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## PGA HOPE

### Helping Our Patriots Everywhere

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Learning and playing the game of golf is a proven activity that has positively impacted thousands of wounded veterans nationwide, and **PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere)** is a new program that is truly making a difference.

The flagship military program of the NJGF, **PGA HOPE** is designed to introduce golf -- at no cost -- to veterans with disabilities in order to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. The HOPE program, led by PGA Professionals, helps veterans assimilate back into their communities through the social interaction the game of golf provides.

In partnership with the V.A. Lyons Medical Center/MAVERIC Golf Driving Range, 2015 PGA HOPE sessions will tee off in May. To support HOPE programming, the NJGF donated \$10,000 for the installation of a new synthetic and tee line putting green on property.

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# Presidents Message

On behalf of the Officers and the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Golf Foundation (NJGF), welcome to the 2015 golf season!

The NJGF remains committed to our mission of impacting lives and communities through golf, and we have an incredible line-up of programming in 2015. Our core programming focuses on 3 distinct pillars: youth, military and special needs, and it's a privilege to provide an opportunity for individuals from all backgrounds to experience the game of golf. With Golf in Schools, PGA HOPE, Els for Autism, PGA Junior League, our after school program at Father English Community Center, and a new partnership with the Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association, among others, it's going to be a fun year.

I would like to take an opportunity to thank The NJ Club Foundation, the non-profit foundation of the NJ Club Managers Association (NJCMA). They have generously committed to a 3-year donation of \$5K per year (\$15k total) to support our dynamic programming. The NJCF's mission is to advance the club management profession, while assisting with educational programs for Club Managers and Assistant Club Managers. As the NJGF seeks to align our efforts with allied organizations in NJ, the NJCMA is a logical partnership. Please take some time to thank your club managers for their generous donation.

Additionally, I'd like to acknowledge the NJPGA Assistant's Association, as their unwavering support of the NJGF is truly inspiring. Through a series of 100-Hole Marathon's, they have set a goal of raising \$30,000, and they are well on their way to achieving their goal. We appreciate their continued support.

From all of us at the NJGF, enjoy the 2015 Golf Season, and let's all help in the mission to provide access and opportunities for individuals from all backgrounds to experience this wonderful game of golf.

Fairways Always,

Gregg Angelillo

## Golf Programming at Father English Community Center

On the heels of the 1st Annual NJGF Charity Hockey Game, we thought it was important to highlight the dynamic programming made possible because of the philanthropic efforts of our PGA Professionals and our incredible supporters.

As The NJGF remains committed to making the game of golf more accessible to boys and girls from all backgrounds, after school player development programming continues to expand throughout the State.

To complement the popular Golf In Schools program in Paterson, the NJGF teamed up with the Father English Community Center and Montclair State University (MSU) to offer golf programming for elementary school children, via a eight-week after-school golf program. A majority of the children that participated, were introduced to golf through the thriving Paterson "Golf In Schools" program.

"One of our core responsibilities is to provide access to the game of golf for boys and girls from all backgrounds, and this partnership provides another opportunity for children from Paterson to experience the game of golf in a welcoming environment and under the guidance of PGA Professionals." said Chris Hunt, Executive Director, NJGF.

Children participating in the program will have the opportunity to visit Crestmont Country Club and Essex Golf Center this spring.

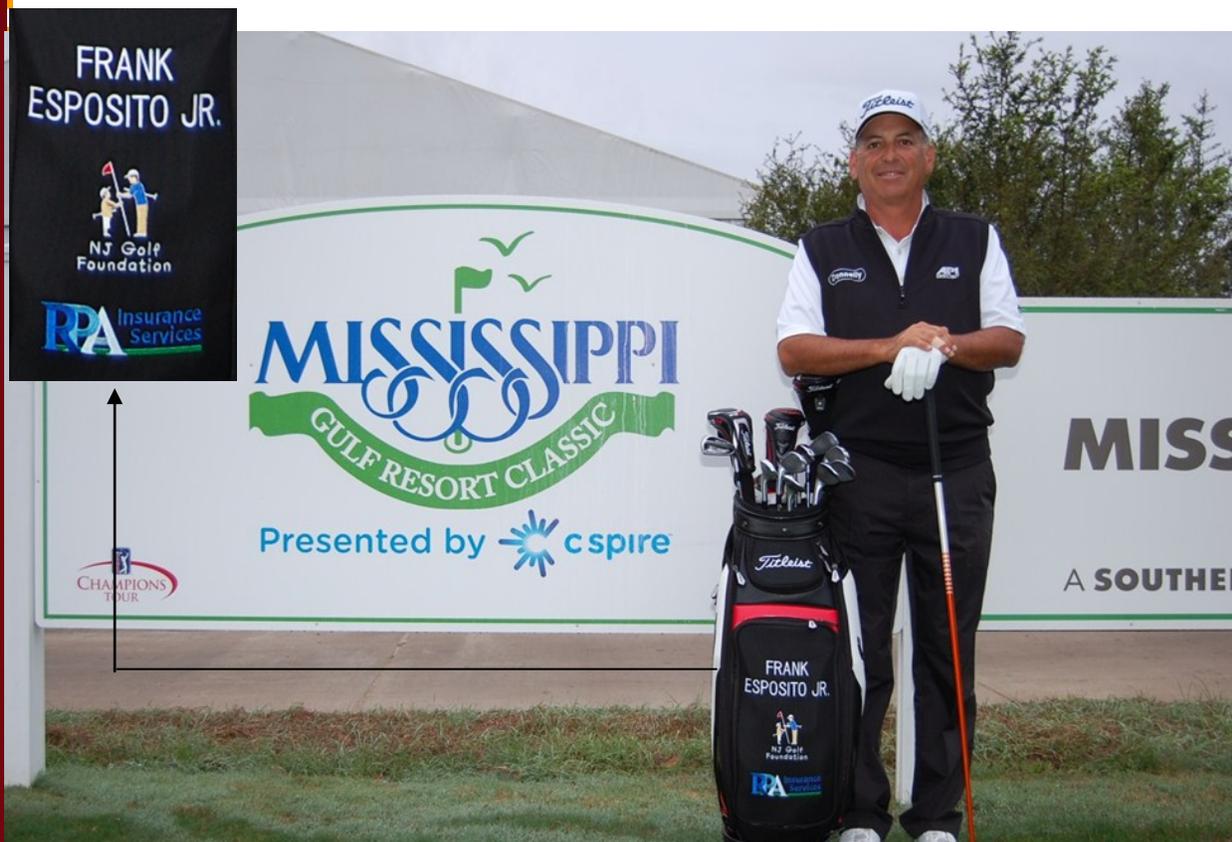


# Good Luck Frank!

Frank Esposito's 2014 season included victories at the NJPGA Head Pro Championship, the Senior Open, and the Match Play Championship. However, his incredible season was highlighted by his victory at the 26th Senior PGA Professional National Championship, presented by Mercedes-Benz USA, which took place November 13-16 at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL.

That was just the beginning, as Esposito, the longtime PGA Head Golf Professional at Brooklake Country Club, then captured Medalist honors (First Place) at Champions TOUR Qualifying school, earning exempt status on the Champions TOUR in 2015. Esposito, made his first 2015 Champions Tour start Feb 4-7 at the Allianz Championship in Boca Raton, Florida.

Good Luck Frank, we're rooting for you!



Physical activities for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) improve their quality of life because participating in sports, games, and exercising all involve levels of independence and choice making for that child. These activities can increase self worth and confidence while providing new opportunities to develop and build friendships, relationships, and deeper ties to the community.

The **Ernie Els #GameON Autism® Golf Program** is a 9-session golf program specially designed to teach children with ASD how to play the game of golf. The program will be rolling out this Spring as a pilot to determine its effectiveness in meeting the needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. There are 9 specially designed lesson plans in the curriculum along with an athletic assessment and warm up/fitness routine.

On March 23 at Galloping Hill Golf Club, Jen Hong from Els For Autism conducted a training session with 15 PGA Professionals, to ensure PGA Professionals have a comfort level in working with boys and girls with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Beginning in May, PGA Professionals from the NJPGA will conduct a 9-week program with boys and girls at the Newmark School in Scotch Plains.

Throughout the course of the program, students will exercise and work on new golf skills, while practicing specific autism learning concepts that are infused into every #GameON Autism Golf session.

This program will serve as one of 6 pilot sites throughout the country in 2015.





**2015 Peter A. Famiano Memorial Pro-Am**  
**Thursday July 2, 2015 - Crestmont Country Club**

***Save the Date!***

**9th Annual NJ Golf Foundation Golf Classic**  
**Monday August 3, 2015 - Baltusrol Golf Club**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JUST RIVALS GOLF CLASSIC**

SPORTS LEGENDS OF  
**NY/NJ VS. PHILLY**

Friday, September 11th<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
 Galloway National Golf Club  
 Galloway, New Jersey

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