



2017 Met PGA Winter Education Series Kicks Off on Jan. 5th



Our 7th year of the Met PGA Winter Education Series will get under way at Pelham CC on January 5th with a discussion about improving putting performance using technology, led by John Hobbins. On Thursday January 12th we will have a program at Harbor Links featuring 4D Motion with help from Kirk Oguri and James Hong. The third event will be about preparing college bound golfers at Saint Andrew's on January 19th. The schedule is below and also available on the web site. PGA Members will receive 2 MSR credits in education when they attend any Met PGA Winter Education Series program. We do ask that everyone register for the programs in advance as there are often space limitations or changes in schedules that can only be communicated effectively to those who are pre-registered.

January 05	Improving Putting Performance with Technology	Pelham CC
January 12	4 Dimensions of the Golf Swing	Harbor Links GC
January 19	Developing Juniors and College Players	Saint Andrew's GC
February 09	After the PGA Show Forum	GC of Purchase
February 16	Club Fitting for All	North Shore CC
March 02	Merchandising... It's More Than You Think!	Fenway GC
March 09	Get Your Game On Any Level	TBA

Met PGA Special Awards Nomination Deadline is Feb 1st

The PGA of America has moved up the deadline for our Section nominations to the 2nd week of February so we are asking all of our members to take a moment and submit candidates for consideration of our 2017 Special Awards. The selections are made by the Past-Presidents and any information that you can include on a nomination form that will help them evaluate the candidate will be tremendously helpful. Please take a minute to submit nominations for 2017. [Click here](#) for the form and more information.



Same Weekday Show Dates – Teaching & Coaching Summit – Tuesday Demo Day – Education and Networking will Highlight Golf’s Other “Major” during 2017 PGA Merchandise Show Week

In addition to the always-hectic PGA Show, there will be a full slate of activities taking place in Orlando from Jan. 22nd – 27th. This year’s PGA Show events are as follows: PGA Teaching & Coaching Summit January 22nd 23rd at Orange County Convention Center, PGA Show Demo Day & Instructional Workshop Tuesday January 24th at Orange County National Golf Center, PGA Show Days & Education Conference January 25th-27th at Orange County Convention Center. Please visit pgashow.com to see information and scheduling for the wide variety of special events, educational offerings, and MSR opportunities taking place throughout the week.

Also of note is the annual AGM Retail Conference on Tuesday January 24, 2017 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. This year’s conference will again feature the popular Retail Roundtable discussions along with breakout sessions on various retail related topics that you will find pertinent to your business. There are 8 MSR credits available for attending the entire event, with 2 MSR credits offered for attending the evening Product Preview and Reception only. [Click here](#) for more.

We will also be using our web site throughout January to promote our Partners and Sponsors as we remind our members to make sure they acknowledge the companies, representatives and Section supporters who will be at the PGA Show later this month.

PGA Members Should Check-out the PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program and KPMG Future Leaders Program

If you have a senior in high school or a college student and he or she has a grade point average of 3.4 or higher, please make sure you look into the PGA Financial Assistance Fund for their eligibility for a 2017 scholarship. With many college students home at this time of year and with high school seniors in the midst of their college application process, this is an ideal time to go onto PGA.org and submit the application for consideration. In addition to the student’s social security number, their parent or grandparent’s PGA ID number, transcripts, standardized test scores, and Student Aid Report. Applications must be submitted by March 1st and all supporting documentation must be received at PGA HQ no later than March 18th. Additional information to assist parents or grandparents with the scholarship program process is available [here](#).

The Office of Condoleezza Rice is now accepting applications for the KPMG Future Leaders Program – Class 2017. They will select top high school senior female students from around the country to participate in the program and receive a college scholarship for \$10,000 each year for 4 years of college, attend the 3-day KPMG Future Leaders Retreat at Stanford University this July, and participate in the KPMG Future Leaders Mentoring Program for one year. Application Deadline is January 30th. [Click here](#) for more information.

PGA's Club Pro Series Leaderboard Again Packed with Met Section Names

Fields were up again this year and the level of competition on the PGA's Club Pro Tournament Series presented by **GOLF ADVISOR** was outstanding. As we have come to anticipate, the Met Section representation proved formidable with a number of high finishes in individual events and in total money won. There wasn't an event where we did not have at least one player in the top five.

The following Met PGA Members cashed checks in the individual events throughout December: Event #2 at the Dye Course saw Rob Corcoran finish T3, followed by Charlie Meola, Josh Rackley, and Zach Brady (T13). Ben Polland, Peter Ballo, and Rob Labritz also cashed checks at T16. In event #3 at The Ryder Course, Frank Bensel was our low finisher at T4. Frank was followed by round 1 co-leader Mike Diffley at T6. Colin Corrigan and Kyle Baehler were T15 and T22 respectively, while Josh Rackley and Nick Beddow were in the money at T26. Back at The Wanamaker Course for event #4, Anthony Aruta was low Met finisher at T4. Kyle Baehler and Andrew Shiflet also found the payout at T21. At event #5 back on The Dye Course, Rob Labritz was T5. Kyle Baehler was T8 and Kent St. Charles, Kyle Higgins, and Andrew Shiflet were all in the top 10. Mark Brown was T14 with Frank Bensel and Sean Hand making the money at T26. In the final event at The Ryder Course Kyle Higgins came up short in a playoff with former PGA Tour player Omar Uresti. Mike Midgett finished 3rd, followed by Rob Corcoran (T11), Anthony Aruta (T11), Pete Catanzaro (T18), Matt Noel (T26), Ryan Kalista (T26), and Mark Brown (T26).

We will be following on the web site and in the upcoming Newsletter the PGA Winter Championships presented by **GOLF ADVISOR** and **PRIMESPORT**. The schedule includes the Quarter Century Championship (Jan. 4-5), the Senior Stroke Play Championship (Jan. 9-11), the Senior-Junior Championship (Jan. 16-19), the Fourball Stableford (Jan. 30-Feb. 2), Women's Stroke Play (Feb. 6-8), and the Stroke Play (Feb. 6-9).

New Arrivals

Avery Grace Muller was born on Friday, December 2nd and was 7lbs 13oz. Avery's mom Vanessa is doing great, dad Cory is beaming, and 2 year old Layla loves her new big sister role! It was a Merry Christmas at the CC of Darien and in the Muller household!

Congratulations to Shayne Sakson and his wife Sara on the birth of their baby boy, Oliver Sterling Sakson. Oliver was born on December, 22nd at 8:05am and weighed 6lbs, 12oz. Oliver is Shayne and Sara's first child, and they all enjoyed an extra special holiday this year!

Condolences

The local golf community lost a legend when Richard Spear passed away suddenly on December 29th. Spear was the golf course superintendent at Plandome for about a dozen years before moving to Piping Rock for over 20 years before retiring just a few years ago. He set the standard for his profession and was a true pioneer and renaissance man. He leaves a son Alex and daughter Jessie along with his mother, sister and niece and nephew.

Employment Update – [Click Here](#)

Please remember to check the dedicated Employment Listing section of the web site under *Important Links* as new opportunities are posted as soon as we are notified. A number of positions have been posted in the past few weeks.

Andrew Kegarise is leaving Dan Colvin's staff at Fisher's Island, having been appointed as the new Head Professional at Hay Harbor Club. Andrew follows Michael Adkins who recently accepted the Head Professional position at Green Spring Valley Hunt Club in Owings Mills, MD. Michael was the Head Professional at Hay Harbor Club for four seasons. Congratulations to both of these professionals and best of luck in their new endeavors.

Annunziata and Argentine Earn Certifications

Nick Annunziata, A-8 Assistant Professional at Muttontown Club is now certified in Golf Operations. Mike Argentine, A-8 Assistant Professional at Ardsley earned his certification in Teaching & Coaching. Congratulations to all these PGA Professionals on their accomplishments that less the 7% the membership has attained!

Items For Sale: Various Wooden Floor Fixtures – Ideal for Maximum Hanging Capacity

Green Plastic Bag Stands for Range. **Email:** JKGolfShop@WCCClub.org

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John McPhee has extended an invitation to any Met PGA professional and up to three of his/her members to the Palms Club in LaQuinta, CA at a reduced rate. Please contact John for information and to make arrangements at jmcphee711@aol.com or 914-720-8836.

Now is the time to take the game indoors at Fenom in Harrison. They have a beautiful space to teach or practice with our Full Swing E6 Simulator. Please call Fenom for pricing and availability 914-732-3000 or email Sara Richman at sara@fenomfit.com

PGA Notes

Each year, The PGA of America and PGA Foundation assists Special Olympics North America in soliciting nominations for the Conrad Rehling Award. This award is named after PGA Master Professional Conrad Rehling who dedicated a large portion of his life to inspiring PGA Professionals to give back to individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. As the founding father of the Special Olympics Golf movement, Mr. Rehling spearheaded The PGA of America's efforts to introduce golf to Special Olympics.

[Click here](#) for the nomination form for submissions to the selection committee (deadline is Jan. 31st) for candidates for this award for 2016. The award recognizes someone who has gone that extra mile in promoting Special Olympics Golf and has been involved on a local, state and national level.

PGA Junior League Golf registration is up and running. Get a head start on the 2017 Junior League season.

Check out the rates from the PGA's credit union – IBMSECU.org.

Along with the PGA Lesson Book, members should have recently received their PGA PAK which also includes an explanation of the new MSR policies for the period that runs through June of 2018. Changes include an expansion of career-specific education opportunities, an increase in credits that can be earned at The Show or online, and a reduction in credits required for members who have attained 90+ years of active membership and age.

PGA Trade-In Network allows you to get top values for 2016 models with bonus values of 30% or more.

Best wishes to Fran Hunt who is retiring Jan. 3rd and was part of the HQ team for over 20 years in a variety of roles serving the membership of the PGA.

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