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GOLFWORKS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE !



THANK YOU TO THESE OUTSTANDING
MGA MEMBER CLUBS FOR SUPPORTING
THE GOLFWORKS PROGRAM FOR

20 YEARS OR MORE!

The Apawamis Club
Baltusrol Golf Club
Canoe Brook Country Club
Cherry Valley Club
Crestmont Country Club
Deepdale Golf Club
Essex County Country Club
Fenway Golf Club
Forest Hill Field Club
Francis A. Byrne Golf Course
Hendricks Field Golf Course
Metropolis Country Club
Pelham Country Club
Quaker Ridge Golf Club
Rockaway Hunting Club
Somerset Hills Country Club
Weequahic Park Golf Course
Winged Foot Golf Club



Our 2019 GOLFWORKS season kicked off with a successful Day of Golf at Westchester Country Club. On a glorious spring day we had with over 150 players. This annual fundraiser is dedicated to supporting our cornerstone Foundation program. It was the start of a big, big year!



YOUTH ON COURSE

29 forward thinking public courses participated in the launch of Youth on Course in the MGA Area this year. The program provides junior golfers, ages 6-18, weekday access for a \$5 green fee or less. More than 750 rounds were played and the program is slated for growth in future years.

More kids have more access to play and develop their game thanks to the MGA Foundation subsidizing the difference between the junior rate at these public facilities and the \$5 fee.



102ND MET JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Southward Ho Country Club



Phenomenal play and perserverance paid off for Will Celiberti, the 2018 runner-up and the 2019 Champion at the Met Junior Championship sponsored by Met Life



GOLFWORKS EST. 1994

From a humble start with 12 kids at four Met Area clubs, the GOLFWORKS program has delivered controlled growth in size and scope each year. In 2019, a total of 328 young men and women were enrolled at over 70 clubs, setting a new program record for participation.

These paid summer internships might include working in the pro shop, bag room, outside services, kitchen, dining room or snack bar, or on-course maintenance. As a Year 1-3 experience, everyone benefits—kids and parents, clubs and local communities.

This year, twenty MGA clubs celebrated a 20+ year commitment to the program and the future of our young people. A number of GOLFWORKS alumni can be found in the golf industry ranging in roles from golf professionals or club managers to food & beverage managers and golf course superintendents. A work environment reflecting the values and traditions of golf, teamwork, communications and mentor guidance is a life-enhancing experience. Thank you GOLFWORKS!!



"Sometimes you hear how people dread going to their jobs but I've enjoyed what I've done here. At times it can be difficult, especially dealing with all of the kids when their groups are large. Overall, the days go by quickly. It's gratifying work."

**– William Bornmann,
Lake Isle Country Club**



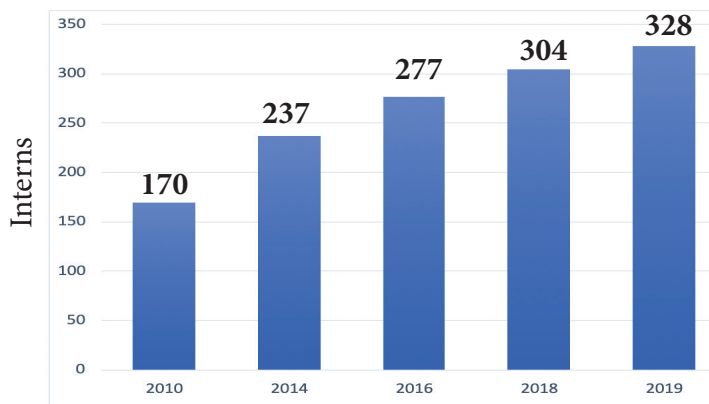
"The best part of GOLFWORKS is personal relationships. One of the other GOLFWORKS interns became one of my really good friends."

**– Don Cervantes,
GOLFWORKS Alum, Glen Oaks**

"I have learned to attentively listen to people and be patient when helping the members. I think that this advice is important no matter the profession and will take it with me in life."

**– Cynthia Ezihie,
Rockaway Hunting Club**

GOLFWORKS GROWTH



Every \$1,000 contribution supports a GOLFWORKS summer intern for a month. More quality jobs for more kids has made GOLFWORKS a great investment in the future.



CADDIE ACADEMIES

Met Area caddie programs are second to none. This year, nine clubs held one-day, no-cost introductory classes, with several hosting advanced caddie training later on. Over 140 clubs in the Met Area manage active caddie programs and teen caddies are needed every summer. MGA's Caddie Academies the perfect way to get started.



After two summers of experience, caddies can apply for caddie scholarships. The caddie scholarship funds of Long Island, New Jersey and Westchester awarded 210 caddies with scholarships for the 2019/2020 school year. Additionally, the Evans Scholars Foundation, based in the Midwest provides 1,000 caddies nationally with full college scholarships and to date more than 30 local caddies have been named Evans Scholars.

It is a great time to be a caddie!

17TH MGA CARTER CUP

Baltusrol Golf Club



Ben Carpenter's very strong 2-under par 69 in the morning on the Lower course notched the victory as heavy rain cancelled the afternoon round. Congrats Ben!

51ST MGA/METLIFE BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP

Bedford Golf & Tennis Club



14 year-old Reed Greyserman won four matches in two days to claim the title.



JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PRESENTED BY



JACK WALL



Thanks to yet another consistent season, Jack Wall becomes the first two-time winner of the honor, which is in its third year.

Advancing to match play in the U.S. Junior Amateur, finishing as runner-up in the New Jersey Amateur and advancing to the quarterfinal of the Met Amateur highlighted Wall's summer and added to his point total of 571 points.

Nathan Han finished second, with Luke Sample, Ben Carpenter and Will Celiberti rounding out the top 5.

JAY MOTTOLA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The MGA Foundation, in collaboration with the three local Met Area caddie scholarship funds, launched the Jay Mottola Scholarship Fund. Jay will always be recognized for his leadership impact and many contributions to the game of golf. The first award will be made early in 2020 for the 2020/2021 school year and fundraising activities have been ongoing. This is the first time all three local scholarship funds will work together on screening and selection for this new, high-value scholarship award.

For more information, visit www.mgagolf.org/foundation/jms



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