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# RECENT NEWS

## Met PGA Fall Celebration Featuring Fall Meeting, Special Awards, and Live Entertainment



We are excited to announce a new format for this year's Met PGA Fall Meeting. The evening will begin with our annual membership meeting, followed by the introduction of our Met PGA Special Awards

honorees with an opportunity to recognize the recipients, our champions, and our collective success in a fun and celebratory setting. The general agenda for the evening is:

- 4:30 Registration
- 5:00 Membership Meeting
- 6:00 Award Presentations
- 7:15 Cocktail Hour
- 8:15 Buffet Dinner and Entertainment

Our proposed slate has been posted (click here ([http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/19\\_Proposed\\_Slate.pdf](http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/19_Proposed_Slate.pdf))) and the names of candidates for the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee will be voted upon at the Fall Meeting. Please visit [metpgaevents.com](http://metpgaevents.com) (<http://metpgaevents.com>) for more information and a link to register. The cost for members and associates is \$90, and includes hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner and open bar throughout the evening. The event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tarrytown, NY. A special room rate of \$189.00 is available at the DoubleTree by using the special booking code: "PGA." PGA members will earn 4 PGA Required MSR for attending the evening. Below is a list of our honorees:

<b>Golf Professional of the Year</b>	<b>Heath Wasseem, Fenway Golf Club</b>
<b>Teacher of the Year</b>	<b>Kevin Sprecher, Sleepy Hollow Country Club</b>
<b>Bill Strausbaugh Award</b>	<b>Jack Druga, Shinnecock Hills Golf Club</b>
<b>Horton Smith Award</b>	<b>Steve Scott, formerly Paramount Club</b>
<b>Merchandiser of the Year (Private)</b>	<b>Jim Weiss, Cold Spring Country Club</b>
<b>Merchandiser of the Year (Public)</b>	<b>Ed Ruiz, Oak Hills Park Golf Course</b>
<b>Patriot Award</b>	<b>Pete Stefanchik, formerly Elmwood CC</b>
<b>Player Development Award</b>	<b>Walter Ostroske, Merrick Park Golf Course</b>
<b>Youth Player Development Award</b>	<b>Drew Pohalski, Nassau Country Club</b>
<b>Deacon Palmer Award</b>	<b>Craig Thomas, Metropolis Country Club</b>

## **Morell Studios PGA Member Milestone Program**



Morell Studios will present its second set of Met PGA Milestone Awards at the Fall Meeting to those professionals who have either earned their PGA Membership, Quarter Century, or Half Century status since our Spring Meeting. Members who reach PGA Milestones after October 31st will be recognized at the 2019 Spring Meeting. Members who have previously reached Milestones before the development of this Sponsorship will be offered an opportunity to purchase an award at a discounted rate through this agreement. We look forward to honoring our second set of recipients of the Met PGA Milestone Awards at the Fall Meeting and are excited about this new Sponsorship that highlights our members accomplishments. Members receiving Met PGA Milestone Awards this Fall include:

**New Members:** Drew Billard, Gabriel Denon, Mitchell Gray, Michael Gress, Ryan Ilardi, William Jones, Richard Kelly, James Lichtenberger, Eric Rheem, Parker Rolfes, Brittany Testa, Matthew Vallarino

**Quarter Century:** Peter Cowan, Michael Dolan, Paul Ferrone, Robert Guido, Lawrence Menne, James Morris, Timothy Shifflett, Dale Spina, Mark Wanser, Samuel Wiley

**Half Century:** Tom Joyce, Richard Loughlin

Please click here for full press release!

(<http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/MorellFallPressRelease.pdf>)

**Met PGA to Receive Judy Bell Award**

The WMGA established the Judy Bell award at its 1997 annual meeting to recognize “significant contributions to the game of golf for women and/or juniors in the Metropolitan area.” They have chosen the honor the professionals of the Met PGA as this year’s recipient. It will be a great honor to be recognized by the WMGA at their Annual Meeting at North Jersey CC on Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>. Professionals interested in attending should contact the Met PGA office.

## **Met PGA HOPE Fall Graduation – October 18th at Woodside Club**



Among the accolades given at the Fall Meeting will be recognition and thanks to the clubs who have raised significant funds for the Met PGA’s Foundation that directs funds to Junior Golf, First Tee, Patriot Golf Day, and Met PGA HOPE.

The HOPE program has continued to grow with a spring and fall session this year amassing well over 200 graduates, each receiving a new set of clubs upon completion of the program. The fall class will have their graduation ceremony on Thursday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at Woodside Club and will include a golf outing alongside Met PGA pros for the graduates. Professionals interested in participating in graduation should contact Kelli Clayton at [kclayton@pgahq.com](mailto:kclayton@pgahq.com) (mailto:kclayton@pgahq.com).

## **Employment Update**

**Meadow Brook** has formally announced the retirement of Rick Meskell and has appointed Matt Dobyms as their next head golf professional.

**Fresh Meadow** has announced the opening vacated by Dobyms and interested candidates should submit resumes as soon as possible.

**Noyac Golf Club** has announced the selection of Pat Gunning as their next head professional. Pat will begin this fall after the club celebrates and honors the career of Dave Gosiewski.

Jason Gobleck and his family are relocating to Connecticut and it is with mixed emotions that he is stepping away from **Westchester Hills** after 17 years of service as an assistant and head golf professional. Westchester Hills has selected Brian Giordano as the new head golf professional.

Please visit the employment section of the web site for more information and available positions.

# Announcements & Reminders

## Congratulations to New PGA Members

Congratulations to Richard Puentes of Hudson National on his recent election to PGA membership. Richard will be recognized at the Fall Meeting as part of the Morrell Studios PGA Member Milestone program.

## **Joe Moresco Teaching and Coaching Summit Grant**



The Woodmere Club and the Met PGA are pleased to announce the biennial Joe Moresco Teaching & Coaching Summit Grant, available to a Met PGA member wishing to attend the PGA Teaching and Coaching Summit. This program will be a special way to remember and honor Joe's legacy and passion for teaching the game he dearly loved. Click here (<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/zJrfhd1Kpm8Wj4bf1D>) for details and online application. The deadline to apply is November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **2019 PGA Championship Volunteers**

After an exciting 2018 PGA Championship, the focus has now shifted to the Met Section and the 2019 PGA Championship at Bethpage State Park.

This is our chance to showcase the Met Section as the best in the country, and that starts with our PGA Member volunteers. The Met PGA will be responsible for staffing the practice areas for the week. All volunteers will receive a complimentary PGA Championship shirt.

We anticipate having all volunteers committed by October 1st. If interested in volunteering please contact [jvoorheis@pgahq.com](mailto:jvoorheis@pgahq.com) (mailto:jvoorheis@pgahq.com) as soon as possible.

## **Wedding Bells**

Congratulations to Trump National head professional Chris Marinaro and his new bride, Samantha. The Marinaros tied the knot on September 29<sup>th</sup> in the Berkshires.

# **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS & NEWS**

## **Gene Borek Squire Cup Teams to Square Off at Silo Ridge**

Our congratulations to the assistant professionals who have been selected for the 2018 Gene Borek Squire Cup team. They will compete against a team of their head professional counterparts at Silo Ridge Field Club on Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. These matches honor the memory of Gene Borek and his legacy as a leader, player and the ultimate professional. The matches are sponsored by Cutter & Buck and Paul McManus.

The Assistants Team will be comprised of the following: Michael Argentine (Saint Andrew's), Mike Ballo (Winged Foot), Peter Ballo (Silvermine), Jessica Carafiello (Innis Arden), Gabe Carr-Harris (Greenwich), Nick Iacono (Ardsley), Tyler Lower (Burning Tree), Frankie Martinez (Patterson), Michael Midgette

(Hempstead), John Schmoll (Burning Tree), Alexander Smith (Garden City GC), Dan Sposato (Mill River Club ).

The head professional team includes: Carl Alexander (GC of Purchase), Andy Crane (West Point), Brian Crowell (Silo Ridge), Matt Dobyngs (Fresh Meadow), Dave Gosiewski (Noyac), Greg Hurd (North Hempstead), Chris Kenney (Patterson), Rick Meskell (Meadow Brook), Bob Minicozzi (Powelton), James Ondo (Apawamis), Stuart Waack (Silvermine), Heath Wasseem (Fenway). Both teams should be very proud of their selection and accomplishments and having the opportunity to celebrate the assistants and the legacy of Gene Borek. It will be a special and memorable event at a fantastic new venue for our Section.

## **Treiber Memorial Tournament of Champions**



Wheatley Hills will once again host our final major event that determines our OMEGA Player of the Year and the exempt positions for next spring's MasterCard Match Play Championships. There WILL NOT be a qualifier this year. Instead, the tournament will be 54 holes played over three days (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) with a cut after each round. All registered players will start round one on Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup>. Both the regular and senior division will be played from the same tees, allowing eligible players to register for both divisions. There will also be a super senior division (played from separate tees) available in this event as well.

## **Whitey Voight Pro Am Championship presented by Cobra/Puma**



Our annual "Pro-Scratch" event, named for Sunningdale's former head professional is coming on

October 17<sup>th</sup>. Cobra/ Puma has committed to support the event and will be onsite. Professionals are encouraged to team with their club champion or runner up in this better ball of two shootout.

## **A Few Spots Left for the Atlantic City Pro Am**

The annual Atlantic City Pro Am will once again be played at Galloway National Golf Club but will also feature a return to Hidden Creek Golf Club this year. This ever-popular event will be headquartered at Borgata's Water Club for nightly accommodations and a cocktail party on Monday evening. The event will be supported by Met PGA Partner, Travelling the Fairways, who will conduct closest to the pin contests on each par 3 on Monday to qualify teams for a putting contest at the cocktail party with the winning team earning a trip to Saint Andrew's. There are only a few spots remaining. Contact the office if you want to register.

## **Summit Brands/Fairway & Greene, Zero Restriction & EP Pro Preparing for The Farley Cup Matches at Glen Oaks on Oct. 18th -Teams Determined by OMEGA Point Standings**

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It will be a very special day when the top players from Long Island do battle with the best of Westchester/CT/Upstate at the 8th Annual John Farley Cup Matches on Thursday, Oct. 18th at Glen Oaks Club. Thanks to Player of the Year sponsor, OMEGA and our partners at Summit Golf Group under the brands of Fairway & Greene, Zero Restriction and EP Pro, this will be another great testimonial to our late Tournament Director, John Farley who loved the competitive fire that our top players brought to the Section's schedule.

Long Island will be represented by the following leaders among the OMEGA point standings: Jason Caron, Matt Dobyons, Josh Rackley, Mike Midgette, Kyle Higgins, Anthony Aruta, John Guyton, Matthew Sita, Scott Ford, Jesse Fitzgerald, Darrell Kestner, and Shawn Baker.

The Westchester/CT/Upstate squad will be comprised of: Danny Balin, Rob Labritz, Adam Rainaud, James Ondo, Greg Bisconti, Anthony Casalino, Todd Larson, Patrick Langan, Carl Alexander, Cory



Muller, Frank Bensel, and Craig Thomas.

## **Assistants Association Prepares for Officers Elections at Fall Meeting on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Assistants Association puts a wrap on their season with the closing Assistant-Assistant tournament and their Fall Meeting on Monday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Burning Tree Country Club. The Fall Meeting includes an election of the Assistants Association officers and the presentation of the Gil McNally (most improved player) Award and Stroke Average Award. Please check the Assistants Association page for details on the election and the team event.

## **Westchester's Hoffhine Memorial Postponed to October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Our thanks to Westchester CC for postponing the 2018 Hoffhine Memorial Golf Tournament to accommodate the continuance of the rain delayed Met PGA Championship. The new date for The Hoffhine is Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am Shotgun. Entries are being accepted by email to [dbalin@wccclub.org](mailto:dbalin@wccclub.org) or by calling the Westchester Golf Shop, 914.798.5285. There is still space available, but entry is limited to the first 40 teams.

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## **PARTNER NEWS**

Thank you to our Partner and Sponsors for joining us at the Team Championship & Expo!



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# PGA OF AMERICA NEWS

The 2018 PGA Tournament Series presented by GolfAdvisor will start to accept entries in October. Event schedule begins on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, continuing until Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with six two day events in all at the PGA Golf Club. Visit [pgatournaments.com](http://pgatournaments.com) (<http://pgatournaments.com>)

For those changing their address or Section affiliation as the off-season approaches, make sure that you use the PGA online change forms.

The 102nd Annual Meeting of the PGA of America will be held this year at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort in Indian Wells, California. Delegate arrival will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 6, and the meeting will conclude on Friday, Nov. 9. Visit <https://www.pga.org/articles/102nd-pga-annual-meeting> (<https://www.pga.org/articles/102nd-pga-annual-meeting>) for more.

**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 (tel:904-233-1023) (tel:904-233-1023 (tel:904-233-1023))

Joseph Laurentino is selling a JC Video 2 camera system. It is 5 years old. Includes: Asus gaming laptop, JC Video software, Day Brite Screen, 2 cameras and cables. Great starter for a young apprentice or assistant. Asking \$1,500. Email [joseph@indianhillsgolf.net](mailto:joseph@indianhillsgolf.net) (mailto:joseph@indianhillsgolf.net) if interested

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