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Letter from Kirk Stauffer, Western New York PGA President

As I begin my second year as your President, I want to thank you all for being patient through this two year trial period with the PGA Ad-Min program. I know there has been a few bumps in the road, but most items have been resolved with few issues. We can all thank our Executive Director, Joe Bertino, for guiding us through this somewhat difficult transition.

Your officers will join me, along with Executive Director, Joe Bertino at the Spring Leadership Conference March 11-13, 2013 in Port St. Lucie, FL. I will provide details of this meeting at our April 22nd Spring Meeting at Transit Valley Country Club.

I would also like to introduce our new leadership team at the PGA of America. Introduced in November were Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peter Bevacqua, Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Darrell Crall, and Chief Championship Officer, Mr. Kerry Haigh. Welcome gentlemen and we look forward to working with you.

Lastly, the PGA Championship at Oak Hill CC is fast approaching. This event is one that provides additional revenue for our section. In return, all we have to do is staff some key areas of the championship. Please join me in signing up for a shift or two during the week to insure we receive these funds. It is vital for us to fulfill our duties at this, our most prestigious, championship.

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Thank you and good golfing,

Kirk



**Spring Meeting & Education
presented by**



**United Rentals & PGA National Resort & Spa
Transit Valley CC, East Amherst, NY
Monday, April 22nd, 2013**

8:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Meeting Begins (1 MSR per hour)

Lunch after the meeting compliments of our sponsors.

Afternoon Education - TBD (1 MSR per hour)

SAVE THE DATE

Letter from Joe Bertino, Western New York PGA Executive Director

With our season fast approaching, there are certainly a number of items to make sure you have marked down on your calendars! First, we are thrilled to announce that our **WNYPGA Spring General Meeting & Education** is set for **April 22nd** at Transit Valley CC. We welcome our returning sponsors United Rentals and PGA National Resort & Spa. Their support of this event is truly appreciated, and I'm sure you'll all look forward to a presentation by Chris Cox, National Accounts Manager for United Rentals, who lives right here in WNY and has been a tremendous supporter of the section. The Golf Retirement Plus facility program for PGA Professionals that UR has is super, and the program really helps facilities work through some potential budget issues. PGA National Resort & Spa, of course, offers tremendous values for our PGA Professionals, and we also thank them for their annual support of our meetings.

In conjunction with the **PGA Championship**, the Western New York PGA will have an outstanding opportunity to participate in a world-class pro-am event at Oak Hill-East Course on June 17th, along with our friends in Central NY, Northeastern NY, and the Met sections. As part of this **PGA REACH Pro Am (Recreation, Education, Awareness, Community, Health)**, our section's proceeds will be going directly back to our Western New York PGA Foundation to help really kick-start our programs already in progress. The event itself is to be conducted by the PGA of America tournament staff. Even better, should the event sell out, the West Course will also be available to handle overflow participation should the demand be there! Please don't wait to start recruiting players for a potential spot in the field, it promises to be one of the most memorable days your team will ever experience! Details regarding entry (we are anticipating needing to hold a lottery) will be announced prior to our Spring Meeting.

We still need a significant number of **WNYPGA Professional volunteers** to round out our share of PGA Championship duties, please take a look at **Championship Week's** schedule online on the member side of our website and see where you can participate, we look to have each volunteer take at least two shifts.

There are still some spots available in this coming fall's **2013 WNYPGA Las Vegas Pro Am**, to be held at the **Paiute Resort!** Information can be found on our website. This year's package is the best we've ever offered for amateurs and gives you a tremendous opportunity to spend some quality time travelling with your members. Please call us at 716-626-7095 to grab your spot before they are gone!

Finally, I am extremely happy to announce that I've secured a **PGA HOPE** (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) program to be implemented right here in Buffalo. The program, part of the PGA Foundation's charities, will involve our WNYPGA Professionals teaching our great game of golf to veterans of all of our conflicts suffering from a wide variety of physical and psychological disabilities as we work with the **VA of Western New York Healthcare System** onsite at the **Grover Cleveland GC**. We will begin to recruit our volunteers once the 5 week programs are set and participant levels are established; interested PGA Professionals will also need to complete a "training the trainer" session with **Judy Alvarez, PGA & LPGA, PGA of America's National Trainer** for the HOPE Program. Instruction in these special programs truly requires a low teacher to student ratio (1:3 at most), so a good number of instructors will be required as we anticipate a significant number of students. Plans will soon be released as to Judy coming to WNY to deliver her impressive educational opportunity and help get YOU started in giving back to our veterans!

I look forward to seeing all of you this coming April, best of luck to all this coming season!

Joe Bertino, PGA

Executive Director

PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program

Children and grandchildren of PGA members who are planning to attend college in the fall of 2013 are encouraged to apply for financial assistance through the PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program.

Applications can only be submitted online.
Deadline to submit: 5:00 p.m. (EDT), March 15, 2013.

2013 PGA Compensation Survey ***You Can Earn Up to 2 MSR Hours!***

Please visit www.pgalinks.com to complete the 2013 PGA Compensation Survey.

PGA Members who complete this short survey by March 15, 2013, can receive up to two (2) Member Service Requirements (MSR) credits.

NEW SECTION WEBSITE

The WNYPGA will be unveiling a **NEW SECTION WEBSITE!** The update will have the same url address (www.westernnewyork.pga.com) with a **more modern and user-friendly layout**. The new site is scheduled to go live on March 5th, 2013. During the update there is a slight chance you may be unable to view the site (max of 48 hours). Thank you for your patience in advance. Feel free to play around with all of the new features, and if you have any questions please contact your section staff at 716-626-7095 or wnewyork@pgahq.com.

GET GOLF READY **CO-OP JUNIOR PROGRAM, ROCHESTER, NY**

Six locations in Rochester will be used to promote Get Golf Ready. Each location will host two sessions: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for beginners and 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for intermediate players. Three stations will be set-up at each venue and will include paid instruction for three PGA Professionals.

Facilities still needed for the following dates:
July 1st, July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd, & July 29th.

If your facility would be interested in hosting this program in the Rochester area, please contact Brian Tolnar at (585) 355-7073, or via e-mail: btolnar@blueheronhillsgc.com.

Complete program details listed on the professional log in homepage at www.westernnewyork.pga.com.

WNYPGA Employment Opportunities

Brook-Lea CC, Rochester, NY - 1st & 2nd Assistant Professional Positions
The Fox Valley Club, Lancaster, NY - Assistant Professional Position
Harvest Hill GC, Orchard Park, NY - (2) Assistant Professional Positions Available
Mendon GC, Mendon, NY - 1st Assistant Professional Position
Pennhills Club, Bradford PA - 1st Assistant Professional Position

Please visit the employment tab at www.westernnewyork.pga.com to read each job description, learn how to apply and view even more opportunities.

Be Sure to Check Out the PGA Member side of our website...

This is an exclusive feature for WNYPGA members. Simply click on the Professional Login feature on www.westernnewyork.pga.com (use your PGALinks credentials) and view the following:

- ♦ Employment Briefs from Tom Kendrick, PGA Employment Consultant
 - ♦ Slade Eastham's PGA Membership Matters
 - ♦ PGA Championship Volunteer Shifts

Congratulations to newly elected PGA Members in WNY!

Tim Falkner, PGA, A-8 - Park Country Club

Elected to PGA membership on 2/15/2013.

Tony Saccomanno, PGA, A-8 - Brookfield Country Club

Elected to PGA membership on 2/15/2013.

Congratulations to Jim Mrva, Head PGA Professional at Monroe GC

Congratulations to Jim Mrva on his induction into the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame! Jim, along with 12 others, will be inducted to the PGA of America Hall of Fame on March 12th at the PGA Education Center, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Click [HERE](#) to read the press release.

Click [HERE](#) to read the press release for all 13 Hall of Fame Inductees.

2013 PGA Championship

PGA Championship Volunteer Shifts

PGA Championship Volunteer Shifts are filling fast! Please take a moment to view what is still available on the professional side of www.westernnewyork.pga.com or call the section office for more details. This is an excellent opportunity to work "inside the ropes" in some pretty fun duties assisting the strongest field in golf and golf's greatest major championship, our own!

PGA R.E.A.C.H. Pro-Am

Monday June 17th - SAVE THE DATE!!! The PGA REACH (Recreation, Education, Awareness, Community, Health) Pro Am is on for Oak Hill CC -East. All four New York PGA sections will be represented in a world-class pro am that will raise funds to support each section's charitable activities. Supported by the PGA of America, WNYPGA teams will compete in net and gross competitions along with fellow NY sections' teams, with proceeds from each section's participants going directly their own foundation causes. Entry information will be published in our March Newsletter, along with how participating teams will be selected.

WNYPGA Honorary Members

The WNYPGA will be producing a publication highlighting our section and its history for distribution at the PGA Championship this coming August. Not only we will be including the names of our Foundation donors and supporters, but also included will be biographies of our Hall of Fame members, and we would love to include information about our many Honorary Members as well.

If you have any photographs or can write a paragraph or two about one of our Honorary Members (listed below), we would most certainly appreciate it! Thank you to those who have sent us information already. Please send anything that you think might help to WNYPGA, 8265 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221.

WNYPGA Honorary Members:

Georg Blaisdell	John Jachym	Jim Tyrell
Henry Certo	Bruce Koch	Frank Wakefield
Frank DeSantis	John Ludwig	Jim Wells
Edward Forrest	Gibson Lunt	Al Wiegley
Jean Giambrone	Tom Lunt Jr.	Claude Wright
Gary Grelick	Robert Standish	

2013 Las Vegas Pro-Am

The deadline has come and gone for the 2012 Las Vegas Pro Am Participating teams to submit a \$100 deposit to secure their spots for 2013. Open spots will now be filled by any section professionals interested in bringing a team (or adding another team).

The dates are **Monday 10/28-Wednesday 10/30** and we will be playing golf at the **Paiute Resort**. The three Pete Dye golf courses, Snow Mountain, Sun Mountain, and Wolf, have consistently been some of the finest conditioned that we play in the desert, additionally Paiute offers some features that we simply can not get anywhere else. **The cost per amateur this year will be \$900**, only \$15 more than last year with numerous additional benefits.

Once again, we will be getting rates at **Bally's and Paris Hotels**, and you are always welcome to make your own travel and lodging plans.

Don't miss out on a great chance to travel with your members and strengthen some relationships!



ANAdeds WNYPGA Junior Tour



We are excited to announce ANAdeds as the title sponsor of the 2013 WNYPGA Junior Tour. ANAdeds prides itself in obtaining attorney prepared documents for some of the nation's largest relocation companies, settlement service providers, lenders, title insurance companies and mortgage brokers. Please visit www.anadeeds.com for more information on our sponsor.

HOST SITES ARE STILL NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE 2013 ANAdeds SCHEDULE!

WNYPGA Professionals please call the section office (716) 626-7095 if your facility would like to host a junior tour event.

PEE WEE TOUR - REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Last year we started the Pee Wee tour for young golfers ages 5 to 9 to learn the game of golf in a non-competitive fun environment. **NEW to the tour this year** - all pee wee members will play 5 holes from modified tees depending on their ability and they will have their parents/guardian caddie for them. Each event includes golf, prizes, food and tons of fun!

For more information on either one of these opportunities please visit our website at www.westernnewyork.pga.com, call the office at (716) 626-7095, or email us at wnewyork@pgahq.com.





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2013 Tournament Schedule

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APRIL	Mon	22	Spring Meeting & Education presented by United Rentals & PGA National Resort & Spa	Transit Valley CC, East Amherst, NY
	Mon	29	TaylorMade Senior Junior Pro Pro/Pro Am	Ridgemont CC, Rochester, NY
MAY	Friday	3	PAT	Tan Tara GC, North Tonawanda, NY
	Mon	6	Titleist Scratch Pro-Am	Brook-Lea CC, Rochester, NY
	Fri	10	Make a Wish Foundation Pro-Am	* Webster GC, Webster, NY
	Mon	13	Club Car WNY Open	* Niagara Falls CC, Lewiston, NY
	Mon	20	Seneca Allegany Casino & Hotel Pro-Am	* Elkdale CC, Salamanca, NY
	Tue	28	Yamaha Pro-Officer	Penfield CC, Penfield, NY
	Fri	31	Lawrence Park Pro-Am Invitational	* Lawrence Park GC, Erie, PA
JUNE	Mon	3	Bartlett Pro-Am	* Bartlett CC, Olean, NY
	Wed	5	NYS Open Qualifier	Transit Valley CC, East Amherst, NY
	Fri	7	Lake View Pro-Am Invitational	* Lake View CC, North East, PA
	Mon	10	Children's Hospital Pro-Am Invitational	Park CC, Williamsville, NY
	Mon	17	PGA Championship Pro-Am	Oak Hill CC, Rochester, NY
	Fri	21	PAT	Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville, NY
	Mon	24	Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy Pro-Am	* Chautauqua GC, Chautauqua, NY
JULY	Mon	1	Holiday Valley Memorial Library Pro-Am	* Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville, NY
	Mon	8	Bradford Hospital Found. Pro-Am for Kids	* Pine Acres CC, Bradford, PA
	Fri	12	PAT	Eagle Vale GC, Fairport, NY
	Mon	15	Moon Brook Pro-Am Invitational	* Moon Brook CC, Jamestown, NY
	Mon	22	Wellsville Pro-Am	* Wellsville CC, Wellsville, NY
	Mon-Tue	29-30	WNYPGA Professional Championship	* Whispering Woods GC, Erie, PA
AUGUST	Mon	5-11	PGA CHAMPIONSHIP	Oak Hill CC, Rochester, NY
	Fri	16	PAT	Triple Creek GC, Nunda, NY
	Sun	18	Locust Hill Pro-Am Invitational	* Locust Hill CC, Pittsford, NY
	Mon-Tue	19-20	28 th Coors Section Championship	* Seneca Hickory Stick, Lewiston, NY
	Sun	25	Midvale Pro-Am Invitational	* Midvale CC, Penfield, NY
	Mon	26	Open Date	
	Fri	30	Mizuno Pro-Assistant Championship	East Aurora CC, East Aurora, NY
SEPTEMBER	Mon	2	Labor Day	
	Tue	3	Assistant Championship	Mendon GC, Mendon, NY
	Fri	6	Rochester Classic	* Irondequoit CC, Rochester, NY
	Fri	6	PAT	Conesus GC, Conesus, NY
	Mon	9	Kids Escaping Drugs Pro-Am	Transit Valley CC, East Amherst, NY
	Thurs-Fri	12-13	Senior Championship	Lawrence Park GC, Erie, PA
	Mon-Tue	16-17	Match Play Championship	* Brook-Lea CC, Rochester, NY
	Mon	23	Antigua Pro-Pro Championship	Blue Heron Hills GC, Macedon, NY
	Mon-Tue	30-1	Sun Mountain Tour Championship	* Orchard Park CC, Orchard Park, NY
OCTOBER	Fri	4	PAT	Gowanda CC, Collins, NY
	Mon	14	PING Fall Annual Meeting	TBD
	Sat-Thu	26-31	Las Vegas Pro-Am	Las Vegas, Nevada

* Counts toward Player of the Year Award

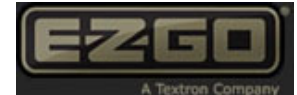


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