



September Tournament Preview

With the exception of our Professional Championship and watching Mark Brown putt his way to his 3rd Met Open Championship title at Glen Oaks, August was a relatively slow month for Met PGA tournaments. Below is a preview of September's events as we get right back into full swing:

National Car Rental Met PGA Assistant's Championship presented by Srixon/Cleveland Golf/XXIO

A field of 180 assistant golf professionals will make the annual decent on Bethpage State Park's Red Course on Tuesday September 6th. We are so grateful for the continued sponsorship of National Car Rental and welcome the Srixon/Cleveland Gold/XXIO conglomerate as the new presenting sponsor of the championship. While the large field is fantastic in terms of purse size and spots in the National Championship, the logistics will force us to play in groups of four on Tuesday, after which the field will be cut to the lowest 70 scores plus ties for Wednesday's final round. Players are reminded to submit all raffle tickets accompanied by check payment when they register – cash WILL NOT be accepted.

Met PGA Senior Junior Championship presented by Bushnell

Perhaps the most fun event of the season returns to Eisenhower Park on Monday September 12th as two person teams comprised of one player over 50 and one player under 50 will play 9 holes each of: Best Ball, Pinehurst and Scramble formats. This ever popular event will once again receive support from Jerry Shulock with a donation of Bushnell units for closest to the pin prizes. This event is limited to PGA members and apprentices who have paid their 2016 tournament dues, with the exception that if this is your only event of the season there is no dues requirement. Please contact the tournament department if you need help getting registered.

Lincoln/Club Car Met PGA Pro-Presidents

Two of the most important events on our schedule are the Lincoln/Club Car sponsored Pro-President Championships, presented by WeatherBug. These are important days to spend with your President or some other key officer and we do our best to make sure it is a comfortable setting for everyone. The Pro-President events are open to PGA Member head professionals and their Club President or delegates. The Westchester, CT, Upstate contingent will play at Westchester Country Club on Tuesday September 13th while Long Island will tee it up at The Woodmere Club on Wednesday September 14th. We are so appreciative to have two great golf courses making a first class presentation as they do for so many of our Met PGA events. We encourage professionals to arrange their own pairing or if they do not have a pairing, we will arrange one for you.

Lincoln Met PGA Championship

The 90th playing of the Met PGA Championship will be a culmination of our own celebration of our 100th year along with Siwanoy's celebration of the 100th anniversary of hosting the inaugural PGA Championship. The Joseph J. Lannin Trophy will be presented on Thursday September 22nd following the last round of the 54 hole championship. The Met PGA Championship is the final point event in determining the Summit Golf Brand's John Farley team members and is always critical in identifying the OMEGA Met PGA Player of the Year.

Empire City Casino Met PGA Senior Championship

Our Met PGA Seniors Championship returns to Metropolis CC on September 27th and 28th boasting title sponsor, Empire City Casino along with our friends from Fairway Golf Cars. As we have done previously, this Championship will not only include age groups to provide more players with an opportunity to compete, but this will also be the qualifying for the National PGA Senior Professional Championship that will be played at PGA Golf Club on November 17th-20th.

Lincoln Pro Am at Seawane

We have a rare late season treat to offer as Seawane Club will host a Lincoln Pro Am on Thursday September 29th. The event will be an afternoon shotgun start with some limited availability for morning groups by request. Make sure to get signed up early and take advantage of this opportunity to make a strong finish in year one of the race for the lease.

Met PGA Fall Meeting Moves to a New Venue

Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway will host the Met PGA Fall Meeting and Forum on Wednesday October 26th. Dr. Bhrett McCabe, a former pitcher for the LSU Tigers, will speak to us about *The Mindside* and the science behind sports performance and psychology. Dr. McCabe is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist whose academic credentials, professional approach, and understanding of competing in high-pressure environments have served as a foundation for his rapidly growing practice and influence in the field. Dr. McCabe presently works with numerous players from the PGA and LPGA Tours, the developmental tours, serves as the sports and performance psychologist for the University of Alabama Athletic Department, and an NBA basketball team. Prior to hearing from Dr. McCabe, we will conduct our regular association business and honor our 2016 Special Award Winners:

Horton Smith Award	Mike Diffley, Pelham Country Club
Bill Strausbaugh Award	Grant Turner, Siwanoy Country Club
Youth Player Development Award	Bill Mackedon, Port Jefferson Country Club
Teacher of the Year	Kirk Oguri, Greens at Half Hollow
Player Development Award	Ben Hoffhine, Wykagyl Country Club
Patriot Award	Paul Glut, Woodside Acres Country Club
Deacon Palmer Award	Bruce Zabriski, The Golf Scoreboard Company
Merchandiser of the Year (Private)	Sam Wiley, Wee Burn Country Club
Merchandiser of the Year (Public)	Kevin Smith, Montauk Downs State Park

Our 2016 Professional of the Year Brad Worthington will be honored along with the Sam Snead Award Winner and Player of the Year at our Spring Educational Forum next April.

Sales Reps on the Move

Srixon/Cleveland Golf/XXIO would like to announce the hiring of Brian Uvena as Field Service Rep on Long Island. Brian can be reached at (631) 479-8034 and BrianUvena@ClevelandGolf.com and also that Percy Cajahuanca will be VP of Sales as well as Fitting Specialist for Srixon/Cleveland Golf/XXIO for Met Section/Hudson Valley and can be reached at 914.505.5922 and Percycm94@yahoo.com

Loden Group: Martin/Fennec Golf recently added Andrea Rowan as a new sales rep for the Met Section. Andrea can be reached at arowangolf@gmail.com and 203-232-1711.

Four Strong Finishes by Met PGA Professionals at LPGA T&CP Championship

At the LPGA T&CP National Championship at the Reunion Club in Orlando, Florida, Jessica Carafiello of Innis Arden shot 71-72-73--216 to tie for 5th place and a spot in the 2017 KPMG Women's PGA Championship at Olympia Fields Country Club. Quaker Ridge's Sara Dickson also cashed a check with a T17 finish. In the Senior Division, Birchwood Head Professional Kammy Maxfeldt finished T8, while Chelsea Pier's Marjorie Jones made the cut and finished T19.

Quarter Century Club

Congratulations to Bobby Farrell, A-1 at Tamarack Country Club and Phil Rusnack, A-6 at Glen Cove on earning PGA Quarter Century Status! We extend our congratulations to both of these gentlemen on achieving the 25 years of membership and active service to the Association.

New Arrivals

Irish eyes were smilin' when Zella Jane Griffin was born on Wednesday August 24th. Baby Zella and proud parents Jessica and Paul Griffin (Muttontown Club) are doing great.

Condolences

We are very sorry to report the passing of Ron "Lil Pro" Jensen, longtime professional at McCann Golf. Jensen, 74, passed away Wednesday, August 17, 2016. A member of the Dutchess County Golf Hall of Fame, Ron is predeceased by his wife Carolyn and survived by his children and spouses; Ronald R. and Jenifer Jensen, Jr., Greg and Pia Jensen, and Christine and Fred Borrelli. Also surviving are his grandchildren Myra and Evan Jensen, Enrico and Victoria Borrelli and Kara and Charlotte Jensen [Click here](#) for article from Poughkeepsie Journal

We were also saddened to learn that Jules Alexander passed away on August 19th. Jules was a dear friend to many and a great contributor to the game of golf. While he is most famous for his iconic photographs of Ben Hogan, he will be remembered by so many people in the Met area for his kind heart, positive spirit and warm smile. We will cherish and remember the opportunities we had to know Jules and spend time with him. Jules' great legacy will be played forward by his sons Paul and Carl, both Met PGA members.

Carl's words on Facebook really reflected what his dad was all about, "He will live on through his photographs that can be found in homes and clubhouses around the world and in the hearts of all his friends who enjoyed a good laugh and a great story." [Click here](#) for article from the Journal News.

Local College Appoints PGA Professional Jeff DiMarco to Golf Coach Position

St. Joseph's College recently announced the selection of Jeff DiMarco as head coach of the institution's men's golf program. DiMarco heads to St. Joseph's having most recently served as head coach of the Dowling College men's team for the past 19 seasons. We wish Jeff and the Golden Eagles the very best.

Met PGA Club Association

Our thanks to all the professionals, GM's and clubs who once again have supported the Met PGA Club Association and our efforts in communications, employment, education and player development. Our current list of member facilities is included in this Newsletter.

Looking Ahead - October Events

Team Championship and Expo Returns to The Bridge and Gardiners Bay

As we approach the final month of our Section's tournament season our focus turns to the east end of Long Island with the Met PGA Team Championship and Expo at The Bridge and Gardiners Bay on Oct. 3rd and 4th. The Expo will be on the driving range and adjacent to the clubhouse on Monday afternoon, from 2 pm until dusk. Our field will be split and half will play Gardiners Bay on Monday and The Bridge on Tuesday, while the other half will make the reverse trip. Seniors are also reminded that we have conducted a separate senior division (with senior tees). Professionals attending the Expo also receive MSR credits. Registration is now open.

Fenway Awaits the 2016 Gene Borek Squire Cup Teams on Thursday October 6th

Assistants must submit their applications for the 2015 Gene Borek Squire Cup team by Wednesday, Sept. 9th. The team will essentially be selected on the basis of Professional Performance (8 of the 12 spots with 2 from the playing and 2 from the leadership category). This year's matches, sponsored again by Cutter & Buck and Paul McManus.

Treiber Memorial Tournament of Champions

Wheatley Hills will once again host our final major event that determines our OMEGA Player of the Year and also the exempt positions for next spring's MaterCard Match Play Championship. Qualifying for the Treiber Memorial will be held on Tuesday October 11th followed by round 1 on Wednesday and rounds 2&3 on Thursday. There is a super senior division available in this event as well.

Met PGA Pro-Am in Atlantic City

We are thrilled to bring our 2016 event back to Galloway National and Hidden Creek. The Borgata's Water Club will again provide comfortable accommodations and our traditional cocktail party. Spots will only be confirmed with the payment of the full entry fee. We know there are plenty of our professionals still working on getting their amateur payments but the field is filling quickly. Obviously with a limit of 50 teams for the event, we unfortunately anticipate having to turn teams away once we have received payments from the first professionals to respond.

Summit Brands/Fairway & Greene, Zero Restriction & EP Pro Preparing for The Farley Cup Matches at Fresh Meadow on Oct. 19th Teams Determined by OMEGA Point Standings

It will be a very special day when the top players from Long Island do battle with the best of Westchester/Ct./Upstate at the 6th Annual John Farley Cup Matches on Wednesday, Oct. 19th at the Fresh Meadow CC. Thanks to Player of the Year sponsor, OMEGA and our partners at Summit Golf Group under the brands of Fairway & Greene, Zero Restriction and EP Pro, this will be another great testimonial to our late Tournament Director, John Farley who loved the competitive fire that our top players brought to the Section's schedule.

National Car Rental Jack Mallon Pro Am

Long Island's "Pro-Scratch" event remembering former Met PGA president Jack Mallon is headed to Inwood Country Club on Thursday October 20th. Professionals are encouraged to team with their club champion or runner up in this better ball of two shootout.

Met PGA Pro-Lady Championship Dates Still TBA

We are very sorry that we are unable to announce our dates and venues for the Long Island and Westchester Pro Lady Championships. We are targeting mid-October dates and expect to have the information finalized very soon.

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The annual Paonessa Memorial Pro-Am is scheduled for Thursday September 15th at Mohansic Golf Course. Contact Skipm65@aol.com for details.....The 8th Annual Bambino at Leewood will be played on Thursday September 15th. For info contact Dean Johnson at 914-793-5821

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