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Letter from Jeff Mietus, Western New York PGA President

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Western New York PGA,

It is a great privilege to write to you as your President. I am excited and humbled and promise my best effort on your behalf over the next 2 years. I am always available and accessible if you have any comments or concerns, please contact me.

I truly believe that our section and the PGA of America are on an excellent path and you will notice the positive changes as they trickle down to each and every member. In my many years on our local board, and attending national meetings, I have never felt the positive enthusiasm for our association and our great game as I have in the last year or so. It is true that we have a long road ahead to climb out of the hole our economy and game have dug for itself, but we know where we are going as an association, and I feel we have the leadership to get us there.

Michael O'Connor, Rob Horak, Joe Bertino and myself just returned from the PGA Annual Meeting in San Diego and have exciting news to share. The PGA announced that our ADP funding will be increase to \$150K beginning with PGA FY 2014-2015. Furthermore we will receive an additional \$18K in PGA Tour purse money as well as \$15K from National Car Rental. This is truly good news and allows us to do more as a section to bring this great game of golf to everyone in our area.

We all have a responsibility to do what we can to grow our game at every opportunity. I will be looking to all of you for help with many of our goals over the next few years. Our HOPE. program serves to teach our disabled veterans how to play, and an effort to get golf into the curriculum in as many elementary and middle schools is possible. I feel both are great ways to grow golf and give back, and as anyone who has worked on either project knows, you receive far more than you give. I ask you to volunteer your time and expertise to make a difference with these programs.

We all need to do what we can to bring more people into our game, either at our club or in our communities. We all know what a great game it is and how it has enriched our lives, lets share it with others and ensure that the future of our game and businesses continue to grow.

Far too much is going on to share it all with you in this letter. Joe Bertino, Tim Fries and I will be travelling to each area in our section in the next few months to meet everyone who is interested to discuss how we can make a difference and to get your feedback. I look forward to seeing you all and having a beer to plan our next move, so look forward to that invitation.

Please take a moment and go to pgalinks.com and see what resources are there to help you become an even better PGA Professional. I look forward to talking with all of you soon.

Sincerely,

Jeff Mietus, PGA

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NOTE FROM JOE BERTINO, WESTERN NEW YORK PGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Section PGA Professionals,

As Jeff mentions in his article, there was plenty of good news coming from the 97th PGA Annual Meeting this week in San Diego, CA. Along with the hiring of new PGA CEO Pete Bevacqua, quite a bit of reorganization has taken place in the national offices. There is most definitely an effort afoot to ramp up in service to the general membership. The financial benefits to you, the PGA Member, that were announced are stupendous, and it is rather clear that the Association is headed in a new and bright direction. And the best news is that there still appears to be more than one new opportunity on the horizon still being developed to further enhance your PGA Membership!

That being said, please keep in mind that our MSR cycle ending in June of 2015 is fast approaching. Your obligations remain hefty so PLEASE do not wait too long only to find that there are not enough opportunities to fill those requirement "buckets". Should you ever need any assistance at all in finding the means to meet your requirements, please do not to contact me at the section office and I will personally help guide you through an understanding of what plans to make.

I know that many of you attend the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando over the winter, and I always look forward to seeing so many of you in those busy aisles- If you've not yet made your travel plans, please remember that the dates of the show have moved once again to Wednesday January 22nd through Friday January 24th, with Tuesday January 21st being PGA Demo Day. In addition to providing you with countless hands-on opportunities to view potential wares for your shop, the show continues to be a great place to network with your fellow PGA Professionals and industry leaders, take advantage of numerous PGA-delivered education sessions available at an affordable price, and quite frankly, enjoy some nice Florida weather in the dead of winter here in Western New York!

Finally, as you rest up for another season soon to come, it is time once again to remember those less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. The WNYPGA Section office always accepts non-perishable goods to be donated to the Food Bank of WNY, and there are certainly scores of other worthy charities right in your own neighborhood. Best as we can, let's also remember that the needy don't stop being so once the holidays are over as their need is perpetual; if there is a way you can help out year-round through support of your facility it is a super way to spread some very good will in your communities.

Enjoy a safe and wonderful holiday season,

Joe Bertino, PGA
Executive Director

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Mark Kirk, PGA

**Elected to the WNYPGA Hall of Fame in 2013.
Elected to PGA Membership in 1983.
Member of the PGA Quarter Century Club.**

Assistant PGA Professional at Crag Burn GC (2000-Present)
PGA Director of Golf at Brierwood CC (1997-2000)
Head PGA Professional at Deerfield CC in 1996
Head PGA Professional at Orchard Park CC (1988-1995)
Head PGA Professional at Brierwood CC (1986-1987)
Assistant Professional at Brook-Lea CC (1981-1985)
Assistant Professional at Crag Burn GC (1979-1980)

Awards

WNYPGA Professional of the Year in 1991
Horton Smith Award Winner in 1990 & 1994
WNYPGA Teacher of the Year in 1993 & 1998

WNYPGA Committees

WNYPGA Secretary/Treasurer 1988-1990
WNYPGA Vice President 1990-1993
WNYPGA President 1993-1995
WNYPGA Tournament Chairman 2003-2005

National PGA Committees

National PGA Club Pro Competitions Committee (1993-1994)
National PGA Section Affairs Committee (1991-1993)
National PGA Membership Committee (1991-1993)

Playing Accomplishments

Seven-time National Club Pro Championship Finalist
Six-time US Open Regional Finalist
WNYPGA Senior Player of the Year in 2009 & 2010
WNYPGA Match Play Champion in 1997
WNY Open Champion in 2010, Senior Division Co-Champion in 2013
Rochester Classic Champion in 1996, Senior Division Champion in 2010
Assistant Professional Champion in 2011
More than twenty-five WNYPGA Section Tournament Victories

Denny Ferstler, PGA

**Elected to the WNYPGA Hall of Fame in 2013.
Elected to PGA Membership in 1982.
Member of the PGA Quarter Century Club.**

Former PGA Head Professional and PGA Director of Golf at Penfield CC

Awards

WNYPGA Professional of the Year in 1995

WNYPGA Committees

WNYPGA Tournament Chairman 1994-1997

Playing Accomplishments

Rochester Classic Champion in 1989
Rochester Classic Senior Champion in 2004
WNYPGA Match Play Finalist in 1994
WNYPGA Section Championship Runner-Up in 1983 & 1999
WNYPGA Senior Championship Runner-Up in 2003
WNY Open Runner-Up in 1994 & 1997
Low U.S. Open Qualifier in 1981

Other

Course Records –
Cazenovia CC (65), Rogues Roost CC (64), Cavalry Club (63), Rhode Island CC (62), Locust Hill CC (63) and Penfield CC (66)

Quotes

“I always had nicknames for everybody. I got away with a lot more stuff than a lot of other pros did. I always wanted members, and their guests, to come in and, this was not their job so when they left work I wanted them to come out and have a great experience.”

“I would always joke with them (members). A guy would come in and I would look at his outfit and say, ‘Why don’t you go through my lost and found and get yourself an outfit?’ I would do that just to make people laugh. I used to love to see people laugh.”



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2013 Section Award Winners











Professional of the Year Brian Tolnar, PGA	Horton Smith Award Eric Haile, PGA
Junior Golf Leader Paul Sanders, PGA	Bill Strausbaugh Tim Fries, PGA
Teacher of the Year David Wedzik, PGA	Merchandiser (Private) Ben Wilson, PGA
Assistant of the Year Sean Coleman, PGA	Merchandiser (Semi Private) Brian Tolnar, PGA
Player Development Brian Tolnar, PGA	Merchandiser (Resort) Steve Carney, PGA
Media Representatives Thad Brown & John Kucko	Sales Representative Jeff Beaver, PGA

2013 Tournament Award Winners

Player of the Year Kirk Stauffer, PGA	Match Play Champion Lonnie Nielsen, PGA	Classic Senior Champion Stan Marshaus, PGA	WNYAA Player of the Year Eric Mabee, PGA
Senior Player of the Year Kirk Stauffer, PGA	Senior Champion Jon Hoecker, PGA	Professional Champion Kirk Stauffer, PGA	Tour Champion Kirk Stauffer, PGA
Section Champion Lonnie Nielsen PGA	Super Senior Champion Jerry Coleman, PGA	Assistant Professional Champion Cody Endress	

Welcome Your New WNYPGA Board!

President Jeff Mietus, PGA	Director of Area I Brian Tolnar, PGA	Director at Large Steve Carney, PGA
Vice-President Michael O'Connor, PGA	Director of Area II Dan Antonucci, PGA	Director at Large Jerry Coleman, PGA
Secretary Rob Horak, PGA	Director of Area III David Wedzik, PGA	Director at Large Eric Haile, PGA
Honorary President Kirk Stauffer, PGA		Director at Large Ben Wilson, PGA

Sponsor	Event	Winners	Results
	National Car WNYPGA Assistant Championship - Mendon GC	Champion: Cody Endress Runner-Up: Alex Weir, Ryan Swanson, Mark Kirk	View Results
	Rochester Classic presented by USA Payroll and JQ Cigar Hut - Irondequoit CC	Individual: Dwayne Randall Senior : Lon Nielsen Super Senior: Charlie Cross	View Results
	Kids Escaping Drugs Pro-Am - Harvest Hill GC	Individual: Bobby Hogan/ Dwayne Randall Pro-Am: Jonathan Decker, Dan Misko, Scott Corcoran, Adin Bradley, Mark DiPiro	View Results
	WNYPGA Senior Championship presented by Southworth and Mercedes Benz - Lawrence Park GC	Champion: Jon Hoecker Super Senior: Jerry Coleman Classic Senior: Stan Marshaus	View Results
	Cutter & Buck Match Play Championship - Brook-Lea CC	Champion: Lonnie Nielsen Runner-Up: Zach Metcalfe	View Results
	Antigua Pro-Pro Championship - Blue Heron Hills GC	Champion: Brad Smith & Ryan Swanson Runner-Up: Tim Fries & Mark Kirk/ Michael O'Connor & Steve Barber	View Results
	Midvale Pro-Am Invitational	Individual: Rob Horak/Ryan Swanson Pro-Am: Steve Bordner, Steve Latimer, Dan Farrance, Craig Augustini, Ed Bessette	View Results
	Sun Mountain Tour Championship - Orchard Park CC	Champion: Kirk Stauffer Runner-Up: Alex Weir/Mark Kirk	View Results
	EZ-GO 4 Pro Scramble - Seneca Hickory Stick Resort	Champions: Dan Antonucci, Patrick Damore, Rodney Blair, Sean Moffat	View Results
	Las Vegas Pro-Am	Red Rock CC: Tony Saccomano (Brookfield CC) Arroyo GC: Bryce Ingalls (Twin Hickory GC) Snow Mountain: Jim Brado (Audubon GC), Chip Clover (Brookfield CC), Bryce Ingalls (Twin Hickory GC)	View Results

2014 WNYPGA Tentative Tournament Schedule

<u>APRIL</u>	Mon	21	Spring Meeting & Education		TBD
	Mon	28	Senior Junior Pro-Pro/Pro-Am		TBD
<u>MAY</u>	Mon	5	Scratch Pro-Am		Brook-Lea CC, Rochester, NY
	Fri	9	Make-a-Wish Foundation Pro-Am	*	Webster GC, Webster, NY
	Mon	12	WNY Open	*	Niagara Falls CC, Lewiston, NY
	Mon	19	Seneca Allegany Casino & Hotel Pro-Am	*	Elkdale CC, Salamanca, NY
	Tue	27	Pro-Officers		TBD
	Fri	30	Lawrence Park Pro-Am Invitational	*	Lawrence Park GC, Erie, PA
<u>JUNE</u>	Mon	2	Bartlett Pro-Am	*	Bartlett CC, Olean, NY
	Wed	4	NYS Open Qualifier		TBD
	Friday	6	Lake View Pro-Am Invitational	*	Lake View CC, North East, PA
	Mon	9	Children's Hospital Pro-Am Invitational		Park CC, Williamsville, NY
	Mon	16	Moon Brook Pro-Am Invitational	*	Moon Brook CC, Jamestown, NY
	Mon	23	Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy Pro-Am	*	Chautauqua GC, Chautauqua, NY
	Mon	30	Holiday Valley Memorial Library Pro-Am	*	Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville, NY
<u>JULY</u>	Mon	7	Bradford Hospital Foundation Pro-Am for Kids	*	Pine Acres CC, Bradford, PA
	Mon	14	Wellsville Pro-Am	*	Wellsville CC, Wellsville, NY
	Mon-Tue	21-22	Professional Championship	*	Cobblestone Creek CC, Victor, NY
	Mon	28	OPEN		TBD
<u>AUGUST</u>	Mon	4	OPEN		
	Sun	10	Midvale Pro-Am Invitational	*	Midvale CC, Penfield, NY
	Mon-Tue	11-12	Coors Section Championship	*	TBD
	Sun	17	Locust Hill Pro-Am Invitational	*	Locust Hill CC, Pittsford, NY
	Mon	18	Pennhills Pro-Am Invitational	*	Pennhills Club, Bradford, PA
	Mon-Tue	25-26	Senior Championship		Crag Burn GC, East Aurora, NY
	Fri	29	Pro-Assistant Championship		TBD
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Mon	1	Labor Day		
	Wed	3	Assistant Championship		TBD
	Fri	5	Rochester Classic	*	TBD
	Mon	8	Kids Escaping Drugs Pro-Am		TBD
	Mon-Tue	15-16	Match Play Championship	*	TBD
	Mon	22	Pro-Pro Championship		TBD
	Mon-Tue	29-30	Tour Championship	*	TBD

* Counts toward Player of the Year Award



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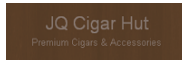
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