

## 2020 CNY PGA Tournament Recap

Despite the immense challenges faced this season because of Covid-19, the Central New York PGA Section successfully conducted a majority of its tournament schedule. Tournaments administered included all three Apogee Investment Management Championships and all of the Section's major championships.

Here is a brief recap of this year's major events.

### GOLF MAX CNY OPEN

Camillus native and PGA Tour Latino American player John Clare won his third straight title and fourth overall in June at Tuscarora Golf Club.

Clare carded back-to-back rounds of 65 for a 12-under-par 130 total, six strokes ahead of 2014 champion and Cazenovia Country Club pro Mark Tucker (70-66—136).

The tournament, open to amateurs, drew a full field of 75 golfers. Johnny Gruninger (Bellevue CC) was the top amateur finisher at 3-under par 139. He finished tied for third with John Duthie (Robert Trent Jones GC).

### CNY PGA STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Michael Deuel won in a playoff over Ryan McGinnis for his second career title in July at Mark Twain Golf Club in Elmira.

After the pair finished tied at 5-under 136 after 36-holes, Deuel (En-Joie GC) won on the first playoff hole against McGinnis (Turning Stone).

Four-time champion Dennis Colligan (Cazenovia GC) third at 145. Defending champion Eric Manning placed fourth at 146.

### CNY PGA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Jeff Reader captured his first Section Senior Championship in July at Teugega Country Club in Rome.

Reader (Cazenovia Golf Club), who finished second in 2019, Reader birdied his final three holes for a 4-under 67 in the final round to beat Michael Deuel (En-Joie GC) by a stroke.

Reader finished with a 5-under 137 total. Deuel (En-Joie GC) made push to catch Reader with five birdies on the back for a 5-under 66 in the second round but finished at 4-under 138.

First round leader Eric Manning (Elm Tree GC) finished third 139. Defending champion Mark Tucker (Cazenovia CC) finished tied for fourth (70-71—141) with Alan Savage (Turning Stone).

#### EMMETT KELLY MASTERS

Bill Moore (Bellevue CC) defeated Chris Quilty (Tuscarora GC) on the fourth playoff hole at Cavalry Club in August. The pair finished tied in regulation at 5-under-par 67.

A field of 87 amateur golfers and Central New York PGA players competed in the annual tournament. Dan Molter (Binghamton CC) and John Duthie finished tied for third overall and were the top CNY PGA finishers.

#### SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

Eric Manning made history with a one-stroke victory over Mark Tucker for his fifth career Section Championship in August at Seven Oaks Golf Club.

With the win, Manning (Elm Tree GC) became the first CNY PGA player to the Section Championship in three different decades. His fifth career title is also a Section record. Jerry Steelsmith, Kevin Savage and Bill Galloway are all tied at four.

Manning carded a 2-under-par 142 while Tucker (Cazenovia CC) finished at 1-under 143. Michael Deuel (En-Joie GC), who won the Stroke Play Championship in July, finished at 1-over 145.

#### ASSISTANTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Eric Manning defeated Ryan McGinnis on the first playoff hole to win the tournament at Lakeshore 1860 in August.

Manning (Elm Tree GC) and three-time champion McGinnis (Turning Stone) both finished with a 3-under 141 in regulation. Manning fired a 4-under-par 68 in the second round to tie McGinnis.

With the win, Manning became the first player to qualify for three PGA national events since Rob Phelps in 2012. Manning won his fifth career Section Championship and finished third at the Section Senior Championship.

#### PLAYERS/HEAD PRO CHAMPIONSHIP

Jeff Reader won the Players Championship while Dennis Colligan earned the Head Professional Championship in September. Both Section events were held concurrently at Thendara Golf Club.

Reader (Cazenovia Golf Club) finished with for a 5-under 139 in the Players Championship for his second major of the year.

Colligan (Cazenovia Golf Club) defeated Bruce Martins (Elm Tree GC) on the second playoff hole for the Head Professional Championship.

#### BRADLEY'S JEWELERS CUP

Eric Manning capped off the season with a decisive victory at Lakeshore 1860 in October. Manning finished with a 4-under-par 68 while Ryan McGinnis and Mark Tucker tied for second at 1-over 73.