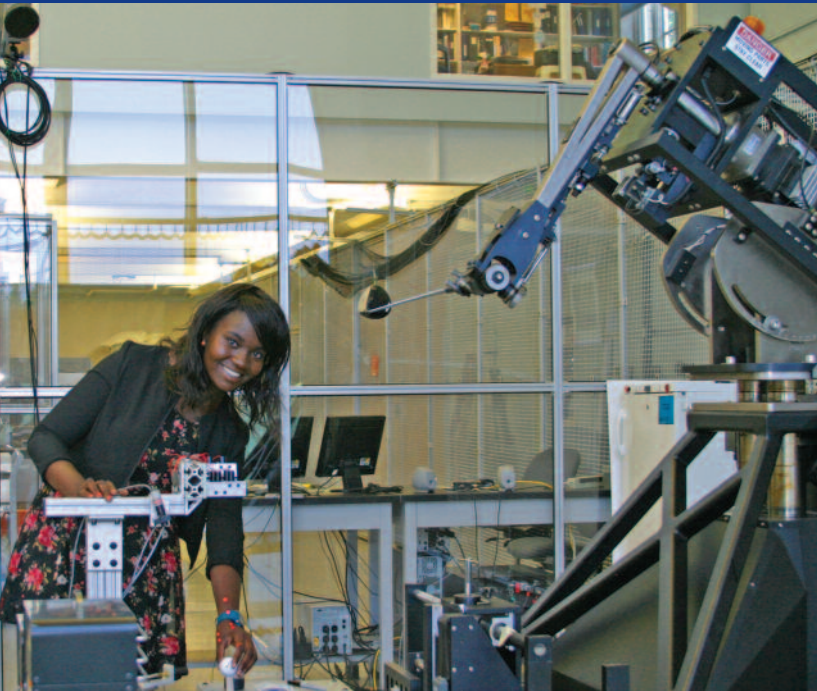


FROM THE MGA FOUNDATION



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Thanks to support from the golfing community, the Foundation enjoyed a very successful year as we watched all of our youth and educational programs flourish. Through our junior initiatives like GOLFWORKS, The First Tee of Metropolitan New York, Caddie Academies, Junior Championships, Youth Clinics and outstanding Educational Programs, we are helping to fulfill our mission to grow the game and pass its values and traditions to a new generation. We feel that we can and should do even more, but we need your help.



GOLFWORKS at 20

GOLFWORKS wrapped up a successful 20th season in 2014. The MGA Foundation's cornerstone program began in 1994 with 12 young interns at just six MGA clubs; **this year the program employed 237 deserving youngsters at 75 clubs**, where they were introduced to the many different career paths available in the golf industry. These high school aged interns developed skills that often extend well beyond club walls, while learning to interact with positive role models and experiencing opportunities unavailable to them before.

These life changing opportunities could not be possible without the support of you, our member clubs, and sponsors, including EmblemHealth, Astoria Bank, the Michael J. Berkeley Foundation and the Mancheski Foundation, as well as the Founding Partner of GOLFWORKS, MetLife. "Being able to align our core values of honesty, integrity and diversity with the MGA Foundation's life changing programs is a winning recipe for thousands of kids across the region," said MetLife Executive Vice President Tony Nugent. "Through this partnership, MetLife continues to support the next generation of young men and women through this wonderful sport."





- Brittany Ferrante (above) of Huntington Station, N.Y. was one of ten semifinalists for The First Tee RBS Achiever of the Year Award, a national honor that landed the Eisenhower Park participant a scholarship.

- Path to success and Girls Golf and FORE! offered a number of opportunities for participants, especially young women, to learn more about the benefits of higher education and about career opportunities in business from young professionals at Morgan Stanley (left), PWC and RBS who volunteered their time to mentor youngsters from TFTMNY.

Founded in 2001 by the MGA Foundation and Met PGA, and now also partners with The First Tee of Connecticut and NJPGA, The First Tee of Metropolitan New York (TFTMNY) is now the world's largest and most active chapter. With more than 3,000 young people directly enrolled in programs teaching full First Tee curriculum, it is also one of the area's leading youth development programs. In a year filled with great accomplishments, here are some highlights:

- The Young Benefactors, a group of young professionals focused on supporting TFTMNY, held a series of events that raised more than \$200,000 for TFTMNY.

- The three-part Century Cup series was completed during May, June and July. The event celebrated 100 years of golf at each of three TFTMNY facilities – Mosholu GC, Weequahic Park GC, and Eisenhower Park GC, where participants used hickory shafted golf clubs to play golf. Some participants even turned back the clock, sporting golf fashions of the early 1900s (right).

- First Tee participants Brent Ito (below) of Ardsley, N.Y. and Tiffany Schapira of Valley Stream, N.Y. were two of 82 students nationwide selected to compete in the Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach, an official Champions Tour event.

Driving Success



TFTMNY's Tournament of Champions took place on August 14 at Inwood Country Club on Long Island, where Board Member and National Trustee Ken Whitney (above, center) was on hand to see the impact of his recent donation. Whitney saw that the chapter was experiencing ongoing transportation difficulties, so he took action. Ken secured six customized, 15-passenger vans; one for each of TFTMNY's facilities, which allows for greater community outreach and helps eliminate expensive bus rentals.



of community service and supporting all of the MGA Foundation's junior golf initiatives. Historically this relationship has focused on MGA championship sponsorship, but this year, MetLife has shifted its attention to the Foundation, becoming the Official Supporter of the MGA Foundation and the Founding Partner of GOLFWORKS. "The MGA is thrilled to have MetLife take a substantial interest in our Foundation and the GOLFWORKS program," noted MGA Foundation Chairman Jeff Holzschuh. "It was a natural fit to focus this relationship on developing and enhancing MGA Foundation programs to the benefit of thousands of area youths each year."

Caddie Academies

Caddie Academies are among the MGA Foundation's longest-standing youth initiatives. Free, hands-on, one-day training sessions conducted at multiple Met Area locations each year have taught thousands of youngsters the basic skills necessary to become a caddie. It's just one way that the MGA Foundation is helping to keep one of the game's great traditions alive and well in the Met Area.



Educational Seminars

The MGA Foundation's mission to preserve the game and its values is never more evident than in the wide array of educational opportunities it offers to clubs and their members. These programs provide valuable resources to help ensure the health and well-being of the club industry, to maintain the integrity of the game's Rules and handicapping principles, and add to everyone's enjoyment and participation in the game.



MGA/METLIFE YOUTH CLINICS



Since 2000, MetLife has teamed with the MGA Foundation on a series of fun and informative youth clinics that have positively impacted thousands of lives in the Met Area. By focusing on golf skills, history, science and technology, these clinics provide a new setting and experience for kids from all walks of life and are helping to grow the game of golf. This year's series included visits to the USGA Test & Research Center, New York Giants Training Camp at MetLife Stadium and Trump National-Bedminster. Each site offered once-in-a-lifetime experiences, like meeting Giants quarterback Eli Manning or real estate mogul Donald Trump, and seeing first-hand how science, math and technology affect the game of golf and its Rules and regulations.

The MGA Foundation provided a record amount of support to the local caddie scholarship funds thanks to our Caddie Scholarship Pro-Am held in conjunction with the Met Open at Trump National-Bedminster. Please help us generate more for these important causes at next year's edition, which will be played at famed Winged Foot Golf Club on Monday, August 24, 2015.



JUNIOR COMPETITION

The MGA has been providing competitive opportunities for young golfers since 1912, and today conducts the oldest and some of the nation's most prestigious junior events, with past champions gracing the amateur and professional ranks.



97th Met Junior

July 15-17, 2014
Rockaway River Country Club,
Denville, N.J.

Dawson Jones of Howell, N.J. captured the Mandeville Trophy by winning the 97th Met Junior sponsored by MetLife. Jones defeated John VanDerLaan of Southbury, Conn. in the 18-hole final 1-up to claim the nation's oldest junior title.

12th Carter Cup

July 30, 2014
Baltusrol Golf Club,
Springfield, N.J.



Historic Baltusrol Golf Club played host to the 2014 MGA Junior Stroke Play Championship, where Erick Alonso of Haworth, N.J. bested both Jeremy Wall of Brielle, N.J. and Matt Lowe of Farmingdale, N.Y. by one stroke to win. Junior golfers played 36 holes of stroke play on the Upper and Lower courses in the championship named in memory of Michael P. Carter, an accomplished junior golfer who passed away in 2002.



46th MGA/MetLife Boys Championship

August 7 & 8, 2014
Rumson Golf & Country Club,
Rumson, N.J.

It took 22 holes, but Brent Ito of Ardsley, N.Y. outlasted Christopher Gotterup of Little Silver, N.J. to claim the 46th MGA/MetLife Boys Championship.

Williamson Cup

August 12, 2014
Laval sur le Lac Club,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada



A team of four talented Junior golfers represented the MGA north of the border for the 51st Williamson Cup hosted by Golf Quebec in Montreal. The MGA team came up six shots short, finishing second to this year's host. Representing the MGA were Dawson Jones of Howell, N.J., James Nicholas of Scarsdale, N.Y., Vincent Palazzolo of Colts Neck, N.J. and Ryan Rodriguez from Highland Mills, N.Y.



WELCOME ABOARD

The MGA is proud to welcome John Dolan as the Senior Manager of the MGA Foundation. A Westchester native, John is a graduate of St. John's University and worked at a number of area clubs. Since 2003, he has held various positions within the American Junior Golf Association, most recently serving as its Northeast Regional Director, working with sponsors, venues and championship activities. John's work has helped him develop a strong network of golf and business related contacts, and his background and experience make him an excellent addition to the Foundation team.

Because of You!



The MGA Foundation, as a 501(c)3 organization, relies almost entirely on your contributions to continue our important work. The Foundation would like to thank the many members of the golf community who have given so generously to this cause and who continue to ensure that "Golf Grows Here."

Here's how you can support the MGA Foundation:

- **Cash | Check** – 100% tax deductible.
- **Appreciated stocks, bonds or real estate.**
- **Bequests** – cash, securities, property designated to the Foundation in your will.
- **Life Insurance** – Designate the MGA Foundation as a beneficiary.

Donations of these items can be easily accommodated. Contact the MGA Foundation office for details.