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Letter from Kirk Stauffer, Western New York PGA President

The 2012 golfing season is coming to an end or is over for most of us. It's now time to decompress and reflect on what a wonderful season it was. 2013 is upon us and I'm sure the planning stages are underway at your club, as it is at the Section office.

Your Officers joined me, along with Executive Director, Joe Bertino and Board Member, Tim Fries at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, November 8-10. The highlights of the meeting were the passing of two resolutions and the election of our association's new Secretary of the PGA, Mr. Paul Levy.

The two resolutions passed were resolution #1, a clean up to older life members regarding meeting attendance. Resolution #6 was also passed referring to a grace period granted to Apprentices who become ineligible employed through no fault of their own. Your delegation voted for both these resolutions and against the other 4. You can access all the results on PGA links.

As for the exciting election for Secretary of the PGA, we voted for Paul Levy and lobbied for his campaign. We feel that Paul's expertise will provide the leadership the association needs. After 5 ballots, the election was resolved.

Thank you and good golfing,

-Kirk Stauffer, PGA
President

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Letter from Joe Bertino

Western New York PGA Executive Director

What a great event we recently returned from in the PGA Annual Meeting in Baltimore! It is fascinating to watch the entire governance process take place during the informal session and the business meeting proper, and quite interesting to hear from all sides regarding proposed resolutions and candidate elections. Rest assured, strong voices are heard on both sides of nearly every item, a great way to ensure that the direction of our association stays a steady course for the future. Please take the opportunity to watch the video segments of the entire meeting, it will give you quite an insight into the amount of work that actually gets done when the PGA convenes- Hopefully, if you've not been able to do so yet, you will be able to attend an annual meeting when it returns to an accessible location.

As a reminder, you can earn an easy 2 credits for updating your CareerLinks profile at pgalinks.com. It takes just a few short minutes to update your profile so that you can receive relevant job notices, and **MUST** be completed by 12/31 for you to remain active in CareerLinks. Please note that this tool is the only one that handles release notices of management positions (Head Professional and higher), so it is well worth the time to make sure you've accurately updated your qualifications, the career positions (and locations) that you are interested in and for which you are most qualified.

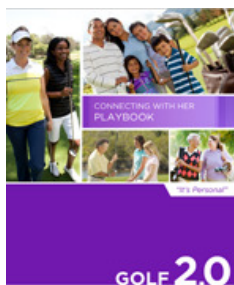
The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program application is now available at pgalinks.com on the very front page- Children and grandchildren of PGA Members have until March 15th, 2013 to apply, and the application must be completed in one session.

In this newsletter you will find information on the volunteer shifts that the WNYPGA is required to fill for the upcoming PGA Championship at Oak Hill CC next August- Registration is now open for the entire week's duties, so please contact the section office to get the shifts that you want to fill! An updated assignment sheet will be available on our Member side of our website for you to reference going forward- Let's fill it early and show PGA that our section is an active and dedicated group of hard working PGA Professionals!

-Joe Bertino, PGA
Executive Director

Of all the hazards, fear is the worst.

- Sam Snead



GOLF 2.0 UPDATE... Women are a powerful consumer group that makes and influences purchase decisions - they also have great interest in the game of golf. Visit www.pgalinks.com or www.golf20.net to download your digital copy of **"Connecting With Her" Playbook**, which is a tactical resource to help engage this consumer group.



2013 PGA Championship WNYPGA Volunteer Information

Below are basic job descriptions and general shifts for the week of next year's PGA Championship at Oak Hill CC. Please contact the WNYPGA Section Office at 716-626-7095 to fill shifts. You are required to volunteer two days at Oak Hill CC to be eligible to receive your volunteer package (shirts and hat). The Community Relations Youth Clinic is off-site at Genesee Valley GC and will have separate uniforms. **PLEASE** make every effort to help out as much as possible! Rob Horak will be our section liaison charged with filling volunteer shifts at Oak Hill CC, while Jon Hoecker is the WNYPGA's point person and organizer of the Community Relations Youth Clinic.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS YOUTH CLINIC (@ Genesee Valley GC, Jon Hoecker)-
Approximately 25-30 WNYPGA Professionals are needed to conduct an off-site youth clinic for somewhere between 200-250 juniors from various charitable organizations. Clinic times approximately 9:00am-12:00pm.

SECTION REGISTRATION (28 total volunteers): Register daily volunteers for their assigned shifts, distribute arm bands, radios, job descriptions, and any other items PGA wishes to have distributed. Responsible for making sure all volunteers are present entire shift, and for retrieving all previously distributed items from volunteers. Basic shifts are 6am-1pm and 1pm through closing, two volunteers per day Monday through Sunday.

PUTTING AREA AND PRACTICE RANGE (80 volunteers): Monitor facilities to make sure unauthorized individuals do not gain access, identify contestants and place name plates behind them, distribute practice balls, and check for official arm bands used by instructors, managers, and manufacturers. General shifts are dawn to noon and noon until dusk each day of the Championship week.

STARTING BOARDS AND #1 & #10 TEES (27 volunteers): Only during practice rounds, volunteers at #1 & #10 will radio in who started when and where. Volunteers at Starting Boards will update those boards to reflect who is where on the course. During tournament rounds, section staff will update the day's starting times at the beginning of the day. Practice Round shifts from 7am-noon and noon-5pm.

PGA LEARNING CENTER (6000 square foot area featuring hitting bays, video analysis, stage)-56 Volunteers: Volunteer PGA Professionals to provide 10 minute lessons in various aspects of the game (full swing, short game, putting). Shifts from 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm.

NEW Employment Opportunity

Brook-Lea CC in Rochester, NY is looking to hire a 2nd Assistant Professional. This is an entry level position with possible future advancement or placement. Salary commensurate with experience, season dates approximately April 15th through October 15th.

Please send resume with references to:

PGA Head Professional Jon Hoecker at hoeckerj@brookleacc.com

Employment Briefs...Be sure to check Tom Kendrick's latest employment briefs on the member side of www.westernnewyork.pga.com.

2012 WNYPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am

A total of twenty-five foursomes headed to Las Vegas, Nevada to enjoy the season-ending three day event. The teams played at TPC Las Vegas, Dragon Ridge CC and the Concord Course at Revere GC. Pro-Am teams led by PGA Members Dirk Hartman (Tri-County CC), Mike D'Agostino (Penfield CC), Terry Stiltner (Bartlett CC) and Eddie Suchora (Park CC) took top places in the 2012 WNYPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am. Each winning PGA Professional receives a coveted "PGA" ring donated by Gary Grelick and BOMI Jewelers - deepest thanks to Gary for his continued support for this annual event.

Section Event Participation History

Are you a WNYPGA Member who played in Section Events in 2012 and would like to see which events you played in, and how much you were charged for each event?

If this is so, please follow the steps below:

1. Visit www.pgalinks.com
2. Click on "Section Event Registration" on the top right hand side of the screen under login information.
3. Click on the drop down box for "Which PGA Section?" and choose the Western New York Section.
4. Click on "Register Now" for the only event listed - 2012 Participation History.
5. In Step 1, type in your last name and PGA ID and click "log in".
6. Scroll down and select "Click HERE to view your event participation history".

Section News

We are sad to inform you that Jason Leising, a former WNYPGA Member and PGA Assistant Professional at Brookfield CC, died unexpectedly late this week in his home in Michigan. He is survived by his wife Ann Marie and was currently serving as PGA Head Professional at The Moors Club in Kalamazoo.

WELCOME TO WESTERN NEW YORK

Steven Bordner has been announced as the Head PGA Professional at Irondequoit CC. Congratulations and welcome to Steven who has come from the Northern Ohio Section!

NEWLY ELECTED PGA MEMBERS

Jeff St. John from High Performance Golf in Rochester, NY was elected to PGA Membership this past October. Congratulations Jeff!

Adam Singer from Whispering Woods GC was also elected to membership and will be the head PGA Professional at Whispering Woods GC. Way to go Adam!

APPRENTICE CORNER

Congratulations to both Tim Greene and Rob Krajewski who are now registered PGA Apprentices in the section. Good luck to both Tim and Rob as they work towards PGA Membership!

WELCOME TO THE CLUB

HALF CENTURY CLUB

Paul Schojan was elected to membership on October 3rd, 1962.

Ray Ziats was elected to membership on October 3rd, 1962.

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB

John Kajfasz was elected to membership on April 1st, 1987.

Tom Mulka was elected to membership on August 1st, 1987.

Jack Widger was elected to membership on September 1st, 1987.

Mike Judy was elected to membership on November 1st, 1987.

Jeff Kaye was elected to membership on November 1st, 1987.



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2012 Section Award Winners

Professional of the Year

Scott Jenkins, PGA

Junior Golf Leader

Brian Tolnar, PGA

Teacher of the Year

Jerry Coleman, PGA

Assistant of the Year

Jeff Mietus, PGA

Presidents Plaque

Matt Clark, PGA

Media Representative

Brian Koziol

Horton Smith Award

Kirk Stauffer, PGA

Bill Strausbaugh

Dan Antonucci, PGA

Merchandiser (Private)

Tim Fries, PGA

Merchandiser (Semi Private)

Kirk Stauffer, PGA

Merchandiser (Resort)

Bob King, PGA

Sales Representative

Gary Chittenden

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2012 Tournament Award Winners

Player of the Year

Dwayne Randall, PGA

Senior Player of the Year

Kirk Stauffer, PGA

Section Champion

Alex Weir, PGA

Match Play Champion

Liam Friedman, PGA

Senior Champion

Rob Horak, PGA

Super Senior Champion

Denny Lyons, PGA

Classic Senior Champion

Ed Pfister, PGA

Professional Champion

Dwayne Randall, PGA

Assistant Professional Champion

Alex Weir, PGA

WNYAA Player of the Year

Eric Mabee

Tour Champion

Tim Fries, PGA



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