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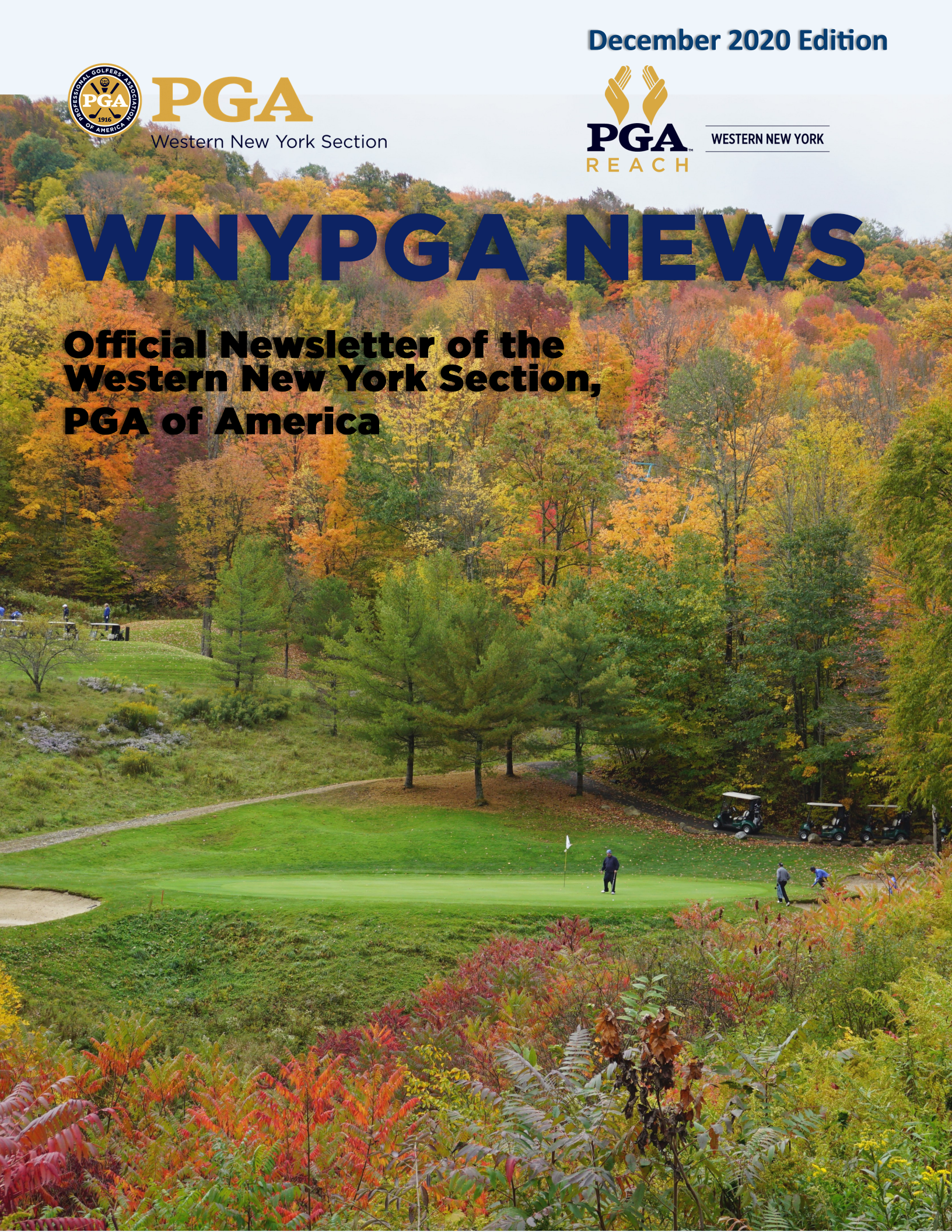
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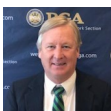
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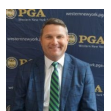
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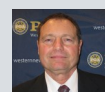
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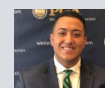
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dan Antonucci, PGA Certified Professional

It's the middle of December, with Christmas only two weeks away. Last week, it was almost 50 degrees, so I got some of my members together for golf and a little skins game at my Club. What a beautiful day it was, playing golf in Western New York on December 11th! As we know, that does not happen very often in our part of the country.

Speaking about playing, hats off to Kirk Stauffer, Director of Golf at Chautauqua Golf Club on being named the WNYPGA OMEGA Player of the Year for the 11th time in his career! Add in that he also was the WNYPGA Senior Player of the Year for the 7th time this season. What incredible playing achievements by a great Competitor and Professional. Congratulations also to Lauren Tallman, Teaching Instructor at Ravenwood Golf Club for being named the 2020 WNYPGA Women's Player of the Year for the second time in her career. In addition, Matt Stasiak for winning the 2020 WNYPGA Assistant

Professional Player of the Year. Compliments to all three Professionals on their personal Player of the Year Honors.

The WNYPGA Board of Directors held our annual Board Planning Meeting this past week at Niagara Falls C.C. In conjunction with our Executive Director, Steve Bartkowski, we discussed and set our game plan for 2021. There will be a variety of programs that we as Professionals can bring to our facilities to generate revenue for your Club, the Section and yourself. Doubles Golf and the WNYPGA Golf Pass being two of the initiatives. As always we need the backing of our Section Professionals to help these programs succeed. Please call the Section Office for more details or how to get involved in 2021.

Whether you head down south to the warmer climate, or stay in WNY, please enjoy the Christmas season with your family and friends. It is a very special time of the year for everyone!

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
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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ENHANCE, EVOLVE & ADAPT

This past week I had the pleasure of presenting at our annual Board of Director Planning Session. Included in the meeting was the current Board of Directors, PGA Career Consultant and also potential incoming Board of Directors. The overall goal of this meeting each year is to put forth a plan for the next year to ensure we are executing on our mission of ***Serving the PGA Member & Growing The Game.***

At the end of the meeting three words came to mind for me—enhance, evolve and adapt. The industry and world is changing so rapidly that we need to have the foresight to understand how

we can continue to be the leaders in all areas of golf across our region. We must continue to enhance our member facing programs whether it be professional tournaments, education, or employment resources. As the world evolves we must also ensure that we are adapting our growth of the game programs through our junior tour, junior league and doubles golf to best serve the community.

In order to best do this however, we need input from all PGA Members in all regions of our Section. Our strength as a smaller PGA Section is the “fraternal” aspect. This offseason we will be travelling (either physically or digitally) to all the areas of the WNYPGA and having open discussions with each of you in smaller groups. We encourage you to join these open forums that will be closed PGA Member only sessions to present best practices, discuss struggles of the business, and lean on each other to create new opportunities and successes. As I stated from day one when I was given the humbling opportunity to become your Executive Director, I do not believe in the status quo and want to see the WNYPGA Section improve in all aspects each and every year.

Dr. Henry Cloud has a famous quote “Growth is actually contagious, so if you want to reach your goals, you’ve got to get around people who are going in the same direction you want to be going, and you will catch the success.” Let’s all get together as WNYPGA Members and be at the forefront of creating successes together for the good of all.

With 2020 coming to an end in a few short weeks I just want to personally thank your dedicated Section Staff of Ric, Bob, Jake and Hope. I am proud of the work they do each and every day on behalf of all WNYPG Members.

I sincerely wish you all a very Merry Christmas, the happiest of holidays and a safe and successful New Year!

Respectfully,

Steven J. Bartkowski | Executive Director
Western NY PGA | PGA REACH Western NY Foundation

“PGA Member Milestone” Program

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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.

T-Squared Putters produced three distinct desktop awards to recognize new members and celebrate those with 25 and 50 years of service. New members receive a custom Ts-503 Standard Series putter with name and selection date, 25 year receive a custom Ts-713 Standard Series, and 50 year members receive a custom Ts-912 Standard Series.

WNYPGA Members who have previously reached Milestones before the development of this Sponsorship will be offered an opportunity to purchase an award at a discounted rate through this agreement. [Click here for details!](#)



About T-Squared Putters

“At T-Squared Putters we custom mill, assemble, & test each & every putter right here in the USA. Our team of engineers have over 50 years of experience working in a state of the art facility, & the result is no higher quality putter than a T-Squared Putter. Our putters are unique because of their sleek edges and subtle curves & features Teflon technology & sweet spots second to none.”

Quarter Century Members:

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Paul Sanders, PGA
Terry Stiltner, PGA
Mike Clawson, PGA
James Lacey, PGA
Michael O'Connor, PGA

New Members:

Andrew Farrell, PGA





2021 UPDATE

College Signing Period

We enjoy celebrating the success of our junior golfers! As you probably know, the College Golf National Letter of Intent Window began November 11, 2020. This important milestone for a junior golfer on the road to college golf is a great opportunity for Junior Golf Hub and the Western NY PGA to assist in educating golf families about collegiate golf and congratulate every junior golfer who signs this season.

Our goals are to:

1. Congratulate each signee in the WNYPGA during this year's NLI Signing Period
2. Educate each Junior Member and family in the WNYPGA on What You Need to Know about the National Letter of Intent for College Golf

If you have or intend to sign a National Letter of Intent please contact Junior Golf Director, Bob Ashley, at bashley@pgahq.com so we may share your success.

Give the Gift of Golf

Give the gift of golf to your Western NY PGA Junior Tour golfer this holiday season! Join the WNYPGA Junior Tour membership to day to give the gift of golf, get your first choice of events, and secure 36-hole weekend scoring events. **To get your WNYPGA Junior Tour Membership and [CLICK HERE](#). To view the WNYPGA Junior Tour Schedule and [CLICK HERE](#).**

To request a WNYPGA Junior Tour Gift Certificate or to learn more about the WNYPGA Jr Tour, contact Junior Golf and Player Development Director, Bob Ashley, at bashley@pgahq.com.

**This Holiday Season
Give the Gift of Golf**

A 2021 Western NY PGA Junior Tour Membership
18 or 9 Hole Full Time – 10 Events
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Join Now and You have First Choice of Events !
Membership Registration & Information Below

Happy Holidays from the WNYPGA Staff



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The Future of Coaching

Three WNYPGA Professionals Gain New Students (& Revenue) during PGA Championship Week

[PGA.Coach](#) has already been proven successful for three WNYPGA Professionals (see Brian Jacobs' testimonial to the right). The Promotion on the new [PGA.com](#) during PGA Championship week has brought new clients to local PGA Coaches in our Section. Just a friendly reminder, to be able to utilize this new "Find a Coach" tool on PGA.com you must be registered through PGA.Coach.

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.



"I received a lead during the PGA Championship from PGA.Coach. I followed up immediately and today I was able to meet with the student. I did a New Student Assessment which is my product and was able to enroll the student for a long term, 1:1 coaching program. I never would have had that lead without PGA.Coach and wanted you, again, to know how grateful I am. As always if I can be of any service please let me know."

Brian Jacobs, PGA

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Play like the Pros

Featuring David Wedzik, PGA

How To Use Swing Thoughts Like a Tour Pro



When I was approached about writing a “Play Like the Pros” article I immediately considered the ideas below a perfect fit! Tour players and great players at every level have ALWAYS played their rounds and practiced with swing thoughts in their minds and it has been a longstanding myth that they play completely without them. I’ve had the opportunity to coach many tournament players including PGA and European Tour players and I can say with certainty that everyone playing competitively has swing thoughts (many times more than one) in their mind during every round they play.

Swing thoughts should not be feared as they are important in two main ways. First, they build confidence as players see them produce great shots regularly on the range and, second, they can, actually, clear the mind of the far less important things. The key to playing well and shooting the lowest score possible is formulating the

thoughts properly to use during play. For the focus or swing thought to be effective it must have a distinct purpose and be clear enough to take to the course.

In a practice session a player may be working on getting his/her right elbow tight to their rib cage and more forward on the downswing. They may do this through a drill but also through multiple practice swings and feels before each shot. In practice the thought may morph during each session and may even include multiple feels. This is fine during practice because the resultant shot isn’t that important, relatively.

Shots during a round of golf or tournament are just the opposite. To get a swing thought off of the range and onto the course you need to give it clarity and purpose. On course, the RESULT is the most important thing and the swing thought must be created with only the results in mind. The random trial and error feels in practice must be replaced with directed focus designed to produce solid shots during play. “Right elbow in front of rib cage for ball first contact” is a great example of a swing thought that can build confidence and get the job done. It is clear for the player, eliminates all the minutiae and builds confidence in its purpose... to hit the ball solid.

David Wedzik, PGA coaches a PGA HOPE Erie Chapter Summer clinic at Lake View Country Club.



DRIVE REVENUE TO YOUR FACILITY

A digital golf pass based out of Western NY.

GO GOLF U.S. powered by The WNYPGA, will work to drive rounds and revenues to our Section PGA facilities. We have seen success in fellow PGA Sections working in the golf pass space and are excited to bring this new member benefit to our Section.

Created and operated by local WNYPGA Professional Scott Chambers, PGA and his business associate Alan Liwush, **GO GOLF U.S.** is a marketing and technology-based solution to help courses optimize their tee sheet and grow the game of golf locally. Users receive discounted rates at participating WNYPGA golf courses based on the purchase of an "eBook". A portion of eBook sales is given directly to PGA Professionals, The WNYPGA Section and Children's Hospitals.

WHY PARTICIPATE WITH GO GOLF U.S. POWERED BY THE WNYPGA?

- 1. INCREASE ROUNDS AT OFF PEAK TIMES:** With no "revenue sharing model" like other industry wide tee time and coupon sites. Each course will set their pricing and restrictions, GO GOLF U.S. will help drive revenue to underutilized time frames.
- 2. FREE MARKETING:** With GO GOLF U.S. your club will be front and center on wnypga.com and will be marketing facilities to over 20,000 customers and supporters of the Children's Hospitals in WNY. GO GOLF U.S. will also provide social media marketing for clubs on the app and as the user database grows, they will provide direct marketing for courses within the eBook.
- 3. DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE PGA PROFESSIONAL:** GO GOLF U.S. will provide 15% of up front sales to the Golf eBooks for all passes sold with said PGA Professionals respective code. A great way to provide more revenue to your Assistant Professionals without pulling from the golf operations budget.
- 4. REACH A NEW DEMOGRAPHIC:** Access to a mobile platform is built to drive younger players to the game of golf. The platform is also of no cost to the club.
- 5. NEW REVENUE STREAM FOR THE SECTION:** A portion of the sales will directly benefit the Section to continue to provide enhanced programming, education and tournaments to execute our mission.

**LEARN MORE &
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the Go Golf U.S. Pass

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WNYPGA Section Staff Spotlight

Featuring Bob Ashley, PGA

Director of Junior Golf & Player Development

What is your original hometown?

Rochester, NY moved to Buffalo 1993

How long have you been a PGA Member?

28 years

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

In 1986, I took an early retirement buyout from Eastman Kodak to sell real estate. It only took 2 unsuccessful years to figure out I needed to make a career change. I had started working at Monroe Golf Club as a locker room attendant and houseman towards the end of my real estate career. The Club Manager asked me if I had any interest in making a career out of golf and setup a meeting for me with Jim Mrva. Jim, spent almost 3 hours with me explaining the golf business and what it took to be a Club Professional. As soon as I left the meeting I knew that I wanted a career in golf. Funny thing my mom and dad said they always knew that I would end up in golf for a career.



Are there any fun programs you have initiated for golfers?

In 1999 I started the WNYPGA Junior Tour and it is still going strong today, I don't know if the kids feel like they are having fun all the time, but I do!

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

I have been in the section since 1988. I started my career at Oak Hill Country Club working 4 seasons under Craig Harmon. I worked at Tan Tara Golf Club for 10 years as General Manager/ Golf Professional. I also worked at 2 Ranges (Eagle Crest & Woodlands) as the Teaching Professional. And I have worked for the section office for over 15 years but not continuous. Before golf I worked at Eastman Kodak as a Training Coordinator for 11 years. I also sold (tried to sell) real estate for 2 years!

Have you won any awards or honors?

I was the recipient of the WNYPGA Junior Golf Leader Award 3 Times (Now the Youth Player Development Award). I also was honored as a Charter Member of Century Golf Hall of Fame in 2011.

What are some of your main goals, career or playing?

To Grow the Game through Section Programs as the Jr Tour, Jr League, Doubles Golf etc. I want to leave my golf career knowing that I have supplied the PGA Golf Professionals Plenty of Players. My Playing Goal is to beat Ric and Steve on the same day. I guess I would be happy just beating one at a time!!!





***The Next Generation of Learning Inclusive to
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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](#)



What's in the Bag?

Featuring Dave Patronik Woods to Wedges



Overall I consider myself practical and traditional when it comes to my equipment. Golf is a game of misses, so I would like to thank Pat Carli and Ping for providing me with a bag full of forgiving clubs to make my misses better.

Driver:

I am currently playing a Ping G400 LST. I have the 8.5 degree head set at the stated loft. The LST head helps to maintain lower spin while the neutral face alignment allows me to shape shots in both directions. The shaft in my driver is the Ping Tour 65 stiff at a playing length of 45.75".

Fairway:

My fairway wood is a Ping G400 3-wood set at the stated loft of 14.5 degrees. Like my driver, the neutral face alignment allows me to shape shots in both directions. The shaft in my 3-wood is the Ping Tour 75 stiff at a playing length of 43".

Hybrid:

This is the part of my bag where I sometimes interchange clubs depending on the playing conditions. My normal hybrid is a Ping G400 19 degree with the Ping Tour 85 stiff shaft. Under summer conditions, I transition to a Ping i210 22.5 degree 4-iron with a KBS Tour 120 stiff steel shaft. The 4-iron gives me a lower trajectory with more roll which makes it a

good option off the tee on tight driving holes during the summer months. Under softer conditions, or at courses demanding a higher trajectory on approach shots, I have incorporated a Ping G410 22 degree hybrid with the Ping Tour 85 stiff shaft instead of the 4-iron. This hybrid

provides a higher trajectory and a steeper landing angle which helps to hold the greens on longer approach shots.

Irons:

My iron set is a black color code (standard lie angle) Ping i210 4-iron through U-wedge with KBS Tour 120 stiff steel shafts. This smaller profile cavity back set provides great feel and forgiveness on mishits, while still allowing for workability and trajectory control. As I stated above, I sometimes remove the 4-iron in favor of a 22 degree 4-hybrid depending on the playing conditions.

Wedges:

I carry 4 wedges in my bag. My pitching wedge and utility (gap) wedge are a part of my Ping i210 iron set, with lofts of 45 degrees and 50 degrees respectively. I chose to match these two clubs to my iron set because I primarily hit these clubs with full swings and a square club face. My two higher lofted wedges are Ping Glide 3.0. My sand wedge is a 56 degree SS 12 (standard sole with 12 degrees of bounce) bent 1 degree strong to 55 degrees with 11 degrees of bounce. This allows for a consistent 5 degree gap between all of my wedges. My lob wedge is a 60 degree TS 6 (thin sole with 6 degrees of bounce). Having a mid bounce sand wedge and low bounce lob wedge allows me the flexibility to play short game shots from all turf conditions, types of lies, and sand conditions. As with my irons, my wedges all have the KBS Tour 120 stiff steel shafts.

Putter:

My putter is the Ping Sigma 2 Valor set at 34 inches with a 70 degree lie angle and 3 degrees of loft. It is a face balanced, full mallet with a long, single white sight line. I use the sight line in conjunction with a Sharpie line I draw on the side stamp of my ball for aiming and feedback on my putting stroke. If I see the line roll end over end on a good line with good speed I am happy! I also like that the high MOI design of the putter provides extra stability and more consistent roll on putts of all length.

Grips:

Golf Pride Tour Velvet

Carry Distances:	4i (22.5 deg):	203 yards	9i (41 deg):	140 yards
Driver (8.5 deg):	5i (26 deg):	191 yards	PW (45 deg):	127 yards
3W (14.5 deg):	6i (29.5 deg):	178 yards	UW (50 deg):	115 yards
3H (19 deg):	7i (33 deg):	165 yards	SW (55 deg):	100 yards
4H (22 deg):	8i (37 deg):	152 yards	LW (60 deg):	85 yards

Ball:

I play the Titleist Pro V1. I mark my ball with three dots by the number and draw a Sharpie line over the side stamp that I use for putting. The three dots remind me of my family (my wife and two children) as well as my Christian faith. Overall, the ball has soft feel and provides good control and performance throughout the bag.

Other Accessories:

I like to keep my bag as light as possible while having all the supplies I need for on the course. I have two Ping Tour gloves in my bag that I rotate between rounds. If one gets wet or rips it is always nice to have a second on hand. I carry at least 6 to 12 golf balls in the bag, as well as a couple dozen tees. I trust my Bushnell Pro XE rangefinder to get accurate yardages while on the course, and make sure I have an extra battery. I carry a small supply kit with medical tape, bandaids, pain reliever, spare contact lenses, as well as hand sanitizer and a mask. I wear sunglasses while I play so I always keep a pair in my bag as well as my "lucky" divot tool. I always try to stay hydrated and nourished on the course with water or Vitamin Water to drink and trail mix or granola bars to eat. Thank you for reading what's in my bag! Stay healthy and safe. I wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



OZmosis Podcast

John Osberg is a long time volunteer, partner and supporter of PGA REACH WNY. Specifically, Osberg loves serving those who have served through our PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere). He has coached PGA HOPE clinics, participated in Doubles Golf at Glen Oak Golf Course, and formed partnerships between PGA REACH WNY and other WNY organizations.

Osberg started his company OZmosis Consulting Group to cast a spotlight on brands, community causes, organizations and people serving their communities in amazing ways. OZmosis Consulting Group connects organizations to create more opportunities and awareness for those groups. John has a contagious energy and passion for helping others.

Osberg has created a podcast (an audio show available on the internet for others to hear) to discuss projects and connect organizations. During his most recent podcast, Osberg hosted [WNYPGA](#) Executive Director, Steven Bartkowski, [Verde Golf](#) Founder, Alex Villafranca, and Team F.A.S.T. Founder and PGA HOPE Ambassador, Nick Martone. The group discussed projects happening with [PGA REACH WNY](#) and the groups passion for golf. Thank you John Osberg for inviting PGA REACH WNY to join your podcast!

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View the OZmosis Podcast [HERE](#)



Community, Camaraderie & Charity - How WNY PGA, Verde Golf, Team F.A.S.T. & OZmosis Banded Together

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DOUBLES GOLF

WHAT: What is Doubles Golf?

Rebranding of the two-person 9-hole scramble. Developed by the creators of PGA Junior League and Jack Nicklaus. The format can be as competitive as participants want it to be with the chance to play in the National Doubles Golf Am Championship.



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WHY: The benefits

- Relaxing: 2-player scramble format, teammates can accent each other's strengths while offsetting each other's weaknesses
- Inclusive: Bring in more women, millennials, new golfers & less active members to the golf facility
- Recreational & Competitive: Golfers can compete in the Club Championship & can compete in Section/State Championship. Can be as competitive as players want it to be.
- Innovative: Scoring system provides a rating & ranking for teams.
- Convenient: Encourages 9-hole rounds at slower times.
- Founded in America: First accredited program conducted for amateur golfers by the PGA of America

HOW: The steps to host Doubles Golf at your facility

Golf Facility

- Register your Doubles Golf® facility
- Utilize marketing material to advertise Doubles Golf® at your facility
- Host Doubles Golf® Club Championship (Week with any tee time OR one day event)
- Send your top teams to compete at the Section/State Championship

WNYPGA Section & US Doubles Golf

- Provide marketing material and promote your golf facility
- WNYPGA hosts Section/State Doubles Golf® Championship
- Doubles Golf® provides scoring system
- Doubles Golf® hosts USA National Amateur Championship



WHO: Amateur golfers compete for a National Championship

Divisions

- Men's Division- teams of any two men 25 years of age or older.
- Women's Division- teams of any two women 25 years of age or older.
- Mixed Division- teams of one man and one woman 25 years of age or older.
- Senior Division- teams of any two players 60 years of age or older.

REGISTER:

To register a team [CLICK HERE](#)

To register your golf facility [CLICK HERE](#)

If you are interested in providing this competitive opportunity for your members and registering as a Doubles Golf facility, contact Hope Warkoczeski at hwarkoczeski@pgahq.com



PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship 2020

The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship application became available on **December 1, 2020**. It is open to the children and/or grandchildren of PGA Class A Members or Life Members in good standing. The student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4 (unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale). The scholarship will apply to the 2021-2022 school year.

The online scholarship application is managed by International Scholarship & Tuition Services (ISTS). The application will be accessible through PGA.org and accessible by going directly to the application site. The students who applied last year will go to the login page and login with the information they used last year. The username is their email address. The password is what they created.

A student who is applying for the first time will have to create an account to access the application. After creating the account, they will be asked for a Program Key. The program key is: PGA

The one deadline for submitting the scholarship application and for submitting the supporting documents is March 23, 2021 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time. The PGA Scholarship Committee will continue to oversee the process, and the criteria will remain the same. Learn more by [clicking here!](#)

Important dates:

- March 23, 2021 – Deadline for submitting Application
- March 23, 2021 – Deadline for submitting Supporting Documents
- May 2021 - Notification of Selection Results
- July 2021 - Funds Disbursed
- August 2021 - Deadline date for photo submission
- October 2021 - The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship recipients will be in PGA Magazine and PGA Magazine digital version.



2020 UPDATE

Military, Youth, Diversity



WESTERN NEW YORK

Can\$ for Veterans

We are collecting cans and bottles! PGA HOPE veterans have been working tirelessly to collect cans and bottles for deposit to earn funds for the Western New York PGA HOPE program. The PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) program provides opportunities to learn golf at no cost to our Veterans. Funds raised from cans are for golf equipment, rounds of golf for our veterans, and golf instruction. Veterans are on a quest to return one million cans and raise \$50,000.

On November 10th, 2020 veterans Nick Martone, Steve Harris, and Scott Smalter helped PGA REACH WNY Staff to take cans and bottles to recycling centers in Western NY. **This first round of returning cans and bottles raised \$1,218.70 in funds.** The Cans for Veterans program will continue as an annual project to help fund PGA HOPE WNY. We are grateful to can and bottle donors, Can and Bottle Retrieval Centers and Glen Oak Golf Course.

If you have empty cans and bottles to return, there is a dedicated trailer at Glen Oak Golf Course for collecting cans to deposit. We are so grateful to Tim Fries, PGA and Glen Oak Golf Course for hosting the trailer to collect cans!



Click the image to view a short video about Cans for Veterans.



CLICK ON THE IMAGES FOR LINKS TO:



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Buy HOPE Give HOPE

Purchase one of our limited edition PGA HOPE shirts created by Verde Golf and a portion of the proceeds will go toward purchasing a golf shirt for our 2021 PGA HOPE Veterans. Verde golf was created with the intention to make golf fun.

Verde golf has become a partner to the PGA HOPE WNY program and has helped to celebrate our Veterans. By purchasing a Verde Golf shirt you can purchase a shirt for a PGA HOPE Veteran. Every shirt bought will go back to our PGA HOPE program to purchase graduation shirts to celebrate our 2021 PGA HOPE Programs in Buffalo, Erie and Rochester.

Limited edition shirts will be available in golf shops of PGA Professionals who volunteered to help with PGA HOPE class instruction. You can find the limited edition polo at these golf shops in Western NY:

- Fox Valley Country Club
- Glen Oak Golf Course
- Lancaster Country Club
- Niagara Frontier Golf Club
- Penfield Country Club
- Shorewood Country Club



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Foundation Focus

"Impacting lives through the game of golf"

The PGA REACH WNY Foundation is growing every day and we want to make it easier to share updates about PGA REACH with you all. We have created 'Foundation Focus' the official quarterly newsletter of the Western New York PGA Section Foundation, PGA REACH WNY.

Foundation Focus Newsletter

Click the image to the right to read the first issue of Foundation Focus!



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Raising Funds for Frontline Workers

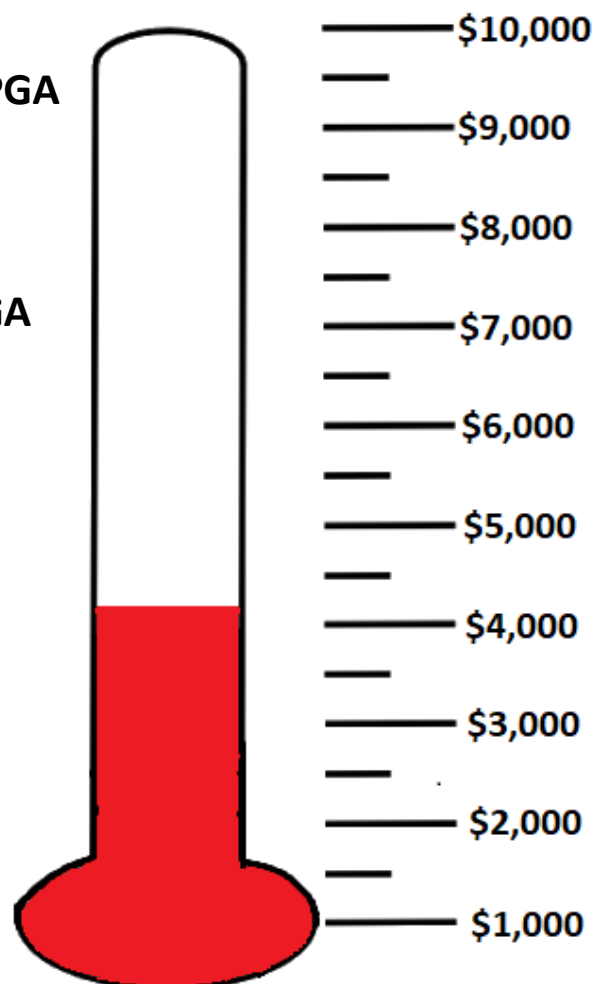
#PLAYINGFORCOVID19

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.

Thank you to those who have dedicated a percentage of their earnings!
Total: \$4,082.56

Matt Clark, PGA
 Tim Fries, PGA
 Bobby Hogan, PGA
 Matt Jarrell
 Greg Kaye, PGA
 Jeff Kaye, PGA
 Bob King, PGA
 Rob Krajewski, PGA
 Chris Kulinski, PGA
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 Michael O'Connor, PGA
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Dwayne Randall, PGA
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 Anthony Schiro
 Kirk Stauffer, PGA
 Jay Sutherland, PGA
 Mike Sweazy, PGA
 Mike Touhey, PGA





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2021
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Tentative 2021 Schedule

APRIL

19 Monday **Spring Membership Meeting & Golf**
Glen Oak Golf Club, East Amherst, NY

MAY

3 Monday **Pro-Pro Scramble**
Wild Wood Country Club, Rush, NY
10 Monday **Titleist Scratch Pro-Am**
Brook Lea Country Club, Rochester, NY
17 Monday **WNYPGA Stableford**
Lancaster Country Club, Lancaster, NY
24 Monday **Elkdale Pro-Am***
Elkdale Country Club, Salamanca, NY

JUNE

1 Tuesday **WNYPGA Pro-Officer/Superintendent**
Ravenwood Golf Club, Victor, NY
4 Friday **Lawrence Park Invitational Pro-Am***
Lawrence Park Golf Club, Harborcreek, PA
7 Monday **PGA REACH Golf Classic**
Glen Oak Golf Course, East Amherst, NY
11 Friday **Lake View Invitational Pro-Am***
Lake View Country Club, North East, PA
14 Monday **Moon Brook Invitational Pro-Am***
Moon Brook Country Club, Jamestown, NY
21 Monday **Children's Invitational**
Park Country Club, Williamsville, NY
23 Wednesday **NYS Open Qualifier**
Glen Oak Golf Club, East Amherst, NY
25 Thursday **Bartlett Pro-Am***
Glen Oak Golf Club, East Amherst, NY
28 Monday **Chautauqua Pro-Am***
Chautauqua Golf Club, Chautauqua, NY

JULY

12 Monday **WNY Open***
Stafford Country Club, Stafford, NY
19 Monday **Kahkwa Invitational***
The Kahkwa Club, Erie, PA
26-27 Mon-Tue **Blaisdell Pro-Am & Open**
Pennhills Club, Bradford, PA

AUGUST

2 Monday **WNY Classic***
Glen Oak Golf Club, East Amherst, NY
9 Monday **Holiday Valley Pro-Am***
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville, NY
15 Sunday **Midvale Invitational Pro-Am***
Midvale Country Club, Penfield, NY
16 Monday **Sr-Jr Pro-Pro / Pro-Am Championship**
Mill Creek Golf Club, Churchville, NY
23-24 Mon-Tue **WNYPGA Section Championship***
Country Club of Buffalo, Williamsville, NY
27 Friday **NCR Assistant Championship**
TBD
30 Monday **Wellsville Pro-Am***
Wellsville Country Club, Wellsville, NY

SEPTEMBER

2-3 Thurs-Fri **WNYPGA Senior Championship***
The Golf Club at Blue Heron Hills, Macedon, NY
7 Tuesday **Pro-Assistant Championship**
Transit Valley Country Club, East Amherst, NY
12 Sunday **Locust Hill Pro-Am***
Locust Hill Country Club, Pittsford, NY
13-14 Mon-Tue **Match Play Championship***
Crag Burn Golf Club, East Aurora, NY
20 Monday **Pro-Pro Championship**
Niagara Falls Country Club, Lewiston, NY
27-28 Mon-Tue **OMEGA Tour Championship***
River Oaks Golf Club, Grand Island, NY

OCTOBER

4 Monday **Junior-Senior Cup Matches**
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville, NY
11 Monday **WNYPGA Annual Meeting & Shootout**
Glen Oak Golf Club, East Amherst

*Denotes OMEGA Player of the Year Points Event
Updated—11/12/2020



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APRIL

17 Saturday	Midvale CC
Penfield, NY	
18 Sunday	Ridgemont CC
Rochester, NY	
24 Saturday	Greystone GC
Walworth, NY	
25 Sunday	Orchard Park CC
Orchard park, NY	

MAY

1 Saturday	Terry Hills GC
Batavia, NY	
2 Sunday	Stafford CC
Stafford, NY	
8 Saturday	Lake Shore CC
Rochester, NY	
15 Saturday	The Fox Valley Club
Lancaster, NY	
16 Sunday	Holiday Valley Resort
Ellicottville, NY	
22 Saturday	Chautauqua GC
Chautauqua, NY	
23 Sunday	Shorewood CC
Dunkirk, NY	
29 Saturday	Timber Ridge GC
Brockport, NY	
30 Sunday	Lake View CC
North East, PA	

JUNE

5 Saturday	Wild Wood CC
Rush, NY	
6 Sunday	Bartlett CC
Olean, NY	
12 Saturday	Gowanda CC
Collins, NY	
13 Sunday	Elkdale CC
Salamanca, NY	

19 Saturday **Lockport Tow & CC**

Lockport, NY

26-27 Saturday-Sunday Fore Tour Series

Glen Oak GC

East Amherst, NY

29 Tuesday

2021 WNYPGA Junior Championship

Glen Oak GC

East Amherst, NY

JULY

1 Thursday	Mendon GC
Mendon, NY	
6 Tuesday	Eagle Vale GC
Fairport, NY	
9 Friday	Churchville GC
Churchville, NY	
12 Monday	Willowbrook GC
Lockport, NY	
16 Friday	Mill Creek GC
Churchville, NY	
20 Tuesday	Lancaster CC
Lancaster, NY	
23 Friday	Geneva CC
Geneva, NY	
26 Monday	Webster GC
Webster, NY	
28 Wednesday	Shorewood CC
Bobby Steele Memorial	
Dunkirk, NY	
29 Thursday	The Kahkwa Club
Erie, PA	

AUGUST

2-3 Monday-Tuesday

WNYPGA Junior Tour Championship

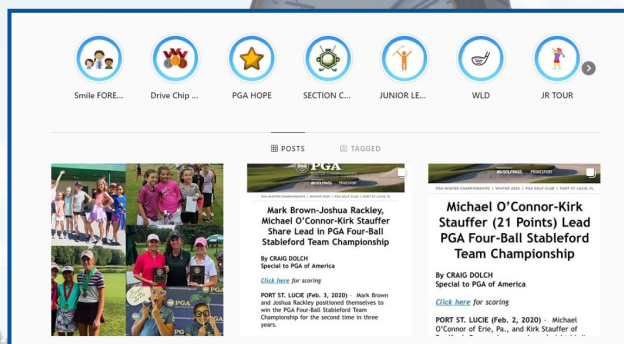
Stafford, NY

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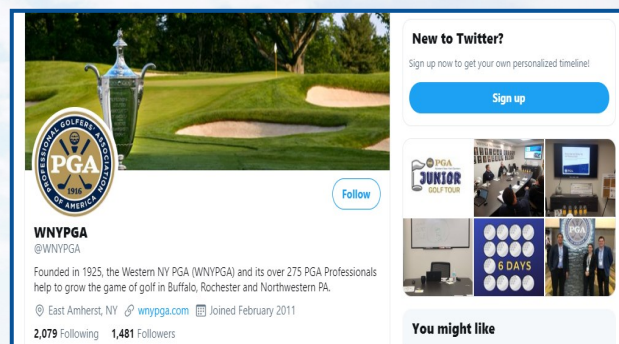


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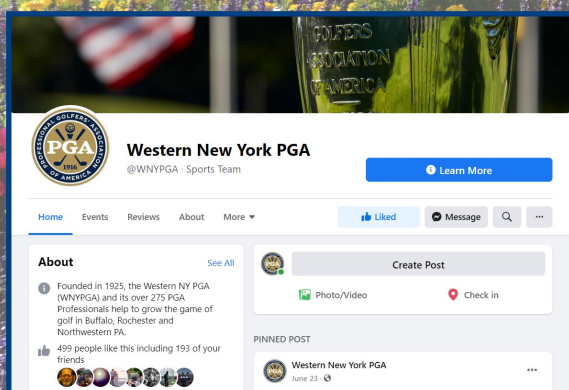
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