



Metropolitan Golf Writers Association

NEWSLETTER

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SEND IN YOUR NEWS AND NOTES

All members of the MGWA who may have items for our newsletter are urged to e-mail them to **Chuck Stogel** (chstogel@aol.com).

MGWA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS (OVER)DUE

Our annual directory is about to go to the print shop, but there is still time to renew MGWA memberships for 2015 if you haven't done so. To sign up, please visit our web site (www.metgolfwriters.org), and click on the "Membership" listing on the topside menu. This will provide access to the 2015 renewal form.

Additionally, the Met Golf Writers Assn is always on the lookout for new members. An application form for new members to apply also is available on our web site under the "Membership" listing. If you know of anyone who would qualify for membership but hasn't joined, please recommend the MGWA to them. Our professional association is one of the most active of its kind.

Signup forms for our Quill & Tee Golf Club, which is the MGWA's USGA authorized and MGA-affiliated club-without-real estate, will be going out shortly. Annual activities include a Q&TGC Club Championship competition, President's Cup, MGA "Met Net" qualifiers for men and women, a member-guest event, plus official handicapping services and a subscription to the Met Golfer magazine, along with entry opportunities into MGA championships if otherwise qualified.

MGWA SPRING MEETINGS CONFIRMED

The dates and venues for three of our membership meeting/outings for the 2015 season have been confirmed: Wednesday, April 29, Saint Andrew's GC, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY; Thursday, May 21, Marine Park GC, Brooklyn, NY; Monday, Aug. 31, Bethpage Black, Farmingdale, NY. Notices to sign up for our events usually are sent to all members about a month in advance of each gathering.

The outing at Saint Andrew's will provide attendees with an opportunity to see and try out the club's brand new Apple Tree Learning Center. Special guest presenters scheduled that day include: **Chuck Lord**, chief creative officer of hats and apparel maker Ahead; and **Mary Ann Sullivan**, co-general chairman of the LPGA Tour's KPMG Women's PGA Championship scheduled in June at Westchester CC. Competition at Saint Andrew's includes the Quill & Tee better ball tournament and Met Net qualifying.

PRICE, PLAYER HEADLINE AWARDS DINNER

World Golf Hall of Fame inductee **Nick Price**, Hall of Famer **Gary Player** and veteran golf journalist **Ron Sirak** are among the initial group of honorees to be announced as recipients for the Met Golf Writers' 64th National Awards Dinner scheduled Tuesday, June 9, at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY.

Widely considered one of the nicest people in golf and a three-time Majors champion, Price will receive the Gold Tee Award, the MGWA's highest honor. Presented to an individual whose career achievements exemplify the best spirit and traditions of the sport of golf, previous Gold Tee honorees include **Bobby Jones**, **Ben Hogan**, **Arnold Palmer**, **Jack Nicklaus**, **Gary Player**, **Nancy Lopez**, **Annika Sorenstam**, **Phil Mickelson** and last year's honoree, **Fred Couples**.

Player will receive the Winnie Palmer Award, which acknowledges an individual who has consistently given their time, energy and enthusiasm to those less fortunate. Barbara Nicklaus was the first recipient of the MGWA's Winner Palmer Award in 2000 while Player's wife, Vivienne, received the award in 2003.



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Sirak, an award-winning golf writer and author, and a past president of the MGWA, will receive the **Lincoln Werden** Journalism Award. A former executive editor of *Golf World*, and a former editor and writer at The Associated Press, Sirak is a senior writer for *Golf Digest*. He has covered more than 140 men's and women's major golf championships, plus 10 Ryder Cups and seven Solheim Cups.

For more information about the Awards Dinner, and our honorees, please go to the MGWA web site: www.metgolfwriters.org.

LIGUORI'S 'INNERVIEW' EPISODES ON HULU

A collection of 50 classic Sports Innerview with **Ann Liguori** TV episodes, featuring trailblazing female broadcaster and MGWA vice president Ann Liguori, have been added to the content lineup available to watch on Hulu (www.hulu.com/sports-innerview-with-annliguori). From 1989-2006, Liguori — a charter member of all-sports radio station WFAN in New York — interviewed more than 600 sports and entertainment legends, including **Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Gordie Howe, Wilt Chamberlain, Pete Rose, Billie Jean King** and many, many more. Quite a few of the celebs discuss their affinity for golf. The Hulu package is being made available via Ann Liguori Productions and Total Content Digital. These are historic interviews as some of the greats of sports history share their personal stories, career anecdotes and opinions on issues of the time. In conjunction with the Hulu debut, media who wish to interview Liguori should contact: **Adam Rifenerick**, Press Box Publicity, 3920 Duncan Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33434, phone 912-658-7860, e-mail Adam@PressBoxPublicity.

PEOPLE, PLACES, ETC

Longtime Met area club pro **Brad Worthington** has been appointed Director of Golf at the Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point, the new public course designed by **Jack Nicklaus** and set to open in April adjacent to the Whitestone Bridge in the Bronx. Worthington's professional career includes serving as Head Golf Professional at Brooklawn CC (1994-2014) in Fairfield, CT, and Atlantic GC (1991-1993) in Bridgehampton, NY, and as Assistant Golf Professional at Winged Foot GC (1988-91) and Rockaway Hunting Club (1985-87). PR contact for Ferry Point: MGWA member Nick Nicholas (nick@nicholaslence.com) . . . **Adam Barr**, formerly with Golfweek and the Golf Channel, and most recently president of Miura Golf, has been hired as Senior Director of Communications at the USGA (abarr@usga.org). He is a Univ. of Pennsylvania grad with a law degree from Duquesne . . . Saint Andrew's GC, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, has added **Tyler Jaramillo** to its staff as PGA Assistant Golf Professional. Formerly an assistant in the Met area at Seawane, Tamarack, Ardsley and Fenway, Jaramillo's responsibilities will focus on teaching and operations at Saint Andrew's new Apple Tree Learning Center. He joins a staff that includes: **Charlie Hicks**, director of golf; **Greg Bisconti**, head pro; **Ambry Bishop**, assistant pro. MGWA members will have an opportunity to meet Jaramillo and preview the new Apple Tree Learning Center during our inaugural spring meeting/outing on Wednesday, April 29, at Saint Andrew's . . . E-MAIL UPDATE: Please note a change of e-mail address for MGWA Board member **Bill Fields**: williamhfields@gmail.com . . . OBITS: **Gino Papa**, father of MGWA member **C.J. Papa**, passed away Feb. 24 on Long Island. A longtime resident of East Hills, NY, he was a well-respected court judge over the years for the Village of East Hills, plus Nassau and Suffolk counties . . . Celebrated golfwriter and historian **Rhonda Glenn**, 68, passed away Feb. 12 after a lengthy illness. Among her various activities, she spent 17 years in communications at the USGA; was a golf commentator with ABC for 16 years; and competed in 12 USGA championships, including five U.S. Women's Amateurs and two U.S. Women's Opens . . . **Charlie Sifford**, the first African-American to play on the PGA Tour, passed away on Feb. 3 at the age of 92. Our MGWA Gold Tee honoree in 2008, Sifford broke the game's color barrier in 1961 and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2004. In 2014 he became only the third golfer to win the Presidential Medal of Freedom . . . **Billy Casper**, the MGWA's Gold Tee honoree in 1970, died Feb. 7 at the age of 83. Seventh on the all-time PGA Tour list with 51 victories, Casper won three majors, including the 1959 U.S. Open at Winged Foot. He was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1978.

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