



# NYSGA NEWS

The Newsletter of the New York State Golf Association

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## President's Message

Is it spring yet? If not today, surely it will be soon. Plans for the '08 season have come together, and we, along with you, are anxious to get the season underway.

Our new website will provide more information and access than ever before.

Our new Director of Handicapping/Club Services, Scott Gerbereux, has been on the road for some time visiting member clubs in anticipation of a busy year.

Our new Site Selection Chairman, Jack Donovan, an old friend and former President of the NYSGA, is known to many of you, I'm sure. Jack has taken on responsibility for the NYSGA's largest committee; every one of us is a member, including you. If you belong to, or know of, a club that would like to give back to THE GAME by hosting a tournament or qualifying event, please contact Jack. He can be reached through the website, [www.nysga.org](http://www.nysga.org), or call 888-NYSGA-23.

And then there are the Rules changes for 2008. Many of them are significant; well worth your attention. A summary of the key changes is included in this newsletter. The complete text of the new Rules is available on the USGA website, [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org), or, of course, in the 2008-2009 Rules of Golf books.

May we all play it straight down the middle.

Janet Reiner

NYSGA President



## NYSGA SCHOLARSHIPS

The New York State Golf Association awards scholarships to qualified New York State residents matriculated in a two or four year college or university, studying a specific golf related academic program such as Agronomy, Turfgrass Management or Professional Golf Management.

Funding for these scholarships comes from the NYSGA Scholarship Foundation. This Foundation was created to accept tax-deductible contributions from corporate and individual donors. The Foundation's goal is to enable the NYSGA to continue making awards to highly qualified individuals. Scholarship information and applications are available on the NYSGA website at <http://www.nysga.org>. For additional information concerning NYSGA Scholarship Program, please contact Mr. William Moore, Executive Director, or Mr. Henry W. Fust, Scholarship Chairman, NYSGA, P.O. Box 15333, Syracuse, NY 13215-0333, or by calling toll free at 888-NYSGA-23.

### LETTERS FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following are letters received during the past year from our NYSGA scholars. We appreciate hearing from them, and are pleased to be able to help them pursue their career goals in golf.

October, 2007

*Dear Members of NYSGA,*

*Thank you for the 2007-2008 scholarship. It is an honor to be recognized by your group. I am currently enrolled in the PGM Program at Coastal Carolina University. Thank you again.*

*Sincerely,  
Kyle Seeley*

October 22, 2007

*Dear Mr. Moore,*

*Thank you so much for the scholarship money. I am very grateful to the New York State Golf Association. I only have about seven months until I graduate and I am looking forward to starting my career in golf. Right now, I intend to stay in Central New York to continue in my quest to become a golf pro. I will always remember the NYSGA and how they helped me to accomplish my goal. Thanks again to your organization.*

*Sincerely,  
Ryan T. Hammerle*

January 2, 2008

*New York State Golf Association:*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank the New York State Golf Association for funding the "Bill Arliss Scholarship" Award. I have been incredibly fortunate and honored to have received this award.*

*I am a sophomore at Methodist University in the PGM program in Fayetteville, North Carolina. I have used this scholarship towards paying for my books and spending money. It has been very helpful. I appreciate very much that the NYSGA sponsors college students for these scholarships.*

*Sincerely yours,  
Bryan Springer*

## Executive Director's Report



Changes are coming to the New York State Golf Association in 2008.

First, as you may have already heard, the NYSGA has elected to allow Electronic Measuring Devices beginning this year. We hope that this will help speed up the pace of play in all NYSGA competitions.

Second, we will be instituting a "Group Pace of Play" policy at our Championships this year. While we do not have the means to roll

this out at all of our qualifiers this year, if you happen to play in one of our Championships you will receive a great deal of education on the subject before you arrive. This policy has been rolled out at all USGA Amateur Championships as well as by many state and regional golf associations with great success and we hope to see the same results.

Third, we have increased the entry fee for all of our Championships in 2008. Just as costs have gone up for you, the player, our costs have risen dramatically since we last increased prices in 2003. The Men's & Mid-Amateur entry fee has increased

\$20, but will include use of a cart at the qualifying site. The Women's, Senior Women, & Senior Men's Amateur will have the entry fee increased by \$10, and all 3 Junior events will have the entry fee raised \$5. We hope you understand our decision and continue to play in our Championships.

Finally, we have gone through a complete renovation of our website, [www.nysga.org](http://www.nysga.org). On March 31st we rolled out our new design and hope that you find it not only easier to navigate, but also much more informative. We have many plans for the website but our main goal is to keep you coming back with vastly improved coverage of our Championships, including tournament previews, daily updates, and numerous photos from each day's play. If you get a handicap through the NYSGA, for the first time you will receive updated news and updates from the NYSGA along with your e-revision email every 2 weeks, so make sure the next time you post your score to enter your email address when prompted... you won't be disappointed!

Thank you for your support of the NYSGA and its programs. I hope to see you this summer.

Bill Moore

Executive Director, NYSGA



Since 1923, the New York State Golf Association has been committed to promoting the game of golf in New York State and to preserving the integrity and true spirit of the game. Today, the NYSGA provides a variety of services to golfers and golf courses, while conducting nine state amateur championships.

### You can help the NYSGA by joining as an associate member!

Each Associate will receive:

- An official NYSGA Associate Bag Tag.
- A yearly subscription to the NYSGA News, the official newsletter of the New York State Golf Association. The NYSGA News is a great source for information on amateur golf, tournament information, and tournament schedules.
- Copy of the latest Rules of Golf Booklet.
- The right to play in any of our 9 events, even if you are not a member at one of the 400 NYSGA member clubs!

**All for only \$25 – you can help the NYSGA preserve and improve amateur golf in New York State!**

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# Director's Report - Handicapping/Club Services

*By Scott Gerbereux*  
This is my first Director of Handicapping report and I am excited to write about the latest projects of the New York State Golf Association.

Since I joined the NYSGA in October, two golf clubs have been added to the GHIN System; Brookfield Country Club in Clarence and Shamrock Golf & Country Club in Oriskany. In addition to these "Type 1" clubs, four "Type 3" clubs have been added. These are internet golf clubs, called "eClubs", created for golfers who do not belong to a traditional golf club to join and obtain a handicap index. There are now NYSGA eClubs in five Upstate New York regions: Central NY, Western NY, the Southern Tier, the Capital District and the North-east. These additions bring the total

number of clubs using GHIN in the NYSGA area to over 200.

For all golfers who have a GHIN Handicap Index, the NYSGA will be conducting State Day tournaments, hosted by golf courses throughout Upstate New York. These are one-day, individual, handicapped events with prizes given for both gross and net winners in flights based on course handicap. Check our website, [www.nysga.org](http://www.nysga.org), for more information about these events.

Beginning in April, NYSGA golfers will be receiving eRevision email updates to their GHIN Handicap Index. These will be sent every two weeks throughout the golf season with a printable Handicap Index card. Also included in the email will be an Association News section, where golfers can read about NYSGA Championships and upcoming events. If you have not received these eRevisions and wish to do so, visit our website and click on "Create/Update Email address for eRevision" in the Handicapping section.

We have added two revisions to the active season schedule, so that NYSGA golfers will have a more up-to-date Handicap Index. In addition to adding active season revisions, for the first time the NYSGA will schedule revisions during the inactive season. Each month during the winter of 2008-09, golfers who travel to warmer regions of the country and post scores will see updates to their Handicap Index. More about this new benefit will be included in a later NYSGA Newsletter.

This spring I will be traveling to many golf clubs throughout Upstate New York. I look forward to meeting people and seeing the golf facilities. Enjoy the start of the golf season and play each shot to the best of your *ability*.

*Sincerely,*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS about HANDICAPPING

*From Scott Gerbereux, NYSGA Director of Handicapping*

Hopefully, these inquiries and responses may address concerns you have about handicaps.

**Dear Scott:**

*My husband and I have found we will not be joining a particular golf club this year but want to establish an official handicap for tournaments, etc. How can we do that?*

*Thank you for your assistance.*

*Cynthia, Syracuse*

**Dear Cynthia,**

That is great both you and your husband wish to establish a licensed USGA Handicap Index. It is necessary to have if you wish to compete in some tournaments and is required for those run by the USGA.

I am excited to tell you that the New York State Golf Association offers a service that will satisfy your need! Our eClub program is designed to provide golfers who do not belong to a golf club with a handicap index. We will be running tournaments throughout Upstate New York for our eClub members.

With an eClub membership you are automatically also enrolled as an NYSGA Associate member. The Associate membership grants you eligibility to play in NYSGA Championships.

Seeing that you are located in Syracuse, NY you would want to join eClub Central New York (CNY). Once we receive your application, you will get a GHIN number which you can use to post scores online and obtain a Handicap Index.

Enjoy the upcoming golf season!

-SG

**Dear NYSGA:**

*Every year there seems to be another article about a senior executive's golf playing activity, and the source of the data*

*typically is ghin.com. Are you considering a way to password-protect access to detailed GHIN information? Or to put control of access to details like courses played and dates played in the hands of club pros? Clearly there is risk that the integrity of the system will be impaired as active golfers moderate their postings. I suspect this is already a common practice.*

*Chris, Long Island*

**Dear Chris,**

Thanks for your question. Peer review is an integral part of the handicapping system. It is necessary for other golfers to gain an understanding of a player's potential ability and to form a reasonable basis for disputing a score that has been posted.

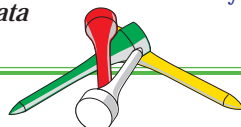
As you mentioned, it is also important to try to protect the privacy of the player. The USGA has addressed this issue in the new term of the Handicapping System that began on January 1st. There are now two different forms of scoring record display - a general scoring record and a complete scoring record. A general scoring record will be shown by a "Last Name Lookup" on GHIN.com, whereas a lookup by GHIN number will display the complete scoring record.

The general scoring record gives basic information to those involved in peer review; but will not show the day of the month and course on which the round of golf was played.

The complete scoring record provides more detailed information for a player's fellow club members and officials in charge of competitions. The day of month and name of the course where a round was played will be displayed in the complete scoring record.

-SG

If you have questions about handicapping, please contact Scott by e-mail at [handicapping@nysga.org](mailto:handicapping@nysga.org), or at our web site, [www.nysga.org](http://www.nysga.org), or by telephone at 1-888-nysga-23.





# THE MAVEN'S CORNER

## NYSGA FLASHBACKS

By John Blain, NYSGA Historian

**60 Years Ago...** Rochester's **Sam Urzetta**, playing out of Midvale CC, won the NYS Men's Amateur championship defeating Lloyd Ribner, 5 and 4, at Buffalo's Brookfield CC... Poughkeepsie's **Ray Billows** lost for a record third time in the finals of the U.S. Amateur coming up on the short end of a 2 and 1 decision at Memphis CC to New York's **Willie Turnesa**, the 1938 NYS Amateur Champ... Cherry Valley's **Ruth Torgerson** won her third consecutive NYS Women's Amateur crown... Winged Foot GC head professional **Claude Harmon** won The Masters... **Ben Hogan** won the Western Open at Buffalo's Brookfield Country Club.



Sam Urzetta

**55 Years Ago...** **Sam Urzetta**, the 1948 State Am champ and 1950 United States Amateur champion, helped the U.S. to a 9-3 victory over Great Britain & Ireland in the Walker Cup match at the Kittansett Club in Marion, Ma... Winged Foot GC's **Tommy Goodwin** won his third and final NYS Men's Amateur championship defeating two-time defending champ **Billy Shields** of Albany's Wolfert's Roost CC 2-up at Yahnundasis GC... The Country Club of Rochester hosted the first U.S. Women's Open conducted by the USGA. **Betsy Rawls** defeated **Jackie Pung** in an 18-hole playoff. There were 37 players in the field.

**50 Years Ago...** Eighteen year old **John Konsek** of Brookfield CC in Buffalo won the first of what would be a record three consecutive NYS Men's Amateur championships defeating **John Ward** of Syracuse 4 and 2 at Yahnundasis GC in New Hartford... On the women's side **Margaret Nevil** of Cooperstown won the first of what would be three consecutive Women's Amateur championships.



John Konsek

**40 Years Ago...** Elmira CC's **Bill Tryon** won his third and final NYS Amateur championship defeating Mohawk Golf Club's **Ed O'Keefe**, 7 and 5, at Yahnundasis GC... The Country Club of Rochester's **Jean Trainor** won the first of what would become a record nine NYS Senior Women's championships... Rochester's **Don Allen** qualified for the U.S. Open but missed the 36 hole cut with rounds of 78 and 76 at Oak Hill Country Club.



Bill Tryon

**35 Years Ago...** The Country Club of Rochester hosted its second U.S. Women's Open in twenty years. **Susie Maxwell Berning** won by five shots over **Shelly Hamlin** with a score of two over par 290. There were 150 total entries... Rochester's **Don Allen** won his sixth and final State Amateur firing a 10 over par 298 at The Concord Resort and Golf Club in Kiamesha Lake.

**30 Years Ago...** Rochester's **Jeff Sluman** closed with a final round 68 to win the NYS Men's Amateur championship at Moon Brook CC in Jamestown...

The Country Club of Rochester's **John Ryan, Jr.** won the NYS Junior Amateur championship defeating 1976 NYS Boys champ and reigning New York State High School champion **Harold Girdlestone, Jr.** of Hyde Park, 3 and 1, at Colgate University's Seven Oaks GC... The Park Club's **Lancy Smith** helped the U.S. Curtis Cup team to a 12-6 win over Great Britain & Ireland at The Apawamis Cub in Rye, N.Y.



Jeff Sluman



Lancy Smith

**25 Years Ago...** Troy's **William Boland, Jr.** overcame a first round 81 to capture the NYS Men's Amateur championship at Elmira CC by five shots over **Jon Doppelt** and seventeen year old **Tim Straub** of East Aurora... Two weeks later Straub would capture the U.S. Junior Amateur championship at Saucon Valley CC in Bethlehem, Pa... Dutchess Golf & CC's **Bill Bogle, Sr.** won his third NYS Senior Men's championship... Elmira CC's **Mary Anne Widman** successfully defended her Women's Am crown at Seven Oaks GC by defeating Oak Hill CC's **Jamie DeWeese** in the final for the second straight year... Saratoga Springs' **Dottie Pepper** won her second NYS Junior Girls title... Pittsford's **Matt Clarke** playing for Allegheny College won the individual crown at the NCAA Division III championship at Wooster CC in Wooster, Ohio... 1981 State Am champ **Jim Roy** of Syracuse qualified for the U.S. Open but failed to make the cut at Oakmont CC.



Bill Bogle, Sr.



Matt Clarke

**20 Years Ago...** Ten years after closing with a 68 to win the NYS Amateur **Jeff Sluman** fired a final round 65 at Oak Tree GC in Edmond, Ok. to win the PGA Championship... Crag Burn's **Tim Straub** successfully defended his State Amateur title winning on the first hole of a sudden death playoff with Long Island's **Ralph Howe III** at Yahnundasis GC... Future PGA Tour player **Chris DiMarco** won the Monroe Invitational... 1980 NYS Boys Champ **E.J. Pfister** of East Aurora C.C. won the NCAA Division I individual title while playing for Oklahoma State... Stafford CC's **Gerry Perkins** won his first NYS Men's Senior crown while **Frances Stearns** of Dutchess Golf & CC won her fourth Senior Women's... Poughkeepsie's **Bruce Aubin** fired a three under par 67 in the second round on his way to winning the Mid Am championship at Wolfert's Roost CC in Albany.



Moira Dunn

**15 Years Ago...** Clifton Springs' **Jeff Peck** defeated Pelham CC's **Matt Molloy**, 2 and 1, to win the Men's State Amateur at Seven Oaks G.C... McGregor Links CC member **Cliff Earle** won the Mid Am on his home course with a record score of four under par 212... Utica's **Moira Dunn** defended her Women's Amateur crown at Stafford CC... Jamestown's **Robert Gummell** won his second NYS Senior Men's championship... Binghamton's **Chris Sladish** lost to seventeen year old **Tiger Woods**, 6 and 4, in the first round of the U.S. Amateur at Champions Golf Club in Houston.

**10 Years Ago...** Thirty-nine year old **Bryan Smith** of Wiltwyck GC upset on-site qualifying medalist and Auburn University star **Kevin Haefner** of Rochester 2 and 1 in the final of the Men's State Amateur at Albany's Pinehaven CC... The Park Club's **Lancy Smith** won her first Senior Women's championship... **Luke Hobika** of Yahnundasis won the Mid Am on his home course... Winged Foot GC's **Hank Malfa** won his first Super Senior title... Rye's **Meaghan Francella** won her first NYS Junior Girls championship... **Jim Roy** of Syracuse was the lone upstate New York player to make match play at the U.S. Amateur at Oak Hill CC in a field that included future NYSGA Executive Director **Bill Moore, Jr.**

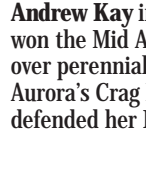


M. Francella



Jim Roy

**5 Years Ago...** **Kyle Hess** of Buffalo successfully defended his State Amateur crown by defeating **Matt Thomas** of Springville on the thirty sixth hole at Victor's Ravenwood GC... Auburn's **David May** fired a course record 64 on his way to defending his NYS Junior Amateur championship at Tuscarora GC in Syracuse while **Matt Canavan** of Saratoga Springs won the Boys division defeating Oak Hill's **Andrew Kay** in the final... Central Nyack's **Pat Pierson** won the Mid Am championship at Teugega CC in Rome over perennial Mid Am runner-up **Jim Smith** of East Aurora's Crag Burn GC... Westchester's **Meghan Grehan** defended her NYS Women's Am crown.



Kyle Hess



Meghan Grehan



# GOLF HANDICAPPING:

## USGA Handicap System Changes For 2008



*By Scott Gerbereux,  
NYSGA Director of Handicapping  
Contributions from USGA Media Relations*

The United States Golf Association (USGA) announced three major changes to the USGA Handicap System, effective January 1st of this year.

The most significant modification clarifies the definition of "peer review" to specify the information that will be provided in connection with a scoring record. The new definition of peer review makes it more sensitive to privacy-related concerns as it mandates two types of

scoring records - a general scoring record and a complete scoring record. A general scoring record will be shown by a "Last Name Lookup" on GHIN.com, whereas a lookup by GHIN number will display the complete scoring record.

The general scoring record gives basic information to those involved in peer review; but will not show the day of the month and course on which the round of golf was played.

The complete scoring record provides more detailed information

for a player's fellow club members and officials in charge of competitions. The day of month and name of the course where a round was played will be displayed in the complete scoring record.

The second noteworthy change to the Handicap System allows authorized golf associations, such as the NYSGA, to set handicap revision periods during an inactive "winter" season. This change addresses golfers who live most of the year in a northern state (such as NY) but travel to a warmer climate during the winter months where they play numerous rounds of golf. The Handicap Index for such players was previously not updated during the winter months. Now, the NYSGA can now schedule inactive season revisions. Look for more information later this year about how the NYSGA will utilize this new feature.

The third change simplified the procedure for combining nine-hole scores. Previous language in the system manual that made it difficult to combine and post nine-hole scores has been eliminated. Now, to attain an 18-hole score, nine-hole scores will be combined in the order that they are played, regardless of the score type (i.e. Home or Away).

The USGA Handicap System is revised on a schedule that coincides with revisions to the Rules of Golf, meaning that the next round of policy changes would be approved and become effective January 1, 2012. Therefore, you have nearly four years to learn and understand these changes before any more will be made. Contact me with any comments or questions. I look forward to hearing your feedback.



### Golf Marathon for JGAA

Former New Yorker and NYSGA committee member, Robin Farran continues to serve golf in this state even though he has moved to Arizona. We were fortunate to have Robin provide Rules of Golf sessions to committee members at business meetings, as well as develop exercises to improve officials' working knowledge.

From his new location in the west, he continues to send examples of exercises and situations for his former New York colleagues to work for better understanding of Rules and Decisions. It is not surprising that Robin would be active in golf in his new home state. Enlisting sponsorship from his many friends, he participated in a marathon of golf to support Arizona junior golf. In a message, he describes his quest:

"Helping other people is one of the most important things in life there is to do...I am committed to helping the Junior Golf Association of Arizona Classic 100.

...I will be risking further and total exhaustion, sunstroke and a possible coronary to help make a difference for the JGAA. I will chase, hack, chip, putt and beat golf balls until I have played 100 holes for the cause."

He completed the marathon and personally raised over \$10,000 for the cause. Robin sent pictorial proof of his "ordeal". To paraphrase Robin's usual closing, thank you Robin for your interest in all of golf.



## 24th Annual Mid-Amateur Qualifying Sites

Section	Site	Date	Chairperson(s)
Albany	Capital Hills @ Albany 65 O'Neil Road Albany, NY 12208 (518) 438-2208	8/22/08	Richard W. Dorgan, Jr. (518) 869-8573
Binghamton	Links @ Hiawatha 2350 Marshlnad Road Apalachin, NY 13732 (607) 687-6952	8/19/08	Sherry M. Heath (607) 723-1982
Buffalo	CC of Buffalo 250 Youngs Road Williamsville, NY 14221 (716) 630-1568	8/29/08	John Gaffney (716) 688-4800
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 69 entries received. All entries received after qualifying limit has been reached will be given the option to transfer to the qualifying site of their choice, be added to the wait list, or receive a full refund.			
Long Island	Nissequogue GC Moriches Road St. James, NY 11780 (631) 584-2453	9/2/08	Doug & Sheila Vergith (631) 751-1417
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 51 entries received. All entries received after qualifying limit has been reached will be given the option to transfer to the qualifying site of their choice, be added to the wait list, or receive a full refund.			
Mid-Hudson	Mansion Ridge GC 1292 Orange Turnpike Monroe, NY 10950 (845) 782-7888	8/11/08	Kinny Post (845) 679-6403
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 60 entries received. All entries received after qualifying limit has been reached will be given the option to transfer to the qualifying site of their choice, be added to the wait list, or receive a full refund.			
Rochester	Ridgemont CC 3717 Ridge Road West Rochester, NY 14626 (585) 225-1370	8/25/08	Patrick Shatzel (585) 865-7596
Syracuse	Tuscarora GC Howlett Hill Road Marcellus, NY 13031 (315) 673-2679	9/5/08	Tom Michaels (315) 468-0244
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 66 entries received. All entries received after qualifying limit has been reached will be given the option to transfer to the qualifying site of their choice, be added to the wait list, or receive a full refund.			
Utica/Rome	Seven Oaks GC East Lake Road Hamilton, NY 13346 (315) 824-1432	8/15/08	John P. Blain (315) 824-2500

### NYSGA Eligibility Requirements for Championships

**Women** - Open to all female golfers of any age.

**Men** - Open to all male golfers of any age.

**Men's Mid-Amateur** - Open to all male golfers, aged 25 or older.

**Women's Senior** - Open to all female golfers, aged 50 or older.

**Women's Super Senior** - Open to all female golfers, aged 65 or older.

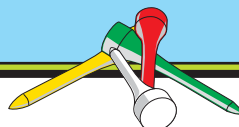
**Men's Senior** - Open to all male golfers, aged 55 or older.

**Men's Super Senior** - Open to all male golfers, aged 65 or older.

**Junior Amateur** - Open to all male golfers, aged 17 or younger.

**Boys Amateur** - Open to all male golfers, aged 14 or younger.

**Girls Amateur** - Open to all female golfers, aged 17 or younger.



## 2008 Junior & Boy's Qualifying Sites

Section	Site	Date	Chairperson(s)
Albany	Town of Colonie GC 418 Consaul Road Schenectady, NY 12304 (518) 374-4181	7/8/08	Matthew Clarke (518) 720-8888 ext.115
Binghamton	Binghamton Country Club 1401 Robinson Hill Road Endwell, NY 13760 (607) 797-5828	6/23/08	Tim Schum (607) 727-5921
Buffalo	Transit Valley CC 8920 Transit Road East Amherst, NY 14051 (716) 688-5500	7/8/08	Paul Foley (716) 634-4012
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 45 entries received. All entries received after qualifying limit has been reached will be given the option to transfer to the qualifying site of their choice, be added to the wait list, or receive a full refund.			
Finger Lakes	Lakeside CC 200 East Lake Road Penn Yan, NY 14527 (315) 536-7252	6/26/08	Lee Brooks (315) 536-3819
Long Island	TBA	TBA	Bill Moore (888) NYSGA-23
Mid-Hudson	Port Jervis CC 87 Neversink Drive Port Jervis, NY 12771 (845) 856-7070	7/21/08	Phil Chase (845) 856-8767
Rochester	Webster GC- East 440 Salt Road Webster, NY 14580 (585) 265-1920 ext. 1	6/30/08	Jack Donovan (888) NYSGA-23
Syracuse	Links at Erie Village 5900 North Burdick Street East Syracuse, NY 13057 (315) 656-4653	7/7/08	Jim Coleman (315) 668-8741
NOTE: Field will be limited to the first 36 entries received. All entries received after qualifying limit has been reached will be given the option to transfer to the qualifying site of their choice, be added to the wait list, or receive a full refund.			
Utica/Rome	Seven Oaks Golf Club East Lake Road Hamilton, NY 13346 13346 (315) 824-1432	7/25/08	Ed Koslick (315) 737-5975

## 2008 NYSGA Championship Schedule

Event Name	Entries Close	Qualifying Dates	Event Dates	Event Site
WOMEN'S AMATEUR	Wednesday June 25	None	Tuesday, July 8 thru Thursday, July 10	Wayne Hills CC Lyons, NY
MEN'S AMATEUR	Thursday May 29	Wednesday, June 4 thru Friday, June 27	Tuesday, July 15 thru Saturday, July 19	Pinehaven CC Guilfordland, NY
JUNIOR GIRLS	Wednesday July 23	None	Tuesday, August 5 thru Wednesday, August 6	Oneonta CC Oneonta, NY
JUNIOR BOYS	Wednesday June 18	Monday, June 23 thru Friday, July 25	Tuesday, August 5 thru Wednesday, August 6	Oneonta CC Oneonta, NY
WOMEN'S SENIOR	Wednesday July 30	None	Tuesday, August 19 thru Wednesday, August 20	Holiday Valley CC Ellicottville, NY
MEN'S SENIOR & SUPER SENIOR	Thursday August 21	None	Tuesday, September, 9 thru Thursday, September, 11	Normanside CC Delmar, NY
MEN'S MID-AMATEUR	Thursday August 7	Monday, August 11 thru Friday, Sept. 5	Friday, September 26 thru Sunday, September 28	Elmira CC Elmira, NY

## 86th Men's Amateur Qualifying Sites

Section	Site	Date	Chairperson(s)
Albany #1	Eagle Crest CC 1004 Rte 146A Clifton Park, NY 12065 (518) 877-7082	6/4/08	Patrick Reidy (518) 581-2757
<b>NOTE:</b> Field will be limited to the first 90 entries received. All entries received after qualifying limit has been reached will be given the option to transfer to the qualifying site of their choice, be added to the wait list, or receive a full refund.			
Albany #2	Ballston Spa CC 1366 Amsterdam Road Ballston Spa, NY 12020 (518)885-7935	6/9/08	Bill Moore (888) 697-4223
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## Summaries of Revisions to the Rules And Decisions 2008–2009

*The content of this summary is based on information provided by Robin Farran, USGA and NYSGA Committees Member in his effort to promote better understanding of the Rules of Golf.*

Every four years the United States Golf Association and the R&A make revisions to the Rules of Golf and the Decisions on The Rules of Golf. The Quadrennial Revisions of 2008-2009 include improvements in language and clarity as well as amendments to the Rules that modify penalties.

Note wording and phrasing changes; “make a stroke” replaces “play a stroke”, “drop zones” replaces “ball drops”, “known or virtually certain” replaces “reasonable evidence”, “ball not found” replaces “ball lost”, “hole-by-hole” replaces “sudden-death”.

Many additional clarifications and changes for organizational consistency in the text of the Definitions and Rules of Golf have been made for 2008-2009.

There are 38 New Decisions and about 180 Revised Decisions including about 60 Decisions which the USGA defines as substantively revised.

Items selected for this summary include revisions which are significant and amendments that are judged to be important for a variety of reasons. Additional items might be added.

**A thorough review of the Rules and Decisions is required for a complete understanding of the 2008 revisions.**

### DEFINITIONS

#### Lost Ball

Added statements; original ball is lost when another ball has been put into play under stroke and distance or ball put into play when proceeding properly under a Rule when ball not found (18-1, 24-3, 25-1c, 26-1).

#### Obstructions

Added statement; stakes used to identify out of bounds are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed, unless a Local Rule declares them to be movable obstructions.

### THE RULES OF PLAY

**Rule 1-2 Exerting Influence on Ball** - No penalty to player for moving a removed flagstick while a ball is in motion.

**Rules 4-1, Form and Make of Clubs and 4-2, Playing Characteristics Changed and Foreign Material** - Penalty is amended for carrying but not making a stroke with a club which is non-conforming or a club whose playing characteristics were changed during the round. Penalties are the same as for excess clubs. Any club in breach must be declared out of play or DQ. Use of club is DQ.

#### Rule 8-1. Advice; Indicating Line of Play

**Revised Decision - 8-1/2 Exchanging Distance Information** Clarifies that except when the Local Rule allowing distance-measuring devices has been adopted, a player obtaining distance information knowingly from anyone using an artificial device during the round is disqualified under Rule 14-3.

**New Decision - 8-1/26 Player Briefly Changes Caddies for Exchange of Advice**

Although a player may change caddies during a round, a player may not change caddies briefly for the purpose of receiving advice. Player incurs general penalty for each hole where breach occurs.

**Rule 11-1. Teeing** - Amended to permit play from a tee placed in or on sand on the turf, without requiring the tee to penetrate the turf.

**Rule 12-2. Identifying Ball** - Amended to permit a player to lift and identify a ball anywhere on the course when necessary for identification

**Rule 13-4. Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions** - Additional statements in the Exceptions: If ball remains in hazard after stroke in the hazard - player may smooth soil or sand as long as no breach of 13-2 for next stroke; for ball outside hazard after stroke in the hazard - no restrictions. Also, Rule 13-4 is not applicable for a ball played from a hazard and comes to rest in another hazard.

**Rule 14-3. Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment and Unusual Use of Equipment** - The use of equipment in an unusual manner is not permitted during the round and the exception for medical reasons. *Note added to clarify that Local Rule may be employed allowing use of electronic measuring devices (E MD).*

**Rule 15-2. Substituted Ball** - An added Exception states that if a player has made a stroke from a wrong place, there is no additional penalty for improperly substituting a ball.

**Rule 15-3. Wrong Ball** - A player incurs the general penalty for making a stroke at a wrong ball, except for making a stroke at a wrong ball moving in water in a water hazard. There is no longer an exception for play of a wrong ball in a hazard.

**Rule 16. Standing Astride or on Line of Putt** - Exception added if inadvertent or avoiding standing on other player's line of putt.

**Rule 17-1. Flagstick Attended, Removed or Held Up** - No penalty for moving a removed flagstick even if might interfere with play.

**Rule 18. Ball at Rest Moved** - Penalty statement has been amended to state that if player fails to replace a moved ball when required or incorrectly substitutes a ball under Rule 18, the player incurs the general penalty but no additional penalty under this Rule.

**Rule 19-2. Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped By Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment** - Penalty for a ball accidentally deflected or stopped by player, partner, caddie or equipment has been amended to one stroke.

**Rule 20-3. Lifting, Dropping and Placing and Replacing; By Whom and Where** - Rule is amended to state that the penalty incurred if a ball is replaced by any person other than the player, partner or the person who moved or lifted the ball is one stroke.

**Rule 20-7c. Playing From Wrong Place** - Note added to avoid “double penalty” when player plays from wrong place and incorrectly substitutes a ball. (*See corresponding change to 15-2 Wrong Ball*).

**Rule 24. Obstruction 24-1. Movable Obstruction** - Statement amended to permit movement of a flagstick when attended, removed or held up while ball is in motion.

**Rule 24-3. Ball in Immovable Obstruction Not Found**

**Rule 25. Ball in Abnormal Ground Condition Not Found.**

**Rule 26. Water Hazards (Including Lateral Water Hazards)**

In these three, must be no doubt ball entered condition, otherwise player must proceed under Rule 27-1. *See Decision 26-1/1 regarding “known or virtually certain”.*

**Rule 27-1. Stroke and Distance; Ball Out of Bounds; Ball Not Found Within Five Minutes** - Former title was “Ball Lost or Out of Bounds”. Rule now clearly states that a player may at any time play a ball from where last played, under penalty of one stroke. Also, a player who makes a stroke from where original ball was has proceeded under stroke and distance.





# RAMBLINGS...FROM THE MAVEN

## WILL THIS BE A CAPITAL DISTRICT PLAYER'S YEAR?

By John P. Blain, NYSGA Historian

Attention all Capital District golfers who will be participating in this year's New York State Men's Amateur Championship at Pinehaven Country Club: This is your wake-up call.

It has been over two decades since anyone from New York's capital region has laid claim to the Ganson Depew trophy, emblematic of the Men's Amateur Championship of the New York State Golf Association. Since the "modern era" (post 1970) only three Capital District golfers have won the prestigious crown: **Rich Serian** in 1977 at Albany Country Club, **Bill Boland, Jr.** at Elmira Country in 1983 and the Town of Colonie Golf Club's **Jay Gunning** in 1986 at Knollwood Country Club in Westchester.

Serian's win in '77 came at the expense of Wolfert's Roost CC's **Charles Murphy, Jr.** who was long considered the finest amateur in the area for well over a decade. Murphy had the tournament seemingly under control as he made the turn during the final round with a four shot lead but Serian, the 1966 NYS Boys Champ, wouldn't go away and when Murphy lipped out a three-footer at the home hole the tournament belonged to twenty four year old Rich Serian of The Country Club of Troy. It was a devastating blow to Murphy who never did the win the tournament he covets most of all.

Boland, also playing out of The Country Club of Troy opened the 1983 event with a nine over par score of 81, well behind the tournament leaders and in danger of missing the 36-hole cut. He came back, however, with a competitive course record of three under par 69 and followed that up with rounds of 72 and 73 to win by five shots over Long Island's **Jon Doppelt** and seventeen year old **Tim Straub** of Crag Burn Golf Club in East Aurora. Boland played in his last State Am in 1988 and has reportedly given up the game while Straub went on to win the U.S. Junior Amateur later that summer and eventually won back-to-back State Am titles in 1987 and '88. He is currently the golf coach at Davidson College.



Tim Straub

The Town of Colonie's Jay Gunning was no surprise winner in 1986. After a stellar junior career, the son of former Town of Colonie head professional Tom Gunning broke away from the field with a third round 66 and hung on to win at Westchester's Knollwood CC. **John Hulbert**, brother of soon to be Champions Tour Player and former PGA Tour winner Mike Hulbert, finished second. Jay turned professional soon after his State Amateur win and among other accomplishments qualified for the 1991 U.S. Open at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota. He currently resides in Jupiter, Florida where he works at Greg Norman's Medalist Golf Club.

McGregor Links CC member **Cliff Earle** finished third in 1990 at Albany Country Club behind eventual champion **Joe Wilson** of The Country Club of Rochester. Earle went on to win the 1993 Mid Am on his home course and soon after relocated to North Carolina.



John Gaffney

The following year at Brook-Lea CC in Rochester the aforementioned Charles Murphy, Jr. of Wolfert's Roost CC began the final round one shot behind third round leader **John Gaffney** of Brookfield CC but neither player could keep pace with eventual champion

**Lenny Lasinky** of Syracuse.

In 1992 the event went to a combination medal/match play format modeled after the format used for the U.S. Amateur. No Capital District player has made it past the semifinals in the fifteen years that this format has been used although Loudonville resident and Country Club of Troy member **Matt Clarke**, who in 1992 was living in his native Rochester, lost in the finals to **Todd Dischinger** of Syracuse, 5 and 3, at Drumlins GC.



Matt Clarke

Two Capital District players have been on-site qualifying medalists. **Ed Parga** of Scotia shot a score of four under par 140 in 1999 at Wanakah CC in Hamburg and Winding Brook's **Jim Welch** won the qualifying medal in 2006 at The Country Club of Troy with a three under par score of 139. Both players lost in the first round of match play.

The Championship has been dominated in the modern era (post 1970) by western New York as Rochester players have won 11 championships and Buffalo lays claim to 9. The Southern Tier follows with 6 followed by Central New York's 4 with Albany and the Mid Hudson tied with 3 apiece. Long Island is last with 2.

Is this the year someone from New York's Capital District breaks the long dry spell? Maybe, but if history is any indication I wouldn't bet on it.



## NYSGA Regional State Days

**Both Men and Women with a GHIN Handicap Index can compete in these one-day, individual State Days tournaments.**

The New York State Golf Association will be hosting several State Days in 2008. Below is the schedule as of 4/1. More dates will be added to the schedule soon, check the website for updates.

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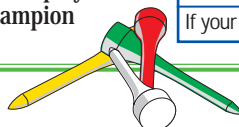
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### 2008 NYSGA STATE DAYS

Date	Club Location	Phone	Cost (eclub members)	Cost (non eclub members)
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July 24, 2008	Westport Country Club Westport, NY	518-962-4470	\$25.00	\$30.00
August 13, 2008	Town of Colonie Golf Club Colonie, NY	518-374-4181	\$25.00	\$30.00
TBD	Lake Placid Club Lake Placid, NY	518-523-2556	TBD	TBD

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Another new face emerged in 1951 at Knollwood CC, Elmsford, when Billy Shields of Wolfort's Roost CC, Albany, won

the first of consecutive victories in a field that included past champions Willie Turnesa, Ray Billows and Tommy Goodwin.

Shields had his own reputation, coming in as a quarter-finalist in the 1950 U.S. Amateur. Mike Dudik of Endicott was there defending his title.

Goodwin won the medal and lasted until the quarter-finals when Shields sent him to the sidelines. Charles Murphy of Albany knocked out Turnesa in 20 holes and Billows lost to Jerry Cole of White Plains 5 and 4.



*Billy Shields*

Shields' record: 4 and 3 over Joe Pettori, Bronxville; 6 and 4 over Billy Kuntz, Larchmont; 1 up over Gerry Dimmick, Binghamton; 4 and 2 over Goodwin; 2 up over Paul Kelly of Scarborough-on-Hudson, and 5 and 3 over Billy Edwards of Syracuse. Edwards had overwhelmed Dudik in the semi-finals 10 and 9.

The Albany player went to 5 up at 18 while shooting a 71, and was 7 up at 28 before losing 29-31, hitting bunkers on 20 and 39 and out-of-bounds at 31. But he righted himself to go dormie at 32 and won 33 to end the match.

Sectional qualifying was initiated in 1952 to cut the field to 128 golfers at Wolfort's Roost, Billy Shields' home course, and he repeated on the 6,322 yard, par 70 layout.

Rocco Impaglia, the Auburn dentist and former Finger Lakes Champion, had the low qualifying score of 65. Willie Turnesa, Tommy Goodwin, Ray Billows and John Ward of Syracuse, a semi-finalist at the 1950 U.S. Amateur, were in the star-studded field. Shields had a 67.

Turnesa lost in the first round, Billows knocked out Goodwin 3 and 2, and Pierce Russell of Troy eliminated Ward 4 and 3 with only 20 putts on the 15 holes.

Shields' victims were: Joe Kroll, Utica; Henry Ryer, Glens Falls, 4 and 3; Gerry Sullivan Jr., Binghamton, 5 and 4; Joe May, Buffalo, 6 and 5; Lloyd Ribner, White Plains, 6 and 5; Lou Witt, Albany, 10 and 9, with Shields five under par, and Billows 6 and 5.

Billy was only two over par for the 31 holes, leading 3 up at 18 when he shot even

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par for to Ray's 3-over, 73. He shot 37 and Billows shot 39 on the first nine in the afternoon, and he parred the last two holes to again claim the Ganson Depew Trophy.

Shields made a strong effort to defend the title in 1953 and win three straight, but was turned back by Tommy Goodwin of Mamoroneck, who won his fourth crown, in the finals. Willie Turnesa and Sam Urzetta of Rochester, both former U.S. Amateur victors, and John Ward of Syracuse were in the strong field. Rocco Impaglia of Auburn dropped Turnesa 2 and 1 and Goodwin, then 40, finished off Urzetta, Ward and Shields, who came up from Bainbridge Naval Station.

The rugged Goodwin ousted: Don Biasone, Syracuse, 2 and 1; Tony Langan, Syracuse, 2up; Bill Leach, Utica, 8 and 7; Urzetta, 4 and 3; Ward, 4 and 3; Jerry Cole, White Plains, 3 and 2 and Shields, 2 up.

Thus Billy missed John Konsek's record of three straight. The 36-hole finals were even at both 9 and 18, but Shields took a two hole advantage by 27. Tommy won 30, 31, and 34 with pars and halved 35, and when he hit his approach within three feet of the hole on 36, the birdie was conceded.

Robert Monk of Knollwood in Elmsford, a liquor store salesman, came out of the pack in 1954 to claim the title at Fairview CC, Elmsford as Tommy Goodwin sought to defend his crown and win a fifth time.

Will Turnesa was elected association president but Bruce Koch, a Rochester golf writer, showed him no respect, winning 3 and 2. Goodwin won three matches before losing to Monk.

The champion eliminated: Ray DePauw, Canandaigua, 1 up; John Ward, Syracuse, 5 and 4; Peter Nisselson, New Rochelle, 1 up; Joe Kogutek, Buffalo, 1 up; Goodwin, 1 up; Jerry Cole, Mt. Vernon, with a birdie on the 37th hole, and Robert Sweeney of Sands Point, 2 and 1.

Monk, who had golfed only five years, was playing the British Amateur champion of 1937. He was 1 up at 9 but all square after 18, and then won three in a row from 20-22. Sweeney claimed 26 and 27 but went dormie at 33 and they halved the next two holes.

Billy Shields, 28, and out of the Navy, claimed his third title in 1955 at Moon Brook CC, Jamestown, a 6,655 yard, par 71 course, again facing Tommy Goodwin in the finals.

Goodwin had defeated Shields in the 1953 event.

Robert Monk defended but was knocked out by John Quinzi of Rochester, 19 holes. Three future champions, Don Allen of Rochester, Jack Veghte of Gloversville and John Konsek of Buffalo made their debuts.

Shields' record: defeated Clarence Benson, Jamestown, 6 and 5; Ted Huler, Yonkers, 2 up; Sam Nicholas, Buffalo, 5 and 4; Quinzi, 5 and 3; Walter Kynch, Utica, 1 up; Bob Hill, Rochester, 3 and 2 in the 36 hole semi-final, and Goodwin, 36 holes.

In a tight match throughout, the adversaries reached 36 all even. On that last hole, both were over the green in two. Tommy chipped to 10 feet from 20 yards away and missed the putt. Billy's chip was a foot short of the cup and he tapped in for the victory.

Joe Gagliardi of the Westchester Hills CC, White Plains, lawyer and a father of five, won the 1956 tournament at Dutchess Golf and Country Club, Poughkeepsie, over a star-studded field that included defending champion Billy Shields, Willie Turnesa, Tommy Goodwin, Ray Billows and Robert Monk. The course is 6,285 yards, par 70.

Gagliardi lost to Billy Maxwell in the 1951 U.S. Amateur and had joined Sam Urzetta on the America Cup team that year. He was a first alternate in this field.

John Ward, Syracuse, defeated both Turnesa (3 and 2) and Goodwin (5 and 3) to gain the finals while Henry Kowal of Utica disposed of Shields 3 and 2.

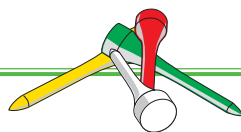
Gagliardi won: 7 and 5 over William Orcutt, Pine Brook; 4 and 3 over Sol Jacobson, Utica; 3 and 2 over Alan Weston, West Point; 1 up over Kowal; 4 and 3 over Bob Stenzel, Rochester in 36 holes, 2 and 1 over Ward.

The White Plains golfer was 2 up at 9 but all square four times before Ward won 32. Then Joe won the next three holes with a stunning touch around the greens.

President Fred Wright of Winged Foot won support to give the last five champions exemptions into the 1957 tourney.

The 1957 tourney moved to the Elmira Country Club's 6,240 yard, par 70 course where a former state interscholastic champion, Jack Veghte of Gloversville, would defeat the defending champion Joe Gagliardi of White Plains 6 and 5.

Some of the upsets included Burt Kling of Rochester over Ray Billows, Bob Larkin of Rome over John Konsek of Buffalo, the state



## "The 20th Century NYSGA". time historian, now retired.

junior champ; Charles Decker of Wellsville over Billy Shields and Ward Wettlaufer, Buffalo, over Tommy Goodwin.

Veghte marched to the title this way: 8 and 6 over Charles Kingston, Mamaroneck, 5 and 3 over Phil Losito, Elmira; 20 holes over Wettlaufer; 6 and 5 over Jack Flynn, Elmira; 2 and 1 over Decker; 19 holes over John Ward, Syracuse, and 6 and 5 over Gagliardi.

In the title match Veghte was 6 up at 9 and 7 up at 18 after shooting a 66 in the morning round. Joe cut the lead to 3 on the hilly third nine, but lost 24 going out of bounds while Jack steadied to birdie 26, 27 and 28 and go back to 6 up. They halved the next three holes to end it.

### A Golfing Crisis

An older brother, by about 20 years, administered a figurative slap on the wrist to a younger brother over the way he was handling his finances.

The Metropolitan Golf Association threatened to ask its New York clubs to withdraw support of the New York State Golf Association in 1950.

As this might cut its golfing business by as much as half, the NYSGA listened. To the rescue came one of its founders and first president, Sherrill Sherman of Utica. Although there are no exact details of the way money was spent in conducting its four tournaments or that any individual benefited, the problem was taken seriously.

Sherman was the ideal person to solve the issue because he had not only contacted the MGA from the 1923 founding, but also worked with the golfing giant to avoid conflicts in tournament dates.

The announced solution was that all financial accounts would be audited by an outside agency.

Sherman, who served as treasurer for two years, noted in his state golf memoirs in 1958 that the problem was quickly worked out without too much rancor.

However, he also noted that MGA influence declined thereafter with power shifting to the Syracuse area led by past president Bill Stark and the then-current president Oscar Guilfoil.

There remains only minor contact with the MGA these days as big brother continues to serve its three-state area as it has for over 100 years and the NYSGA serves over 420 clubs with seven tournaments for ten titles.

### William F. Bogle, Sr.

Early this year the New York State Golf Association was saddened by the loss of one of its former leaders, a multiple champion and a prominent figure in all of golf when William Bogle, Sr., 84, died Thursday, January 31, 2008

Golf was a passion for Bill. A lifelong member of Dutchess Golf and Country Club, he was its Club Champion ten times. He was a past President and Green Chairman of the club, and was made an honorary member in 2005.

He was the New York State Senior Amateur Champion three times, and won many Hudson River, Westchester, and area golf tournaments. For over fifty years he competed on a local, state, and national level, having played in the USGA Men's Amateur in 1953, 1954 and 1958, the 1987 USGA Senior Men's Amateur, and the 1980 USGA Senior Men's Open at Winged Foot Golf Club. He played in the Anderson Memorial Better Ball Invitational at Winged Foot for over 40 years, and was the runner up with partner Henry Kowal in 1950. He played for the Metropolitan Golf Association Team in the Lesley Cup Matches in five decades, and was its Captain and multiple winner of its competitions. He was a member of the United States Senior Golf Association, and a flight winner in many age categories. He first broke his age at 69, and continued shooting in the 70's through 2007.

Bill's devotion to golf included his service to the game. He served as a Committee Member for the United States, Metropolitan, Westchester, Hudson River and New York State Golf Associations. In 1981, he and his wife Gloria became the Executive Directors of the Westchester Golf Association, a post they held until their retirement in 1990. He was the President of the New York State Golf Association in 1976-77.

The New York State Golf Association wishes to extend to his family and friends our sincere regrets on their loss, and we hope that they will be consoled by the memories of his outstanding life and achievements.



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## NYSGA to Allow Measuring Devices in Competitions

The NYSGA has elected to allow Electronic Measuring Devices (EMD's) in its championships and qualifiers beginning in 2008. Players will be permitted to use devices that measure **distance only**. The NYSGA is joined by the MGA, LIGA, and WGA in adopting this Local Rule.

Please remember that EMD's are only allowed when a Local Rule is posted by the Committee. This Local Rule would state:

"In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is used to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used."

Finally, EMD's are considered equipment under the Rules of Golf and may be shared by fellow competitors.

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