, Anthony	1	\$18.00	Par on 7
Total Purse Allocated:\$109.00			
High Handicap Gross Skins (skins pool = \$130)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Williams, Burnell	2	\$43.00	Birdie on 11, Birdie on 17
McLaughlin, Joe	1	\$21.00	Par on 13
Arthur, Bruce	1	\$21.00	Par on 5
Blake, Errol	1	\$21.00	Par on 15
Frye, Walter	1	\$21.00	Par on 16
Total Purse Allocated:\$127.00			

Closest to the Pin, Hole #6 George Weekes 29' 10"

Closest to the Pin, Hole #12 Greg Cavanaugh 48'

Long Drive, Hole #15 Larry Jones 302.5 yards

50/50 Zack Yamba \$20

Skins

5/30/2026																								
Berkshire Valley Event Gross Skins																		Total HC		Net				
NAME	TEE	PAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDC
Bonner, DeLano	WHT	10.6	5	5	5	6	5	5	6	5	5	47	5	4	5	6	4	7	4	4	5	44	91	9
Brown, Maurice	WHT	14.6	5	3	6	6	7	4	6	5	5	47	7	4	4	7	4	7	4	8	7	52	99	13
Carothers, Terrell	WHT	15.6	5	4	7	7	6	5	8	8	6	56	7	6	4	7	5	10	4	5	4	52	108	14
Cavanaugh, Gregory	WHT	16.3	6	6	5	6	5	4	6	5	8	51	5	4	4	7	4	8	3	4	5	44	95	15
Darby, Anthony	WHT	16.5	5	3	6	4	6	4	5	6	5	44	7	4	6	7	5	9	5	4	7	54	98	15
Jones, Larry	WHT	16	6	4	7	5	5	3	6	5	4	45	6	4	5	8	5	6	3	8	5	50	95	14
Medina, Perry	WHT	7.7	4	6	6	4	4	5	6	6	5	46	5	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	5	38	84	6
Rucker, Donald	WHT	17.8	6	5	7	6	7	5	9	5	5	55	6	4	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	50	105	16
Thomas, George	WHT	16	6	4	6	5	8	6	7	5	4	51	7	5	5	5	4	6	4	7	7	50	101	14
Weekes, George	WHT	23.2	6	4	6	6	7	3	8	8	5	53	6	6	5	8	5	8	4	4	6	52	105	22
Williams, David	WHT	10.1	4	5	6	5	5	6	10	5	6	52	6	8	W/D							14		8
Minimum Score			4	3	5	4	4	3	5	5	4		5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4			
# of min scores			2	2	2	2	1	2	1	7	2		3	7	1	1	5	1	2	5	1			

Berkshire Valley Event High Handicap Gross Skins																		Total HC		Net				
NAME	TEE	PAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDC
Arthur, Bruce	WHT	22.3	6	4	6	5	4	5	8	6	7	51	7	5	5	6	5	7	6	8	7	56	107	21
Blake, Errol	WHT	19.7	4	6	7	5	5	5	8	7	5	52	6	7	5	7	5	5	4	7	5	51	103	18
Frye, Walter	WHT	26	6	4	6	5	5	6	9	5	8	54	6	5	4	7	6	8	3	5	5	49	103	25
Holloway, Joseph	GLD	42	7	4	6	7	8	4	8	8	8	60	7	8	6	7	6	10	6	8	8	66	126	26
Lecky, Hugh	WHT	18.7	8	5	6	4	5	5	7	4	6	50	7	4	3	8	6	7	5	6	5	51	101	17
McLaughlin, Joe	WHT	18.4	6	6	6	6	7	5	7	6	4	53	5	4	4	4	8	5	5	6	6	45	98	17
Sepulveda, Sebastie	WHT	20.1	5	6	9	6	5	3	9	4	6	53	6	8	6	6	6	8	6	8	6	60	113	19
Smith, Charles	WHT	17.2	8	6	7	7	6	6	10	8	7	65	6	5	6	7	5	7	6	7	5	54	119	16
Weekes, George	WHT	23.2	6	4	6	6	7	3	8	8	5	53	6	6	5	8	5	8	4	4	6	52	105	22
Whitaker, Greg	GLD	33.1	7	5	6	4	6	5	10	8	7	58	6	6	5	8	5	6	5	8	6	55	113	26
Williams, Burnell	GLD	27.5	8	4	6	5	6	3	7	8	5	52	6	3	5	6	5	6	6	3	6	46	98	24
Woolfolk, Raymond	WHT	20.4	6	4	6	6	5	4	7	8	5	51	7	6	6	6	4	7	4	8	5	53	104	19
Yamba, Zack	GLD	21	4	4	6	5	5	3	7	5	4	43	5	5	3	6	6	6	4	4	6	45	88	17
Minimum Score			4	4	6	4	4	3	7	4	4		5	3	3	4	4	5	3	3	5			
# of min scores			2	7	10	2	1	4	5	2	2		2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	5		

Event Statistics

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Berkshire Valley Golf Club

Round 1 -- May 30, 2026

<u>Hole #</u>	<u>Yardage</u>	<u>Par</u>	<u>Stroke Avg</u>	<u>Hole Rank</u>	<u>Eagles</u>	<u>Birdies</u>	<u>Pars</u>	<u>Bogeys</u>	<u>D. Bogeys</u>	<u>Others</u>
1	313-349	4	5.65	11	0	0	6	5	10	5
2	163-212	3	4.58	13	0	0	2	13	5	6
3	426-479	5	6.31	16	0	0	2	16	7	1
4	313-352	4	5.50	14	0	0	4	9	9	4
5	292-312	4	5.88	6	0	0	2	10	6	8
6	128-158	3	4.46	15	0	0	6	6	10	4
7	447-498	5	7.54	1	0	0	1	6	7	12
8	323-354	4	6.08	5	0	0	2	10	5	9
9	320-359	4	5.73	10	0	0	4	10	4	8
10	307-371	4	6.19	4	0	0	0	5	12	9
11	243-283	4	5.15	17	0	1	10	6	5	4
12	120-143	3	4.80	9	0	0	3	5	11	6
13	408-420	4	6.36	2	0	0	2	4	6	13
14	220-234	4	4.96	18	0	0	7	12	6	0
15	425-522	5	7.20	3	0	0	2	6	8	9
16	142-143	3	4.60	12	0	0	3	11	4	7
17	294-313	4	5.80	8	0	1	7	5	2	10
18	350-371	4	5.88	7	0	0	2	9	6	8

<i>Holes</i>	<i>Yardage</i>	<i>Par</i>	<i>Stoke Avg</i>	<i>Eagles</i>	<i>Birdies</i>	<i>Pars</i>	<i>Bogeys</i>	<i>D. Bogeys</i>	<i>Others</i>
Out	2725-3073	36	51.73	0	0	29	85	63	57
In	2509-2800	35	50.95	0	2	36	63	60	66
Total	5234-5873	71	102.68	0	2	65	148	123	123

PROXIMITY

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

1. NS Ball Striker
2. George Wines 29'-10"
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

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PROXIMITY

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

1. NS Ball Strikers
2. Carv 48'
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

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