



PGA Dues

If you missed the June 30th deadline make sure you pay your 2014-15 PGA Dues immediately to avoid further penalties and possible suspension.

Mark Brown Nearly Brings Walter Hagen Cup Back to Met Section – 5 Met PGA Professionals Punch Ticket to Baltusrol

Atunyote Golf Club and the Central NY PGA were on display last week as the PGA Professional Championship tested the 312 qualifiers from the 41 PGA Sections. A total of eight players from the Met Section made the 36-hole cut, with five persevering long enough to finish in the top 20 and earn a ticket to Baltusrol Golf Club and the 2016 PGA Championship. Mark Brown of Tam O'Shanter played solidly all week and had his birdie putt on #17 decided to fall in rather than lip out, he might very well have won. Fresh Meadow's Matt Dobyms used a final round 69 to finish T7 in his title defense, a very strong performance despite the distraction of collecting his 2015 PGA of America Player of the Year Award on Friday evening. Brian Gaffney of Quaker Ridge, Ben Polland of Deepdale and Glen Arbor's Rob Labritz all played strong down the stretch to finish T13 and avoid the playoff for the final spot. Polland and Labritz both birdied the 72nd hole, with Labritz doing it in dramatic fashion as he holed a putt from about 35 feet. Winged Foot's Grant Sturgeon bounced back from a tough front nine with a birdie at #16 and an eagle at the final hole to finish the championship at even par, one shot out of the playoff. Charlie Meola of Saxon Woods was close as well totaling one over par for the championship, while James Ondo of Apawamis made the 36-hole cut but narrowly missed the 54-hole cut. Congratulations to the players mentioned above and all of the qualifiers for representing the Met PGA at our National Championship.



Women's Met Open Championship July 11-12 at Willow Ridge

Head professionals are reminded to please remind their female staff and top women amateurs to register for the Lincoln Women's Met Open Championship. This event should be on the radar of top juniors and college players and coaches as well. This year's Championship will be played at Willow Ridge Country Club in Harrison, NY July 11th and 12th.

Direct Deposit is Finally Here!

Tournament prize winners should start noticing direct deposit of funds for winnings. Those who are not registered for direct deposit should still look for checks but anyone can opt in at any time. This is new for us so please let us know if you experience glitches or have questions.

The 65th Annual MGWA National Awards Dinner at Westchester Marriott on July 25th - Tim Rosaforte To Receive MGWA Golf Journalism Award

Tim Rosaforte, one of golf's most prolific writers and insiders, will receive the Lincoln Werden Golf Journalism Award from the Metropolitan Golf Writers Association at the 65th National Awards Dinner on Monday, July 25 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, N.Y. Rosaforte will join an impressive lineup of award recipients including Davis Love III (Gold Tee), Jay Mottola (DSA) and Century Country Club (Club of the Year). For more information, or to reserve tickets, please contact Kate Keller (kkeller@mgagolf.org) at the MGA.

Met PGA HOPE Employment Opportunities



Met PGA HOPE has been such a positive program for everyone involved and we are excited about graduation at Metropolis on July 6th. We want to continue the relationships that have been cultivated and keep the program grads involved with golf. Most of you have probably seen the short survey we recently sent in an attempt to gauge need for staff positions that PGA HOPE graduates might be able to fill. If you have any questions or thoughts, or if you think your facility might be interested in employing PGA HOPE participants, please contact Kelli Clayton (kclayton@pgahq.com).

Register Now for the Met PGA Travel Pro Am - Heading to 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 faxed to the section 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. Please find a link to the information sheet and registration form on the web site, and check with Dan Kiley (dkiley@pgahq.com) if you have questions.



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. More information and registration for can be found on the web site.

PGA Professional Championships – Registration Deadlines

Please be aware of the upcoming deadlines to enter three events that are tied into National PGA Championships. Registration for the Assistant, Professional, 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 Professional Championship presented by Club Car, Mercedes-Benz and OMEGA deadline to enter is JULY 27th.

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



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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 (outlined in the next article).

Met PGA Foundation Fundraisers

Once again in 2016 we are asking our assistant professionals as well as all of our PGA Members to assist with the important task of raising dollars to support the efforts of our Foundation. With over 110 junior tour events, our commitment to The First Tee, the Met PGA HOPE program, and other player development initiatives, it is easy to understand why your help and support are so necessary.

Over the years, many assistants have also mentioned that selling raffle tickets **AND** running a fund-raiser is tough for them to do. That is why we instituted several years ago our policy that any assistant who raises over \$1,000 will get entry into the Assistants Championship top tier automatically and they can give raffle tickets to their fund-raiser supporters. If you would like some help with an event for your club, contact our office or any of the Assistants Board.

EY Met PGA Pro-Junior at Lake Isle on July 27th

If you have never played in the Pro-Junior at Lake Isle sponsored by EY, it is an event to remember. No tournament on our schedule enjoys the “home cooking” that Dave Stevenson and his members provide for this day for our professionals and three of their junior golfers. In addition to the camaraderie, competition and fun on the golf course there will be plenty of pit stops for food and snacks and the tournament is buoyed by the wonderful Lake Isle membership that volunteers and makes it a very special day for all of the players.



Met PGA Club Association Nearing 100 Already

Our sincere thanks to the large number of clubs who annually support the Met PGA Club Association. Clubs participate in this effort with a \$300 annual dues that supports all of our good works in junior golf, employment, education, communications, public relations and a host of other special activities. A list of member clubs is included in this newsletter.

Race for a Lincoln Lease is Tight

Our June Lincoln Pro-Am events were well attended and successful thanks to Pelham CC, Montauk Downs, and Sands Point GC. The Pro Am circuit takes a break in July with a number of local championship events being played. We will finish strong with the annual William A Mitchell Pro Am at Innis Arden on August 16th and the season finale at Seawane on September 29th. Below are the current “Race for the Lease” standings below.

Colonial Springs	61
Harbor Links	60
Pelham	56
Cold Spring	48
Southampton	48



Met PGA Members Attain Half and Quarter Century Status

Ed Sorge, LMC was named to the Half Century Club, while the following earned Quarter Century Status:

- Vincent Cirino, A-1 at Gull Haven
- Tony DeSefano, A-1 at McCann Memorial Golf Course
- Glenn Sonnenschein, A-1 at Tarry Brae and Lochmor

Addison Craig and Andy Crane Achieve Certifications

Addison Craig, A-8 at The Bridge, was recently certified in Teaching & Coaching. Andy Crane, A-1 at West Point Golf Club, earned his second certification. In addition to Teaching & Coaching, Andy is now certified in General Management. Congratulations to Addison and Andy on these accomplishments that less than 5% of the membership has attained!

Congratulations to the Following Newly Elected PGA Members

- Derek Diesel, A-8 assistant to Dave Gosiewski at Noyac Golf Club
- Patrick Saunders, A-8 assistant to Jim Weiss at Cold Spring Country Club
- Eric Seitz, A-8 assistant to Theron Harvey and Chris Cavanagh at Hudson National Golf Club
- Kent St. Charles, A-8 assistant to John Reeves at Willow Ridge Country Club

Sales Reps on the Move

Reva Freshman is excited to announce that she will be joining the Bobby Jones/Sun Ice Company for the Metropolitan section, while maintaining her JoFit and Skechers Shoe lines. Reva will be back in a showroom at Golf Central in Elmsford where she will display when she is not visiting her accounts.

Brent Skinner has resigned from Adidas golf effective June 30th. Brent wishes to express his thanks to everyone for their support and let us know that Adidas expects to have a replacement very soon.

We thank both Reva and Brett for their support of the Met PGA Partner's Program and wish them both continued success.

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, 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.

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 Used Yellow 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. Tom also has hit away golf balls @.15 each. Free delivery on orders over 3000 balls to Long Island or Westchester. 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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Ultimate Workshop for Golf Professionals

On Monday July 25th, Peter Croker will be presenting “The Ultimate Workshop for Golf Professionals” at Westchester Country Club. Topics covered will include: how to teach the student through a calmer mind, putting and how to see the shot in advance, full swing drills, and drills to reduce thought and increase speed. The cost of the event is \$250 for Head Professionals who may bring up to two assistants at no charge. Assistants wishing to attend on their own will be charged \$100. Please register by contacting John Kennedy at jkgolfshop@wccclub.org

Golfweek Father/Son Championship Title Comes to Redding

Congratulations to Redding CC Head Professional Sam Olson and his son Spencer, winners of the 2016 Golfweek Father/Son Championship at Streamsong Resort over Father’s Day weekend. The results for the fishing tournament haven’t been posted yet, but Spencer (a competitive angler) was surely in the money there too!

PGA News

PGA members, apprentices, PGM students, and accompanying immediate family will receive complimentary daily tickets to the PGA Championship at Baltusrol. Go to the Will Call trailer near the admission gate to pick up your ticket..... 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..... PGA of America is having an all staff meeting on Thursday July 21st from 1:30-4:30 resulting in closure of the membership department for the afternoon. The phones will reopen on July 22nd at 8:00 am.....IBMSECU offers great auto and home mortgage rates to PGA members. For more information contact loans@ibmsecuri.org or mortgage@ibmsecuri.org

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