



Fiscal Year Dues Deadline is June 30th

PGA Members and Apprentices are reminded that payment of their 2016-2017 Fiscal Year dues must be received by the PGA of America no later than June 30th to avoid suspension and penalties.

Met PGA HOPE and Veteran Access Card

The remaining Met PGA HOPE class schedule can also be found at www.metpgahope.com. We are off to a great start and most of the students are already hooked on golf! Metropolis Country Club has recently agreed to host our special graduation ceremony on July 6th. We are now working on a PGA HOPE golf access card, and are looking for courses and ranges to participate by offering discounts to our graduates. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Kelli Clayton (kclayton@pgahq.com) for information or to sign up.

The Race Continues – June Offers Three Lincoln Pro-Am Sites

We’re off to a pretty fast start. Our Lincoln Pro-Ams have been a success thus far and we are excited to have three great sites on the schedule for June. The schedule includes Pelham on Monday, June 6th, Montauk on Monday June 13th, and Sands Point GC on Thursday, May 23rd. There are still openings for the Pelham Pro Am and we encourage you to get a team for one of our section’s PGA Championship host sites. Also, Gurney’s Resort is offering a 20% discount to players coming out the night before the Montauk Pro Am. Mention “Montauk Downs Pro Am” when booking. Those staying over are invited to an informal cash bar gathering on the top deck in the evening.

The “Race for the Lease” has a number of clubs jockeying for position, and it will be interesting to see who continues to forge ahead (standings below). Don’t forget, another incentive for the winning combined gross and net team will be earn a berth in the season ending Mohegan Sun Tournament of Champions in October.

Glen Cove	33 points
Patriot Hills	33 points
Cold Spring	31 points
Colonial Springs	31 points
Griff Harris	26 points
Innis Arden	26 points
Paramount	26 points
Rolling Hills	26 points
Tamarack	26 points



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Register Now for the Met PGA Travel Pro Am Heads at Streamsong on Oct. 30th - Nov. 2nd

Entries are being accepted for the 2016 Met PGA Pro-Am at Streamsong. We have heard so many rave reviews and can't wait for our trip. Please check with Dan Kiley if you have questions about the registration process and the [entry form](#) and information are on the web site. The event includes one practice round and three tournament rounds on Streamsong's Red and Blue Courses. Entry forms faxed to the section must be accompanied with credit cards. We have a number of verbal commitments, but require a \$1,000 deposit per amateur to confirm and solidify your spot. We are excited that National Car Rental will also be our sponsor this year and have offered a great package for rental cars.



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.

PGA Professional National Championship Presented by



Club Car, Mercedes-Benz and Omega

Our Met Section contingent will be travelling by car to the Turning Stone Resort for the upcoming PGA Professional National Championship on June 26th – 29th. This year's event is again presented by Club Car, Mercedes-Benz and Omega. In the field from our Section are qualifiers David Young, Frank Bensel, Rob Labritz, James Ondo, Charlie Meola, Kirk Satterfield, Jim Farrell, Jesse Fitzgerald, John Guyton, Nick Beddow, Mark Brown, and exempt players Matt Dobyms, Brian Gaffney, Darrell Kestner, Ron McDougal, Ben Polland, and Grant Sturgeon. The week kicks off on Friday night when Matt Dobyms will be honored among his peers as the 2015 PGA Professional Player of the Year.

PGA Championships - Deadlines Coming in July

Please be aware of the upcoming 2015 deadlines in July 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 is September 6-7 at Bethpage Red and is open to class A-8 Members and all Apprentices. The deadline to enter is **AUGUST 24th**. Please note this event offers a tiered purse with an additional local entry fee of \$150, \$300, or \$450. Your entry fee dictates the portion of the prize money you are eligible to win. We offer a raffle for prizes donated by areas sales reps to help cover the entry fee. Another option is to raise a minimum of \$1,000 for the Met PGA Foundation (outlined in the next article).

The Metropolitan PGA Professional Championship is presented by Club Car, Mercedes-Benz and OMEGA and will be played at GC of Purchase and Fairview CC on August 8-10. The championship will once again be 54 holes with a cut after 36. The deadline to enter is **JULY 27th**

The Metropolitan PGA Senior Professional Championship is scheduled for September 27th – 28th at Metropolis CC, run concurrently with our Met PGA Senior Championship. Please be aware there are two entries for this event as players may elect to play in one or the other, or both. The deadline to enter is **SEPTEMBER 14th**

Met PGA Foundation Fundraisers Getting Started

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.

[Click here](#) for a one-page summary of the Met PGA Foundation and its programs.

Head Pro Support Nears \$8,000.00 thus far for Assistants Contribution Fund

Including the Assistants Contribution Fund link on the 2016 Tournament Dues payments once again had an incredible impact on increasing donations from our head professionals. The Assistants Contribution Fund supports the Assistants Tour events and provides for 40% of the field to earn a paycheck as opposed to 33%. This fund will also support the William A. Mitchell Scholarship Fund to assist needy apprentices with their costs of education. If you missed making the donation and would like to contribute, head professionals can [click here](#) to support this effort.

Upcoming Women's Tournaments

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 year's Championship will be played at Willow Ridge Country Club in Harrison, NY July 11th and 12th.

We are also pleased to announce that Fisher's Island has agreed to host the Women's Stroke Play Championship on June 20th. Tournament registration will open on June 1st. The plan is to play 36 holes as usual. While logistics and travel will pose some challenges, we expect to have a very special day at Fisher's Island. We plan to look into travel options and will contact the players as soon as we have some concrete information.

PGA Scholarship Recipients Announced

Once again we are pleased to announce the PGA Scholarship recipients from the Met Section who have achieved the distinction based primarily on their academic accomplishments, as well as their extracurricular involvement. This year we had two scholarship recipients from a list of 10 very talented and worthy applicants from both the high school senior and college student pool of those meeting the difficult academic requirements. Our congratulations to high school senior Jeremy Nielsen (son of Rick Nielsen). Jeremy had 2060 on his SAT's and a GPA of 4.0. Kendal Conway received a John Cox PGA Scholarship as a College Sophomore with a 3.77 GPA and the highest ranking in weighted college activity. Kendal is the daughter of Jimmi Conway of Pine Hills Country Club. Our congratulations to both of the recipients as well as those not selected who have achieved so much and continue to excel in their academic and student pursuits.

Special Awards Finalists

It gives us great pleasure to announce that four of our PGA Members are finalists for consideration for the 2016 PGA of America Special Awards. Darrell Kestner of Deepdale Golf Club is a candidate for Professional of the Year. Westchester CC's John Kennedy is a finalist for the Bill Strausbaugh Award. Stuart Waack of Silvermine Golf Club has reached the finals for the Youth Player Development Award and Bruce Zabriski representing The Golf Scoreboard Co and formerly Westchester CC is up for the Deacon Palmer Award.

U.S. Department of Labor Fair Labor Standards Act

The U.S. Department of Labor recently delivered its highly anticipated final rule on the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), which redefines eligibility standards for overtime. The rule increases the pay ceiling under which salaried executive, administrative, and professional workers can earn overtime pay for working more than 40 hours per week. The new rule slightly more than doubles the threshold to \$47,476 (\$913 per week) from \$23,660 a year (\$455 per week) for non-exempt employees, which the Department of Labor established in 2004. The new threshold also can be adjusted every three years for wage growth over time. The rule partially addresses concern from groups (including the golf industry) that bonuses and incentive payments can count up to 10 percent of the new salary level.

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According to the PGA's Research department: 33.6% of active PGA Class A Members and 84.3% of Apprentices earn less than \$47,500 in total compensation. In addition, as encouraged by the golf industry, the "white collar duties test" was left intact, meaning that workers above the salary ceiling cannot become eligible for overtime by performing hourly-type wage duties. This part of the rule comes as relief to many small businesses, which were concerned that high-salaried workers could gain access to overtime wages. The rule will formally take effect on December 1st. However, there are several legal challenges expected that could delay the rule from implementation or overhaul it entirely.

Barclays 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, The Barclays 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, and [click here](#) for a fact sheet about the shootout.

A New Breed of Golf Night Out – An Evening With Michael Breed

Get a front row seat to hear one of the most dynamic, engaging, and entertaining teachers in the game talk about golf instruction, give you tips to improve your game, share stories from the PGA Tour, discuss the power of motivation and much MORE! Michael Breed's Golf Night Out will be Tuesday, June 21 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m at the Westchester Broadway Theatre. All guests will receive the following gifts from our partners: Michael Breed's Effect To Cause DVD, LET'S DO THIS! IonLoop Bracelet, Titleist ProV1 Balls, Golf Pride Grip, Foot Joy Socks. A portion of the proceeds from A New Breed of Golf Night Out will benefit the Cure Alzheimer's Fund. For more information, visit www.michaelbreed.com/nightout

Women's Golf Day – June 7th

Women's Golf Day is a four-hour experience happening globally where women and girls can experience golf for the first time or where current players can play and engage with women interested in golf. It is being hosted at golf courses and retail locations all around the world on the same day June 7, 2016 from 4-8pm in each regions local time. To see a list of locations and register to participate, visit womensgolfday.com/locations

GlenArbor Golf Academy invites you to Ben Shear Program

We invite you to join us as we welcome Ben Shear as the next guest speaker in the GlenArbor Golf Academy Lifetime Learning Series on Sunday, June 5th at 4:30 pm. Our series features experts in the world of golf and fitness, who collaborate with our academy staff from time to time. Ben is one of the foremost and sought after fitness professionals in golf, and co-hosts SiriusXM's "The Golfer's Edge" with Debbie Doniger. Ben has also appeared together on six episodes of Golf Fitness Academy featured on Golf Channel's "Morning Drive." The talk on Sunday will be an interactive presentation on the topic "Why am I tight". Ben will also answer questions regarding general fitness, specialized programs for kids, bio mechanics, kinetic sequences, and how power and speed are truly generated. To make a reservation, please contact the concierge at (914) 241-0700 or email debbie@debbiedoniger.com.

Whitey Voight Pro Am - DATE CHANGE

A schedule change for the Whitey Voight Pro Am was announced in the most recent E-Update, but we learned of a conflict with the Hoffhine Memorial at Westchester. The Whitey Voight Pro Am has been rescheduled (again) to Wednesday August 31st. We apologize for the mix up and any inconvenience this may have caused.

Long Island Pro President

We are very close to finalizing the details of the Lincoln / Club Car Long Island Pro President. We are very sorry for the delay and hope that your presidents and delegates are still looking forward to the day. We expect to make an announcement in the June 3rd E-update.

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 Used Factory White Range Balls in Very Good Condition starting at \$2.75 per Doz 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. Call Tom @ 904-233-1023 for questions or Information.

1,000 dozen TITLEIST NXT 'Practice' White Range Balls for sale.....One and two years old ONLY. If interested or for more information, contact John Schob at glfpro77@aol.com.

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