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Greg Ward slays Great Bear

SHIPPEN CUP LEADERBOARD

PLAYER	RANK	POINTS
Greg Ward	1	160
Hugh Lecky	2	158.8
Zack Yamba	3	146.2
Greg Cavanaugh	T4	130
Ray Woolfolk	T4	130
Perry Medina	T6	125
Burnell Williams	T6	125
Mick Conrad	8	124.2
Anthony Darby	9	110
Mel Knight	10	106.7
Walter Frye	11	90
Bruce Arthur	T12	85
DeLano Bonner	T12	85
Sebastian Sepulveda	14	80
Errol Blake	15	75

GREAT BEAR TOP GROSS

Greg Ward	80
Perry Medina	82
Justen Dillard	85
DeLano Bonner	86
Anthony Darby	88

.GREAT BEAR TESTS THE FIELD

By Anthony Darby

Ward Sweeps Gross & Net as Ball Strikers Battle Rain, Road Trips, and Tough Conditions

If you were looking for perfect golf weather, Great Bear wasn't the place to be.

If you were looking for a true test of perseverance, grit, and championship golf...you found it.

Nineteen NJ Ball Strikers made the trip to Great Bear Golf Club in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, for the club's sixth event of the 2026 season. With the first tee time scheduled for 11:40 a.m., members still had plenty of road to cover before arriving at the first tee. Our North Jersey golfers faced an approximately 90-minute drive, while our South Jersey contingent committed to nearly a 2½-hour journey. It was a significant investment of time before anyone even struck their opening shot—a testament to the commitment of our membership.

Mother Nature had plans of her own.

Rain greeted the opening tee shots and lingered through much of the front



Ball Strikers (left to right) Sebastian Sepulveda, DeLano Bonner, Mel LuSane and Greg Ward are ready to rumble

nine before finally giving players a brief reprieve around the turn. Just as spirits began to rise, the skies opened once again, soaking the course for the remainder of the afternoon. Wet fairways, muddy lies, saturated rough, and slick conditions forced players to adjust on virtually every shot.

By day's end, umbrellas were dripping, golf shoes were waterlogged, towels were soaked, and scorecards had become survival stories.

Yet every one of the 19 competitors completed the round.

Stroke Play Rewards Consistency

When the final putts dropped and the scorecards were signed, the leaderboard reflected just how demanding Great Bear had been.

Leading the way was Greg Ward, who's outstanding 80 was highlighted by the day's only sub-40 front nine—a brilliant 39—followed by a steady 41 coming home. His exceptional round earned Low Gross honors, capping an outstanding day at Great Bear.

Perry Medina turned in another solid performance, posting a balanced 40-42 for an 82 to earn runner-up Gross. Justen Dillard followed with a solid 85 to claim third place Gross, while DeLano Bonner's 86 secured fourth place. Anthony Darby rounded out the Gross Top Five with an 88.

The Net competition was equally impressive. Greg Ward added Low Net honors to his outstanding day with a remarkable Net 63, completing a clean sweep of both competitions. Anthony Darby followed with the day's

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second-best Net score, an even-par 71, to earn runner-up honors. Perry Medina claimed third place with a Net 73, while DeLano Bonner and Justen Dillard shared fourth place with matching Net 75s, rounding out the Top Five.

The combination of relentless rain and Great Bear's demanding layout made every par feel earned and every birdie even more valuable. Those who managed the conditions best separated themselves on one of the toughest scoring days of the season.

Match Play Produces Plenty of Action

While individual honors highlighted the day's stroke play competition, the team matches produced several memorable moments of their own.

Greg Ward and Sebastian Sepulveda earned a 7 & 6 victory over DeLano Bonner and Melvin Lusane. Anthony Darby and Raymond Woolfolk followed with a 6 & 5 win over Larry Jones and Bruce Arthur, while Joe McLaughlin and Keith Kirkland earned a 3 & 1 victory over Greg Cavanaugh and Greg Whitaker. Perry Medina and Zack Yamba earned a 4 & 2 victory over Justen Dillard and Michael Conrad. Terrell Carothers and George Thomas defeated Charles Smith and Donald Rucker by default, while Donald Rucker defeated George Thomas 4 & 3 in an odd-man match.

Shippen Cup Race Tightens

The results at Great Bear also carried significant implications in the 2026 Shippen Cup race as valuable points were awarded and the season standings continued to evolve.

Thanks to his sweep of both the Gross and Net competitions, Greg Ward collected the maximum 40 Shippen Cup points, moving into first place with 160 points. His lead is anything but comfortable, however, as Hugh Lecky sits just 1.25 points behind at 158.75, setting the stage for what promises to be an exciting battle over the remainder of the season.

Zack Yamba now occupies third place with 146.25 points, while Greg Cavanaugh and Raymond Woolfolk are tied for fourth with 130 points each. Perry Medina and Burnell Williams share sixth place at 125 points, followed closely by Michael Conrad in eighth with 124.17 points.

Rounding out the current Top 10 are Anthony Darby, who sits ninth with 110 points, and Melvin Knight in tenth with 106.67 points.

With six events now complete, the Shippen Cup race is beginning to take shape, but the margins remain remarkably close. Several players remain well within striking distance of the lead, and with bonus points still available and the Club Championship on the horizon, every match and every stroke will continue to carry significant weight.

The Spirit of Great Bear

Long after the scores are recorded and the standings are updated, Great Bear will be remembered for something else—the commitment of 19 NJ Ball Strikers who refused to let long drives, steady rain, and difficult conditions diminish a great day of competition.

Hours were spent traveling from every corner of New Jersey. Rain fell for much of the day. Fairways became saturated, grips became slippery, and every golfer was forced to adapt. Yet every player completed the round, embodying the competitive spirit and camaraderie that continue to define the NJ Ball Strikers.

Congratulations to Greg Ward on an outstanding sweep of the Gross and Net Championships, congratulations to all of the Match Play winners, and congratulations to every member who accepted the challenge and made Great Bear another memorable stop on the 2026 schedule.

Looking Ahead...

The tour now shifts to Neshanic Valley Golf Course on Saturday, July 11, for the seventh event on the 2026 NJ Ball Strikers schedule.

Match Play Results

Great Bear, 6/27/2026, Match Play Results					
Match	Points	Team/Player A	Team/Player B	Points	Match
DEFAULT	10	Carothers, Terrell	Smith, Charles		
	10	Thomas, George	Rucker, Donald		
		Thomas, George	Rucker, Donald	10	4 & 3
		Bonner, DeLano	Ward, Greg	10	7 & 6
		Lusane, Melvin	Sepulveda, Sebastian	10	
3 & 2	10	Medina, Perry	Dillard, Justen		
	10	Yamba, Zack	Conrad, Michael		
		Cavanaugh, Gregory	McLaughlin, Joe	10	3 & 1
		Whitaker, Greg	Kirkland, Keith	10	
		Jones, Larry	Darby, Anthony	10	6 & 5
		Arthur, Bruce	Woolfolk, Raymond	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

Great Bear Event, 6/27/2026, Net Stroke Play Results				
Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Points
1	Ward, Greg	-8	63	30
2	Darby, Anthony	E	71	20
3	Medina, Perry	2	73	15
T4	Bonner, DeLano	4	75	10
T4	Dillard, Justen	4	75	10
6	Cavanaugh, Gregory	5	76	10
T7	McLaughlin, Joe	6	77	10
T7	Arthur, Bruce	6	77	10
9	Yamba, Zack	7	78	10
10	Conrad, Michael	8	79	10
T11	Sepulveda, Sebastia	9	80	5
T11	Kirkland, Keith	9	80	5
13	Thomas, George	10	81	5
14	Carothers, Terrell	13	84	5
15	Woolfolk, Raymond	14	85	5
16	Rucker, Donald	15	86	5
17	Lusane, Melvin	17	88	5
18	Jones, Larry	19	90	5
19	Whitaker, Greg	21	92	5

Gross Hole by Hole

		Great Bear Event 6/27/2026 Ranked by GROSS																										
RANK	NAME	TEE	HOLE PAR	1 4	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 4	6 3	7 3	8 5	9 4	OUT 36	10 4	11 3	12 4	13 3	14 4	15 5	16 3	17 4	18 5	IN 35	TOT 71	HDCF	NET 71		
1	Ward, Greg	BLU	16.1	4	3	5	5	5	3	2	6	4	39	5	3	6	3	4	6	3	5	6	41	80	17	63		
2	Medina, Perry	BLU	8.8	4	4	4	6	5	4	4	6	3	40	4	3	5	5	4	6	3	6	6	42	82	9	73		
3	Dillard, Justen	BLU	9.6	4	3	7	5	5	5	3	6	5	43	5	4	4	4	4	6	4	5	6	42	85	10	75		
4	Bonner, DeLano	BLU	10.3	4	4	6	7	6	5	4	6	3	45	4	5	4	4	5	5	3	5	6	41	86	11	75		
5	Darby, Anthony	BLU	16.1	4	3	5	6	5	4	5	6	3	41	5	4	7	3	4	9	3	5	7	47	88	17	71		
6	Cavanaugh, Gregory	BLU	17.9	5	4	5	7	6	4	3	7	4	45	6	4	6	4	6	6	5	5	8	50	95	19	76		
7	McLaughlin, Joe	BLU	17.9	6	2	5	6	5	5	4	6	8	47	4	6	4	4	6	7	4	5	9	49	96	19	77		
8	Yamba, Zack	WHT	20.7	8	4	5	6	6	5	2	5	6	47	6	5	8	4	5	7	4	5	7	51	98	20	78		
8	Conrad, Michael	BLU	17.9	7	3	5	7	8	6	3	7	4	50	6	4	5	3	6	7	5	6	6	48	98	19	79		
10	Sepulveda, Sebastian	BLU	18.9	6	6	5	8	5	6	4	7	4	51	6	5	4	3	6	7	3	7	8	49	100	20	80		
11	Arthur, Bruce	BLU	22.4	6	4	7	8	6	5	4	7	5	52	5	5	6	6	4	8	3	5	7	49	101	24	77		
11	Thomas, George	BLU	18.2	6	5	7	7	7	6	2	7	6	53	6	3	6	3	6	7	3	6	8	48	101	20	81		
11	Carothers, Terrell	BLU	16.2	5	4	6	7	6	8	3	9	5	53	5	4	6	4	6	7	3	7	6	48	101	17	84		
14	Kirkland, Keith	BLU	22.7	8	5	5	7	7	7	5	6	6	56	7	4	5	4	7	6	4	5	7	49	105	25	80		
14	Rucker, Donald	BLU	17.8	4	5	5	8	6	8	6	6	7	55	5	6	5	4	5	6	4	5	10	50	105	19	86		
16	Woolfolk, Raymond	BLU	20.7	7	4	7	8	6	6	6	8	6	58	5	6	6	4	6	6	4	5	7	49	107	22	85		
16	Jones, Larry	BLU	16.2	7	4	8	8	6	7	4	8	4	56	6	4	7	5	6	5	4	7	7	51	107	17	90		
18	Lusane, Melvin	WHT	22.7	8	5	6	9	8	4	4	7	6	57	6	5	7	4	7	7	4	7	7	54	111	23	88		
19	Whitaker, Greg	WHT	33.1	8	4	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	59	8	3	8	5	8	6	5	8	8	59	118	26	92		

Skins & Skills

GREAT BEAR SKINS & SKILLS, June 27, 2026

Gross Skins (skins pool = \$80)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Ward, Greg	3	\$48.00	Par on 4, Birdie on 6, Birdie on 7
Bonner, DeLano	1	\$16.00	Par on 12
Medina, Perry	1	\$16.00	Par on 3
Total Purse Allocated:\$80.00			
High Handicap Gross Skins (skins pool = \$60)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Sepulveda, Sebastian	3	\$30.00	Bogey on 5, Par on 9, Par on 12
Yamba, Zack	2	\$20.00	Bogey on 4, Par on 8
Arthur, Bruce	1	\$10.00	Par on 14
Total Purse Allocated:\$60.00			

Closest to the Pin, Hole #7 Greg Ward 2' 8" (\$29)

Long Drive, Hole #17 Justen Dillard 310.8 yards (\$29)

50/50 Zack Yamba \$20

Skins

6/27/2026																					
Great Bear 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	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	36	4	3	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	35
Bonner, DeLano	BLU	10.3	4	4	6	7	6	5	4	6	3	45	4	5	4	4	5	5	3	5	6
Carothers, Terrell	BLU	16.2	5	4	6	7	6	8	3	9	5	53	5	4	6	4	6	7	3	7	6
Cavanaugh, Gregory	BLU	17.9	5	4	5	7	6	4	3	7	4	45	6	4	6	4	6	6	5	5	8
Darby, Anthony	BLU	16.1	4	3	5	6	5	4	5	6	3	41	5	4	7	3	4	9	3	5	7
Jones, Larry	BLU	16.2	7	4	8	8	6	7	4	8	4	56	6	4	7	5	6	5	4	7	7
Medina, Perry	BLU	8.8	4	4	4	6	5	4	4	6	3	40	4	3	5	5	4	6	3	6	6
Rucker, Donald	BLU	17.8	4	5	5	8	6	8	6	6	7	55	5	6	5	4	5	6	4	5	10
Ward, Greg	BLU	16.1	4	3	5	5	5	3	2	6	6	39	5	3	6	3	4	6	3	5	6
Minimum Score		4	3	4	5	5	3	2	6	3		4	3	4	3	4	5	3	5	6	
# of min scores		5	2	1	1	3	1	1	5	3		2	2	1	2	3	2	5	5	4	
Great Bear 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	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	36	4	3	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	35
Arthur, Bruce	BLU	22.4	6	4	7	8	6	5	4	7	5	52	5	5	6	6	4	8	3	5	7
Sepulveda, Sebastian	BLU	18.9	6	6	5	8	5	6	4	7	4	51	6	5	4	3	6	7	3	7	8
Thomas, George	BLU	18.2	6	5	7	7	7	6	2	7	6	53	6	3	6	3	6	7	3	6	8
Whitaker, Greg	WHT	33.1	8	4	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	59	8	3	8	5	8	6	5	8	8
Woolfolk, Raymond	BLU	20.7	7	4	7	8	6	6	6	8	6	58	5	6	6	4	6	6	4	5	7
Yamba, Zack	WHT	20.7	8	4	5	6	6	5	2	5	6	47	6	5	8	4	5	7	4	5	7
Minimum Score		6	4	5	6	5	5	2	5	4		5	3	4	3	4	6	3	5	7	
# of min scores		3	4	2	1	1	2	2	1	1		2	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	3	

Event Statistics

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Great Bear Golf Club

Round 1 -- June 27, 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	308-330	4	5.84	4	0	0	6	2	4	7
2	155-160	3	4.00	15	0	1	4	9	4	1
3	373-393	4	5.84	5	0	0	1	9	3	6
4	469-480	5	7.00	3	0	0	2	4	6	7
5	365-388	4	6.05	2	0	0	0	6	8	5
6	330-369	4	5.47	11	0	1	4	5	5	4
7	118-127	3	3.89	17	0	3	4	7	2	3
8	479-502	5	6.63	8	0	0	1	9	6	3
9	284-319	4	5.11	14	0	3	4	3	7	2
10	368-379	4	5.47	12	0	0	3	7	7	2
11	167-177	3	4.37	13	0	0	4	7	5	3
12	334-346	4	5.74	6	0	0	4	4	6	5
13	128-152	3	4.00	16	0	0	5	10	3	1
14	355-376	4	5.53	10	0	0	5	3	8	3
15	479-491	5	6.53	9	0	0	2	8	7	2
16	127-142	3	3.74	18	0	0	8	8	3	0
17	365-377	4	5.74	7	0	0	0	11	3	5
18	496-509	5	7.16	1	0	0	0	6	7	6

<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>	2881-3068	36	49.84	0	8	26	54	45	38
<i>In</i>	2819-2949	35	48.26	0	0	31	64	49	27
<i>Total</i>	5700-6017	71	98.11	0	8	57	118	94	65

SHIPPEN CUP STANDINGS, 6/28/2026

				RoyceBrook		HowellPark		Berkshire		Highbridge		FoxHollow		GreatBear		Neshanic		Riverview		Phillip		Farmstead		CreamRidge		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	Bowls	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Match	Stroke	Stroke	Stroke		
Ward,G	Greg R	1	160			10	10			20	50	20	10	10	30																
Lecky	Hugh	2	158.75	10	8.8	5	10	10	5	20	50	20	20																		
Yamba	Zack	3	146.25		8.8	5	18	10	30			20	35	10	10																
Cavanaugh	Greg	T4	130		5	5	10	10	10	20	20	20	20		10																
Woolfolk	Raymond	T4	130	10	10	10	10	10	5		20	20	20	10	5																
Medina	Perry	T6	125	10	13	10	5	10	13			20	20	10	15																
Williams	Burnell	T6	125	10	30	10	10	10	20			20	15																		
Conrad	Michael	8	124.17	10	13	5	6.7			20	20	20	20		10																
Darby	Anthony	9	110		5		5	10	5			20	35	10	20																
Knight,M	Melvin	10	106.67		20		6.7					20	60																		
Frye	Walter	11	90				18	10	13	20	30																				
Arthur	Bruce	T12	85					10	5	20	10	20	10		10																
Bonner	DeLano	T12	85		5	10	5	10	10		15		20		10																
Sepulved	Sebastian	14	80	10	5	10	5		5		20		10	10	5																
Blake	Errol	15	75	10	10	10	30		5				10																		
LeBrew,F	Rod	T16	70	10	10						20	20	10																		
McLaughl	Joe	T16	70		5	10	5		10		10		10	10	10																
Weekes	George	T18	65		5		5	5	5	20	15		10																		
Whitaker	Greg	T18	65	10	5			5	5			20	15		5																
Jones	Lawrence	20	61.667			10	6.7	10	10		10		10		5																
Dillard,J	Justen	21	55		5					20	20				10																
Jenkins	Tony	22	53.75	10	8.8		5					20	10																		
Kirkland	Keith	23	45	10	5		5		10					10	5																
Rucker	Donald	24	40					5		10		10	10	10	5																
Carothers	Terry	25	35				5	5				10	10	5																	
Brown,M	Maurice	T26	30	10	5			5				10																			
Hart, Kirk	Kirk	T26	30	10	5		5					10																			
Holloway	Joseph	T26	30		5			5		10		10																			
Thomas	George	T26	30					5				10	10	5																	
Branson	Jesse	T30	25				5	10	10																						
Fraser	Earl	T30	25			10	10		5																						
Bethune	Derrick	32	18.75	10	8.8																										
LeBrew,E	Blake	33	15			10	5																								
Davenport	Keith	T34	10									10																			
LuSane	Melvin	T34	10		5									5																	
Morton	Ronald	T34	10									10																			
Smith	Charles	T34	10		5			5																							
Anderson	Kevin	T38	5		5																										
Avery, He	Henry L.	T38	5		5																										
Livingston	Otis	T38	5		5																										
Williams	David	T38	5					5																							



GREAT BEAR
GOLF CLUB

Closest to The Pin

Group: NJ Ball Strikers

1. ~~Tom Mc...~~ Hole # 7

2. George Thomas 5'7"

3. Greg Ward 2'8"

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____



GREAT BEAR
GOLF CLUB

Longest Drive

Group: NJ Ball Strikers

1. CAPRY (Blue) Hole #17

2. John Manjoni (Blue)

3. RUCKER

4. JUSTEN DILLARD

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

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