



MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT JIM NORIS, PGA



I would like to take this opportunity to usher in the 2012 golf season in New England with my best wishes. I hope many of you had the opportunity to enjoy some rest and relaxation during the off season and had the ability to energize and recharge for the upcoming season. We were very fortunate in New England this winter to enjoy and experience a relatively mild winter. As a result, many facilities have opened their doors much sooner than in years past. I am sensing rejuvenation and excitement among golfers in the Northeast, which provides terrific opportunities for our PGA Professionals. We always want to think outside the box and be as creative as possible as we continue to show our value and professionalism.

I am very excited to report that our Section Officers, Board of Directors and Staff have been working diligently during the off season preparing for the year ahead. The new three officer structure is working out very nicely and Vice President Kelley and Secretary Bond have adjusted nicely and are emerging as true leaders of our great Section. The Section Staff has been preparing for this season and I would like to thank them for their efforts. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff at the Section and Chapter levels.

There is no doubt that by now you have heard something about Golf 2.0. The New England Section is committed to growing the game as well as player development. I encourage each and every one of you to do the same. Educate yourself on Golf 2.0 and get your staff to assist you in growing the game at your facility. Make it personal, as no one knows your facility better than you, as you are the leader at your club.

If you have not already noticed the changes going on at the NEPGA you will undoubtedly be seeing the many changes throughout the year. The New England PGA is committed to improving our current means of communication and to continually try to provide you with new options. Our followers on the NEPGA Facebook and Twitter pages have more than tripled since January 1st of this year. The website is constantly being updated to provide the most current and up-to-date information, and the monthly Newsletter and weekly Mixed Bags continue to provide us with updated news from throughout the Section. We launched a new Employment Tab on www.nepga.com that provides an employment vehicle for NEPGA Facilities to advertise employment opportunities for PGA Professionals, businesses to advertise for industry positions and NEPGA Head Professionals to post job openings for Assistant Professional Positions. There is a new NEPGA Corkboard in the Newsletter, Mixed Bag and on our Website that provides NEPGA Members and Apprentices the ability to promote or advertise something to the membership. These are all wonderful enhancements and you will see more as time goes on.

The NEPGA is so very fortunate to have such wonderful supporters and sponsors of our PGA Professionals. In 2012 the NEPGA introduced a new Partners Program and we are committed to supporting those companies and individuals that support the New England PGA. There is a new Sponsor Spotlight section located in our Mixed Bag and Newsletters that will highlight a new sponsor each week. We have also invited our Sponsors to attend our NEPGA Section Spring Meeting to be introduced to the membership and participate in a Sponsor Appreciation Golf Event following the Meeting. If you have time in your schedule please play in the Sponsor Appreciation Pro-Am and show your appreciation to our Sponsors.

In closing I would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy, healthy and successful 2012. If there is ever anything I can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to call me. I think we should all have a personal goal to get out and play more golf with our members and our staffs and enjoy the game we are working so hard to promote. I am enjoying serving you as your President and I am appreciative of this opportunity.

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LACONIA C.C. WINS BARBADOS PRO-AM

Laconia Country Club in Laconia, NH captured the Inaugural Barbados Pro-Am title at the Apes Hill Golf Club with a score of 251 (-37 under par). Led by host golf professional Todd Rollins and amateurs Mike Handrahan, Brian Battista, and Tom Haughey, the Laconia team carded three straight days of under-par play in the 54-hole tournament played over the Apes Hill and Sandy Lane Country Club courses.



NEPGA GOLF 2.0 EDUCATION SERIES



The New England PGA has introduced a NEW Golf 2.0 Round Table Education Series that is focused on a smaller

group size and will include valuable information for our PGA Members/Apprentices, facility owners and employers. We encourage PGA Professionals to bring along your owners and employers.

This is the most important initiative ever undertaken by our 96 year old organization. Golf 2.0 is a philosophy and a commitment to a belief that golf must change now! We will discuss how to address a wide range of issues, from retaining best customers to courting women and junior golfers to your facility. **Golf 2.0 is a sustained and evolving effort to keep golf relevant and desirable among consumers who increasingly have less money to spend and more entertainment options to pursue.**

Come join PGA Player Development Regional Manager, **Brian Bain, PGA** / PGA of America Employment Consultant, **Michael Packard, PGA** & NEPGA Executive Director, **Michael Higgins** for any of these seminars. PGA Members in attendance will earn 3 MSR Education credits per seminar.

- Subject Topics will include: PGA Golf 2.0 Initiative** Golf Industry Plan to Increase Golfers, Rounds, and Revenues by:
- * Retaining and Strengthening Your Golfing Core
 - * Engaging the "Lapsed" Golfer in Your Area
 - * Driving New Players to Your Facility
 - * Best Practices

Fee: \$25 for PGA member/apprentice online registration & your owner/general manager or board officer(s) are invited to be your complimentary guest (no fee). **Any employer/manger/facility representative at a non-PGA facility is welcome to join us for the \$25/pp cost.** Please join us for one of the remaining seminars:

Cape Cod, East Sandwich, MA – April 9 @ Sandwich Hollows GC; 10:30am (Following the Spring Meeting which begins at 9am), *Lunch Included... Register [HERE!](#)

Rhode Island, TBA

PLAY GOLF AMERICA DAY VOLUNTEERS



PGA Professionals are needed to volunteer to give free 10 minute lessons at Play Golf America Day at Bayberry Hills Golf Course in West Yarmouth, MA on Saturday, April 21, 2012. There are two shifts—Shift 1: 10am-12pm or Shift 2: 12pm – 2pm. PGA Professionals will receive 1 MSR credit per hour (max of 8 credits per day) for volunteering.

Click [here](#) to register to volunteer!

NEW MSR PROGRAM



The PGA of America has developed a revised MSR program that will go into effect on June 16, 2012. Please click

[here](#) to view the updated MSR chart as well as more information about the new MSR program including a Q & A.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2012 APRIL SPONSORS



NEPGA WELCOMES NEW INTERN



We are excited to announce Ben Vandal as our 2012 Tournament Operations Intern. Ben started as full-time staff at the end of February and quickly became a contributor to our everyday operation. Ben graduated in 2011 from the Professional Golfers' Career College where he was honored as the

Valedictorian, and has since held various positions in the golf business. He has worked locally at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett, Country Club of New Bedford and The Ridge Club, and worked in Florida at Windermere Country Club and the North Florida PGA. Last year, he was a Tournament Captain for our NEPGA Junior Tour.

Ben will work primarily in our NEPGA Section Tournaments, but will also work with our New England Series Amateur Tour and run all Social Media outlets for the Section. "I'm excited for the opportunity to continue to work for the New England PGA. I hope to continue to grow my career in the golf industry, and this is the perfect way for me to do that." said Vandal.

Aside from being an avid golfer, Ben enjoys cooking and watching sports. His career goal is to become a member of the PGA TOUR's Tournament Operations Staff. Ben can be reached at BVandal@pgahq.com.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Terry O'Hara left the NEPGA section in 2009 after being the Director of Golf at Cyprian Keyes GC for ten years. Terry is now the Director of Golf at Longboat Key Club (Harborside) in Longboat Key, FL. During the off season, you can find Anne McClure, PGA and Mark Arnold, PGA working as teaching Professionals at Longboat Key. Also, one-time NEPGA intern, Mark Anderson, has found a winter home down there working in the shop for Terry while also working on his game. Here are some pictures of Terry and his wife, Lisa and children, Jack and Ava.



2012 SECTION AND CHAPTER SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Location		Time
April 9th	Cape Cod Chapter	Sandwich Hollows Click here for directions.		9am
April 10th	NEPGA Section	Andover Country Club Click here for directions.		9am
April 11th	Maine Chapter	Val Halla Golf Course Click here for directions.		9am
April 12th	Rhode Island Chapter	Crestwood Country Club Click here for directions.		10:30am
April 19th	Assistants' Association	Oyster Harbors Club Click here for directions.		8am
April 26th	Massachusetts Chapter	Myopia Hunt Club Click here for directions.		10:30am
April 27th	Seniors' Association	Middleton Golf Club Click here for directions.		9am
May 2nd	Vermont Chapter	Rutland Country Club Click here for directions.		9am

THANK YOU

2012 SPONSORS

Our current 2012 sponsors will be recognized at our Sponsor Appreciation Day held in conjunction with the NEPGA 2012 Spring Meeting at Andover Country Club on April 10th. Click [here](#) for more information on the Sponsor Appreciation Pro-Pro and to register to play!



NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



After a winter that never was...here we go, time to play some golf. I speak for everyone on the NEPGA Staff when we say we hope you can find some time to come out and play some golf this year. We know how busy everybody is these days and we truly appreciate your support of our tournament program and the sponsors who enhance it. Entries are currently being accepted for all Section events on the 2012 NEPGA Schedule.

The NEPGA Section Tournament Schedule kicks off with a new format to start the 2012 campaign, a Blind Draw Pro-Pro/Sponsor Day that will follow the Spring Meeting at Andover Country Club on Tuesday, April 10. File your entry and we will pair you with one of our sponsors for the upcoming season. This instantly becomes one of our most important events on the schedule. Without the support of our many sponsors, we would not be able to provide you with the many playing opportunities we have. Make the time to participate and to show your support for all they do for us. Thank You to Mike Menery, PGA, for once again stepping up to host.

Spring Fling Pro-Ams follow on Monday, April 23 at Thorny Lea Golf Club, host professional Peter Norton, PGA and the members of Thorny Lea are long time supporters of our Section activities. When you see Peter take a moment to say Thanks, they don't come any better than he does. Also, please say Thank You to our loyal supporters, Cutter & Buck and Paul Pichette, fixtures on the NEPGA schedule.

While Thorny has been one of our regular and favorite stops the last few years, we are incredibly excited to return to a course that for many years served as the starting point for the Section schedule. On Wednesday, April 25, the wonderful Cummaquid Golf Club returns to the NEPGA schedule. If you haven't been around as long as I have you may not have played Cummaquid. Take the opportunity to entertain your members at one of the classic Cape courses, you won't be disappointed. Thanks to Stephen Spencer, PGA for hosting and Kathy Lynch and Ash City, another sponsor who goes beyond in helping and supporting the NEPGA. The format for both events; Team: 2 Best-Balls of 4, with an optional Individual Professional competition.

Next up, the first Championship on the 2012 NEPGA schedule, the Pro-Pro Match Play takes place on Monday through Wednesday, April 30 - May 2 at Lebaron Hills Country Club. A Monday morning round of Four-Ball Stroke Play will decide the sixteen teams that qualify for match play. Greg Yeomans, PGA and Joe Cordani, PGA are the defending Champions. A huge Thank You to Adams Golf and Matt Howard for again serving as the presenting sponsor for this event. Additionally, SkyGolf and Golf Max also return as supporting sponsors. Tom Rooney, PGA and Superintendent Mark Klimm will once again be our hosts, please acknowledge their continued support if you see them at the event.

That's what's in the immediate future. But, as we move down the road this season we have a few changes and some new things to offer. We will briefly touch on a couple of them here and then ask you to keep watching and reading as the season progresses for updates and more information in these newsletters and the weekly "Mixed Bag" emails.

The AHEAD Stroke Play Series presented by AHEAD & the one and only Terry Frechette returns with five individual stroke play events scheduled to be played in varying parts of the Section.. A blind draw Pro-Pro competition is also included in the entry for each event. The top 50 point earners will qualify for the AHEAD Stroke Play Championship with eligibility based on the yearlong points accumulated at each AHEAD event. The AHEAD series kicks off this year on Monday, May 14 at a true Donald Ross gem, Charles River Country Club.

We are introducing a new Section wide event to the 2012 schedule, the NEPGA Round Robin Team Challenge. Each New England Section Chapter will field six teams consisting of two Professionals, who are both members of that same Chapter; they will then compete in a round robin format consisting of five 18-hole matches against the five other teams within their Chapter Division. Points will be awarded for each match based on results from the front nine, back nine and 18 hole totals. The four teams with the highest point totals within the Chapter Division at the end of the season will advance to the Championship round. Entry is available to the first six teams of eligible Professionals from each Chapter that files an entry. Look for further details on entering, scheduling, scoring, and reporting results on the NEPGA (nepga.com) website.

Finally, the NEPGA Tournament Committee has approved a revised version of the 2011 point system used for determining the Wogan Award (NEPGA Player of the Year). The Committee updated the point distribution for 2012 to provide better balance for points awarded at each event, while also identifying those that it feels are the most important on the schedule. The revised point system will be available on the NEPGA website (nepga.com).

That's it for now, please stay current with all things NEPGA at our revamped website and watch your emails for the weekly "Mixed Bag" offerings. We look forward to seeing many of you at our events this season, let's hope Mother Nature continues her kind ways and we have a season of good weather for our events, both Section and Chapter.

Look for more Tournament News next month; see you down the road.

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GOLF 2.0 MESSAGE



Player Development = Your Future It's Personal

Now that you have committed to providing a player development program at your facility, and you have successfully communicated your plan to your employer and your staff, it is now time to analyze the process to establish attainable goals and to ensure success.

When analyzing your current programs, or if you are creating new programs, it is important to perform both an *INTERNAL* and *EXTERNAL* analysis. Internal analysis incorporates factors at your facility, while external analysis focuses on your local market. Both are extremely important and will highly influence the success of your player development programs.

INTERNAL FACTORS to analyze include:

- Effectiveness of your current planning process – *is your entire staff involved with the planning process?*
- Current programming – *what is working best? What areas need improvement?*
- Instructional team and staff – *is everyone educated on the programs offered, and actively engaged?*
- Marketing – *are the marketing tools you are using effective? Which are most effective?*
- Atmosphere – *how welcoming is your facility and staff to new golfers?*
- Physical plant (golf course, range and atmosphere) – *do you have available areas to utilize for player development activities – create a hole(s) on the driving range; create shorter tees; create a three or six hole loop, etc. Is your Superintendent aware and actively engaged in your player development programs?*

EXTERNAL FACTORS to consider include:

- Understand demographic of your local population - *average income, age range, ethnic and gender breakdowns*

- Understanding “latent demand” for golf within your community – *what is the level of interest in playing golf or playing more?*
- Identify business, community based organizations, etc. where you are likely to locate your target consumer groups – *do these organizations currently have a golf league, or could you help them develop one?*
- Understand the competitive landscape in your area – *number of other facilities, types, and their programs and services*

When analyzing both your internal and external factors, it is best to utilize a SWOT analysis. This is where you analyze your :

STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES OPPORTUNITIES THREATS

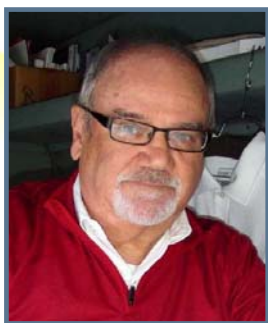
This critical analysis will be used in the development of your business plan and objectives as well as your marketing plans. You will want to capitalize on your strengths, minimize weaknesses, take advantage of opportunities and neutralize threats. Another excellent way to help analyze your rounds and revenues relative to similar facilities in your area, Section, state and country is **PGA PerformanceTrak**. If you are not currently utilizing this great resource, I encourage you to do so. Click [here](#) to visit the **PGA PerformanceTrak** website.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions as I am here to help us as a Section and you at your facility become more effective. Let's start letting our employers know that the PGA Professional is the one that can really make a difference! I can be reached at 617-820-4411 or by email at bbain@pgahq.com

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PGA Player Development Regional Manager ~ Boston

GOLF 2.0
GROWING THE GAME
Friends, Family, Fun!

NEPGA SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



Paul Pichette
Cutter & Buck

Click [here](#) to learn about Paul in our current NEPGA Sponsor Spotlight.

To view the Sponsor Spotlight archive, click [here](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLINIC

Braintree Municipal Golf Club will host a free clinic for veterans every Thursday night from 5pm-7pm through May 17th. If you would like to volunteer to provide instruction to the veterans, please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781-843-6513 x2 or bbeach@braintreema.gov. Members who volunteer will earn 2 MSR credits. The next clinic will be held this coming Thursday, April 5th. We appreciate your support!

DID YOU KNOW?

Pro-Member Invitational registration is live and the registration links are available on NEPGA.com under Tournaments, then Pro Members. Sign up today!

Information on the 2012 Regional State Opens is also available under Tournaments, then State Opens.

NEW ENGLAND PGA 2011 SPECIAL AWARDS BANQUET

The recently held NEPGA Annual Awards Dinner at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, MA celebrated our 2011 Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees. To view the complete list of winners, please click [here](#) to visit NEPGA.com.



Professional of the Year Jim DiMarino, PGA with NEPGA President Jimmy Noris, PGA.



Justin Lawson, PGA accepting the Assistant of the Year Award



Leigh Bader, PGA, Merchandiser of the Year Public Award winner, with Jimmy Noris, PGA



NEPGA Hall of Fame Inductee Jim O'Leary, PGA and Jimmy Noris, PGA



NEPGA Vice President Larry Kelley, PGA, NEPGA Executive Director Mike Higgins and NEPGA President Jimmy Noris, PGA



Barrie Bruce, PGA, President's Plaque Award winner, with Jimmy Noris, PGA



Jim O'Leary, Hall of Fame Inductee, and his family



Bob Beach, PGA accepting the 2011 Horton Smith Award



David Baluik, PGA accepting the Hall of Fame Plaque for his Dad, Stan Baluik, PGA, along with Jimmy Noris, PGA



Donnie Lyons, PGA and Art Harris, PGA



Angela Zhang accepting her NEPGA Jr Tour Girl Player of the Year Award



Jack Neville, PGA with Bob Donovan, Ouimet Fund Executive Director, and Bob's wife Theresa



Brendan Hunter, NEPGA Jr Tour Boy Player of the Year with Jimmy Noris, PGA



Bob Beach, PGA and his wife, Cathleen Beach, with Donnie Lyons, PGA

NEPGA HS GOLF COACH SEMINAR

The New England PGA will be hosting a High School Golf Coach Seminar on Friday, April 20, 2012 at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston, MA. Enjoy a complete program of special guest presentations, golf lessons by PGA Professionals and a round of golf after the seminar. This event is only open to High School Golf Coaches—no juniors!

Guest speakers include:

Ron Green, PGA – Director of Rules and Competitions at the New England PGA

Dave Marcotte, PGA – Assistant Coach of Men's Golf at the University of Rhode Island & Head Golf Professional at Point Judith Country Club

Mickey Herron, PGA – Head Coach of Men's Golf at Bentley University and New England PGA Tournament Manager of Rhode Island & Cape Cod Chapters

Kevin Rhoads, PGA – Head Coach of Women's Golf – Harvard University and PGA Teaching Professional at The Country Club

**Note: guest speakers are subject to change*

Golf Lessons:

Scott Hickey, PGA Director of Instruction at Cyprian Keyes GC, will give Trackman simulations along with golf instruction to participants at the driving range (Bring your clubs!).

Schedule of Events for Friday, April 20, 2012:

8:30 – 10:30 -- Seminar with Guest Speakers

10:30 – 12:30 -- Trackman simulation & Golf Lessons at the Cyprian Keyes Driving Range

11:00 – 12:15 -- Lunch running concurrently with Golf Instruction events [Participants can come and go as they please (eat first or take swings first).]

12:30 -- Tee times on the Championship course for participants

Cost:

Seminar & Golf = \$100

Seminar & Lunch (NO GOLF) = \$30

To register, click [here](#) to sign up online today! You may also register by clicking [here](#) to download the application and fax it into the section office at 508-869-0009, or you can call the section office to sign up at 508-869-0000.

PGA MEMBER BENEFITS



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As a PGA Professional there are a wide range of benefits, services and resources available to you and your facility. We encourage you to visit the PGA Benefits section on PGALinks.com, as new offerings are added frequently. Click [here](#) to view your benefits.

JUNIOR GOLF CORNER



PGA

New England Section
Junior Tour

Dear NEPGA Professionals,

The 2012 NEPGA Junior Tour is an exciting place for all things junior golf. We have several programs that we offer and we ask that you, the NEPGA Professional, be an ambassador for the NEPGA Junior Tour by informing your junior golfers of our wonderful tour. Some programs we offer include:

ELITE TOUR – The Elite Tour is a set of handicap restricted 2-day (36-hole) competitions for the better player (ages 14-18). This is a perfect place for those juniors thinking of playing collegiate golf. Scores from these events will be ranked nationally by the Junior Golf Scoreboard.

ONE-DAY EVENTS – We have over 75 one-day events for boys and girls aged 9-21. All skill levels are welcome to play in these events. Whether you're new to golf or preparing for the high school team, everyone is welcome at these events. It's a great way to experience tournament competition while meeting new friends. Again, we welcome all skill levels for our one-day events.

GOLFER GIRLS TOUR -- The New England PGA Golfer Girl Tour provides an opportunity for girls, ages 9 to 21, to play golf, build lasting friendships and experience competition in a fun, social setting, preparing them for a lifetime of enjoyment with the game. The NEPGA Golfer Girl Tour is a set of 9-hole events, where the focus is on *participation, having fun and making new friends*. Again, this is a non-competitive set of events geared towards girls being social, bringing friends and just having fun.

The NEPGA Jr. Tour has something for everyone and we appreciate your support! You can find more information on NEPGA.com under the Junior Golf tab.

Thank you,

Jacy Settles
Mgr. of Jr. Golf Operations
New England PGA

COBRA-PUMA GIRLS GOLF FAIR

The 2012 Cobra-Puma Girls Golf Fair Presented by PGA Tour Charities will be held at TPC River Highlands on May 19th and is hosted by Suzy Whaley, PGA! Click [here](#) to complete the online registration form below to secure your child's spot in the activities. This fun-filled event will include activities aimed at getting girls excited about golf!

JR TOUR MEMBERSHIP OFFER



PGA

New England Section
Junior Tour

New to the 2012 NEPGA Jr. Tour – **FREE MEMBERSHIP!** We are offering a **FREE** membership to children ages 9-21) of PGA Professionals. To receive the free membership, please click [here](#) to complete the application for each child and mail or fax it to the section office.

CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

VERMONT CHAPTER



The Vermont Chapter has enjoyed an early spring opening for many of our facilities. Like other Chapters in the NE Section, Vermont recorded record high temperatures during the middle of March, some days beating old high records by 10-12 degrees! Having said that, and at the time of this newsletter, snow flurries are back in the weather report.

Our various VT Chapter committees have met this past month and committee chairman have reported all systems are a go. Scheduling, sponsor contacts, and committee member responsibilities have all been completed.

The Golf 2.0 presentation by Brian Bain, PGA and Mike Packard, PGA took place on Monday, March 26th at Green Mountain National hosted by Dave Soucy, PGA. PGA members, apprentices, guest club officials attending totaled 35. The 3 hour session and break out groups provided many new ideas. The open discussion style of presentation was enjoyed by all. Creative ideas were shared by all. Everyone took with them a myriad of new information to try at their facilities.

Our VT Chapter Spring Meeting and Sponsor Appreciation day are scheduled for May 2nd at Rutland CC. Our sponsors, media and allied association guests are invited to lunch and a round of golf with our VT Chapter members after our meeting. In the past, this casual day's activities have been enjoyed by all. A great way to meet and thank our sponsors and also mingle with our Vermont allied associates in the golf industry.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



The New Hampshire Chapter conducted its spring meeting of the members on April 2nd at Intervale C.C. Chapter President Alex Kirk presided over the meeting which was followed by a Golf 2.0 seminar.

The Chapter will kick off one of its earliest schedules ever with a pro-am at Green Meadow in Hudson, NH on April 9th. That event will be followed by: The Oaks, April 16; Scottish Highlands, April 23 and Laco-nia on April 30.

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CAPE COD CHAPTER



SPRING TOURNEY SEASON IS UPON US

The Cape Cod PGA chapter will open the 2012 competitive season at Eastward Ho! on Tuesday, April 17th. Please visit www.ccpga.com to register for all events this season. This Pro-3Am is followed by the Mohegan sun qualifying Pro-3Am at Pocasset sponsored by Bobby Byrnes Pubs and the Pro-1Am Championship at Farm Neck – both in May.

SPRING MEETING AT SANDWICH HOLLOWES

Monday, April 9th – 9:00 AM – Sandwich Hollows/ Bayview Room. Agenda will be forwarded to chapter members prior to this meeting. Many important topics will be discussed including request to amend existing by-laws, Golf 2.0, upcoming educational opportunities, review of BlueGolf procedures, Cape Cod Junior Golf Association developments and much more. Award plaques will be presented to all of the 2011 award winners as well. Thank you to PGA Head Professional Jesse Schechtman for inviting the chapter to his club. Coffee, juices, and light breakfast fare will be served beginning at 8:30 AM. Sandwich Hollows/ Exit 3 off the Mid-Cape Highway/ then follow signs to club entrance.

WELCOME NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS!

On behalf of all Cape Cod chapter members – we extend an enthusiastic welcome to our newest members for 2012! If I have omitted anyone in this newsletter, please contact me for the May edition:



Jay Askew
PGA Head Professional
The Ridge Club



Chad Schofield
PGA Head Professional
The Brookside Club



John Paesani
PGA Professional
The Bay Club

John Sheehan
PGA Head Professional
Waverly Oaks GC

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CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



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New England Section
Rhode Island Chapter

SPRING MEETING & PRO-PRO

The annual Rhode Island PGA spring meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12th at 10:30 AM at Crestwood CC. PGA Head Professional Bo Botelho has graciously invited the Chapter to enjoy a PRO-PRO immediately following the meeting - and the event is sponsored by Greg Sutcliffe from Callaway. Greg has kindly signed on to sponsor three total events this year for our Chapter!



Please sign up on BlueGolf for the PRO-PRO....you may select your own partner in this event.

Annual awards will be presented to several Chapter colleagues at this meeting. Continental breakfast at 10:00 AM through the meeting.

PRO-AM SEASON BEGINS AT LEDGEMONT

The first Rhode Island chapter Pro-3Am is scheduled for Thursday, April 19th at the outstanding Ledgemont CC, site of this year's Rhode Island Open in mid-summer. Hosted by PGA Head Professional Todd Campbell and PGA General Manager Jack Tosone, this event is sponsored by Gary Rencurrel representing TaylorMade Golf. Format: 2 BB of 4, no handicap restrictions! Food following this 1:00 PM Shotgun event. Sign up now on BlueGolf.



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SENIORS' ASSOCIATION

The updated Seniors' Association schedule is listed below.

Date	Venue	Event
27-Apr	Middleton GC	Spring Meeting 9:00AM <i>Pro Pro afterwards</i>
2-May	Tedesco CC	Pro 3 Am
10-May	Wianno CC	Pro 3 Am
17-May	Cape Cod CC	Pro 3 Am
24-May	Milton Hoosic Club	Pro 3 Am
14-Jun	Whitinsville GC	Pro 3 Am
28-Jun	Gannon Municipal GC	Pro 3 Am
11-Jul	Bradford CC	Pro 3 Am
18-Jul	Needham GC	Pro 3 Am
26-Jul	Hopkinton CC	Pro 3 Am
August 1-2	Okemo Valley GC	NEPGA SR Championship
22-Aug	CC of Halifax	Pro 3 Am
August TBA	Haverhill CC	Pro 3 Am
Sept. 20	Bass Rocks GC	Pro 3 Am
Oct. 3	Thorny Lea GC	Pro 3 Am
Oct. 11	Blackstone National GC	Pro 3 Am
Oct. 18	Pleasant Valley CC	Pro 3 Am
25-Oct	Kirkbrae CC	Fall Meeting & Seniors' Association Championship

MAINE CHAPTER



REMINDER

Maine Chapter NEPGA Spring Meeting
Wednesday, April 11
Val Halla GC
9:00AM

The meeting is sponsored by our partners at Titleist, Five Star Golf Cars and Bushnell.

Following the meeting, we have scheduled an education seminar that will focus on the Rule Changes for 2012. Please contact Tony Decker to register for the seminar. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch.

We have made some minor changes to the schedule. Click [here](#) to view it on the homepage of the website. I'm happy to report the Chapter will be conducting the Assistants Championship in 2012. It will be held at Natanis GC on August 30th. Professionals will have the option of selling raffle tickets to offset the cost of their entry fee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Casey Cox, PGA Apprentice at Webhannet GC, for his help in launching this event again. We will have much more information about this "new" event at the spring meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on April 11th at Val Halla.

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ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION



PGA
New England Section
Assistants' Association

The Assistants' Association would like to invite you to our season starting seminar which will be held at Clery's Irish Pub in Boston on

Tuesday, April 10th. The evening will begin at 8:00 pm in the upstairs private room of Clery's, where John Goulos, a financial planner with Legacy Financial Group will present on the importance of basic investing, planning and providing sound advice regarding specific financial goals.

Following John's presentation, which will last about an hour, we will discuss the Association's new website and upcoming events. We will provide appetizers and a social setting where everyone can relax and catch up with one another. We hope that many of you will attend in order to have a fun night out. 2 MSR Education Credits can be earned by attending the meeting.

Please RSVP to Steve Bramlett (stephen@kernwoodcc.org or 978-745-1210 ext. 2) and register through the below link if you would like to attend.

Click [here](#) to register for the seminar!

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

A special thanks to all the PGA Professionals that helped out at the Worcester and Boston Golf Expos this year!



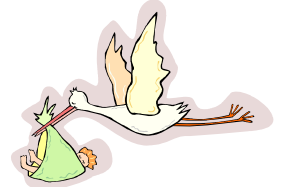
WELCOME!



Allie Blomquist, PGA welcomed a baby girl, Tatum (pictured left), on January 4, 2012.

PGA Head Professional Roger King of the Country Club of Barre and his wife Erin recently welcomed Nelle Nadia King (pictured right) on March 31, 2012 at 11:10 pm.

PGA Head Professional Adam Hemeon of Weston Golf Club welcomed son, Adam Fletcher Hemeon, into the world on April 3, 2012 at 8:45pm weighing 8lbs, 9oz..



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AT THE TURN

Member Updates

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Trevor D. England, PGA	A-8	White Cliffs CC
Jeffrey V. Ferzoco, PGA	A-8	Newport CC
Jeffrey C. Gentes, PGA	A-8	Burlington CC
Tyler A. Gosselin, PGA	A-8	The Country Club
Torey E. Surething, PGA	A-8	Cohasset GC
Robert D. Tramonti, PGA	A-14	Triggs Municipal GC
Mark D. Trudeau, PGA	A-8	Concord CC
Paul R. White, PGA	A-8	Fall River CC

New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Kyle A Bouley	B-8	Plymouth CC
Timothy M Carey	B-8	Squirrel Run Golf & CC
Colin J O'Brien	B-8	CC of Barre
Thomas J Rourke	B-8	Cummaquid GC

Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
John W Askew, PGA	A-1	The Ridge Club
Robert J. Bradley, PGA	A-1	Brockton CC
William C. Buchanan IV, PGA	A-4	Oak Hill CC
John J. Carey, PGA	A-13	Patriot GC
Stephen P. Caruso, PGA	A-8	Thomson CC
Robert N. Crovetti, PGA	A-12	Merrimack College
Matthew J. DeLois, PGA	A-1	Plausawa Valley CC
Daniel B. Dempsey, PGA	A-20	Ahead
James J. Durfee, PGA	A-1	The Harmon Golf-- Boston Campus
Thomas A Ellis, PGA	A-1	Robert T. Lynch Municipal GC
Brian P. Fitzgibbons, PGA	A-14	Cyprian Keyes GC
Stephen R. Lauzier, PGA	A-2	Stix Golf Range
Paul H. Meunier, PGA	A-4	Basin Harbor Club
Jeffrey G Monteleone, PGA	A-1	Bellevue GC
Christopher S. Mowers, PGA	A-4	Nippo Lake GC and Rochester CC
Marcus M. Munsill II, PGA	A-8	Mount Snow CC
Kim R. O'Neil, PGA	A-1	Newport CC
John Paesani, PGA	A-8	The Bay Club
Paul J. Politano, PGA	A-13	Montague GC
Daniel J. Russell, PGA	A-1	Crown Point CC
Timothy D. Tarcha, PGA	A-14	Bungay Brook GC
Christopher M Twombly, PGA	A-1	Prouts Neck CC
Gregory A. Wright, PGA	A-8	Pine Oaks GC
Raymond J. Ziats, PGA	A-8	Sugarbush GC

New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Phillip W. Johnson, PGA	A-8	Northern California
Kim R. O'Neil, PGA	A-1	South Florida
John Paesani, PGA	A-8	Connecticut
Michael J. Sullivan, PGA	A-8	Philadelphia
Christopher M Twombly, PGA	A-1	Philadelphia

Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
John W Askew, PGA	A-1	3/12	The Ridge Club
Robert J. Bradley, PGA	A-1	4/1	Brockton CC
Stephen P. Caruso, PGA	A-8	4/1	Thomson CC
Robert N. Crovetti, PGA	A-12	3/1	Merrimack College
Matthew J. DeLois, PGA	A-1	3/5	Plausawa Valley CC
Daniel B. Dempsey, PGA	A-20	4/1	Ahead
Thomas A Ellis, PGA	A-1	3/19	Robert T. Lynch Municipal GC
Brian P. Fitzgibbons, PGA	A-14	3/15	Cyprian Keyes GC
Robert K Flanders, PGA	A-8	3/1	Ferncroft CC
Robert P. Jacobs, PGA	A-8	4/1	Bear Hill GC
Phillip W. Johnson, PGA	A-8	3-19	Renaissance GC
Stephen R. Lauzier, PGA	A-2	3/26	Stix Golf Range
Paul H. Meunier, PGA	A-4	4/1	Basin Harbor Club
Jeffrey G Monteleone, PGA	A-1	3/1	Bellevue GC
Christopher S. Mowers, PGA	A-4	3/4	Nippo Lake GC and Rochester CC
Christopher K. Newberry, PGA	A-8	3/27	Framingham CC
Kim R. O'Neil, PGA	A-1	3/1	Newport CC
John Paesani, PGA	A-8	4/1	The Bay Club
Jill M. Philips, PGA	A-8	3/19	Weston GC
Paul J. Politano, PGA	A-13	4/1	Montague GC
Dustin M. Ribolini, PGA	A-8	3/27	Hanover CC/ Dartmouth College
Daniel J. Russell, PGA	A-1	4/1	Crown Point CC
Brian J. Spitz, PGA	A-14	3/27	Golf Town - Avon
Michael J. Sullivan, PGA	A-8	3/12	Weston GC
Timothy D. Tarcha, PGA	A-14	4/1	Bungay Brook GC
Christopher M Twombly, PGA	A-1	3/1	Prouts Neck CC
Tim J. Watroba, PGA	A-8	4/1	Hyannisport Club
Eddie K. Whalley, PGA	A-1	3/1	Reedy Meadow GC
Gregory A. Wright, PGA	A-8	3/3	Pine Oaks GC
Raymond J. Ziats, PGA	A-8	3/7	Sugarbush GC

*These reports reflect changes made between March 1, 2012 and April 4th.



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