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LIRR's Extra Service is Easiest Way to See PGA TOUR's Top Golfers at "The Barclays" at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale. L.I. August 21-26

Buy LIRR Tickets Online for Trains Leaving Every Half Hour and For A Chance to Win Prizes in LIRR Sweepstakes.

MTA Long Island Rail Road President Helena Williams was joined by Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano and PGA TOUR officials today as she outlined the LIRR's extra train service to get golf fans to and from The Barclays FedExCup Playoff event at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale next week.

The LIRR will be providing trains to Farmingdale Station every half hour during the four- day period of competition from Thursday, Aug. 23rd through Sunday, Aug. 26th and selling train tickets online specifically for travel to and from the tournament for the first time. Practice rounds will be played on Tuesday, August 21 and Wednesday, August 22 when regular weekday train schedules will be in effect. The Barclays Pro-Am event takes place Wednesday, August 22 from 5:30 AM through 4:30 PM – with amateur players competing alongside PGA TOUR professionals.

"There will be no faster or more convenient way to get to The Barclays than the LIRR," said Williams. "We will have plenty of extra LIRR service and personnel available to assist customers, so leave the driving to us."

At Farmingdale Station, LIRR customers will board free PGA TOUR shuttle buses for the short ride to Bethpage State Park and its famed Black Course, known for uphill fairways and long-distance pars that make it one of the toughest golf venues in the nation.

The Barclays draws the top 125 golfers on the PGA TOUR and kicks off the four-event FedExCup Playoffs which determine the season-long champion. Expected to compete are top ranked players like Tiger Woods, Bubba Watson, Matt Kuchar, Webb Simpson, Rory Mclroy, Phil Mickelson and Rickie Fowler. Dustin Johnson, the 2011 Barclays champion will be back to defend his title at the biggest golf event on Long Island since the 2009 U.S. Open – also held at Bethpage Black.

Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano stated: "The Barclays will bring over 100,000 spectators to Bethpage who will not only watch golf, but also shop in our downtowns, stay in our hotels, and eat in our restaurants. The tournament will be a much welcomed shot in the arm for our business community and residents as economists project over \$34 million in economic benefit for the region and I applaud the Long Island Rail Road for beefing up service to meet the demand."

Farmingdale Mayor Ralph Ekstrand said: "Farmingdale's welcome mat starts right at the station and we invite all those here for The Barclays to the heart of our village – our downtown - just two blocks west of the station to shop and wine and dine. Our restaurants are offering great food at great values including a number of golfer specials."

Peter Mele, executive director of The Barclays said: "We are so pleased with the partnership with MTA Long Island Rail Road. The additional service will ensure that fans have the best experience coming to and from our event. We expect record crowds will attend to watch the PGA TOUR's best and encourage everyone to take advantage of the LIRR as a convenient and quick way to get to Bethpage."

Parking Only at Jones Beach

The LIRR and tournament organizers issued reminders that there is no parking available at Bethpage State Park on practice days or during the tournament play. Fans who travel by car must park at Jones Beach, then board PGA TOUR shuttle buses for the trek east to the golf course.

Because Farmingdale Station is on the LIRR's Main Line, Suffolk County residents traveling west to Farmingdale should know that they can park free on weekends at any LIRR station east of Farmingdale (Ronkonkoma, Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park and Wyandanch), then hop a train to The Barclays. Nassau County residents traveling east to Farmingdale can park on weekends at the Mineola Intermodal Center at Mineola Station for \$5.

Rail Tickets Available Online for this Event

For the first time, LIRR customers heading for The Barclays will be able to buy their train tickets online and print them out or display their bar-coded tickets on a smart phone under a pilot program and partnership between the LIRR and the Long Island technology firm CooCoo.

Round trip tickets to Farmingdale can be purchased directly at www.CooCoo.com/lirrtickets or on the MTA web site by going to www.mta.info/lirr/getaways/LongIsland/BarclaysGolf.htm.

Once the online purchase is made, customers will receive their train tickets via email for presentation to LIRR staff at Farmingdale Station, where they will be validated with a handheld barcode-reader. The online service is being provided only for The Barclays and so those tickets are good only for the

day specified on the ticket. They cannot be used for travel on the LIRR at any other time or to reach any other destination.

"We encourage fans to avoid potential lines at Penn Station and at other stations by buying their LIRR tickets in advance online via CooCoo," said LIRR President Williams. "The CooCoo pilot is one of several technologies the LIRR has been testing as we look for ways to bring our ticketing system into the 21st Century. This pilot program offers great customer convenience and allows the LIRR to test out the CooCoo technology during the six days of The Barclays."

Ryan Thompson, co-founder of CooCoo, said, "We designed the CooCoo mobile transit ticketing solution with the consumers in mind. The feedback from the LIRR riders who have already purchased their transit tickets to The Barclays via CooCoo has been excellent. They're finding our system easy to use, accurate and convenient. Our system is fast, secure and the best way to buy mobile tickets for this big event."

Visit the LIRR Information Booth at the Golf Course

A special LIRR information booth will also be staffed at Bethpage Park to assist customers. LIRR personnel with hand-held Ticket Issuing Machines will be on hand at Penn Station, at Farmingdale and at Bethpage State Park to enable LIRR customers to purchase train tickets using credit-debit cards.

Sweepstakes Deadline Is Tomorrow, August 15

LIRR customers buying mobile LIRR tickets through CooCoo have been automatically entered into the special sweepstakes co-sponsored by the LIRR and CooCoo and entries will continue to be accepted through tomorrow, August 15, the sweepstakes deadline. However, train tickets for The Barclays will be available online through Sunday, August 26, the final day of the tournament. The LIRR's PGA TOUR sweepstakes is open to all. The first prize is an Apple iPad (current generation), courtesy of CooCoo. Five second prize winners will receive a pair of PGA TOUR tickets for Sunday, August 26 – courtesy of The Barclays. Two third prize winners will each get a pair of tickets to Spiderman on Broadway (donated by the show).

The [sweepstakes entry form](#), if you haven't purchase your rail ticket through CooCoo's mobile LIRR ticketing, is available at <http://wx3.lirr.org/lirr/getaways/BarclaysGolf/>. But again, entries can only be accepted through tomorrow, Wednesday, August 15.

For sweepstakes contest rules visit the LIRR Barclays Online Sweepstakes Contest Rules at <http://mta.info/lirr/getaways/BarclaysGolf/BarclaysGolfSweepstakesRules.htm>.

For Further LIRR Information

For more information, including the LIRR's special The Barclays timetable, customers can go to the LIRR website <http://mta.info/lirr/getaways/LongIsland/BarclaysGolf.htm> or pick up printed copies at any LIRR station. Customers can also call 511, the New York State Travel Information Line and say: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.

Travel Tips

- **Farmingdale** is the LIRR station for service to The Barclays. Customers will pass through security and board buses for the short ride to Bethpage State Park.
- Purchase round-trip tickets before boarding trains at LIRR ticket machines or at staffed LIRR ticket windows; tickets cost more on-board.
- LIRR Mobile Tickets can be purchased in advance and printed at home or downloaded on a smartphone through CooCoo. Navigate to CooCoo.com/lirrtickets for details.
- No bicycles will be permitted on Ronkonkoma Branch trains during the week of The Barclays.
- **Do NOT drive to Farmingdale Station - NO parking is available.**
- Listen for announcements regarding track and platform changes
- On your return trip, please allow adequate time to walk to the shuttle bus stop for the trip to Farmingdale Station. Tickets will be collected before boarding.
- Trains will leave promptly at scheduled departure times
- Cell phones are permissible* on course all week – look for signage depicting "cell phone zones"

*PGA TOUR Mobile device policy: please silence your mobile device. Calls only permitted in designated areas (concessions and restroom areas). No video recording permitted at any time. No photographs permitted after Wednesday. Violations will result in confiscation of your mobile device or removal from the tournament. Be respectful of play when players are in position to compete.

- For more info: visit www.thebarclaysgolf.com