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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dan Antonucci,
PGA Certified Professional

The golf season is rolling along, and we are already in the end of July. As we all know COVID-19 has changed our way of life in many ways. It does look like it might be on the down hill side in NYS and PA. Let's hope and pray it is!

In my neck of New York, we recently moved to to NYS Reopening, Phase 4, which allows our Club's restaurant to finally open at 50% capacity. Other Regions in NYS and PA are ahead of where we are, so we are all in the home stretch to get fully open and two riders on a golf cart. Would you ever in your life think we would have to worry about that!

Play at my Club has increased by almost 50%. I've spoken to numerous WNYPGA Professionals and they say the same thing. If you are still working with a limited crew, hang in there!

There is not much else for people to do with their free time, so golf has been a great outlet for them. We have a unique situation as PGA Professionals to make our players feel welcome and especially safe. My inspirational speech would be for us Professionals to stay in the fight! Keep a positive attitude and be a light to your employees, members and

customers.

Congratulations to PGA Professional, Brian Jacobs for his recent article about Player Development, Intentional Communication with a Personal Connection, published in the June 2020 Edition of PGA Magazine. Thank you to Brian for sharing his techniques for a successful season around Covid-19. Please take the time to read the article, it is very well done and full of great information.

Thank you for all you do every day as a PGA Professional, promoting golf and making it the greatest game on earth. Don't forget to get yourself out there and play some golf!

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Antonucci, PGA Certified Professional
WNYPGA Section President



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

STEVEN BARTKOWSKI



**TO WATCH STEVE BARTKOWSKI'S
MESSAGE TO THE SECTION, CLICK
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IT ON OUR VIMEO PAGE**



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On behalf of the Section Education Committee, we are excited to announce the addition of [The WNYPGA Academy](#) to the Education/Professional Development program. Over the past year the Committee and Staff have worked diligently to partner up with third party, Brain Cert, which is a proven successful e-learning platform. We believe this optional education platform will only enhance the education/professional development opportunities already given by the Section and the PGA of America - ultimately allowing for more flexibility as work/life schedules become more and more demanding.

The goal of the [The WNYPGA Academy](#) is to provide WNYPGA Professionals with an inclusive and affordable online learning platform that allows for expanded education both related to the golf business and non-related to the golf business. We believe this directly fits in with the Section's Mission of being a professional force for PGA Members to maintain and upgrade their skill level to allow them to compete in today's business world.

****Benefits of Academy Enrollment ****

- *Unlimited Access to WNYPGA Academy Education (On-Line & In-Person)*
 - *Free Access to In Person WNYPGA General Education Seminars*
 - *Required Educations MSR's*
 - *Low-Cost Education in a timely fashion*
 - *Ease of Use*

To Enroll: [CLICK HERE](#)

For step-by-step: [CLICK HERE](#)





The Future of Coaching



"PGA.Coach has had a major influence in my approach to coaching Junior players and preparing them for the game throughout their life. Kids will learn more through games than through specific skill instruction. Kids love to win and through these games, they will learn what they need to do to win. The drills and games that are available through PGA.Coach create your Junior Clinics for you. It takes me 5 minutes to layout an hour long clinic. Do yourself a favor and get your certification, you'll be glad you did!"

Rob Krajewski, PGA (Director of Instruction at Glen Oak GC)

GET CERTIFIED IN PGA.COACH— EARN 3 PGA MSR

How does PGA.COACH benefit the PGA Member?

- ♦ The ADM Certificate and PGACoach mobile app will allow PGA Professionals to evolve and adapt to the changes in the game and a new generation of players.
- ♦ PGA.Coach resources will enable PGA Members to promote their business through our marketing services so they can sell and retain customers at an executive level.

How do you get started?

- Go to **www.PGA.Coach** and sign up for the PGA.Coach training.
- Once you complete your virtual training, you will be given access to the PGA Coach app where you can build lesson plans, promote your business and more.

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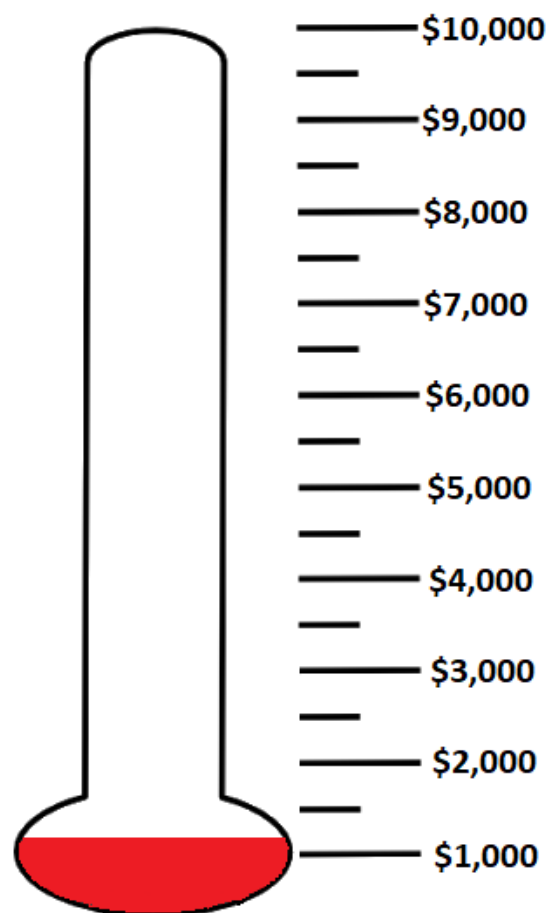
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#PLAYINGFORCOVID19



Our WNYPGA Professionals will be donating a portion of all their tournament earnings to frontline workers through #PLAYINGFORCOVID19. The PGA REACH WNY Foundation will be matching those donated earnings to make an even larger impact.

Playing For COVID-19



Current Total: \$1,075.92

Thank you to those who have dedicated a percentage of their earnings!

Jeff Kaye
Bob King
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JOIN THE NEW GAME IN TOWN!



DOUBLES GOLF

On behalf of the **Western New York PGA**, we are proud to introduce Doubles Golf®, a new program founded by Jack Nicklaus and the creators of PGA Jr. League.

The DoublesGolf program is a re-branding of the two-player scramble, which allows for a less stressful approach to playing golf recreationally and competitively. PGA Professionals will enjoy introducing this format to their club and players while taking advantage of the opportunity to grow revenue for themselves and their club. Doubles Golf® has introduced a mobile scoring system, where your golfers can now post their 9-hole, two-player scramble scores to receive a Doubles Golf® Rating and see where they rank at your course, in the state and nationwide!

PGA Professionals who are interested can host their own Doubles Golf® events and Club Championships, giving their winners a chance to qualify for the 2020 US Doubles Golf® Am Championships hosted by Jack Nicklaus at The Bear's Club, in Florida.

What will the WNYPGA Provide?

- Rules and Competition of Play
- Full support on Doubles Golf App
- Promotion on the WNYPGA website, social media, and email marketing
- Marketing material such as posters and flyers through shared Google Drive
- Recorded webinar session with full details on Doubles Golf

For marketing materials, rules sheets and email templates [CLICK HERE](#)

To learn more and register your course, [CLICK HERE](#)

To learn more by reviewing the webinar, [CLICK HERE](#)

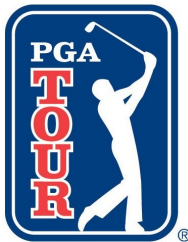
To learn more view this PDF version of the webinar, [CLICK HERE](#)



[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Doubles Golf! Contact Clementina Rodriguez at crodriguez@pgahq.com to learn more. Don't let your members miss out!



WNYPGA PROFESSIONAL CIRCUIT



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2020 UPDATE



Left: Patrick Damore took first place at the **Western New York Open** at Stafford Country Club on June 29th, 2020.

To view all results, [click here.](#)

Below: Keith Stauffer and Kirk Stauffer at the **Titleist Scratch Pro Scramble** at Penfield Country Club on July 6th, 2020.

To view all results, [click here.](#)



Above: Jeff Kaye and his little buddy at the Wild Wood **Professional Stroke Play** after posting a score four under on July 13th, 2020.

To view all results, [click here.](#)

Right: Michael Mancari and Michael Sweazy took first at the **Doubles Golf Pro-Pro Scramble** at Conewango Valley Country Club on June 15, 2020.

To view all results, [click here.](#)



To register for future WNYPGA events and tournaments, please [click here!](#)





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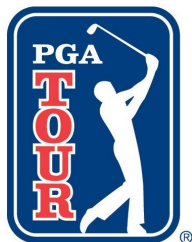
2020 Pro Tournament Schedule

**Sites and dates are subject to change
with the current COVID-19 pandemic **

JULY	Mon	6	Titleist Scratch Pro-Am (NEW DATE)	Brook-Lea CC, Rochester NY
	Mon	13	Professional Stroke Play	Wild Wood CC, Rush, NY
	Mon-Tue	20-21	Blaisdell Pro-Am & Open	POSTPONED
	Mon	27	WNY Classic	Lake View CC, North East, PA
	Mon	29	NYS Open Qualifier	Glen Oak GC, East Amherst, NY
AUG	Mon	3	Ellicottville Memorial Library Pro-Am	Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, NY
	Fri	5	Lake View Invitational Pro-Am	Lakeview CC, North East, PA (from June 5)
	Sun	9	Midvale Invitational Pro-Am	CANCELLED
	Mon	10	Sr-Jr Pro- Pro Pro-Am & Championship	Irondequoit CC, Rochester, NY
	Mon-Tue	17-18	WNYPGA Section Championship	Cobblestone Creek CC, Victor, NY
	Mon	24	Wellsville Pro-Am	Wellsville CC, Wellsville, NY
	Fri	28	National Car Rental Assistant Champ	Shorewood CC, Dunkirk, NY
	Mon	31	Africa 6000 Pro-Am (NEW DATE)	CANCELLED
SEPT	Thur-Fri	3-4	WNYPGA Senior Championship	Glen Oak GC, East Amherst, NY
	Tue	8	Pro-Assistant Championship	Park CC, Williamsville, NY
	Sun	13	Locust Hill Pro-Am	Locust Hill CC, Pittsford, NY
	Mon-Tue	14-15	Match Play Championship	Crag Burn GC, East Aurora, NY
	Mon	21	Pro-Pro Championship	Niagara Falls CC, Lewiston, NY
	Mon-Tue	28-29	OMEGA Tour Championship	The Kahkwa Club, Erie, PA
OCT	Mon	5	Junior-Senior Cup Matches	Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, NY
	Mon	12	WNYPGA Annual Meeting	Glen Oak GC, East Amherst, NY
	Mon	12	Hole-In-One Shootout	Glen Oak GC, East Amherst, NY



Road to the OMEGA Championship



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The OMEGA Tour Championship will be held on Monday, September 23rd and Tuesday, September 24th, 2020 at Niagara Falls Country Club. The 36-hole stroke play event is invitation only and will have 30 players in the field. Eligible players will be determined based on Player of the Year (POY) point standings following the Match Play Championship.

For more information about the OMEGA Tour Championship, please [click here!](#)



Niagara Falls Country Club

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John Boss, PGA Head Professional

David Lee Meteer, Superintendent

Player of the Year Information

All classes of Membership and Associates except Class F, Inactive and A-3 are eligible to accumulate Player of the Year points. Points will be awarded for all Section competitions on the official WNYPGA Tournament Schedule up to two weeks prior to the Fall Meeting, with the exception of those that do not involve individual scoring for the Professionals.

For more information about the POY point system, please [click here.](#)



WNYPGA JUNIOR TOUR

2020
UPDATE

The WNYPGA Junior Tour just finished off weekend number 5 of the season. Participants have beat the heat this season and posted personal best scores showing their dedication to the game. The Junior Tour Schedule allows for many young ladies and gentlemen to compete at some of the best courses around the WNYPGA Section.

Thank you to the support of those PGA Facilities that have opened their doors for these juniors. The Tour would not be able to continue to grow without your hospitality!

And for those interested in our College Series events, please visit our website to register for upcoming College Series events!

**Pictured:**

Top Left: Girls 13-15 Division Medalists at Chautauqua Golf Club on July 8th, 2020.

Top Right: Boys 16-18 Gold Medalist, Matt Conklin, at Terry Hills Golf Club July 9th, 2020.

Bottom Left: Boys 9-hole Division medalists at the Links at Greystone Golf Club on July 5th, 2020.



Our WNYPGA Jr. Tour is in full-swing! Listed below are our last three tour events, and we are looking forward to getting more players involved and playing the game of golf! To register for tour events, [click here!](#)

To see the results of these four events this season, click the links below:

- [Eagle Vale Golf Club](#)
- [Chautauqua Golf Club](#)
- [Terry Hills Golf Club](#)



The Fore Tour Junior Series provides a regional affordable competitive 36-Hole Event opportunity for juniors. These events, which are backed and conducted by PGA Section Staff and Professionals, will be held at premier venues throughout the Western NY, Central NY, North East and Tri State PGA Sections of the PGA of America. To learn more, [click here!](#)

For any questions about registering for the WNYPGA Jr. Tour, please reach out to our Junior Golf Director Bob Ashley at Bashley@pgahq.com.

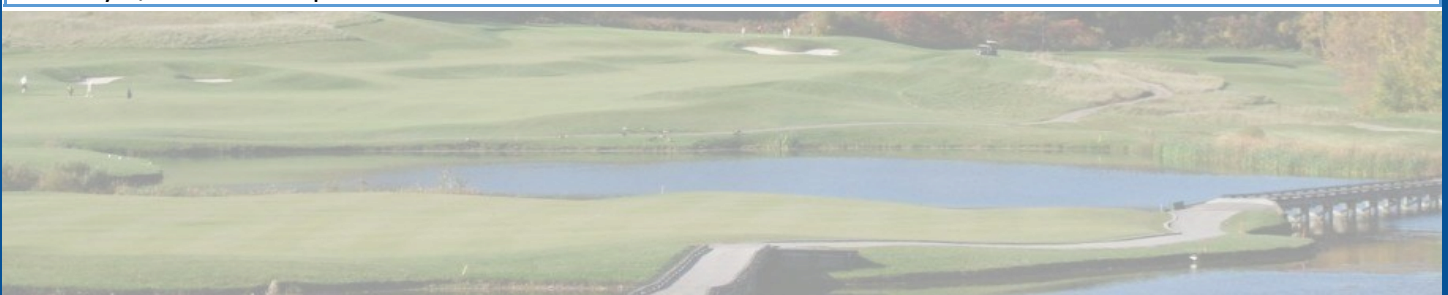


WNYPGA 2020 Tentative Junior Tour Schedule

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current COVID-19 pandemic *



Day and Date	Facility
Saturday 5/30	Mark Twain GC
Sunday 5/31	Fore Golf Jr Series
Sunday 6/7 +College	Bartlett CC
Saturday 6/13	Gowanda CC
Sunday 6/14 +College	Elkdale CC
Saturday 6/20	Lockport T & CC
Sunday 6/21 +College	Lake View CC
Sunday 6/28 +College	Timber Ridge GC
Monday 6/29	Holiday Valley Resort
Tuesday 6/30	Willowbrook GC
Wednesday 7/1 +College	Shorewood CC
Thursday 7/2	Mendon CC
Sunday 7/5	The Links at Greystone
Tuesday 7/7	Eagle Vale GC
Wednesday 7/8 +College	Chautauqua GC
Thursday 7/9	Terry Hills GC
Saturday 7/11	Glen Oak GC
Sunday 7/12	Four Golf Jr Series
Friday 7/17	Geneva CC
Sunday 7/19	Ridgemont CC
Monday 7/20	Lancaster CC
Tuesday 7/21	Livingston CC
Thursday 7/23 +College	Downing GC
Saturday 7/25	Lake Shore CC
Monday 7/27	Webster GC
Tuesday 7/28	Wild Wood CC
Wednesday 7/29	Shorewood CC
Thursday 7/30	The Kahkwa Club
Monday 8/3 Jr Tr Champ	Stafford CC
Tuesday 8/4 Jr Tr Champ	Stafford CC



WNYPGA JUNIOR TOUR

Road to the PGA Junior Tour Championship



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The WNYPGA Junior Tour Championship will be held on Monday, August 3rd and Tuesday, August 4th at Stafford Country Club. The 36-hole event will be invitation only. The top players in their respective divisions will be invited to the event based on Player of the Year Point Standings at the end competition on July 31st.

Here is a breakdown of the number of players in each division who will be invited:

- Twelve (12) from Boys 16-18 Division
- Twelve (12) from Boys 13-15 Division
- Nine (9) from the Boys 9 Hole Division
- Six (6) from the Girls 16-18 Division
- Six (6) from the Girls 13-15 Division
- Three (3) from the Girls 9-hole Division



For more information about the Western New York PGA Junior Tour Championship, please [click here](#).

For more information about POY point standings, please [click here](#).



For more information about the PGA Junior, please [click here](#).



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The Western New York PGA Foundation's mission is to Positively Impact Lives through the Game of Golf through the founding pillars: youth, military and diversity in golf. Here are some highlights the foundation has been a part of recently.

Clubs for Kids at Delaware Park

On July 13th, PGA Professionals from across the WNYPGA Section helped the Police Athletic League (PAL) of Buffalo conduct a golf clinic for youth in the Buffalo area. Our

President, Dan Antonucci, has been involved in this program for about 30 years. The professionals set up driving, chipping and putting stations for the kids to have a taste of all the golf skills. Some students are familiar with the game while others may be picking up a golf club for the first time. Coaches who helped to teach included WNYPGA Board members, Head Golf Professionals, PGA HOPE Ambassadors and WNYPGA Staff.

This year's event was held in Delaware Park in order to provide enough space for social distancing. All the kids, volunteers, PAL organizers, WNYPGA representatives and guests were required to wear masks during the event. **Originally, event organizer's anticipated 30 participants, but there were 78 participants at the event!**



PGA HOPE Events

In an effort to support the work that PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) does for our veterans, Mill Creek Golf Club and Glen Oak Golf Club hosted PGA HOPE for a handful of golf nights and three closest to the pin events. The PGA REACH Foundation was able to cover costs for players who recently graduated from our PGA HOPE program to play nine holes. **The closest to the pin events raised \$2500 for the PGA HOPE program that will go toward introducing the game of golf to veterans and provide equipment to better support our veterans who golf.**



PGA HOPE Buffalo clinics begin on Wednesday, July 22nd at Glen Oak Golf Club and will continue for eight weeks. If you are interested in helping to grow the game and working with our veterans, please contact Jacob Coles at jcoles@pgahq.com





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PGA HOPE WNY is the flagship military program of **PGA REACH WNY**, the charitable foundation of the **WNYPGA Section**. **PGA HOPE WNY** introduces golf to all Veterans in order to enhance their mental, social, physical, and emotional well-being.

The **WNYPGA and local PGA Professionals** are working with the VA system across the country to assist Veterans in the transition.

Sessions are taught by **local PGA Professionals** with assistance from trained volunteers and include clubs and equipment if needed, training aids, range balls and weekly golf course access.

INSTRUCTIONAL SESSIONS:

Wednesdays, July 22nd - September 9th | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

GRADUATION DATE | Wednesday, September 9th 2020

Held at Glen Oak Golf Course | 711 Smith Road
East Amherst, NY 14150 | 716-688-5454

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Our program participation is larger than ever before. Any PGA professionals interested in assisting with the program, please contact Jacob Coles at jcoles@pgahq.com



What's In the Bag?

Featuring PGA of America Career Consultant

Chris Kulinski, PGA



I have been blessed for a long time to be sponsored first by **Cobra** and now by **Titleist**. I have always remained loyal to both companies while on staff with them. Both **Cobra** and **Titleist** are wonderful to work with and have always fit me for my clubs. Thanks to Jeff Beaver and Titleist for the past 15 years of sponsorship!

Driver:

My driver is a **Titleist TS2** with a 45 inch HZRDUS Smoke 60g stiff shaft. I played a Diamana White Board 44.5inch 63 gram shaft in my **Titleist Driver** for years, but decided to give the HZRDUS a try in my TS2

Fairway Wood:

I have a 16.5 degree **Titleist TS2 3** wood that I love. It has a KURO KAGE 55g stiff flex shaft. I used to carry a 15 degree 3 wood but could not get it airborne as well as my 16.5.

Hybrid/Driving Iron:

Everyone who plays with me always gives me a hard time about all the headcovers in my bag, but I am not a strong iron player so I carry two hybrids, a 21 degree and a 25 degree **Titleist TS2**. These hybrids have Mitsubishi Blue TENSE 80 gram stiff shafts.

Irons:

I carry irons 5 through PW in the **Titleist T200**. I have KBS Tour 90 shafts in my irons. These are very strong lofts but are very forgiving also.

Wedges:

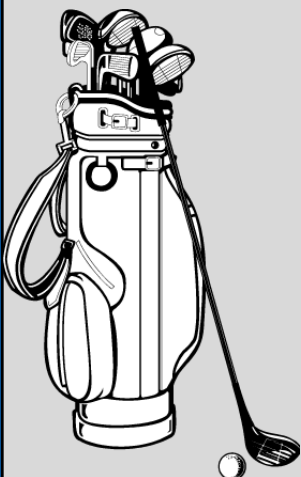
To me this is where my game is the best. Each time I have 135 or less in I am thinking of holing my shot. I carry a 43, 46, 52 and 58 degree wedge. The 43 is a **Titleist T200**, the 46, 52, and 58 are **Titleist SM8** "Smiley Faced" stamped wedges(because you have to remember golf is just a game). I love how these wedges spin the ball and if I don't it within 15 feet of the pin, I'm disappointed.

Putter:

Putting is something I have always messed with. Currently I am using a **Scotty Cameron California Del Mar**. It is 34 inches long and I use this putter because it looks good to me and also feels good.

Carry Distances:

Driver: 270 yards	PW: 140 yards
Fairway Wood: 230 yards	46 wedge: 127 yards
3 Hybrid: 218 yards	52 wedge: 112 yards
4 Hybrid: 207 yards	58 wedge: 90 yards
5 Iron: 190 yards	
6 Iron: 180 yards	
7 Iron: 170 yards	
8 iron: 160 yards	
9 iron: 150yards	



Ball:

I play **Titleist Pro V1x**. I have played the Pro V1x for as long as I can remember.

Other Accessories:

I keep 4 **Titleist Players** gloves in my bag and rotate through them. I have a **Leupold GX-3** Range finder. I have ever color sharpie you can think of to mark my ball with 5 dots, one for each person in my family. I also keep a few snacks in my bag, almonds and raisins are my go to, but I also usually bring a banana as well.

I really enjoy competing, but have realized my game has dropped off because of family life and other priorities. The drop off bothers me but I also realize that I do not put the time I used to into my golf game. I play in our events because I enjoy seeing everyone outside of "work" and the "ball busting" that takes place after the round. I hope everyone is well and safe and please if you have any questions about jobs, your career path, or resume please do not hesitate to give me a call. Have a great season!



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Assistant Professional Spotlight

Featuring John Doe



1. What is your original hometown?

Jamestown NY

2. How long have you been a class A-8 Member?

Elected in 2010

3. What/ who inspired you to get into the golf industry?

I have always wanted to be a PGA Golf Professional, the love of competitive golf in my Jr Golf, High School and College career kept me striving to play golf at the highest level. Teaching the golf swing and helping others has always been a passion of mine. Over my tenure at Holiday Valley learning all the facets of the business from Master Professional Steve Carney has been a great inspiration.

4. What is your tenure at Holiday Valley Resort?

Began in the season of 2004

5. Are there any fun programs you have initiated for the golfers at Holiday Valley?

We have done many successful programs at Holiday Valley. We have ranged from World Class Events, Jr Golf & Play Golf America events. But some events I am most proud of are our fun events. These events such as Ladies Wine and Nine night, a 9 hole Two lady team event with wine tasting and all wine themed party. Another fun event which is a huge success is our Tailgates and Tee Time event. A two person event with everything football themed. We have events on the golf course that deduct strokes for a completed pass with a football to kicking a 10 yard field goal. And yes a full sized field goal is constructed.

6. How long have you been in the section and have you had any other jobs?

I have always been a member of the WNYPGA. I started my career at Kahkwa Club in Erie PA for Michael O'Connor. Up to last winter I always spent my winters in South Florida. I worked at the following clubs, Country Club of Naples - Old Palm Golf Club & Worthington Country Club.

7. Have you won any section awards?

It is with a huge honor that I have been awarded Assistant Golf Professional twice. 2014 & 2017

8. What are some of your main goals, playing and professional, for the 2020 Golf Season?

My playing goals are always to make the Ryder Cup team and be in the top 20 players in the section. Goals as a Professional is always to help anyone in the game and make more people enjoy the game. I am also working to get certified in the PGA Specialized Program in Executive Management. This will be my second further education certification, I completed the Certified Professional Program in Golf Operations in 2019.



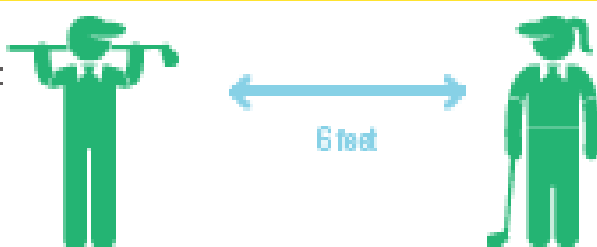
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1. ALWAYS
stay six feet apart
from others.



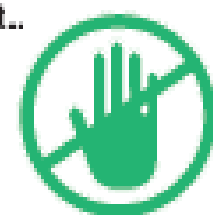
2. STAY HOME
if you have
a fever or
feel sick.



3. AVOID
large gatherings on the
first tee, driving range
or after the round.



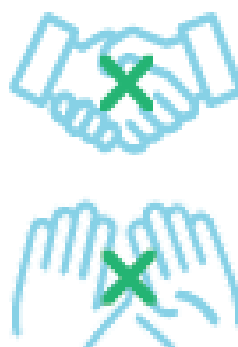
**4. If in doubt..
DON'T TOUCH IT.**



5. ALWAYS
mark your ball clearly.



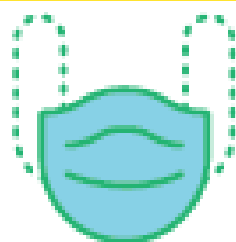
7. AVOID
handshakes and
high-fives.



8. RESPECT
the game and
all involved.



6. WEAR
a facial covering
when taking a lesson.



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to wash your hands
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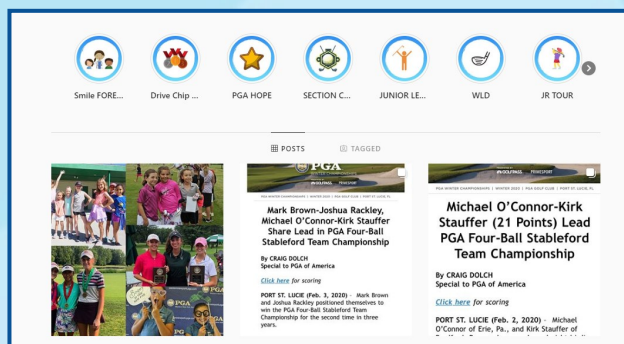
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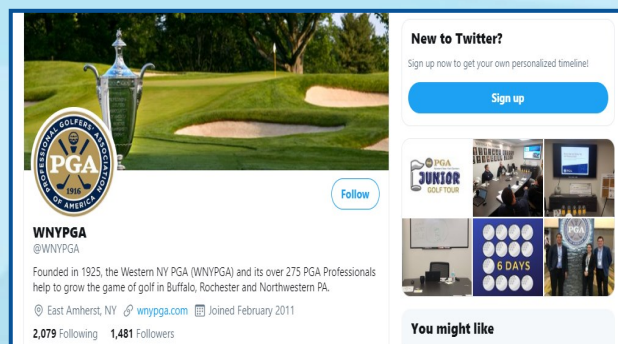


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