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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!

NEW UPDATES

Met PGA Members Excel in PGA Winter Championships Senior Stroke Play

The PGA Winter Championships continued in Port St. Lucie with the PGA Senior Stroke Play Championship at PGA Golf Club. The PGA Stroke Play is separated into two divisions: 60-and-older and 50-59 years of age. Unsurprisingly, Metropolitan PGA professionals littered the leaderboards.

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Kestner and Quinlivan Bring Senior Junior Trophy Back to Long Island

Metropolitan PGA professionals continue to take home hardware down in Port St. Lucie, Florida at the PGA Winter Championships. Darrell Kestner, Deepdale Director of Golf and 2017 PGA Professional of the Year, teamed with Sean Quinlivan, Piping Rock Head Professional, to win the PGA Senior Junior PGA Championship at PGA Golf Club.

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PGA WORKS Golf Management University Scholarship Program

The PGA of America recently announced the new PGA WORKS Golf Management University Scholarship Program. The program is designed to recruit and assist students from diverse backgrounds in their intent to pursue PGA of America Membership. The Scholarship awards \$8,000 each for up to five (5) students pursuing a PGA Golf Management University Program degree.

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PGA of America Compensation Survey

The 2018 PGA Compensation Survey went “live” on PGA.org on January 16th. PGA Professionals are encouraged to complete this survey before March 31st so we can continue to provide PGA members and apprentices with the best available compensation data. The survey can be accessed by [clicking here \(https://www.pga.org/articles/take-pga-golf-professional-compensation-survey\)](https://www.pga.org/articles/take-pga-golf-professional-compensation-survey).

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MSR Cycle Ends This June

The current MSR cycle ends as of June 15, 2018. All members who are required to earn MSR credits need to fulfil their complete requirements by June 15, 2018; this includes both categories of PGA Required and Total. Failure to meet the full and complete requirements by June 15, 2018, will result in the Member being transferred to Class F as of July 1, 2018.

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VALIC Announced as New PGA Retirement Plus Administrator

The PGA of America responded to member feedback generated by the annual survey on the Golf Retirement Plus Plan by conducting a thorough evaluation of both the current and potentially new plan administrators for the program. The PGA of America invited top retirement fund providers to participate, including the incumbent, Mercer Consumer. As a result, the PGA Board of Directors has authorized a change in the plan administrator to The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (“VALIC”).

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PGA Member Golf Access at Lost City Golf Club

Leo McMahon, former GM at Lawrence Yacht & Country Club, has taken on a new position as GM of the Lost City Golf Club in Atlantis, Florida. Leo has created two programs designed specifically for PGA Golf Professionals that work at private clubs in the northern sections of the USA and Canada.

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Stephani Gains Half Century Status—Gatta Joins Quarter Century Club

PGA Life Member Don Stephani of East Patchogue on earning status as a Half Century PGA Member. Woodmere Head Professional John Gatta joined the Quarter Century Club in January. Congratulations to both of these fine Met PGA professionals on their accomplishments!

Met PGA Staff Member Earns PAT Examiner Certification

Congratulations to Kevin Rodine on his recertification as a PAT Examiner. This is an often-overlooked

role, yet so critical to the path to PGA membership.

PREVIOUS LISTED

2017 Met PGA Winter Education Series are ON!

Our 8th year of the Met PGA Winter Education Series began at Harbor Links GC on January 11th with a presentation from James Hong called "Change-up That Tired Old Junior Program."

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PGA Merchandise Show Schedule and MSR Opportunities

This year's PGA Merchandise Show events are as follows: Demo Day & Instructional Workshop Tuesday January 23rd at Orange County National Golf Center, PGA Show Exhibits & Education Conference January 24th – 26th at Orange County Convention Center. [Click to Read More](#)

PGA's Club Pro Series Leaderboard Again Packed with Met Section Names

Fields were strong again this year and the level of competition on the PGA's Club Pro Tournament Series presented by GOLF ADVISOR and was outstanding. As we have come to anticipate, the Met Section representation proved formidable with a number of high finishes in individual events and in total money won. [Click to Read More](#)

Condolences

We regret to inform you of the passing of Jim Thompson. A fifteen year PGA member, "JT" was the head professional at Hamlet, Calverton Links, and Crab Meadow, before spending a number of seasons teaching at Oyster Bay. Jim was a very competitive player in the section and his name will forever be etched on the trophy as a Treiber Memorial champion.

Employment Update

Congratulations to Tyler Jaramillo and Jim McCann. Tyler, former assistant under Greg Bisconti and Saint Andrew's GC, was recently named head golf professional at Seawane. Jim leaves Dave Fusco

and Patriot Hills after his appointment as head professional at Spook Rock. [Click Here](http://www.met.pga.com/Employment-Listing.html) (<http://www.met.pga.com/Employment-Listing.html>) to visit the dedicated “Employment Listing” section of the web site as new opportunities are posted as soon as we are notified. Several positions have been posted in the past few weeks.

Busljeta and Fallon Earn Certifications

Boris Busljeta of GolfTec in White Plains recently completed his certification in Teaching & Coaching, while Brian Fallon of Westchester CC is now Certified in Golf Operations. Congratulations to all these PGA Professionals on their accomplishments that less the 7% the membership has attained!

Welcoming a New Addition



The Scheffing family has announced the birth of Sarah Mae Scheffing. Born December 28, 2017 at 5:30am weighing 7lbs and 20" long. Congratulations from all of us in the Metropolitan Section!

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