



# PGA

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## PPGA Newsletter



### Spring Meeting Kicks-off Tournament Season

The Philadelphia PGA held their annual Spring Meeting on Monday, April 4 at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club. The meeting was highlighted by guest speakers, award recognitions, and section business. The meeting also signaled the start of the

PPGA tournament season with the Spring Meeting Scamble. [More Information](#)

### Central Counties Chapter Get Things Started

Just a week removed from the Philadelphia Section Spring Meeting, the Central Counties Chapter held their own season opening event. The Chapter Spring Meeting was held at Hershey Country Club on Monday, April 11. In addition to the business at hand the meeting also featured a rules presentation and season opening tournament. [More Information](#)

### James Sieckmann Seminar Continues Educational Programs

On Wednesday, April 13, the Philadelphia PGA Instructional Committee hosted an educational event at White Manor Country Club featuring short game expert James Sieckmann. The program included a discussion as well as hands on demonstrations. The program was attended by more than 40 PPGA Professionals.



### Player Development

The Section is currently looking for volunteers for our upcoming consumer event schedule. These are a great way to give back to the community as well as marketing yourself to a wide audience. Upcoming events include:

- Shoprite LPGA Classic - June 3 - 5, 2016 - Seaview Resort  
**Scorers & Teachers Needed**
- Philadelphia Phillies - June 6, 2016 - Citizens Bank Park

If you would like to volunteer for one or more of these events please contact Leila Mackie at the Section Office - [lmackie@pgahq.com](mailto:lmackie@pgahq.com)



**Employment**

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We would like to welcome a number of golf professionals and apprentices to the Philadelphia Section this Newsletter: **Dayna Burleigh**, PGA, Assistant Professional at Commonwealth National Golf Club who comes to us from Pelican's Nest GC in the South Florida Section; **Christian Castelli**, PGA, Assistant Professional at Philadelphia Country Club who comes to us from Ridgewood CC in the New Jersey Section; **Nicholas Confer**, PGA, Assistant Professional at Lancaster Country Club who comes to us from Sea Island GC in the Georgia Section; **Kevin Fairchild**, PGA, Assistant Professional at Great Bay Country Club who comes to us from Race Brook CC in the Connecticut Section; **Daniel Flood**, Apprentice at Back Creek Golf Club who comes to us from PGA National Resort & Spa in Florida; **Corey Phillips**, PGA, Assistant Professional at Baywood Greens Golf Club who comes to us from Columbia CC in the Middle Atlantic Section; **Gary Strausser**, PGA, Assistant Professional at Riverview Country Club who comes to us from Reynolds Plantation National in the Georgia Section.

We would like to congratulate the following professionals with their recent employment and classification changes: **Nate Baadte**, Apprentice at Conestoga Country Club; **Matthew Brown**, PGA, Assistant Professional at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club; **Michael Caldwell**, PGA, Assistant Professional at Merion Golf Club; **Chris Duckett**, Apprentice at Saucon Valley Country Club; **Tony R. Perla**, PGA, Assistant Professional at Philadelphia Cricket Club; **Justin Rinas**, PGA promoted to Director of Instruction at Commonwealth National Golf Club.

We would like to wish the best of luck to the following professionals who moved out of the Philadelphia Section: **Robert Kave**, PGA transferred to Forsgate CC in the New Jersey Section; **Darrin Schildt**, PGA transferred to Old South CC in the Middle Atlantic Section.

For more information on employment opportunities visit [PGA.org/Employment](http://PGA.org/Employment)  
You will need to login with your [PGA.org](http://PGA.org) user id / password

**Philadelphia Junior Tour**

**Ward Wins at Middletown**

In the Boys 16-18 Division, Liam Ward (Malvern, PA) shot a 4-over-par (74) to take the top spot. His round was highlighted by three birdies on the back nine including back-to-back birdies on holes 11 and 12. Finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 8-over-par (78) was Andrew Simpson (Perkasie, PA). Each shooting 9-over-par (79) to finish in a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place were Caleb Ryan (Norristown, PA) and Chris Benvenuto (Langhorne, PA). [More Information](#)



*Tournaments*

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Upcoming Event Registration Deadlines

PAO SPRING MEETING & SCRAMBLE (must be a PAO member) April 25 - [Register Now](#)

Connelly Cup-Head Professional Championship - May 2 - [Register Now](#)

Delaware Valley Open - May 9 - [Register Now](#)

Spring Pro-Pro Championship - May 16 - [Register Now](#)

Spring Pro-Lady Team Championship - May 17 - [Register Now](#)

The Laurel Creek Classic - May 23 - [Register Now](#)

Oakley Skull Cup Pro-Am - May 25 - [Register Now](#)

*PPGA Community Bulletin Board*

This community space will be used to help our members share events, programs or items for sale with their fellow PGA Professionals. If you would like to share on the community bulletin board please submit complete event or item information to Joe Monforto at [jmonforto@pgahq.com](mailto:jmonforto@pgahq.com). All posts will last for 1 month (2 newsletters) after which a submission must be made again. If you have any questions please contact Joe Monforto.

- ◆ The Philadelphia PGA & Philly Junior Tour are looking for volunteers to help with live scoring. If you are interested or know someone who may be please contact the PPGA and Bobby Howie - [bhowie@pgahq.com](mailto:bhowie@pgahq.com)

*Photo of the Week*



Dave Quinn (Links Golf Club) captured the 2015 Match Play Championship on the famed East Course at Merion Golf Club. After outlasting the field of 64 players Quinn was able to stand on the 18th green with the trophy and the iconic wicker basket.

The 2016 Match Play Championship will once again be played at Merion Golf Club so be sure to [register](#).