



Connecticut Section PGA Update - May 6, 2011

Although the PGA Team is disappointed that they did not win back the Julius Boros cup yesterday, the overall experience in the 40th annual Challenge Cup Matches versus the Connecticut State Golf Association amateurs received an infusion of enthusiasm thanks to Captain Dennis Coscina and New Haven Country Club head professional Bill Wallis. Coscina and Wallis both went the extra mile, and added many new nuances to the event that made it that much more special.

"Even though we gave it our best effort and came up short, I want you to know that I was and still am very proud of the entire team," Coscina announced to his team. "It was an honor to be your captain and without a doubt I am looking forward to next year."

Thank you Dennis and Bill. Note that Dennis will serve as PGA Captain again in 2012 where the PGA becomes the home team.

PGA DUES BILLING

By now you should have received an email notification from The PGA of America advising you that you can view, print and/or pay your FY2010/2011 dues online. Anyone without an EMail address will receive a printed invoice.

If you pay by check, make sure to include your member/apprentice number in the "Note" portion of the check and/or on the check stub and mail to: PO Box 31089, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-1089.

For those individuals whose employer pays their dues, log onto PGALinks to print an invoice to submit to your employer for payment processing. It is also recommended that you pay your dues and request reimbursement from your employer. This will ensure that the payment is made on time to avoid the \$100 late payment.

The due date for this payment is June 30, 2011, to avoid suspension and late fee assessment.

SPECIAL AWARDS AND HALL OF FAME

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to nominate some of your peers for a 2011 Special Award.

[You can now make your nominations online by May 20th.](#)

Also, if you have a suggestion for an inductee into the [Hall of Fame](#), please send the information about your nominee to sbell@pgahq.com by May 20.

TOURNAMENTS

Unfortunately an email was sent in error to all section members titled, "Standings Updated!" This feature was activated and sent out by our tournament software company, BlueGolf. They are extremely sorry for this and have corrected the issue. For future reference, please remember, all **Player Standings** are tracked on the Connecticut Section PGA website.

Registration is now open for the second Mohegan Sun PGA Pro-Am Series tournament, the **Golf Max PGA Pro-Senior Am**, Monday, June 6, at New London Country Club. Please remember, registration for all Pro-Am Series tournaments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please register at your earliest convenience.

The deadline for the SPIT (**Salesperson Professional Invitational Tournament**) is this Monday at MIDNIGHT. The tournament will be hosted by Bull's Bridge Golf Club on Monday, May 16. The fee is \$75 and includes lunch, golf, and hors d'oeuvres following the tournament.

Registrations are still being accepted through the weekend for the **Lake of Isles Charity Pro-Am**, this Tuesday, May 10, at Lake of Isles. Please contact the PGA Professional staff at Lake of Isles to register. This is an important event for the Connecticut Section PGA Golf Foundation.

On Wednesday, May 25, The PGA of America will begin accepting entries for the 2011 Connecticut Section PGA Professional Championship. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, July 6. Entry information will **NOT be mailed** to members; all entry information will be accessible online at www.pgalinks.com and www.pgatournaments.com. This year's championship will be played at Shennecossett Golf Course in Groton, Conn., on Monday and Tuesday, August 22 and 23.

There are only a few spots left in the Cleveland Golf/Srixon PGA Professional Golf League. Please contact Eric Clark (eclark@pgahq.com) at your earliest convenience if you are interested. These must be filled by end of business Tuesday.

Deadlines are also approaching quickly for the **Spring PGA Stroke Play** and **Walter Lowell PGA Tournament**.

ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENTS

The deadline to enter the first of three Individual Pro tournaments is this Thursday at midnight. The **Assistants' Association Stableford Tournament** will be hosted by Tumble Brook Country Club on Thursday, May 19.

Also, as announced at the Spring Meeting, Assistants' Association members can now pick up your Travelers Championship Chip In for Charity tickets at the section office. See Sally.

JUNIOR GOLF

If you have certified and Junior Golf Association members, please encourage them to work on the **Birdies For Charity** fund raising activity for Connecticut Section PGA Golf Foundation. Your junior golfer will have a chance to earn a spot to play with a PGA TOUR Player at TPC River Highlands during the Travelers Championship if they participate. And the PGA Professional/facility whose Junior Golf Association members collectively generate the most donations will earn a Sponsors Tent for their club during the Travelers Championship.

Thank you for promoting 2011 Junior Golf Association membership and please continue to do so through June 1.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mark the Date: Play Golf America Day will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at TPC River Highlands from 9AM-4PM, during Travelers Championship week. Section Player Development Manager Sally Sohn is recruiting PGA instructors. Please e-mail ssohn@pgahq.com if you would like to participate and with the time interval you are available that day. MSR credits will be awarded.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

The New England Section will be hosting their **2011 Teaching Summit** on May 13 at The Harmon Club in Rockland, Mass. from 8AM - 4PM. The instructors will be Andy Plummer and Michael Bennett with assistance from Brad Faxon. The registration fee is \$75 and includes lunch. All attendees will receive 8 MSR Education credits.

OTHER NEWS

Special thanks to Jeremy Vitkauskas and the members of Farmington Country Club for their financial donation to the *Drive For The Game* – Connecticut Section Golf Foundation. Jeremy played 108 holes on Monday in 5 hours and 15 minutes and his generous members supported him and, in turn, The Foundation.

The Northeastern New York Section PGA is reporting that the Onteora Club located in Woodstock, N.Y., is conducting a search for a head professional position to be filled ASAP. The position allows for a small merchandise shop and lessons/instruction are a major part of the job. Personality, customer service, and communication skills are key to serving the membership of approximately 100 residential owners. Resumes should be sent directly to Mr. Patrick Curley, Golf Chairman, pcurley@pipeline.com

And finally, congratulations to Jim Hathaway, head golf professional at the Litchfield Country Club, who has registered in the PGA Professional Golf Management Program.

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