

# NJGF

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# President's Message

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in four years, the New Jersey PGA Section was recognized on the National stage, receiving the Herb Graffis Award, presented annually to a PGA Section that shows extraordinary and exemplary contributions in player development and growth of the game programming.

The line-up of programming that led to the NJPGA recognition is managed by the NJGF, validating that we are truly impacting lives and communities across the Garden State, through the game of golf.

To our partners that support our programming, and to all the PGA Professionals that give up their time, I offer a sincere thank you for helping us make a difference in so many lives. It's been a fantastic year, and the programming, which encompasses PGA Junior League, Golf In Schools, PGA HOPE and Special Olympics Golf, among others, continues to get stronger.

The NJPGA/NJGF's new corporate HQ, equipped with a state-of-the-art indoor/outdoor training center, is scheduled to open on the campus of Fiddler's Elbow CC in early 2016. Year round NJGF programming will soon be available... and we can't wait.

2016 is the Year of Golf, highlighted by the PGA of America's Centennial celebration, Golf in the Olympics, a Ryder Cup on US soil, and the PGA Championship returning to New Jersey during July, as Baltusrol Golf Club will once again host the greatest golfers in the world for a major Championship, Jersey style.

With that said, NJGF programming will take center stage in 2016, as we remain committed to impacting lives and communities through the game of golf.

Enjoy the holiday season, and I can't wait to see you on the golf course in 2016.

Fairways Always,

Gregg Angelillo

## NJGF PROGRAMMING INSTRUMENTAL IN NJPGA RECEIVING NATIONAL AWARD



On Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, with more than 700 guests in attendance at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, the NJPGA/NJGF was honored during the 2015 PGA National Awards ceremony, held in conjunction with the 99th PGA Annual Meeting.

The NJPGA Section was the recipient of the Herb Graffis Award, presented annually to a PGA Section that shows extraordinary and exemplary contributions in player development and growth of the game programming. This marked the 2<sup>nd</sup> time (2012 winner) in four years the NJPGA received the prestigious National Award, as the Section was recognized for its flourishing player development programming, organized and conducted by the NJGF - whose mission is to positively impact lives and communities through the game of golf.

### Highlights of the year for the NJPGA/NJGF:

- Led by PGA Professionals throughout the state, PGA Junior League Golf expanded to more than 500 boys and girls in 2015, spread out over 60 teams. The league, which started with 12 teams in 2012, provides an outlet for beginners in the game to play in a “team” scramble format, as opposed to the traditional “individual” stroke-play competition.
- The NJPGA/NJGF operates one of the nation’s most prolific Golf In Schools programs, impacting more than 110,000 boys and girls (K-8th grade) at over 200 schools. This program -- which incorporates golf into the physical education curriculum at elementary and middle schools -- is fully funded by the NJGF and offered at no cost to school districts.
- Additional NJPGA/NJGF programs that saw overwhelming growth in 2015 include PGA HOPE, the flagship military program that introduces golf to Veterans with disabilities; Els For Autism golf programming for children with autism spectrum disorder; Special Olympics NJ; Goddard School Program; Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association; Father English Community Center; and High School JV Programming, among others.

NJPGA President, Scott Paris accepted the award on behalf of the NJPGA/NJGF and was interviewed by Golf Channel announcer Dave Marr III during the awards ceremony.

Click [here](#) for the video of the PGA National Awards Celebration.



## New NJPGA/NJGF HQ to Offer Year-Round Programming



The first shovel moved dirt on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, as The New Jersey Section of the PGA of America (NJPGA) and its charitable arm, the NJGF, in collaboration with Fiddler's Elbow Country Club (FECC) in Bedminster, New Jersey, officially broke ground on a 3,360 square-foot facility that will serve as the Association's new corporate headquarters.

As we close-out the 2015 season, the new HQ, which will be highlighted by a state-of-the-art indoor/outdoor training facility, is almost completed. The new HQ will be fully operational in advance of the 2016 season, and will support year-round NJGF programming in 2016 and beyond.

"The NJGF was created to positively impact lives and communities through the game of golf, and the ability to host year-round programming at our HQ further supports our mission as we strive to make the game of golf more accessible for youth, military and individuals with special needs," said Chris Hunt, Executive Director, NJGF.

Visit [NJGolfFoundation.com](http://NJGolfFoundation.com) for updates throughout the winter months.

## NEW JERSEY PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE GOLF ALL-STARS CAPTURE 3<sup>rd</sup> AT NATIONAL FINALS

PGA Junior League Golf continues to be one of the PGA of America's fastest growing player development programs, with a nearly 30,000 boys and girls (2,500 teams) competing across the country. The program is gaining popularity across New Jersey as 60 teams, representing public courses, municipal courses, private clubs and first tee chapters participated throughout 2015.

An all-star team of junior golfers representing Royce Brook Golf Club captured the Mid-Atlantic Regional at Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Silver Spring, Md. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, and advanced to the 2015 PGA Junior League Golf Championship Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at Disney's Palm Course at Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Team New Jersey, captained by Anthony Latham, PGA Director of Junior Development at Royce Brook Golf Club, took home 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the National Finals.

PGA Junior League Golf is a fun, social and inclusive opportunity for boys and girls ages 13 and under to learn and play the game of golf. Kids learn the game with their friends in a recreational environment under professional instruction and direction of PGA/LPGA Professionals (team captains), while parents also play an active role. Participants wear numbered jerseys and play on teams in a popular scramble format.

PGA Junior League Golf serves as the key youth program of PGA REACH, the charitable arm of the PGA of America and one of the key youth player development programs for the NJGF.

Congratulations to Anthony and the members of the team.





## Life Saver Golf's National Campaign "Saving Lives While Saving Par"



### **Certification programs in CPR/AED, First Aid, Phillips AED's, SafetyPlay medical alert apps and more; New Jersey Golf Foundation to receive proceeds from Campaign**

Golf courses are the fifth most common public place for the incidence of sudden cardiac arrest, the #1 cause of death in the US. Every week at least one golfer dies from a heart related problem on one of our Nation's golf courses. And every 40 seconds a person suffers from a stroke, which is the #4 leading cause of death.

*In light of these statistics, it is unfortunate that approximately 75% of golf courses are not equipped to handle cardiac arrest or stroke. To address this issue, Life Saver Golf and the "Saving Lives while Saving Par" campaign was developed to offer the golf community certification programs in CPR, First Aid and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for PGA professionals, caddies, golf staff, volunteers and golf club members nationwide. With the help of the NJGF in collaboration with PGA REACH, Life Saver Golf is running a pilot program to launch the "Saving Lives while Saving Par" in New Jersey.*

**Life Saver Golf's** goal is to ensure every golf facility in New Jersey is properly trained, equipped, and prepared to protect the golfing community from sudden cardiac arrest or stroke occurrences.

**Life Saver Golf** offers a one-stop solution of products & customized services available for golf facilities:

- American Heart Association CPR/First Aid onsite training and re-certification for PGA professionals, caddies, volunteers, staff, and club patrons
- Low-cost Phillips AED devices and training - including AED hardware specially designed for field personnel such as golf marshal, maintenance, and beverage carts to facilitate first response
- *SafetyPlay* medical alert app targeted to golf marshals, beverage carts, club house and golf patrons Marketing tools, classes, assessments, and wellness and health screenings for golf facility "Health Fair Days"

#### Products and Services

##### *Emergency "On-course Responder" Toolkit*

- AEDs for clubhouse, Marshall's car, etc.
- Facility Response Plan
- Reference manuals and display placards
- "SafetyPlay" smartphone app

##### *Emergency "On-course Responder" Training and Certification (American Health Association)*

- On-Site CPR training
- On-Site First Aid training
- On-site AED orientation training
- AHA eLearning program

***Life Saver Golf invites you to be a real game changer, and take part in the national campaign to make a difference in saving lives...The first 25 facilities in NJ that participate will receive a special discount, and a portion of proceeds will benefit the NJGF.***

For more information contact Life Saver Golf at 404-915-3945 or visit the website at [www.lifesavergolf.org](http://www.lifesavergolf.org).



## 20 PGA Golf Professionals Lace up their Hockey Skates in Support of NJGF Charitable Programs



On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, the 2nd Annual NJGF Charitable Hockey Game took place at Floyd Hall Arena on the campus of Montclair State University.

20 PGA Professionals from the NJPGA section laced up their skates and took to the ice in support of golf programming for youth, Military and individuals with special needs.

Under the guidance of NJPGA Professionals, NJGF golf programming impacts more than 120,000 boys, girls & Military Veterans in NJ each year. Programming is designed to provide individuals from all backgrounds an opportunity to experience the game of golf in a welcoming environment.

Thanks to the commitment from all participants and the generous support of our NJGF friends & partners, the game raised more than \$2,500 to support future programming.



## Special Olympics Fall Festival



The Special Olympics New Jersey State Golf Championships took place at Mountain View Golf Course in Ewing, NJ, on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

All Athletes & Partners competed from the GOLD tees, and while medals were awarded to the winners, simply having the guts to participate, was most important for these athletes.

It was a wonderful day/season on the links for NJ athletes, volunteers and supporters of golf programming.





# Barnabas Health

## Miracles happen every day at Saint Barnabas Medical Center and I am living proof

By Greg Ward, West Orange, NJ

Just two months after my kidney transplant last summer, I was at the driving range swinging a golf club. I felt great! And, second only to my younger sister who selflessly donated her kidney, I credit Saint Barnabas Medical Center and the care I received there with my continued healthy recovery.



I am a golfer by nature. I began playing at seven years old. Golf is a game of repetition. You find out what works and you do it over and over. This is how I have approached my recovery thanks to my team at Saint Barnabas. They have always given me the detailed instructions and information I need to stay healthy.

An active child, I knew that Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) ran in my family, but my mother always told me not to worry. Between football, basketball and golf, I never gave it a second thought. Then, when I was 31 years old, I lost mom to the disease and it became a focus in my life.

Ten years later, my primary care physician told me it was time to see a specialist as my kidney function was deteriorating. Over the next two years, this trend continued. This was very difficult for me and my family. I went from an active dad, coaching and playing sports with my two sons to being nearly incapacitated.

I reached out to Saint Barnabas Medical Center in the spring of 2015 and after speaking with Dr. Shamkant Mulgaonkar, I knew I made the right decision. He is brilliant and we immediately started the process.

Surgery took place on a Tuesday and just three short days later, I left the hospital. The first eight weeks were difficult, but then I really felt good! I followed every single instruction I was given and thanks to my wonderful wife and boys, I concentrated on myself and getting better.

I made it very clear I did not want to live my life on dialysis. I truly believe that my accomplished physicians and surgeons, and the transplant coordinator and her amazing team worked together to give me the best odds to live my life my way.

I never considered going to any hospital but Saint Barnabas, and the high level of care and attention I received assured me I made the right decision. Everything was done with my best interests in mind and I am so grateful. Saint Barnabas Medical Center will be a part of me forever. I will never forget what my transplant team has done for me.

### Barnabas Health Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division at Saint Barnabas Medical Center

The Barnabas Health Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division located at Saint Barnabas Medical Center (SBMC) in Livingston is one of the largest programs among 240 in the country and performs more renal transplants than any other facility along the East Coast. Home to New Jersey's only Living Donor Institute, the program promotes living donation as the best treatment option for patients with chronic kidney disease. In the last decade, more than 150 kidney exchange chains have been performed, including a nine-pair kidney exchange chain- one of the largest single-center kidney paired donation chains in the United States – which took place at Saint Barnabas in September 2013 over a four-day period. To learn more about Renal and Pancreas Transplant Division, visit [barnabashealth.org](http://barnabashealth.org).

For a referral to a Barnabas Health physician and/or specialist, call 1.888.724.7123 or visit [barnabashealth.org](http://barnabashealth.org)

 Barnabas Health

*Life is better healthy.*

## Inaugural Kris Kringle Open Hosted at Upper Montclair Country Club



From tee-to-green and everywhere in between, Kris Kringle's lined the fairways at Upper Montclair Country Club on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Members at Upper Montclair enjoyed the holiday season as they hosted the inaugural Kris Kringle Open, in support of the **NJGF** and the Clifton Boys & Girls Club.

More than 70 members and guests outfitted in their Santa suits participated in the 9-hole event, which raised \$4,500 to support **NJGF** programming. The event was complemented by a successful **Toy Drive**, with nearly 200 toys being donated to the Clifton Boys & Girls Club.

Click the link below to enjoy photos from the event:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/njpga/albums/72157661784869330>





## NJGF Hosts Donor Appreciation Day at Bayonne Golf Club



Supporters & Donors of the NJGF enjoyed a special treat to end the season, as they teed it up at Bayonne Golf Club, a classic Scottish links style golf course on the Hudson River with views of Manhattan.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual NJGF Donor Appreciation Day was enjoyed by all, and the NJGF looks forward to hosting supporters and donors at another exciting venue in 2016.

To see more images from the event click [here](#).





## 2016 NJGF Save the Dates!

**Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Peter Famiano Memorial Scholarship Pro Am**  
**at Crestmont Country Club**



**Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Annual NJGF Golf Classic at**  
**Baltusrol Golf Club, home of the 2016 PGA Championship**



**Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NJGF Donor Appreciation Day**  
**at Ridgewood Country Club**



## NJGF Holiday Party & Club of the Year



On November 20<sup>th</sup>, approximately 80 NJGF supporters, friends and Board Members gathered at Spring Brook Country Club to celebrate the year at the annual NJGF Holiday Party. Executive Director, Chris Hunt, addressed the room, discussing the incredible achievements throughout the year, highlighted by the NJPGA Section being named this year's recipient of the Herb Graffis Award, a National award that recognizes a section for its extraordinary and exemplary contributions in player development.

Other highlights of the evening included, Springdale Golf Club being presented with the NJGF **Club of the Year Award** for their philanthropic generosity, support of Golf in Schools and Special Olympics, and the club's commitment to PGA Jr. League. Hunt also highlighted Royce Brook Golf Club's run to a 3rd place finish at the PGA Junior League Nationals, held at Disney. Further, Christine's Hope for Kids, a valued partner of the NJGF, presented Chris Hunt and NJGF President, Gregg Angelillo, with a \$10,000 check to support future youth golf programs.

The event was complemented by a successful Toy Drive, with all toys being donated to the Father English Community Center's Toys for Tots program in Paterson, New Jersey.

Thanks to all who support the efforts of the New Jersey Golf Foundation!

