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PPGA Newsletter



McNabb Wins Connelly Cup on 2nd Playoff Hole

This annual tournament is named in honor of Jack Connelly a past President of both the Philadelphia PGA and the PGA of America. This year's event brought together more than 50 of the Section's Head Professionals to Fieldstone Golf Club. As the tournament concluded two players were able to separate themselves from the field. Stu Ingraham (M Golf Range) and Dave McNabb (Applebrook Golf Club) each posted a tournament best 4-under-par (67) meaning the 2016 edition of the Connelly Cup would be decided with a playoff. [More Information](#)

Little Leads Wire-to-Wire at DVO

On Monday May 9, the Philadelphia PGA returned to Concord Country Club for the 2016 edition of the Delaware Valley Open (DVO). The DVO featured nearly 120 Philadelphia PGA Professionals and served as a dual event with the Philadelphia PGA's Assistant's Organization (PAO). Despite the forecast of sunny skies and 70 degree temperatures, players competing in today's tournament were faced with cool blustery conditions as the morning turned to afternoon. However, one player managed to get his round complete before the winds picked up and posted a score that lasted from start to finish. [More Information](#)



Richter and Swartz Win in Central Counties Events



Chip Richter was able to earn his first win of the 2016 Central Counties season after carding an impressive (61) at the Penn State Univ Pro-Scratch. Richter and amateur partner James Hughes finished 5-shots ahead of second place finishers Cody Cecato and Mike Gates. [Full Results](#).

Steve Swartz earned his second victory of the young Central Counties season after squeaking out a 1-shot win over Steve Bostdorf at the Country Club of Harrisburg. Swartz and his amateur partners also claimed the top spot in the Pro-Am division giving Swartz his second clean sweep of the season (Belles Springs). [Full Results](#).





Employment

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We would like to welcome back **Trevor Bensel** to the Section as an apprentice assistant at Huntingdon Valley CC. **Matt Bonanno** is also returning to the Philadelphia Section as an Assistant with Biderman GC. **Adam Charles** is new to the Section after graduating from Penn State PGM Program, and Adam will be an Assistant at Huntsville GC. **Derek Fenstermacher** is also new to the Section after graduating from Coastal Caroline PGM Program and he will be an Assistant at Regents' Glen CC. **Rusty Harbold** has become part of the BlueGolf team after leaving Lancaster CC after nine years. **Aaron Hartman** transferred to the Philly Section from Royal Poinciana GC in the South Florida Section and he will be an Assistant at The Philadelphia Cricket Club. We would like to wish **Bob Hayes** the best of luck in his retirement from Kimberton GC after 40 years of employment. Congratulations go out to **Jimmy Maack** from Kimberton GC who has been promoted to Head Professional taking over Bob Hayes' responsibilities. **Matthew Hillier** transferred from Whitemarsh Valley CC to Pine Valley GC as an Assistant. **Christopher Hutchinson** is a newly elected member who is now the "A-1" at White Oaks CC. **Jingye Jiang** transfer to GolfTEC Willow Grove from The Cliffs Resort in the Northern Texas Section. **Ian Madinger** comes to us from the Country Club of Colorado to take over as an apprentice Assistant at Plantation Lakes CC. **Justin Mottilla** has moved back east from the Southern California Section where he was a Sales Rep for Cobra Golf Inc. Congratulations go out to **Eric Shillinger** who was promoted to General Manager at Moslem Springs GC. Congratulations also to **Brett Nelson** who has been promoted to Head Professional at Moselem Springs. **Billy Stewart** is a newly elected member who is the Assistant at The ACE Club. **Michael Tucci** is now the General Manager at Atlantic City CC and his former facility was Ballamor GC. **Lee White** comes to us from Mountain Lake Club in the North Florida Section and he will be the apprentice assistant at Sunnybrook GC.

For more information on employment opportunities visit PGA.org/Employment
You will need to login with your PGA.org user id / password

Player Development

Volunteers Needed

- Shoprite LPGA Classic - Seaview Resort - June 3-5, 2016
- Philadelphia Phillies - Citizen's Bank Park - June 6, 2016
- Constellations Senior Players Championship - Phila Cricket Club - June 9-12, 2016

For more information or to volunteer for an upcoming event please contact:
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Tournaments

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Upcoming Event Registration Deadlines

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

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

31st Burlington Classic - June 5-6 - [Register Now](#)

NCR AC Team Stableford Championship - June 9 - [Register Now](#)

Philadelphia Junior Tour

Philadelphia Junior Tour Spring Season Continues

Where There's a Will There's a Win - April 30, 2016 - [Recap](#)

Romanov Shoot 1-under at Sand Barrens - May 1, 2016 - [Recap](#)

Dramatic Sudden-Death Playoffs at Back Creek - May 8, 2016 - [Recap](#)



Education Opportunity

Golf School Workshop - [Register Now](#)

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

TIME: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

PLACE: Chester Valley Golf Club, Malvern PA

When was the last time you participated in a Golf School... in the student role?

Join us for this unique format and put yourself in your student's golf shoes for an afternoon. This workshop is 100% participation. Bring your golf clubs and be prepared to build skills.

- Putter Fitting
- Group Training – On the Practice Tee
- Putting Workshop
- Effective Practice – On the Practice Tee

Increase your revenue, product offerings and opportunities for your students and club members!

Hosted by: Ed Gibson, Elizabeth Granahan, Bob Kramer & Audrey Ziff

[Register Now](#) - Registration limited to 20 participants.

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(s) of the Week



You never know what you are going to run into on the golf course. Over the years we have come across many animals sharing in the beauty of whatever facility we are at that day. Pictures like these are just a reminder of how lucky we are to share an “office” with these guys.

If you have unique pictures like these of your own from your facilities please share them with the Section. Submissions can be sent to Joe Monforto - jmonforto@pgahq.com