

FROM THE MGA FOUNDATION



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THANKS TO SUPPORT from the local golfing community and our long-time corporate sponsor, MetLife, the Foundation enjoyed a successful year as all of our youth and educational programs grew and reached a record number of young people in the Met Area community. Through junior initiatives like GOLFWORKS, The First Tee of Metropolitan New York, Caddie Academies, Junior Championships, Youth Clinics and outstanding educational programs, we are helping to fulfill our mission to grow the game and pass its values and traditions to a new generation. We feel that we can, and should, do even more, but we need your help to continue improving the lives of young people through golf.

GOLFWORKS has been one of the most helpful experiences I've had thus far. It's taught me so much about the professional world and helped me grow as an employee. I've become more responsible, sociable, and patient through my internship...

KAITLYN "CAT" CRAMER,
WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN
GOLF ASSOCIATION



GOLFWORKS

GOLFWORKS wrapped up its 21st successful season in 2015. The MGA Foundation's cornerstone program began in 1994 with 12 young interns at just six MGA clubs; this year the program employed 244 deserving youngsters at 70 clubs, where they were introduced to the many different career paths available in the golf industry. These high school-aged interns developed skills that often extend well beyond club walls, while learning to interact with positive role models and experiencing opportunities unavailable to them before. These life-changing opportunities would not be possible without the support of MetLife, a Founding Partner of GOLFWORKS, and the generosity of sponsors like Emblem Health, Morgan Stanley, Astoria Bank and the Mancheski Foundation. A special thanks to Donald Trump for hosting our annual "Day of Golf" at the newly-opened and spectacular Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point, which raised a record amount for the GOLFWORKS program.





THE FIRST TEE OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK



Nia Berrian with ABC News Anchor Ron Claiborne

FOUNDED IN 2001 by the MGA Foundation and Met PGA, The First Tee of Metropolitan New York (TFTMNY) is now one of the nation's largest and most active chapters. The MGA Foundation continues to provide governance, leadership and financial support that has helped the chapter grow into one of the Area's leading youth development programs with more than 3,500 young people directly enrolled in the full First Tee curriculum.

Participant achievements each year highlight the effectiveness of The First Tee programming, which places great emphasis on Life Skills and Core Value training. In a year filled with great accomplishments, here are some highlights:

- Two participants from The First Tee of Metropolitan New York, Nicolette Dilluvio and Neil Vyas, were chosen to play in the 2015 Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach, an official Champions Tour event.
- The Young Benefactors, a group of young professionals focused on supporting TFTMNY, held a series of events, including a Tee-Off event at Drive 495 in Manhattan in January, a Masters-week party at New York Athletic Club in April, a 9-hole Member-Guest and a number of Happy Hours throughout the year. These activities raised more than \$120,000 for TFTMNY.
- GOLFWORKS intern and First Tee of Essex County participant Nia Berrian was granted a full scholarship to Yale and began coursework at the prestigious university this fall. Nia has been an active participant and student volunteer with the First Tee for nine years.
- The First Tee of Met NY in partnership with The First Tee of CT held the second annual **Taste of the Tee** event at The Stanwich Club in Greenwich, CT on June 3rd (top right). More than 200 people were in attendance, where local club chefs helped raise over \$100,000 for education and youth development programs of The First Tee in Fairfield County.
- GOLFWORKS interns and First Tee participants Isaiah Whitaker and Nicolette Dilluvio were chosen to attend The First Tee Life Skills & Leadership Academy and The PLAYer Advanced Academy, respectively. The Life Skills & Leadership Academy was held from July 22-28 in Blaine, Minn. where 100 junior golfers from The First Tee had the opportunity to develop and hone skills to become leaders in their chapters, schools and communities. The PLAYer Advanced Academy was held in Reno, Nev. from July

8-15. Twenty-four elite junior golfers from the First Tee chapters are selected to attend and receive life skills and golf instruction from First Tee coaches and special guest speakers to help improve their chances to compete at a higher level athletically and academically.

- The national First Tee named the 2015 Class of Scholars and the list includes eight participants of the First Tee of Met NY. The First Tee Scholars Program recognizes teens for their achievements in academics, leadership and character development as well as chapter and community involvement. Congratulations to the 2015 scholars: Mujahid Nadeen Ali (Essex County), Sarah Vimini (Fairchild Wheeler), Ryan Kerley & Allison Leung (Mosholu/NYC), Neil Basu & Jacob Cutler (Nassau County), Thomas Duda & Brittany Morgan (Plainfield).
- At The First Tee of Metropolitan New York's Board of Directors meeting in New York City last December, Ken Whitney of Scarsdale, N.Y., was elected chairman of the organization. Whitney follows Philip Laskawy, who served as president since 2008. Whitney, a member at Scarsdale and Hudson National Golf Clubs, is a Trustee of the national First Tee organization based in St. Augustine, Fla.



WE GOLF

WE Golf is a new MGA Foundation initiative, conducted in cooperation with the MetPGA, designed to introduce young professional women to the basic fundamentals of the game of golf through a series of events, emphasizing the enjoyment factors and social/networking benefits of golf in an encouraging, women-friendly, comfortable environment. Three successful WE Golf events were hosted in 2015 including a Meet-and-Greet at Chelsea Piers, an Introductory Event/Clinic, also held at Chelsea Piers, and a clinic/on-course event at Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point. More than 70 young women participated in the WE Golf series.



MGA/METLIFE YOUTH CLINICS

Caddie Academies

Caddie Academies are among the MGA Foundation's longest-standing youth initiatives. Free, hands-on, one-day training sessions conducted at multiple Met Area locations each year have taught thousands of youngsters the basic skills necessary to become a caddie. This year we attracted more than five hundred students to seminars at 10 sites. It's just one way that the MGA Foundation is helping to keep one of the game's great traditions alive and well for generations to come.

MetLife and the MGA Foundation again teamed up on a series of youth clinics across the Met Area. For over 15 years these events have exposed thousands of young people to the game in fun, informative settings. The clinics take place in unique venues and by focusing on things like science and technology, as well as golf, they connect kids from all walks of life to the game in creative ways. This year's series included visits to the Golf Performance Center, USGA Test & Research Center, MetLife Stadium and Winged Foot Golf Club. Each site offered once-in-a-lifetime experiences, like playing golf and football on the field of MetLife Stadium, site of Super Bowl XLVIII.



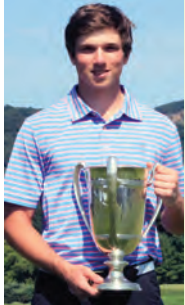
Educational Seminars

The MGA Foundation's mission to preserve the health of the game and well-being of area clubs and courses is never more evident than in the wide array of educational opportunities it offers to the local golf community. The programs provide valuable resources to help ensure that golf addresses the challenges it faces and that the game continues to appeal to people of all ages and backgrounds. Our educational programs include seminars on the Rules, handicapping, course maintenance practices, public and private club forums and special programs for MGA Tournament Officials and Club Representatives that are an integral part of our member service programs.



JUNIOR COMPETITION

The MGA has been providing competitive opportunities for young golfers since 1912, and today conducts the oldest and some of the nation's most prestigious junior events with an impressive list of past champions, including PGA TOUR stars Andrew Svoboda and Morgan Hoffmann.



98th Met Junior
Sponsored by MetLife
July 16-18, 2015
Paramount Country Club,
New City, N.Y.

James McHugh of Rye, N.Y. captured the the nation's oldest junior title by winning the 98th

Met Junior with a decisive 5 & 4 victory over James Nicholas of Scarsdale, NY.

13th Carter Cup

July 29, 2015
Baltusrol Golf Club,
Springfield, N.J.

Bobby Diforio, Jr. of White Plains, N.Y. claimed this year's title with a one shot victory (144) over Conor Daly of Bronxville, N.Y., after 36 holes on the Upper and Lower courses at Baltusrol. The event is held in honor of Michael P. Carter, an accomplished junior golfer who died in 2002.



100th Met Open MGA Caddie Scholarship Pro-Am

Each year, the MGA Foundation generously supports the local Caddie Scholarship Funds of the Long Island, New Jersey and Westchester golf associations, as well as the WMGA Foundation's girls golf programs with funds generated through the Met Open Pro-Am. This year, through the generosity of host Winged Foot Golf Club, we were able to donate more than \$65,000 to these worthy causes. On the day before the 100th playing of the Met Open, Winged Foot made both its world-class East and West courses available to the Foundation - thank you, Winged Foot!



**47th MGA/MetLife
Boys Championship**
August 13 & 14, 2015
Gardiner's Bay
Country Club,
Shelter Island, N.Y.

Nathan Han of Somers, N.Y., added his name to the list of MGA/MetLife

Boys champions after his commanding 7 & 6 victory over Andre Chi of Huntington, N.Y., at Gardiner's Bay. Han also competed in the national PGA Junior Championship this season.

Williamson Cup

August 12, 2015
Saucon Valley Country
Club, Bethlehem, PA.

For the 11th time in the event's history, Team MGA captured the Williamson Cup Inter-City Matches and now holds the record for the most wins in the event's history. Standing 5-strokes back going into the second round, Team MGA fought back to best Team Washington DC by two strokes. The Williamson Cup is a highly-regarded junior team event which pits 10 Northeast Golf Associations against each other in a 36-hole stroke play format.



Because of You!



The MGA Foundation, as a 501(c)3 organization, relies on your contributions in order to continue our important work. The MGA would like to thank the many members of the golf community who have given so generously to this cause and who continue to ensure that "Golf Grows Here."

Here's how to give to the MGA Foundation:

- Donation via check or credit card – 100% tax deductible.
- Appreciated stocks, bonds or real estate.
- Bequests – designate the Foundation in the your will.
- Life Insurance – Designate the MGA Foundation as a beneficiary.
- Through Matching Funds programs.

Donations of these items can be easily accommodated through the MGA Foundation office.