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## RECENT NEWS

### **PGA Championship Team Seeking Merchandise Interns**

The PGA Champ Team is still seeking **PGA Championship Merchandise Interns** for the 2019 PGA Championship at Bethpage State Park! The position begins April 19th, 2019 and finishes May 24th, 2018. Please click here

([http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/2019\\_PGA\\_CHAMPInternJobDescription.pdf](http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/2019_PGA_CHAMPInternJobDescription.pdf)) for more information on the position.

### **Big Turnout for Fall Meeting, Section Awards, and Celebration – Two New Directors Elected, Award Recipients Honored**



*Peter Cowan and Family with Morell Studios Quarter Century Milestone Award*

A huge collection of professionals and guests were on hand at the Met PGA's 2018 Fall Meeting, Awards Ceremony and Fall Celebration. The Met PGA conducted business, elected new officers, and directors. The slate that includes newcomers Jack Druga Shaun Powers, and Alex Smith was elected to serve the 2018-19. The officers elected were Carl Alexander (President), Theron Harvey (Secretary), Stuart Waack (Treasurer), James Ondo and Chris Kenney (Vice-Presidents). The balance of the Board includes: Bill Bresnan, Andrew Gruss, Rich Jones, Jim Lusk, Peter Procops, Gary Murphy and David Young. Elected to the Nominating Committee were Mike Diffley, Joe Felder, Dave Fusco, Paul Glut, Heath Wasseem, Greg Hurd, and Jim Smoot. We also heard from our District Director Tom Henderson with an overview of changes happening at the National level and a preview of the upcoming PGA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX.

### **Special Award Winners**



Thank you to Morell Studios for our Milestone Program. Because of the crew at Morell Studios, our Professionals are recognized for these membership achievements! Thank you to Evolve Golf for our parting gifts! One big thank you to all of our partners who joined us at the meeting! It was that much more special having you there to celebrate with us.

## **Met PGA Roundtables Schedule – 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.

### **Long Island Public Course Roundtable**

Pine Ridge GC – November 12<sup>th</sup> – 10am-1pm

Click here (<https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18137/index.htm>)

### **West/CT/Upstate Public Course Roundtable**

Griff Harris GC – November 13<sup>th</sup> – 10am-1pm

Click here (<https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18142/index.htm>)

### **Westchester Private Club Roundtable**

Apawamis Club – November 14<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm

Click here (<https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18141/index.htm>)

### **Long Island East Private Club Roundtable**

Quogue Field Club – November 15<sup>th</sup> – 9am-12pm

Click here (<https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18140/index.htm>)

### **Long Island West Private Club Roundtable**

Woodside Club – November 15<sup>th</sup> -10am-1pm

Click here (<https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18138/index.htm>)

### **Connecticut Private Club Roundtable**

Greenwich CC – November 15<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm

Click here (<https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18139/index.htm>)

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 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?

## **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.

## **Assistants Board Re-Elected at Burning Tree Fall Meeting**

The Assistants at their recent Fall Meeting closed out business for the 2018 year with the announcement of Alex Smith as our Assistant of the Year Award recipient. The award was presented with the rest of the Met PGA Special Awards, but Alex was also recognized by the Assistant's Association at their meeting. Another annual highlight is the presentation of the Gil McNally (most improved player) Award, this year to Parker Brandt of The Creek. 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 association in 2018: President-Alex Smith of Garden City GC GC; 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Frankie Martinez of Patterson; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-John Schmoll of Burning Tree, Treasurer-Tyler Lower of Burning Tree , and Secretary John DiPilato of Old Oaks.

## **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](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.

# **Announcements & Reminders**



# Please Return Your 2018 Met PGA Compensation Survey and Get MSR Credit

Our head professional compensation survey is available ([click here](#) (<http://met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/CompensationSurvey.pdf>)) 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 2018 will be available soon. If you did not fill out the survey [click here](https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/Rf70X5h4ErS) (<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/Rf70X5h4ErS>). Please respond as soon as possible.



## Quarter Century Club–Morrell Studios Milestone

Congratulations to Judy Alvarez (Sunken Meadow), and Chris Carter (Engineers) on attaining 25 years of membership and service to the PGA of America. We extend Judy and Chris our best wishes and congratulations on this record of tenure and Quarter Century membership and look forward to presenting their Morrell Studios Milestone Awards in the spring.

## Newly Elected Members

We welcome the newest additions to our membership roster. Maximillian Bosco is an A-8 with Andrew

Kegarise at Hay Harbor Club. Jerzy Chylkowski is an A-8 with Rod Loesch at Connecticut Golf Club. Ryan Ehrhart is an A-8 with John Elwood at Nissequogue Golf Club. Congratulations to these individuals on achieving membership!

## **First Tee Accepting Donations**

Katie Rudolph, ([kbrenny@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/First_Tee_Donation_Letter.pdf)) for the letter from Katie.

## **Bermuda Goodwill Remains a Great Tournament Opportunity**

The 66<sup>th</sup> annual Bermuda Goodwill Tournament is the longest running Pro Am in golf! The event, December 2-5, is played at Tucker's Point, Port Royal, and Mid Ocean and offers a \$25,000 professional purse. Click here (<http://www.bermudagoodwillgolf.com>) for more

## **PGA Notes**

- As tournament season begins to wind down in most parts of the country, the PGA of America is gearing up for our 2018 PGA Tournament Series events at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL. Registration is now open for the 2018 PGA Tournament Series presented by GolfAdvisor.com and Primesport. The PGA Tournament Series will have \$11,500.00 sponsor dollars added to each event. These 2-day events, open to PGA Members and Apprentices, are a great way for players to compete against other PGA Professionals, take home a piece of the \$37,500 purse and possibly accumulate national player of the year points in the process.

- **Dates for Winter Activities are as follows:**

Wednesday & Thursday January 9-10    Quarter Century Championship

Sunday-Tuesday January 13-15                    Senior Stroke Play Championship

Monday-Thursday January 28-31                Senior-Junior Team Championship

Sunday-Tuesday February 3-5

Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship

Sunday-Tuesday February 10-12

Women's Stroke Play Championship

Sunday-Tuesday February 10-12

Stroke Play Championship

- The 2017 PGA PAK mailing is being planned for mailing in early November. The PAK will include the 2019 PING appointment calendar

The **2019 PGA Teaching & Coaching Summit** presented by OMEGA will be January 20-21 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. The Summit carries a total of 16 PGA Education Required credits.

Anyone interested should also consider applying for the Met PGA Joe Moresco Grant [HERE](https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/zJrfhd1Kpm8Wj4bf1D) (<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/zJrfhd1Kpm8Wj4bf1D>)

- PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program application will be available on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> on PGA.org. Please visit the web site for the criteria to apply and the required supporting documents. The deadline to submit an application is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Employment Update

**The Greens at Half Hollow** has advised us that Shawn Baker will not be returning for the 2019 season, and they are searching for a Head Golf Professional. To apply, please submit resume and cover letter to [thegreensgm@aol.com](mailto:thegreensgm@aol.com) (<mailto:thegreensgm@aol.com>). Please contact Jeff Voorheis for more info.

We would like to send out a special congratulations to Mike Sweeney on his new position as Director of Golf at **The Bridge Golf Foundation**. The Bridge Golf Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission to use the game of golf to improve life outcomes for young men of color. The Center provides fee-based services for golfers of all skill levels and ages in a state-of-the-art indoor facility in Harlem. As a part of our mission to create greater opportunities and exposure for our young men and their families, we are committed to making the sport more accessible and affordable for all people. To learn more about The Bridge Golf Foundation, Click here (<https://bridgegolffoundation.org/about/what->



we-do/)

Also, please remember to visit our “Employment Listing (<http://www.met.pga.com/Employment-Listing.html>)” section, linked on the web site as it is updated in real time, as new staff opportunities are presented to us.

## **For Sale**

**Tom Lupinacci** is offering a \$17,500 Commission to any PGA Professional who might find him a client for his Antique Golf Collection. Please review Tom’s Website [Timelessgolfantiques.com](http://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 is also representing a client who is selling a very famous original oil Painting "The Drive" by Charles Edmund Brock painted in 1894. Asking price is \$125,000.00 It is offered to the Clubs or a member. Tom can be reached at 904-233-1023

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