



## **Gary Occhino, PGA**

Gary Occhino has been a PGA Member since 2002. He is the Owner of Gary Occhino Golf & Success which combines golf coaching with mentorship. From 2018-2025, Gary served as the Head Golf Professional and Interim General Manager at Orchard Park Country Club.

As a mentor, Gary helps fellow PGA Associates and PGA Golf Professionals reduce distractions, ask key questions to gain clarity and align professional and personal purpose.

From a business perspective, Gary has brought a DVD and digital coaching program to market. He has authored 4 e-books in the fields of golf and success. Most recently, he founded 117 Mission, Inc., which is a non-profit entity that both mentors youth and funds youth leadership projects.

As a Director of Instruction, Gary invented the Mind-Technique Synergy (MTS) coaching style. This unique approach shows students how to integrate technique learning with playing skills.

Students utilize 3-6 key principles to accompany their technique improvements. This program, in its prime, yielded a 30.2% reduction in players handicaps. Gary shows PGA Associates how to create his/her own version of this coaching model, so the mentee can have greater student improvement and receive greater compensation.

His PGA peers have recognized him as a 5-time WNYPGA award winner:

2023 Golf Executive of the Year

2018 Teacher of the Year

2016 Player Development Award

2005 Assistant of the Year

2004 Assistant of the Year

Gary resides in Orchard Park, NY with his wife, two teenage kids and two dogs.

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