



Seelig Bests McKeone to Capture the Nelson Cup Club Championship

September 2, 2018...Alex Seelig, 17, played near-flawless golf to defeat **Guy McKeone**, the defending champion, in the final match of the 2018 Nelson Cup club championship Sunday afternoon. Alex, a senior at Exeter High School, is the defending Berks County scholastic champion. His father, **Dave**, won the Nelson Cup in 2011.

Alex took an early lead, playing the first eight holes in two under par. Guy took the 9th hole to close the gap to two down. Alex came back with wins on the first three holes of the back nine to take a commanding lead. The match ended on the 14th green when both players made par.

Seelig advanced to the final match by defeating **Frank Falzone**, 6 and 4, in the semi-final round played Sunday morning. McKeone advanced with a 3 and 2 win over the 2013 club champion, **Matt Hadley**.

Seelig became RCC's second-youngest club champion. **Billy Eban** copped the title in 1935 at age 16.

Greg Galtere won the consolation playoff with 49 points to take fifth place. **Gil Fritz** followed with 43 points, while **Jim Christiana** posted 39 points.

In the points championship gross flight, **Tom Walker** emerged victorious by four points over **Greg Kleinert**, the 2015 club champion.

Rick Newstein rode an eagle-3 to a one-point won over **Bryan Binkley** in the net division. Rick holed his third shot from 160 yards on the par 5 17th hole.

Nelson Cup Semi-final Matches

Alex Seelig defeated Frank Falzone, 7 and 5
Guy McKeone defeated Matt Hadley, 3 and 2

Nelson Cup Championship Match

Alex Seelig defeated Guy McKeone, 5 and 4



Guy McKeone, left, congratulates Alex Seelig for winning the 2018 Nelson Cup club championship.

Points Championship—Gross Flight

1. Tom Walker—103
2. Greg Kleinert—99
3. Robin Dutcher—98
4. Dave Seelig—96
5. Bud Lewis—95
6. Jeff Antolic—90
7. Bob Protheroe—84
8. Ben Burgess—84
9. Ernie Danneberg—80
10. Ron Heim—77

Gross Points Scoring

- 1—double bogey
- 2—bogey
- 3—par
- 4—birdie
- 5—eagle
- 6—double eagle



Guy McKeone putts on the 8th green as Alex Seelig looks on.



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Points Championship—Net Flight

1. Rick Newstein—84
2. Bryan Binkley—83
3. Mark Mancias—80
4. Denny Hess—77
5. Ron Miller—76
6. Brien Heisey—76
7. Dave Morris—76
8. Todd Arnold—71
9. Tuan Duong—70
10. Dave Clemens—65

Net Points Scoring

- 1—bogey
- 2—par
- 3—birdie
- 4—eagle
- 5—double eagle



The Nelson Cup semi-finalists, from the left, Matt Hadley, Guy McKeone, Frank Falzone and Alex Seelig.



Alex Seelig drives from the 14th tee in his match against Guy McKeone.

Nelson Cup Club Championship Summary

First-round Matches, August 18

- Mark Higgins 3 and 2 over Jeff Xavios
- Robin Dutcher 5 and 4 over Bob Protheroe
- Bud Lewis 3 and 2 over Jeff Antolic
- Matt Hadley 5 and 4 over Denny Hess
- Blayne Hoffert 5 and 3 over Ernie Danneberg
- Gil Fritz 3 and 2 over Bryan Binkley
- Frank Falzone 22 Holes over Todd Haines
- Jim Christiana 1up over Andy Schaeffer
- Tom Walker 3 and 2 over Jeff Heisey
- Greg Galtere 6 and 5 over Ben Burgess
- Greg Kleinert 8 and 6 over Bill Haas

Second-Round Matches, August 19

- Guy McKeone 2 and 1 over Bud Lewis
- Mark Higgins 1 up over Robin Dutcher
- Gil Fritz 2 and 1 over Elmo Torres
- Matt Hadley 2 and 1 over Tommy Breslin
- Frank Falzone 2 and 1 over Dave Seelig
- Jim Christiana 2 and 1 over Blayne Hoffert
- Alex Seelig 2 up over Tom Walker
- Greg Galtere 2 and 1 over Greg Kleinert

Quarter-Final Matches, September 1

- Guy McKeone 3 and 2 over Mark Higgins
- Matt Hadley 1-up over Gil Fritz
- Frank Falzone 2 and 1 over Jim Christiana
- Alex Seelig 5 and 3 over Greg Galtere

Honoring Lord Byron

The Nelson Cup honors **Byron Nelson**, RCC's golf professional in 1937, '38 and '39. In his tenure at RCC, Lord Byron won the Masters in 1937 and the U.S. Open in 1939. He also won the PGA Championship in 1940 and '45 and the Masters in 1942. Byron was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1974.