



Condolences

It is with our deepest sympathy that we offer condolences to Peter Cowan and his family. Peter's mother, Bridget Cowan from Dublin, Ireland, recently lost her battle with Alzheimer's disease at 85 years of age.

Metropolitan PGA Professional Championship

When registration closed for the Met PGA Professional Championship at GC of Purchase and Fairview CC, our roster showed a total of 170 players. The field will be split with 85 players on each golf course on Monday and Tuesday, before the field is cut to 60 players and ties for Wednesday's final round at Golf Club of Purchase. Monday and Tuesday tee times are scheduled to run from 7:00-12:21 and will be announced on Wednesday 8/3. Carts and lunch are included in the entry fee. Caddies may be used but our host facilities will only provide caddies for those who make arrangements in advance.

Met PGA Assistant and Senior Professional Championships – Registration Deadlines

Please be aware of the upcoming deadlines to enter the two remaining events that are tied into National PGA Championships. Registration for the Assistant and Senior Professional Championships are all currently open. Participants can register at pga.org or by calling 1-800-474-2776.

The National Car Rental Met PGA Assistant Professional Championship deadline to enter is **August 24th**. See below for Fundraiser and Raffle Information

The Metropolitan PGA Senior Professional Championship deadline to enter is **September 14th**.

National Car Rental Met PGA Assistant's Championship Entry and Raffle

The National Car Rental Met PGA Assistant Professional Championship entry must be submitted to PGA HQ as outlined above. That \$60 fee goes toward cart and range fees for the tournament. There is an additional entry fee onsite of \$150, \$300, or \$450. This "tiered" entry fee corresponds directly to the percentage of the purse you will be eligible to win. In order to raise money for this entry, we offer a raffle for prizes donated by area sales reps. Raffle tickets will be sent to your head professional early in July (we will also offer extra tickets at upcoming events). These \$10 chances can be sold to members, family, friends and other supporters. You must then bring the tickets and a check to round 1 of the Assistant's Championship at Bethpage. Another option is to raise a minimum of \$1,000 in donations to the Met PGA Foundation.

Gene Borek Squire Cup Application Deadline Sept. 6th

Ask any of the assistant (and former assistant) professionals who have played in the Gene Borek Squire Cup Matches and they will tell you that it is a highlight of their career. Applications for this year's selection are now available. The majority of the team is selected on the basis of professional performance and it is not too late for applicants to demonstrate their level of commitment, involvement and service to their club, their community and to the Met Section. The event is supported by Cutter & Buck and Paul McManus. Applications are on the Assistants page of the web site, or can be found [here](#).

Thanks for Caring

As Labor Day approaches we will once again be promoting Patriot Golf Day and asking our professionals and their golfers to support our initiatives for veterans and their families. We have two wonderful missions to support - Folds of Honor, which provides financial support for the children of those who have sacrificed so much for our country, and now our Met PGA HOPE program, which gets our veterans on the golf course and brings our great game to those who have served. Information about both programs will be included in our promotional materials and on our web site throughout the coming weeks.

Some of our professionals have already raised money for Met PGA HOPE. Many of you will want to continue your fund-raisers just for Folds of Honor. Earlier this year we also spoke to many of our leading contributors and it was suggested that professionals and their clubs could do both. Your golfers or the committee at your facility can designate a percentage to go to Folds of Honor and also to Met PGA HOPE. We have included a [flyer](#) that can be used or we are happy to help you customize your own promotional materials.

Our goal is to say "Thanks" to those who have served our country and allowed us to serve the game of golf. Let's make this year's Patriot Golf Day weekend extra special and continue our commitment to Folds of Honor while giving HOPE to the veterans in our communities. Thanks PGA Pro's!

Lincoln Met PGA Championship

It's hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking about the Lincoln Met PGA Championship! Our Championship will again boast a \$100,000 purse and will be played at Siwanoy Country Club September 20-22. There are a number of exempt categories, with the top 100 on the Met PGA POY list (after the Met Open) being the most common. A full explanation of the exemptions is posted on the web site.

Qualifying for the 2016 Lincoln Met PGA Championship will be held on Monday, August 29th at North Hills Country Club. Due to scheduling conflicts, qualifying spots will also be offered in round one of the MGA Senior Open Championship, as well as the Assistant's Tour Event at Silvermine (please note that the Silvermine event will revert back to stroke play, as opposed to the original plan of a stableford event). **Everyone attempting to qualify must register for the Met PGA Championship qualifier event in Blue Golf, and pay the entry fee – even if you are qualifying at one of the other events.** Spots will be allocated directly by numbers as follows: the number of spots available is divided by the total number trying to qualify, yielding a percentage. That percentage will then be applied to each of the fields to determine how many spots are available at each site.

Annual William A. Mitchell Pro Am Returns Home

The annual Pro Am at Innis Arden celebrating the life of William A Mitchell will return to Innis Arden on August 16th after relying on some help from Tamarack during course construction last year. This special event always fills up fast so make sure to get your team registered right away. “The Mitch” is also our opportunity to award scholarship dollars to Apprentices who will be attending a checkpoint in 2016 (or who have already attended this year). Over a dozen applicants have been rewarded the last three years with funds to help offset the cost of PGA education. The application deadline is Aug. 5th and the scholarship recipients will be announced at The Mitch Pro-Am at Innis Arden on Aug. 16th.

Women’s Match Play Championship Entries Open - Michael Hebron as Women’s Events Sponsor

Entries for the Women’s Match Play are available now and will close on August 18th. We will announce the pairings and seedings on Monday August 22nd. The match play draw will be based on points and there will be a PGA Member bracket (presented by the PGA Tour) and a non-member bracket. Matches will be arranged with a two-week window to complete each round. Head professionals and our women PGA and LPGA Members are asked to please promote this event to help us get a strong field.

Long Island Met PGA HOPE Team WINS Inaugural Secretary’s Cup

Three Met PGA HOPE teams competed in the inaugural “Secretary’s Cup,” on Sunday, July 24th at Fiddler’s Elbow CC. The competition consisted of Veterans representing the Philadelphia Section, the New Jersey Section and the Met Section.

The Met PGA teams were:

Charlie Grego-PGA, John Sweeney, Ricky Silecchio, Ray Jones, Ron Middleton

Andy Crane-PGA, Bobby Colletti, Michael Clayton, Brian St.James

Nick Novak-PGA, Mike Massie, Max Makarczuk, Sheldon Rector, Harris Keane.

Charlie Grego’s team from the Long Island HOPE chapter shot 8 under par in the nine-hole competition to win the Secretary’s Cup! Congratulations to all on a wonderful event.

Met PGA HOPE Fall Classes Coming Up – Dennis Walters Clinic at Westchester

The Met PGA HOPE fall class schedule is now set and we are looking for instructors! We also have a Veterans Clinic featuring Dennis Walters at Westchester CC on August 22nd from 1:30-3:30 that we are looking for help with as well. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Kelli Clayton (kclayton@pgahq.com) for information or to sign up.

West Point Golf Course

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, Oct. 6th

Graduation Oct. 19th at Woodside Club

9:30am–11:30am

Woodside Club

Aug. 23rd, Sept. 7, 13, 20, Oct. 4

Graduation Oct. 19th at Woodside Club

3:00pm–5:00pm

Mosholu Golf Course

Aug. 30, Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4

Graduation Oct. 19th at Woodside Club

9:30am–11:30am

New Arrivals

Colin Corrigan, A-8 at Friar's Head, and his wife, Emily, are thrilled to announce the arrival of Porter James Corrigan. Porter was born on June 25th and weighed in at 7lbs 10 oz. Everyone in the Corrigan household is doing well!

Amber and Andy Richardson are ecstatic to announce the arrival of Jillian K. Richardson on July 7th. Andy will now be doubling as dad and head professional at Milbrook Club, while Amber will return to Burning Tree in September. All the best to the Richardson family!

Crane, Mercadante, and Mueller Receive PGA Certifications

Andy Crane, A-1 Head Professional at West Point Golf Course is now certified in Player Development. Andy was previously certified in General Management and Teaching & Coaching and vows to finish Golf Operations for the CPP Slam! Michael Mercadante A-1 Head Professional at Brynwood Golf Club achieved his certification in Golf Operations. Richard Mueller, A-12 Golf Coach at Columbia University is certified in Teaching & Coaching. Congratulations to all three of these PGA Professionals on their accomplishments that such a small percentage of the membership has attained.

Sales Reps on the Move

Matt Mikan is now the new Adidas rep covering the Met Section in Connecticut, taking over for Brent Skinner. Matt can be reached at 860-205-8225 or Matt.Mikan@tmag.com.

Jerry Shulock now covers Westchester, Connecticut, Manhattan, and Long Island for Ecco Golf. Jerry can be reached at jshugolf@optonline.net or at 631-382-4967.

Atlantic City Pro Am Returning to Galloway National

The annual Atlantic City Pro Am will once again be played at Hidden Creek Golf Club, but will also feature Galloway National Golf Club this year. This ever-popular event will be headquartered at Borgata's Water Club for nightly accommodations and a cocktail party on Monday evening. Registrations are being taken now and spots will only be held for fully paid teams.

Register Now for the Met PGA Travel Pro Am at Streamsong on Oct. 30th - Nov. 2nd

Entries are being accepted for the 2016 Met PGA Pro-Am at Streamsong. The annual travel Pro Am package includes one practice round and three tournament rounds on Streamsong's Red and Blue Courses. Entry forms sent to the section office must include credit card information. With verbal commitments in excess of our inventory of spots, we will only consider teams submitting a \$1,000 per amateur deposit to be confirmed. As of August 1st, we have received commitments from 18 of our 25 available team spots. Please find a [link](#) to the information sheet and registration form on the website, and check with Dan Kiley (dkiley@pgahq.com) if you have questions.

Barclay's Classic Million Dollar Shootout

The Barclay's Classic is coming back to Bethpage Black. As part of the PGA Tour's partnership with the PGA of America, they are introducing The Barclay's Classic Million Dollar Shootout. Starting on July 1st and ending on July 30th, amateur golfers in the Metropolitan PGA Section can qualify for a chance at hitting a shot for \$1 Million during

The Barclays 2016 at Bethpage State Park. All golf courses throughout the Metropolitan PGA Section are eligible to participate in the challenge. To register, The Barclays please fill out the Course Registration Form (link below) by June 24th. By registering, you will receive: 4 Weekly General Admission Tickets to The Barclays 2016 at Bethpage Black, Golf Course listed as a "Participating Golf Course" on Barclays Tournament Websites, Promotional Collateral about Challenge to be hung in Pro-Shop and at tee boxes of all Par 3's (over 125 yards) on course. If you would like to have your golf course get involved with the program, please reach out to Mike Baird (michaelbaird@pgatourhq.com, 201-444-5356) or Brian Shearan (brianshearan@pgatourhq.com, 201-444-5356), or [click here](#) for the registration form.

Senior Junior Coming in Early September

One of the most popular events on our schedule is the annual Met PGA Senior-Junior Championship at Eisenhower Park. Registration is now available for this Sept. 12th event with three formats (better-ball, two man scramble and modified Pinehurst) and an 8 am shotgun start. This year's Championship is again sponsored by Mohegan Sun and presented by Jerry Shulock and Bushnell.

John Farley Cup Teams are Taking Shape

Check out the web site in the coming weeks for updates on the point standings for our 2016 John Farley Cup Matches sponsored by Summit Brands and Fairway & Greene and this year OMEGA will also be supporting the Player of the Year event. These matches pit the best of Long Island vs. the best of Westchester/CT and Upstate.

Swap Sheet

Tom Lupinacci is offering a \$21,000 Commission to any golf professional who may have a member who might enjoy a World Class, Museum Quality Antique Golf Collection with 565 Items. Please review Tom's Website www.Timelessgolfantiques.com for details! Price for package is \$215,000. Tom is looking to purchase both Used Yellow and white striped Factory range balls in Very Good Condition. Tom also has for sale unstriped golf balls, excellent for driving range use or hit away at \$0.15 each with free delivery in Westchester or Long Island for orders of 3000 balls or more! Tom also has High Quality Used Golf Balls for Re-Sale. Lastly, there are a number of large metal driving range baskets (400 balls) that are FREE but must be picked up in Long Island. Call Tom @ 904-233-1023 for questions or Information.

John Schob has 1,000 dozen TITLEIST NXT 'Practice' White Range Balls for sale that are one and two years old ONLY. If interested or for more information, contact John at glfpro77@aol.com.

Bob Longo is offering a Foresight Launch Monitor model GS2. The unit is one year old, asking price is \$4,500. Contact Bob at 516-967-0901.

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Marty Vybihal from Paramount Country Club has advised us about the 3rd Annual Shaare Family Golf Outing that he runs to raise money to help his good friend Mark Schaare, PGA and Mark's son Jon. Contact the Met PGA office for more info or reach out to Marty directly 973-907-4086 or mvybihal@verizon.net.

Hole-in-One USA is offering a bag tag promotion for Folds of Honor. Anyone interested in this as a vehicle to fundraise should visit www.hiousa.com, call 800-383-7273, or email David Nelson at dcn@hiousa.com.

The 64th Bermuda Goodwill Pro Am will be played on December 5th-9th. This is one of the longest running Pro-Ams in the world! Contact Bob Corrao (bobcorrao@me.com or 914-239-3077) for more information.

Pinehurst is hosting a Bobby Jones/Sunice Pro Am October 9-11. For more information contact tina.sheppard@pinehurst.com.

Two Connecticut events featured a number of top performances by Met Section professionals. At the 34th Connecticut Senior Open at Shennecossett, John Reeves (t13) and John DeForest (t30) led the Met Section contingent. Others to make the 18-hole cut included Nelson Long, Sean Garrity, Jim Smoot, and Jon Kudysch. In the 82nd Connecticut Open, Anthony Casalino led all finishers at t4th place. Frank Bensel (T-6th) and Shaun Powers (T-8th) also were in the top 10 of this 54-hole championship. Others to survive the cut included Danny Balin (t13th), and Patrick Clark and Kyle Baehler (t25th).

PGA Updates

The PGA has begun the process of dropping members for non-payment of their dues as well as unemployed apprentices and members who were Class F as of June 30th.

2016 PGA Fashion & Demo Experience will be held August 15-17 at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas. Go to www.pgalasvegas.com for more.

IBMSECU offers great auto and home mortgage rates to PGA members. For more information contact loans@ibmsecur.org or mortgage@ibmsecur.org.

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