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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, let me congratulate all the event winners on our WNYPGA Tour and the WNYPGA Junior Tour this season. I feel we had a wonderful tournament schedule this year for all and I certainly look forward to the 2013 golfing season with the addition the PGA Championship at Oak Hill CC, August 8th-11th.

The national race for secretary is ongoing. To this day, all candidates are still in the race and the Western NY PGA was represented by Joe Bertino, Jeff Mietus, Tim Fries and Rob Horak at the Fall Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 11th & 12th. It seems that a lot of posturing is going on and we certainly have reduced our prospective candidates to about two. There will be more to come in a few weeks.

Good luck to Rob Horak, Mark Kirk and Bobby Hogan at the Senior PNC in Leesburg, Virginia in October. They play at the beautiful and scenic River Creek Country Club and the challenging Creighton Farms Golf Club. Best of luck, gentlemen.

Lastly, please join me in thanking all of our PGA Professionals who have hosted events this year. I know it is a huge commitment, but it is much appreciated by the Golf Professionals who play in events and also the juniors who get the opportunity to play our championship PGA courses. Please check your calendars and make a point to host an event in 2013.

Good Golfing,
Kirk

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NOTABLE QUOTE

"If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf."

- Bob Hope

NOTE FROM JOE BERTINO, WESTERN NEW YORK PGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe our season is drawing to a close, what a year it has been! I hope that your players leave this year feeling that they got their money's worth (as compared to '11), and that autumn gives us a few more months of golf. And even as we wrap up 2012, there is already plenty going on in preparing for next year, from planning our obligations to the PGA Championship in our own back yard to scheduling our junior & pee wee tours, along with an active slate of opportunities for all of our members and apprentices.

In just over a month, your leaders will be heading to Baltimore, MD for the PGA Annual Meeting to discuss and vote upon 6 proposed resolutions and participate in determining the next Secretary of the PGA of America. Available to you right now on pgalinks are video segments of the Fall Conference of Leaders that we attended in Minneapolis, MN, featuring updates on Golf 2.0, an overview of these 6 resolutions, and the candidate forums from that conference. Feel free to share your thoughts with our Board and Officers as this secretary will indeed become your Association's President in a few short years.

We are excited to return to the Seneca Niagara Hotel & Casino for our WNYPGA Annual Meeting presented by PGA National Resort & Spa along with Pat Carli & Ping. We sincerely hope that you will make an effort to attend this year's meeting, which will include our annual elections and voting on 1 motion submitted by the WNYPGA Tournament Committee, and will include presentations by Ryan Cannon, 2013 PGA Championship Director, and Jonathan Gold, our recently appointed Regional Player Development Manager.

Regarding our elections, in this edition you will see the names of those nominated for your board. These candidates must receive a second from the floor, while any new candidates may be nominated and receive a second from the floor.

An afternoon education session will be held shortly after adjournment of the meeting; attendees will receive 1 MSR PGA education credit per hour.

Our award winners will be recognized that evening in a banquet, and we'd love you to attend what is the final section gathering of the season, followed by any "gaming" fun you'd care to indulge in!

One request that we do ask is for you to take the time to register in advance for the events at Seneca Niagara Hotel; pre-registration is tremendously important in allowing us to give an accurate count and budget accordingly.

Looking forward to seeing you in Niagara Falls!

Joe Bertino, PGA
Executive Director, WNYPGA

Section News



WNYPGA Fall Annual Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2012 at 12 p.m.
Seneca Niagara Hotel & Casino

PING

The WNYPGA Fall Annual Meeting will once again be held at the Seneca Niagara Hotel & Casino on Monday, October 15th, 2012. The meeting is being presented by PGA National Resort and Spa and Pat Carli from PING. There will be a lunch prior to the meeting (11:30 a.m.) and an education seminar following at 2:30 p.m. The education seminar will feature a presentation by WNYPGA Professional Gary Occhino. Gary will be introducing the new fundamentals and new techniques of INDARE GOLF. For more on Indare and Gary Occhino please visit www.indaregolf.com.

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL ANNUAL MEETING AND EDUCATION SEMINAR WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WWW.WESTERNNEWYORK.PGA.COM

Nominations for Board of Directors

President	Kirk Stauffer*
Vice President	Jeff Mietus*
Secretary	Michael O'Connor*
Area I Director	Vacant
Area II Director	Dan Antonucci*
Area III Director	David Wedzik
Directors at Large	Matt Clark*
	Jerry Coleman*
	Tim Fries*
	Eric Haile*
	Ben Wilson*
	Randy Shaw

*Incumbent

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Daniel Rettig who became a B-S Apprentice in the WNYPGA Section on September 6th, 2012.
Daniel is currently working under PGA Professional David Snacki at the Fox Valley Club.

PHASE I IS COMPLETE!

The WNYPGA Foundation and WNYPGA Professional Michael O'Connor have been working with the Erie Community Foundation and the City of Erie to renovate the J.C. Martin Family Golf Center. In just the second year of existence, the WNYPGA Foundation is proud and honored to take part in a renovation project that impacts the lives of golfers throughout an entire community. Please see restoration plan and picture below.

THE RESTORATION PLAN

**PHASE I
FULLY FUNDED & COMPLETED**

- Drainage for Holes 2, 3, 4, 5FW, 6, & 8
- Green Construction for Holes 1, 3, 5 & 7 (root pruning)
- Bunker Construction on Hole 5
- Earthwork on Holes 2, 3 & 5
- Irrigation to Remove Pressure Release Valves

TOTAL PHASE I..... \$156,408

PHASE II

- Drainage on Hole 5 Tee
- Bunker Construction on Hole 7
- Tee Construction on Holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
- Earthwork (Stockpile at #9)
- Tree Removal
- Cart Path Demo & Install
- Bridge Construction

TOTAL PHASE II..... \$156,936

PHASE III

- Drainage on Hole 9 & Short Game Area
- Bunker Construction on Hole 9 & Short Game Area
- Tee Construction on Holes 7, 8 & 9
- Fence Demo & Install
- Practice Range Construction

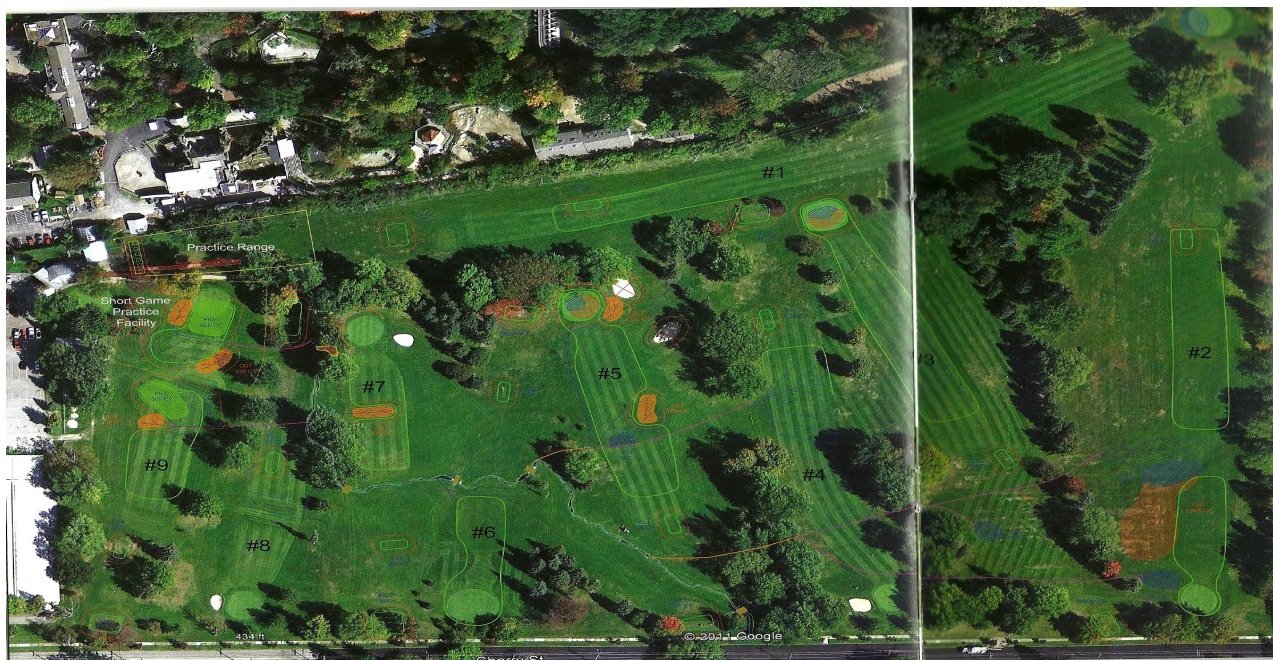
TOTAL PHASE III..... \$174,144

PROJECT GRAND TOTAL: \$487,488



“I play golf at J.C. Martin with a bunch of friends 4 or 5 days a week. We have a great time. I love J.C. Martin!”

-Patrick Kelly
Eleven Year-Old Golfer



“J.C. Martin is an important part of the Erie Community. It has provided a place for young people to not only learn the game of golf but to have a constructive summer pastime and develop friendships for life.”

-Joseph Sinnott, City of Erie Mayor

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8/9-10/2012	WNYPGA Senior Championship - Lawrence Park GC
8/12/2012	*Midvale Pro Am Invitational - Midvale CC
8/13/2012	GC Supply Pro President - Transit Valley CC
8/17/2012	WNYAA- Monroe GC
8/19/2012	*Locust Hill Pro Am- Locust Hill CC
8/20-21/2012	*27th Annual Coors Section Championship - Oak Hill CC
8/27/2012	*Rochester Classic presented by USA Payroll and JQ Cigar Hut - Ridgemont CC
8/31/2012	Mizuno Pro-Assistant Championship -Penfield
9/5/2012	National Car Assistant Pro Championship presented by Cobra Puma Golf - Kahkwa Club
9/7/2012	WNYAA- Oak Hill CC
9/10/2012	Kids Escaping Drugs Pro Am- Transit Valley CC
9/17-18/2012	Cutter & Buck Match Play Championship—Blue Heron Hills GC

2013 Tentative Tournament Schedule

APRIL

Monday, 22nd	Spring Meeting & Education presented by National Resort & Spa	TBD
Monday, 29th	Taylormade Senior Junior Pro/Pro Pro-Am	Locust Hill CC, Pittsford, NY

MAY

Monday, 6th	Titleist Scratch Pro-Am	Brook-Lea CC, Rochester, NY
Friday, 10th	Make a Wish Foundation Pro-Am	* Webster GC, Webster, NY
Monday, 13th	WNY Open	* Niagara Falls CC, Lewiston, NY
Friday, 17th	Stafford Pro-Am Invitational	* Stafford CC, Stafford, NY
Monday, 20th	Seneca Allegany Casino & Hotel Pro-Am	* Elkdale CC, Salamanca, NY
Friday, 31st	Lawrence Park Pro-Am Invitational	* Lawrence Park GC, Erie, PA

JUNE

Monday, 3rd	Bartlett Pro-Am	* Bartlett CC, Olean, NY
Friday, 7th	Lake View Pro-Am Invitational	* Lake View CC, North East, PA
Monday, 10th	Children's Hospital Pro-Am Invitational	Crag Burn GC, East Aurora, NY
Monday, 17th	PGA Championship Pro-Am	Oak Hill CC, Rochester, NY
Monday, 24th	Chautauqua Pro-Am	* Chautauqua GC, Chautauqua, NY

JULY

Monday, 1st	Holiday Valley Memorial Library Pro-Am	* Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville, NY
Monday, 8th	Bradford Hospital Found. Pro-Am for Kids	* Pine Acres CC, Bradford, PA
Monday, 15th	Moon Brook Pro-Am Invitational	* Moon Brook CC, Jamestown, NY
Monday, 22nd	Wellsville Pro-Am	* Wellsville CC, Wellsville, NY
Monday-Tuesday, 29th & 30th	WNYPGA Professional Championship	* TBD

AUGUST

Sunday-Monday, 6th -12th	PGA CHAMPIONSHIP	Oak Hill CC, Rochester, NY
Sunday, 18th	Locust Hill Pro-Am Invitational	* Locust Hill CC, Pittsford, NY
Monday-Tuesday, 19th & 20th	Section Champ/Rochester Classic	* TBD
Monday-Tuesday, 26th & 27th	Section Champ/Rochester Classic	* TBD
Friday, 30th	Pro-Assistant Championship	TBD

SEPTEMBER

Monday, 2nd	Labor Day	
Tuesday/Wednesday, 3rd/4th	Assistant Championship	TBD
Thursday-Friday, 12th & 13th	Senior Championship	Lawrence Park GC, Erie, PA
Monday-Tuesday, 16th & 17th	Cutter & Buck Match Play Championship	* TBD
Monday-Tuesday, 23rd & 24th	Sun Mountain Tour Championship	* TBD
Monday, 30th	Pro-Pro Championship	Blue Heron Hills GC, Macedon, NY

OCTOBER

Monday, 14th	Fall Annual Meeting	
Saturday-Thursday, 19th-24th	Las Vegas Pro-Am	Las Vegas, Nevada
	* Counts toward WNYPGA Player of the Year Award	



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