

MARTINS, TUCKER WIN SECTION TITLES AT THENDARA

Mark Tucker and Bruce Martins prevailed in extra holes to win the Players Championship and the Head Professional Championship, respectively, as the Central New York PGA Section events were held concurrently Sept. 17 at Thendara Golf Club. Joe Lanza, Cutter & Buck were the tournament's presenting sponsors and the PGA Tour as a supporting sponsor.

Tucker (Cazenovia Country Club) defeated Eric Manning on the second playoff hole to win the Players Championship. The victory earned Tucker \$1,200 as well as double Omega Player of the Year points. The 36-hole tournament was held Sept. 16-17.

Tucker was also involved in the four-player playoff for the Head Pro Championship. But Martins (Elm Tree Golf Club) won on the fourth playoff hole. The Head Pro for PGA Members who are A-1, A-4, or A-13 was an 18-hole tournament held Sept. 17.

In the Players Championship, Tucker shot a 4-under-par 68 in the first round and tied for medalist honors with Ryan McGinnis (Turning Stone Casino Resort) before finishing in a tie for first with Manning in regulation at 1-under 143.

Manning (Elm Tree Golf Club) carded a 2-under 70 in the second round to force a playoff.

The playoff took place on the 18th hole and Tucker emerged the winner on his second time playing the hole. Manning and Tucker also battled for the Central New York PGA Championship in August which was won by Manning.

Manning cashed \$1,000 for second. Tucker won his first Players Championship in 2016. Defending champion Michelle Murphy did not enter the event.

In the Head Pro Championship, regulation ended in a four-way tie at 3-over 75 between Martins, Tucker, Sean Dadey (Drumlins Country Club) and Tony Saraceno (Genegantslet GC).

The playoff started on the first hole and played forward. After Dadey was eliminated on the first hole, Martins, Tucker and Saraceno extended the playoff to the fourth hole where Martins earned the title at a check of \$680.

Defending champion Nick Serafino (Cavalry Club) did not compete this year.