



For the next couple of months we will be making changes, and updating this newsletter in attempt to create an online page in which we are able to update daily if needed. At the end of the day, our goal is for the newsletter to be somewhere our members come for updates they may have missed in the weekly e-Updates!

FEBRUARY UPDATES

Met PGA Education

As the end of the MSR cycle approaches, we want to ensure that you are aware of upcoming education offerings. The Met PGA Winter Education Series has been a great success again this year, with a few opportunities still to come. We are also creating some localized, Town Hall style meetings to increase association awareness and provide updates on all things Met PGA.

We anticipate a two-way conversation and the opportunity to hear how the association can better serve you. Will we send additional information and furnish an agenda sometime next week. These two-hour events are tentatively scheduled to run from 10am-12pm followed by a simple “working” lunch. We will again collaborate with the New Jersey and Philadelphia PGA Sections for the District 2 Teaching and Coaching Summit. The Event will feature two presenters from each section with small groups rotating to each of the three stations over the course of the day. Finally, we will promote our Partner’s Educational offerings as we are made aware of them. The schedule of all upcoming events is below:

Winter Education	March 1 st	< The Journey to Making the Top Teachers Lists (https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18125/index.htm)	FREE
Town Hall Meeting	March 21 st	Fenway (https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18131/index.htm) (includes lunch)	\$20
Town Hall Meeting	March 22 nd	Cold Spring (https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18128/index.htm) (includes lunch)	\$20
Met PGA Partners	March 26 th	Taylor Made at Old Oaks	
Town Hall Meeting	March 28 th	Long Island National (https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18130/index.htm) (includes lunch)	\$20
Met PGA Partners	March 29 th	Callaway at Tam O’Shanter	
District 2 T&C Summit	April 18 th	Fiddlers Elbow	

Click here ([https://](#))for schedule and registration

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2017 Compensation Surveys

All professionals are reminded to complete both the local and national compensation surveys. A few minutes of your time is a great help as we amass as much data as possible in attempt to maximize PGA member compensation and value. Completion of the surveys is also a great way to earn MSR.

Click here (http://met.pga.com/b5ec8ed9ce_sites/met.pga.com/files/CompensationSurvey.pdf) for Met PGA survey

Click here (<https://www.pga.org/articles/take-pga-golf-professional-compensation-survey>) for PGA of America Survey

Grey Goose World Par 3 Championship

The GREY GOOSE World Par 3 Championship returns for its ninth consecutive year March 1-4 at the Fairmont Southampton's Turtle Hill Golf Club on the island of Bermuda.

A number of exciting changes to the event will make it more enticing for all PGA members in 2018. Most notably, PGA Professional members who bring two amateurs to play in the championship will receive:

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Check Out PGA PerkSpot for Member Discounts

The PGA of America has officially launched a new exclusive discount program dedicated for PGA Professionals. The customized PGA program was designed by PerkSpot, an innovative market leader in discount aggregation that provides services to more than 500 companies across the country.

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For Sale

Tom Lupinacci is offering a \$20,000 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 white striped Range Balls for Sale and High Quality Used Golf Balls for re-sale—AND hit away balls for .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! Tom can be reached at 904-233-1023

PREVIOUSLY LISTED NEWS

Women's PGA Cup



The PGA of America announced the formation of an international event, the Women's PGA Cup – a first-of-its-kind team competition for women PGA Members from around the world. The Women's PGA Cup will be a 54-hole stroke play event with each team's lowest three scores being counted after each round.

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[Click here for Article and Video with Met PGA Professional, Jess Carafiello \(https://www.pga.com/pga-of-america/golf-buzz/pga-of-america-launch-womens-pga-cup-in-2019\)](https://www.pga.com/pga-of-america/golf-buzz/pga-of-america-launch-womens-pga-cup-in-2019)

Stroke Play Championships Recap

The PGA Winter Championships wrapped this past week with the Stroke Play Championship and the Women's Stroke Play Championship.

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Met PGA's Winter Education Series | February 22: Interactive Lesson and Club Fitting

Now in its 8th season, the Met PGA Winter Education Series has been an unqualified success and a mainstay of the Met PGA's incredible educational offerings. The popular set of member led programs kicked off in January with a fresh look at the junior golf and ideas to revamp the "old style" junior golf program. Two local junior golf leaders, James Hong and Michael Bulger, led the discussion at Harbor Links Golf Course.

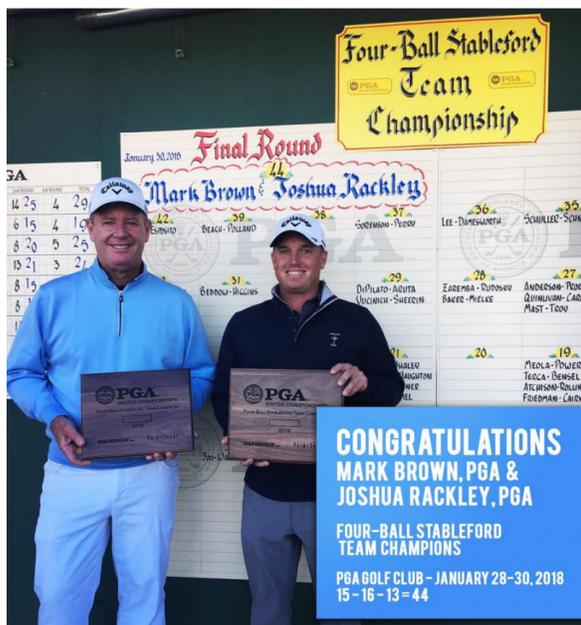
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2018 Special Awards Announced!

The Special Awards Committee has selected the 2018 recipients. The list is below and the honorees have been notified. All of the award winners will be recognized at this fall's awards program except the Professional of the Year and Sam Snead Award, who are honored at the 2019 Spring Educational Forum. This spring, we will honor 2017 Professional of the Year Dave Gosiewski, Player of the Year Josh Rackley, and Sam Snead Award Jay Mottola.

Professional of the Year	Heath Wassem
Sam Snead Award	Jay Mottola
Teacher of the Year	Kevin Sprecher
Bill Strausbaugh Award	Jack Druga
Horton Smith Award	Steve Scott
Player Development Award	Walter Ostroske
Youth Development Award	Drew Pohalski
Patriot Award	Pete Stefanchik
Merchandiser of the Year (Private)	Jim Weiss
Merchandiser of the Year(Public)	Ed Ruiz
Deacon Palmer Award	Craig Thomas
District Teaching and Coaching Summit	

The District Teaching and Coaching Summit will take place on April 18th at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club. More details to follow!



Brown, Rackley Win Fourball Stableford

After the annual PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, the PGA Winter Championships resumed this week with the Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship. Met PGA professionals once again littered the field and leaderboard while Tam O'Shanter Head Professional Mark Brown teamed with his assistant, Josh Rackley, to win the championship!

Whether it is at Tam O'Shanter, Met PGA tournaments, the PGA Professional Championship or in the race for Met PGA Player of the Year, the duo spends most of their time aiming to beat each other. Brown brought Rackley on to the staff at Tam O'Shanter in 2016 and both men have credited the interclub competition and friendly rivalry with elevating their individual games. It is certainly paying dividends. Since that hire, Brown has qualified for the PGA Championship, Senior PGA Championship, U.S. Senior Open and won the Met Open. Rackley has qualified for the PGA Professional Championship and won the Long Island PGA Championship, Metropolitan Assistant Championship and 2017 Met PGA Player of the Year. To see them then partner in and win the Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship is no surprise. The two combined for 20 birdies, an eagle and bogey en route to a 44-point tournament total. "It was good to have him as a partner," Brown said of Rackley. "Every hole we were putting for birdie." Pete Ballo, Silvermine, and Matt Noel, Huntington, finished in a tie for 9th with a 33-point tournament total. Defending champions Rob Corcoran, Poxabogue, and Rich Berberian finished in a tie for 9th as well with 33-points. [Click to Read More](#)

The PGA Winter Championships, conducted by the PGA of America, are presented by Golf Advisor and PrimeSport. The PGA Winter Championships conclude this weekend with the Women's Stroke Play Championship and Stroke Play Championship.

Women's Stroke Play Championship Tee Times

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PGA WORKS Scholarship Program

The PGA WORKS Golf Management University Scholarship Program has recently been established in an attempt to recruit and assist students from diverse backgrounds in their intent to pursue PGA of America Membership. The scholarships will be given as awards of \$8,000 each for up to five (5) students pursuing a PGA Golf Management University Program degree.

Applicants must be high school seniors, high school graduates or current undergraduates planning to enroll in, or are already enrolled in, fulltime undergraduate study at one of the 18 accredited PGA Golf Management Universities for the entire 2018-19 academic year. Qualified applicants must be pursuing a PGA Golf Management University Program degree with the intent to pursue PGA of America Membership. Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, an outside appraisal, and demonstrated active participation in the game of golf. To increase diversity and inclusiveness in PGA of America Membership, preference will be given to people of color and women. • To learn more and apply, visit scholarsapply.org/pgaworks (<https://scholarsapply.org/pgaworks>) • Applications must be submitted on or before February 28, 2018. • To ensure success and perpetuity of the program, as well as objectivity in the selection process, the PGA has retained Scholarship America as third-party administrator. Scholarship America is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Click here (http://met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/Works_Scholarship_Flyer_.pdf) to find a promotional flyer for the PGA WORKS Golf Management University Scholarship Program. Click to Read More

Mosholu Golf Course in Need of Range Mats

Mosholu does so much for our Met PGA Foundation that their mats have begun to wear out! Anyone looking for a home for used driving range mats in good condition is asked to contact Barry McLaughlin at Mosholu (bmclaughlin3700@gmail.com (<mailto:bmclaughlin3700@gmail.com>)).

Langan and Sakson Earn Certifications

Patrick Langan (GC of Purchase) and Shayne Sakson (Manhattan Woods) were both recently certified in Teaching & Coaching. Congratulations to these fine PGA Professionals on their accomplishments that less the 7% the membership has attained!

1099's Have Been Sent Out

As of Wednesday, January 31st all 1099's have been mailed. Please allow a few days for your documentation to arrive, also be aware that 1099's from "PGA Golf Enterprises Inc." are for PGA Golf Retirement Plus.

Giordano Earns Quarter Century Status

Paul Giordano, program director for the First Tee, was recently added to the Quarter Century Club. Congratulations Paul on his 25 years of membership and service to the PGA and the game of golf!

Met PGA Employment Updates

There have been some significant employment changes this season and we are pleased to announce the following: Rob Jamison, former A-8 at Apawamis Club, was selected to succeed Bob Minicozzi as the A-1 at Powelton. Saint Andrew's Club assistant, Tyler Jaramillo, will be moving down to Seawane to accept the head professional post that was vacated when Jim Lusk moved to Paramount. The Country Club of New Canaan hired Winged Foot assistant, Adam Rainaud, as their new head golf professional. Congratulations to these fine PGA professionals on their recent appointments. Please refer to the Employment Listing (<http://www.met.pga.com/Employment-Listing.html>) for continuous updates of available employment opportunities

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