



**RDGA Foundation Inc.**

## **FORESIGHT JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM OF ROCHESTER**

### **STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION**



Hello! My name is Tim Vangellow and I am the Executive Director of the Rochester District Golf Association.

We are the official authorized arm of the United States Golf Association in the Rochester Area.

Our membership consists of approximately 66 golf courses and 13,000 golfers in the Rochester area. What we do is manage the USGA Handicapping service, rate golf courses, administer the rules of golf, conduct premier golf tournaments, and run junior golf programs. We exist to serve, protect and grow the game and business of golf in our area.

It is in the area of growth, and the future of the game, that I would like to talk to you about. I would like to introduce you to the ForeSight Junior Golf Program of Rochester. This is a brand new concept and initiative to get more kids involved in, and hopefully falling in love with the game of golf! Hopefully kids from your school district!

The RDGA Foundation has partnered with Monroe County and the Kless-Myers Golf Management Company, operators of the Monroe County Golf Courses, and we are going to be offering free golf passes for the summer to middle school and high school kids. **These passes are for unlimited golf 7 days per week at all three County golf courses, and includes unlimited free practice range use.** There will also be lessons on the golf swing, playing the game, training

on golf rules and etiquette provided free. There will be mentoring with adult golfers, friendly competition programs, equipment and apparel provided. All at no charge to the selected students. All in an effort to have the foresight to bring new golfers to the game of golf!

The criteria is pretty simple: If your child is interested, and your family is willing to transport the child to the golf courses and be supportive, and he/she will exhibit proper behavior at all times ***and most importantly will use the pass a lot*** – then we may have a spot available!

## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**Criteria** – If a child shows aptitude or interest in golf and in Foresight Program please give information. Or if a teacher knows of a student or family that the teacher feels would be a good choice we will give wide latitude to the teacher, and seek his/her assistance and recommendations.

### **Most Important:**

- 1. Child is interested**
- 2. Family is willing to transport child to golf courses and be supportive**
- 3. Child will behave properly at all times**
- 4. Child will use the pass a lot**

**Selection Process** – Phys Ed teachers, golf coaches, athletic directors at schools given primary role of recommending students for selection. Asked to discuss students they recommend for program with Tim for final selection approval. Siblings and friends are recommended.

**Outline of program** – Each student receiving ForeSight Program summer pass will be entitled to unlimited golf and practice range usage at all three county courses. They will be issued an ID card and will use that to register for golf or practice. They will receive a free USGA/RDGA Handicap and free RDGA phone app. There will also be free lessons, beginning and more competitive competitions, interclub events, RDGA Junior Tournaments, rules and etiquette education.

There will be free rental sets of clubs available to ForeSight Program students at all three courses. Donated free golf balls will also be provided.

**Award Letter** – If a student is selected to the ForeSight Program, he/she will receive an official letter from the RDGA Foundation, and an invitation to Opening Day. (Saturday May 13)

Selected students must sign/provide:

- Media Release Form
- Medical Form
- Emergency Contact Form

**Usage Rewards** – ID cards will record the amount of golf and practice the student does at courses. There will be rewards for reaching usage levels such as free golf camps, etc..

**Free Official RDGA-USGA GHIN Handicap** to all participants.

**Proper behavior at courses is of utmost importance.** Parents will be made aware of problems.  
Potential loss of card.

It is ok to drop kids off at golf course all day as long as there is proper behavior at all times.

We encourage family to come out to play with student. Must pay regular greens fees.

**Kids encouraged to play with club member adults** – it is very important that ForeSight students respect adults at the courses. Adult club members will be asked to assist and encourage ForeSight students in learning the game.

**ForeSight passes can be awarded for second year and subsequent years** to students who do a good job with the program.

#### **Highlights:**

**ForeSight Opening Day** - Saturday May 13 9:00am – 12:00noon. For all selected students and their families. The Opening Day program will begin promptly at 9:00 am with greetings and opening remarks from RDGA, County and Kless Myers representatives. There will be brief information about the program, etiquette, rules, how to act and dress, receiving 'player id cards', etc.. and then break up into groups for swing and short game mini-clinics. The speaking portion should last about one hour or so, and then clinics until approx 11:30 am. You should be done and on your way home by Noon.

**Drive Pitch Putt** – Friday June 30 at Genesee Valley GC. A joint initiative founded in 2013 by the [Masters Tournament](#), [United States Golf Association](#) and [The PGA of America](#), the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship is a free nationwide junior golf development competition aimed at growing the game by focusing on the three fundamental skills employed in golf.

Participants who advance through local, sub-regional and regional qualifying in each age/gender category earn a place in the National Finals, which is conducted at Augusta National Golf Club the Sunday before the [Masters Tournament](#) and is broadcast live by [Golf Channel](#). Registration for the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship is open. Local qualifying will be available in all 50 states. For more information about the championship, please visit [www.westernny.pga.com](http://www.westernny.pga.com)

**RDGA Junior/PeeWee Events** – Several throughout the 2017 season – great beginning level competitions, learn etiquette, learn what it feels like to compete, play by rules, etc.. yet fun! Lunch included, prizes too!

**RDGA Junior Qualifiers and Championships** – a step up in competition. If your child is ready, they should definitely try the qualifier – great experience!

**\*\*ForeSight Weekly League Play** – Brand new program this year! 6 Fridays in a row (July 7 – August 11). Each week there is a free 1 hour optional lesson clinic beginning at 9:30 followed by 9 holes of fun golf at 10:30 am. Pro shop will pair up players. A great way to meet new players and make new friends. You can sign up for the weeks that work for you – no commitment required. Really going to be popular! Do this!

**Symetra Tour Touring Pros Clinic** at Brook-Lea Tuesday July 18. Our second year as guests of the Women's Professional Symetra Tour Event. A free clinic given by several touring players directly to our ForeSight group exclusively. No charge.

**ForeSight Final Tournament** - Saturday August 26 - families invited to attend and walk along and have fun! 9 holes followed by free lunch, putting contest and prizes! A great way to finish the formal season.

**\*All selected students receive free USGA/RDGA Handicap, and free RDGA Phone App to post scores right on your phone!**

**\*You may use your passes until the courses close for the season.**

**\*Free rental clubs and balls available anytime.**

Please call me at 585-764-7342, or email me anytime if you have any questions or recommendations. I welcome your feedback.

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## 2017 ForeSight Junior Golf Program Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	COST
Saturday May 13	<b>ForeSight Opening Day</b>	Genesee Valley GC	9:00am	free
Wednesday June 28	<b>RDGA Junior/Pewee Classic</b>	Salmon Creek GC	8:00 AM	\$25
Friday June 30	<b>Drive, Pitch &amp; Putt Event</b>	Genesee Valley GC	8:00 AM	free
Friday July 7	<b>ForeSight League Week 1</b>	Genesee Valley GC	9:30 AM	free
Friday July 14	<b>ForeSight League Week 2</b>	Genesee Valley GC	9:30 AM	free
Monday July 17	<b>RDGA Junior/Pewee Classic</b>	Champion Hills GC	8:00 AM	\$25
Tuesday July 18	<b>Symetra Tour Clinic</b>	Brook-Lea CC	9:00 AM	free
Friday July 21	<b>ForeSight League Week 3</b>	Genesee Valley GC	9:30 AM	free
Wednesday July 26	<b>RDGA Junior Qualifiers</b>	Timber Ridge GC	7:30 AM	\$35
Friday July 28	<b>ForeSight League Week 4</b>	Genesee Valley GC	9:30 AM	free
Mon - Wed July 31-Aug 2	<b>RDGA Junior Championships</b>	Mill Creek GC	8:00 AM	\$35
Friday August 4	<b>ForeSight League Week 5</b>	Genesee Valley GC	9:30 AM	free
Friday August 11	<b>ForeSight League Week 6</b>	Genesee Valley GC	9:30 AM	free
Saturday August 26	<b>ForeSight Final Tournament</b>	Genesee Valley GC	10:00 AM	free