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Upcoming Metropolitan PGA Education/Meetings and PGA Required MSR Opportunities

Met PGA Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday March 21st at Fenway 10:00am-12:00pm

Thursday March 22nd at Cold Spring 10:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday March 28th at Long Island National 1:00-3:00

MGA/Met PGA Rules Seminar

Thursday March 29th at Brae Burn Country Club.

Assistant's Spring Meeting

Monday April 9th at Hamlet G&CC

56th Annual Met PGA Spring Educational Forum

Tuesday April 10th at Westchester Dinner Theatre

Met PGA Spring Meeting

Thursday April 12th at Old Westbury G&CC

District 2 Teaching & Coaching Summit

Wednesday April 18th at Fiddler's Elbow

Met PGA HOPE Training

Thursday April 19th at Mosholu GC

Upcoming Education and General MSR Opportunities

Callaway Rogue Trip

Wednesday March 28th at Westchester CC

CLICK HERE! (http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/Westchester_Rogue_Event.pdf)

Thursday March 29th at Tam O'Shanter

CLICK HERE! (http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/Long_Island_Rogue_Event.pdf)

Golf Lab Engineering Workshop

Monday-Tuesday April 2-3 at Westchester CC

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION!

(http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/GLC_Westchester_Met_Section.pdf)

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER! (https://www.smarterlessons.com/prod/pub/view_one_group.php?gid=4131645d6c243bc8c95d99b52dca536e)

Injury Prevention, Management and Performance Improvement of the Golfer

Friday April 20th at NYU Langone Health

CLICK HERE! (http://www.met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/NYU_9-Golf_Brochure_.pdf)

Upcoming Tournaments

Tournament Dues for PGA Members, and Playing Privileges for Associates and non-PGA Assistant Professionals

Open for registration on web site. Must establish prior to registration for tournaments.

TaylorMade/adidas Golf Met PGA Pro-Assistants

Monday April 17th at Nissequogue

Monday April 17th at Westchester Hills

MasterCard Match Play Championship Qualifying—also Qualifying for Met PGA Senior Match Play

Monday, April 23rd at Rockaway Hunting Club

Monday, April 23rd at CC of Darien

***Met PGA Board of Director's Proposes Updates to the Constitution**

The Metropolitan PGA Board of Directors has recently reviewed and the Metropolitan PGA Constitution and is proposing updates and changes. The proposed changes consist predominantly of grammatical fixes, but there is a fundamental change in the proposal to include the Assistant's President as a voting member of the Board of Directors. For many years, this individual has been invited to attend and participate in board meetings and calls, without an official vote. This change would reduce the number of appointed directors from ten to nine, with the tenth seat being filled by the Assistant's President following their election. Another necessary change is the inclusion of a replacement clause when a director must vacate their position. This has formerly been done as an unwritten policy and this change would adopt this process into code.

Pursuant to the Constitution, there will be a Special Meeting conducted immediately prior to the 2018 Met PGA Spring Meeting on Thursday April 12th at Old Westbury. These changes will be briefly reviewed and may be adopted with a two-thirds majority vote of those PGA members in attendance. Please review these changes and come to this Special Meeting prepared to vote.

***General Volunteer Registration Open for the 2019 PGA Championship at Bethpage Black**

Volunteer registration is now open for any of your members, family or friends interested in working at the 2019 PGA Championship at Bethpage State Park's Black Course. Special jobs will be reserved for Met PGA members, and those interested in volunteering are asked to contact Jeff Voorheis. PGA of America officials are encouraging all interested general volunteers to register exclusively through the online registration system by visiting PGA.com/2019Volunteer.

All volunteer positions will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Interested parties should sign up now to ensure placement on their preferred committee. Individuals who volunteer for the 2019 PGA

Championship will also be granted an advanced opportunity to register as a volunteer for the 2024 Ryder Cup at Bethpage Black, ahead of the General Public. Given the international appeal of the Ryder Cup, volunteering for next year's PGA Championship will be the only way to guarantee access to what should be one of the toughest tickets in New York sporting event history.

PREVIOUS NEWS

NEWS & MEETINGS

Spring Meeting Returns to Old Westbury G&CC—Thursday April 12th

After a wonderful showing in 2017, we are fortunate to have Old Westbury as our host for our 2018 Spring Meeting. As always, we are hoping for a mild transition from winter into spring in order to continue the tradition of playing golf alongside our Sponsors and Partners.

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Met PGA Town Hall Meetings—Coming in Late March

This year, the Met PGA will be offering regional "Town Hall (<https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/seminar/general/index.htm?>)" Meetings in an attempt to bring the association to the members. These meetings will be open discussions, led by Met PGA leadership and staff, but intended to be interactive. We want to ensure as much awareness as possible among Met PGA members when it comes to upcoming initiatives and programming, and to answer your questions and address your concerns. The agenda for each of the three sessions will be similar, but we expect there to be a variety of feedback and attention to regional issues.

David Orr and his Flatstick Academy to Headline 56th Annual Met PGA Spring Educational

Forum on April 10th

The Met PGA's Annual Spring Educational Forum has a long history of attracting cutting edge presenters to our kickoff event, and we are excited to continue that tradition at The Westchester Dinner Theatre on Tuesday April 10th. David Orr, PGA Professional, is the founder of the Flatstick Academy and a sought after 'specialist putting coach' that has worked with over 60 touring professionals worldwide, including Justin Rose.

Spring Forum Ceremonies to Honor 2017 Met PGA Professional of the Year David Gosiewski, OMEGA Player of the Year Josh Rackley, and Sam Snead Award Recipient Jay Mottola.

Two Met PGA professionals will be recognized with the association's top honors on Tuesday April 10th at the Westchester Dinner Theatre. David Gosiewski has been the Head Golf Professional at Noyac Golf Club for 34 years, where his legacy upon retiring this fall will be that of impeccable service, professionalism, and companionship to the members of Noyac.

Assistants Spring Meeting and Opening Tournament at Hamlet G&CC on April 9th—Elections will be Conducted

Our opening meeting and tournament for our Assistants Association will take place on Monday, April 9th at The Hamlet G&CC. The annual gathering provides a great opportunity to meet new additions to the Section and share plans for the upcoming season. The meeting will be under the leadership of the Assistants Officers Board consisting of President, Alex Smith (Garden City Golf Club), First VP Frankie Martinez (Patterson Club), Second VP John Schmoll (Burning Tree). Based on some recent employment changes, there are two Board vacancies that will be elected during the meeting.

Employment Updates – Click here (<http://www.met.pga.com/Employment-Listing.html>)

Please remember to check the dedicated “Employment Listing” section of the web site as new opportunities are posted as soon as we are notified. A number changes have been posted in the past few weeks.

Met PGA Secretary, Michael Shank has accepted the Director of Golf position at the Wilmington Country Club in the Philadelphia Section. North Shore Country Club has announced that Michael's assistant, Anthony Aruta will be elevated to the head golf professional position. We thank Michael for

his service to the section and wish both he and Anthony all the best in their new endeavors.

TOURNAMENTS

Tournament Schedule Posted – But Be Aware – It is Tentative

The 2018 schedule has been posted but PLEASE – realize that this is subject to change and revisions so while we offer it to help you with your facility planning, just make sure you keep checking for updates and realize that changes are inevitable and anticipated. In that same vein, we are still in need of Tournament Sites. If you can help or if your facility has not hosted a Met PGA event of any kind in a while, please contact Dan Kiley or Dan Frankel at the Met PGA Office. Click here!

(<https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/schedule/index.htm>)

Race for the Lease Returns with 2018 Lincoln Pro-Am Series

A new two-year Race for the Lease begins again in 2018! While Bill Bresnan of Colonial Springs Country Club is enjoying driving in “American Luxury”, we are excited to start our third iteration of the program and the opportunity to award a Lincoln vehicle to another Met PGA member at the end of this season. The Race for the Lease is a participation based point system, where a PGA Professional from the club with the highest level of Pro Am participation, will earn a two-year lease on a Lincoln.

TaylorMade Met PGA Pro-Assistants on April 16th

Some 400 professionals will gather at our two Pro-Assistants venues on Monday, April 16th for the TaylorMade/adidas Golf events at Nissequogue CC on Long Island and Westchester Hills for Westchester/CT/Upstate. Both events will offer double shotguns to allow for our PGA Member head professionals to compete with their professional staff. Unfortunately, the size of these fields does not allow for staff members who are not professionals to compete. Registration for the Pro-Assistants will begin on March 1st.

OMEGA Player of the Year Race Opens with MasterCard Match Play Championships

The first point events of the spring will be at the Match Play Championships conducted at Rockaway

Hunting Club on Long Island and at CC of Darien for the Westchester/CT contingent. The MasterCard LPGA and MasterCard Westchester PGA qualifying will be on Monday, April 23rd and they will also serve as the qualifying rounds for the Senior Match Play Championship at Rolling Hills on May 7-9. Details on the format, schedule, exemption policies, and the point system for qualifiers and other event information will be included on the web site and in the registration link. Registration is open!

EDUCATION

District 2 Teaching & Coaching Summit

On Tuesday April 18th from 8:00-5:00, the Metropolitan Section will join New Jersey and Philly for a District 2 Teaching & Coaching Summit. This event was a huge success in last year's inaugural edition, and will again be hosted by the NJPGA and Fiddler's Elbow. Each section will accept their own registrations. Click here

(<https://metpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/metpga18/event/metpga18133/index.htm>) for information and to register!

One Event Remains on 2018 Met PGA Winter Education Series Schedule

Our Winter Education Series has been a success thus far with an average of over 30 attendees for each program. PGA Members will receive 2 MSR credits in education when they attend any Met PGA Winter Education Series program. We do ask that everyone register for the programs in advance as there are often space limitations or changes in schedules that can only be communicated effectively to those who are pre-registered. The remainder of the schedule is below:

Mar 15 How to Put More Speed in Your Game & Your Students Game Site TBA

MGA/Met PGA Rules Seminar

On March 29th we join with the MGA in offering our 31st Annual Rules of Golf Seminar at Brae Burn Country Club. The seminar will be from 9 am to 1 pm and include lunch. Pre-registrants pay \$45.00 and those who do not pre-register and pay at the door pay \$60.00. Registration will be taken online at mgagolf.org (<https://www.mgagolf.org/content/2018-met-pgamga-rules-seminar>)

Upcoming Equipment Manufacturer Education Events

Our friends at a number of equipment companies have advised us of upcoming spring product awareness events. Below are dates where PGA Members can earn MSR in the required category.

Taylor Made Monday March 26th Old Oaks

Callaway Thursday March 29th Tam O'Shanter

Golf Lab Engineering Workshop at Westchester CC

The Golf Lab's Engineering Workshop is a two-day, hands on learning experience where participants will be exposed to a wide variety of golf coaching technology. The 5 core modules include: Coaching with 2D Video, Coaching with 3D Motion Capture Practical Application of Ground Reaction Forces, Coaching with a Launch Monitor, and Golf Club Anatomy. This two-day workshop, hosted by Liam Mucklow, Dr Scott Lynn, and John Dunnigan, will give you the understanding and experience to be a more effective user of technology immediately. Click here

(http://met.pga.com/sites/met.pga.com/files/GLC_Westchester.pdf) for flyer!

JUNIORS

Met PGA Junior Tour Membership is Open

Registrations are being accepted for the Met PGA's Junior Tour. Please remind your members and students of these opportunities to play our areas courses, compete with their peers, learn about etiquette, and have FUN.

Drive, Chip, and Putt Registration is Open

The PGA announced the opening of registration for the 2018 Drive, Chip & Putt Qualifying to compete in the 2019 Finals at Augusta National right before The Masters. Now in its 6th year, this exciting competition is open to boys and girls ages 7 – 15 (as of April 2nd, 2019). Please note that the Met Section qualifying will be held at several locations before advancing to the subregionals. Remember, however, that those who advance past the subregional will be assigned to the Regional Finals based on their qualifying site, not necessarily the closest or most convenient Regional location.

PGA Junior League

PGA Junior League has taken off and in just five years, the Met Section has gone from 4 teams to over 100 last year. We anticipate that our League will grow again in 2018 as more clubs and courses have enrolled and many facilities are now fielding multiple teams. New for 2018 are updated player kits with customizable jerseys from Garb, and other improved inclusions. Don't miss out on this opportunity for your juniors – it has been a home run for professionals, for facilities, for parents and most importantly for the kids.

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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:

New PGA Members - Congratulations to the following newly elected PGA members:

Nicholas DeFalco, A-8 with Sean Farren at The Creek Craig Garcia, A-8 with Rob Labritz at GlenArbor
Steven Gastreau, A-8 with Mike Gilmore at Winged Foot Philip Krause, A-8 with Tony Sessa at East Hampton

Golf Art Collection and Range Balls 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

PGA News and Notes

Check out the rates from the PGA's credit union – IBMSECU.org. Complimentary access to the Masters is available only to PGA Members, Life Members and Master Professional Members (not apprentices and not spouses or family)

PGA to Launch Women's PGA Cup in 2019

International women PGA Members will have a chance to represent their respective countries in the biennial team event. Countries tentatively committed to play in 2019 are Australia, Canada, Great Britain & Ireland, Netherlands, Sweden and the United States. Click here for story!

(<https://www.pga.org/articles/pga-america-launch-womens-pga-cup-2019>)

Introducing Your New PGA Discount Program, Perk Spot

The PGA PerkSpot site is one that is very user friendly and requires just a few steps and minimal personal information to register. Once registered, you will have the ability to access thousands of discounts from national and local merchants and customize your experience including selecting categories of interest ranging from food, health & wellness, electronics and hotels & travel. If you have any questions, please contact PerkSpot's Customer Service team at cs@perkspot.com

(<http://mailto:%20cs@perkspot.com>) or 866-606-6057

Candidates for PGA Secretary

The First two PGA Super Regional Meetings were held in Atlanta in February, with the final two coming up in Houston. Between the PGA Merchandise Show and this Super Regional meeting, all of the officers of the Metropolitan PGA have spent time with PGA Secretary candidates: Jim Dorman, John Lindert, Rick Murphy, and Tom Wildenhaus. These candidates will continue their contact with our delegates throughout the year as we approach the election at the Annual Meeting in November in Palm Springs.

Online Complimentary Member Business Center Videos

Members who still may need to earn MSR credits will currently find the videos from the 2017 PGA Merchandise Show available HERE! (<https://www.pga.org/articles/complimentary-online-videos-pga-required-msr-credit>) {C}

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