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RECENT NEWS

Met PGA Holiday Schedule



On behalf of all our staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership and wish you and your families a wonderful holiday, very happy Christmas and a healthy and successful New Year in 2019.

As is our custom, the Met PGA Office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 21st until Thursday, Jan. 3rd.

However, during that time all the staff will be checking voicemail and emails regularly and will respond to any important business.

Please Give Thanks to our Partners & Sponsors

We are providing a **LISTING**

(http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/2018_Sponsors_Parnters_Listing.pdf) of our Partners and Sponsors and ask at this time of year that you please add these Partners and Sponsors to your list to say thank you and recognize their support.

A simple card, a handwritten note, an email or even a tweet acknowledges your appreciation for all they do for our professionals and our Section. We are fortunate to have such a great group of Partners and Sponsors but we have to let them know that their involvement does not go unnoticed.



The Spirit of Giving Exemplified in Foundation Fundraisers

We are still receiving donations from the many professionals who supported the Met PGA Foundation in 2018, but did want to acknowledge those who stepped forward once again. It is heartwarming to realize how many professionals and their members appreciate our efforts on behalf of the more than 1,300 kids who participate on our 120 event Junior Tour along with our continuing commitment and financial support of the First Tee of Metropolitan New York and our rapidly growing PGA HOPE military

veteran program.

All of this was done in addition to our continued support of Folds of Honor and Patriot Golf Day to the tune of about \$250,000.00. Before the end of the month we will be posting our leading contributors for both the Met PGA Foundation and Patriot Golf Day on the web site to acknowledge their efforts and support of these two important initiatives.

Winter Education Series Starts Up in January



Our 9th year of the Met PGA Winter Education Series will get under way in early January. The Education Committee has worked hard to develop interesting and diverse content. We are also working on a USGA Rules Changes program, hoping to invite a PGA of America Rules Committee leader. As always, we expect these programs to be quite popular. There are still many details being finalized, but we are proud to announce the first two sessions:

- Thursday, January 3rd - 10:00 am- 12:00 pm - **Personal Website Development & Social Media Promotion with Justin Baer at Greenwich CC**
- Thursday, January 10th - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - **The Journey: Junior Golf Development with Dennis Hillman, Roger Knick, and Tyler Campbell at The Golf Performance Center.**

We will update the schedule of events on the web site and in our weekly email updates. While the emphasis will be on teaching, these programs will also provide our professionals valuable information across numerous segments of the industry and recently trending ideas. If you are going to be in the New York area throughout the winter, we know you will enjoy and benefit from these programs.

Employment Update

Michael Sweeney is now the Director of Golf of The Bridge Golf Foundation and Learning Center, while also continuing as Director of Instruction at The Bridge, Bridgehampton. Michael will now be fully managing the for-profit and non-profit golf operation as it relates to The Bridge Golf Learning Center and The Bridge Golf Foundation.

Danny Balin, former assistant at Westchester Country Club, has accepted the Head Golf Professional position at Fresh Meadow Country Club.

Congratulations to Brian Overbeck as he heads to Florida. Brian has been a long time sales rep for adidas Golf and a great supporter of the Met PGA, highlighted by the Long Island and Westchester Pro Assistant Championships. Brian will be dearly missed, but we wish him all the best as he begins the next chapter. We welcome Leslie Laneve as she steps into this sales with adidas Golf!

Be sure to check out the **EMPLOYMENT LISTING** (<http://www.met.pga.com/Employment-Listing.html>), for we post updates when they are received!

TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Can You Host a Met PGA Event?

Thanks to the many professionals who have already contacted the Met PGA Office with offers to host an upcoming event on our Section, Assistants and/or Junior Tour schedules. Now is the time to let us know if you can help as we will be trying to get as much scheduled for 2019, 2020, and 2021 for juniors, and professional events this winter.

Josh Rackley of Tam O'Shanter Finished 3rd at National Car Rental PGA

Assistants Championship – Eight Section Assistants Make Cut

Tam O'Shanter Assistant Josh Rackley shot a final round 67 to climb to 3rd place on the leaderboard at the National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship supported by Srixon/Cleveland/XXIO, John Deere, and Golf Advisor.

The Met PGA was incredibly well represented with eight of our professionals surviving the 36-hole cut. Southward Ho Assistant Matt Belize finished t-11, while three-time national champion, Frank Bensel of Century, finished tied for fourteenth. The rest of the top finishers were: Jessica Carafiello (Innis Arden), Peter Ballo (Silvermine), Anthony Casalino (Scarsdale), Casey Pine (Stanwich), and JD Guiney (Piping Rock).

PGA Show Week – The Major of Golf Business, Jan. 23 – 26



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2019 MERCHANDISE SHOW

The week begins with PGA Show Demo Day at Orange County National GC on January 22nd followed by the Merchandise Show and Education Conference on January 23rd-25th. The 2019 PGA Merchandise Show will be another great opportunity to connect with your fellow PGA Professionals and experience a full line-up of leading brands, new products, education sessions & special events.

At the Show again this year, PGA Professionals, Apprentices and PGA Golf Management University Students will have an opportunity to test their putting and chipping skills and earn money for their PGA Section (and University). Supported by Callaway, PING, Titleist and TaylorMade, the PGA Short Game Challenge will be located on the show floor, to the left of the club demonstration area in the Orange County Convention Center. Please make your members aware of this fun “competition” and your

Section (or University) could reap the benefits!

The MAJOR of Golf Business is your chance to network and learn. Plus—earn 30+ MSR credits through PGA Education Conference sessions: with access to NEW “Retail Reimagined” Sessions, and an all New Learning Track: Golf Fitness & Wellness. Drive your business forward—learn more and register today here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

New Arrival!



Congratulations to Gabe Carr-Harris and his wife, Arley, on their new baby boy Colton, who arrived on December 3rd at 10:41pm! #metpgababy

2019, 2020, and 2021 Event Scheduling is Underway—2019 Will Look Different

Thanks to the many professionals who have already contacted the Met PGA Office with offers to host an upcoming 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

(http://met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/Foundation_Questionnaire.pdf) for a Junior Tour request form.

*The 2019 event calendar will look different because of the movement of the PGA Championship and the PGA Professional National Championship. We will post a tentative schedule before Thanksgiving

so you can plan accordingly.

Please Return Your 2018 Met PGA Compensation Survey & Help Your Fellow Professionals!

We rely on having as much information as possible to accumulate our Section compensation surveys for head professionals (Head Pros

(<http://met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/CompensationSurvey.pdf>)). Please take a few minutes to download the survey off the web site and return it as soon as possible to the Met PGA Office.

First Tee Accepting Donations

Katie Rudolph, (kbrenny@gmail.com (<mailto:kbrenny@gmail.com>)) COO of the First Tee of Metropolitan NY has asked for our help in sourcing all types of golf equipment. If you have items that you plan to discard, please think of the First Tee before doing so. Please Click here

(http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/First_Tee_Donation_Letter.pdf) for the letter from Katie.

PGA Notes

2018 PGA PAK Mailing has been sent, including the main component which is the 2019 PING Appointment Calendar and should be delivered by mid-December.

For Sale

Tom Lupinacci has sold a portion of his golf collection but is now offering a 5,000 dollar 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 High quality Golf Balls for re-sale —AND hit away balls at .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 and white striped Range Balls (they can say Practice) Tom can be reached at (904)-233-1023

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