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Adam Rainaud and Matt Dobyns Punch Tickets to Quail Hollow

The PGA Professional Championship returned to Sun River Resort’s Crosswater and Meadow’s Golf Courses, providing a formidable test and plenty of drama for the 312 qualifiers from the 41 PGA Sections. A total of eight players from the Met Section made the 36 hole cut, with two persevering long enough to finish in the top 20 and earn a ticket to Quail Hollow and the 2017 PGA Championship. Adam Rainaud of Winged Foot played solidly all week, using a third round 69 to position him in contention to win and within the cut line for the PGA. Two time champion Matt Dobyns of Fresh Meadow stumbled in the final round, but gutted it out to stay a shot clear of the playoff for the top 20. Rob Labritz might have owed the courses at Sun River a shot or two since his playoff hole out in 2013. Rob played great but finished T-27, one shot outside the playoff. Paramount’s Steve Scott was in the mix for most of the championship but found himself T41 after a tough stretch of holes during the final round. Also making the 36 hole cut were: Tyler Jaramillo of Saint Andrew’s, Anthony Aruta of North Shore, Brian Gaffney of Quaker Ridge, and Paul Dickinson of Atlantic. Congratulations to the players mentioned above and all of the qualifiers for representing the Met PGA at our National Championship.
Tommy Kuhn

From PGA professionals who describe his calming influence at the first tee of a tournament, to parents who knew their children were in good hands, to amateurs who loved his jovial spirit at Pro-Ams, to junior golfers who he inspired and guided, Tommy Kuhn is dearly missed. The outpouring of sadness, sympathy, and support has been beyond touching and only speaks to the influence he had on golf in the Met Section. Tommy’s family was blown away by number of people who turned out to pay respect to their friend. The family has asked that donations be made to the Tommy Kuhn Memorial Scholarship benefitting the junior golfers of the Metropolitan PGA. To donate please go to www.metpgascholarships.com.

PGA Section Championships and Qualifying for National Championships

Below are the upcoming entry deadlines for each of the PGA Section Championships that serve as qualifying for PGA National Championships. Please remember that because these events are part of the National Championships, the deadlines are at 11:59 pm on the listed date and they are completely firm. We cannot register you for any reason once they have passed. You may enter each of the championships below online at www.PGA.org or by calling 1-800-474-2776.

Metropolitan PGA Professional Championship
**Deadline—Wednesday, July 12**

Metropolitan PGA Senior Professional Championship
**Deadline—Wednesday, August 2**

Metropolitan PGA Assistant Professional Championship
**Deadline—Wednesday, August 23**

National Car Rental Met PGA Assistant’s Championship Entry, Raffle, and Fundraisers

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. That level of fundraising qualifies one assistant per club for the top tier. More than one assistant per club can elect to go this route. Please contact the Met PGA office with questions or for help presenting a fundraiser to your club.
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Northern Trust "Club of Clubs" Private Tent Spectator Access

The PGA Tour’s first Fed/Ex Cup Playoff event of 2017, The Northern Trust, is coming to Glen Oaks Club on August 24-27. Because of the strong relationship between the Met PGA and the PGA Tour, they are offering an all-inclusive tournament viewing package to section club members through Met PGA professionals. This exclusive, “Club of Clubs” is very similar to the publicly offered VIP Playoff tent, but comes at a lower cost and is limited to members of our local golf community network. Additionally, the PGA Tour has agreed to direct some of the proceeds to the Metropolitan PGA Section Foundation, whose golf initiatives serve the area’s military veterans and junior golfers. See below or Click Here!

Metropolitan Section PGA Foundation “Club of Clubs” Private Tent
The Northern Trust | Glen Oaks Club | August 24 - 27

The Metropolitan PGA Section Foundation is excited to partner with the PGA TOUR to provide an exclusive opportunity for true golf fans. This limited package includes access into an all-inclusive private tent at THE NORTHERN TRUST—the first event of the PGA TOUR FedExCup Playoffs.

Proceeds will support the Metropolitan PGA Section Foundation’s golf initiatives, which serve the Metropolitan area’s military veterans and junior golfers.

“Club of Clubs” Private Tent Package Includes:

- Full bar service, hors d’oeuvres, lunch buffet
- Air-conditioned, private tent on the 17th green
- Four (4) tickets for any one day, Thursday – Sunday
- Two (2) VIP Parking passes for one day

Package Total: $1,700 inclusive of all taxes and fees

To purchase a “Club of Clubs” Private Tent Package please visit:
www.metpgafoundation.com
Or Contact the Met PGA Office at 914-347-2325
There are a limited number of packages available

About the Metropolitan PGA Foundation

The Metropolitan PGA Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to promoting the goodwill and growth of the game of golf through education, instruction, scholarships, as well as other player development initiatives. With the assistance of donations we strive to positively impact the lives of junior golfers, veterans, and those who are underserved by the game. Funds raised will support Met PGA HOPE (Helping our Patriots Everywhere), Met PGA Junior Golf, and the First Tee of Metropolitan NY.
Annual William A Mitchell Pro Am and Scholarship

The annual Pro Am at Innis Arden celebrating the life of William A Mitchell will be played at Innis Arden on Tuesday September 23rd. This special and popular event is our opportunity to award scholarship dollars to Apprentices who will be attending a checkpoint in 2016 (or who have already attended this year) in Billy’s name. Over a dozen applicants have been rewarded the last three years with funds to help offset the cost of PGA education. Application materials will be available on the Met PGA web site in early July. The application deadline is September 1st and the scholarship recipients will be announced at The Mitch Pro-Am at Innis Arden on September 23rd.

Atlantic City Pro Am Returning to Galloway National and Hidden Creek Oct. 16th – 17th

The annual Atlantic City Pro Am will return to Galloway National Golf Club and Hidden Creek 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 website.

Register Now for the Met PGA Travel Pro Am Returns to Pinehurst on Oct. 29th - Nov. 1st

Entries are being accepted for the 2017 Met PGA Pro-Am at Pinehurst. The annual travel Pro Am package includes a practice round on #6, two tournament rounds on #2 and one tournament round on #8. We also have a number of activities planned, including our putting contest on the Thistle Dhu putting green and a competition on Pinehurst’s newly constructed short course. Other upgrades include a new pub in the main clubhouse called “The Deuce.” Positioned directly behind the 18th green of Course #2, this open air tavern will be a fun place to meet and watch players finish. For entry information and links to supply your amateur partners for online payments, please contact Dan Kiley.

Announcements and Reminders

Congratulations to the Following Newly Elected PGA Members

Ryan Finn A-8 to Jim Morris at National Golf Links
Daniel Guidarelli A-8 to Sean Quinlaivan at Piping Rock
Michael Kussoff A-8 to Dan Colvin at Fishers Island
Corey Layton A-8 to Rick Hartmann at Atlantic
Thomas O’Hare A-8 to Vance Levin at E. Gaynor Brennan
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Condolences

We also offer our condolences to Mike Mangiaracina and his family on the passing of his father, Sal Monte. Monte, a PGA Life Member, worked at Cold Spring and Engineers before spending 15 years at the Fontainebleau GC in Miami. Sal’s son Mike followed his father into the golf profession, spending many years as an instructor and coach on Long Island.

Met PGA Member Attains Quarter Century Status

Sandra Kubica, Life Member spent her first seven season in the Met Section in Connecticut and Westchester before moving to Long Island and becoming a regular instructor at Eisenhower Park among other public facilities on Long Island.

PGA NEWS

Bob Ford, who served as the PGA Head Professional at Oakmont (a nine-time U.S. Open host site) for 37 years before retiring last fall, was presented the Bob Jones Award by the USGA during the U.S. Open at Erin Hills. Presented annually since 1955, the Bob Jones Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates the spirit, personal character and respect for the game exhibited by Jones, winner of nine USGA championships.

Omar Uresti of Austin, Texas won the 50th PGA Professional Championship presented by Club Car, Mercedes-Benz and OMEGA after a playoff with Dave McNabb of Newark, Delaware.

The 2017 PGA Compensation Survey is now available for access. In this year’s Survey, you and your employer can compare the compensation and benefits for your position against other professionals in similar positions. Click here for access

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Save the date for the 3rd PGA Youth and Family Summit January 21-22 at Orange County Convention Center. PGA of America’s longest tenured employee, Larry Green, will be retiring soon. In his 34 year career with the PGA, Larry has been a key element of bringing the association into the digital age. He built the original “Data Processing Department”, implemented the IBM System 36, and created SMS / CCMS. Ryan Foley will be the primary point of contact for data-related topics after Larry’s last day, June 23. Larry Satcher will handle SMS / CCMS.

Approximately 78% of the membership still has to complete MSR requirements prior to the June 15, 2018 deadline.

The PGA Employment Services team has expanded, adding eight new Field Consultants. The philosophy is to forge stronger relationships with both PGA Members and PGA employers through the smaller geographic territories each Consultant will manage. There are now a total of 18 consultants nationwide.
2019 US Open Standard Bearer Opportunities at Shinnecock Hills

Shinnecock Hills’ PGA Professional Jack Druga has worked with the USGA to provide opportunities for Met Section juniors to carry standard signs during the 2018 US Open Championship. See below or Click here!

STANDARD BEARER OPPORTUNITIES

Be a part of golf history as the game’s grandest stage - the 118th U.S. Open Championship - comes to Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y. from June 11-17, 2018!

Standard Bearers are an integral part of the U.S. Open and they have the best seat in the house. Standard Bearers are assigned to carry the scoring sign (standard) and required to walk all 18 holes with the playing group. This committee has limited number of spots and is expected to fill up quickly.

*There is no volunteer fee to be a Standard Bearer*
*Must be between the Ages of 14 and 21 during the Championship*

For More Information Visit: 2018volunteers.usga.org
Sakson Earns Third CPP Certification

Shane Sakson, who was previously certified in Golf Operations, recently completed his certifications in General Management AND Player Development. Shane is to be commended on this achievement as less than 7% of the entire membership as earned a single certification.

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Westchester CC’s Danny Balin took home the $20,000 first prize check from The Preserve Open, an 18 hole par three tournament at The Preserve at Boulder Hills in Wyoming, RI.

The 82nd Annual Woodstock Open is Tuesday September 5th. Contact PGA Pro, Judd Noto at jeddwgc@gmail.com

Peter Croker, Dr. Bob Rotella, Dr. Bob Christina, and Rick Whitfield will present “Breaking the Coaching Barriers in Golf” seminar September 11-12 in Pinehurst, NC. There are only 30 spaces available with a registration deadline of August 15th. Contact Rick Whitfield at rwhitfield@pga.com

PGA Dues

If you missed the June 30th deadline make sure you pay your 2016-17 PGA Dues immediately to avoid further penalties and possible suspension.

Met PGA Club Association Just Over 50

Our sincere thanks to the 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.

For Sale

Charlie Bolling is selling a Trackman IV in mint condition. Asking price is $17,000. Call Charlie at 516-578-9847

Tom Lupinacci is offering a $20,000 Commission to any PGA Professional who might find him a client for his Antique Golf Collection. Please review Tom’s Website Timelessgolfantiques.com. Tom also has used white striped Range Balls for Sale and High quality Used Golf Balls for re-sale—AND hit away balls for .15ea. There is free delivery in Long Island or Westchester for orders of 3000 balls or more! Tom is looking to purchase used Yellow Range balls! Tom can be reached at 904-233-1023

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