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PPGA Newsletter



Kennedy Captures Callaway Golf TPD Championship

The Callaway Golf TPD Championship, the season's first points event, was held on Monday, April 18 at Commonwealth Nat'l Golf Club. Played under near perfect conditions Eric Kennedy (Overbrook Golf Club) was able to outplay the more than 120 Philadelphia PGA to earn the first win of the season and his second overall Callaway Golf TPD Championship title. [More Information](#)

Swartz Wins Central Counties Chapter's Belle Springs Event



The first event on the Central Counties calendar was played on Monday, April 25 at Belle Springs Golf Course. With a course record 8-under-par (64) Steve Swartz (CC of Harrisburg) was able to capture the season opening event by two-shots. Swartz also led his pro-am team to a seven shot victory for a clean sweep. [Complete Results](#)



Fire Damages the Clubhouse at Hidden Creek Golf Club

I would like to send a note of thanks to everyone who has reached out to us here at Hidden Creek Golf Club. On Wednesday, April 13th we had a massive fire in the clubhouse that caused severe damage. Over the past week, the support from fellow PGA Professionals from around the section and country offering kind words has been overwhelming. I thank everyone who has taken time to reach out and I hope everyone has a great season of golf!



Regards,
Andrew Madsen
Head Golf Professional | Hidden Creek Golf Club

Player Development

The first event of the newly launched Philadelphia PGA H.O.P.E. program was held on Sunday, April 17 at Horsham Family Golf Center. The five week program will provide golf instruction to military veterans throughout the Philadelphia PGA. The event will culminate with a graduation ceremony and short outing on Sunday, May 22 at Bensalem Twp GC. For more information on the Philadelphia PGA H.O.P.E. program [Click Here](#)





Employment

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Eric Burnley moved from Whitemarsh Valley CC to become the A-6 at Kimberton GC. Coming from Ridgewood CC **Christian Castelli** joined the staff at Philadelphia CC. **Eric Cioffi** is a new Assistant Professional at the Country Club of York where he moved from John's Island Club. **Robert Coyne** is a new apprentice who has joined the staff at Applecross CC as a B-8. **Christopher Duckett** joined the staff at Saucon Valley CC he was formerly part of the staff at Carlisle CC. **Matthew Galownia** traveled from Desert Mountain to become an Assistant at Waynesborough CC. **Matthew Hillier** is moving from Whitemarsh Valley CC to Pine Valley GC as an A-8. **Kevin Kraft** is a new apprentice who has joined the staff at Bumble Bee Hollow GC as their non-member Director of Golf. We would like to welcome to **Jason Kuiper** to CC at Woodloch Springs as an Assistant Professional coming to us from The Resort @ Orange Lake in the North Florida Section. **Michael Montafia** stayed in Delaware but moved from The DuPont Country Club to become the Director of Instruction at Rock Manor. We would like to wish the best of luck to **Matthew Moroz** who is transferring to the South Florida Section from the Union League Golf Club at Torresdale. The Union League Golf Club at Torresdale GC added two new staff members, Assistant Professional, **Timothy Mooney** from the Inverness GC, and a new Director of Instruction from Carmel CC, **Joshua Spragins**. Congratulations go out to **Brett Nelson** who was just promoted from Assistant Professional to Head Professional at Moselem Springs GC. **David Sandberg** joined the staff at Pine Valley GC moving over from Saucon Valley CC. Congratulations also go out to **Eric Shillinger** who was just promoted from Head Professional to General Manager/Director of Golf at Moselem Springs GC. Mike Tucci moved from Ballamor Golf Club to Atlantic City CC as their Director of Golf. We would like to welcome **Lee White**, who comes to the Philly Section from Mountain Lake Club in North Florida to join the staff at Sunnybrook GC.

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Tournaments

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Upcoming Event Registration Deadlines

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](#)



Philadelphia Junior Tour

Philadelphia Junior Tour Spring Season Continues

Ward Tops the Field at Five Ponds GC - April 16, 2016 - [Recap](#)

Bacha Captures Wins at Crossagte GC - April 17, 2016 - [Recap](#)

Bricker Breaks Through at Morgan Hill GC - April 23, 2016 - [Recap](#)

Bacha Goes Under Par at Iron Valley GC - April 24, 2016 - [Recap](#)



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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. 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

Photo of the Week



Eric Figueroa (McCall Golf & CC) and Jimmy Maack (Kimberton GC) eye a shot through the ruins on the 14th hole at Fieldstone Golf Club during the 2015 Spring Pro-Pro Championship.

The Philadelphia PGA will return to Fieldstone Golf Club this Monday, May 2 for the annual Connelly Cup - Head Pro Championship.

[Tournament Information](#)