

# FROM THE MGA FOUNDATION



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## 2017 IN REVIEW

When you support the MGA Foundation, you can see the results. Every snapshot captures a positive story. Delivering life-changing opportunities through golf is the vital message. Young people from all of our communities can thrive in an environment that reflects the values and traditions of golf.

The MGA Foundation could not be successful without the individual donors, family foundations and trusts, clubs and golf associations, plus corporate sponsors who generously fund our programs. Thank you!

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GOLFWORKS



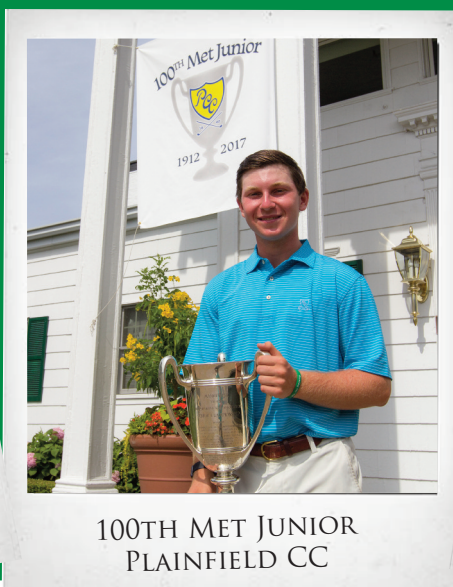
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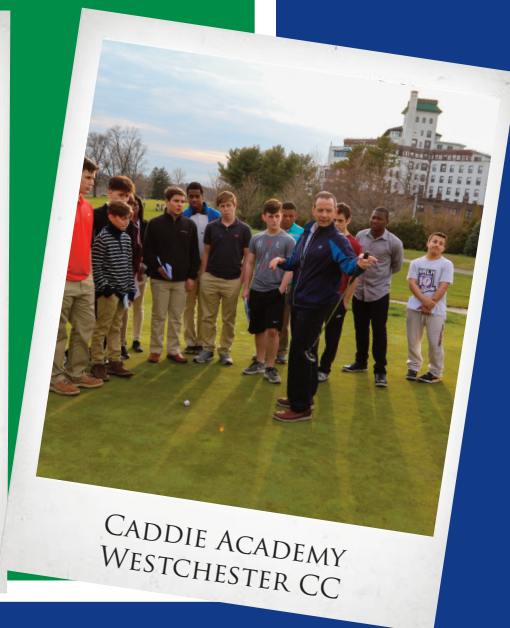
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USGA HOSTS MGA/METLIFE  
YOUTH CLINIC



100TH MET JUNIOR  
PLAINFIELD CC



CADDIE ACADEMY  
WESTCHESTER CC





# 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

## GOLFWORKS EST. 1994

Summer jobs can mean a world of difference, especially for need-driven young people, and for 23 years the MGA Foundation's GOLFWORKS program has introduced high-school aged students to employment at golf clubs and facilities. Teamwork, self confidence, job skills and responsibility are just a few of the important lessons and learning opportunities. GOLFWORKS is a 1-3 year program and strong retention rates mean the clubs, the kids and Met Area communities are winners. Special thanks to GOLFWORKS Founding Partner MetLife for support.

More than 40 interns were assigned to First Tee facilities as instructors and mentors. The First Tee of Metropolitan NY, founded in 2001 by the MGA Foundation and Met PGA, is one of the nation's most active chapters with over 3,000 participants. These organizations continue to work together on youth development through events and initiatives.



## METLIFE YOUTH CLINICS

Imagine a youth development program that links the science of golf, its history and traditions, and improved bunker play! All this was offered in the MetLife Youth Clinics this year to participants from the First Tee and NYC Parks Foundation. The USGA Museum and its Research and Test Center hosted an eager group of kids to lessons in science, technology and equipment in July. Later in the season Lexus ambassador and PGA TOUR winner Patrick Cantlay dug in to offer bunker play lessons at Hollywood Golf Club during the 102nd Met Open Championship to cap off a summer of fun and learning.



*Bunker Lessons from Patrick Cantlay at Hollywood Golf Club.*



# CADDIE ACADEMIES

Nine one-day, no-cost after school sessions were held to teach youngsters the basics of caddying. and now the MGA Foundation is providing advanced caddie training sessions in conjunction with the Caddie and Golf Services Managers Association.

The MGA Foundation strongly believes that caddies are an integral part of the game and is committed to growing the 14-18 year-old caddie corps in the Met Area. The Foundation has also contributed for more than 25 years totaling more than \$1.2 million in support for the Westchester, Long Island, and New Jersey Caddie Scholarship Funds.



# 2017 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The MGA is proud to have established the nation's oldest junior championship in 1912. Plainfield CC hosted the first three Met Junior Championships and the 100th playing in July '17. A special past champions gala dinner kicked off the week, and Jake Mayer won the 18-hole final 7&6 against Will O'Neill. The MetLife Boy's Championship was won by Jud Langille on the 20th hole at Glen Ridge CC against Jimin Jung. Baltusrol GC hosted the 15th Carter Cup Invitational stroke play championship won by Ethan Ng who defended his title.



## DAY OF GOLF AT BAYONNE

*This annual fundraiser dedicated to support our cornerstone GOLFWORKS program was held at the always spectacular Bayonne Golf Club in May. Bayonne has been a steadfast supporter of the Foundation's mission, and four GOLFWORKS interns joined in the day's festivities. Thanks for the memories!*

## TASTE OF THE TEE

*Five area golf associations joined resources to raise funds and awareness for junior golf programs on Long Island at a gourmet culinary event at Glen Oaks during the Northern Trust The MGA and WMGA Foundations, First Tee of MNY, Long Island Caddie Scholarship Fund and the Met PGA brought together more than 100 guests and junior participants.*

## JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY Callaway

The MGA's Championship Partner Callaway launched this award in 2017 as a season long points race. Based on a season of outstanding performances capped by the 100th Met Junior Championship, Jake Mayer won the inaugural award.

Read more about Jake's season on [mgagolf.org](http://mgagolf.org)







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## REMEMBERING LOWELL M. SCHULMAN

### A LIFE IN BALANCE...1926-2017

It was with great sadness that the Metropolitan Golf Association noted the passing of Lowell M. Schulman, an emeritus member of the MGA Foundation Board of Directors, who died of natural causes in October. MGA president Michael Sullivan noted, "Lowell Schulman leaves an immense legacy with our Association, as a Westchester County real estate developer, philanthropist, and noted golf collector. Golf has a wonderful tradition of volunteers giving back to the game and Lowell set the standard in this regard. He was a role model for all of us to follow."

Intertwined with Lowell's successful career as a real estate developer was an ever-growing interest in and love for golf. A long-time member and former president of Old Oaks in Purchase, N.Y, he used his talent as a developer to help create nearby Brae Burn in the early 1960s, his first "hands on" involvement in the game. Thirty years later, with Rees Jones, he brought the Atlantic Golf Club into existence. Atlantic was not only hailed as one of the country's best new layouts in 1992, but one that set the standard for environmentally responsible golf course development; it remains one of the top courses in the country.



Over the same thirty-plus year period and until his death, Lowell served the game with great distinction. Lowell helped found the MGA's charitable Foundation and was one of its most loyal and generous supporters for more than 30 years. He was a passionate spokesman for its junior programs and chaired the annual fundraising outing that has raised more than two million dollars for the GOLFWORKS student intern program. His leadership and support were also critical in helping the MGA Foundation and the Met PGA locate The First Tee facility at the Mosholu Golf Course. He became one of the Foundation Board's first Emeritus members in 2014, continued his support, and was a valuable advisor until the time of his death. Lowell earned the MGA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, in 2002.

While Lowell achieved great financial success, he was happy to devote his time and talent to the smallest of jobs to preserve the game's values. With Atlantic, he created a world-class course, but was just as passionate about his role in finding a place for underprivileged kids to play in the Bronx. Truly a life well lived, a life in balance.

## THE SEASON NEVER ENDS AT THE MGA FOUNDATION

### Your past support has fueled our growth.

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