



Connecticut Section PGA has been Assigned Keney Park Golf Professional Services for the 2020 Season

PGA Professional Joe Mentz to continue overseeing golf professional services at Goodwin Park

HARTFORD, Conn. (March 6, 2020) – As of Monday, March 2, the Connecticut Section, PGA of America (PGA), has been assigned the City of Hartford’s golf professional services agreement at the award winning Keney Park Golf Course. The PGA takes over for PGA Professional Peter Seaman who was offered and accepted the head golf professional position at Watertown Golf Club.

With 10 months remaining on Seaman’s agreement to provide the golf professional services at Keney Park, he requested that these be turned over to the PGA under the same terms. The PGA and the City of Hartford both consented and agreed.

“Our intention is to serve as the operational bridge to 2021 when a new golf professional service operator will be selected by Hartford through an RFP (request for proposals) process,” said Connecticut Section PGA President Howie Friday. “Those developments will get underway immediately with a goal to have that proposal process to start no later than early September 2020.”

The PGA is taking immediate steps to fully staff the golf professional services operations with a search underway to hire a Chief Golf Operations Manager; additional support staff; and subcontractors for golf instruction/coaching/teaching and golf shop merchandise concessions.

Patrick Aldrich, the PGA’s Golf Properties Consultant who has been providing golf course business facilitating services both of Hartford’s golf courses since 2014 will oversee this operational transition.

Seaman was also under contract to provide similar services at Hartford’s Goodwin Park Golf Course through 2021. In 2019 he sub-contracted those out to JPM LLC (PGA Professional Joe Mentz). Hartford and Mentz have since both agreed to have the Seaman Goodwin Park agreement re-assigned to Mentz.

Golf Inc. recognized Keney Park in 2016 as the co-winner of the municipal course renovation of the year. Last year Keney Park hosted both the Girls and Boys PGA of America Junior Championships, the first PGA Championship ever held in the State of Connecticut.

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