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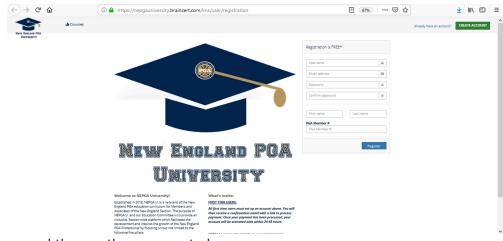
Hello and Happy New Year to all NEPGA Professionals and Associates!

There is never a year in New England that is the same, and 2018 has cer-

tainly been one of those years. Spring brought fair weather and the opportunity for our members and guests to play the game we all love and cherish. As the summer pro-

There is no question that the foundation implementation was a long process to get launched but as my presidency forges in to its second year, I stand committed toward the very important goal of growing the foundation with more programs and launching a very aggressive fundraising campaign. The foundation will not only bring the sport of golf to many that might not experience the game, but it places the PGA Professional, and the NEPGA, out in front of the community and gives our brand additional positive exposure that it might not have otherwise.

The Board of Directors along with Committee members held our annual Planning Session in December at Atkinson Resort. Our planning session is always a great way to connect with our fellow board members and committee members but it also serves as the best way to look at the future of The NEPGA. This year our focus was on committees, we tasked each committee to present to us their goals for 2019 and beyond. I can say with the utmost confidence we left the sessions with a better understanding of where we need to go and what needs to happen to make the NEPGA stronger for our membership



As I look back on my first year as your President the only thing that jumps out at me is change, your section is in the stages of change that will make every member proud to be associated with The NEPGA.

- The Foundation is thriving and will only get stronger!
- The NEPGA University is going to be the highlight of the year
- We will have a new home site

gressed the weather cooperated and The NEPGA staff was able to successfully run and operate over 300 events. Despite some rainy days and weather delays at a few events, the NEPGA had another successful year in 2018.

I am extremely proud of the work being done by the Foundation Committee with Honorary President Jarvis at the helm. We were able to successfully run and fund 4 PGA HOPE programs (Bangor Municipal, Hanover, Button Hole and Atkinson) and our Junior Tour, PGA Jr League and Drive, Chip and Putt competitions were all successful. Our Growth of the Game Committee currently being supported and chaired by our Assistants Association has scheduled several visits to Boston Children's Hospital to bring smiles to young faces and share their knowledge of the game with these children that need any kind of diversion from their situation.

Our Education Committee with Mike Bradshaw and Graham Cunningham acting as co-chairs has done something that I believe will be the most exciting initiative of 2019. The **NEPGA University** is the first of its kind, no other section has offered this initiative and Kudos to Mike and Graham for their hard work getting this launched. Go to NEPGA.com to get registered and take advantage of this awesome way to get educated and keep up on all rules changes, merchandising ideas, teaching methods and stay updated on your MSR requirements.

As you all know by now The NEPGA will have a new home, The Haven. Mike Higgins has spent countless hours on this project and we are all excited to see the outcome first hand. The process has been rigorous and I am confident every NEP-GA member will be proud to visit our new home site.

It is truly an honor serving as your President.

As I have said many times, I am very approachable and if you need anything please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Bibeau, PGA President New England PGA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Mike Higgins



As we welcome the final year of this decade, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. The New England PGA is diligently working to prepare for this upcoming season and we are very excited for what 2019 has in store. As you will read in this newsletter, we are thrilled to announce that the NEPGA University is live! We feel that providing quality education to our Section Professionals is one of the greatest member benefits that a PGA Professional can receive. In addition, we will be welcoming a new Marketing and Communications Coordinator to our NEPGA Team, as well as a new Foundation Manager. We will be launching a new Section website in 2019 and our Foundation programing will significantly increase; allowing us to impact even more lives through the game of golf this year. I encourage you to get involved in your Chapter and Section in 2019...the best way to enjoy the ride is from the front seat.

I am going to go a little off script for the rest of my newsletter and express my personal thoughts on the word Gratitude. Looking inward, being grateful for the things in your life, promotes a posi-

tive outlook. And paying it forward by showing appreciation and gratitude to our families, customers, staff and members only takes a moment of your time, but goes a long way. People love when you take an extra second out of your day to acknowledge them. It's like sending a nicely written thank you note except that it is immediate and the recipient doesn't have to wait a few days for it to arrive in the mail!

Personally there is no one that I have more gratitude for than my father. On January 4th of this year my father turned 69 years old. Unfortunately the past 14 years he has been suffering from Dementia, and for the last three years the disease kept us from being able to verbally communicate with one another. The conversations with my dad, who is my hero, my biggest fan, and my favorite golfing partner, became one sided. I would still share with him stories about my children, stories about things that were going on in my life, stories about my job at the New England PGA, and I excitingly shared the story about my first and only hole in one. (Something that unfortunately eluded him in his golfing career) The running joke had been that not making a hole in one was a Higgins curse, and a hole in one was just not in our cards. My dad loved to play golf and loved when I would take him to play somewhere new. I would share with him stories about some of places I have been fortunate to play and how much I wished he was there playing with me.

Dementia/Alzheimer's is a horrible disease, it has been hard for me to witness the change from a once healthy person to one who needs constant caretaking, and the impact it has on family members and friends that care so much. I want to remember my father as the man that he was and not the man that the disease had made him. I remember his self-taught golf swing and his patented left to right controlled fade. I remember how he carried me to three father son victories, and how he gave a hot headed 17 year old kid a piercing look of disappointment for tossing a club after a bad shot, and a firm scolding "don't ever do that again." And I never have. I never heard my dad cuss on the golf course, get angry after a three putt, and he always would say good shot to someone he was playing golf with. I remember how he volunteered to coach me in baseball, how he manned the first down chains for my high school football team, and how he always came to watch me play golf. Many times he would have a front row seat, because he would

caddy for me every chance he could. Not realizing it at the time - my father was teaching me life lessons, teaching me how to be a

father, and teaching me how to be a better person.

On January 10th at 11:15 AM my father lost his 14 year battle, and I deeply miss him already. I wish I'd recognized earlier what was happening to him and that I did a better job of expressing my gratitude for everything that he did for me before it was too late. I hope he heard the stories I would share, and I'd give anything to have one more chance to play alternate shot with him, and try not to mess up our approach shot from his tee ball on the right side of the fairway. I am forever grateful for my father's wisdom, friendship and love. I hope he finally gets that elusive hole in one at the golf course in the sky.

I hope all the readers of this article take the opportunity to show more gratitude towards others in 2019....I know that I will.

As always, if any of your talented NEPGA Staff members can ever be of service to you or your facility, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Higgins NEPGA Executive Director











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NEPGA Vegas ProAm is One for the Ages

-Las Vegas, NV

The NEPGA annual pilgrimage to Las Vegas is preceded by lots of anticipation regardless of the various specifics. The allure of the Vegas strip can do that, with the lights and the glam and the visions of one pull of a slot machine leading to instant riches. Mix in the chance to play golf with your friends, and the build-up is palpable. The 2018 edition seemed to have some more mystique than usual however, once it was announced that the NEPGA would be visiting Shadow Creek, the top-30 in the U.S. ranked course just north of the Vegas strip. Shadow would be joining the hidden gem Southern Highlands and Siena for our best rotation of courses in the 18-year history of this event. With all-of these things lined up, we had our largest number of teams in history with 46, and the event sold out in June, a full five months before it was to take place.

Adding to the opportunity to play Shadow Creek was the news that the two most famous golfers of the modern era, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, would be playing a first-of-its-kind match at Shadow Creek just 10 days after the NEPGA would be there. This 9-Million Dollar, win-

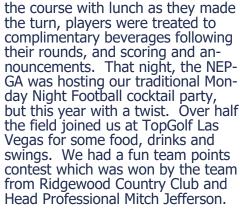
ner take all pay-per-view special would no doubt mean that Shadow Creek would be in perfect shape, and the course would be on the minds of the collective golf world in the weeks leading up to Thanks-

giving weekend. Mix in an HBO 24/7 special dedicated to 'The Match' released just before our ProAm began, and everyone was brimming with excitement to tee it

up at this special venue. Little did we know, our New England PGA ProAm would write its own bit of history at Shadow Creek.

Monday kicked off the ProAm at Siena Golf Club and Southern Highlands. Both courses were primed

for 115 players at each, with 9:30am Shotgun starts. Delicious breakfast spreads awaited, and players were treated to outstanding tee gift packages courtesy of our NEPGA partners Five Star Golf Cars and Avidia Bank. After five hours on



On Tuesday we returned to Southern
Highlands, and Siena
was swapped for Shadow Creek. Players were
provided complimentary
coach transport to
Shadow Creek, as the
club requires no visitors
drive themselves
there. Once through
the gates, you are driven down the winding,
tree-lined driveway,

with more curves than Augusta's Magnolia Lane, but filled with similar anticipation of what awaits. Players are finally greeted by an idyllic white clubhouse with green awnings, a distinct opposite from what they left behind on the strip, but equally as inviting. The players were invited to tour the clubhouse and use the locker room facility, lined with a who's-who of sport and celebrity icons.

Once on the course following a

frost delay, the fireworks began, and word started spreading. It took just five holes for Joel Jenkins to make the first ace of the day and of his life. After starting on 1A, he stepped to the fifth hole playing 162 yards and sent his 8 -iron into the hole! This would set off a series of events maybe not experienced on one course before. Just six holes

into his round, Bill Eacrett of Ridgewood CC stepped up to the picturesque 13th hole and knocked in his shot for a second one at Shadow Creek in under an hour. Still on a high from his ace on five, Joel Jenkins stepped to the already-aced 13th hole. This time playing almost 20 yards longer than his shot on five, Joel pulled a 6-iron and struck "my best shot of the year" he said to news crews from WBZ Channel 4 in Boston on Thursday. For the second time in about two hours, Jenkins had aced again! What are the odds you ask - just a measly 1 in 67 MILLION.

But we weren't done yet. On his 16th hole of the day, Jeff Black from the Belmont CC team stepped to the doubly-aced 13th hole. The tee sits about level a well-guarded green with water, bunker and rock walls surrounding the green, and can be very intimidating. Playing over 180 yards, it is no small feat to find the green. But Black did one better, as his shot found the bottom of the cup for an improbable third ace on the 13th for the day. Truly an amazing and special day.

The final day saw Siena return to











the mix and Shadow Creek once again. Wednesday gave us our best weather day of the week with temperatures in the high 60's and clear skies, perfect viewing for more fireworks.

The action started even quicker than the day before, as Peter Abbruzzese from Kernwood who started on the 15th hole arrived at his second hole of the day, the downhill par 3 17th. This is a beautiful hole with water fronting the green and a steep drop from the tee to a small green. With the hole location in an inviting spot, Peter knocked his shot in the hole for an



ace, the fifth in about 20 hours at Shadow Creek. Just when we thought the madness had come to an end, Dan Jefferies from TPC Boston arrived at the 17th, his 12th hole of the day, and knocked his tee shot into the hole for the sixth ace in 24 hours!

Think about this: according to the National Hole in One Registry, a

hole in one occurs once every 3500 rounds. We had 230 players in our Vegas ProAm playing three rounds each, or 690 rounds of golf with six hole-in-ones. Better yet, we had 230 rounds at Shadow Creek with six hole-in-ones, a statistical feat perhaps not seen before.

Thank you to all of our Professionals for bringing their amateur players to our Vegas ProAm, and to our hosts Shadow Creek, Southern Highlands and Siena for providing such great hospitality to our players and staff throughout the week. Also a tremendous thank you to Five Star Golf Cars and Avidia Bank for their continued support of our Las Vegas ProAm. We can't wait to go back in 2019!

Thank You to Our Las Vegas ProAm Partners!

















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Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Old March CC (Durfee)	-52	380
2	Belmont CC (Fields)	-43	389
3	Franklin CC (Finlayson)	-41	391
4	Winchester CC (Barlow)	-39	393
5	Ould Newbury GC (Margeson)	-36	396
T6	Portland CC (Venezio)	-35	397
T6	Canterbury Woods (Comea	ıu) -35	397
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EDUCATION CORNER: Mike Bradshaw



Happy New Year Everyone!! I hope you enjoyed some time with friends and family over the holiday season.

I'm writing today to tell everyone about an awesome new benefit for the NEPGA member—NEPGA University. Now you may be thinking, "I already know that we have education.", and you'd be correct....but we've never had education like this.

Over the past three-plus years, the NEPGA has hosted almost 70 educational events at locations throughout the Section. The result of this has been over 200 hours of high-quality, valuable education on a vast array of topics--and I would wager that this would be the envy of many other sections.

But what if you can't travel to one of our events because it conflicts with something on your schedule? Or the two-hour event is five hours away—not exactly an efficient use of your time. You see the emails from the section... really wish you could go, but you just can't swing it (pun totally intended). In other sections, or in the past here in New England, you were out of luck. But now, thanks to a serious commitment and effort by the Education Committee, Board of Directors and section staff, you're not going to be left out in the cold. That's because NEPGA University is going digital!!

In what I feel will eventually be one of our most beneficial member benefits, Section professionals will now be able to view University events on-line...and earn PGA-required MSR credit for doing so after passing a short test. This is truly a ground-breaking approach to Section education that will help our professionals for many years to come.

Now if there is an event you can't make it to, you don't have to lose out on the knowledge. Log-in to the University web portal that has been developed in conjunction with BrainCert and pick the course you'd like to attend. View the course materials and video and then pass the short examination at the conclusion of the video. Once you've passed the test, you've successfully completed the course and will receive the applicable PGA-required MSRs.

All of this is part of your NEPGA University tuition. Also included in your \$99 annual tuition (\$49 annually if you register by the end of this month) are unlimited live, FREE University-branded education, discounted rates for Section Summits (Teaching and Coaching Summit, Technology Symposium, etc.) and access to the online University portal for education and PGA required MSRs for the events you can't make it to.

This digital platform is a one-of-a-kind offering that has the full support of the Board of Directors and the national Education department as well as many of our Section partners. It is the culmination of many days and weeks of hard work by the section staff and the education committee in videotaping, editing, reviewing and testing our events over the course of the past year. It's a fantastic member benefit and I hope you all find it useful and rewarding!!

As I mentioned, the price has been discounted to \$49 per year if you register by January 31st....plus if you do so your price will remain at \$49 in 2020 and 2021!!! Attend as many events as you want...but if you can't you can always view and learn on-line!!

Register now at www.nepgauniversity.braincert.com . Once you register, you will receive a payment link via email—your account will be activated once you pay your tuition...and you're off and learning! There are currently six classes available with another batch coming by mid-February.

I hope you all take advantage of this excellent opportunity. Have a safe and healthy offseason and I wish you all a prosperous (and educational) 2019!!!

Sincerely,

Mike Bradshaw, PGA NEPGA Secretary Education Committee Co-Chair

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EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Education opportunities are open to all NEPGA members.

NEPGA/RIGA Rules of Golf Seminar

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, February 6th 11AM-1PM

LOCATION: Kirkbrae Country Club, Lincoln, RI

COST: Free of charge

MSR HOURS: 2 PGA Education MSR Credits

SPEAKERS: Bob Ward, RIGA **DEADLINE:** February 5, 2019



PING Golf Education Seminar

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, March 18th 10AM-2PM

LOCATION: TBD

COST: \$25 (Free of charge for NEPGA U. Members)

MSR HOURS: 3 PGA Education MSR Credits

SPEAKERS: Marty Jertson, PING Golf

DEADLINE: March 13, 2019



NEPGA/RIGA Rules of Golf Seminar

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, March 20th 11AM-1PM

LOCATION: Kirkbrae Country Club, Lincoln, RI

COST: Free of charge

MSR HOURS: 2 PGA Education MSR Credits

SPEAKERS: Bob Ward, RIGA **DEADLINE:** March 19, 2019



NEPGA/MassGolf Rules of Golf Seminars

DATES/TIMES: March 9th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th, 8th — 9AM-4PM

LOCATIONS: Andover CC, Twin Hills CC, Blue Hill CC, Willowbend CC, Charter Oak CC

COST: \$35, Includes Lunch & 2 Rules Publications

MSR HOURS: 6 PGA Education MSR Credits

SPEAKERS: Max Doctoroff, PGA & Kevin Eldridge, MassGolf

DEADLINE: First Come, First serve





Jane Frost to be Inducted into the LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals Hall of Fame





DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.,-

Jane Frost, a longtime member of the LPGA Teaching & Club Professionals (T&CP) who has coached LPGA Tour legends such as Jane Blalock, Nancy Lopez, Sandra Haynie and Pat Bradley, has been elevated into elite company as a 2018 inductee to the LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame.

Frost, who earlier this month was honored as the recipient of the 2018 Ellen Griffin Rolex Award, joins fellow LPGA T&CP member Lynn Stellman in this year's Hall of Fame class. They will both be inducted at the 2019 LPGA Teaching and Coaching Summit, at a time and place yet to be determined. The T&CP Hall of Fame, established in 2000, is the highest honor given to teaching and club professional members for extraordinary membership service and leadership while contributing to the game of golf and the golf industry.

"I am incredibly honored to receive the Call to the Hall and thank the committee for their belief and support of my contributions to the LPGA T&CP and to the golf industry," said Frost. "It is validation that I have made a difference along the way and to be recognized by your peers with this high honor is simply astonishing.

"To each member of the LPGA T&CP, thank you for inspiring me throughout the years. I share this recognition with each of you and will continue to challenge myself to be better each and every day. May this inspire all teachers and coaches around the world to make a difference and to strive for excellence in all they do."

During a 36-year career as a teaching professional, Frost has demonstrated a deep passion for the game of golf and a heartfelt desire to pass along her knowledge and guidance to students and aspiring LPGA T&CP members. She is constantly studying, learning and researching the best ways to coach each person, and her methods and programs have evolved as she combines new research and technology with perceptive and sensitive personal interaction.

Frost has donned several hats as a golf teacher, including assistant professional, teaching professional, director of instruction, director of golf, general manager and head professional. In 2002, she established the Jane Frost Golf School "to better provide a variety of programs for golfers of a wide range of abilities and economic levels" and in 2014 the school transitioned into The Jane Frost Golf Performance Center. One year later, the Center opened a state of-the-art Golf Studio affectionately called 'The Barn' - a direct inspiration from Miss Griffin's 'The Farm'.

The Center's coaches provide club fitting, youth programs, adult new golfer programs and family programs, while the Center has also established a tradition of organizing charitable benefits for organizations such as The Sandwich Food Pantry, Breast Cancer Research, The American Heart Association, Alzheimer's and Lupus Foundation.

"Jane's exemplary accomplishments and accolades are well chronicled and undoubtedly speak to her worthiness of an LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame honor," said LPGA and World Golf Halls of Fame member Pat Bradley. "However, in my opinion, she is an LPGA and golf industry standout because of her unrelenting passion to see more and more people enjoy the experience of playing golf. She combines expert knowledge of the various components that contribute to a golfer's ability to discover a better game."

The inaugural class of Peggy Kirk Bell, Marilynn Smith, Patty Berg, Shirley Spork, Betty Hicks and Louise Suggs was officially inducted into the LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame on Oct. 25, 2000, at the kickoff dinner for Celebrating Women in Golf - which was held at the World Golf Village as part of that week's LPGA's 50th anniversary celebration.

Inductees to the LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame since then have been: Goldie Bateson, Ellen Griffin, Dede Owens and Joanne Winter in 2001; Ann Casey Johnstone in 2004; S. Annette Thompson in 2006; Kerry Graham, Lorraine Klippel, Pat Lange and Penny Zavichas in 2008; Patti Benson, Carol Clark Johnson, Kay McMahon and Jane Read in 2010; Mary Dagraedt, Nell Frewin-Hays and Nancy Quarcelino in 2012; Shirley Englehorn and Donna White in 2014; Dana Rader, Gloria Armstrong and Lynn Marriott in 2016.

About the LPGA T&CP

The LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals (T&CP) membership, founded in 1959 as an outgrowth of the LPGA Tour, boasts the largest membership of women golf professionals in the world. LPGA T&CP members are certified as golf instructors, coaches and business managers through a comprehensive curriculum designed to meet the changing needs of the golfing public.

More than 1,700 strong, LPGA T&CP members are dedicated to the advancement of golf and serve throughout the golf industry as head professionals, assistant professionals, teaching professionals, directors of golf, owners of golf schools and facilities, golf administrators, college and high school coaches and more.

LPGA T&CP members support the LPGA's various grassroots programs that were created to involve women and youth in golf as well as contribute to the overall growth of the sport. These programs include LPGA-USGA Girls Golf, LPGA Tour Junior Clinics and the LPGA Lesson Zone.

The LPGA is headquartered in Daytona Beach, Fla. For more information, log onto www.lpga.com.







PGA OF AMERICA NAMES PGA PAST PRESIDENT JIM REMY, PGA AS THE NEW ENGLAND PGA & CONNECTICUT SECTIONS CAREER CONSULTANT



PGA Career Services is pleased to announce the addition of PGA Past President Jim Remy, PGA to join the team totaling 19 Career Consultants, serving PGA Members and employers nationwide. Remy will serve the Connecticut and New England PGA Sections. He will join the other 18 field consultants across the country, to forge stronger relationships through the overall smaller geographic territories that each Consultant manages.

A PGA member since 1984, Remy was the vice president and general manager of the Okemo Golf Division at the Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, Vermont for over 20 years. He began his career as a PGA assistant professional at Worcester (Mass.) Country Club, and later served as an assistant professional at Mount Pleasant Country Club of Boylston, Mass.

"I am extremely excited to join the talented team of PGA of America Career Consultants as the New England and Connecticut Sections Consultant. Employment has always been a passion of mine. At this point in my career, I am very proud to serve and assist PGA Members with Career Planning and Industry Employers in finding the right PGA of America candidate for their facility."

Jim Remy also brings a unique insight to the role having been elected the 36th PGA President in 2008. Remy holds the distinction of having served in virtually every capacity within the areas of PGA governance, including an unprecedented six-and-a-half-year term on the PGA Board of Control, which reviews and rules on membership issues.

Remy and his wife, Darlene, live in Ludlow, Vermont, and have a daughter, Niki.

Employment Notices on NEPGA.com

This is a reminder to <u>visit the Employment section</u> of NEPGA.com to view available opportunities in the following areas:

- Head Professionals*
- Assistants
- Golf Industry Positions
- Pros for Hire*
- Business Opportunities*

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NEPGA.com Employment Section Overview

- 1.) Facilities will have the opportunity for their PGA member job opening to be listed on the Members Only side of our website. (Simply log into nepga.com using your username and password that you use for www.pgalinks.org to view these openings.)
- 2.) Head professionals will have the opportunity to list their assistant professional openings on the public side of the website.
- 3.) Available industry positions will also be able to be listed. ie: Golf Coach, Sales Representative, Retail positions, etc...

The Facility Relations Committee will continue to meet with

facilities to assist them in their hiring process of a PGA Professional, and we will continue to help them produce job notices through PGA job finder. As a new/additional NEPGA Member benefit, if the facility agrees, we will also list the job opportunity on the member's only side of the website under the PGA Member tab.

Head Professionals have the opportunity to list any Assistant Professional opening on the public side of the website. All NEPGA Professionals that would like to list an Assistant Professional opening can simply email the positions information to Joan Stuart at jstuart@pgahq.com and we will post the opening until your position is filled.

The New England PGA is committed to providing the best service to our PGA Members. We have a dedicated Facility Relations Committee, available to assist NEPGA Members, Associates, and PGA Facilities with all of your employment needs.

We hope that you will find this service both informative and helpful.

Please reach out to Mike Higgins at mhiggins@pgahq.com with any questions.

It is always recommended that these positions are also posted on www.pga.org.

If you have any questions, please call the NEPGA office at 508.869.0000.

2019 Spring Meeting Schedule

DATE	MEETING	SITE	TIME
Tuesday, March 26	Section Spring Meeting	Andover CC	9:00AM
Tuesday April 16	Maine Chapter	The Woodlands	ТВА
Thursday, April 18	New Hampshire Chapter	Intervale CC	9:00AM
Tuesday, April 23	Massachusetts Chapter	Granite Links GC	ТВА
Wednesday, April 24	Cape Cod Chapter	Sandwich Hollows	9:30AM
Friday, April 26	Senior Association	ТВА	9:00AM, Pro-Pro Following
Monday, April 29	Vermont Chapter	Rutland CC	ТВА
Thursday, May 2	Assistants Association	Marshfield CC	I:00PM, Stableford at 7:30AM

Magnolia P.I.

Paesani & Egan Capture Winter Pro-Pro



Orlando, FL-

If the end of 2018 wasn't outstanding for John Paesani, PGA from The Bay Club at Mattapoisett (ahem, cashing out the Hole in One Pool for \$24,000), he is starting 2019 on the same foot with a win at the NEPGA Winter Pro-Pro. Paesani teamed with his colleague Ben Egan, PGA and the duo fired a 7-under par 65

on a Disney Magnolia course that hosted the PGA TOUR for over 30 years.

Paesani and Egan combined for 7 birdies and no bogeys, with Paesani carding four and Egan three over the 6,500 yard layout. In fact, Paesani shot 68 on his own ball, an impressive score regardless of the format. The course played tough with varying wind speeds and unseasonably chilly temperatures with mixed sunshine, and many of the Professionals were chipping off some rust midway through their

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winter season.

Three teams carded a 5-under 67 to finish tied for second place. The brotherly duo of Steve Rourke, PGA (Event-Man) and Tom Rourke, PGA (Cummaquid GC), Rico Riciputi, PGA (Wentworth by the Sea) and Bob Bruso, PGA (Blackstone National GC), and 2018 champions Jeff Seavey, PGA (Samoset Resort) and Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC).

A special thank you to all the Professionals that joined us, as well as PGA TOUR and SCNS Sports Foods for supporting the event. Full results can be found here!





You Tube





RESULTS

Ben Egan/John Paesani

Rico Riciputi/Bob Bruso

Tom Rourke/Steve Rourke

Jeff Seavey/Shawn Warren

Steve Field/Justin Onken

John Hickson/Tim Polce

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The Doctor is in...

Thoughts from Tournament Director, Max Doctoroff, PGA





Updating Local Rules for 2019:

Hello NEPGA Professionals, I hope you're enjoying some much-needed down time and staying fairly warm so far this winter! Surely you're all aware of the sweeping changes being made to the Rules of Golf, effective on 1/1/2019. While much has been made of the implications of these changes for golfers, I'd like to remind our NEPGA club professionals about one of the implications for you as golf administrators: it's time to update your course's Local Rules to reflect the new changes!

Of course, you'll need to adjust the language of your Local Rules to include new terminology, and make sure to change any references to the Rules book to the new Rule numbers, as they have all changed. Additionally, many of the Local Rules that have been in effect at your courses are now full

-time Rules of Golf, so in many cases, you'll be able to eliminate some Local Rules and simplify the back of your club's scorecard. The last thing you'll want to do is peruse the new options for Local Rules and see if there's anything new you'd like to use at your course. Please see the following for a quick guide to this process, and feel free to reach out to me at mdoctoroff@pgahq.com for any clarification, or if you'd like a second opinion on your club's Local Rules before you send your scorecards off to the printers – I'm here to help.

Terminology/Definition Changes:

- The term "through the green" will no longer be in use, and must be changed to the "general area" on all Rules sheets
- water hazards" and "lateral water hazards" must now be called "yellow penalty areas" and "red penalty areas," respectively. A note about these penalty areas as you set up your courses in the spring: you now have the discretion to mark any penalty area as red, regardless of where the relief options may be. If you think changing a yellow penalty area to red might speed up pace of play, go for it! You also now have the right to mark any area of the course as a penalty area, whether or not it contains water. Here's another chance to speed up play, if you have any areas where balls commonly get lost.
- "No play zones" are a new term going into effect as well. You have the right to define any area of the course (flowerbeds are common examples) as no play zones, if you'd like to prohibit play from those areas. Just remember that every no play zone must be designated as either an abnormal course condition (no populty) or a populty area (one street





The 20 Most Important Changes to the Rules of Golf 2019

- 1. Search Time Reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.
- 2. Ball Moved During Search Replace no penalty.
- 3. Embedded Ball Free relief anywhere through the course.
- 4. Measuring a Drop Use longest club (except putter).
- 5. Dropping Drop from knee height rather than shoulder.
- 6. Taking stance on wrong green is not permitted.
- 7. Ball Unintentionally Hits Player or Equipment No penalty.
- 8. Double Hit No penalty, now only counts as the 1 stroke.
- 9. Touching sand in bunker incidentally is permitted.
- 10. Loose impediments can be removed anywhere including hazards.
- 11. Dropping a Ball Out of Bunker 2 penalty strokes.
- 12. Water Hazards Now called "penalty areas."
- 13. Touching Ground in Penalty Area No penalty.
- 14. Ball Moves on Green After Being Marked Replace without penalty.
- 15. Ball Accidentally Moved on Putting Green Replace no penalty.
- 16. All damage to green can now be repaired.
- 17. Positioning a club for alignment is not permitted.
- 18. Caddie assisting with alignment is now not permitted.
- 19. Putting with flag stick in hole is now permitted.
- 20. Ball wedged against flag stick and side of hole is now deemed as holed.
- dition (no penalty), or a penalty area (one stroke penalty), so it's clear to players how they should score the hole if they take relief from one.
- "Integral parts of the course" are now referred to as "integral objects," so be sure to update that terminology if you have any integral objects listed on your Local Rules.
- If you refer to any Rule numbers in your Local Rules, don't forget to update them to the new numbers!

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The Doctor is in...

Thoughts from Tournament Director, Max Doctoroff, PGA



House Cleaning: Several of the Local Rules that have become standard on our Rules Sheets over the years have now become full-time Rules of Golf. Here are a few things you can eliminate from your club's Local Rules, since they'll always be in effect going forward:

- Distance measuring devices: these are now allowed under the Rules of Golf, as long as they don't measure anything besides distance. You now have the option of writing a Rule that prohibits them.
- Stones in bunkers: players may remove loose impediments from bunkers under the new Rules, so you can delete any Rules that deem stones in bunkers to be movable obstructions.
- Accidental movement of ball on putting green: this will no longer be a penalty under the Rules, so you can eliminate any Local Rules waiving the penalty.
- Embedded ball: players will now get relief for embedded balls in the general area. Therefore, you can remove any Local Rules allowing relief for embedded balls through the green.

New Options for Local Rules: You'll find that there are now many more Local Rules available than in previous iterations of the Rules, and this list is too comprehensive to address in this article. However, I'll touch on one new Local Rule option that's been getting a lot of press lately, and point you in the direction of a couple good resources for choosing and writing your new Rules.

- Alternative to the stroke and distance penalty for a ball that is lost or out of bounds: please remember that this Rule is NOT intended for competitive golf, so it's wise to use your discretion about when to employ it. However, it might be a nice user-friendly option for some iunior events, or perhaps an afternoon league for novice golfers. A summary of this Local Rule is that the player has the option to drop a ball near where their ball has been lost or gone out of bounds, instead of going back to the spot where the previous shot was played. This can help with pace of play, and will be less discouraging for beginner golfers, who are mostly just playing for fun, not intense competition. The full text of the optional Local Rule, including a video demonstration, can be viewed here: http://www.usga.org/ content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rulesmodernization/major-changes/golfs-new-rules -stroke-and-distance.html
- Here's a great resource from the R&A to help with writing your new Local Rules – you can select the Local Rules you'd like to use, add the applicable descriptions for your course, and it will generate a complete document for you to use: https://www.randa.org/en/ rog/2019/pages/local-rules-creator
- The full list of available Local Rules can be found here: http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/committee-procedures/rule-8.html

GOLF'S NEW RULES: KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released golf's new Rules, which will take effect on January 1, 2019. Here are five of the most significant changes.











For more information on golf's new Rules, please visit usga.org or randa.org.

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New England PGA - 2019 Tentative Schedule

DATE	EVENT	2019 SITE	Date/Site Confirmed?
Saturday, January 26, 2019	NEPGA Winter Pro-Pro	Disney Magnolia	Confirmed
Tue sday, March 26, 2019	NEPGA Spring Meeting	Andover CC	Confirmed
Thur sday, April 11, 2019	The Masters	Augusta National	Confirmed
Tue sday, April 16, 2019	NEPGA Pro-Am	Marshfield CC	Confirmed
Thursday, April 18, 2019	Pro-Pro Scramble	Halifax CC	Confirmed
Monday, April 22, 2019	Stroke Play Series #1	Newport National GC	Confirmed
April 28-May 1, 2019	PGA Professional National Championship	The Belfair	Confirmed
Monday, April 29, 2019	NEPGA Pro-Am	TBD	TBD
Monday, May 06, 2019	NEPGA Pro-Am	Portsmouth Country Club	Confirmed
May 13-15, 2019	NEPGA ProPro Match Play	Kirkbrae	Confirmed
May 16-19, 2019	PGA Championship	Bethpage Black	Confirmed
Thur sday, May 16, 2019	NEPGA Hudson Cup	Duxbury Yacht Club	Confirmed
Monday, May 20, 2019	Acu shnet Golf Pro-Assistant	The Bay Club	Confirmed
Tue sday, May 28, 2019	NEPGA ProAm Championship	Pinehills Golf Club	Confirmed
TBD May?	CAPE COD OPEN	ТВО	TBD
Sunday, June 02, 2019	Haverhill Pro-Member	Haverhill Country Club	Confirmed
June 4-5, 2019	New England Open	Quechee Club - Lakeland	Confirmed
Monday, June 10, 2019	Sam Sylvia Boys & Girls Club Invitational ProAm	Sankaty Head Golf Club	Tentative
June 10-12, 2019	MASS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	Vesper CC	Confirmed
June 13-16, 2019	US Open Championship	Pebble Beach	Confirmed
June 17-19, 2019	VERMONT OPEN	Lake Morey CC	Confirmed
Tuesday, June 18, 2019	Stroke Play Series #2	TBD	TBD
Monday, June 24, 2019	NEPGA Pro-Senior	Walpole CC	Confirmed
Monday, July 01, 2019	NE PGA Pro-Am	Thorny Lea	Confirmed
Wednesday, July 03, 2019	NEPGA Pro-Officer	TBD	TBD
Monday, July 08, 2019	Stroke Play Series #3	Manchester Country Club	Confirmed
Monday, July 15, 2019	Pro+1Am	TBD	TBD
Thursday, July 18, 2019	NEPGA Pro-Lady	Kernwood Country Club	Confirmed
June 18-20	NEW HAMPSHIRE OPEN	?	Confirmed
July 18-21, 2019	The Open Championship	Royal Portrush	Confirmed
Sunday, July 21, 2019	Needham Pro-Member	Needham Golf Club	Tentative
Monday, July 22, 2019	NEPGA ProPro Stroke Play	The Haven Country Club	Confirmed
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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP NOTES: Joan Stuart

ACH PAYMENTS FOR PURSE WINNINGS

As we begin to prepare for the 2019 Tournament Season, this is a reminder about the advantages of receiving your purse winnings as a direct deposit either into your checking or savings account.

*Why wait to receive your money? Why risk the possibility that the check may get lost in the mail?

*Why wait for the check to be sent or forwarded to a new address?
*Why have a stop payment fee deducted from your check when the Section has to stop payment because you never received the check?

Just recently I received a call from one of your fellow NEPGA Professionals who came across a check that was from a tournament in 2016 that he had never cashed and had forgotten about it. He found It when he was packing up to move to a new home. Don't be that Professional! If he had signed up for Direct Deposit, this would not have happened! The SIMPLE solution is to have the money deposited directly into your account. Please click here For the ACH Payment Form and follow the instructions on the form. If you need any guidance, please call the section office 508.869.0000 or email jstuart@pgahq.com.

Looking for an Assistant for the 2019 Season?

All NEPGA Professionals who would like to list an Assistant Professional or Teaching Professional opening for 2019 on www.nepga.com can email the information on those openings to Joan Stuart at jstuart@pgahq.com and it will posted under our website's Employment Tab until that position is filled or the deadline has passed.

Please include a brief description of the position, the deadline for resumes, the dates of employment, and contact information. It is always recommended that these positions are also posted on www.pga.org. Also, if you need help for outside operations or are looking for a position for yourself, we can also list those for you. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the NEPGA office 508.869.0000.

2018 New England PGA Fall Meeting Recap

















March 1st - 3rd, 2019 Seaport World Trade Center 200 Seaport Blvd, Boston, MA 02210

The countdown to Spring has already started here in New England and the annual National Golf Expo in Boston at Seaport World Trade Center is just six weeks away!

We need your help. Class A PGA Professionals will earn 1 MSR hour under Growth of the Game Category for each hour of volunteering. Associates are more than welcome to volunteer also. During the Expo, the NEPGA with the help of volunteers gives tune-up lessons to both adults and juniors along with a Drive Chip and Putt Skills Competition. Proceeds from the skills competition and tune-up lessons for adults go into the New England PGA Foundation to help fund many of its programs. The junior lessons are free of charge.

During registration, you can sign up for more than one shift and more than one day. Please note that the shifts on Saturday have been adjusted to three shifts rather than two.

For directions and parking information, please click here.

Volunteer Shift Openings

Friday, March 1

12 noon to 4 pm 4 pm to 7 pm

Saturday, March 2

10 am to 1 pm 1 pm to 4 pm 4 pm to 7 pm

Saturday, March 3

10 am to 1 pm 1 pm to 4 pm



Click Here to Register to Volunteer!

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: Jacy Settles











Happy New Year!



Happy New Year from the NEPGA Jr Tour!

The NEPGA Jr Tour consists of over 120 events and over 1,000 members for juniors 9-21 years old. NEPGA Professionals should be proud of such a program as it's a one stop shop for tournament competition. Competition ranges from the Elite tour and Qualifiers for national events which are geared towards low handicappers looking to play

collegiate golf, to the one day events which encompasses nearly all skill levels. Whether a junior golfer is looking to play in college, make the high school golf team or a young-ster looking to make new friends in a tournament setting, the NEPGA Junior tour has it all.

For 2019, the NEPGA Jr. Tour will have a new set of tournaments/events that will be geared for 6-9 year old's who want to gain experience with tournament golf in a friendly and competitive environment. The events will have modified yardages and be less than nine holes. More information about this will announced soon.

The 2019 NEPGA Jr Tour (Section) Membership is now open for registration and all members will receive a membership package later in the summer. Please note, children of PGA Professionals receive a free Membership to the NEPGA Jr. Tour! We aim to have tournament registration open in mid-March.

Highlighting some fantastic facilities on the 2019 schedule – the NEPGA Jr Tour will visit:

Eastward Ho! (pictured right)

Thorny Lea GC Cape Arundel GC CC of New Bedford The Bay Club of Mattapoisett Atkinson Resort &GC The Ridge Club Andover CC Among many more!!

Interns Wanted!

The New England PGA Junior Tour is seeking Interns for the upcoming 2019 season (Mid May-August). If you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a NEPGA intern, please have them forward their resume to me (jsettles@pgahq.com).

Jr. Tour Store & Golf Bag **Fundraiser**

Also, in 2019 the NEPGA Jr Tour Store and Junior Golf Bag fundraiser will continue to operate. The NEPGA Junior Tour is partnered with Ink'd Stores to sell Junior Tour merchandise to those in New England and beyond. Junior Tour logo items are available on their new web store. All proceeds from the store are donated back to the NEPGA Foundation. Some of the items include a backpack, t-shirts, a beanie cap, and sweatshirts. To locate the Junior Tour online store, go to https://stores.inksoft.com/nepga jr tour/shop/home

The NEPGA Junior Tour Golf Bag fundraiser has been a successful program where each Junior Tour member that reaches a fundraising goal of \$300 will received a FREE personalized Taylor Made golf bag! The money raised helps grow our academic scholarship program for members of our Junior Tour, support PGA Junior League/ Drive, Chip, and Putt efforts in New England, and support our program at children's hospitals throughout New England.























New for 2019, 16U is expanding to 17U to provide more opportunity for the kids coming to the game late or aging out of the core program. This is a great way to build the high school programs in your area.

Also, please note that through re-

search and surveys we have found that PGA Jr. League brings in \$5.80 of extra revenue (F&B, merchandise sales, cart revenue, etc.) per each registration dollar paid to professional. That means one team of 12 players brings in over 10K in extra revenue to your facility. Expanding your program will have a huge measurable impact on your facility and your wallet.

Here's a quick timeline for you to put on your calendar:

January 15th - Early deadline for captain registration to begin the league formation process

February 1st – Player registration opens

April through July - Regular season play

August - Section Qualifiers and Section Champion-

September – Regional Qualifiers

October – PGA Jr. League National Championship



We are also looking forward to Drive, Chip & Putt, as we are hosting 9 local qualifiers and two sub-regionals in 2019 and hopefully we'll have even more junior golfers try to realize their dreams of making it to Augusta National GC. Information below:



CHAPTER ROUND-UP

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You Tube







MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 11/21/2018—1/7/2019

NEW ASSOCIATES

Name	Class	Facility
Matthew J. Ferelli Edward A. Montone	B-8 B-8	Hopedale Country Club Tedesco Country Club
Dylan J. Terino	B-8	Montcalm Golf Club

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Bryan R. Fitzpatrick, PGA	A-8	The Haven Country Club
Daniel S. Calderwood, PGA	A-8	White Cliffs Country Club
David W. Brasington, PGA	A-8	Granite Links Golf Club

NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Robert W. Braga, PGA	A-23	Callaway Golf
Frank E. Dully II, PGA	A-1	Kernwood Country Club
Richard W. Hasenfus, PGA	A-1	Needham Golf Club
Robb W. Herron, PGA	A-1	Northport Golf Club
Mark T. O'Brien, PGA	A-1	Captains Golf Course
Thomas E. Rooney, PGA	A-1	LeBaron Hills Country Club

NEW HALF CENTURY MEMBERS

Name	Class
Robert A. Menne, PGA	LM

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Edward F. Clark, PGA	A-1	Wannamoisett Country Club
Nicholas P. Erlichman, PGA Steve M. Field, PGA	A-8 A-1	Sankaty Head Golf Club Plymouth Country Club
Christopher J. Hulme, PGA	A-1	Newport National Golf Club
David J. Jankowski, PGA	A-14	Burlington Country Club
Justin R. Lawson. PGA Matthew S. Lombard	A-4 A-1	Nashua Country Club North Andover Country Club
Jason P. Malcolm, PGA	A-1	Nashua Country Club
Jefferson R. May, PGA	A-4	Manchester Country Club
Bob McGraw, PGA	A-1	Wentworth Golf Club
Kim R. O'Neil, PGA	A-1	Manchester Country Club (VT)
Michael A. Packard, PGA	A-9	SKYiGOLF
Jonathan R. Tamburro, PGA	A-1	The Kittansett Club

CONGRATULATIONS MARK MANGION, PGA!

Alina Dru Mangion Born January 7, 2019 7.7lbs 20"









Teaching Opportunity Available!

Atkinson Resort & Country Club
Atkinson, NH

3 Coaching Studios Available Equipped with:

V1 Software, Trackman & Teaching Aids
Times are flexible

Contact PGA Director of Golf Peter Doherty peter@atkinsoncc.com or 603.489.0205

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<u>available!</u>



Maine Playing Ability Test
Site Needed!

Late May, Early July or Late August timeframes

Contact Joan Stuart if
Interested!



New England Series Sites Needed!

Club receives green fee, cart g shop credit revenues!

Contact Chris Clayton to learn more...

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