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Cavanaugh sweeps the competition at Neshanic

SHIPPEN CUP LEADERBOARD

PLAYER	RANK	POINTS
Greg Ward	T1	170
Greg Cavanaugh	T1	170
Hugh Lecky	3	165.4
Zack Yamba	4	156.3
Anthony Darby	T5	140
Ray Woolfolk	T5	140
Burnell Williams	7	135
Perry Medina	8	125
Mike Conrad	9	124.2
Mel Knight	10	113.3
DeLano Bonner	11	105
Bruce Arthur	T12	95
Sebastian Sepulved	T12	95
Joe McLaughlin	14	92.5
Walter Frye	15	90
George Weekes	16	87.5

NESHANIC TOP GROSS

Greg Cavanaugh	85
Anthony Darby	86
DeLano Bonner	88
Keith Davenport	93

Storm at the Turn, Victory at the Finish:
Cavanaugh Sweeps
Neshanic Valley

By Anthony Darby

A 20-minute downpour tested the field, but Cavanaugh conquered the changing conditions to sweep both the Gross and Net titles as the 2026 Shippen Cup race tightened heading into Riverview.

The NJ Ball Strikers returned to Neshanic Valley Golf Course in scenic Somerset County on Saturday for the seventh stop of the 2026 Shippen Cup season. Nestled between the townships of Branchburg and Hillsborough, the course once again provided a championship-caliber test—but this time, Mother Nature had other ideas.

The morning began under comfortable but overcast skies throughout Somerset County. Although temperatures were excellent for golf, the blanket of gray clouds overhead served as a reminder that rain was in the forecast. For much of the front nine, the weather cooperated before the forecast finally caught up with the field.

Just as the 11:00 a.m. lead foursome reached the turn, a heavy downpour



Greg Cavanaugh (left) and Anthony Darby led the field at Neshanic Valley

swept across Neshanic Valley, soaking the course for approximately 20 minutes. The storm arrived at the worst possible time for the groups following the leaders, forcing several competitors to discontinue their rounds while others elected to battle through the challenging conditions.

Fortunately, the rain moved through as quickly as it arrived. Sunshine eventually broke through the clouds for the remainder of the afternoon, but the course had already been transformed. Fairways became soft, greens slowed considerably, and players were forced to adjust to a much different golf course over the closing holes.

With the storm forcing the 11:10 a.m., 11:20 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. groups to discontinue play, the field became fragmented. Gregory

Cavanaugh was the lone player from the 11:20 a.m. group to continue, joining the lead foursome on the 13th hole to complete the final six holes of his round. His score was properly attested at the conclusion of play before being submitted. Despite the interruption and changing conditions, Cavanaugh remained steady down the stretch, completing the round of the day and sweeping both the Gross and Net titles.

Cavanaugh Sweeps Both Titles

When the scorecards were signed, it was Cavanaugh who stood atop both leaderboards, turning in the round of the day to capture both Low Gross and Low Net honors.

Cavanaugh fired an outstanding 85 to claim Low Gross, opening with a steady 41 before closing with a composed 44 despite the rain-

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soaked conditions. Anthony Darby finished just one stroke back with a remarkably consistent 86, carding matching 43s on both nines.

DeLano Bonner completed the Gross podium after producing one of the day's best turnarounds. Following an opening 47, Bonner caught fire on the inward nine, posting a 41 to finish with an 88. Keith Davenport secured fourth place with a 93, while Joe McLaughlin and Maurice Brown shared fifth after rounds of 94.

Gross Leaders

🏆 Gregory Cavanaugh – 85

🏆 Anthony Darby – 86

🏆 DeLano Bonner – 88

4th – Keith Davenport – 93

T5 – Joe McLaughlin – 94

T5 – Maurice Brown – 94

Cavanaugh wasn't finished.

His outstanding play also earned him the Net Championship with a superb 69 (-3), completing an impressive sweep of the day's honors. Darby followed with a 73 to finish second, while Joe McLaughlin and George Weekes tied for third after posting 78s. Otis Livingston rounded out the top five with a 79.

Net Leaders

🏆 Gregory Cavanaugh – 69

🏆 Anthony Darby – 73

🏆 Joe McLaughlin – 78 (T3)

🏆 George Weekes – 78 (T3)

5th – Otis Livingston – 79

Four-Ball Competition Battles the Elements

The day's Four-Ball competition was every bit as impacted by the weather as the individual stroke-play competition. Anthony Darby and DeLano Bonner weathered both the elements and a determined challenge from Keith Davenport and Melvin Knight, closing out a 2 & 1 victory.

Joe McLaughlin and Sebastian Sepulveda also secured a 2 & 1 victory over Maurice Brown and George Thomas, while Harold White and Earl Fraser edged Raymond Woolfolk and Errol Blake 1 Up in one of the day's closest matches.

George Weekes and Greg Whitaker matched that result with a hard-fought 1 Up victory over Hugh Lecky and Otis Livingston.

Several scheduled individual and Four-Ball matches were unable to reach a conclusion after the storm forced multiple groups from the course, making perseverance just as important as performance on a memorable afternoon at Neshanic Valley.

Matches that did not reach the finish were scored as a tie.

Resilience Defines the Day

The changing weather created two distinctly different rounds at Neshanic Valley. Players who completed all 18 holes had to quickly adjust from a relatively dry front nine to a soaked golf course after the storm passed.

Cavanaugh's consistency proved to be the difference, never allowing the changing conditions—or the mid-round regrouping—to disrupt his rhythm. Darby's even split of 43-43 was one of the day's most consistent rounds, allowing him to finish just one stroke off the lead.

Bonner authored the day's biggest charge among the leaders, shaving six strokes off his front-nine score to post a brilliant 41 on the back, while McLaughlin responded with an equally impressive recovery, improving from 50 on the front to 44 on the inward nine.

Although several competitors were unable to complete their rounds because of the storm, those who battled through were rewarded with sunshine for the closing holes. The softened fairways and slower greens demanded patience, sound course management, and resilience—qualities that ultimately defined the day's top finishers.

Shippen Cup Race Tightens After Neshanic

With seven events now complete, the race for the 2026 Shippen Cup has officially entered its second half, and Neshanic Valley produced one of the biggest shakeups of the season.

Cavanaugh's dominant performance earned him the maximum point haul, vaulting him from fourth place into a tie for the overall Shippen Cup lead. Greg Ward added valuable Shippen Cup allowing him to share the top spot with Cavanaugh. Hugh Lecky and Zack Yamba collected enough Shippen Cup points to place third and fourth respectively.

Anthony Darby's runner-up finish moved him into a tie for fifth alongside Ray Woolfolk, while Burnell Williams remained in the top seven.

With six regular-season events remaining before the Club Championship, every point becomes increasingly valuable. The leaderboard has tightened considerably, and another strong performance at Riverview could significantly reshape the standings as the race for the 2026 Shippen Cup continues.

Next Stop: Riverview Golf Course

The NJ Ball Strikers continue the 2026 Shippen Cup season on Saturday, July 18, at Riverview Golf Course.

As the championship race enters its second half, every event carries added significance. With valuable Shippen Cup points on the line and momentum becoming increasingly important, Riverview promises another outstanding day of competition.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on the first tee for another day of spirited competition, fellowship, and—hopefully—a little more cooperation from Mother Nature.

Match Play Results

Neshanic Valley, 7/11/2026, Match Play Results					
Match	Points	Team/Player A	Team/Player B	Points	Match
2 & 1	10	Bonner, DeLano	Davenport, Keith		
	10	Darby, Anthony	Knight, Melvin		
Tied	5	Kirkland, Keith	Hart, Kirk	5	Tied
	5	, Arthur, Bruce	Williams, Burnell	5	
Tied	5	Jones, Larry	Cavanaugh, Gregory	5	Tied
		Jones, Larry	Cavanaugh, Gregory	5	Default
Tied		Jones, Larry	Yamba, Zack	5	Tied
Tied	5	Jenkins, Tony	Ward, Greg	5	Tied
2 & 1	10	McLaughlin, Joe	Brown, Maurice		
	10	Sepulveda, Sebastian	Thomas, George		
		Blake, Errol	White, Harold	10	1 up
		Woolfolk, Raymond	Fraser, Earl	10	
		Lecky, Hugh	Weekes, George	10	1 up
		Livingston, Otis	Whitaker, Greg	10	
Green background = Match WIN					
Pink background = Match LOSS					
Blue background = Match TIE					
Yellow background = odd man in Odd Man Match					

Net Stroke Play Results

Neshanic Valley Event, 7/11/2026, Net Stroke Play Results				
Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Points
1	Cavanaugh, Gregory	-3	69	30
2	Darby, Anthony	1	73	20
T3	McLaughlin, Joe	6	78	12.5
T3	Weekes, George	6	78	12.5
5	Livingston, Otis	7	79	10
T6	Bonner, DeLano	8	80	10
T6	Woolfolk, Raymond	8	80	10
T6	Thomas, George	8	80	10
9	Brown, Maurice	9	81	10
T10	Lecky, Hugh	10	82	6.67
T10	Davenport, Keith	10	82	6.67
T10	Knight, Melvin	10	82	6.67
13	Fraser, Earl	11	83	5
T14	Blake, Errol	14	86	5
T14	Sepulveda, Sebastia	14	86	5
T16	White, Harold	16	88	5
T16	Whitaker, Greg	16	88	5
DNF	Hart, Kirk	-	DNF	5
DNF	Kirkland, Keith	-	DNF	5
DNF	Arthur, Bruce	-	DNF	5
DNF	Williams, Burnell	-	DNF	5
DNF	Jones, Larry	-	DNF	5
DNF	Yamba, Zack	-	DNF	5
DNF	Jenkins, Tony	-	DNF	5
DNF	Ward, Greg	-	DNF	5

Gross Hole by Hole

	Neshanic Valley Event 7/11/2026 Ranked by GROSS																									
		HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDCF	NET	
RANK	NAME	TEE	PAR	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	5	36	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	36	72		72
1	Cavanaugh, Gregory	BLU	17.2	5	4	3	6	5	4	5	4	5	41	5	5	3	5	6	5	5	4	6	44	85	16	69
2	Darby, Anthony	BLU	15	6	6	4	5	4	3	4	5	6	43	6	4	4	6	6	4	4	4	5	43	86	13	73
3	Bonner, DeLano	BLU	10.1	6	4	5	6	6	4	4	6	6	47	6	4	4	5	5	4	4	3	6	41	88	8	80
4	Davenport, Keith	BLU	13.1	8	4	4	6	5	4	4	5	7	47	5	7	3	5	6	6	5	4	5	46	93	11	82
5	McLaughlin, Joe	BLU	17.8	4	6	6	7	8	5	4	5	5	50	3	6	4	5	6	5	6	4	5	44	94	16	78
5	Brown, Maurice	BLU	15.1	6	5	4	6	7	5	4	5	6	48	6	4	3	5	6	6	4	4	8	46	94	13	81
7	Knight, Melvin	BLU	14.5	5	6	6	6	4	5	5	5	6	48	5	5	4	5	6	4	6	6	6	47	95	13	82
8	Thomas, George	BLU	18.5	6	5	5	5	6	6	4	8	6	51	5	5	4	6	5	5	4	4	8	46	97	17	80
9	Woolfolk, Raymond	BLU	20.7	6	5	4	7	6	5	4	7	4	48	5	6	3	5	7	3	6	6	10	51	99	19	80
9	Lecky, Hugh	BLU	18.9	5	6	6	5	6	5	5	6	7	51	5	6	5	6	6	4	6	3	7	48	99	17	82
11	Weekes, George	BLU	23.9	5	5	4	7	5	6	8	6	8	54	5	5	5	5	7	4	5	3	8	47	101	23	78
12	Livingston, Otis	BLU	25.3	5	6	4	4	6	4	5	8	7	49	5	5	4	6	6	6	7	5	10	54	103	24	79
12	Sepulveda, Sebastian	BLU	18.2	5	5	4	8	5	5	5	5	8	50	6	8	5	4	8	6	4	4	8	53	103	17	86
14	Fraser, Earl	SLV	26.1	6	5	5	5	7	4	6	6	9	53	7	5	4	6	6	5	6	5	7	51	104	21	83
15	Blake, Errol	BLU	20.2	6	6	4	8	5	5	4	7	6	51	7	5	5	8	8	5	6	3	7	54	105	19	86
16	White, Harold	BLU	19.5	6	4	5	7	6	4	4	7	8	51	5	7	5	7	8	6	8	3	6	55	106	18	88
17	Whitaker, Greg	SLV	33.1	6	6	5	7	7	4	5	7	8	55	5	8	4	8	8	6	5	5	10	59	114	26	88
	Yamba, Zack	SLV	20.7	5	5	4	7	5	4	5	5		40										0	40	16	24
	Jones, Larry	BLU	16.2	5	5	4	7	5	4	4	6		40										0	40	15	25
	Ward, Greg	BLU	14.5										0										0	0	13	-13
	Jenkins, Tony	BLU	9.7										0										0	0	8	-8
	Hart, Kirk	BLU	25.4	8	5	4	6	6	4	5	5	7	50										0	50	24	26
	Kirkland, Keith	BLU	23.3	6	4	5	6	7	3	6	6	7	50										0	50	22	28
	Arthur, Bruce		22.4	5	5	4	8	6	4	5	7	7	51										0	51	21	30
	Williams, Burnell	SLV	27.4	7	7	6	7	5	3	5	5	8	53										0	53	23	30

Skins & Skills

NESHANIC VALLEY SKINS & SKILLS, July 11, 2026

Gross Skins (skins pool = \$40)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Cavanaugh, Gregory	3	\$30.00	Par on 3, Par on 8, Par on 9
Bonner, DeLano	1	\$10.00	Par on 14
Total Purse Allocated:\$40.00			
High Handicap Gross Skins (skins pool = \$70)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Woolfolk, Raymond	3	\$42.00	Birdie on 9, Par on 12, Birdie on 15
Thomas, George	2	\$28.00	Par on 14, Par on 16
Total Purse Allocated:\$70.00			

50/50 Larry Jones \$15

Skins

7/11/2026																				
Neshanic Valley Event Gross Skins																				
	HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total HC	Net
NAME	TEE PAR	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	5	36	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5
Cavanaugh, Gregory	BLU	17.2	5	4	3	6	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	3	5	6	5	5	4	6
Bonner, DeLano	BLU	10.1	6	4	5	6	6	4	4	6	6	4	4	4	5	5	4	4	3	6
Brown, Maurice	BLU	15.1	6	5	4	6	7	5	4	5	6	4	4	3	5	6	6	4	4	8
Weekes, George	BLU	23.9	5	5	4	7	5	6	8	6	8	5	5	5	5	7	4	5	3	8
Minimum Score		5	4	3	6	5	4	4	4	5		5	4	3	5	5	4	4	3	6
# of min scores		2	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	1		2	2	2	4	1	2	2	2	2
Neshanic Valley Event High Handicap Gross Skins																				
	HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total HC	Net
NAME	TEE PAR	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	5	36	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5
Arthur, Bruce		22.4	5	5	4	8	6	4	5	7	7	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5
Blake, Errol	BLU	20.2	6	6	4	8	5	5	4	7	6	7	5	5	8	8	5	6	3	7
Lecky, Hugh	BLU	18.9	5	6	6	5	6	5	5	6	7	5	6	5	6	6	4	6	3	7
Thomas, George	BLU	18.5	6	5	5	5	6	6	4	8	6	5	5	4	6	5	5	4	4	8
Weekes, George	BLU	23.9	5	5	4	7	5	6	8	6	8	5	5	5	5	7	4	5	3	8
Whitaker, Greg	SLV	33.1	6	6	5	7	7	4	5	7	8	5	8	4	8	8	6	5	5	10
Woolfolk, Raymond	BLU	20.7	6	5	4	7	6	5	4	7	4	5	6	3	5	7	3	6	6	10
Minimum Score		5	5	4	5	5	4	4	6	4		5	5	3	5	5	3	4	3	7
# of min scores		3	4	4	2	2	2	3	2	1		5	3	1	2	1	1	1	3	2

Event Statistics

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Neshanic Valley Golf Course – Meadow/Lake

Round 1 -- July 11, 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	341-374	4	5.74	3	0	0	1	9	10	3
2	309-338	4	5.17	14	0	0	5	10	7	1
3	122-145	3	4.57	8	0	0	1	12	6	4
4	445-468	5	6.35	12	0	1	4	7	8	3
5	373-401	4	5.74	4	0	0	2	8	8	5
6	115-137	3	4.35	13	0	0	3	11	7	2
7	272-295	4	4.78	18	0	0	10	10	2	1
8	365-392	4	5.91	2	0	0	1	9	6	7
9	493-520	5	6.71	5	0	1	2	6	6	6
10	356-387	4	5.35	10	0	1	0	10	4	2
11	286-316	4	5.59	7	0	0	3	7	3	4
12	105-132	3	4.06	16	0	0	4	8	5	0
13	377-404	4	5.71	6	0	0	1	8	5	3
14	501-533	5	6.47	9	0	0	2	9	2	4
15	332-361	4	4.94	17	0	1	5	5	6	0
16	300-330	4	5.35	11	0	0	5	4	6	2
17	142-170	3	4.12	15	0	0	5	7	3	2
18	443-471	5	7.18	1	0	0	3	4	3	7

<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>
<i>Out</i>	2835-3070	36	49.32	0	2	29	82	60	32
<i>In</i>	2842-3104	36	48.76	0	2	28	62	37	24
<i>Total</i>	5677-6174	72	98.09	0	4	57	144	97	56

				Boyce		Brook		Howell		Park		Berkshire		Highbridge		Fox		Holloway		Great Bear		Neshaan		Riverview		Phillip		Farmstead		Cream		Ridge		Architects		Champ	
				5/2		5/16		5/30		6/6		6/13		6/27		7/11		7/18		8/8		8/15		8/22		8/28		9/12		9/13							
Last Name	First Name	RANK	TOTAL PNTS	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke
Cavanaugh	Greg	T1	170		5	5	10	10	10	20	20	20	20		10	10	30																				
Ward, G	Greg R	T1	170			10	10			20	50	20	10	10	30	5	5																				
Lecky	Hugh	3	165.42	10	8.8	5	10	10	5	20	50	20	20				6.7																				
Yamba	Zack	4	156.25		8.8	5	18	10	30			20	35	10	10	5	5																				
Darby	Anthony	T5	140		5		5	10	5			20	35	10	20	10	20																				
Woolfolk	Raymond	T5	140	10	10	10	10	10	5		20	20	20	10	5		10																				
Williams	Burnell	7	135	10	30	10	10	10	20			20	15			5	5																				
Medina	Perry	8	125	10	13	10	5	10	13			20	20	10	15																						
Conrad	Michael	9	124.17	10	13	5	6.7			20	20	20	20		10																						
Knight, M	Melvin	10	113.33		20		6.7					20	60				6.7																				
Bonner	DeLano	11	105		5	10	5	10	10		15		20		10	10	10																				
Arthur	Bruce	T12	95					10	5	20	10	20	10		10	5	5																				
Sepulveda	Sebastian	T12	95	10	5	10	5		5		20		10	10	5	10	5																				
McLaughlin	Joe	14	92.5		5	10	5		10		10		10	10	10	10	13																				
Frye	Walter	15	90				18	10	13	20	30																										
Weekes	George	16	87.5		5		5	5	5	20	15		10			10	13																				
Blake	Errol	T17	80	10	10	10	30		5				10				5																				
Whitaker	Greg	T17	80	10	5			5	5			20	15		5	10	5																				
Jones	Lawrence	19	71.667																																		