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NOTE FROM JOE BERTINO,

WESTERN NEW YORK PGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear WNYPGA Professional,

Isn't it amazing? Before you know it, we all find ourselves as busy as all get out! Anyone concerned about the health of the game ought to take notice of Western New York– Courses have healed from the brutal winter and lousy spring, our tournament schedule is running full speed ahead with fantastic competitions, and our WNYPGA junior tour, with over 230 members this year, is reaching its final stretch toward the season-ending tour championship. It is encouraging to drive past courses bustling with activity, and we find ourselves just a few weeks shy of the 4th of July!

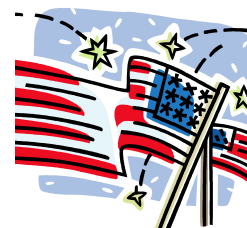
Earlier this month many of you took part in a fabulous day with David Windsor, PGA, broadening your teaching skills to enable you to work with an ever-widening demographic, our veterans returning from overseas. The growing awareness of their needs is overwhelming, and programs that you provide such as our PGA HOPE lessons prove to be invaluable to them, according to those that provide their professional medical care. With 3 programs section-wide for 2014, you can be sure that we are truly doing all we can to do our share.

Our section award nominations are due July 1st, as are your PGA dues. PLEASE take a moment to nominate someone you feel worthy of a section award – the awards form is available right on our website. If your facility takes care of your dues for you, double check with your office to make sure they did so– the late fees are hefty indeed!

Registration is open for all 3 PGA National Championships, so be sure to register at pgalinks.com or call PGA before it is too late to compete!

Also, check out the information in this letter regarding other key PGA initiatives to take part in!

Regards,
Joe Bertino, PGA
Executive Director, WNYPGA



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National Car Rental WNYPGA Las Vegas Pro Am

!!!!JUST A FEW SPOTS REMAINING!!!!

October 11-16, Las Vegas Paiute Resort

Each PGA Professional will receive **A GUARANTEED \$600** in professional fees, with total prizes of \$3625 daily purses based on a full field of 25 teams. Amateur entry fees are only \$960 including three tournament rounds, deluxe lunch all three days, post-round beverages, great tee gifts, daily prizes, National Car Rental Emerald Club Membership* daily on-course prizes (if registered), all tournament administration, and club storage during the three days of golf. Additional daily additional prizes courtesy of National Car Rental for Emerald Club Members (**FREE MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE TO ALL OF YOUR AMATEUR PARTNERS**). Again, this is a FREE membership that gives your amateurs the same great service you enjoy as a PGA Member with your complimentary NCR Emerald Club Membership when renting vehicles.

THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 25 TEAMS, at 25 teams we are guaranteed golf course exclusivity, **ONLY OUR 100 PLAYERS** will be on the course!

-----WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW!-----

In order to compete in this year's event, **EACH TEAM MUST BOOK A MINIMUM OF TWO ROOMS** at either Bally's or Paris as part of our group by April 15th.

ANY SPOTS NOT CLAIMED WITH DEPOSITS FROM RETURNING TEAMS FROM 2013 BY APRIL 1ST ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS TO ELIGIBLE WNYPGA PGA PROFESSIONALS.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL PGA EVENTS IN OUR SECTION!



Western New York Professional Championship 7/21-22 at Cobblestone Creek CC
DEADLINE IS TUESDAY JULY 8th. Register at pgalinks.com, pgatournaments.com, or by calling 1-800-474-2776!



Western New York Senior Professional Championship 8/25-26 at Crag Burn GC
DEADLINE IS TUESDAY JULY 15th. Register at pgalinks.com, pgatournaments.com, or by calling 1-800-474-2776!



Western New York Assistant Championship 9/3 at Seneca Hickory Stick GC
DEADLINE IS TUESDAY JULY 22nd. Register at pgalinks.com, pgatournaments.com, or by calling 1-800-474-2776!



National Car Rental WNYPGA Rochester Classic
Monroe Golf Club, Pittsford, NY
Monday July 28th

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE FIRST OF TWO GREAT WNYPGA PRO AM EVENTS PRESENTED BY NATIONAL CAR RENTAL! In 2014, we are proud to team up with National Car Rental, The Community Foundation, and the PGA of America to contribute to a most worthy cause, the Reach for the Green Scholarship fund. Since 2008, this program has enabled seven Rochester City School district children to attend college. Don't miss your chance to play in this annual section event and be part of a fantastic community development program! Visit www.westernnewyork.pga.com to register today– Space is limited, Members will have preference should this event sell out prior to two weeks in advance!

Drive, Chip, & Putt Registrations are going strong!



As of 6/17:

July 1 @ Eagle Vale GC has 92 entries to date.

July 8 @ Harvest Hill GC has 151 entries to date.

July 9 @ JC Martin GC has 52 entries to date.

Winners in each boys and girls age group from here will advance to Ravenwood GC's sub-regional qualifier in early August.

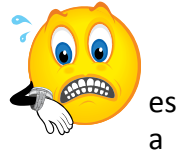


We have been working with local amateur organizations to seek out volunteers, and YOU have the opportunity to assist as well in this fabulous joint-venture! The PGA Board of Control has approved the awarding of 2 PGA-Required MSR credits for 5 to 8 hours of time, and 1 MSR for 4 hours of service. If you are able to participate, please contact our junior intern Maggie Horan @ mhoran@pgahq.com to sign up. Shifts at each site are available from 7am to noon, or from 11am until 4pm.

This important initiative takes a great stride toward growing the game through offering exciting and easy competitions for juniors of all abilities and walks of life, all with the chance to earn an invitation to Augusta National to compete in the finals in the spring of 2015,

MSR CYCLE UPDATE

Worried about your current MSR obligations? Don't panic! While the clock is indeed ticking toward the end of the cycle (June/2015), the PGA recently released 11 complimentary courses that award 1 PGA-Required credit each. They are available at pgalinks.com, and require just a bit of reading and a follow-up test to receive these credits.



PGA DUES REMINDER!



Please make sure that you have paid your PGA Dues– they **MUST** be received by PGA no later than July 1st- We know that many of you have your club offices pay your dues. Avoid hefty late charges and missing the opportunity to participate in events as an active PGA Member- You can always check your dues balance online at pgalinks.com or by calling 1-800-474-2776!


2014 PGA HOPE PROGRAM

Thanks to the efforts of WNYPGA Professionals Brian Tolnar, Sean Moffat and Jeff Mietus, there will be 3 separate HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) programs section-wide this summer! If you are interested in participating, PLEASE contact one of these fellow PGA Professionals to offer your assistance. Don't miss your chance to give a little bit back to those who served on your behalf- It will truly be one of the most rewarding experiences of your career!



Save the Date!!!



Many thanks to Jeff Randall, PGA, Nuttall Golf Cars and Yamaha, on Monday August 11th the WNYPGA will host its Summer Barbeque at the WNYPGA Section Office, 8265 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, NY, (a few miles down the road from the CC of Buffalo) following the first round of play of the Coors WNYPGA Section Championship. The event is FREE and open to all Members and apprentices, feel free to bring your spouse or date, and your favorite dish to pass! 

Calling all Amateurs- Play Golf, WNY!



July 5th & 6th– Erie County Amateur Championship– Open to all Erie County Amateurs meeting handicap limits– go to the tournaments page to register!

.....and 

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ANY AMATEUR RESIDING WITHIN OUR BOUNDARIES!!!!

Monday, July 14– Niagara Falls CC Play Golf, WNY! Day– 1:00pm shotgun start, complete info available on the tournaments page or by calling the WNYPGA Office at 716-626-7095!

Saturday July 26– Niagara Frontier CC Play Golf, WNY! Day– 1:00pm shotgun start, complete info on the tournaments page or by calling the WNYPGA Office at 716-626-7095!



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PGA HOPE PROGRAM-ADAPTIVE GOLF TRAINING WITH DAVID WINDSOR, PGA **Transit Valley CC, Wednesday, June 11, 2014**



David Windsor, PGA



Prosthetics for disabled students



Jeff Mietus (l) works with Bob Gosch



**Newly elected Member Tom Maloney (r)
speaks with John Engel from our 2013 HOPE class!**



Jeff Beaver (l) works with Bob (2013 class)



**The whole gang— teacher, trainers, staff, and
new & former students!**



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Western New York Section (complete results at www.westernwyork.pga.com)

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TOURNAMENT NEWS



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WNYPGA Spring 4-Ball (Transit Valley CC)	Michael O'Connor/Ron Coleman/Mike Dziabo	-10
	Tim Fries/Scott Arnold/Pierre Meldrum/Jim Edmister	-10
	Mike Kaye/Tim Falkner/Tim Davis/Rick Schriefer	-10


 TaylorMade Senior Junior  (Ridgemont CC) 	Pro-Pro- Tim Fries & Rodney Blair	69
	Pro-Am- Tim Fries, Rodney Blair, Frank Pingtella, & Eric Rosen	135

Titleist (Stafford CC)	Titliest Scratch Pro-Am Eric Haile & Jim Scorse	67
	Mark Kirk & Raman Luthra	67

Make-A-Wish Foundation Pro-Am (Webster GC)	Low Pro Dwayne Randall	70
	Team Rob Krajewski/Jamie Miller/Ron Wheeler/Nancy Wheeler	130

 Club Car WNY Open (Wanakah CC)	Pro Rob Horak	68
	Sr Pro Rob Horak	68
	Amateur Nick Morreale	73

Seneca Allegany Casino & Hotel Pro Am (Elkdale CC)	Pro Lon Nielsen	69
	Team Rick Schriefer/Alex Weir/Rick Inglut/Gary Keppel/Tim Bobsein	119

 YAMAHA (Mendon GC)	Yamaha Pro Officer Steve Bordner/Marc Salzman/Bob August/Mark Miller	142
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Lawrence Park GC Pro Am Invitational	Pro Kirk Stauffer	69
	Team Mike Kiel/Mark Noce/Carney Metzgar/Eric Stitt	125
	Eddie Suchora/David Irwin/Matt Turk/John Collins	125

Bartlett CC Pro Am	Pro Bobby Hogan	67
	Team Kirk Stauffer/Mark Stavish/Joe Guenther/Mike Amore	126
	Jack Widger/Skip Wilday/Dana Cornell/Dan Strauch	126

Children's Hospital Pro Am (Park CC)	Pro- Lon Nielsen	69
	Team- Kirk Stauffer/Chris Swiatek/Anthony Habib/Walter McFarlane/Brian Kumiega/Mark Rittling	53

Frank Farrell Jr. Moon Brook Charity Classic (Moon Brook CC)	Pro Mike Kaye	68
	Lon Nielsen	68
	Team Dwayne Randall/John Gren/Peter Morgante/Mike Moyer	122

Western New York Assistants Association Player of the Year Point standings through 6/17

1st- Eric Mabee, Oak Hill CC	58 points
2nd- Tim Falkner, Park CC	46.5 points
3rd- Cody Endress, Cobblestone Creek CC	39 points
4th- Rodney Blair, Transit Valley CC	33 points
5th- Joshua Slawiak, Springville CC	32 points

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