



Met Section Foundation

Junior Tour Report

March 29th, 2017

- **WE NEED COURSES!**

Thank you to the clubs and professionals who are hosting Junior Tour Events this year. The Met PGA Junior Golf Committee will be reaching out to Head Professionals whose clubs have not hosted a junior event in last number of years. If you are contacted by a member of the Committee, please respond. Hopefully we can begin some dialogue about hosting an event this year or in the future at your club. We are still in need of a site for our **Junior PGA Championship** (first or second week in July), **Tour Championship**, (beginning of the week of August 21st), and **Match Play Championship** (end of the week of August 21st).

Our schedule is only 75% complete, if your club is interested in hosting an event this year please contact us as soon as possible!!!

- **FOUNDATION INITIATIVES**

Not only is it our mission to introduce juniors to tournaments and clinics to improve their lives through sports and recreation, we continue to strive to give back to our membership in every way possible. The **Fairways to Success** program began two years ago in which we pair members of our Junior Tour who are not members of a private club with privileges to practice and play at a private club for the summer. It is only available for juniors with the most need (financially) and who will benefit the most from this opportunity that they would not be able to experience otherwise. We continue to search for clubs that might be interested in sponsoring a junior. If your club is interested in sponsoring a junior for this program please contact us for more information.

We are also proud to announce that we awarded nearly \$10,000 in **College Scholarships** in 2016. Our scholarship program is for rising seniors who have been dedicated members of our program.

- **WE NEED YOU TO ENCOURAGE YOUR JUNIORS TO PARTICIPATE!**

Please encourage your juniors to participate on the Junior Tour. When you checked in today you should have received an informational brochure about our programs, if you would like additional copies to display in your golf shop please let us know as we have them available today.

- **WE WANT YOU INVOLVED!**

Many of you probably have juniors approaching you to sign their PGA Certification Forms this spring. We have made the process even easier as the form can now be filled out on our website www.metpgajuniorgolf.com. Every new member must have this form filled out to participate in the program. When you sign their certification form, you are vouching they have basic knowledge of the rules of golf, golf etiquette, and are ready to compete in tournaments.

- **WE NEED YOUR CLUB'S SUPPORT!**

We are in need of your support in having your Assistant Golf Professionals run fundraisers for the Metropolitan PGA's efforts in our Foundation for the 2017 season. The section has received great support the last few years in this area but it has come from a select few individuals and clubs. Our goal is to create contributions, of any size – **NO CONTRIBUTION IS TOO SMALL**, from a significantly larger percentage of area clubs. Please see the information in the packet to get involved.

- **WE WANT TO PROMOTE YOU!**

Does your club offer Junior Memberships? Do you run junior golf camps for juniors outside your membership? Do you have professionals on your staff who concentrate on junior golf? Did you play on the Junior Tour? If yes, then please fill out our handout so that we can advertise the opportunities to our over 1,300 members! We have launched our **Alumni Association** page on Facebook which can help promote you, your staff, and your club while connecting with old friends from the Junior Tour.

- **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR JUNIOR GOLF!**

Most of us had a PGA professional in our lives who gave a little more time to us and this is why we are who we are. Give a little extra time and make a difference in a junior golfer's life. Thank you for making a difference!