

# APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER

Image courtesy of <http://newyorkstateofsports.com>

## NEPGA ANNOUNCES 2013 AWARD WINNERS AND HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



### NEPGA Officers



**Jim Noris, PGA**  
President  
[jnorisdpc@aol.com](mailto:jnorisdpc@aol.com)



**Larry Kelley, PGA**  
Vice President  
[larry@fivestargolfcars.com](mailto:larry@fivestargolfcars.com)



**Susan Bond, PGA**  
Sec-Treasurer  
[csicbond@aol.com](mailto:csicbond@aol.com)



**Steve Demmer, PGA**  
Honorary President  
[sdemmer@kittansett.org](mailto:sdemmer@kittansett.org)

**Boylston, MA** — With 243 PGA Professionals in attendance, the 2013 NEPGA Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees were announced at Spring Meeting at Andover Country Club on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

**Chris Carpenter, PGA** Head Professional at Nashawtuc Country Club has been named the recipient of the prestigious **2013 Golf Professional of the Year**. **Steve Napoli, PGA** General Manager at Liberty National Golf Club and Past President of the New England PGA from 1999-2001, winner of the 2003 PGA National Bill Strausbaugh Award and 1992 NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year along with **Kirk Hanefeld, PGA** who was the 2005 NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year as well as a two-time winner of the Senior PGA Professional National Championship both in 2008 and 2011 and three-time winner of the NEPGA Section Championship along with many state opens over the years are the **2013 Hall of Fame Inductees**.

The **2013 Junior Golf Leader Award** was given to **Ron Bibeau, PGA** Executive Director of The First Tee of Maine. **Kevin Rhoads, PGA** Teaching Professional from The Country Club was named the **2013 NEPGA Teacher of the Year**. The **Bill Strausbaugh Award** for 2013 was given to **Mark Heartfield, PGA** Head Professional from Sankaty Head Golf Club. **Tom Moffatt, PGA** Assistant Professional from Cape Arundel Golf Club was named as the recipient of the **Horton Smith Award**. The 2013 **Assistant Golf Professional of the Year** is **Rob Jarvis, PGA** Assistant Professional from Bangor Municipal Golf Course. The **2013 Merchandiser of the Year** at a public facility is **Lou Rivers, PGA** Head Professional at Foxborough Country Club. **Barry Westall, PGA** Head Professional at Newport Country Club is the **2013 Merchandiser of the Year Award** Winner for a private facility. **Peter Doherty, PGA** Head Professional at Atkinson Resort and Country Club is the recipient of the **2013 Merchandiser of the Year Award** for a resort facility.

The recipient of the **2013 Player Development Award** (formerly known as the President's Plaque) is **Zachary Wyman, PGA** Director of Golf at Vermont National Country Club.

**Bob Beach, PGA** Head Professional at Braintree Municipal Golf Course is the recipient of the **2013 NEPGA Patriot Award** in recognition of the dedication that Bob has shown towards bringing the game of golf not only to veterans but also to their families through the numerous clinics he runs throughout the year. He also won this prestigious award in 2012.

The **2013 George S. Wemyss Award** has been given to **Joan Stuart**, Honorary Member of the New England PGA and also an employee of the New England PGA.

All of the 2013 Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees will be formally honored at the **NEPGA Special Awards Dinner** scheduled for later this year. The date and location will be announced shortly. Please visit [www.NEPGA.com](http://www.NEPGA.com) for more information when it becomes available.

### NEPGA Staff

**Michael J. Higgins**  
Executive Director  
[mhiggins@pgahq.com](mailto:mhiggins@pgahq.com)

**Dave McAdams**  
Tournament Director  
[dmcadams@pgahq.com](mailto:dmcadams@pgahq.com)

**Joan Stuart**  
Accounting/Finance Director  
[jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com)

**Ron Green, PGA**  
Rules & Championships  
Senior Director  
[rgreen@pgahq.com](mailto:rgreen@pgahq.com)

**Jacy Settles**  
Junior Golf Operations Manager  
[jsettles@pgahq.com](mailto:jsettles@pgahq.com)

### Chapter Tournament Managers

**Dave Christy, PGA (VT)**  
[dchristy@pgahq.com](mailto:dchristy@pgahq.com)

**Tony Decker, PGA (ME)**  
[tdecker@pgahq.com](mailto:tdecker@pgahq.com)

**Mickey Herron, PGA (CC/RI)**  
[mherron@pgahq.com](mailto:mherron@pgahq.com)

**Frank Swierz (NH)**  
[f.swierz@comcast.net](mailto:f.swierz@comcast.net)

### CONTENTS

Member News	1-8
Ch. & Assoc. News	9-12
Member Updates	13



Follow us on **Facebook & Twitter!**



## DRIVE CHIP &amp; PUTT REGISTRATION



Golf's sudden appeal can be accomplished in just one shot. Begin with a booming drive which lands in the fairway. Then a chip bounces and rolls on the green before gently hitting the flagstick for a hole out. Finally, a putt tracks toward the hole, catches the lip and settles at the bottom. These shots make up the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship, open to boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 15. This free nationwide competition gives juniors of all skill levels an opportunity to hit that single shot they'll remember forever, whether it be a local qualifier or the ultimate finale at the Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters Tournament.

The Drive, Chip and Putt Championship offers a Fun, Fast and Forever experience. The course starts here.

**The deadline for registration for the qualifiers listed below is April 30, 2013.**

Your New England Sites are:

Cyprian Keyes Golf Club - Boylston, MA - 6/23  
 Windham Country Club - Windham, NH - 6/29  
 Blissful Meadows - Uxbridge, MA - 7/1  
 Granite Links Golf Club - Quincy, MA - 7/10  
 The Bay Club - Mattapoisett, MA - 7/16  
 Triggs Municipal Golf Course - Providence, RI - 7/18  
 Links at Lang Farm - Essex Junction, VT - 7/21  
 Val Halla Golf & Rec - Cumberland, ME - 7/22  
 Lebaron Hills Country Club - Lakeville, MA - 7/28  
 Black Rock Country Club - Hingham, MA - 7/29

Regional Finals will be held at Pinehills Golf Club, Plymouth, MA on August 12, 2013.

**Sign Up Now At:** [www.drivechipandputt.com/](http://www.drivechipandputt.com/)

## NEPGA PARTNERS WITH LINCOLN



LINCOLN

The NEPGA is excited about our new partnership with Lincoln. We are urging our New England PGA Professionals to show their appreciation by supporting our 2013 schedule. Every event is important and this is just one way that Lincoln measures the value of their sponsorship.

Sign up today for the NEPGA Spring Fling Pro-Ams at [Thorny Lea GC \(April 22nd\)](#) and [Woods Hole GC \(April 24th\)](#)!

Certain Pro-Ams are also presented by Mohegan Sun and the winning team of the combined gross and net competition will be invited to our Mohegan Sun Tournament of Champions in October. We will be offering Lincoln Test Drive giveaways and certificates at most of our Lincoln Pro-Am events, as well as the opportunity to win a two year lease on a brand new 2013 Lincoln!

2013 NEPGA Round Robin Team Challenge - *Don't Forget to Register!*

The 2013 Round Robin Team Challenge has been open for over a week, and teams are quickly signing up for the second edition of this fun event that preaches flexibility and camaraderie! Teams that played last year have first chance to sign up until April 24. At that time, divisions will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, click [here](#) to view the info sheet.

To register, visit your Chapter tournament schedule and click on the Round Robin on May 1st.

Don't miss out on this season-long event!

THANK YOU TO OUR  
2013 APRIL SPONSORS

LINCOLN



**NEPGA**  
**Hole In One**  
**POOL**

[Click here to sign up!](#)

## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



As I type this, I am finally looking at snow free ground outside my window. Provided Mother Nature has come to her senses and the move toward springtime temperatures continue, we can actually start thinking about playing golf.

We teased you last month with April tournament dates and following the NEPGA Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 9, we kicked things off with our Pro-Sponsor event at the Andover Country Club.

The first two Section, Spring Fling Pro-Ams are scheduled for Monday, April 22 at Thorny Lea Golf Club and Wednesday, April 24 at Woods Hole Golf Club. Both venues provide great opportunities for you to get out and play some early season golf with your members.

The first Championship of 2013 is the next week, Monday, April 29-Wednesday, May 1 are the dates for the Pro-Pro Match Play Championship, sponsored by Adams Golf, GolfMax and SkyGolf. Lebaron Hills Country Club will again host; Troy Pare, PGA and Jeff Martin, PGA are the defending Champions.

May is a busy month, a Pro-Am at the challenging Portsmouth Country Club on May 6 starts it off, always one of our most popular events, let's hope we are able to enjoy some calm conditions to make those par 3, 4 & 5's along the water play a little bit easier.

Then on Tuesday, May 14, we venture down to Rhode Island for the first Stroke Play Series event at Shelter Harbor Golf Club. AHEAD Golf returns and is joined by Cutter & Buck as the presenting sponsors for this very popular season long competition, they are joined by long time supporting sponsor, Golf Buddy along with Terry Frechette. Shelter will provide a good test to determine where your game stands as we head into the rest of the NEPGA tournament season.

The next two events on the May calendar offer some playing opportunities for the guys & gals who put in a lot of hours and make it all happen, the Assistant Professionals. The Hudson Cup at Duxbury Yacht Club is first on Thursday, May 16. Dan Dwyer, PGA was the 2012 Champion.

The following Monday, May 20 is the date for the Acushnet Pro-Assistant Championship at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett. Titleist & Foot-Joy are once again showing their support of the New England Section and its PGA Professionals and Apprentices. Always one of the best events of the year, please come out and spend some time not just competing but also enjoying some early season time together with your fellow Professionals and their staffs. Four teams tied for the Championship last year with a score of six under par, so get those games in shape.

The month of May closes out with another extremely popular event on the schedule, the NEPGA Pro-Am Championship, sponsored by adidas-Ashworth Golf.

*Continued on pg. 5...*

## HS GOLF COACH SEMINAR

Attention High School Golf Coaches:

You are cordially invited to the New England PGA Annual Spring High School Golf Coach Seminar on Friday, April 19, 2013 at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, 284 East Temple Street 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!

The cost to attend just the seminar that does include lunch is \$30. If you would like to stay for a round of golf after the seminar on Cyprian Keyes' Championship Golf Course, the cost is \$100. To register online, please click [here](#). For a paper application, please click [here](#). You may send the paper application along with a check to the NEPGA Section office: P. O. Box 743, Boylston, MA 01505: Attention High School Coaches Seminar. **The deadline to register is April 16th!**

*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

Danielle Griffiths, LPGA – Head Coach of Women's Golf – Brown University

*\*Note: guest speakers are subject to change*

*Golf Lessons:*

Scott Hickey, PGA Director of Golf 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 19, 2013:*

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

Please share this information with all of the high school coaches in your league who may not have attended or known about our annual seminar. We feel that they would benefit from the information that will be discussed during the seminar along with the personal instruction offered by Scott Hickey, PGA.

## NEWS FROM YOUR PGA EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT



### COMMUNICATE Your Plans for the 2013 Season

While we have certainly flipped the calendar past the first day of spring, it still does not quite feel like the golf season has arrived. Many PGA Professionals have spent weeks and weeks planning programs and services to deliver this year, and it is almost time to put those plans into action! One quick reminder, which is often overlooked – have you communicated your issues, goals, and objectives to your employer?

Not too long ago, we spoke in great detail about the Boston Consulting Group. As many of you remember, this was the first time in years that your Association decided to contract out and find a well-respected firm to conduct an audit. During the audit employers were asked:

*What (if any) PGA programs has your PGA Professional recommended for you to apply at your facility in this past year, and in general how successful have they been?*

The overwhelming answer was “NONE”.

Yet when they asked PGA members, 75% responded that they had offered programs.

**“What we’ve got here is, failure, to communicate”...**

Benefits of good communication:

- It helps build up trust
- It helps us to clearly explain the true position or situation
- It eliminates exaggerations and under-estimations
- It stops a lot of criticism that arises because of ignorance as to what is going on
- It stops over sensitivity from causing even bigger breakdowns
- It gives clear understanding of what is going on
- It encourages a closer working relationship
- It demonstrates an openness and willingness that there is nothing to hide
- It builds a much better environment for all to work in
- It enhances team work
- It makes others feel a part of what is happening
- It produces better results

Before your doors open, and the implementation of programs begin – take some time to communicate to your employer the difference you plan to make and the value you are going to bring!

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and most importantly a successful season.

Michael Packard, PGA  
Employment Consultant  
New England, Connecticut & Northeastern NY Sections  
[mpackard@pgahq.com](mailto:mpackard@pgahq.com)  
860.851.9008

---

## PASSING OF JIM REMY'S FATHER



The New England Section PGA of America sadly announces the passing of Laval "Jim" Remy, father of NEPGA Past President Jim Remy.

LUDLOW VT---- Laval "Jim" Remy 88, of Ludlow Vermont formerly of Leominster died Wednesday April 10, 2013 in Ludlow after a brief illness. He was born September 2, 1924 in Leominster MA the son of the late Dr Lewis

Remy and Graziella (Favreau) Remy and was a lifelong Leominster resident before moving to VT in 1985.

Laval leaves two sons, Michael Remy and his wife Dianne Parks of Hubbardston, MA, and James Remy and his wife Darlene of Ludlow, VT with whom he lived for many years. He is survived by one brother, Marcel "Pete" Remy of Vero Beach Florida, four grandchildren; Jessica Adriaansen, Robin Remy, Elizabeth LaPella and Nicole Danyow and four great grandchildren; Patricia, Michael, Christian, and Ryan.

He was predeceased by his wife Helen (Leary) Remy in 2000, his three brothers; George, Charles, and Doria Remy and by two sisters; Rita DeCarolis and Paulette Scoggins.

Laval was an avid golfer and longtime member of Okemo Valley Golf Club. He was employed for many years as a linotype operator in Worcester. Laval was a US Army Veteran of World War 2 having served in the Military Police with the 126TH General Hospital and proudly served along with his four brothers. He received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theatre Campaign Ribbon and the American Theatre Campaign Ribbon.

A funeral service for Laval will be held on Monday April 15, 2013 at 11am in the Silas F. Richardson & Son Funeral Home 106 West St Leominster. Burial with military honors will follow in St Cecilia's Cemetery Leominster. Calling hours will precede the funeral from 9:30am-11am. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Room 101/Activities fund at the Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149.

[www.richardsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.richardsonfuneralhome.net)

## GATHERING FOR BOB GILLIS



Pauly Gillis and her family would like to invite those of you who knew Bob to a memorial gathering at Bass Rocks Golf Club on Friday, April 26 starting at 6:30pm. Light appetizers will be served and many stories will be told. Please reply to [pe-terhood@bassrocksgolfclub.org](mailto:pe-terhood@bassrocksgolfclub.org) if you plan on attending, thank you!

## TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

Contested over thirty-six holes on two superb courses at the Pinehills Golf Club, the Nicklaus, and Jones layouts test all aspects of your game. The team from Marshfield Country Club took home the title last year with a score of 129, fifteen under par!

For more information on any of the above-mentioned events, go to [nepga.com](http://nepga.com), there under tournaments you will be able to see event specific details and register for all of these, as well as the rest of the events on the 2013 NEPGA Section Tournament Schedule.

We will be back next month with more info on what is coming up in June and beyond.

FYI-There is a Stroke Play Series event at The Golf Club of Cape Cod on June 3, don't miss the entry deadline on that one.

See you down the road,

Greenie  
[rgreen@pgahq.com](mailto:rgreen@pgahq.com)

## CLUBS FOR VETS



Bob Beach, PGA needs your help to provide golf clubs and bags to veterans who have served our country and put their lives on the line. If you are able to donate to Clubs for Vets), please contact Bob at 781-843-6513 or [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov).

We would like to thank the following individuals for donating to this program: Rob Hardy, Larry Kelley, Lou Katsos, Mike Brown, Art Harris, Peter Doherty, Allan Belden, Bob Miller, Paul Parajeckas and Al Lupis.

## DON'T WAIT FOR WINNINGS! SIGN UP FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT

If you are a NEPGA member or apprentice who plays in Chapter and/or Section events, please consider going green by receiving your tournament winnings through an ACH transfer to your checking or savings account.

Every year there are instances of paper checks getting lost in the mail. When this happens, we have to notify our bank to stop payment on the lost check (and there is a fee involved) and have a new check re-issued. This process can delay your payment for about two weeks! **The section has paid the stop payment fee in the past but this fee is now passed on to the professional.**

To avoid this happening to you, please click [here](#) to download the ACH Form from PGALinks.com; it is very easy to fill out. All you need to do is to send it to the office (P O Box 743, Boylston, MA 01505) along with a voided check.

## 2013 SECTION, CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Location		Time
Mon., April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Assistants' Association	Oyster Harbors Club Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.		8am
Tues, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Maine Chapter	Val Halla Golf Course Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.		9am
Tues., April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Massachusetts Chapter	Myopia Hunt Club Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.		10am
Fri., April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Seniors' Association	Middleton Golf Club Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.		9am
Mon., May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Vermont Chapter	Rutland Country Club Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.		9am

## GOLF 2.0 MESSAGE



**Brian Bickford** is the PGA director of golf at Val Halla Golf & Recreation Center in Cumberland, Maine.

### Make Your Wine and Nine Events Educational

**Brian Bickford on the importance of making your wine and nine events educational:**

While I was working my way through my PGA education courses, I decided to create a program to help grow the occasional women's base at my facility. As a result, I created an educational five-week women's Wine and Nine program. I targeted three types of women for participation: mothers, professionals and executives, and the newly retired. The program costs \$89 per person and each week, we provide wine to the ladies during our session. For the first session, we don't even touch golf clubs. I give a slideshow presentation and we discuss everything they may need to know about golf such as tee time reservations, a shopping list of what they will need to buy to play, getting around our facility, and so on. I also try to make the women as comfortable as possible and to break down any barriers as some of them view golf as a "man's world." We teach the ladies fundamentals on the range for the second and third sessions. For the fourth and fifth nights, we take the ladies out on the course to play a few holes, all while teaching them about course markings, the different sets of tee markers, driving the golf cars, the scorecard and where the bathrooms are on the course. The most important aspects of the on-

course sessions are etiquette and safety. After each session, we gather in our grillroom to review the night and to have a social experience; many of the ladies stay for more wine and dinner. When the five sessions are complete, I give each participant a stemless wine glass with the Val Halla logo on it and a voucher for a free nine-hole round of golf.

**Brian Bickford on the business impact of making your wine and nine events educational:**

Our Wine and Nine program has been met with an overwhelmingly positive response. When I first created the program in 2008, I only expected to have 12 ladies sign up for the year, but rather we had 73 participate and in 2012, we had 240 ladies participating! We have had so many women sign up for the program that I have had to hire five more PGA Professionals to help out in order to keep a one-to-eight instructor-to-student ration. In 2012, we took in more than \$21,000 in Wine and Nine entry fees alone. In addition to creating jobs, this program has increased the number of private lessons we give, as well as our golf shop and food & beverage sales. Furthermore, some of the participating ladies who had never before touched a golf club are now ranking in our top ten of rounds played every year, which is great for our facility.

If you would like to contact Brian for more information please email [bbickford@pga.com](mailto:bbickford@pga.com).

Share your success stories!

Contact your PGA Player Development Regional Manager Brian Bain at [bbain@pgahq.com](mailto:bbain@pgahq.com).



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Short Game Clinic & Free Lessons for Veterans/Disabled Veterans** - Volunteers are needed for a short game clinic and to give free golf lessons to veterans and disabled veterans on Saturday, April 13th from 2:00 pm till 5:00 pm at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course in Braintree, MA. This activity is worth 3 MSR credit hours in the Growth of the Game Category.

**Skills Competition & Free Golf Lessons for Veterans/Disabled Veterans** - Volunteers are needed for a skills competition and to give free golf lessons to veterans and disabled veterans on Saturday, April 20th from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm at North Hill Country Club in Duxbury, MA. By volunteering, you will receive 6 MSR credit hours in the Growth of the Game Category.

For more information or to volunteer for any of these above events, please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781.843.6513 x2 or [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov).

Visit the "Community Outreach" page on [NEPGA.com](http://NEPGA.com) found under "About Us" to view new volunteer opportunities.

Reminder: Check out the "Community Outreach" page on [NEPGA.com](http://NEPGA.com) to see more photos like the ones to the right!



Veterans Clinic at South Shore CC

Grow the Game with

# GOLF 2.0

## FEATURED PROGRAMS

Golf 2.0 encourages you to increase the number of golfers and rounds played at your facility. Take advantage of the featured programs to welcome golfers and keep your customers coming back for more.



### GET GOLF READY

- Make golf fun for beginners using the industry's branded approach
- Flexible programming and pricing
- Benefit from national marketing and promotion
- Complete the application at [PGALinks.com/Registration](http://PGALinks.com/Registration) and post your class schedule online
- MSR credits are awarded for hosting various Get Golf Ready levels



### PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE GOLF

- "Little League" approach to golf, where every youngster gets a chance to play
- Non-traditional format – team vs. team scrambles and player jerseys – golf made fun, in a fast-moving, social and non-intimidating setting
- Perfect as a developmental program for juniors
- To become a team captain, register at [PGALinks.com/Registration](http://PGALinks.com/Registration)
- MSR credits are awarded for serving as a team captain



### TEE IT FORWARD

- Encourage golfers to play from tees best suited to their ability
- Golfers report they are playing faster and having more fun
- Register at [PGALinks.com/Registration](http://PGALinks.com/Registration) to be promoted as a TEE IT FORWARD facility



POWERED BY



### PGA SPORTS ACADEMY *powered by UnitedHealthcare*

- An interactive, exciting approach to teaching youth about health, fitness and the game of golf
- Curriculum includes three progressive levels while emphasizing play, fun and physical development
- Easy to integrate select elements to enhance existing programs or adopt in its entirety
- Register today at [PGALinks.com/Register](http://PGALinks.com/Register)
- MSR credits are awarded for hosting



### ACTIVE.COM

- An easy-to-manage online registration system for events, camps and clinics
- Benefits include online payment, access to ACTIVE's 9 million page views per month, customizable facility pages
- Promote and sell programs automatically on [GetGolfReady.com](http://GetGolfReady.com), [PGA.com](http://PGA.com), [ACTIVE.com](http://ACTIVE.com) and Yahoo Search Engines
- Set up an account at [PGALinks.com](http://PGALinks.com)



## OUTSIDE THE ROPES

The NEPGA is introducing a new feature about the Section's PGA Professionals giving back to their communities called "Outside the Ropes". If you have a story to share that might inspire other Professionals to become involved in charitable endeavors, contact Joan at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com) to request a questionnaire. This month, we're featuring James Antonelli, PGA of Braintree, MA.

### **James Antonelli, PGA**

#### **A-1, Marshfield Country Club**

**Foundation Fighting Blindness** - We ran a golf tournament for 10 years that raised over 1 Million dollars. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to read the reason behind our volunteer efforts with the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

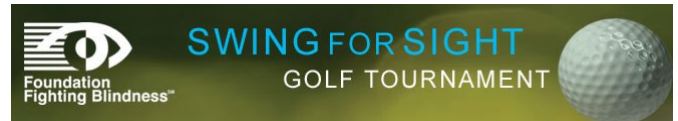
#### **Chairperson of Boston Wine Event at Fenway Park -**

Click [here](#) for more information on this event held to raise money for Foundation Fighting Blindness. (See picture to right.)

**Event Coordinator for Dining in the Dark 2012** - Click [here](#) for more information. This Foundation is very important to myself and my family. My 2 Brothers-in-law have a degenerative eye disease known as Ushers Syndrome (Retinitis Pigmentosa). Diagnosed at a very young age they were told they could lose their eyesight by the age of 21. Due to the research efforts funded by such events that I have been involved with the Foundation Fighting Blindness has found ways to slow the progression of most retinal diseases. Both Kevin and Scot Trainor (Brothers-in-law) are very successful and have beautiful wives and 2 children each. With all of the fundraising efforts over the years restoring sight will not be far away.



*From L to R: co-chairs of the event James Antonelli, Monique Antonelli, Laura Trainor, Erin Trainor, Kevin Trainor and Scot Trainor.*



## FREE JR TOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF PGA PRO'S!

We are offering FREE NEPGA Junior Tour membership (not including entry fees) to children ages 9-21 of PGA Professionals for the 2013 season!

Please submit the completed application (FAX OR MAIL) for each child. Click [here](#) to download the application.

Please allow two days upon receipt of the application for membership to be processed. Once the membership is processed, you will be emailed a username and password from the BlueGolf Tournament Software. Keep this information in a safe place as this allows one to log in to sign up for tournaments.

**Note to remember**—The user id and password will be sent in all caps (uppercase). You will need to use all lower case when logging in.



Official Card of PGA Professionals

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Newly-elected member, Paul Mattos, PGA, recently filled out our New Member Questionnaire. Continue reading to learn more about one of our newest members!

### **Paul Mattos, PGA**

*Elected into Membership:* February 15, 2013

*Where are you from?* Somerset MA

*Where did you attend college?* U-Mass Dartmouth & Anna Maria College

*What was your first job in the golf 'business'?* Sales Clerk Golf Day

*Where do you work?* Allendale Country Club, Dartmouth, MA; President Montaup Country Club, Portsmouth RI; Titleist Tech Rep. (All current positions)

*What are your career aspirations?* To spend more time teaching and club fitting and less time in the shop.

Learn more about our new members on the Newly-Elected Members page on [NEPGA.com](http://NEPGA.com), found under Directories.

## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

### CAPE COD CHAPTER



#### **CHAPTER MEMBERS TABBED FOR NATIONAL AD CAMPAIGNS**

A pair of Cape Cod PGA professionals, Brendan Reilly – CC of New Seabury and Greg Yeomans – The Bay Club have recently appeared in national ad campaigns in PGA Magazine. Reilly provides testimony for ORANGE WHIP TRAINER, a company which was started by former Chapter member and Edgartown PGA Head Professional Jim Hackenburg, now teaching in the Carolinas PGA Section. Yeomans has appeared repeatedly in full page glory for the New Bedford based AHEAD company. Who is next? Talent agents are scouring the Cape as we write this!

#### **WELCOME NEW & RETURNING SPONSORS!**

Tournament Chairman Jesse Schechtman – PGA Head Professional from Sandwich Hollows GC has secured five new sponsors for our tournament schedule this season: THE LANES BOWL & BISTRO, located in Mashpee Commons, owned by Jeff Moore will be the title sponsor for the Pocasset Pro-3am, May 2nd. Moore also owns the three BOBBY BYRNES PUBS on the Cape – and will continue to sponsor the opener at Eastward Ho! along with CCE/ Keith Tortorella, another repeat sponsor.

Co-sponsoring the first summer Pro-3am at Indian Pond, July 24th are newcomers: CLANCY CONSTRUCTION & JB JONES ELECTRIC. Thanks to Greg Clancy and Brad Jones for joining our list of partners. Another new sponsor and old friend, Jeff Dibona/FAIRWAY & GREENE, will be sponsoring both the Spring & Fall Meetings. Finally, new sponsor CAPE COD REHAB (3 Cape locations) owned by Joe Carroll will be aptly supporting our Pro-Senior at Barnstable Fairgrounds in early Fall.

Returning sponsors include: Dave Moynihan/TITLEIST, David Woods/FOOTJOY, Keith Tortorella/CCE (2 events) and our TITLE SPONSOR for four events: Peter Guild/ CALLAWAY GOLF. Guild continues to provide loyal support to the following: Chapter Championship, Match Play, Island Classic and the new Pro-Pro scheduled for Allendale, June 6th. Lastly, old ally Cary Gordon has agreed to supply OXFORD golf shirts to all competitors at New Seabury for our championship – Sept. 25th.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Pro-3am – Eastward Ho! - April 16.....Pro-3am-Pocasset – May 2nd.

#### **CAPE COD JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION**

New CCJGA manager Mike Serijan and Chapter Junior Chairman, Roman Greer – PGA Head professional, Hyannis GC are

pleased to announce that live registration has begun on BlueGolf for all interested kids. Five clinics and 15 tournaments are scheduled for 2013 throughout the Chapter boundaries. The link for registration: [www.capecodpga.com/junior.php](http://www.capecodpga.com/junior.php).



Have a great 2013 season!

Mickey Herron, PGA  
NEPGA Tournament Operations  
Cape Cod Chapter  
[mherron@pgahq.com](mailto:mherron@pgahq.com)

### MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



We had a great start to the Mass. Chapter tournament schedule on Monday April 8th at Granite Links.

The field was comprised of eighteen teams of two with the sun shining on all. The day was great, the course was in wonderful shape and there were plenty of good shots. Frank Dully and Rick Durocher placed first in both the Scramble section and the Alternate Shot shooting 2 under in each portion and Todd Cook continues his good play from the Fall along with partner Thomas Rooney who shot a minus 5 in the Scramble portion. The overall winners were Rick Durocher and Frank Dully shooting a minus 6 for the event (My partner and I fell comfortably into 18th place but still a top 20 showing). If you have not done so already, please send a quick thank you to Chris Sleeper and Stephen Clancy at Granite Links.

Don't forget about the Massachusetts Chapter meeting at Myopia Hunt Club on Tuesday, April 23rd where all are encouraged to participate and express ideas in the meeting and stay and play in the pro-pro event at one of the truly great historic clubs in America.

Mark Aldrich, PGA  
Secretary, Massachusetts Chapter  
508-853-5087

# CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

## RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



Nearly 50 PGA Professionals and equipment sales representatives exchanged ideas and opinions at the inaugural **HARDGOODS & BEYOND** seminar – April 3rd at Kirkbrae CC, Lincoln, RI. Hosted by Kirkbrae's PGA Head Professional Mike Bradshaw and PGA Assistant Professional Nick Maresca, the three main topics of discussion were: Clubfitting, Demo Days & Marketing/Differentiating vs. big box stores.

This unique gathering was sponsored in part by 8 sales reps who also participated in the ambitious round-table atmosphere: Chris Garvey/ADAMS GOLF, Peter Guild/CALLAWAY GOLF, Brittany Roberts & Matt Howard/CLEVELAND & SRIXON GOLF, Clem Lamarre/COBRA GOLF, Mike Daron/NIKE GOLF, Gary Rencurrel/TAYLOR-MADE & David Moynihan/TITLEIST. RIPGA Tournament Manager Mick Herron served as moderator.

### **HARDGOODS SEMINAR** **IMMENSELY SUCCESSFUL**



*From L to R: Nick Maresca, Mike Bradshaw, John DelBonis, Bruce MacDonald*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The RIPGA Chapter Spring Meeting kicked off the season – April 10th at Kirkbrae – 6:00 PM. Annual awards highlighted this meeting.

The first Pro-Am of the year is scheduled for Thursday, April 25th at Alpine CC – sponsored by Gary Rencurrel/ TAYLOR-MADE. Gary and two TM club techs will be on hand from 10:30 AM to the 1:00 PM shotgun in offering a tremendous opportunity for your partners (and even non tournament contestants in the area) to enjoy a DEMO day on the Alpine range. Please inform your playing partners of this added feature to the opening event of the Spring. Sign up now on BlueGolf where all the 2013 tournaments are live and accessible.

Wishing you all a healthy & productive golf season!

Mickey Herron, PGA  
NEPGA Tournament Operations  
Rhode Island Chapter  
[mherron@pgahq.com](mailto:mherron@pgahq.com)

## SENIORS' ASSOCIATION



**PGA**  
New England Section  
Seniors' Association

The 2013 Seniors' Association tentative tournament schedule is listed below. Please call Dennis Selvitella, PGA for registration and tee times at 508.410.4984.



*From L to R: Drew Chapman & Dave Moynihan*



*From L to R: Nick Maresca & Chris Garvey*



*From L to R: Gary Rencurrel & Ed Kirby*



*From L to R: Drew Chapman, Peter Guild & Tony DiGiorgio*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Format</u>
4/26	Middleton GC Middleton, MA	Spring Meeting Pro Pro
TBA	Cape Cod Country Club North Falmouth, MA	
5/30	Milton Hoosic Club Canton, MA	
TBA	Whitinsville Golf Club Whitinsville, MA	
7/17	Needham GC Needham, MA	
7/25	Hopkinton CC Hopkinton, MA	
8/7 & 8/8	Woodstock Resort & GC Woodstock, VT	
8/28	CC of Halifax Halifax, MA	
9/19	Bass Rocks GC Gloucester, MA	
TBA	Thorny Lea GC Brockton, MA	
TBA	Kirkbrae CC Lincoln, RI	Fall Meeting/Assoc. Championship

## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



The New Hampshire Chapter held its Spring meeting of members on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Intervale CC in Manchester. Over 60 professionals were in attendance and heard from NEPGA Executive Director Mike Higgins, NEPGA Vice President Larry Kelly as well as from Michael Packard, PGA Employment Services and Brian Bain, PGA on Growth of the Game. Following the meeting, Brian Bain conducted a Golf 2.0 seminar for Chapter members.

The Chapter expresses its appreciation to Greg Ludes and Mark Finnerty of Titleist for supplying Titleist Pro-V's to be given out to the amateurs who are closest to the pins on the par 3's at each Chapter pro-am.

Pro-ams slated for April include Green Meadow GC on April 8, The Oaks on April 15, Scottish Highlands on April 22 and Laco-nia on April 29.

Martignetti Liquors will be the title sponsor of the Chapters' pro-ams this year having stepped up with a generous contribu-tion.

Frank Swierz  
NEPGA NH Ch. Tournament Manager  
[fswierz@comcast.net](mailto:fswierz@comcast.net)



**NHC members gather prior to Spring Meeting**



**NEPGA Vice President Larry Kelly gives a financial state of affairs**



**NEPGA Executive Direc-tor Mike Higgins outlines Section's programs**



**Brian Bain, PGA conducting a Golf 2.0 seminar for chapter members**

### MAINE CHAPTER



Are you ready for some golf? I know I am ready to hit the tournament road! Our first event of the season gets underway in less than one month with the Martindale Pro-Am on Monday, April 29th. Please register through Blue Golf. If you have any questions or need your BlueGolf password sent, let me know.

Registration is now open for the TaylorMade / Adidas Golf Pro -Pro Stoke Play Championship. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at Webhannet. We would like to recognize our long time partners – Mark Thompson and Shaun Madigan for their continued support to this event. Shipyard Brewing will also continue as a supporting sponsor.



The Pro-Am schedule will resume a week later on Monday, May 13th as we visit the beautiful Woodlands Club. Carey Gordon and our friends at Golf Buddy and Prato Eyewear will be sponsoring the event.

Welcome home Jason! The Chapter is excited to have Jason Hurd, PGA back in the Maine Chapter. Jason is the Head Pro-fessional at Augusta Country Club. We wish you all the best in your new endeavor.

I hope to see many of you at the spring meeting on April 16th at Val Halla. I real-ize many of you will be busy but I hope you can take a couple of hours to attend the meeting. We have a lot information to share with you. We will also be recogniz-ing the Chapter Award winners.



Please let me know if I can help with anything.

Tony Decker, PGA  
NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager



## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

### VERMONT CHAPTER



The Vermont Chapter held its first Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 30th at the Spartan Arena in Rutland. We registered everyone that came in and we ended up with 175 attendees, including many kids and families which was the main goal. We raised \$3500 for the First Tee Program and VTPGA Junior Golf.

A huge thank you to Steve Wolf and the Spartan Arena for all their help through this process. We received a tremendous response and willingness to help. A large number of rounds of golf were donated from our Vermont facilities. This was our main source for fund raising. A big thank you to our Chapter members for all your donations! We would also like to thank the following individuals and Clubs that attended the event:

#### Table Sponsors:

Dave Soucy - Green Mtn. National  
Greg Nelson - Rutland CC  
Rodney Bicknell - Neshobe GC  
Doug Ruttles - Jay Peak  
Diane Jones - Sugarbush  
Paul Meunier - Basin Harbor  
Dave Christy - VTPGA  
Richard Mihalrad - VGA and First Tee  
Krissie Lohrman - VSWGA  
Brian Bain - NEPGA Player Development Regional Manager

#### Vendors:

John Carey - Cleveland/Srixon Golf  
Stu Miller - Straight Down Clothing

#### Gave free lessons for 3-4 hours (see the pictures!):

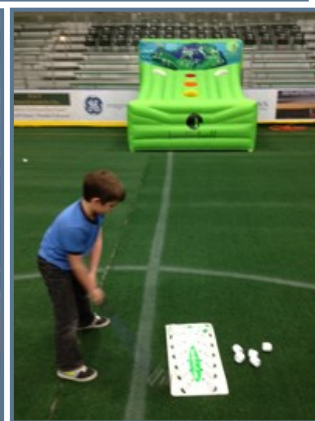
Greg Nelson  
Paul Politano  
Dave Burrell  
Michael Santa Maria  
Matt Hibbert  
Brian Bain

#### Addition Donations:

24 Clubs donated rounds of golf!  
Stu Miller - Straight Down Clothing, Monterey Club, as well as others  
John Carey - Cleveland Golf  
Brian Murphy - Titleist  
Brian Cook & Tony Maneen - Nike  
Ron Delahanty - Sun Dog, Level Wear, Donald Ross, as well as others  
Jim Mayo - Antigua and Imperial  
Golf and Ski Warehouse - Major Sponsor  
Rutland Regional Medical Center - Major Sponsor  
Gonzo's Indoor Golf, Steve Gonsalves  
Crown Point CC, Todd Nalette and Dan Russell  
Manchester CC - Bob Stearns

Everyone agrees that the event surpassed all our expectations. This was a great way to start the 2013 season. Many of the families that attended Saturday's event, left enthused for the upcoming season. Hopefully the weather cooperates and we will all be open soon.

David Christy, PGA  
NEPGA Vermont Ch. Operations Manager  
802-476-7007, [dchristy@pgahq.com](mailto:dchristy@pgahq.com)





## AT THE TURN

Member Updates

### New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Donald P. Baldassare, PGA	A-8	TPC of Boston
Robert J. Bruns, PGA	A-8	The Shelter Harbor GC
Jeffrey A. Day, PGA	A-8	Wellesley CC
Jeffrey M. Flis, PGA	A-8	The Misquamicut Club
Jeffrey W. Friel, PGA	A-1	Shaker Hills CC
Raymond J. Geffre III, PGA	A-8	Point Judith CC
Patrick K. Hohman, PGA	A-8	Blue Hill CC
Jamie R. Kerepka, PGA	A-8	Ferncroft CC
Brooke W. Rodes, PGA	A-8	Brae Burn CC
Nathaniel H. Sanderson-Adelson, PGA	A-8	The Kittansett Club
Shawn P. Warren, PGA	A-8	Nonesuch River GC

### Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Robert S. Baxter, PGA	A-1	Segregansett CC
Jay L. Blackwell, PGA	A-8	The GC of New England
John C. Boniface, PGA	A-14	Dennis Pines/ Dennis Highlands
Tyson M. Briggs	B-1	Mt Anthony CC
Arthur W. Carlson, PGA	A-1	Leo J. Martin Memorial GC
Larry Demers, PGA	A-6	The Kittansett Club
Jon N. Ellis, PGA	A-8	Rochester CC
Carl F Fitz, PGA	A-13	Countryside GC
Dan Gillis, PGA	A-1	Nabnasset Lake CC
Patrick J. Hurrie, PGA	A-9	New Seabury Cape Cod
Hal L Jacobs, PGA	A-1	Mt Pleasant CC
Stephen R. Lauzier, PGA	A-1	Melody Hill GC
Kevin Lewis, PGA	A-13	Willowbend Golf & CC
Daniel L. Limauro, PGA	A-1	Old Marsh CC
Donnie Lyons, PGA	A-1	Settlers Crossing GC
Mark J. Mangion	A-8	Haverhill Golf & CC
Scott E. Mann, PGA	A-1	Sunset Ridge Golf Links
Christopher W McMillan, PGA	A-1	Wedgewood Pines CC
Jeffrey J. Murphy, PGA	A-8	Leo J. Martin Memorial GC
Steven A Norwood, PGA	A-8	Metacomet CC
Chad T Penman, PGA	A-13	Boothbay Harbor CC
Douglas A. Ruttie, PGA	A-14	Jay Peak GC
Phil Sainsbury, PGA	A-8	The Shelter Harbor GC
Justin J. Scott, PGA	A-1	Exeter CC
James G. Tennant, PGA	A-1	Riverside GC
Scott G. Trethewey, PGA	A-15	Dick's Sporting Goods-Dartmouth
Michael G. West, PGA	A-1	Stow Acres CC
Anthony J. Zdunko, PGA	A-1	Hoodcroft CC
Erik W. Zinn, PGA	A-8	Marshfield CC

### New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Jo-Anna R Krupa	B-8	Connecticut
Chad T Penman, PGA	A-13	Metropolitan
Christopher P. Sacco	B-8	Northern California
Phil Sainsbury, PGA	A-8	Middle Atlantic
James G. Tennant, PGA	A-1	Riverside GC

### New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Scott R Bronstein	B-8	Atkinson Resort & CC
Ernest J Cuzzocreo	B-8	Miacomet GC
Gerald DiPhilippo	B-8	Portland CC
Kevan J Higgins	B-8	Highland CC
Ryan G Oakes-Rooney	B-8	The Country Club

### Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Eric A. Barlow, PGA	A-8	4/1	Weston Golf Club
Robert S. Baxter, PGA	A-1	4/1	Segregansett CC
Timothy Bishop, PGA	A-1	4/1	Ellinwood CC
Jay L. Blackwell, PGA	A-8	3/13	The GC of New England
John C. Boniface, PGA	A-14	3/12	Dennis Pines/ Dennis Highlands
Tyson M. Briggs	B-1	4/1	Mt Anthony CC
Sean P. Cahalane, PGA	A-8	4/8	Butter Brook GC
James J. Callahan, PGA	A-14	4/1	Settlers Crossing GC
Arthur W. Carlson, PGA	A-1	4/1	Leo J. Martin Memorial GC
Larry Demers, PGA	A-6	5/15	The Kittansett Club
Jon N. Ellis, PGA	A-8	4/1	Rochester CC
Gregory J. Farland, PGA	A-1	4/1	Marlborough CC
David C. Finethy, PGA	A-8	5/1	Ekwanok CC
Carl F Fitz, PGA	A-13	4/3	Countryside GC
Fred A. Ghioto Jr., PGA	A-1	3/19	Bayberry Hills GC
Dan Gillis, PGA	A-1	3/10	Nabnasset Lake CC
Timothy I Greer	B-8	3/28	Pine Brook CC
Matthew J. Havers, PGA	A-8	4/1	Burlington CC
Gregory Hay Jr.	B-8	4/1	Hatherly CC
Hal L Jacobs, PGA	A-1	3/14	Mt Pleasant CC
Mitch E. Jefferson, PGA	A-8	4/1	Plausawa Valley CC
Jo-Anna R Krupa	B-8	4/1	Charles River CC
Ellen K Lamson	B-8	4/10	Wedgewood Pines CC
Stephen R. Lauzier, PGA	A-1	3/11	Melody Hill GC
Kevin Lewis, PGA	A-13	3/11	Willowbend Golf & CC
Daniel L. Limauro, PGA	A-1	3/18	Old Marsh CC
Donnie Lyons, PGA	A-1	4/1	Settlers Crossing GC
Mark J. Mangion	A-8	3/25	Haverhill Golf & CC
Scott E. Mann, PGA	A-1	3/15	Sunset Ridge Golf Links
Scott A. Masse, PGA	A-8	3/18	Framingham CC
Dennis R Maxfield	B-8	4/1	Maynard CC, Inc.
Christopher W McMillan, PGA	A-1	4/4	Wedgewood Pines CC
Jeffrey J. Murphy, PGA	A-8	4/1	Leo J. Martin Memorial GC
Steven A Norwood, PGA	A-8	4/1	Metacomet CC
Joshua T. Olney, PGA	A-1	4/1	Orleans CC
Chad T Penman, PGA	A-13	4/2	Boothbay Harbor CC
Douglas A. Ruttie, PGA	A-14	3/15	Jay Peak GC
Christopher P. Sacco	B-8	3/15	Bear Hill GC
Phil Sainsbury, PGA	A-8	4/3	The Shelter Harbor GC
Justin J. Scott, PGA	A-1	4/1	Exeter CC
Troy W. Sprister, PGA	A-13	4/1	Dorset Field Club
Jonathan L Stukowski	B-8	4/1	Tatnuck CC
James G. Tennant, PGA	A-1	3/16	Riverside GC
Sean S Toof	B-8	3/18	Vermont National CC
Scott G. Trethewey, PGA	A-15	3/28	Dick's Sporting Goods-Dartmouth
Justin N Turner	B-8	3/28	Potowomut GC
Richard R. Vacca, PGA	A-8	3/25	The Quechee Club
Bradley M Youngs	B-8	4/1	Falmouth CC
Anthony J. Zdunko, PGA	A-1	3/22	Hoodcroft CC
Erik W. Zinn, PGA	A-8	3/19	Marshfield CC

## NEPGA BULLETIN BOARD

Click [HERE](#) to view the NEPGA Bulletin Board on NEPGA.com!  
Just added- The First Tee Fundraiser at Ipswich CC on April 15.

[Click here for details!](#)

### New England PGA

PO Box 473 • 67A Shrewsbury St. • Boylston, MA 01505  
Ph: (508) 869-0000 Fax: (508) 869-0009 Web: [www.nepga.com](http://www.nepga.com)