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Letter from Kirk Stauffer, Western New York PGA President

It seems the season is off to a slow start. Poor weather has certainly affected a generally upbeat spring. Hopefully, the summer will bring lots of sunshine and less rain. We hope everyone has a terrific summer and fall golf season.

Well, the anchoring debate has finally come to an end. As of 2016, anchoring will be banned. The USGA has ruled and we all have to live with their ruling. I sure hope this decision does not affect our great game in a negative way.

Joe Bertino and I had the distinct pleasure of playing Oak Hill Country Club, host of the 95th PGA Championship, Monday, June 3. We were paired with Oak Hill member and tournament director Mr. John Post. Our day began on the 18th hole with Mr. Post holing his third shot. What a way to start the day. After golf, Oak Hill CC provided us with lunch. After lunch, we were joined by Vice President, Jeff Mietus and Tournament Chairman, Rob Horak for Rory McIlroy's press conference. It was a special day shared with special people. Thank you very much to Mr. Craig Harmon, PGA Golf Professional and his staff for hosting such a wonderful day. Section Vice President, Jeff Mietus and Tournament Chairman, Rob Horak played in the afternoon and I'm sure their day was filled with lots of memories, as well.

The entire Western New York PGA should be excited to have the PGA Championship in Rochester this year and I hope you all will contribute in some way. We need a lot of help to insure this championship is the best.

Lastly, please join me in thanking, in advance, all our Professionals who have volunteered their time to help at the PGA Championship this year. I know it is a huge commitment but it is much appreciated by our Section Office. I know this is a huge endeavor, but with the help of everyone, we will make it happen.

Good Golfing,
Kirk

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*Your donation will help introduce golf to the youth,
physically challenged, military and female golfers
through various Western New York PGA Foundation
Programs....**Make a Difference Today!***

******Attached to this newsletter are separate donation forms with different ways to give to the foundation and back to your community******

All donors will be recognized on a national stage at the 95th PGA Championship.

Thank you in advance for your contribution!



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Letter from Joe Bertino, Western New York PGA Executive Director

With just under two months to go until the PGA Championship at Oak Hill CC, it is truly hard to believe that we're rapidly approaching the middle of our summer already! All of our PGA Championship on-site volunteer shifts have been filled, and we're filling up all of our other section tournaments and events at what seems like an outstanding pace! Thank you to all of you for being so pro-active in signing up for these activities.

For the record, as Kirk alluded to in his column, we had just a super day with an outstanding group at Oak Hill for media day, but what Kirk humbly omitted was that his game was outstanding (as usual). Playing from the tips with Championship hole locations, he shot 73, missing only 1 fairway. (The rough was quite healthy, I actually lost my caddie in it for a short period).

Our PGA HOPE Program kicks off this month in Buffalo, the PGA REACH Pro Am is coming soon, and our Play Golf America Days are just around the corner as well. Please remember that although Labor Day is traditionally Patriot Golf Day, there is no bad time to host your own event and raise money for the Folds of Honor Foundation! Any format, and any amount raised are all welcomed, let's see if we can get to the top of the sections for donated funds this year- veterans' issues are a growing concern, and we can all probably help in some way to show our appreciation for those who serve and protect us.

It won't be long before these articles allude to the ending of our season, so make sure to take advantage of the opportunities that lie before you, they'll soon be past!

I hope you all are having a wonderful season, I look forward to seeing you at our summer events.

Regards,

Joe Bertino, PGA
WNYPGA Executive Director

PGA DUES REMINDER - DEADLINE JUNE 30th

Just a reminder that PGA Annual Dues are due 6/30/2013! If you have an email on file with PGA, you will not receive a "hard copy" bill. PLEASE make a note of this due date, and if your club's office takes care of your dues, make sure they have done so. Every year some clubs do not submit in time and it results in some hefty late fees for our PGA Professionals.

Please feel free to contact the Membership Services Department at (800) 474-2776 for assistance with paying dues.

Please pay them today!

WNYPGA FOUNDATION DONATIONS

The WNYPGA Section would like to thank all of the following facilities and PGA Professionals for their donations this year to the WNYPGA Foundation. This support is crucial to carry on the mission of the foundation which was started in 2011.

Mission Statement:

The Foundation was created with a goal of providing support to various organizations in the Buffalo, Rochester, Erie and the Southern Tier through the game of golf. With a focus on benevolence, the foundation will look to fund various programs such as the Western New York Section PGA Junior Golf and various underprivileged youth golf programs. Another focus of the foundation will be to partner with a variety of initiatives that serve the physically challenged, the Military, and female golf.

WNYPGA Facilities

Blue Heron Hills GC (Brian Tolnar, PGA)
Byrnclyff Resort (Al Stein, PGA)
Conesus GC (Kevin Regan, PGA)
East Aurora CC (Chris Kulinski, PGA)
Midvale CC (Mike Kiel, PGA)
Monroe GC (Jim Mrva, PGA)
Niagara Falls CC (John Boss, PGA)
Ravenwood GC (Mike Roeder, PGA)

WNYPGA Professionals

Dan Antonucci, PGA
Chip Clover, PGA
Mike Dziabo, PGA
Tim Fries, PGA
Chris Kulinski, PGA
Kirk Stauffer, PGA
Brian Tolnar, PGA

Ways to Give

Individual PGA Professionals, Sales Representatives, Sponsors and Businesses please see attached ***Pledge Form for a donation of a minimum of \$100.***

WNYPGA Facilities can fill out the attached ***Western New York Section PGA Championship Corporate Hospitality Form*** and with a donation of a minimum of \$200 the facility will receive:

Placement on the PGA Championship Corporate Hospitality Outing List
Ticket for One and a Guest to the WNYPGA Section Hospitality Party at Oak Hill CC on August 6th
Two Practice Round Tickets to the PGA Championship Practice Round on August 6th



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Contributions to the Western New Section PGA Foundation, Inc. are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Contributions of any amount should be made payable to Western New York Section PGA, Foundation, Inc. and sent to Western New York Section PGA, P.O. Box 1728, Williamsville, NY 14231-1728. Thank you for your contributions and support of junior golf and diversity programs spread throughout Western New York and Erie, Pennsylvania.

Award Nomination Forms Due July 1st



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Please [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD WNYPGA SECTION AWARD NOMINATION FORM](#). Forms are due in the WNYPGA Section Office by July 1st. Mail/E-mail/Fax form to the section office staff to nominate the best candidate. The nomination form can also be found on the Award Winners tab on www.westernnewyork.pga.com.

2013 WNYPGA Section Awards:

WNYPGA Professional of the Year is to honor the working club professional whose total contributions to the game best exemplify the complete PGA golf professional. While the honor is based on the candidate's entire record, special emphasis is placed on performance and achievement over the past five years in the following criteria: overall performance as a golf professional at his/her club, service to PGA Section and Association, leadership ability, image and ability to inspire fellow professionals and promotion of golf.

WNYPGA Horton Smith Award is designed to give special recognition to an individual golf professional for outstanding and continuing contributions to professional education.

Bill Strausbaugh Award is to honor a PGA member for service to his/her association, service to his/her fellow PGA professionals in helping them improve their employment situations, and service to the community.

WNYPGA Teacher of the Year Award is based on the professional's overall performance in teaching; unusual, innovative and special teaching programs the professional has initiated or played a key role in implementing; articles written in books and magazines; as well as outstanding golfers the professional has instructed.

Assistant Professional of the Year Award was established in 1998 to honor an Assistant Professional who has gone beyond the call of duty to promote the game of golf, their place of employment, and the WNYPGA.

President's Plaque is to honor a PGA Member that has contributed significantly and shown achievements in the area of player development through Play Golf America and Growth of the Game Programs.

2013 PGA Merchandisers of the Year recognizes those WNYPGA professionals who have excelled as businessmen/merchandisers in the promotion of golf. This person shall have demonstrated skill in the planning of sales by presenting products to his/her market on a timely basis, and through the use of special merchandising techniques such as displays, advertising, etc.

Junior Golf Leader Award recognizes the WNYPGA Professional who is a leader in junior golf and who reflects the ideals of those who work with youth. Work by this PGA professional includes involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at club level and support for national golf programs. The interest, concern and ability to provide opportunities and experience for juniors to learn and play golf are qualities of a successful junior golf leader.

Media Representative of the Year Award was established in 1998 to honor a media representative who promotes the PGA and by doing so helps to elevate the organization to a new level of respect and prestige throughout the Western New York area.

Sales Representative of the Year Award was established in 1998 to honor a Sales Representative who partners with the professionals of the Western New York Section in order to enhance the golf professional's business.



Oak Hill Country Club East– June 17th, 2013

Thank you to the following WNYPGA Facilities and PGA Professionals/Apprentices who will be participating in the PGA REACH Pro-Am on Monday, June 17th.

Bartlett CC - Terry Stiltner, PGA
Blue Heron Hills GC - Brian Tolnar, PGA
Kahkwa Club - Michael O'Connor, PGA
Monroe GC - Jim Mrva, PGA
Moon Brook CC - Tim Greene
Ridgemont CC- Ben Wilson, PGA

The event promises to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for all of the amateurs involved. Each of your contributions to the WNYPGA Foundation makes a huge difference on the impact that the WNYPGA Section can make in the community.

Remaining Volunteer Opportunities



Please call the WNYPGA Section Office (716) 626-7095 to help out!

Saturday, August 3rd - Buffalo Bisons Family Fun Zone @ Coca-Cola Field - **4 Pros Needed**

Sunday, August 4th - Family Fun Zone @ Pittsford Town Park - **5 Pros Needed**

Thank you to all the WNYPGA Professionals who have already volunteered their time!



CO-OP JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

****Host Facility Needed for Monday, August 12th****

Monday, August 12, 2013 (9:00am-10:30am & 10:30am-12:00pm)

TOPIC: Driver/Tee Shot, Chipping & Putting

Location: **NEEDED**

Session Details:

Location will host 36 juniors per session (12-1 Junior: Pro) In addition each professional will have 1-2 volunteers from the RDGA & NYSGA assisting him or her with their station. All three PGA Professionals at each site will receive \$100.00/each for his or hers time spent teaching the junior program. The program is open to children between the ages of 11 to 14 and each station will run approximately 25 minutes before switching to the next station.

If you or your facility would be interested in hosting this program in the Rochester area, please contact Brian Tolnar at (585) 355-7073 or via email: btolnar@blueheronhillsgc.com. If the August 12th date is an issue Brian would be willing to switch his facility date of July 29th.



The ANAdeeds WNYPGA Junior Tour is well under way and having another successful year. The tour reached its highest number of participants in the past few years with 240 junior golfers. We would like to thank the sponsor ANAdeeds, WNYPGA facilities and host PGA Professionals that are hosting a junior tour event this year. The success of the tour would not be possible without each of you.

Our section is in the second year of the Pee Wee Tour and it is continuing to grow. The plan is to host one more Pee Wee Clinic before the season begins. If you have, or know, a junior age 5-9 looking to be introduced to the game of golf please call the WNYPGA Section office ASAP.

The Western New York Junior PGA Championship will be held at Harvest Hill GC on July 10th. The first place male and first place female will qualify for a chance to compete for the 38th Junior PGA Championship at Trump National GC in Sterling, VA. Please don't let any of your junior members miss out on this great opportunity!



Proud Sponsor of the 28th Annual Coors Western New York Section Championship

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August 19-20, 2013



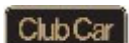



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| Sponsor | Event | Winners | Results |
|---|--|---|------------------------------|
|  | WNYAA Ridgemont CC | Eric Mabee | View Results |
|  | TaylorMade Senior Junior Pro-Pro/Pro-Am - Ridgemont CC | Sr/Jr: Bob King-Nick Luther Pro-Am: Kirk Stauffer-Ryan Swanson-Keith Stauffer-Nolan Swanson | View Results |
|  | Titleist Scratch Pro-Am - Brook-Lea CC | Mark Kirk - Raman Luthra | View Results |
|  | *Make a Wish Foundation Pro-Am - Webster GC | Individual: Eric Mabee Pro-Am: Eric Mabee-Jeff Lowenguth-Bob Stevenson-Mark Peterson | View Results |
|  | *Club Car WNY Open - Niagara Falls CC | Pro: Dwayne Randall Senior Pro: Mark Kirk/Kirk Stauffer Amateur: Dan Yustin | View Results |
|  | WNYAA Brookfield CC | Liam Friedman | View Results |
|  | *Seneca Allegany Casino & Hotel Pro-Am - Elkdale CC | Individual: Dwayne Randall/Kirk Stauffer Pro-Am: Greg Kaye-Randy Shaw-Mike Neary-Kyle Reynolds-Bob Kelly | View Results |
|  | WNYAA Park CC | Alex Weir | View Results |
|  | Yamaha Pro-Official - Penfield CC | Caledonia CC: Todd Riolo-Phillip Cammilleri-Dick Maulfair-Ernie Baker | View Results |
|  | *Lawrence Park Pro-Am Invitational - Lawrence Park GC | Individual: Tim Fries Pro-Am: David Wedzik-David Irwin-Matt Turk-John Collins | View Results |
|  | *Bartlett Pro-Am presented by the Wilday Group at Morgan Stanley-Bartlett CC | Individual: Liam Friedman Pro-Am: Liam Friedman-Tim Jones-Scott Folts-Mark Stavish | View Results |

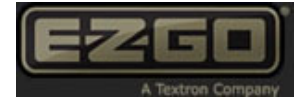
Thank you to our sponsors and host facilities!

The WNYPGA would like to thank our Sponsors!

If your company is interested in a sponsorship in 2013 there are still many opportunities available. Please contact Joe Bertino @ jbertino@pgahq.com.

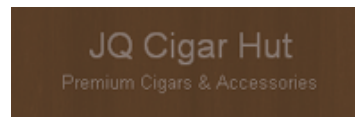


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WESTERN NEW YORK SECTION PGA CHAMPIONSHIP CORPORATE HOSPITALITY

The Section office will be forwarding the contact information below from participating facilities to the PGA Championship coordinators for their exclusive list of corporate hospitality patrons. **Please fill out the form below in its entirety and include payment of \$200. Form and payment can be mailed to the section office: P.O. Box 1728, Williamsville, NY 14231.**

PLEASE PRINT:

FACILITY: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

DAYS AVAILABLE FOR OUTINGS (Please check ALL, Days of Week or Create Specific List):

ALL _____ Mondays _____ Tuesdays _____ Wednesdays _____ Thursdays _____ Fridays _____ Saturdays _____ Sundays _____

Specific Days Available _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Check Made Payable to: WNYPGA Foundation or Pay by Credit Card by calling (716) 626-7095 and Fax this form to (716) 626-5308.

Please indicate if you require the following: Invoice for Payment _____

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I _____ pledge to raise at least \$100.00 for the
Western New York Section PGA Foundation. You may raise these funds anyway you deem necessary.
Your name, club and/or company will be highlighted on our website as active participants

Please Print:

Name: _____ Club: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please return your Pledge Certificate to one of the Western New York Section PGA Foundation Committee Members or Section Staff

Thank you!