

FROM THE MGA FOUNDATION



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The MGA Foundation proudly continued its mission to offer young people life-changing experiences through golf this year and pivoted its programming to adapt to current challenges presented by 2020.

The MGA Foundation remains grateful to all of the individual donors, family foundations and trusts, member clubs and golf associations, and corporate sponsors who generously support our programs. Special thanks to our Official Supporter, MetLife, for continuous support since 1980.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONS CROWNED

The level of talent at MGA junior competitions continued to soar as 2020 champions earned their places in the winner's circle. **Luke Sample** of New York, N.Y., claimed the **103rd Met Junior Championship Sponsored by MetLife at Rockaway River Country Club** in July. Luke went on to become the youngest Met Open champion at **Mountain Ridge Country Club** and was named the MGA's 2020 Junior Player of the Year, Presented by Callaway.

James Allen of Scarsdale, N.Y., may have finished as runner-up at the Met Junior, but a few weeks later added his name to another trophy by winning the **18th MGA Carter Cup** with a score of 7-under on **Canoe Brook Country Club's** North and South Courses. James recorded a two-stroke victory for his first MGA title.

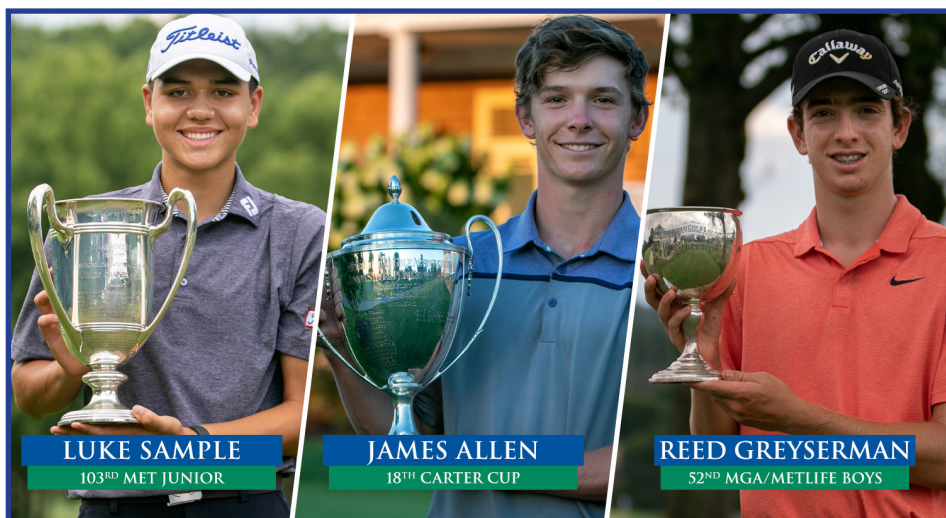
Defending champion **Reed Greyserman** of Short Hills, N.J., added another win to his resume at the **52nd MGA/MetLife Boys Championship** at **Glen Ridge Country Club** after four rounds of impressive match play performances. Full event recaps and results from the MGA's Junior Championships can be found on mgagolf.org. Congrats to our champions!



INAUGURAL JAY MOTTOLA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Samuel Masters of Rye, N.Y., became the first recipient of the Jay Mottola Scholarship (JMS) in May. Sam has spent five seasons caddieing at Bonnie Briar Country Club in Larchmont, N.Y., and is pursuing a degree in economics at Binghamton University, where he is on track to graduate in 2022.

The MGA Foundation was proud to partner with the Caddie Scholarship Funds of Westchester, New Jersey, and Long Island to award this significant financial grant to Sam, who displays qualities synonymous with the legacy that Jay Mottola has made in the golf community over the past 40 years.



LUKE SAMPLE
103RD MET JUNIOR

JAMES ALLEN
18TH CARTER CUP

REED GREYSERMAN
52ND MGA/METLIFE BOYS

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

90 GOLFWORKS interns from 2019 were hired directly by private clubs as seasonal staff this summer. The First Tee of Metropolitan New York hired **24** GOLFWORKS interns to work as coaches and mentors for their summer session. The program plans to fully resume next year.

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More than **120** new caddies were certified by the MGA Foundation through **8** virtual Caddie Academies in April and May.

The Foundation remains dedicated to increasing the number of youth caddies on the course, and these newcomers will be prepared for 2021 and beyond.

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\$1,108,900 in scholarship aid was awarded to **339** Westchester Golf Association and Long Island Caddie Scholars for the 2020-2021 academic year. The total financial commitment to this group is **\$4,166,100**.

These scholars attend **159** colleges and universities and work in service to golf at **92** Met Area clubs.

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\$58,500 was raised from the “Back on Course” virtual auction in the spring, which directly supports all MGAF initiatives. Featured items included golf experiences at premiere Met Area courses, and rounds of golf with Morgan Hoffmann and former NY Giant Justin Tuck.

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FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT: WESLEY NYAMBI



A USGA P.J. Boatwright, Jr. internship with the MGA Foundation provided **Wesley Nyambi** with a new opportunity to gain experience in the field of golf administration. Wesley, a sophomore honors student at the University of Connecticut, spent his summer supporting the MGAF's programs by conducting interviews for the website and social media, taking photos, participating in planning meetings and working on various communications platforms. “This summer got me interested in photography, digital design, and helping communities communicate through digital content,” said Wesley.

A former GOLFWORKS intern, Wesley started working at Metropolis Country Club at age 15 as a caddie and later at the driving range and bag drop. Through his internship, he built strong relationships with MGA Foundation staff, which opened the door for him to work on the administration side of the industry this year.

Wesley is a Westchester Golf Association Caddie Scholar and is studying nutritional sciences on the pre-med track at UConn. He manages a busy schedule at school, where he has been hired as a photographer for the student newspaper, yearbook, and magazine. He's the secretary of a student poetry club and the treasurer for Minority Health Matters, an advocacy group that works to educate and fight against health disparities within the community. Wesley is a member of a student government group that runs the Husky Market program to fight food insecurity on campus, and he led a committee which provided nutrition information and resources to students.

Wesley noted that his roles at Metropolis taught him strong time-management and communications skills which allow him to manage his busy schedule. “I learned how to communicate with co-workers, with my peers, with administration, and with members and guests,” he said. “I learned a lot about independence and responsibility, learned to understand that I had tasks to do throughout the day and stay on top of myself.”

Even with his various activities, Wesley still finds some time to play golf, which he took up in the fifth grade, encouraged by his father. Wesley took advantage of local opportunities through The First Tee of Metropolitan New York to further develop his game, and went on to play for his school's team from eighth grade through high school.

Although he's on the pre-med track, Wesley acknowledged that his internship this summer piqued his interest in continuing to pursue photography. “A lot of doors opened up at the MGA and I was able to take advantage of all of the support to pursue different opportunities,” he said. Wherever the future takes him, Wesley will undoubtedly make a name for himself.

YOUTH ON COURSE

This summer marked the second season of the MGA Foundation's partnership with the national Youth on Course program, providing discounted junior rates of \$5 at participating courses for golfers ages 6-18. More than 1,100 local juniors participate in this program and are able to play more often at 31 courses throughout the Met Area, including all five Bethpage State Park Courses. During this summer's "Youth on Course Week" national campaign, our members shared their experiences of how their YOC membership allows them to develop deeper roots for the game.



"Since each round is \$5, we get to have a great experience of playing many rounds at different golf courses and different venues."

-Isaiah, age 15



"Golf teaches me a lot about etiquette and respect. When you're on the course with other people, you respect each other, follow the Rules, and are courteous to each other."

-Joseph, age 17

"I love golf because there are so many things you can compare to life experiences, like never give up and always keep trying."

-Sophia, age 15

"I get to spend more time with my dad on the course, and I really appreciate that"

- Veronica, age 11

INAUGURAL FALL FOUNDERS CHALLENGE

The biennial French-American Challenge Matches were postponed from this fall to 2022, but the Foundation still celebrated the camaraderie that typically comes with such matches. In October, past MGA International team members, including pros Mike Miller and James Nicholas, and supporters came together for the first Fall Founders Challenge at Quaker Ridge Golf Club, past Carey Cup host and the scheduled site for this year's matches. The Foundation looks forward to continuing this event in years to come.



IN MEMORIAM: C.A. "TONY" WIMPFHEIMER

The MGA Foundation was saddened to report the passing of C.A. "Tony" Wimpfheimer, one of the MGA's longest-standing and most influential volunteer leaders. Tony passed away on August 10 in Jupiter, Florida at the age of 92.

Mr. Wimpfheimer served on numerous MGA and USGA committees, but perhaps his most lasting legacy will be the role he played in creating and supporting the MGA's charitable Foundation. Tony's expertise and experience with a variety of philanthropic causes played a key role in helping launch the Foundation in 1991. He helped formulate many of the MGA Foundation's innovative junior programs, such as GOLFWORKS and the Caddie Academies, and he remained passionate about golf's ability to have a positive influence on the lives of young people throughout his life.

Tony not only volunteered his time and talents, he provided leadership and financial support for the Foundation and the programs he was so passionate about. Over the years, Tony and his wife Ann were among the Foundation's most generous supporters, allowing the Foundation to successfully impact hundreds of kids each year. The MGA and MGA Foundation will greatly miss his leadership, guidance, and passion.



SAVE THE DATE! 2021 MGA FOUNDATION DAY OF GOLF

May 10, 2021 - Somerset Hills Country Club

Mark your calendar for the annual Day of Golf to test your game while supporting the MGA Foundation on one of A.W. Tillinghast's finest layouts.

YOUR SUPPORT FUELS OUR GROWTH

We are grateful for your continued support of MGA Foundation Initiatives.

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