



Metropolitan PGA Section and PGA HOPE Program for Veterans at West Point Golf Course to be Spotlit May 4 on Golf Channel in Celebration of the PGA of America's Centennial

In celebration of its Centennial, the PGA of America has partnered with Golf Channel to shine a spotlight on all 41 PGA Sections and their featured programs and initiatives led by PGA Professionals nationwide. The Met PGA Section Spotlight is scheduled to air on the Golf Channel on May 4.

In March of last year, David Windsor, PGA Professional and founder of the Adaptive Golf Academy, trained 25 Metropolitan PGA Professionals on how to teach golf to veterans through the PGA HOPE program. PGA HOPE, part of the military pillar of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America, is a free golf program for veterans designed to help with their rehabilitation and assimilation back into society. These PGA Professionals lead approximately 30 local veterans through the 8-week program at West Point Golf Course.

To encourage veterans to continue playing golf, each participant received a free set of golf clubs after completing the program. The Metropolitan PGA Section also formed a weekly/monthly league for the group. In the fall of 2015, Metropolitan PGA Professionals welcomed new veterans to the program and also expanded to Northport VA Golf Course and Woodside Acres Golf & Country Club on Long Island.

The spotlights will run in conjunction with the #ThxPGAPro Centennial celebration social media campaign, where golfers everywhere can post videos, photos and messages in support of their favorite PGA Professionals on ThxPGAPro.com or through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The Section Spotlights also will be featured prominently on ThxPGAPro.com.



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Golf Channel Airing "National Instruction Day" in Partnership with PGA of America



Golf Channel – in partnership with the PGA of America – announced its plans for the inaugural “National Instruction Day,” airing on Wednesday, May 4, and featuring a dedicated day of live programming devoted to helping golfers improve their game. National Instruction Day will bring together several of the most respected and recognized PGA Professionals in the game – a culmination of a 100-day campaign celebrating the PGA of America’s Centennial – staging live clinics on Golf Channel, originating from golf courses around the U.S., and spanning across four time zones, beginning at 10 a.m. ET.

Each of the six golf course locations participating in National Instruction Day will feature a lead PGA Professional, along with two guest instructors working in collaboration on a live, one-hour clinic from their respective location. Participating Met PGA Professionals are: Michael Breed and Tom Henderson at Baltusrol from 10-11am, Brian Crowell at Fossil Trace in Colorado from 7-8pm, and Michael Breed from 9-11pm at Golf Channel Studios.

National Instruction Day also will serve as an exclamation point on the PGA of America’s celebration of its Centennial in 2016. The 100-day celebration campaign began with a tribute from the PGA’s “Outdoor Demo Day” during its annual PGA Merchandise Show in January, which featured ceremonial tee shots with PGA Professionals from each of the 41 PGA Sections, along with members of PGA Junior League Golf. National Instruction Day on Wednesday, May 4, will mark the 100th day of the campaign.

Met PGA HOPE

The Met PGA HOPE class schedule is below and can also be found at www.metpgahope.com. We are very excited for the beginning of training sessions, but we are still in need of instructors. We are also working on a special PGA HOPE golf access card, and are looking for courses and ranges to participate. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Kelli Clayton (kclayton@pgahq.com) for information or to sign up.

West Point Golf Course
May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, Graduation July 6
4:00pm–6:00pm

Eisenhower Park Golf Course
May 3, 10, 24, June 7, 21, Graduation July 6
3:00pm–5:00pm

Mosholu Golf Course
May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, Graduation July 6
9:30am–11:30am

PGA HOPE
HELPING OUR PATRIOTS EVERYWHERE

May 31st & June 1st are Dates for the POLO Golf Met PGA Head Pro Championship Presented by Club Car at North Hempstead Country Club



The 2016 POLO Golf Met PGA Head Pro Championship presented by Club Car promises to be another outstanding event. Polo's involvement as title sponsor will help showcase our head professionals at a great event as well as providing product to all the competitors. We also appreciate the continued involvement from our great friends at Club Car. North Hempstead Country Club should be an ideal venue for this event that includes a regular division and a senior division for those head professionals who wish to compete in the 50 and over group.

In addition, we will be offering a Life Member Championship on day one of the Head Pro Championship at North Hempstead. Anyone classified as Life Member is eligible to play in this one day event that includes lunch and a special gift from Polo Golf.



2016 Met PGA Special Awards Selections Announced

The Metropolitan PGA's Special Awards Committee is pleased to announce the following award recipients for 2016. We will be honoring all but the Professional of the Year at our Fall Meeting and Forum. The Professional of the Year will be part of the Spring Forum ceremonies. Our Additional Nominations have been finalists for the National Awards previously and have been resubmitted by our Committee. We congratulate all of the following:

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

Additional Nominations include:

Darrell Kestner, Deepdale GC for the Professional of the Year, Stuart Waack, Silvermine GC for the Youth Player Development Award, and John Kennedy, Westchester CC for the Bill Strausbaugh Award.

Lenox Advisors NY State Open Entry is Online



The Lenox Advisors New York State Open Championship entry is online and entries are now being accepted. Players are reminded that filing an entry acknowledges acceptance of the rules and regulations and that eligibility for all players is in accordance with the championship rules. Please note the entry deadline of May 27th and make sure the qualifying site selected will avoid any possible conflicts. Qualifyings in our Section will be Woodmere (June 7th), Mansion Ridge (June 15th), Colonial Springs (June 22nd), Waccabuc (June 27th). The Championship proper is at The Black Course at Bethpage on July 19th – 21st.

A NEW Race For the Lease Begins - May Offers Three Lincoln Pro-Am Sites



Our Lincoln Pro-Ams are an important part of our tournament schedule and we are hoping that with the Race for the Lease and some great venues, our fields will continue to grow. Not only do these events provide professionals with an opportunity to play on a number of terrific area courses, but it is also a great networking tool for assistants and all our professionals. The Pro-Ams also provide Lincoln with the exposure they seek in addition to their major sponsorship of our events (Met PGA, Women's Met Open plus our Pro-Presidents and Pro-Ams). We are excited to have three great sites on the schedule for May and hope our professionals from throughout the Section will take advantage of these opportunities. The schedule includes Pound Ridge on Monday, May 9th, Metropolis CC on Thursday, May 19th and Tuxedo on Monday, May 23rd. Check out the "Race for the Lease" information on the web site look for some other new wrinkles as we move into the Pro-Am season. Winning combined gross and net winners will be earning a berth in the season-ending Mohegan Sun Tournament of Champions in October.

Met PGA Travel Pro Am Heads to Streamsong on Oct. 30th - Nov. 2nd

We are getting ready to accept entries for the 2016 Met PGA Pro-Am at Streamsong. We are thrilled to be making our inaugural voyage to this new and exciting destination, and have heard nothing but rave reviews about the golf courses, hotel and overall experience. Please check with Dan Kiley (dkiley@pgahq.com) 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. At minimum, a \$1000 deposit per amateur will be charged upon receipt of entry form. We are excited that National Car Rental will also be our sponsor this year and have offered a great package for rental cars.



Head Professional Update – Met PGA Club Association Mailing is Coming Soon

In early May we will be sending out an important mailing for our Head Professionals. This will be a renewal or membership application form for our Met PGA Club Association. This \$300.00 fee, funded by our area clubs and courses, contributes to many of the key activities we take great pride in. The Club Association funds help support our Educational programs, our Employment & Club Relations initiatives, our many Communications vehicles as well as our growth of the game priorities. Each year we have been fortunate to have between 120 and 150 clubs and courses join our Met PGA Club Association. Our thanks to our head professionals who promote the Met PGA Club Association with their GM, President and/or facility leaders.

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). Additional honorees will be announced in the upcoming weeks. For more information, or to reserve tickets, please contact Kate Keller (kkeller@mgagolf.org) at the MGA.

Met PGA Assistants Association Gears up for 2016

The season for the Assistants Tour and related activities is off to a fast start.

Following the opening meeting at Old Oaks and with a strong schedule of Assistant Tour events already posted, the 2016 season looks to be another successful one. In addition to the year-long Assistant-Assistant Match Play Championship, and events at Woodway (May 9), Saint Andrews (May 23), and the Spring Major at Wee Burn (May 31), the Assistants Tour gets into full swing this month.

It is also not too early to be thinking about end of the season assistant honors and opportunities either. The Taylor Made Assistant of the Year Award is based on service and performance. All candidates for the Gene Borek Squire Cup Team will be considered along with any other applicant who supports the Met PGA programs and activities (education, tournament and growth of the game), and are involved with fund-raising or community initiatives (such as Junior Golf, Met PGA HOPE, Patriot Golf Day, etc.). The Board also seeks representative of the ideals of our Section in promoting the importance of playing and teaching the game. Assistants will also once again be competing for the Gil McNally Most Improved Assistant Player Award (based on scoring improvement from 2015 to 2016). The award is sponsored by The Treiber Group in recognition of Gil McNally, long time head professional at Garden City Golf Club and a role model for assistants and head professionals to emulate.

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The policy adopted by the Met PGA Board of Directors to assist with players struggling to be competitive has also been continued. It is felt that the Assistants Tour is meant to not only offer tournament opportunities, but also to help player's develop with their own games. Unfortunately, there is a concern that some players are just using this as a playing opportunity. Starting with the opening Assistants Tour event, if a player returns a score of 90 or higher more than once, his employer will be contacted by the Tournament Committee. They will discuss what actions the player is taking to improve his or her game. If that player returns a 3rd score during the season of 90 or higher, he or she will be asked to suspend their play on the Assistants Tour until they have demonstrated their improvement and comfort to regain playing privileges.

Apprentices preparing for their next-level checkpoint are reminded that the William A. Mitchell Scholarship Fund supports those with financial needs in completing the next requirements in their apprenticeship for PGA Membership. The Mitchell Scholarship Fund application will be posted in June this year with recipients announced at The Mitch Pro-Am at Innis Arden on Tuesday, Aug. 16th.

2016-2017 Fiscal Year PGA Dues

Everyone with an email address in the PGA of America data base will receive an email notification the week of May 2, 2016 that they can view, print and/or pay the FY2016/2017 dues online. Those without an email address will received a printed invoice by US mail. New features for this dues billing cycle include: the ability to assign a dues proxy, ACH payment of dues online, and Life Member Century option for members who are at least 75 years of age and who have at least 25 years of active membership.

PGA Notes

When paying your dues this month, please check on your personal data and make sure it is current and correct. Don't forget the availability of business loans through the IBM Southeast Credit Union relationship with the PGA. For more info go to ibmsecu.org, contact businessloans@ibmsecu.org or call 800 873-5100 ext. 8799.

Earn 2 MSR Credits and Complete 2015 PGA Annual Operations Survey

As a result of PGA Professional participation, the PGA Annual Operations Survey is recognized as the industry's leading source for golf operations and facility data, providing you with invaluable information to help you compare your facility's performance to the market. In an effort to continuously improve the survey experience for our members, we have streamlined many areas. Ideally, this will direct you to only answer questions that are relevant to the operational areas you manage. Through your participation in this survey, you and other PGA Professionals will continue to benefit in a number of ways, including:

- Access to the survey's web-based reporting tool
- Ability to benchmark your facility's performance against other like facilities
- Resource to support your annual budgeting process
- Data support for state and national economic impact studies on behalf of the golf industry

Earn up to two MSR credits after the survey has been completed by May 31, 2016. As with any survey the more participation, the more valuable the data

PGA of America Offers Complimentary Online MSR Education

The 2015 Member Business Center videos have been taken down only to be replaced with the 2016 Member Business Center videos. There are nine (9) of the 2016 videos available for members to earn up to 18 PGA Required credits; provided the assessments are passed at 70%.

Log onto: http://apps.pga.org/professionals/apps/education/video_education/index.cfm?ems_event=151

New PGA Members

Congratulations and welcome to our newest PGA Members:

- Jessica Carafello, assistant to Gary Murphy at Innis Arden Club
- Timothy Gillis, assistant to Gene Mulak at Silver Spring Country Club
- Alexander Goss, assistant to David Young at Sleepy Hollow Country Club

Condolences

We are sorry to report the passing Laurel Biata, wife of Folds of Honor's Tony Biata, PGA. Laurel courageously battled cancer for 10 years before her struggle ended on April 14th. We extend our deepest sympathies to our friend, and patriot, Tony and his son Michael.

New Arrivals

Kirk and Bridget Satterfield welcomed John Byron Satterfield into the world on April 16th. John weighed in at 7lbs 6oz and measured 20.5" inches long. Everyone is happy and healthy in the Satterfield home.

TWINS Olivia Patricia Ford (5lb 9oz) and Eli Douglas Ford (6lb 1oz) were born on April 22nd. While ladies first will probably be a house rule, Eli will have fun reminding his sister that he's older by about a minute!!! Ray and Michele Ford are elated to have the babies home and plan to resume sleeping sometime in November!

Mizuno Announces New Sales Representative

We are pleased to announce that Mizuno USA Inc. has hired Darren Goralski, PGA for the position of Territory Manager covering Long Island, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and Westchester. Darren is a longtime Met PGA Member, spending the last 5 years as Head Professional at Island Hills Golf Club in Sayville, NY. Darren brings extensive knowledge of the golf profession as well as equipment and fitting expertise. Darren can be reached at 631-495-0315 and very soon on email at darren.goralski@mizunousa.com.

FlightScope Academy

Sands Point Golf Club will host a FlightScope Academy on May 17. The agenda offers a full scope of training, club fitting and integration with other products. 7 MSR are offered for full day attendance. Contact Angela Ocampo for more angela.ocampo@flightscope.com.

PGA Championship / PGA REACH Charity Pro Am

The PGA of America is offering spots in their PGA REACH Pro Am at Baltusrol Golf Club on Tuesday May 17th. This is a rare opportunity to play the PGA Championship golf course just a few short month prior to the tournament. Please contact the Met PGA office for more information. [Click here](#) for the form.

West Hills Pro Am Looking for Pros

Access: Supports for Living Pro-Am Tournament is Wednesday, June 8th at West Hills Country Club Golf professionals will receive a small appearance fee and in lieu of a traditional purse there is professional prize money in a skins game. Professionals interested in participating must certify their PGA membership or apprenticeship and can contact Patti Archiere at (845) 692-4454, ext. 7127 for details on how to register.

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.

Employment

Brian Crowell has accepted the position of Director of Golf at the Silo Ridge Field Club in Amenia, NY. GlenArbor has promoted Dave Gagnon to the position of Head Golf Professional.

[Click here](#) to view employment opportunities.

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