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## THE FIRST TEE OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK

THE FIRST TEE of Metropolitan New York (TFTMNY) celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2011 and had much to celebrate. Founded in 2001 by the MGA Foundation and Met PGA, TFTMNY has grown from one location at Mosholu in the Bronx to six Met Area facilities and fourteen affiliate sites. It is now one of the nation's largest and most active chapters and one of the area's leading youth development programs impacting thousands of young people through golf. In a year filled with special achievements here are some of the highlights:



- More than 500 guests gathered at the American Museum of Natural History in New York for a gala that marked the tenth anniversary of TFTMNY's founding. It was a star-studded evening, as Dan Hicks of NBC Sports served as Master of Ceremonies for a program that included New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and 42nd President of the United States Bill Clinton, who both spoke in support of TFTMNY's mission. Clinton also presented the Lew Rudin Vision Award to the Rudin family for their continued support of the late Lew Rudin's vision for The First Tee.

- Brittany Georgalas, 17, of Merrick, N.Y., was named co-recipient of The First Tee's 2011 RBS Achiever of the Year. The award recognized Georgalas for "accomplishments in her daily life while overcoming difficult circumstances," and came with a \$10,000 college scholarship. When Georgalas was a year old, she contracted a virus that affected her heart, and was diagnosed with an eye abnormality. After her doctor restricted her from contact sports, she discovered golf through The First Tee. Brittany served as captain of her high school golf team and earned MVP

Brittany Georgalas



honors all four years, and is currently attending college at SUNY-Fredonia, where she is studying animation. She is an Eagle-level certified participant of The First Tee at Eisenhower Park.

- Bronx native and TFTMNY participant Paul Spano was presented with the first-ever **First Tee Outstanding Participant Award** during The First Tee Biennial Network Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. This unique national award recognizes outstanding achievement in the areas of academics, community service, chapter involvement and leadership. Spano, 17, has been a First Tee participant since 2003 at TFTMNY's Mosholu facility in the Bronx, where he volunteers his time and serves as a role

model to younger First Tee participants.

- Three participants from The First Tee of Metropolitan New York made the field at the **Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach**, an official Champions Tour event held in July.

*"I have always been a big fan of The First Tee. It can make all the difference in children's lives."*

*– Former President Bill Clinton at TFTMNY 10th Anniversary Gala*

TFTMNY was represented by Kyle Morris of Deer Park, N.Y., Kuriko Tsukiyama of Bogota, N.J., and Tyler McCaine of Mount Vernon, N.Y. Morris and McCaine also served as GOLFWORKS interns at The First Tee of Suffolk County and Quaker Ridge Golf Club, respectively.

- Connecticut native and PGA Tour star J.J. Henry returned home to Fairfield, Conn., to host the annual **J.J. Henry Invitational**, a fundraising event at his home course, The Patterson Club. The event, which began as "Breakfast with J.J." five years ago, benefits The First Tee of Metropolitan New York programming in Fairfield County, as well as Henry's charitable foundation, The Henry House. The Henry House will support the future construction of a learning center at The First Tee facility

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at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course in Bridgeport, Conn.

- TFTMNY **Young Benefactors** is a group of young professionals focused on supporting The First Tee of Metropolitan New York. They hosted a series of events in 2011, including a Kick-Off at Drive 495 in Manhattan on January 20; a Masters week event, 19th Hole on the Hudson, held at Chelsea Piers on April 8; a 9-hole Member-Guest on June 30 at Mosholu Golf Course; and a gathering at The Barclays during the PGA Tour Playoffs on August 27. The group raised more than \$35,000, all benefiting TFTMNY's Mentoring Program.

- Ground was broken on the addition of a **1,600-square-foot classroom** to the existing Junior Learning Center at Weequahic Park in Newark, N.J. The new space will allow The First Tee of Essex County to nearly double the number of participants and programs it offers through year-round golf and Life Skills training. Scheduled to open in 2012, the new space features classrooms, a computer lab and indoor golf simulators.

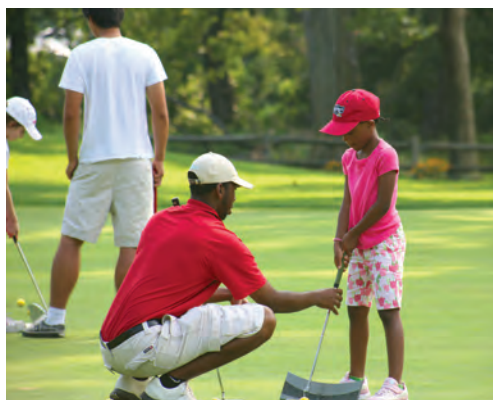
- Paul Spano of the Bronx, Nicholas Capozzi of Port Washington, N.Y., John Conlon of Massapequa, N.Y., and James Slattery of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., were selected as **2011 First Tee Scholars**. Each received the designation for exceptional academic achievements, leadership, character development and involvement in their respective communities and First Tee chapters.



- Sixth-year First Tee participant Faith Garcia, of Stamford, Conn., attended The First Tee's **2011 Life Skills and Leadership Academy** at Arizona State University in August. Garcia, 15, who participates in First Tee programming at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course in Bridgeport, Conn., was one of 96 participants representing 83 chapters from across the country at this special conference offering life skills and leadership development workshops, golf clinics, and career exploration.

- The family of the late Lew Rudin continued its ongoing support of TFTMNY by hosting the **Lew Rudin Charity Classic** at Deepdale Golf Club in Manhasset, N.Y. Proceeds from the Classic

support a scholarship to NYU. Since 2003, six First Tee participants have been awarded the scholarship. Other outings in support of TFTMNY in 2011 were held at the Golf Club of Purchase in Purchase, N.Y. and the Meadow Brook Club in Jericho, N.Y.



## Educational Programs

The MGA Foundation's Educational forums are designed to educate club leaders and the golfing public about a wide range of topics. The 2011 series began in March with three popular Handicap and Rules Seminars held at Cherry Valley Club on Long Island, Montclair Golf Club in New Jersey, and Apawamis Club in Rye, N.Y., as well as an annual MGA/Met PGA Rules Workshop held at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y. Spring also featured the annual Green Chairmen Seminar for green chairmen and golf course superintendents. In October, the annual MGA Presidents Council was held at Westchester Country Club in Harrison, N.Y., which attracted more than 200 club leaders. These events underscore the commitment of the MGA Foundation to provide our members with timely and relevant information that will help clubs remain healthy and prosperous.



## Caddie Academies

More than 500 youngsters participated in the MGA Foundation's annual Caddie Academies at nine Met Area clubs. Begun in 1995, these one-day, after-school programs include classroom instruction and on-course training that focus on proper caddying techniques and golf course etiquette. Open to all Met Area youth, they are free of charge, and participants receive certificates of completion which assist the teens with obtaining work at area golf clubs. Academies are conducted by members of the MGA staff and local caddie masters and golf professionals. The MGA is one of the country's leading golf associations in its efforts to promote caddies as a vital part of the golf experience.



# GOLFWORKS

Now in its 18th year, the MGA Foundation's GOLFWORKS program continues to provide exposure to the game and its related careers. GOLFWORKS experienced record growth in 2011 with 240 students serving internships at 78 MGA member clubs. Participants were introduced to the many different career opportunities available in the golf industry by working in pro shops, clubhouses and with golf course maintenance staffs. In addition, the skills and exposure that these internships provide often extend well beyond club walls, with students interacting with positive role models and experiencing opportunities outside the golf community. Some highlights of 2011 included:

- Don Cervantes, a second-year intern at Garden City Country Club, matriculated into the Turf Management program at SUNY Cobleskill and credits his GOLFWORKS internship for discovering his interest in pursuing a career as a golf course superintendent.
- Ellen Gyapong, from White Plains, N.Y., and a native of the African nation of Ghana, is a third-year intern at Metropolis Country Club and is studying to become a nurse at SUNY Morrisville. Ellen is the recipient of the Gene Borek Scholarship, named in honor of Metropolis' longtime head professional.

- Brother and sister combo Tyler and Skye McCaine of Mount Vernon, N.Y., are fourth-year GOLFWORKS veterans who work at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y., and Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale, N.Y., respectively. Tyler, a talented golfer himself, played in the 2011 Nature Valley First Tee Open, an official Champions Tour event held at Pebble Beach Golf Links that pairs junior golfers with Champions Tour pros. He entered his freshmen year at Colgate University, while sister Skye is currently a junior at Rye Country Day School, where she plays on the varsity golf team.

- Crestmont Country Club in West Orange, N.J. continued its tradition of supporting GOLFWORKS. Aaron Rhaney of West Caldwell, N.J., received the Pete Famianno Scholarship, which remembers the club's longtime head professional who was an early and ardent supporter of the GOLFWORKS program.

- Sam Washington of White Plains, N.Y., is a second-year intern at Century Country Club in Purchase, N.Y. and is learning golf—a sport that he had no prior exposure to before his internship—through GOLFWORKS.

GOLFWORKS interns, many of whom are working for the first time, learn time management skills, responsibility, and a game they can play for the rest of their lives.

As always, our clubs are a vital component to the success of GOLFWORKS, providing guidance and training to



MGA President Gene Bernstein with GOLFWORKS Interns Don Cervantes, Ellen Gyapong and Amanda Gonzalez at the 2010 Day of Golf at Stanwich.

young people with little or no exposure to a golfing environment. In 2011, GOLFWORKS welcomed 71 additional interns as well as 13 new clubs to the program, including: the Baiting Hollow Club, Calverton, N.Y.; Beacon Hill Country Club, Atlantic Highlands, N.J.; Blue Hill Golf Course, Orangeburg, N.Y.; Centennial Golf Club, Carmel, N.Y.; The Creek, Locust Valley, N.Y.; Deal Golf & Country Club, Deal, N.J.; Glen Head Country Club, Glen Head, N.Y.; Nissequogue Golf Club, St. James, N.Y.; Richter Park Golf Course, Danbury, Conn.; Rock Spring Club, West Orange, N.J.; Sterling Farms Golf Course, Stamford, Conn.; Suburban Golf Club, Union, N.J.; and Weequahic Park Golf Course, Newark, N.J. More information about how to get

your club involved in GOLFWORKS is available on [www.mgagolf.org](http://www.mgagolf.org).

Financial support is key to the growth and success of the GOLFWORKS program. The MGA Foundation Day of Golf remains our most important fundraising event, and this year's outing raised more than \$80,000 in support of GOLFWORKS due to the outstanding generosity of our host, The Stanwich Club in Greenwich, Conn. The 18th MGA Foundation Day of Golf will be held May 14, 2012 at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J.



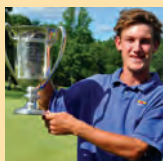


# Junior Competitions

## 94th Met Junior sponsored by MetLife

Fairmount CC, Chatham, N.J.  
July 12-14

The 2011 Met Junior produced one of the strongest fields in history to compete for the nation's oldest junior title. Surviving six rounds of match play in scorching July heat, Charlie Edler of Fair Haven, N.J., defeated Dylan Crowley of Glen Cove, N.Y., in the championship match, 3 & 2.



## 9th Carter Cup

Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N.J.  
August 3

Cameron Young of Scarborough, N.Y. capped off a spectacular summer



with a win at the 2011 Carter Cup on the Upper and Lower Courses at Baltusrol. The event is an invitational named in honor of Michael P. Carter, an accomplished junior player and standout member of the Delbarton School golf team and a promising player at Penn State. He died tragically in an automobile accident in 2002. The event is a collaborative effort between Baltusrol and the MGA.

## 48th Williamson Cup Matches

Columbia CC, Chevy Chase, Md.  
August 9

Established by A. Fred Williamson to promote inter-city competition between juniors, Clancy Waugh of Quogue, N.Y., led a four-man junior team representing the MGA to a 10-stroke victory, the MGA's first win since 2004.



## 43rd MGA/MetLife Boys

Rumson CC, Rumson, N.J.  
August 11 & 12

Played at Rumson for a record 10th time, the premier championship for boys not yet 16 years of age saw Theo Humphrey, 15, of Greenwich, Conn., come out on top to claim his first career MGA title. Humphrey, the No. 1 seed after qualifying, defeated Christopher Gabriele of Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., in the final, 2 & 1.



# MGA / METLIFE YOUTH CLINICS

Once again, the MGA Foundation and MetLife teamed up to introduce young people to the game of golf and the life lessons it can teach by hosting three MGA/MetLife Youth Clinics.

The series teed off on May 21 at the LPGA's Sybase Match Play Championship at Hamilton Farm Golf Club in Gladstone, N.J., and featured more than 100 junior golfers from The First Tee of Metropolitan New York's Plainfield West and Weequahic Park sites, The First Tee of Raritan Valley and LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of Scranton-Pocono and Greater Newark. The participants had the opportunity to meet several LPGA Tour players, including 2006 and 2011 Sybase champion Brittany Lincicome, as well as Vicky Hurst and Karen Stupples.



The USGA Golf House in Far Hills, N.J. hosted 60 participants on July 27 representing New Jersey-based First Tee programs at Plainfield West, Weequahic Park, and Raritan Valley. All enjoyed a day of golf history with a guided tour of the USGA Museum, Arnold Palmer Center, and the equipment testing center.

The final clinic of 2011 took place on August 22 at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Scarborough, N.Y. where a group of 60 enthusiastic junior golfers from The First Tee of Metropolitan New York at Mosholu Golf Course in the Bronx and Mohansic Golf Course in Yorktown Heights, N.Y. enjoyed a day of instruction and games led by Todd Bordanaro of The First Tee at Mosholu, Mike Wade of The First Tee Nassau County and Sleepy Hollow professional David Young and director of instruction Kevin Sprecher.

Once again, MetLife's affable mascot, Snoopy, was on hand at all three youth clinics to meet the kids and represent the commitment of MetLife to support junior golf in the Metropolitan Area. MetLife has been a partner of the MGA for more than 25 years and has a long history of community service and supporting MGA Foundation junior golf initiatives.

## SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

The MGA Foundation, as a 501(c)3 organization, relies on contributions in order to continue our important work and fund many of our initiatives. The MGA would like to thank the many members of the golf community and our member clubs who have given so generously to this cause and who continue to ensure that "Golf Grows Here" in the Met Area. The opening of our new headquarters addition in 2011 also provided us with opportunities to honor a select group of supporters in our new 1897 Club and in special "named" areas throughout the building. Additional naming opportunities are available at Golf Central. Anyone interested in participating at this level, please contact the MGA Foundation.



Craig Treiber in *The Treiber Garden* dedicated at Golf Central in June.

Here's how to give to the MGA Foundation:

- Cash – Cash donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowable by law.
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