



Big Turnout for Fall Meeting and Fall Forum with Bhrett McCabe at Empire City Casino - Five New Directors Elected, Award Recipients Honored

A huge collection of professionals and guests were on hand at the Met PGA's 2016 Fall Meeting, Awards Ceremony and Fall Forum. PGA of America CEO Pete Bevacqua and Dr. Bhrett McCabe were featured attractions and neither disappointed. All of the day's content including: Q&A with Pete Bevacqua, special award acceptances and Dr. Bhrett McCabe's presentation can be found on the [Met PGA YouTube Channel](#).

The slate that included newcomers Bill Bresnan, Andrew Gruss, Theron Harvey, Jim Lusk, and Peter Procops was elected to serve the 2016-17 term as they replace outgoing Directors Dave Fusco, Chris Kenney, Jamie Kilmer, Cory Muller and Sean Quinlivan. The officers elected were Brian Crowell (President), Michael Shank (Secretary), Stuart Waack (Treasurer) and Carl Alexander and Chris Kenney as Vice-Presidents. The balance of the Board includes Ben Hoffhine, Adam McDaid, Karl Obermeyer, James Ondo, and Steve Scott. Elected to the Nominating Committee were Mike Diffley, Joe Felder, Dave Fusco, Bobby Heins, Tom Henderson, Greg Hurd, and Jim Smoot. We also recognized Tom Henderson's ascension to PGA of America District Director at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Tom was joined by his predecessor Dan Pasternak of Black Oak in New Jersey, and our PGA Regional Career Consultant Jonathan Gold.

Met PGA Roundtables Schedule Announced - Register Now

The Met PGA Roundtables are our annual opportunity to share ideas, successes and issues from the past season. This chance to learn from one another is extremely important and our collective success is fully dependent on participation. The tentative site schedule is below. Professionals should register for the most convenient site and depending on registration numbers, we will attempt to group people by facility type.

Rockland/Upstate	Patriot Hills GC	November 14 th , 9am-12pm
Long Island (East)	North Fork CC	November 16 th , 10am-1pm
Connecticut	Greenwich CC	November 17 th , 10am-1pm
Westchester	Fenway GC	November 17 th , 12pm-3pm
Long Island (West)	Glen Oaks Club	November 16 th , 12pm-3pm

As in years past, we will collect data on fee structures, which we should then compile and create a database. The overall focus will be on "Best Practices / Idea-Sharing" and we want to encourage not only attendance but also participation. Attendees should come prepared to discuss the following: Women's and Junior instruction/program ideas that are increasing participation and/or introducing new players to the game, retention of senior members, biggest successes you have had at your facility, what are your biggest concerns/challenges moving forward, "Outside of the Box" thinking - what have you tried?

[Click here](#) to register these no-fee Roundtables.

Met PGA Winter Education Series – Schedule Taking Shape

The Met PGA Winter Education Series has grown considerably over the past several seasons thanks to our talented presenters, host facilities, and hardworking education committee. This winter will be no exception, as the schedule is taking shape and should be released in late November or early December. Please keep these valuable, no-cost opportunities in mind as you outline your winter self-improvement program.

Ben Polland of Deepdale wins National Car Rental PGA Assistants Championship - Eight Section Assistants Make Cut



Deepdale Assistant Ben Polland shot a final round 69 to claim the \$12,000 first prize and the national Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship supported by Srixon/Cleveland/XXIO. Ben joins his mentor Darrell Kestner and former Deepdale assistant Kirk Satterfield on the list of champions of this event. Despite windy conditions that caused almost every player to have a bad round, or tough stretches of holes, Ben carded steady rounds of 72-68-72-69 to win by one shot. The Met PGA was incredibly well represented with eight of our professionals surviving the 36-hole cut. After Polland, Peter Ballo finished T-19 to cement his hold for the 2016 Met PGA Assistant Player of the Year Award. The rest of the top finishers were Kyle Higgins (T-32), John Guyton and Colin Corrigan (T-38), Josh Rackley (T-55), Grant Sturgeon (T-59), and Anthony Aruta (T-63).

New Assistants Board Elected at Innis Arden Fall Meeting

The Assistants at their recent Fall Meeting closed out business for the 2016 year with the announcement of Ian Orr as our Assistant of the Year Award recipient. The award was presented with the rest of the Met PGA Special Awards, but Ian was also recognized by the Assistants' Association at their meeting. Another annual highlight is the presentation of the Gil McNally (most improved player) Award, this year to Kirk Oguri of The Greens at Half Hollow. Peter Ballo, one of the assistants representing the Section at the National Car Rental PGA Assistants Championship was announced as the winner of the Stroke Average honors.

Finally, the following officers were elected to lead the association in 2017: President-Tyler Jaramillo of The Saint Andrew's Golf Club, 1st Vice President-Pete Catanzaro of Scarsdale GC; 2nd VP Alex Smith of Garden City GC; Treasurer-Tyler Lower of Whippoorwill, and Secretary- Frankie Martinez of Patterson. Three other assistants put their names up for election (Joe Condomitti from Round Hill, Jim Farrell of The Creek, Kirk Oguri, Ian Orr from CC of Darien, and Dan Sposato from Mill River) also threw their hats in the ring for an officer's position and although not elected, all made excellent presentations.

2017 Scheduling is Underway

Thanks to the many professionals who have already contacted the Met PGA Office with offers to host a 2017 event on our Section, Assistants and/or Junior Tour schedules. Now is the time to let us know if you can help out as the Tournament Committee will be trying to get as much scheduled for next year by the end of this month. We are especially thankful to those who continue to support the 100+ events on our Junior Tour. [Click here](#) for a Junior Tour request form.

OMEGA Westchester Met PGA Reception

Met PGA Partner OMEGA will host a Met PGA reception in their Westchester Mall boutique on Wednesday November 16th. This evening reception will celebrate their relationship with the Met PGA and allow you and your guests to familiarize yourself with their outlet. Members are encouraged to stop by for a drink and to pick up some gifts offered by OMEGA.



Please Return Your 2016 Met PGA Compensation Survey and Get MSR Credit

Our head professional compensation survey is available ([click here](#)) and is also linked on our web site. Please note that PGA Members who return the survey get 1 MSR credit but more importantly, that information is critical to assisting our professionals and their clubs with accurate and meaningful information during negotiations.

The results of our Assistants Survey for 2016 will be available soon. If you did not fill out the survey ([click here](#) for the blank survey) please respond as soon as possible.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to East Hampton Club assistant John Gaeta and his new bride Elena Teixeira. The high school sweethearts were married on October 8th at deServersky Mansion in Old Westbury.

Congratulations to Golf Digest Best Young Teachers

The following five Met PGA Professionals were recognized by Golf Digest in their Best Young Teachers List. Congratulations to:

- *Jessica Carafiello (Innis Arden)*
- *Mario Guerra (Quaker Ridge)*
- *Michael Jacobs (Rock Hill)*
- *Alana Swain (Atlantic)*
- *Michael Sweeney (The Bridge)*

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Mike Laudien is running his "Annual Jack Frost" 3 Clubs & Putter Team Event on Friday November 11 – 10am shotgun start. Formatis 18 Hole, 2 person best ball using 3 clubs and a putter at Philip J Rotella Memorial Golf Course. Cost is \$300 per team pro or amateur. Teams may consist of: Pro/Pro or Pro/Amateur or Amateur/ Amateur. We play the event in any weather condition and the course will be set up extremely difficult! Call the Pro Shop at (845) 354-1616 Extension 2 to reserve your spot, or email Mike at mrlaudien@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Bobby Miller and Knollwood Country Club in their recent celebration of Bobby's 32 years of service to the club. Knollwood put together a wonderful evening honoring Bobby and his family, with a number of speakers lauding Bobby's effort and dedication to the club over the years. There was a tangible mutual admiration between the members and the Miller family and the night was an affirmation that Bobby Miller is and will continue to be the heart and soul of KCC.

Rockville Links Country Club recently honored their retiring professional, Mike Turnesa Jr. during a year-end member tournament. We congratulate Mike on this honor and wish him the best as he transitions away from his post as Rockville's head pro.

Condolences

We are saddened to report the passing of Micheal Clayton, husband of Met PGA Director of Operations Kelli Clayton. Micheal, a United States Marine and Vietnam Veteran, entered into rest surrounded by family and friends on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Micheal's passion for life was infectious and his love for Kelli was deep. Micheal was a true advocate for veterans and served tirelessly on many committees at the VA to give his fellow veterans a voice. His pride in Kelli and their combined effort in creating the Met PGA HOPE program are unparalleled. Micheal will be dearly missed and our Met PGA family won't be the same without him.

Quarter Century Club

Congratulations to Bob Bailey longtime teacher in the Met Section on attaining 25 years of membership and service to the PGA of America. We extend Bob our best wishes and congratulations on this record of tenure and Quarter Century membership.



PGA Notes

The PGA Tournament Series Presented by GolfAdvisor will again add \$10,000.00 in sponsor dollars to each event of the upcoming PGA Tournament Series. All the events are at the PGA Golf Club on the following dates – Nov. 28-29 (Wanamaker), Dec. 1-2 (Dye); Dec. 5-6 (Ryder), Dec. 8-9 (Wanamaker), Dec. 12-13 (Dye) and Dec. 15-16 (Ryder). Enter on PGA.org or by calling 1-800-474-2776.

Dates for Winter Activities are as follows: Quarter-Century Championship is Jan. 4-5; Senior Stroke Play is Jan. 9-11; Senior-Junior is Jan. 16-19; Fourball Stableford Team is Jan. 30-Feb.2; Women's Stroke Play is Feb. 6-8; Stroke Play is Feb. 6-9. Register at PGATournaments.com.

We are approximately half way through the current MSR cycle. The current cycle ends on June 15, 2018. Be sure to take advantage of section and national offerings, including the PGA Show.

The 2016 PGA PAK mailing is being planned for mailing in early November. The PAK will include the 2017 PING appointment calendar.

The PGA Merchandise Show schedule is as follows: Teaching & Coaching Summit on Jan. 22-23 at the Convention Center, the PGA Show Demo Day & Instructional Workshops on Tuesday, Jan. 24th at Orange County National Golf Center and the PGA Show & Education Conference at Orange County Convention Center on Wed. – Friday, Jan. 25-27.

[Click here to register now](#) for a PGA/USGA Rules Workshop.

Please note there is a link for Special Awards nominations are on the front page of the web site.

Employment Update – [Click Here](#)

As many section members are aware, three long tenured head professionals have announced their retirement effective this fall. Bobby Heins of Old Oaks, John Kennedy of Westchester, and Mike Turnesa of Rockville Links are all stepping down. Old Oaks has already announced that Nick Maselli will succeed Bobby as head pro, Westchester CC recently announced that Ben Hoffhine would be taking over John's post as director of golf, and Rockville Links is about halfway through the process of identifying the head professional that will follow Mike.

Wykagyl Country Club has established a search committee and produced an announcement and job description. The deadline to submit applications is November 11th. [Click here](#) for announcement and job description.

Please remember to visit our "Employment Listing" as it is periodically updated as these and other new staff opportunities are listed.

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Patterson Club, The
Pelham CC
Pine Hollow CC
Pine Ridge GC
Piping Rock Club
Port Jefferson CC
Purchase, The GC of
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Quaker Ridge GC
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Redding CC
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Rockland Lake State Pk GC
Rockrimmon CC
Rockville Links CC
Rolling Hills CC
Round Hill Club
Saint Andrew's GC, The
Salem GC
Sands Point GC
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