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"People don't buy what you do; they buy why you do it." - Simon Sinek

For those who haven't seen TED Talks "How Great Leaders Inspire Action," I would highly recommend taking twenty minutes to watch it. Whether you just had the most successful year of your career, an average year or a less than ideal season this is the perfect time to reset with your staff and find your why.

My why is simple...it's you the PGA Member. Every program, tournament and business decision made always is led by the question, "How Does This Impact the PGA Member?" It's the reason that I am motivated everyday to continue to grow our Section and Foundation.

What is your why? What is each of your team members why? And what is your golf operations why? This is a simple but important exercise that every business should go through and one that we as a WNYPGA Team will be going through in the coming weeks. As the daily grind of the season takes a toll, sometimes we lose the why and look at the what.

I think of a company like Kodak for example. For many years they were industry leaders but I can almost guarantee they never took a step back to reset. They got lost in the what...film. On the other side of the spectrum is Apple. A company that has so much competition but still always seems to provide a better product than the others, or at least that's what we believe. We buy Apple products because we believe in why they do it. How can you get your respective club members to look at your golf operations and facility in general as an "Apple." First step is to take a deep dive with your team and ensure everyone is on the same page and speaking the same language.

As the golf season winds down I hope that you can all spend more time with family and friends and reset for 2020. I also encourage you all to get better this offseason. Pick one weakness you have and work on it.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to a Section Staff member if we can be of assistance with anything.

Respectfully,

Steven Bartkowski
WNYPGA Executive Director
PGA REACH WNY Executive Director
2019 SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

SALES REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR - Gary Chittenden (no photo)
The honor is for a sales rep who partners with the professionals of the WNY Section in order to enhance the golf professional's business.

GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR - Jay Sutherland, PGA is serving his 13th year as the PGA Head Professional of the Country Club of Buffalo in Buffalo, NY. He currently serves on the WNYPGA Board of Directors. This is his first Golf Professional of the Year Honor. This award is given to the working club Professional whose total contributions to the game best exemplify the complete PGA Golf Professional.

ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR - Chris Zumpano, PGA is a Class A PGA Assistant Professional at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, NY. This is Chris’ first time receiving the award. The honor is given to the Assistant Professional who has gone beyond the call of duty to promote the game of golf, his/her place of employment, and the WNYPGA.

HORTON SMITH AWARD - Mike D’Agostino, PGA is serving his 17th year as the PGA Head Professional Penfield Country Club in Penfield, NY. He currently serves on the WNYPGA Board of Directors as Section Secretary. This is his second Horton Smith Award Honor. This honor is handed to the PGA Professional for outstanding and continuing contributions to professional education.

BILL STRAUSBAUGH AWARD - Jeff Beaver, PGA has been a Sales Representative for Titleist for 15 years. This is Jeff’s first time receiving this prestigious honor that is given to a PGA Professional who works to help improve employment of PGA Professionals and is highly involved in the community.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE AWARD - Thad Brown, Sports anchor/reporter for Channel 8 News. This is the first time Thad has received this honor. This 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 WNY area.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR - Gary Chittenden (no photo)
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TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD - Erik Barzeski, PGA
Erik is the Head Instructor for Golf Evolution. This is Erik’s first year winning this honor which 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.

YOUTH PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD - Lauren Tallman, PGA
Lauren has been a Teaching Professional for two years at Ravenwood Golf Course. This is Lauren’s first year winning this honor. Work by the PGA Professional that earns this award includes involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at club level and support for national golf programs.

PRESIDENT’S PLAQUE - Michael O’Connor, PGA
Michael is finishing up his 2nd season as the Golf Director at the Kahkwa Club, where he has served as Golf Director and Head PGA Professional for 18 years. The President’s Plaque is in just its fourth year of existence and is given to the PGA Professional who has contributed significantly in the area of player development.

MERCHANDISER OF THE YEAR (PRIVATE CLUB) - Jason Ballard, PGA
Jason Ballard, PGA has served the Head PGA Professional at Oak Hill Country Club since 2014 and this is his first time winning the award. The honor is given to a WNYPGA professional who has excelled as a businessman/merchandiser in the promotion of golf in the private country club setting.

MERCHANDISER OF THE YEAR (PUBLIC FACILITY) - Mike Roeder, PGA
Mike Roeder, PGA is in his 12th season as Director of Golf at Ravenwood Golf Course in Victor, NY. This is Mike’s second time receiving this prestigious award. The honor is given to a WNYPGA professional who has excelled as a businessman/merchandiser in the promotion of golf at a public facility.

MERCHANDISER OF THE YEAR (RESORT CATEGORY) - Joe Bock, PGA
Joe Bock, PGA has served as the Head PGA Professional at Seneca Hickory Stick since 2015. This is his first time winning this award. The honor is given to a WNYPGA professional who has excelled as a businessman/merchandiser in the promotion of golf in the resort category.
**OMEGA PLAYER/ SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Kirk Stauffer, PGA  
**Employment:** PGA Life Member  
**2019 Highlights:** Low Professional Honors at the Western New York Classic, Bartlett Pro-Am, Lake View Pro-Am Invitational, Africa 6000 Invitational Pro-Am Charity Classic, Ellicottville Memorial Library Pro-Am  
Runner Up in the Wellsville Pro-Am, OMEGA Tour Championship  
3rd in the Lawrence Park Pro-Am Invitational, Moon Brook C.C Invitational, Match Play Championship  
Captain of the 2019 WNY Ryder Cup Senior Team

**OMEGA WNYAA PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Conor Grandin, PGA  
**Employment:** Assistant at Oak Hill Country Club  
**2019 Highlights:** WNYAA Assistant Tournament Champion  
Tied for 1st in Season Long Match Play  
2nd in the WNYAA Assistant Tournament: Brook-Lea  
Tied for 6th in the NCR Assistant PGA Professional Championship

**OMEGA WOMAN PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Lauren Tallman, PGA  
**Employment:** Instructor at Ravenwood Golf Club  
**2019 Highlights:** Low Woman Professional in the: WNYPGA Section Championship, Elkdale Pro Am, Midvale Pro Am  
Tied for 3rd in the Pro-Assistant Championship
## 2020 Tentative Tournament Schedule

- Please note sites and dates are subject to change -

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Tim Fries 33rd Inductee into the WNYPGA Hall of Fame

East Amherst, NY – The Western New York Section, PGA of America (WNYPGA) and Hall of Fame Committee are pleased to announce that Timothy Fries, the PGA Owner of Glen Oak Golf Club (pictured above to the right), will be the 2019 inductee into the WNYPGA Hall of Fame. Tim will join the likes of Walter Hagen, Lancy Smith, Craig Harmon, Lonnie Nielsen, Jim Mrva and many more.

Tim has been a part of the Western NY Section since 1987, where he started as an Assistant Professional at Brierwood Country Club in Hamburg, NY. He was later elected a PGA Professional on May 1st, 1991 and since being elected has played a large role in the WNY golf community.

Tim continued as an Assistant Professional from 1987-1999 at Ridgemont Country Club, The Country Club of Buffalo, Orchard Park Country Club and Transit Valley Country Club until being named the Head Professional of Transit Valley in 2000. From 2000-2018, Tim worked as the Head Professional at Transit Valley. Then later in 2018, Tim purchased Glen Oak GC in East Amherst, NY where he has been ever since.

Not only has he had great success on the business side of golf, but competitively, Tim has also had great success. He won the WNYPGA Section Championship in 2010 and 2017, Senior Championship in 2014, he is a 4-time winner of the WNYPGA Assistant Championship, and a 7-time winner of the WNYPGA Professional Championship. He is also a 4-time winner of the WNYPGA Assistant POY, he won Professional POY in 1998 and Senior POY in 2014.

Tim has also been very successful on a national scale. Tim was a participant at the 77th Senior PGA Championship in 2016 at Harbor Shores, Michigan. He also participated in the PGA Professional National Championship 7-times and in the Senior PGA Professional National Championship 5-times. Aside from playing nationally, he has also served the PGA of America National Board of Directors from 2015-2017 and numerous of their committees.

From 1999-2018, Tim served on the WNYPGA Board of Directors. He served as Vice President/Secretary from 2001-2005 and President of the Section from 2005-2007. Tim currently sits as the Vice President on the PGA REACH WNY Foundation Board of Trustees.

Tim has achieved a lifetime's worth of accomplishments since joining the WNYPGA and every step of the way he has been supported by his family. With the support of his wife, Karen, and his two children, Hannah and Patrick, he has been able to accomplish monumental things in the WNYPGA Section. Tim recently helped to create a long-term home for the WNYPGA Section, Foundation and Hall of Fame right at Glen Oak.

Simply put, having Tim Fries in the WNYPGA Section has not only been a pleasure, but an honor. And the amazing thing is that Tim continues to do more inspiring things every year. On behalf of the WNYPGA Board of Directors, Hall of Fame Committee, PGA Professionals and community, we wish Tim continued success and congratulations on your induction into the WNYPGA Hall of Fame.
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JON HOECKER WINS WNYPGA OMEGA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

BOBBY HOGAN WINS CLUB CAR HOLE-IN-ONE SHOOTOUT

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Assistant Professional Spotlight:

Conor Grandin (Oak Hill Country Club)

What is your original hometown?
I am originally from Mansfield, Massachusetts.

How long have you been a class A-8 Member?
I have been a class A-8 PGA Member for 2 years. I graduated from NC State university in Raleigh, NC.

What is your tenure at Oak Hill Country Club?
I started as a PGM Intern at Oak Hill in 2016 and I returned as an Assistant Professional in 2018. So, I have been at Oak Hill for a total of 3 years.

How long have you been in the section and have you had any other jobs?
I have only been in the section as long as I have been at Oak Hill (3 years). Before Oak Hill I worked at Shinnecock Hills G.C. on Long Island. During the winter I am an Assistant Professional at Loblolly in Hobe Sound, FL.

Have you won any section awards?
My recent and only section award I have received is the 2019 OMEGA WNYAA Player of the Year.

What/ who inspired you to get into the golf industry?
I think my childhood friends and playing partners inspired me to start a career in golf. I saw how strong relationships can grow around the game of golf because of them. My Grandfather inspired me to begin playing in the first place.

What are your responsibilities at the club?
At Oak Hill each PGA Professional is expected to be a jack of all trades. Though my primary responsibilities from year to year include but are not limited to running member tournaments, merchandising the golf shop, giving instruction, mentoring PGM interns, and playing golf with members.

Are there any fun programs you have initiated for the golfers at Oak Hill CC?
In 2018 our Director of Retail and I started a member loyalty program in our golf shop. This program was designed to reward our most loyal customers. Members who we thought were deserving received a personalized gift of their choice compliments of the golf shop. This not only increase member satisfaction, but it also increased general and corporate sales.
Stay up to date with everything going on in the WNY Section, and follow us and our Foundation at the handles below!

And make sure to check out our Flickr Page to see all of our photos from our 2019 Junior & Professional Seasons! Click Here to see our page!
East Amherst, NY – Kirk Stauffer, WNYPGA Life Member from Bradford, PA, has qualified for 2020 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship for the 2nd time in 3 years. Stauffer competed in his first ever KitchenAid Senior PGA in 2018 where he missed the 36-hole cut. Stauffer will look to take redemption and play the weekend at Harbor Shores against the best in the world next May. 2020 will mark the fifth playing of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at Harbor Shores. Roger Chapman (2012), Colin Montgomerie (2014), Rocco Mediate (2016) and Paul Broadhurst (2018) won the first four. The 2020 PGA KitchenAid Senior Championship will take place May 19-24 at Harbor Shore in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

The 2019 WNYPGA Player of the Year, Stauffer, qualified for the 2020 KitchenAid Senior Championship by finishing within the top 35 out of 264 PGA Professionals at the National PGA Senior Professional Championship in Austin, Texas this past Sunday. Kirk finished the tournament at 4-under par to solidify the 29th spot.

The Western New York PGA Section advanced four Senior PGA Professionals, including Kirk Stauffer, to the National PGA Senior Professional Championship which is the 2nd stage out of local qualifying at the Section level. The four Professionals (Stauffer, Hoecker, Barber, and Hogan) qualified for the tournament by finishing in the Top 4 spots at the WNYPGA Senior Championship at Ridgemont Country Club this past August. Kirk was victorious at Ridgemont, winning his fifth local Senior Championship in nine years.

For full National PGA Senior PGA Championship results, CLICK HERE.
What’s in the Bag: Jay Sutherland, PGA

2019 Stats/ Awards:

- 2019 WNYPGA Professional of the Year Award
- Tied for 5th in the WNYPGA Match Play Tournament

Driver
The driver in my bag is the Titleist TS3, 10.5-degree loft with the 12-gram head weight with a fade bias. The shaft is Tour AD, MT6, stiff. It’s a lightweight shaft with a very low torque. The head has such little spin which provided the opportunity to go lighter and stiffer. It’s by far the best driver set up I have had from Titleist, providing the best carry distances, spin rates, and accuracy I have had playing.

Fairway Wood
I play the Titleist TS2, 16.5-degree fairway wood with the shaft ½ short from standard. The shaft is UST Proforce, V2 6F4. Similar to the driver, it’s a relatively light for the low torque in the tip. In testing fairway woods there was no difference between a 15-degree, 16.5 degree, or the various length shafts. This set up provides the most consistent carry numbers from a fairway.

Hybrid/Driving Iron
Titleist, 21-degree H1 with the weight in a fade bias. The hosel setting is “D1” which reduces the dynamic loft to increase the carry distance just enough to fit the gap between the fairway wood and hybrid. The shaft is the Fujikura Atmos Hybrid Shaft, 85 stiff. This is the softest of the shafts in my bag which helps get the ball up in the air out of the rough or from tight lies.

Irons
My set goes from 5 iron through the Gap Wedge (48 degrees in this set) and are the Titleist T200. The shaft is the KBS Tour, CTaper Lite 110 stiff. This is the lightest shaft I have ever played but was necessary when the new irons from Titleist because the fast faces on these and the AP3’s had a tendency to reduce the spin rates. Historically, I had always been a low launch, high spin type of player with less than ideal carry numbers. The new technology increased my launch and height considerably which resulted in a full club more of carry distance. It also necessitated a new shaft to make sure that the spin rates stayed in the ideal range to make sure the ball would stop appropriately if I was lucky to hit one of solid!

Wedges
All three of my wedges are Vokey, SM7s. The 52.08F, the 56.08F, and 60.08F. I typically just play their tour chrome version but switched to their slate blue finish on the 60 this past for a different look. Two years ago, with the introduction of the AP3 irons required a third wedge, the 52 and a change in loft with the other wedges. The lob wedge was a surprisingly uncomfortable adjustment, having used the same 58.08 for many years. It was a great learning experience from a coaching perspective because it provided me the ability to better understand what our golfers experience when we recommend a change in loft to any wedge. All my wedges have the lie angles bent two degrees flat.

Putter
My putter the past four years has mainly been a Scotty Cameron Concept 2 Tour Rat Prototype. It is a smaller, Newport 2 styled head in a gun metal black finish with no sight lines or dots. It’s a small, compact head with few distractions when I look down at it. The head and face provide great feedback. Every now and then I’ll switch it up and either play a Circle T Newport 2 Studio Select with a dot on top or a blacked-out Circle T X5.

Carry Distances:
Driver: 265 yards; Fairway Wood: 235 yards; Hybrid: 215 yards; 5 Iron: 200 yards; 6 Iron: 190 yards; 7 iron: 175 yards; 8 iron: 165 yards; 9 iron: 155 yards; PW: 140 yards; AW: 130 yards; 52 Degree: 115 yards; 56 Degree: 100 yards; 60 Degree: 85 yards

Ball
I play the Titleist Pro V1x.

Other Accessories
I keep a few new gloves in the bag at all times, Titleist Players and Foot Joy Puretouch along with a pair of Zero Restriction Windstopper Rain Gloves. I keep a bunch of dimes for ball markers in bag, they’re nice and small so I don’t have to move them out of the way of my fellow players and pretty easy to see from a distance. A blue sharpie to mark the ball, my rain suit, a bottle of water and some peanuts are almost always in the bag whenever I travel to tournaments.
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