

*Official Newsletter of the
Western New York Section,
PGA of America*

JULY 2018 EDITION

WNYPGA NEWS



PGA

Western New York Section

President

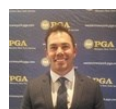
Rob Horak, PGA

rhorakpga@gmail.com**Vice President**

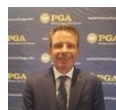
Dan Antonucci, PGA

pgagolfman@aol.com**Secretary**

Jake Northrup, PGA

jakenorthrup1@gmail.com**Honorary President**

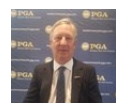
Michael O'Connor, PGA

mjokah@aol.com**Tournament Chairman**

Dwayne Randall, PGA

randalldwayne@yahoo.com**Director**

Steve Carney, PGA

scarney@holidayvalley.com**Director**

Mike D'Agostino, PGA

mikethepro@aol.com**Director**

Tim Fries, PGA

tpfriespga@gmail.com**Director**

Michael Kiel, PGA

mkiel@rochesterr.com**Director**

Chris Kulinski, PGA

kulinsichris@yahoo.com**Director**

Ryan Swanson, PGA

sbuswanny@yahoo.com

SECTION STAFF

Executive Director

Steven Bartkowski

sbartkowski@pgahq.com**Tournament Director**

Ric Alberico, PGA

RALberico@pgahq.com**Junior Golf Director**

Bob Ashley, PGA

bashley@pgahq.com

3 FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Rob Horak, PGA

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Steven Bartkowski

5 CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

Registration Details

6 JULY ASSISTANT SPOTLIGHT

Tim Falkner, PGA

7 PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE SUCCESS STORY

David Jones, PGA Inspires Juniors

8 ST. KITTS TRAVEL PRO-AM

Complete Details

9 NEWLY ELECTED PGA MEMBERS

Congratulations to Erik Barzeski, PGA

10-11 PGA REACH WNY UPDATE

Marathon and Duster Challenge

12 CLUBS FOR KIDS

PGA Pros give back at Delaware Park

13-15 TOURNAMENT CENTRAL

A look at the recent results around the Section

16 STUART MILLER GOLF SALES

Proud Supporter of the Pro-Assistant Championship

16 100th PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Complimentary Access

17 BE SOCIAL WNY

A look at the Social Media Outlets around the WNYPGA

CONTACT THE SECTION

The Cabin at Fox Valley Club

6161 Genesee Street

Lancaster, NY 14086

Main Phone/Fax: (716) 626-7095

Steve Bartkowski (716) 313-2943

Ric Alberico: (716) 707-3814

Bob Ashley: (716) 707-3818

wnewyork@pgahq.comwesternnewyork.pga.com

CONNECT WITH THE SECTION





Rob Horak, PGA
WNYPGA PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that all of you have had a successful season up to this point. Thank you to all the Section Members who have taken the time to nominate fellow PGA Professionals for a Section Award. The Awards Committee is in the process of gathering supporting data so that they can select the best winners from the 2018 Season. Winners will be notified and announced in September.

With the Board Meeting approaching on August 13th, I encourage anyone to reach out to me in advance if there is anything they would like discussed. Some topics of the meeting will be to continue to build on the Section's Long Term Strategic Plan and discuss the Section Office Homesite RFP in more detail.

Your Officers continue to have discussions with the candidates for National Secretary and we will continue to do our due diligence to make the most educated selection for our Section. If anyone has any thoughts on any of the candidates please reach out to myself, Dan Antonucci, or Jake Northrup.

Sincerely,

Rob Horak, PGA
WNYPGA President



Steven Bartkowski
WNYPGA DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that we are almost approaching August. The lack of rain that many areas in our Section have been experiencing has put a lot of stress on facilities, and PGA Professionals are looking for a rainy day just to be able to catch their breath. I sincerely hope that the season thus far has been an enjoyable one for you, your facility, and your family. It has been an extremely busy season for your Section Staff up to this point with the administration Section, Junior Tour and Drive, Chip and Putt events. We are honored and excited to be able to host both the NEW PGA Junior League Section Championship and Drive, Chip and Putt Sub-Regional competitions in less than a month. Please don't forget, August marks "Championship Season" with the Section Championship, Professional Championship, Assistant Championship and Senior Championship all in that month. Deadlines are quickly approaching for these tournaments and registration can be found on the next page of this Newsletter Issue.

PGA Members and Associates around the Section continue to inspire me on a day-to-day basis. Despite how busy you are, registration for our Section Events has once again seen an increase in participation compared to 2017. The passion for the game of golf is the true reason we all found ourselves in this business and it is very important that we all don't forget that. I continue to make a concerted effort to play golf as much as I possibly can—whether it be with sponsors, Section Members or my team at the Section Office. I encourage you all to do the same!

Good luck to all those who still have to conduct your invitationals and I hope to see you out at the Championships in August!

Sincerely,
Steven Bartkowski
WNYPGA Executive Director

CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

WNYPGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, August 20 & 21, Peek' N Peak



Upper Course Hole #2
Distance to Pin: 483 yds

Peek' N Peak
— RESORT —

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, August 8th!

[Click Here for More Details](#)

WNYPGA ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP, August 24, The Pennhills Club



Registration Deadline is Wednesday, August 15th!

[Click Here for More Details](#)

WNYPGA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP & SR PC, August 30-31, Chautauqua GC



BOTH Registration Deadlines are Wednesday, August 22nd!

[Click Here for More Details](#)

ASSISTANT PRO SPOTLIGHT *JULY 2018*

TIM FALKNER

PGA

Q & A with Tim Falkner, PGA of Crag Burn



Where did you grow up?

Born and raised in Buffalo, NY. Grew up in West Seneca, just 5 minutes away from Crag Burn G.C.

How long you have been a class A Member?

I was elected to Class A Membership in February of 2013.

Tenure at Crag Burn

This is my 4th season as First Assistant Professional at Crag Burn.

How long you have been in the Section and have you had any other jobs?

I have been a member of the WNYPGA Section since 2007. My first job was at Lancaster C.C., working under then Head Pro Jeff Mietus and then I worked at the Park Club for 5 seasons under Head Professional Eddie Suchora.

Who inspired you to get in the golf business?

My father and grandmother are the one's who originally sparked my interest in the game of golf and after I graduated college, PGA Professional Jeff Mietus encouraged me to pursue my PGA membership and a career in the golf business.

What are your responsibilities at the club?

At Crag Burn G.C. I am responsible for helping run the day to day golf operation, organizing and scheduling the bag staff, helping run tournaments and teaching men/women & juniors of all different

skill level

Are there any fun programs you have initiated for the golfers at Crag Burn?

One of the most fun programs we have initiated is our 5-day long "Junior Camp" where we have organized activities for them throughout the day and provide lunch for them just like a summer camp they would attend. The camp has grown each year and is one of the favorite weeks of the year for our junior players.



SUCCESS STORIES



INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR MASTERS

East Aurora Country Club recently held the 2018 International Junior Masters which included some of the best junior golfers around the globe. Head PGA Professional at EACC, David Jones, included his PGA Junior League Match around the tournament. Junior League participants stood in awe around the practice green watching the competitors warm up.

Thank you to David Jones, PGA, Chris Kulinski, PGA and Jeff Kamien for thinking “outside the box” and inspiring our younger generation to take up this great game!



2018 By the Numbers in the Western New York Section

Teams: 38

Increase of 26.7% from 2017

41.3% PGA Facility Penetration



9th ANNUAL EVENT



COME SEE WHY
ST. KITTS & NEVIS
IS THE CARIBBEAN'S
MUST PLAY
GOLF DESTINATION

Robert Trent Jones II Course
Four Seasons Resort Nevis

WNYPGA ENTRY
ENTER BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
PRO-AM DIVISION
PRO + 3 AMS

PRO's GUEST IS COMPLIMENTARY WITH EARLY ENTRY
NON-REFUNDABLE TEAM DEPOSIT OF \$1,000 PER AM DUE 9/15

SPECIAL WNYPGA ENTRY PACKAGES

5 Night Packages - Feb 2-7 (Saturday - Thursday):

2-Bedroom Suite / Queen Beds: \$2,600 per am

1-Bedroom Studio / Queen Bed: \$2,800 per am

7 Night Packages - Feb 2-9 (Saturday - Saturday):

2-Bedroom Suite / Queen Bed: \$2,850 per am

1-Bedroom Studio / Queen Bed: \$3,150 per am

Hotel is Walking Distance to Golf, Casino & Beach

Host Pro Receives Single Room & \$1,000 Appearance

ENTER NOW

FEB 2-9, 2019

Event Details:

- Stay at ROYAL ST. KITTS HOTEL
- 5 & 7 Night Event Packages
- Play 2 Different Tournament Courses
- Private Super Bowl Party

26 total team spots available on a first-come, first-paid basis. This 54-hole pro-am is open to teams hosted by a WNYPGA Golf Professional or Associate in good standing.

Early Entry Rates Include:

- Special WNYPGA Package Pricing
- (1) Practice & (3) Tournament Rounds
- (3) Post Round Lunches
- Super Bowl Party with Open Bar
- (2) Additional Dinners with Open Bar
- All Airport, Golf & Reception Transfers
- On-Course Refreshments, Hole Contests & Team Money Game
- VIP Access to Royal Beach Casino
- Spa Program & Day Tours for Guests
- Player & Guest Gift Bags
- ASK about Am-Am Bonus for Pros

Two Islands, One Spectacular Golf Destination. Come explore the unspoiled beauty of St. Kitts and Nevis. Entry deadline is December 31, 2018.

For more info and to register contact Steve Bartkowski in the Section Office at (716) 313-2943.

**NONSTOP CONNECTION FLIGHTS FROM
MIA - ATL - EWR - CLT - JFK
DAILY SERVICE ON AMERICAN**

**SPECIAL WNYPGA FARE FROM TORONTO
USD \$675 - NONSTOP RETURN
SPACE LIMITED - ENTER NOW**



Royal St. Kitts Golf Club



Host Resort
Royal St. Kitts



The Royal Beach Casino

Official Partner



Official Host Resort



WNYPGA MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Congratulations to our most recent newly elected PGA Members!

NAME	SERVES AS	FACILITY
Erik Barzeski, PGA	Teaching Professional	Golf Evolution

Dear WNY Section Members,

It has been my great privilege and honor to be a member of your organization since 1998. Due to health concerns and a declining ability to play a respectable round of golf I have decided to let my membership expire as of 6/15/18. I also must admit that I will not miss being blamed for losing any more umbrellas!! Lol I plan on doing some teaching and playing if I feel up to it in the future but now I won't be embarrassed to get the dots I need.

Thank you to Tony Saccomanno, Chip Clover, John Daddario, Dan Antonucci, Frank Garcia, Paul Agone, and many more. I can't tell you how much I respect the members of our section for their professional skills, teaching & playing ability, and character. Golf pros make good citizens.
Long live the WNYPGA!!

- **David Green**



WESTERN NEW YORK

98-Day 100-Hole Marathon for Charity

The PGA REACH WNY Foundation prides itself on its ability to provide exceptional programs, such as PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere), PGA Junior League, and Drive, Chip and Putt to help promote and maintain the future of our game. By raising funds through the 98-Day 100-hole Marathon, PGA REACH WNY Foundation will look to establish a Growth of the Game Grant Initiative, Smiling FORE Life, Junior Golf Scholarship for local golfers pursuing a college education, and a PGA Works Diversity Fellowship. By providing these types of programs the WNYPGA is ensuring that the coming generations of golfers will have a great respect for the game, and will learn lessons that will assist them both on and off the golf course.

In Western New York, the majority of our golf season is played between Memorial Day and Labor Day (i.e. 98 days).

PGA REACH WNY 98-Day 100-Hole Marathon for Charity Details:

- ◆ Team of 4 Golfers (PGA Professionals, Amateurs, Juniors Golfers are all welcome!)
- ◆ Play 100-holes of golf in one day between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
- ◆ Play can be in any format the individuals choose.
- ◆ Pledge funds through respective networks - can be lump sum, certain dollar amount per birdie, based on how long it takes, etc. We encourage you to make it fun!
- ◆ 50% of the funds raised go to PGA REACH WNY and 50% go to another charity of your choice.

The team that raises the most money for PGA REACH WNY in 2018 will receive a complimentary Foursome into the 2019 PGA REACH Pro-Am at Oak Hill Country Club. The event will be conducted around the 2019 Senior PGA Championship and will include a round of golf on the championship course, gifts, prizes, and f & b.

To set up the date of your marathon and receive marketing materials, please contact WNYPGA Executive Director Steven Bartkowski at (716) 313-2943 or sbartkowski@pgahq.com.

Thank you for your generosity!

www.wnypga.com/foundation/ | 716-626-7095

SIGN UP TODAY!





PGA Professional, Tim Fries, Owner of Glen Oak Golf Course is a proud supporter of PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere). His goal is to provide more access to veterans. To showcase his commitment, the first employee he hired was Eddie, Vietnam veteran and PGA HOPE graduate.



2018 Duster Challenge



The Duster Challenge returns for its 3rd year at The Fox Valley Club in Lancaster NY. This putting tournament features 18 challenging holes, a match play finish, plenty of food and fun. The tournament will determine the best putter in WNY, **with a portion of proceeds to benefit the WNYPGA Section Foundation.**

[REGISTER HERE](#)



CLUBS for KIDS

L-R Bobby Hogan, Chris Kulinski, Dan Antonucci, Steve Carney and Matt Clark

On Monday, July 2, 2018...

PGA Professionals helped conduct the Junior Golf Camp at Delaware Park. With over 50 Children attending, the clinic broke into small groups to go over the basics - *driving, chipping, putting and golf course etiquette & safety.*

“They all want to play golf tomorrow and the next day and next day... We’re glad to be a part of keeping golf going for the

children,” PGA Professional, Steve Carney said in his interview discussing the program they attend every year.

Click on the video to the right to hear from Steve.



Steve Carney, PGA talks about the program

WNYPGA

TOURNAMENT CENTRAL

Moon Brook CC Charity Classic **June 18**

Moon Brook CC



WNY Assistant Tournament **June 22**

Oak Hill West



Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy Pro-Am **June 25**

Chautauqua GC



Pine Acres Pro-Am **July 9**

Pine Acres Country Club



Africa 6000 Int Pro Am Charity Classic **July 16**

The Kahkwa Club



PGA

Western New York Section



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

SECTION

1. Dwayne Randall—387.50
2. Kirk Stauffer—227.50
3. Michael Boss—191.50
4. Tim Fries—184.50
5. Rob Krajewski—170.50

SENIOR

1. Kirk Stauffer—711.50
2. Tim Fries—271.50
3. Bobby Hogan—256
4. Jack Widger—242.30
5. Michael O'Connor—215

ASSISTANT

1. Jake Eckley—28
2. Chris Shank—27
3. Greg Beringer—25
4. Christian Hoecker—23
5. Chris Zumpano—20

Moon Brook CC Charity Classic *June 18*



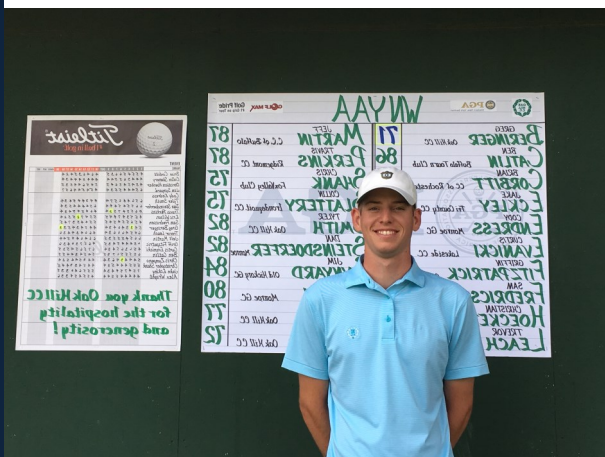
Mike Kaye , PGA

Host PGA Professional, Mike Kaye, shot a 2-under par score of 70 to defend his title at the Frank A. Farrell Jr. Moon Brook Charity Classic at Moon Brook Country Club. Kirk Stauffer, Pine Acres CC & Mike Boss, River Oaks GC tied for second with 71.

Special Thanks to Mike Kaye and the entire Staff & Membership at Moon Brook Country Club.

FINAL RESULTS

WNY Assistant Tournament *June 22*



Greg Beringer, PGA

Greg Beringer, Assistant Professional at Oak Hill Country Club, won the WNYAA Assistants event at Oak Hill CC-West Course with an even par 71. Fellow Assistant at Oak Hill, Chris Zumpano, finished 2nd with 72. Collin Slattery, Irondequoit CC and Chris Shank, The Fox Valley Club tied for 3rd with 75. Special thanks to our supporting sponsor, Golf Max/Golf Pride and to Jason Ballard, PGA Head Professional and the entire staff and membership at Oak Hill Country Club.

FINAL RESULTS

Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy Pro-Am *June 25*



L-R Dwayne Randall, Lyndon Smith, Casey Neuman, Alan Wexler

Dwayne Randall, PGA Director of Golf at Peek'n Peak Resort, fired a 6 under par 66 to win the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy Pro Am at the Chautauqua Golf Club. Tied for 2nd were Rob Krajewski (Orchard Park CC) & Kirk Stauffer (Pine Acres CC). The Team of Dwayne Randall, Lyndon Smith, Casey Neuman and Alan Wexler won the 2 BB of 4 Pro Am with a 22 under par 122. Special Thanks to Troy Moss, PGA Host Professional, his entire staff & the membership at Chautauqua Golf Club and the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy.

FINAL RESULTS

Pine Acres Pro-Am *July 9*



Dwayne Randall, PGA Director of Golf from Peek'n Peak Resort, won the WNYPGA Pine Acres Pro Am with a 4 under par score of 68. 2nd place went to Bobby Hogan (River Oaks GC) with 69 and 3rd place went to PGA Host Professional Kirk Stauffer with 70. The team of Jason Piurkoski, PGA, Dave Reid, Dan Brinsky & Pat Vigliotta won the Pro Am 2 BB of 4 competition with a 18 under par score of 126. Special Thanks to Host PGA Professional Kirk Stauffer and to the entire Staff & Membership at Pine Acres Country Club.

FINAL RESULTS

Africa 6000 Int Pro Am Charity Classic *July 16*



Dwayne Randall, PGA Director of Golf at Peek'n Peak Resort and Tom Keenan, PGA Life Member, both shot even score rounds of 72 to tie for 1st place in the Africa 6000 Pro Am Charity Classic at The Kahkwa Club.

The Team of Scott Jenkins, PGA, Keith Richards, Dale Lesinski, Gary Winner and Mike Anderson won the Pro Am Scramble Event with a 19 under par 53.

Thanks to Michael O'Connor, PGA Director of Golf and the entire staff and membership at the Kahkwa Club. Special Thanks to all of the volunteers with Africa 6000 International for their dedicated charity.

FINAL RESULTS



STUART MILLER GOLF SALES

PROUD SPONSOR OF WNY PGA PRO-ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP



SUNDOG
EYEWEAR

TOUCH OF CLASS BLANKETS



TEL (518) 383-0971 CELL (518) 527-5208

STUARTMILLERGOLF@GMAIL.COM

47 VIA DA VINCI, CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. 12065

COMPLIMENTARY ACCESS

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

PGA of America Members, Associates, PGA Students and accompanying immediate family (spouse, children and his and her parents. Does not include member's grandparents, brothers/sisters, spouse of children, etc.). Must show Membership Card and photo I.D. each day. PGA Members (only) may bring a guest instead of their spouse.



BE SOCIAL WNY



WNYPGA
@WNYPGA

Fun day @TheKahkwaClub playing golf and raising money for #Africa6000International. Congrats to the co-champs @tkalldaypga and @dwayne_randall !



Follow us on
Instagram

Instagram

@WNYPGA



43
posts

171
followers

118
following

Promote

Edit Profile

WNYPGA

Organization

Official Instagram of Western NY PGA.

Founded in 1925, the Western New York PGA and its over 275 PGA

Professionals help to grow the game of golf.

public.pgascor.net/leaderboards/lobby.cfm

+

New



WNYPGA Jr...



Drive Chip...

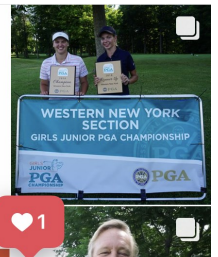
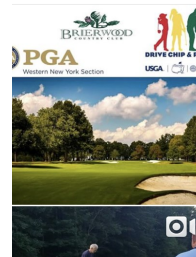


Children Pr...



PGA HOPE

Email



Twitter

@WNYPGA



Western New York PGA

June 27 at 12:26 PM · 🌐

We had a great time at our #PGAHOPE program this summer! PGA HOPE introduces golf to Veterans to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. Thank you to all those who have served. Visit the link to view all pictures! #WNYPGA #PGA <http://ow.ly/wiFv30kH3DN>



Facebook

Western New York PGA

