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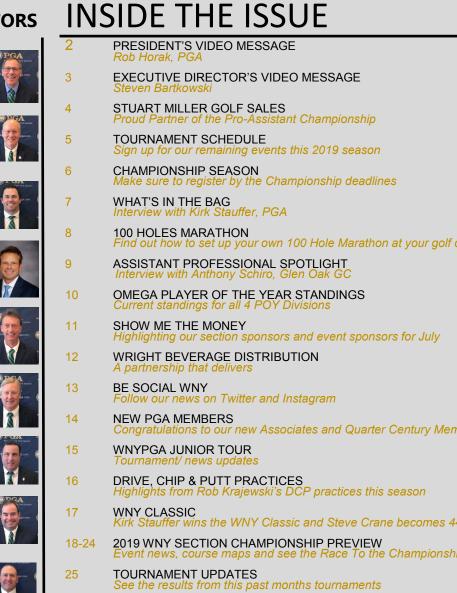
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Find out how to set up your own 100 Hole Marathon at your golf club

- Congratulations to our new Associates and Quarter Century Members
- Kirk Stauffer wins the WNY Classic and Steve Crane becomes 44th honoree
- 2019 WNY SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW Event news, course maps and see the Race To the Championship Standings
- Thank you Tee 2 Green for your donation to the WNY Foundation

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New Video Message from

President Horak



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S VIDEO UPDATE



CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO SEE STEVE BARTKOWSKI, THE WNY SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GIVE UPDATES ON THE UPCOMING CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON, JUNIOR GOLF NEWS AND MUCH MORE!



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RECENT PAST CHAMPIONS

2018- Jim Mrva & Cody Endress @ Irondequoit CC 2017- Jim Mrva & Christian Hoecker @ Ravenwood GC 2016- Paul Sanders & Howards Fleischman @ Bristol Harbour GC 2015- Michael O'Connor & Alex Weir @ CC of Buffalo 2014- Jason Ballard & Eric Mabee @ Locust Hill CC 2013- Neil Reidy & Michael Basch @ East Aurora CC 2012- Paul Sanders & Rob Horak @ Penfield CC 2011- Tim Fries & Rodney Blair @ Peek n' Peek Resort



2019 WNYPGA Tournaments

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CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION

CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN





Thursday, August 29th & Friday, August 30th, 2019 | Ridgemont CC | Rochester, NY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, August 21st



ASSISTANT PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP **CLICK HERE** FOR MORE DETAILS!

Western New York Section

Friday, September 20th, 2019 | River Oaks GC | Grand Island, NY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, August 30th



What's in the Bag: Kirk Stauffer, PGA

Kirk currently holds 1st Place for the OMEGA Player & Sr Player of the Year Race

2019 Stats:

- 1st Place at the WNY Classic
- 1st Place at Bartlett Pro-Am

DRIVER

I am currently playing the Titleist TS3 Driver with a B2 <mark>setting, draw</mark> bias, with a Mitsubishi Tense 55 gram stiff shaft. I personally think this was the best Driver Titleist has ever made.

HYBRIDS

Because I am the worst fairway wood player ever, I carry two hybrids. Titleist H1, 18 degrees, Fujikura Speeder stiff shaft. Titleist H1, 21 degrees, Fujikura Atmos stiff shaft.

IRONS

4-PW Titleist AP2-716 with KBS Tour-C Taper 120 stiff shaft, standard lofts.

WEDGES

52 degrees, 56 degrees, 60 degrees Vokey SM7 wedges with S-200 shafts.

PUTTER

Scotty Cameron Futura 34 inches. I have been putting with this model on and off, for about 15 years. I also have a Scotty Cameron Newport 2.5 that I use periodically, especially on Bermuda greens.

CARRY DISTANCES

DRIVER	250 YARDS
HYBRID 1	220 YARDS
HYBRID 2	205 YARDS
4-IRON	190 YARDS
5-IRON	180 YARDS
6-IRON	170 YARDS
7-IRON	160 YARDS
8-IRON	150 YARDS
9-IRON	135 YARDS
PW	120 YARDS
52	105 YARDS
56	90 YARDS
60	75 YARDS

GOLF BALL

I have been playing the Pro V1X for several years. This year I switched to the yellow version, mainly because of vision. This ball is a lot easier to track in flight.

ACCESSORIES

I carry the usual accessories in my golf bag: Umbrella, 6-9 golf balls, 6 golf gloves, and a Bushnell Range finder.

As Championship season is fast approaching, I want to wish all of you the best of luck and lets play our best. Good Luck!!!!!!!





98-Day 100-Hole Marathon for Charity

PGA REACH WNY is the 501 (c) (3) charitable arm of the Western New York Section, PGA of America. PGA REACH WNY was created with a goal of providing support to various organizations within the boundaries of the Western New York PGA Section. Through the game of golf, the Foundation will work to fund programs supporting its mission including the Western New York Section PGA Junior Golf initiatives and various other underprivileged youth golf programs. The Foundation will conduct and/or support a variety of initiatives that serve the founding pillars: youth, Military, and diversity in golf.

By raising funds through the 98-Day 100-hole Marathon, PGA REACH WNY Foundation has a vision to establish:

- An indoor/outdoor learning center that would allow for year-long programming for veterans, juniors and diverse individuals alike that may otherwise not have access to golf.
- A workforce program for our veterans to be able to earn some money while learning the trade of the golf industry. ٠
- A junior golf scholarship program for less fortunate individuals to be able to attend college.
- A stable PGA Works Program with a new Works Fellow being hired on an annual basis.

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.

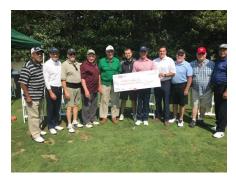
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- Play can be in any format the individuals choose. ٠
- Pledge funds through respective networks can be lump sum, certain dollar amount per birdie, based on how long it takes, etc. We encourage you to make it fun!
- 50% of the funds raised go to PGA REACH WNY and 50% go to another charity of your choice. ٠

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!





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Assistant Professional Spotlight:

Anthony Schiro (Glen Oak Golf Club)

We sat down and talked with Glen Oak's newest PGA Professional, Anthony Schiro, to get a glimpse at his experience as a PGA Professional thus far!

Q: What is your original hometown?

A: I was born and raised in Niagara County. I went to North Tonawanda Catholic School until 8th Grade before attending Niagara Wheatfield High School.

Q: How long have you been a PGA Associate?

A: This is my first year of being a class B-8 Member.

Q: What is your tenure at Glen Oak Golf Course?

A: This is my first year at Glen Oak and I couldn't be happier! There are so many great things happening at our course, it's amazing to be a part of it. I am excited to see what the future holds for Glen Oak.

Q: How long have you been in the section and have you had any other jobs?

A: Before starting at Glen Oak this season, I worked the past 7 seasons at Transit Valley Country Club. I worked under some of best Golf Professionals I know – Tim Fries, Jeff Mietus, Rodney Blair, and Jonathan Decker – I gained so much knowledge during my time with them; I owe each of them a huge thank you for all their help and support. Also, this past winter, I worked at a wonderful golf course in Tampa, FL called Old Memorial and I plan to continue my work there during the winter season.

Q: Have you won any section awards?

A: Being relatively new to the profession, I have not had many opportunities to participate in section competitions; hopefully the next time I get asked this question I'll have a better answer!

Q: What/ who inspired you to get into the golf industry?

A: First, my father, Rick, taught me how to play golf at a young age and helped develop my love for the game. Second, my Uncle Doug, who passed away just over a year ago after a long fight with cancer, was simply the greatest man I had ever met. He was a man who would make you laugh or smile with his positive, upbeat personality, no matter the circumstances.

During my Uncle's last few years, we played a lot of golf together and those were hands down the best moments I had playing golf. Some of the most important life lessons he taught me were while riding side be side in a golf cart. The most memorable lesson being, "you never know when life may cut you short so do what makes you happy". About a month after the passing of my Uncle Doug, I was driving home from my job as a Health Care Recruiter upset and dreading work the next day. I reminisced about one of our golf cart conversations where he told me about how to live my best life and find work I'm passionate for. The next day I gave my two-week notice and pursued my dream of being a golf professional and here we are today!

Q: What are your responsibilities at the club?

A: I primarily oversee the golf shop & outside operations along with tournament management and staff scheduling. I also do lessons on a weekly basis and help our Director of Instruction - Rob Krajewski with the JR Golf Clinics and practices we host.

Q: Are there any fun programs you have initiated for the golfers at Glen Oak GC?

A: I personally have not initiated these fun programs, being new to the golf industry, I am just getting my feet wet in the business. However, I have been involved with the following programs we host at Glen Oak - PGA Jr League, PGA Hope & PGA Reach Clinics, Get Golf Ready Clinics, and Drive Chip & Putt Contests. I am excited to keep learning and hope to initiate my own fun programs for the golfers at Glen Oak in the coming seasons.





Professional Player of the Year Standings

Assistants POY Points

- 1: Matt Stasiak, Battistoni Golf Center, 47.50 PTS
 - 2: Tim Falkner, Crag Burn Golf Club, 38 PTS
 - 3: Samuel Fredricsen, Pennfair Golf, 22 PTS

Professional POY Points

- 1: Kirk Stauffer, PGA Life Member, 436.25 PTS
- 2: Dwayne Randall, Bartlett Country Club, 389 PTS
- 3: Rob Krajewski, Glen Oak Golf Course, 216.20 PTS

Senior POY Points

- 1: Kirk Stauffer, PGA Life Member, 602.50 PTS
- 2: Michael O'Connor, The Kahkwa Club, 430 PTS
 - 3: Jack Widger, Elkdale Country Club, 323 PTS

Woman POY Points

- T1: Stacy Harrower, The Park Country Club, 100 PTS
- T1: Lauren Tallman, Ravenwood Golf Course, 100 PTS

CLICK HERE FOR FULL STANDINGS IN ALL DIVISIONS



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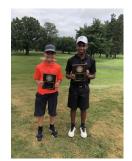
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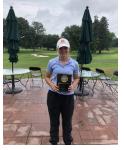
STAFFORD CC!

Girls' 9-Hole <u>1st Place:</u> Kylie Dean <u>Runner Up:</u> Tatiana Tutko

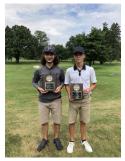


Boys' 9-Hole <u>1st Place:</u> Joshua Bradley <u>Runner Up:</u> Jackson Ormond





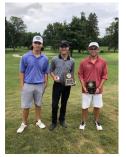
Girls' 13-15 <u>1st Place:</u> Angeline Perillo <u>Runner Up:</u> Marina Heister, Tori Leach



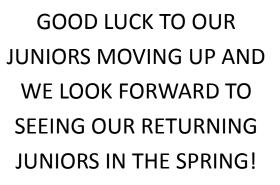
Boys' 13-15 <u>1st Place:</u> Jacob Dantonio <u>Runner Up:</u> Steven Bleck



Girls' 9 16-18 <u>1st Place:</u> Emily Kase <u>Runner Up:</u> Gwendolyn Yarnall, Maddy Catalano



Boys' 16-18 <u>1st Place:</u> Ian Wagner <u>Runner Up:</u> Ryan Colwell, Jaxon Hummel





"BEST PRACTICE"

Conduct a DCP Practice

Drive, Chip and Putt continues to gain in momentum not just across the WNYPGA Section but on a national scale as well. This year the Section conducted 4 Local Qualifiers that led up to Sub Regional that saw just under 600 kids come out and tee it up.

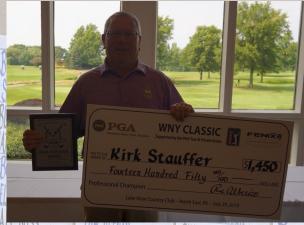
As a PGA Member you have access to use the Drive, Chip and Putt branding to your advantage. This year fellow PGA Professional, Rob Krajewski, did just that. Rob was able to use marketing tools from the PGA of America to run two DCP practices for his junior program at Glen Oak. The practices brought new faces, smiles and revenue to both him and the facility. Rob was also gracious enough to have a portion of the entry funneled back to PGA REACH WNY.

If you are interested in learning more, don't hesitate to reach out to Rob Krajewski. This is a great way to bring new excitement to your junior program at little to no cost.



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KIRK STAUFFER GOES LOW AT THE WNY CLASSIC AT LAKEVIEW CC



July 29, 2019 - North East, PA

Kirk Stauffer, PGA Life Member, from Bradford, PA, won the WNYPGA Western New York Classic at Lake View Country Club with a 4 under par 68. Dwayne Randall, Bartlett CC, was 2nd with 70 and Rob Horak, Shadow Pines GC & Pat Damore, Lakewood GC was ties for 3rd with 71.

Stauffer was also the winner of the Senior Division. Rob Horak, Shadow Pines GC, was 2nd with 71 and Tim Fries, Glen Oak GC was 3rd with 72.

Bobby Hogan, River Oaks GC won the Super Senior Division with 75 and Jim Mrva, PGA Life Member was 2nd with 80.

Kirk Stauffer and partner Blaise Wick won the Pro-Am Competion with a 10 under par Net BB of 62.

Click <u>HERE</u> for complete results.

Host PGA Professional, Steve Crane, was honored by the WNYPGA for his service and contributions to the WNYPGA, Lake View Country Club and the game of golf.

Many thanks to Steve and the entire Staff & Membership at Lake View Country Club for hosting and Special thanks to Bill Donlan with Private Estate and the PGA Tour for supporting the WNYPGA WNY Classic.



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DATES: August 19th & 20th

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OUTLINE OF ALL 18 HOLES





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ON THE RADAF



Kirk Stauffer, PGA

Club: PGA Life Member Residence: Bradford, PA Age: 58 PGA Membership: Elected in 1990 2018 Section Champ. Result: T5 2019 Season Highlights: Low Pro at WNY Classic, Tied for Low Pro at Lake View Pro-Am Invitational, Tied for Low Pro at Africa 6000 Int'l Pro-Am Charity Classic. OMEGA POY Position: 1st



Michael O'Connor, PGA

Club: Director of Golf at Kahkwa Club Residence: Erie, PA Age: 54 PGA Membership: Elected in 1995 2018 Section Champ. Result: T16 2019 Season Highlights: Tied for Low Pro at Ellicottville Memorial Library Pro-Am, Tied for Low Pro at Lawrence Park Invitational Pro-Am, Top 10 finish at the WNY Classic OMEGA POY Position: 4th



Dwayne Randall, PGA

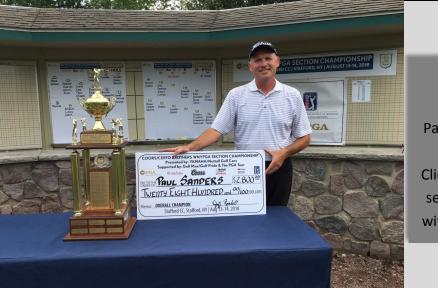
Club: Head PGA Professional at Bartlett Country Club Residence: Olean, NY Age: 47 PGA Membership: Elected in 1998 2018 Section Champ. Result: T3 2019 Season Highlights: Low Pro at Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy Pro-Am, Low Pro at Blaisdell Open, Tied for Low Pro at Moon Brook CC Charity Classic OMEGA POY Position: 2nd



Jon Hoecker, PGA

Club: Head PGA Professional at Brook-Lea Country Club Residence: Rochester, NY Age: 56 PGA Membership: Elected in 1986 2018 Section Champ. Result: T3 2019 Season Highlights: Tied for Low Pro at Africa 6000 Int'l Pro-Am Charity Classic, 2nd at Midvale Pro-Am Invitational, Top 10 finish at WNY Classic OMEGA POY Position: 10th





2018 Champion Paul Sanders, PGA

Click the picture to see our interview with Paul Sanders!

PAST CHAMPIONS

2018– Paul Sanders @ Stafford CC 2017- Tim Fries @ Cobblestone Creek CC 2016- J.A. Sutherland @ Ridgemont CC 2015- Lonnie Nielsen @ Seneca Hickory Stick GC 2014- Neil Reidy @ Country Club of Buffalo 2013- Lonnie Nielsen @ Seneca Hickory Stick GC 2012- Alex Weir @ Oak Hill CC 2011- Neil Reidy @ Harvest Hill 2010- Tim Fries @ Park CC 2009- Rob Horak @ Monroe GC 2008- Jon Hoecker @ Ridgemont CC 2007- Kirk Stauffer @ Transit Valley CC 2006- Rob Horak @ Irondequoit CC 2005- Rob Horak @ Lancaster CC 2004- Kirk Stauffer @ Brookfield CC 2003- Kirk Stauffer @ Brook Lea CC 2002- Paul Sanders @Locust Hill CC 2001- Michael O'Connor @ Midvale CC 2000- Lonnie Nielsen @ Kahkwa Club 1999- Rob Horak @ Lake Shore CC (Erie) 1998- Kirk Stauffer @Crag Burn GC 1997- Jon Hoecker @ Cobblestone Creek CC 1996- Lonnie Nielsen @ Ridgemont CC

1995- Dan O'Neill @ Country Club of Buffalo 1994- Lonnie Nielsen @ Lake View CC 1993- Lonnie Nielsen @ Country Club of Rochester 1992- Rob Horak @ Oak Hill CC 1991- Kirk Stauffer @ Orchard Park CC 1990- Lonnie Nielsen @ Brook Lea CC 1989- Lonnie Nielsen @ Park CC 1988- Jon Hoecker @ Monroe GC & CenterPointe 1987- Lonnie Nielsen @ Brookfield CC 1986- Lonnie Nielsen @ Monroe GC 1985- Lonnie Nielsen @ Park CC 1984- Jon Calabria @ Glen Oak GC 1983- Jon Calabria @ Oak Hill CC 1982- Jon Calabria @ Brook Lea CC 1981- Jon Calabria @ Wanakah CC 1980- Denny Lyons @ Monroe GC 1979- Dennis Bradley @ Lke View CC 1978- Denny Lyons @ Green Hils GC 1977- Denny Lyons @ Park CC 1976- Dennis Bradley @ Oak Hill CC 1975- Denny Lyons @ Crag Burn GC 1974- Chuck Hart @ Brook Lea CC

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OMEGA RACE TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP Niagara Falls CC, September 23-24

1	Kirk Stauffer, PGA Life Member	436.25	
2	Dwayne Randall, Bartlett CC	389	
3	Rob Krajewski, Glen Oak GC	216.2	
4	Michael O'Connor, Kahkwa C	212.25	
5	Taylor Page, Pennfair Golf	206.33	
6	Chris Zumpano, Oak Hill CC	196.5	
7	Ryan Swanson, Pinehurst GC	183.5	
8	Mike Sweazy, Wild Wood CC	161.5	
9	Jack Widger, Elkdale CC	157	
10	Jon Hoecker, B <mark>rook-Lea CC</mark>	147.5	
11	Pat Damore, Lakewood Golf Center	131.6	
12	Matt Stasiak, Battistoni Golf Center	131	
13	Paul Sanders, Ridgemont CC	128.9	
14	Jake Northrup, The Pennhills Club	118.9	
15	Tim Fries, Glen Oak GC	115.5	

16	Tim Falkner, Crag Burn Golf Club	106.33
17	Bobby Hogan, River Oaks Golf Club	100.4
18	Rob Horak, Shadow Lake GC	93.25
19	Jeff Urzetta, Oak Hill CC	75.75
20	Steve Latimer, Genesee Valley GC	75
21	Mark Lesinski, Transit valley CC	72
22	Jason Ballard, Oak Hill CC	50
23	Mike Boss, Niagara Falls CC	49
24	J.A. Sutherland, CC of Buffalo	48.90
25	Kyle Benish, Holiday Valley Resort	48.50
26	Jake Eckley, Tri-County CC	48
27	Michael Kaye, Moon Brook CC	45
28	David Wedzik, Golf Evolution	44
29	Jason Piurkoski, IMPACT SNAP,	42.75
30	Jeff Kaye, Livingston CC	41.5

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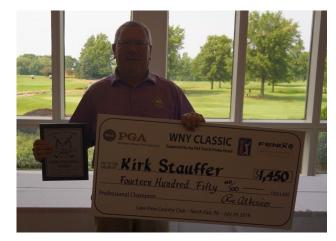
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HOECKER & STAUFFER TIE 1ST AT KAHKWA - AFRICA 6000 PRO-AM

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KIRK STAUFFER WINS WNY CLASSIC AT LAKE VIEW C.C.



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STAUFFER WINS BARTLETT PRO-AM IN OLEAN, NY WITH 70



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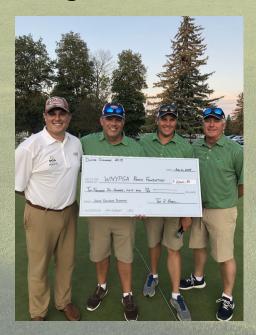
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