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I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Holiday Season with your family and friends. It is a very special time of the year!

Our WNYPGA Board of Directors met on December 9th for our Annual Planning Meeting. Each Committee Chairman presented their groups goals for 2020. It was a spirited meeting with great ideas to benefit our PGA Members and the WNYPGA Section. Thank you to our Board Members who have really stepped up and put in a lot of work for their respective committees.

There has been an announcement by the National PGA of four Members who will be campaigning for the position of National PGA Secretary. The 4 candidates are as follows:

- Tom Henderson – Metropolitan Section
- Don Rea – Southwest Section
- David Schneider – Nebraska Section
- Kelly Williams – Kentucky Section

Each candidate has been or is presently a District Director and has served on the National Board of Directors. All four candidates bring extensive experience behind them for their campaigns. If by chance you have had any personal dealings with or thoughts about any of the candidates, please contact me with your viewpoint at PGAGolfman@aol.com.

Speaking of candidates, we will be looking for our next two Directors to join the Board of Directors this coming Fall. If you know someone who may be interested in getting more involved, please be sure to nominate them in writing to the Section Office before April. All candidates will be announced in the spring newsletter and spring membership meeting.

Remember to read up and educate yourself on the newly instituted USGA World Handicap System. We all know that our club members and students will be asking many questions about this in the near future!

Thank you for all you do every day as a PGA Professional, promoting golf and making it the greatest game on earth.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Antonucci, PGA Certified Professional
WNYPGA Section President
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S VIDEO MESSAGE
STEVEN BARTKOWSKI

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## 2020 Tentative Tournament Schedule

- Please note sites and dates are subject to change -

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“PGA Member Milestone” Program

Presented by

James Lacey, PGA
Golf Galaxy—Rochester

Michael Clawson, PGA
Southern Meadows GC

Michael O’Connor, PGA
The Kahkwa Club

A special Congratulations goes to our new Half Century Member:

James E. Barillo, PGA
PGA Life Member

The PGA Member Milestone program was created to highlight the accomplishments of both our newest PGA Members, as well as, pay tribute to our more tenured PGA Professionals reaching Quarter and Half Century status.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE WNYPGA

If you know of any individuals who would be suited for our WNY PGA Works Fellowship, please have them apply at the link below! In addition to your employment opportunities on PGA.org, if you would like to list an Assistant Professional Position on our website please contact Executive Director, Steven Bartkowski, at sbartkowski@pgahq.com and your job will be listed in similar fashion. Please note the positions must follow 2020 NYS Labor Law requirements regarding minimum wage and/or exempt employee standards.

PGA Works Fellow, WNYPGA 2020—View posting HERE
Assistant Professional, Lakeside CC—View posting HERE
Assistant Professional, Monroe GC—View posting HERE

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The Western New York Section team spent a week in Orlando at the PGA Merchandise show training and networking. While in Florida, we were able to catch up with our local partners to continue to strengthen mutually beneficial relationships for both 2020 and beyond. To thank our sponsors, we held our first ever “Signing Day,” event on social media where we had our sponsors take pictures (see below) to commemorate signing on for the 2020 season and to thank them for all of their support of our PGA Professionals. If you haven’t had a chance to view our signing day please be sure to check it out and thank those who continue to give back. More announcements on local partners to come in the months leading up to the season!
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This past offseason, both the Western New York Section and PGA REACH WNY Foundation leadership voted to bring all WNYPGA Junior initiatives under the PGA REACH WNY Foundation brand. The reason for this change is both to create less confusion for juniors and parents, and ensure that PGA Professionals are making the greatest impact possible when it comes to growing the game of golf. With this change, PGA REACH WNY is expected to conduct junior programs for close to 1400 juniors in 2020, based on recent growth numbers.

“We are extremely excited for this re-branding of WNYPGA Junior Programs. The goal is to ultimately provide opportunities for kids of all ages, skills, demographics and financial means. Our Youth Pillar will go from conducting events for 550 kids 13 & under, to conducting events for close to 1400 kids ages 7-24. Now that all programs are under our 501c3 arm, we see a long-term opportunity to create scholarships for kids who may not be able to enjoy the game of golf due to financial barriers,” said WNYPGA/PGAREACH WNY Executive Director Steven Bartkowski.

A complete list of each of the programs can be found below.

**Drive, Chip and Putt** is a FREE program hosted by PGA Professionals, open to boys and girls ages 7-15. Each participant will compete in all three skills (Drive, Chip & Putt) with the opportunity to advance to the National finals that are held in conjunction with The Masters at Augusta National.

**PGA Junior League** is a game-changing opportunity for boys and girls to learn and play golf with expert coaching from certified PGA Professional coaches. The program brings family and friends together around fun, team golf experiences similar to a structure of little league baseball. Each player gets home and away jerseys with numbers as they travel across the state competing against other facilities. PGA Jr. League is open to both boys and girls, 13 and under, of all abilities.

**The WNYPGA Junior Golf Tour** provides an opportunity and atmosphere for juniors to enjoy the camaraderie, friendship, and sportsmanship of competitive golf at a series of premier venues throughout the Western New York Section of the PGA of America. The Tour is open to boys and girls ages 10-18 with all different divisions and skill levels available. For the first time ever, the Tour will be providing opportunity for its members to compete in 36-hole nationally ranked events that are included in the one-time membership fee. The Tour is ideal for both those just starting out playing 9-holes or who are looking to get noticed by college coaches.

**The Fore Tour Junior Series** is NEW in 2020 and provides a regional affordable competitive 36 Hole Event opportunity for juniors. These events will be held at premier venues throughout the Western NY, Central NY, North East and Tri State PGA Sections of the PGA of America. The Fore Tour Junior Series is open to all Juniors ages 13 to 18. This is a great opportunity for those higher-level juniors to compete on a regional scale against some of the best competition across two states. Local PGA Professionals and Sections wanted to also ensure that the cost of the events did not hinder anyone who wishes to compete. The hope is that this will be an additional more affordable option than many other third-party tours.

**The College Series** is available to Men and Women who are at least 18 years old to 25 years old. They must also be currently enrolled in post-secondary education. This tour, that started in 2019, is an opportunity for both college golfers to keep their games sharp while home from school and non-college golfers have a structured league to continue to play competitively with their friends.

To learn more about the many opportunities provided by PGA Professionals through the PGA REACH WNY Foundation please contact Director of Junior Golf and Player Development Operations, Bob Ashley, at 716-707-3818 or bashley@pgahq.com.
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**DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT**

**WNY LOCAL QUALIFIER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

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CLICK ON THE BOXES TO REGISTER FOR OUR 2020 DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT LOCAL QUALIFIERS!
Playing Like the Pros: Putt for Dough?

“Playing Like the Pros,” is being started to help give all of our WNY golfers, experienced and new, golf instruction to help tweak and perfect your game. In our first edition of “Playing Like the Pros,” we are receiving tips from Brian Jacobs, PGA. Brian Jacobs is a Lead Coach for Golf Channel Academy and operates a Golf Academy at Mill Creek Golf Club in Rochester, NY. He has appeared on Golf Channel Morning Drive multiple times as Coach of the Week and been awarded WNY Section PGA Teacher of the Year and the Horton Smith award. In addition, Brian is a recipient of Golf Digest Best Teacher Best in State.

Putting has been described as a “game within a game” and also as “the sharpest part of golf”. The great Ben Hogan once commented that putting should “not be part of the game of golf because it is so much different than the rest of the game”. Putting, unfortunately, is often an overlooked part of the practice plan for many players and my hope is that as Teachers and Players will add putting into their practice plans and work on it as this is one of the easiest ways to lower scores. The following are some ways we approach putting and move players at Golf Channel Academy at Brian Jacobs Golf. We always do an assessment because “we can’t coach what we don’t know”. We look for a number of data points including:

- Putter (Proper length/lie angle)
- Face aim (grip/lie angle/posture)
- Set up (shoulders/knees/hips/toes/eyes/putter face aimed properly)
- Path (in to out/out to in-arc-repeatable)
- Impact (square to intended start point)
- Dynamic assessment (5/10 putts from various slopes and distances)

We will then move to green reading, which in our way of thinking, is the easiest part of putting. All that really is needed for green reading is some basic awareness of the property the course is on and the influences the terrain has on the green. What influences the break?

- Hills
- Ledges
- Fronts, backs, bunkers
- Grain (down/against/cross)
- Is this a course that was carved out of the terrain or was lots of soil moved?
- Gravity and friction
- Visual Influence
- Start point
- Break point

We then measure distance vs. direction. The goal of any drill or practice we assign is to develop speed control to eliminate negative outcomes (3 putts). We also want to develop a practice routine for distance control.

We all should be aware that improper speed control accounts for more three putts than improper line. Working on developing good pace in putting, day in and day out, is difficult. A point to always remember is that “SPEED IS KING in all putts.”

We assign the following drill with a goal. 1 putt from each distance from 4 different “sides” of the hole.
- Lag Putt (20’, 25’, 30’-2 putt goal)
- Makes (3’, 4’, 5’-1 putt goal)

***Always keep in mind, the average length of a putt for a Tour Player from an approach shot with 7 iron is 21’. In addition to becoming better ball strikers we encourage our players to think in Lag Putts and Makes coupled with a goal.

“You don’t get to number 1 in anything without practicing.” If you want to be a better putter you must practice! There must be balance a players practice but putting well will drastically change scores quickly. What is critical to be a great putter is a consistent process to be used every time a player is preparing to putt.

We encourage our players to keep data such as greens in regulation, distance from hole, Putts per round/ and 3 putts. This data “tells a story” and helps the player understand and plan the next practice session for what specifically needs to be managed or changed.

You will always be well served is you use the following model for all putting practice. Use training aids such as alignment rods, putting mirrors, putting rail, target circles etc. to engrain “feel”.

- Set up
- Path
- Impact
- Speed

Be the hardest worker in the room and you’ll always be successful. Work on putting as much as you work on ball striking and watch how your scores lower!
CARTS FOR SALE!

There are 15 used 2016 Club Car carts for sale from Erie Golf Club. If you are interested in purchasing these golf carts or would like more information, please contact Steve Crane, PGA.

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Introducing our new PGA HOPE Ambassador, Nick Martone

We are proud to announce that Nick Martone is joining the WNYPGA section as our new PGA HOPE Ambassador! Nick served in the USMC for 4 years and graduated from our PGA HOPE WNY Buffalo Chapter in 2018. In October of 2019, Nick was selected as 1 of 20 veterans nation wide to become a PGA HOPE Ambassador and participate in the PGA HOPE National Golf & Wellness Week in Washington D.C.

Click here to see the 2019 PGA HOPE National Golf and Wellness Week video!

PGA Best Practices with WNYPGA’s own, Mike D’Agostino, PGA

Congratulations to WNYPGA Professional, Mike D’Agostino, PGA on being highlighted in the PGA of America’s Best Practices Series. D’Agostino was highlighted for his tremendous success in forming a Women’s Golf League at Penfield Country Club for experienced and brand new golfers. Through lessons and practice on the course, these women were able to learn the game of golf and foster a community of comradery and competition at Penfield CC. The league currently serves over 100 women and is still growing!

Click here to watch the video interview with Mike D’Agostino and learn some best practices that you can incorporate at your own golf club!
START YOUR CAREER IN THE GOLF INDUSTRY TODAY

The PGA WORKS Fellowship provides the opportunity for a one-year, paid fellowship in a PGA Section’s Foundation operations. This entry-level employment experience offers a taste of what a career in the golf industry can provide.

The PGA WORKS Fellowship is a program that offers access to individuals from diverse backgrounds—whether by gender, age, race or color, national origin or ancestry, sexual orientation, disability, religion or Veteran status—into the golf industry to gain experience in all facets of the golf industry. Currently, there are eleven fellows in eleven PGA Sections. Since 2017, nine of our ten Fellowship alumni have acquired jobs in the industry, with one other remaining in the sports industry as well.

Click the image to watch the video and learn about the PGA Works Fellowship and hear from current fellows about their experiences! Click HERE to apply!

“The PGA Works Fellowship has been a once in a lifetime opportunity for me. Right out of school I was able to enter the work force and begin making a lasting impact in the golf industry. Not only am I learning new things about golf everyday, but I am building skills that will help me be successful no matter what opportunities are presented to me in the future.”

-Jacob Coles, 2019 PGA Works Fellow, WNYPGA
Santa’s Vision 2020: A Wonderful Time for 
Friends, Family and Golf!

Santa’s Vision was an amazing opportunity that allowed our Professionals to give back to the Buffalo Community during this Holiday Season. To all of our Professionals who volunteered their time in East Aurora:

Kyle Benish, PGA  
Jennifer Eberlein, PGA  
Brian Jacobs, PGA  
Rob Krajewski, PGA  
Jeff Randall, PGA  
Daniel Rettig, PGA  
Tony Saccomanno, PGA

Thank you for spreading the game of golf to new youth in the Buffalo area. Looking forward to seeing you come out again for next year!
PGA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND
SCHOLARSHIP 2020

The application IS NOW OPEN. Click on the image above to go directly to the application page!

Important Scholarship Information:

- There is only one deadline for all materials this year, so applications must be submitted online at [PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program](www.westernnewyork.pga.com) by 11:59PM (Pacific Time) on April 3rd, 2020.
- A minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.4 is required. (Unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale).
- Schools must submit via mail the applicant's sealed official transcript for the first semester of the current school year. Please be aware of your spring break times from school as school offices may be closed.

High School Applicants:
- Official Transcript with Cumulative GPA (Must be 3.4 or above).
- SAT/ ACT Test Scores
- Student Aid Report (SAR) if applicable

College Students:
- Official Transcript with Cumulative GPA (Must be 3.4 or above).
- Most recently completed semester GPA
- Student Aid Report (SAR) if applicable

***You or your child will have to create an account to access the application. This also gives you access to upload documents and check the status of the application***
Follow the Section and the Foundation on YouTube, Twitter and Instagram to stay up to date on our WNYPGA events!
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