

# FROM THE MGA FOUNDATION



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## GOLFWORKS

GOLFWORKS completed another successful season in September, introducing 249 deserving young people to the many career paths available in the golf industry and providing them with meaningful summer employment at 76 MGA member clubs. 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. The support we receive from our member clubs and the local golf community have helped to make GOLFWORKS one of the nation's most successful youth initiatives and has changed the lives of thousands of young people in its 19-year history.

*The MGA Foundation enjoyed a very successful year as we watched all of our youth and educational programs prosper and grow. Through our many junior initiatives like The First Tee of Metropolitan New York, GOLFWORKS, Caddie Academies, Championships, Youth Clinics and outstanding educational programs, we are helping to fulfill our mission to grow the game and pass its values and tradition to a new generation.*

**We invite you to meet some of the class of 2013 interns.**

### They said it...



"I've never played golf before, but I saw GOLFWORKS as a great opportunity to learn about the sport. I'm having fun and enjoying work and I hope that my hard work will one day lead to success in other areas of my life." – *First-year intern, Josu Trevejo, Bonnie Briar Country Club, Larchmont, N.Y.*



"Working in the golf industry has taught me responsibility and that hard work really pays off. Everything is going great and I'm enjoying my time working." – *Second-year intern, Marco Cutri, Rock Spring Club, West Orange, N.J.*



"I love being part of GOLFWORKS because I can see how these kids can better their lives as a result of coming to the country club environment. A whole new world that they aren't aware of really opens up to them." – *Pedro Umazor, Clubhouse Manager, Rockaway Hunting Club, Lawrence, N.Y.*



"GOLFWORKS has been an asset to our club. This is a great opportunity for the interns as well as for myself as I have a chance to mentor and inspire kids." – *Kevin Chin, Assistant Professional, Lake Isle Country Club, Eastchester, N.Y.*



"GOLFWORKS is obviously a wonderful program. Anything you can do to generate interest in golf, like working or playing, is great, especially when it comes to kids and young adults." – *Rich Uva, Caddie Master, Quaker Ridge Golf Club, Scarsdale, N.Y.*



"I was anxious about working at Metropolis, being that it was my very first job. Given that it isn't the most common job for a high school student, I thought that it would've been hard to be taken seriously in a mature environment. I was proven wrong after settling in, which showed me that it was never too early to start taking responsibility as a young adult." – *Julie Hung, Gene Borek Scholar, Metropolis Country Club, White Plains, N.Y.*



Financial support is also key to the growth and success of the GOLFWORKS program and we would like to thank our generous sponsors: MetLife, the Mancheski Foundation, EmblemHealth, Astoria Federal, and the Michael J. Berkeley Foundation, whose support has allowed GOLFWORKS to grow and provide meaningful summer work experiences to even more deserving young people. We also thank all the participants in our Annual Day of Golf, our most important fundraising event, and our host Quaker Ridge Golf Club for helping us to raise more than \$130,000 in support of GOLFWORKS. Next year's event at The Maidstone Club in East Hampton, N.Y. will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of GOLFWORKS.





# THE FIRST TEE OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK



Founded in 2001 by the MGA Foundation and MetPGA, The First Tee of Metropolitan New York (TFTMNY) has grown from one location at Mosholu Golf Course in the Bronx to six Met Area facilities and 14 affiliate sites. It is now the nation's largest and most active chapter

and one of the area's leading youth development programs, with more than 3,500 young people directly enrolled in programs teaching the full First Tee curriculum. Participant achievements each year highlight the effectiveness of First Tee programming, which places great emphasis on Life Skills and Core Value training. In a year filled with great accomplishments, here are just some of the highlights:

- Saint Andrew's Golf Club in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. celebrated its 125th Anniversary June 3-8, 2013 to mark its founding as the first golf club in the United States. The week of celebrations, including a Gala at the Waldorf Astoria, Folds of Honor Pro-Am Golf Tournament, Celebration of Women's Golf and a Celebrity-Am Golf tournament raised more than \$125,000 for TFTMNY.

- The 11th Annual Lew Rudin Charity Golf Classic at Deepdale Golf Club in Manhasset, N.Y. raised more than \$200,000 in support of the Lew Rudin /First Tee Scholarships to New York University, which are currently held by Christopher Johnson of Pomona, N.Y. and Rachel Floeder of St. Paul, Minn.

- Girls Golf and FORE! hosted a leadership and team-building retreat at the U.S. Women's Open at Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y., June 24-28. Fourteen participants from TFTMNY were introduced to various aspects of the golf industry, including volunteer work in the merchandise pavilion, the driving range

operation and media center. The girls also got a behind-the-scenes tour of the television compound and a meet-and-greet with LPGA stars Paula Creamer, Stacy Lewis, Lydia Ko, and Annika Sorenstam.

- The First Tee of Nassau County participants, Casey Durant of New Hyde Park, N.Y. and Brittany Ferrante of Huntington Station, N.Y., were two of 81 students nationwide selected to compete in the 2013 Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach, an official Champions Tour event. Durant was paired with Scott Hoch and placed 13th with a score of 11 under par in the Pro/Junior tournament, while Ferrante was paired with Rocco Mediate.

- Jeremy Garriga, a participant at The First Tee of Essex County in New Jersey, won the Coca-Cola America's Future award. Garriga earned a \$5,000 college scholarship after traveling to Atlanta, Ga., where he and four other semifinalists enjoyed a tour of the Coca-Cola campus and a day at the PGA Tour Championship.

- Eric Waldo of Trumbull, Conn. and Chelsea Campbell of Freeport, N.Y. were selected to receive the 2013 Leung Family and Friends Scholarship, created by former First Tee and GOLFWORKS graduates Kelly and Patricia Leung.

- At The Barclays championship at Liberty National, more than 100 First Tee participants attended a youth clinic taught by two-time heart transplant recipient and PGA Tour Professional, Erik Compton, followed by a Q&A with New Jersey native and 2005 Carter Cup champ Morgan Hoffman, who completed his rookie year on the PGA Tour.

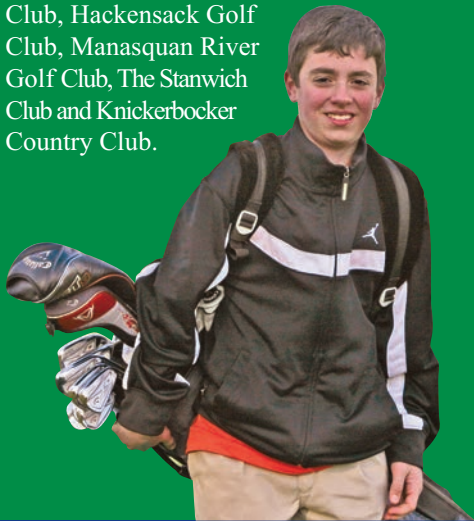
- The Young Benefactors, a group of young professionals focused on supporting TFTMNY, held a series of events in 2013, including a Tee-Off event at Drive 495 in Manhattan in January, a Masters week event at New York Athletic Club on April 11, a 9-hole Member-Guest event and a number of Happy Hours throughout the year. These events raised more than \$150,000 for The First Tee of Metropolitan New York.





## Caddie Academies

In 2013, over 400 youngsters attended one of nine Caddie Academies, one-day training classes which teach proper caddie techniques, the Rules of golf and golf course etiquette. Local caddie masters, PGA professionals and MGA staff teach the course and represent one of the many ways the MGA Foundation is helping to introduce young people to the game. In 2013, nine MGA member clubs hosted Caddie Academies: Westchester Country Club, Garden City Country Club, Nassau Country Club, Bonnie Briar Country Club, Fenway Golf Club, Hackensack Golf Club, Manasquan River Golf Club, The Stanwich Club and Knickerbocker Country Club.



## Educational Seminars

Each year the MGA Foundation provides its member clubs with a series of educational opportunities. These include our Spring series of Handicap and Rules Seminars which were held at Apawamis Club, Montclair GC and the Cherry Valley Club. The MGAF also teams up with the MetPGA for a Rules Workshop and with the USGA Green Section for the annual Green Chairman education series. The latter also provides the MGAF the opportunity to recognize a Met Area club for its environmental stewardship, with the presentation of the Arthur P. Weber Club Environmental Leaders in Golf Award, which was presented this year to Wee Burn Country Club. In October, the Presidents Council Fall Conference brought together more than 180 club presidents and general managers at Old Westbury Golf & Country Club to discuss issues and trends in the club industry and to introduce an exciting new MGA member service.

# MGA/METLIFE YOUTH CLINICS

Once again, the MGA Foundation and MetLife joined forces in an effort to introduce young people throughout the area to the game of golf and the life lessons that it can teach by hosting three MGA/MetLife Youth Clinics for more than 200 youngsters this summer.

- This year's series tee'd off in July at the United States Golf Association, where attendees received a guided tour of the USGA Museum, watched demonstrations at the USGA Equipment Testing Center, rolled some putts on the Pynes Putting Course and were then treated to an inspirational talk and trick shot clinic by First Tee ambassador and Honorary Lifetime PGA Member Dennis Walters, who was left paralyzed from the waist down after a 1974 golf cart accident.
- On August 7, a group of 30 youngsters received VIP treatment during a day at MetLife Stadium and Giants Training Camp. Participants from The First Tee of Metropolitan New York's Essex County enjoyed a private tour of the facility and an up-close look at some of the world's finest athletes as they prepared for the coming season. When quarterback Eli Manning hooked up with wide receiver Victor Cruz for a big play, the kids cheered wildly.
- The final installment took place at this year's Met Open venue, Old Westbury Golf & Country Club, where enthusiastic junior golfers from neighboring First Tee sites in Nassau and Suffolk counties spent an afternoon working on full-swing, chipping, pitching and putting, and games. The clinic was held in conjunction with the MGA/MetLife Caddie Scholarship Pro-Am.

MetLife's jovial ambassador and mascot, Snoopy, was on hand for all three youth clinics to meet kids and represent MetLife's commitment to support junior golf in the Metropolitan Area. MetLife has been a partner of the MGA for more than 30 years and has a long history of community service and supporting MGA Foundation junior golf initiatives.



# JUNIOR COMPETITION

*The MGA has been providing competitive opportunities for young golfers since 1912 and today conducts some of the nation's oldest and most prestigious junior events.*



## 96th Met Junior

July 16-18, 2013

Fairview Country Club,  
Greenwich, Conn.

Cameron Young of Scarborough, NY captured his 2nd MGA title by winning the 2013 Met Junior, sponsored by MetLife, at Fairview CC in Greenwich Conn.. Young played Jeremy Wall of Brielle, N.J. in the 18-hole final and would defeat Wall 3&1 to claim the Mandeville Trophy and the nation's oldest junior title.



## 45th MGA/MetLife Boys Championship

August 15-16, 2013

Bedford Golf &  
Tennis Club,

Bedford, N.Y.

Fifteen-year-old Ryan Rodriguez of Highland Mills, N.Y. won the 45th MGA/MetLife Boys Championship with a 6&5 victory over Bear Carlson of Katonah, N.Y. Hosted by Bedford Golf & Tennis Club for the 10th time, this championship is open to boys not yet 16 years of age.



## Carter Cup

July 31, 2013

Baltusrol Golf Club,  
Springfield, N.J.

Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield N.J. played host to the 2013 MGA Junior Stroke Play Championship. Ryan Rose of Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J. bested 2012 champion Jared Mactas of Woodcliff, N.J. by one stroke to win the 11th edition of The Carter Cup. Played on the Upper and Lower courses of this historic club, the Carter Cup is played in memory of Michael P. Carter, an accomplished junior golfer who passed away in 2002.



## Williamson Cup

August 14, 2013

Sleepy Hollow Country Club,  
Scarborough, N.Y.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Williamson Cup returned to the Met Area and was played at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Scarborough, N.Y. Won by the Golf Association of Ontario, with a team score of 451, the MGA team of Vincent Palazzolo from Colts Neck, N.J., Matt Lowe from Farmingdale, N.Y., Will Bernstein from New York, N.Y. and Willis Huynh of Syosset, N.Y., just missed defending their 2012 title and finished in second place. 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.



## 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.

*Here's how to give to the MGA Foundation:*

- Cash – tax deductible to the full extent allowable by law.
- Bequests – cash, securities, property designated to the Foundation in your will.
- Life Insurance – designate the MGA Foundation as a beneficiary.
- Appreciated stocks, bonds or real estate

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

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