MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I hope the August newsletter finds everyone doing well, as we are all in the middle of the New England golf season. As many of you are conducting junior camps, club championships, one day member guests, three day member guests, heck a few clubs still conduct five day member guests; the NEPGA Staff is getting ready for our major championships!

The countdown clocks have been removed from the front page of the website, the reminder emails have ceased to fill up your inbox, and the deadlines have all come and gone for our three Section Championships. Over 80 seniors will return to Woodstock CC for the NEPGA Seniors Championship/PNC on August 7th & 8th, making it the largest Seniors Championship field the NEPGA has seen in the last five years.

The New England Section Championship/PNC will once again boast the largest field in the country, as 195 NEPGA Professionals travel to Wannamoisett CC & Ledgemont CC for our Section’s premier event. 15 PGA Professionals (more than any other Section) will advance from Rhode Island to represent the New England Section at the PNC National Championship next June.

NEPGA Assistants will make their way to Spring Valley CC on September 25th & 26th for the 2013 Assistant Championship. Registration numbers are up and New England will have the third largest Assistant Championship in the Nation. A very special thank you to the host PGA Professionals and our host Championship sites.

The entire New England Section will have our pom poms out and ready to cheer on two of our Section Members at the 95th PGA Championship. Kirk Hanefeld, PGA and Jeff Martin, PGA both qualified for the 2013 PGA Championship and will be heading to Oak Hill CC in Rochester, NY on August 5th – 11th to take on the strongest field in golf. It is quite the accomplishment and we wish Kirk and Jeff the best of luck.

As many of you know the New England Open is back and will once again be a 54-hole championship. Belmont CC will play host to the New England region’s last Open of the season on September 9 – 11, 2013. We are looking forward to this year’s event!

Drive, Chip & Putt has been an enormous success, with almost 1000 juniors participating in the 10 New England Section regional qualifiers. 160 juniors have qualified to play in the Sectional event at Pine Hills GC on August 12th, and 4 boys and 4 girls will advance to Augusta National to represent the New England Section at the Drive, Chip & Putt National Finals. The finals will take place next April on the Sunday before the 2014 Masters. A very special thank you to our 11 host facilities and the many volunteers that made each event a huge success.

This August the NEPGA Express will be motoring along full steam ahead. I hope to see many of you at one or more of our Championships, and be sure to reach out to the NEPGA Staff if there is ever any way we can be of assistance.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Higgins
Executive Director
New England PGA
GET GOLF READY TO BE PROMOTED DURING PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

We’ll help market your club’s events!

The PGA of America is excited to remind you that an extensive Get Golf Ready promotional campaign will be conducted in conjunction with the PGA Championship. With a potential reach of more than 4 million households in the US, we are sure to see a huge spike in traffic to GetGolfReady.com. You want to take full advantage of this by having your player development programs posted to the website. Also, click here to view an easy-to-follow marketing plan leading up to the PGA Championship.

Feel free to contact PGA Player Development Regional Manager Brian Bain (bbain@pgahq.com or 617-820-4411) if you need any help.

Thank you to our 2013 August Sponsors

2013 NEPGA Awards Dinner

Please save the date of October 5, 2013 to join your fellow Section members and friends at our 2013 Section Awards Dinner being held at Nashawtuc CC in Concord, MA.

NEPGA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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2013 New England Open presented by Lincoln

Click HERE to download the 2013 New England Open Entry Form
August, what does it have in store for us this season? It is always one of the most important months on the NEPGA tournament schedule with two major Championships: our Seniors Championship, returning to the Woodstock Resort in Vermont on August 7-8, then later in the month the most prestigious event on our schedule, the New England PGA Professional Championship, played this year at Ledgemont Country Club and Wannamoisett Country Club, August 19-21. If you have entered either of these events you will be receiving additional information from the Section office regarding starting times, lodging options and other useful information.

There are several other events of note to discuss this month, so in the words of Michael Breed, PGA, “LET’S DO THIS!”

Let’s start with a couple of other important events on the calendar this month, on Monday, August 5 the penultimate Stroke Play Series event will be played at Okemo Valley Golf Club. Just one more opportunity will remain after Okemo, at Rochester Country Club in New Hampshire on September 3. There is still time to earn enough points to be one of the elite fifty to qualify for the Stroke Play Championship that will be played at Turner Hill Golf Club at the end of September.

Next up is the Pro-Officer Championship, sponsored by Prize Possessions at the beautiful Wellesley Country Club on Monday, August 12. So invite an officer from your facility to come out and enjoy a great day of golf.

Monday, August 26 is the date this year for the longtime, Section-supported charity event “The Coakley” Pro-Am, and once again, it will be played at the Charles River and Woodland Country Clubs.

The day after “The Coakley” we visit Shaker Hills Golf Club for an open qualifier to fill out the field for the New England Open, which will be contested at the challenging Belmont Country Club, September 9-11. If you have earned an exemption for the New England Open register now and if you haven’t, come to Shaker and earn your way in.

Event and entry information is available on the NEPGA website.

Much of July was rainy, hot and very humid, but it didn’t stop some great golf from being played by many of you.

There were multiple Championships on the NEPGA schedule in July. The first of those was the Pro-Pro Stroke Play at Mount Pleasant Country Club. Mother Nature only allowed the completion of eighteen, instead of the scheduled thirty-six holes; nevertheless Jeff Seavey, PGA and Shawn Warren, PGA combined to birdie ten of those eighteen holes, for a round of 63. That total was one better than Bill Andrews, PGA and Dan Wilkins, PGA and allowed Seavey and Warren to claim the Harris Cup trophy, named in honor of longtime Mount Pleasant Professional Arthur Harris, PGA. Thanks go to our sponsor Jeff DiBona, and hosts, PGA Professional Hal Jacobs, PGA and Superintendent Todd Sauer.

A week later we were at Spring Valley Country Club for the third New England PGA Stroke Play Series event. Superintendent Donny D’Errico, one of the best in the business, had the course in immaculate condition. Jeff Seavey, PGA continued his strong play returning a clean card that included four birdies for an impressive 68. It was good for a two shot victory over Frank Dully, PGA and Ben Egan, PGA. This event also served as a NEPGA Member Only qualifier for the New England Open and Egan punched his ticket to Belmont along with Robby Bruns (72), Brendan Ray (73), Hal Jacobs, PGA (73) and Patrick Hohman (74). As always a huge Thank You goes to Host Professional, Mike Powers, PGA and to our sponsors AHEAD and Dan Dempsey, Cutter & Buck and Paul Pichette and Golf Buddy and Cary Gordon for their continued support of this very popular series of events.

The next week brought us to Pleasant Valley Country Club which was in tour-ready condition, for the NEPGA Senior-Junior Professional Championship. When the results were posted, Rick Karbowski, PGA and Steve Demmer, PGA had combined to shoot an eight under par 64 to squeak by the team of Ed Kirby, PGA and Bob Tramonti, PGA by one. Pleasant Valley Head Professional Paul Parajeckas, PGA and former PV assistant Scott Trethewey, PGA were third, two strokes back. Big Thanks to Presenting Sponsor Mizuno, represented by Brent Skinner and Matt Mikan as well as Supporting Sponsor, Ollie Hallet and Antigua. Thanks to Host Professional Paul Parajeckas, PGA and Superintendent Nate Henry for all their efforts in helping to make the day a huge success.

Another staple on the NEPGA schedule is the Pro-Lady Championship, played this year on July 18 at Kernwood Country Club, which despite a week long heat wave was, as always, in its usual impeccable condition. Thanks to Superintendent John Egglestone and crew for all their hard work. The golf was pretty great too; Nate Hopley, PGA and Amy Dickson proved that they could handle the select drive alternate shot format, firing a one over par 71, to claim the title by one shot from Matt Stephens, PGA and his partner from Blackstone National Golf Club, Katie Nelson.

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FROM THE MAKERS OF VEGAS ‘12...


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NEPGA’S 1ST COLLEGE GOLF SEMINAR
*Tremendous Turnout & Great Experience for Juniors and Parents*

The New England PGA conducted our first “College Golf Seminar” for juniors and their parents. The turnout exceeded all our expectations and we had over 110 attendees. Chris Carpenter, PGA and Nashawtuc Country Club hosted the event on Sunday, June 30th. The panelists included college coaches from different divisions, a PGM Program Director, student athletes and parents. The event was extremely educational and informative from all points of view.

Some of the topics included Alternatives in the golf industry, explanation of the PGA Program, NCAA Rules & Regulations, the differences between each division, the grades and GPA/SAT Scores needed to get into certain schools, recruiting process, the responsibility of students and parents and even life as a student athlete. The NEPGA is hoping to conduct more education programs like these. A special thank you to all our panelists for their efforts and support.

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**OUTSIDE THE ROPES**

The NEPGA is highlighting our Section’s PGA Professionals who are giving back to their communities in a feature called “Outside the Ropes”. If you have a story to share that might inspire other Professionals to become involved in charitable endeavors outside of the realm of golf, contact Joan at joanart@pgahq.com to request a questionnaire. This month, we’re featuring Donnie Lyons, PGA.

“I run a pro-am which provides 2 minority kids from The Lynn YMCA a $1000 scholarship towards their college pursuit. This is done through our participation in The MGA First Tee program. There are 4 sites in Massachusetts, which we are one, but I am proud to say we are the only site that does something like this on our own.”

~Donnie Lyons, PGA of Reedy Meadow GC
**DBC AMBASSADORS NEEDED!**

As we have in the past, we are asking PGA Professionals to volunteer as Ambassadors for the DBC Pro-Am that will be played on Thursday, August 29th. If you volunteer, you will receive a package prior to the Pro Am with an instructional sheet, suggested script, oxford cloth shirt, credentials, and parking pass for the volunteer lot at Norton High School. Please be sure to indicate your shirt size during the registration process. Yardage books are no longer available but please feel free to bring your own distance measuring device.

There are 26 Pro-Am groups in the morning wave (7 am to 9 am) and also 26 groups in the afternoon wave (noon to 2 pm). Again, we have also asked to have ambassadors on the range to assist the amateurs. The morning range will be from 6:30 am to 8:30 am and also an afternoon range from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

**ROLE AS A NEPGA AMBASSADOR**

You will be assigned a Pro-Am group and your role will be to facilitate pace of play and in doing so assist the amateurs with club selection/yardage, etc. Your primary role as an official host is to insure that the day is enjoyable for the amateurs, while helping the group maintain a 4 hour and 45 minute pace of play. It is hoped that you might meet the amateurs and offer any advice, if so asked. Those working the practice range might work with the amateurs with a short lesson/tune up prior to their teeing off. Please note that cameras/camcorders are not allowed to be used during the round or at the range.

Click [here](#) to view the current list of 2013 DBC Ambassadors.

If you would like to sign up, please choose your shift by clicking on one of the below links:

- Click [Here](#) to register for the AM Wave from 7am - 9am.
- Click [Here](#) to register for the PM Wave from 12pm - 2pm.
- Click [Here](#) to register for both the AM and PM Waves.
- Click [Here](#) to register with no preference between waves.
- Click [Here](#) to register for working at the range in the AM.
- Click [Here](#) to register for working at the range in the PM.
- Click [Here](#) to register for working at the range all day.
- Click [Here](#) to register to work the AM Range AND PM Wave.

**FREE ACCESS TO U.S. AMATEUR**

The 2013 U.S. Amateur Championship is coming up on August 12 – 18 at The Country Club in Brookline, MA. PGA Professionals (Class A PGA members, Life members and Master Professional members) will gain free access to this event with their PGA Member credentials.

In addition, PGA members are able to bring in their children or any of their junior members under the age of 17 for free. Juniors must be accompanied by an adult. Please keep a junior-to-adult ratio to a maximum of 3/1.

Go to Will Call to pick up your daily ticket. For ticket information, call (908) 234-2300.

Click [here](#) to visit the event website for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT REGIONAL FINAL**

The Drive, Chip and Putt Regional Championship is coming up on August 12th at Pinehills Golf Club, and we need volunteers! PGA Professionals will earn MSRs for their time. Please contact Ben Vandal at [bvandal@pgahq.com](mailto:bvandal@pgahq.com) if you are able to volunteer.

**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 NEW ENGLAND PGA AWARD WINNER SPOTLIGHT

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE Kirk Hanefeld, PGA

At what age did you begin to play golf? I would say about age 10 when I started playing with some regularity.

Who taught you the game? I've been pretty much self taught, watching better players play and when golf was on TV. I did have a few lessons very early from PGA Professionals Jim Buckley and Jim O'Leary, Sr. at Rochester Country Club in New Hampshire where I grew up.

Where did you go to school? Graduated from Somersworth High School in Somersworth, New Hampshire where I played on the golf team. I was recruited to play golf at the University of Houston where I went to college. I was one of 14 State Amateur Champions on that team my freshman year.

When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why? I competed at 3 PGA Tour schools after college unsuccessfully. I knew then that I was going to work in the golf business as a PGA Professional.

Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite? I've been fortunate enough to play in 26 Major Championships on some of the best golf courses in the world. My favorite, however, is Cypress Point on the Monterey Peninsula.

What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game? I would just like to be known as a friend to all golfers, who enjoys and respects the traditions of the game and who constantly seeks to be a better player and teacher and to help others enjoy the game more.

2013 PATRIOT GOLF DAY

In 2013, Patriot Golf Day will again be held over Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 30-Sept. 2. The goal for participating facilities is to collect a $1 donation from every golfer (in addition to the normal green fee) to support of the Folds of Honor Foundation.

Since the launch of Patriot Golf Day in 2007, more than $17 million has been raised and more than 3,500 scholarships have been awarded to children and spouses of military men and women killed or disabled while serving our Great Nation.

Patriot Golf Day will once again receive extensive national media attention, including promotions through Golf Digest, Golfweek, CBS, NBC and Golf Channel. Participating facilities will be listed on PlayGolfAmerica.com. Make sure you take full advantage of this publicity and start promoting your facility’s events now!

There are many promotional materials (such as the flier featured left) available to PGA members to help promote Patriot Golf Day events at your facility. Click here to view the materials.

The New England PGA has 44% of facilities with PGA Professionals in our Section participating in Patriot Golf Day. If you’re not signed up yet, we encourage you to register your facility on PGALinks.com.

PGA Professionals who host an event and submit funds to Folds of Honor Foundation will receive TWO MSR Credits. Credits will be awarded after the event and when funds are received by the Folds of Honor Foundation.
GROWTH OF THE GAME
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PGA members who volunteer for any of the following activities will receive 1 MSR hour under “Growth of The Game” for each hour volunteered (max of 8 credits per day).

Free Golf Clinics for Veterans/Disabled Veterans - There will be free golf clinics for veterans and disabled veterans at Cedar Hill GC on Fridays, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 11:00am till noon.

Free Golf Clinics for Veterans/Disabled Veterans - There will be free golf clinics for veterans and disabled veterans at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course on Saturdays, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

Please contact Bob Beach, PGA if you are able to help him out with these worthwhile clinics. Bob can be reached at 781.843.6513 x 2 or email, bbeach@braintreema.gov.

Visit the “Community Outreach” page on NEPGA.com found under “About Us” to view new volunteer opportunities.

Reminder: Check out the “Community Outreach” page on NEPGA.com to see more photos like the ones to the right!

If you have volunteered, please email your hours to jstuart@pgahq.com and you will receive one MSR hour under the Growth of the Game Category for every hour volunteered.

FOLDS OF HONOR TOURNAMENT

Bob Giusti, PGA Head Professional at the CC of Halifax needs your help to make his fund raiser a success. If you would like to donate some rounds of golf at your facility, please give Bob a call at the Pro Shop, 781.293.9063, or send him an email at thejuicepga@aol.com. Please click here and share the brochure with your members as they may be interested in playing in this worthwhile event.

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.

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, Joe Cordani Jr., Mike Wortis, Jacy Settles, Bob Beach, John Miller and Brian Langevin.

GIVING BACK: VETERANS CLINICS
Braintree Municipal GC & Cedar Hills GC

Recipients of clubs through the Clubs for Vets program:
Enive and her children Marie and Joseph.
On the net side, Steve and Nancy Diemoz, perennial contend-ers at this event from Montaup Golf Club, fired a 68 to edge Stephen Doyle and Hope McDermott from The Country Club by one. Ah yes, the post round food (ribs, chicken, burgers, etc.) was pretty good too; at least that’s what I was told! All right, I did have a couple of bites…Thank you Chef! Special Thanks go to our Sponsor Sue Powers and Nivo, as well as our host Professional Frank Dully, PGA for another great day at Kernwood.

Monday, July 22 we were at Hopkinton Country Club for the Titleist Pro-Junior Championship. The team from Walpole Country Club lead by PGA Professional Tom Giffin and his partners, Robbie Boush, Billy Argus and Brett Thomas took home the title with an outstanding low gross score of eleven under par 60. The home team from Hopkinton with Dave Lane, PGA, Connor Henderson, Jim Hervol and Matt O’Donnell finished as runner-up, shooting 63. Lane also captured low professional honors with a 70, edging PGA Professionals Steve Clancy, Mike Menery and Dan Gillis by two. The teams from Kernwood Country Club lead by Professional Frank Dully, PGA with Matthew Bullock, Mason Sagan and Chris Cole took Low Net honors with a 58, and Wannamoisett Country Club captained by Devin Beck, PGA with partners, Dan Lynch, Matt Corio and Justin Lucas shot 60 to secure second low net honors. Thank you to our Host Professional, David Lane, PGA and to presenting sponsor Titleist & Dave Greblick, who was on-site passing out Pro V1’s and FootJoy socks to all the juniors.

As we promised, there was a very important event at the end of June that we would report the results from this month. Our contingent of qualifiers headed out to the great Northwest for the 46th PGA Professional National Championship at Sun River Resort in Oregon. Kirk Hanefeld, PGA was our top finisher, submitting a top 10 showing, with a tie for ninth. Jeff Martin, PGA was just a shot behind finishing in a tie for fourteenth. Jeff Seavey also played all four rounds, finishing in seventy-seventh place. While both Hanefeld and Martin had tremendous event results, the real reward for this outstanding play will come in August when, by virtue of their top twenty finishes they will tee it up with guys named Tiger, Adam, Justin and Phil, just to name a few, at Oak Hill Country in Rochester, NY in the final major of 2013, The PGA Championship. Play well boys and enjoy it, we’ll all be pulling for you.

So despite Mother Nature torturing us, we managed to get a great month of golf completed and now look forward to a big month coming up. I look forward to seeing all of you who are participating in the upcoming events.

Always keep an eye on the weekly “Mixed Bag” emails and nep- ga.com for updates and more information on all things tourna-ments and we’ll be back with more Tournament News next month.

See you down the road,
Greenie

UPDATE: RON PHILO’S 108 ON 108

Results from 108 on 108

First tee shot: 4:54 a.m.
Last putt: 8:54 p.m.
Storm delays: 2
First Birdie: Hole #9
Last Birdie: Hole #102
Golf Balls used: 5 Titleist Pro V1
Golf Balls lost: 4
Total Strokes: 442 (+10)
Penalty Strokes: 3
Caddies used: 5 (Thanks to John Tewhill, Ryan Nicholls, Topher Harlow – PGA Apprentice, Sue Horton – PGA Apprentice, Kevin D’Arcy)

Ron has raised $1,620 in donations to benefit the NEPGA Foundation. The donations were from the following supporters: Susan Bond, PGA; Kevin D’Arcy; John Doyle; Mick Herron, PGA; Bruce Kayle; Tim Lu; John Nelson; Paul Parajeckas, PGA; and Ron Philo Jr., PGA.

Ron wishes to thank all who supported the day! Ron has shared some of his memories of the event pictured below.
Playing with PGA Teaching Professional from CC of New Seabury, Rick Coleman (also owner of MagicWear Clothing), the four juniors from his club, NOAH CATE, MAX CLEMENS, MARSHALL CLEMENS & HARRY GROSSO, combined for a best ball score of 44 (-13) in the 2013 edition of the Cape Cod PGA Pro-Junior, held at the challenging Squirrel Run GC in Plymouth on July 11, 2013.

Sponsored by Titleist & FootJoy, represented by Dave Moynihan and Dave Woods, each of the 72 juniors competing were greeted with excellent tee-gifts prior to play and the always fantastic BBQ after the tournament where Low Pro honors were grabbed by The Bay Club's Greg Yeomans who fired a 53 (-4) on his own ball, vaulting him into the lead in the year-long Dutch Wessner Player of the Year race, sponsored by Jamie Griffiths, TaylorMade Golf. Special thanks to host pro, PGA HP David Moore, the loyal host of this event for several years and recipient of the national Kids Golf Award presented to him in Orlando over the winter. He has personally raised an incredible amount of money during his Squirrel Run campaign with his cans for kids drive...quite a story of another Chapter legend!

YEOMANS GOES BACK-TO-BACK, CAPTURES LOW PRO AT INDIAN POND PRO-AM

Following his 4-under par winning effort in the Pro-Junior, The Bay Club’s PGA HP Greg Yeomans topped another strong field of fellow pros at the Indian Pond Pro-Am, firing a 2-under par 70 solidifying his hold on winning an unprecedented 5th straight TaylorMade Dutch Wessner POY Award. Newly-named Indian Pond PGA HP Brian Langevin welcomed 19 teams to his fabulous facility with new sponsors JB Jones Electric and Clancy Construction adding valuable funds to the purse. Lincoln-Mercury also featured their season-long promotion to the Pond as test drives and proximity prizes were offered the entire field.

YEOMANS GOES BACK-TO-BACK, CAPTURES LOW PRO AT INDIAN POND PRO-AM

The Kittansett Club’s PGA HP Steve Demmer had a superb July, firstly finishing in 3rd place at the section Mt. Pleasant Pro-Pro with Rick Karbowski, then topping that effort by winning the section Senior-Junior with Rick Karbowski at Pleasant Valley two weeks later. The Chapter held a pair of Drive, Chip & Putt qualifiers in July at The Bay Club and LeBaron Hills, where kids from each division will advance to the finals held within our Chapter again on August 12th at Pinehills hosted by PGA HP John Tuffin. Thanks to Yeomans/ Bay Club and Tom Rooney/ LeBaron for their respective efforts in this nationwide competition. Next pro event: TGC Pro-3Am!

Mickey Herron, PGA
NEPGA Tournament Operations
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SENIORESS’ ASSOCIATION

The NEPGA Seniors’ Association held two Pro Ams during the month of July. On July 17th the ProAm was held at Needham Golf Club and on July 25th it was hosted by Hopkinton Country Club. Results can be found on http://www.nepga.com/seniorassociation/ under the Results link.

Watch for a feature article in the September NEPGA Newsletter on the Senior Championship and Senior PNC Qualifier that is going to be played on August 7th and 8th at Woodstock CC in lovely Woodstock, Vermont. Thanks always to Terry Frechette for his continued sponsorship and support of this traditional event.
On June 25th, the Maine Chapter held its second annual Golf 2.0 Night at Hadlock Field. The Chapter once again partnered with the Portland Sea Dogs and offered free lessons prior to the game. We had several PGA Professionals on hand and helped hundreds of golfers with their golf swings...men, women, kids, beginners, experienced, young and old...we did it all. Many thanks to the following PGA Professionals for giving three hours of their time to help grow the game. Doug Van Wickler of The Woodlands Club, Tony Decker of The Woodlands Club, Dick Browne of Natanis GC, Gregg Baker of Toddy Brook GC, Ben Morey of Spring Meadows GC, Ron Bibeau of First Tee of Maine, Roger Maas of Falmouth CC, and Brian Bain of The PGA of America.

After a three week hiatus, we resumed our Pro-Am schedule on July 8th at Waterville CC. Don Roberts, PGA Head Professional at WCC won low professional honors with a 2-under par round of 68. All the teams were treated to some great course conditions. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Greg Ludes and our partners at Titleist for supplying PRO V1 balls to all the players and some very nice leather scorecard holders to the professionals.

The Sugarloaf Pro-Am was held on Monday, July 15th. Mike Dugas, PGA Head professional at JW Parks GC won low professional honors with a brilliant 1-under par round of 71. Mike had recently returned from the Professional National Championship and continued his good play.

Shawn Warren – Maine’s Champion Golfer for 2013

For Shawn Warren, PGA (A-8 of Nonesuch River Golf Club) the third time proved to be the charm at the State of Maine Championship. For the third time in the last four years, Warren held the lead going into the final round. Unlike previous years, however, he wasn’t about to let this one slip away.

Warren fired a one-under-par 71 in the final round and hung on down the stretch to beat Jeff Seavey, PGA, who finished as runner-up for the second consecutive year. For the week, Shawn made only 4 bogeys and nothing higher than a 5; I would say that is a recipe for success! Warren finished the tournament at four under par, while Seavey finished at one under after his final-round 73. They were the only two players to break par for the tournament.

Though this year’s tournament featured none of the drama of last year’s championship, which came down to a sudden-death playoff hole, things did get tense down the stretch. Seavey cut Warren’s lead to two strokes on the seventh hole (their sixteenth hole of the day), after Warren made bogey and Seavey birdied. Seavey made par on the eighth, however, while Warren made a birdie to take a three stroke lead and lock up his first State of Maine title.

Pro-Am News

A huge thank you to host professional Steve Niezgoda, PGA and his first class staff at Sugarloaf GC for their support. We would like to once again thank all our partners for their support and contributions to the championship. Five Star Golf Cars / E-Z-GO represented locally by Larry Kelley, PGA, Matt McDonald and Steve Rand; Adam Casey proudly representing Bushnell; John Carey representing Cleveland Golf/Srixon; Lloyd Cuttler and all our friends at Gepetto’s for their gracious hospitality and welcome reception on Tuesday.

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MISQUAMICUT TEAM WINS PRO-I JR SCRATCH…AGAIN!

For the 2nd consecutive year a team comprised of a golf professional and junior from The Misquamicut Club, Peter Weatherby, PGA & James Whittemore, captured the prestigious Titleist-FootJoy Pro-I Junior this summer held at their home course against a full field of 32 teams vying for the 4-ball stroke play honors. Last year, Weatherby’s colleague Matt Doyle, PGA with partner Sam Knowlton won the inaugural event at Segregansett. This years’ winners fired 64 (-5) while Doyle notched low pro honors returning an impressive 66 on his own ball. Conclusion? The juniors at The Misquamicut Club can play! (Not to mention their stable of pros!) Whittemore is headed to Dartmouth in the fall.

Sponsoring the Pro-I JR Scratch along with the upcoming Rhode Island PGA Junior Championship were Peter Butt and David Moynihan of Titleist, longtime supporters of all things junior golf in their territories. The 64 golfers not only enjoyed the array of tee gifts provided by Peter and Dave, but many were playing Misquamicut for the first time with comments running from “glorious”, to “this is the best course anywhere”. So many thanks to our host PGA Head Pro Jim Corrigan for inviting, coordinating and playing in this unique competition. The Section will be visiting Misquamicut in September for the Head Pro Championship sponsored by Taylor-Made.

CALLAWAY PRO-PRO SERIES VISITS LEDGEMONT CC

In another Rhode Island PGA event which offered contestants a “practice” round for an upcoming Section tournament (the Section Championship in late August), Ledgemont CC hosted the 2nd Callaway Pro-Pro of the summer sponsored by Peter Guild, who represents all of Rhode Island & Cape Cod and is a major sponsor for both chapters throughout the season.

Two teams tied at 64 (-7) sharing top billing: Sean Grimes/ Dick’s Sporting Goods and Dave Dionne/ Beverly along with local legends Eddie Kirby/Alpine and Dave Baluik/ Glocester in the field of 48 pros, many of whom are preparing for the NEPGA championship to be held at both Ledgemont and Wannamoissett soon, where defending his title will be our very own Eddie K. Thanks go to Todd and his PGA GM Jack Tosone for graciously inviting the Chapter to their magnificent facility for the Callaway Pro Pro and the upcoming major.

CHAPTER NOTES

Over 100 juniors visited Triggs in Providence in mid-July for the Drive, Chip and Putt qualifying. Hosted by Bob Tramonti, PGA and assisted by several Section staffers and volunteers, kids from all age groups qualified for the sectionals to be held at Pinehills in early August. Several thousand dollars were raised for the “One Fund” at the annual Weekapaug Pro-Member hosted by Susan & Chris Bond in late July on their magnificent seaside links in southwest RI where Wannamoissett’s PGA HP Troy Pare captured low pro honors firing 33!!! (What bad back?!?). Also in the field was newly-elected PGA Member, Robbie Bruns, who has joined the fine group of PGA golf professionals at Shelter Harbor under the able tutelage of Dave Tiedemann. Weekapaug is also hosting a Sept. 4th Folds of Honor 100-hole marathon. For those interested contact Susan Bond. Tramonti & Kirby just missed winning the Section Senior-Junior at Pleasant Valley in late July firing (-7) 64, edged out by one shot by Rick Karbowski & Steve Demmer, while 8 Chapter pros cashed at the Section Pro-Pro Championship at Mt. Pleasant two weeks earlier. (Check Kirby’s birth certificate, he will be making his debut in the Section Seniors Championship in Vermont along with several other newly-minted seniors who will all be expected to sing their way into the field!)

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VERMONT CHAPTER

The VT Chapter conducted our Pro 1 Am Championship at the St. Johnsbury CC on July 1st with Josh Young, PGA as our host. Format was 36 holes best ball and our winners with a score of 129 were Dave Soucy, PGA, Green Mountain National GC and his amateur partner Garren Poirier. Placing second with a score of 130 was Pat Pelletier, Lake Morey CC and his amateur partner Andy Hunnewell.

On July 9th, we held our second major championship of the year with our Pro Junior at Basin Harbor Club hosted by Paul Meunier, PGA. We thank Leanna Wicks and Ping Golf for providing Ping carry bags to the winning juniors. Our winning net team was led by Dave Soucy, PGA, Green Mountain National GC with a 2 best ball of 4 score of 125. Gross winners were the team from Lake Morey CC with Pat Pelletier leading the way with a team score of 139. Low Professional score was Pat Pelletier with scores of 70 followed by Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC with a 72.

On July 15th, the VT Chapter Pro Am was held at Rutland CC with Greg Nelson, PGA, as our host. This was also our Mohgan Sun qualifier. We thank our long time sponsor Farrell Distributing Michelob Pro Am for their generous added money to the purse. Format was one best ball gross and net. Through a match of cards our team winners were led by Dave Soucy, PGA, Green Mountain National GC with a score of 128. Also tied at 128 was the team from Sugarbush GC led by RJ Ziats, PGA. Our winning Professional scores included Greg Nelson and Todd Nalette, PGA, Crown Point CC both with 70.

The highlight of our playing season, the Vermont Stroke Play Championship, was played July 22-23 at Okemo Valley GC hosted by Jim Remy, PGA and Mike SantaMaria, PGA. Our sponsors included Jim Mayo and Antigua and Farrell Distributing. Unfortunately, this year’s champion will be crowned at a later date as our second round was completely washed out leaving a tie between Mark Aebli, PGA, Hermitage GC and RJ Ziats, PGA, Sugarbush GC both had first round scores of 69. Jim Remy hosted the traditional championship dinner. Our invited guests included Doug and Ruth Shamback as returning VTPGA Chapter members. Doug was the Head Professional at the Woodstock CC on the 70’s and 80’s.

Despite the difficult weather, our Junior Tour has seen steady participation over the past month. Kudos go out to our juniors who have literally weathered the storms. In nearly every event, they played in constant rain or oppressive heat. Our juniors this week are competing in the Match Play Championship with the Stroke Play Championship to follow on August 2nd.

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MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER

The summer is moving by quickly and soon fall will be here and I hope everyone’s season has been good up to this point. We had a great event at Oak Hill Country Club on Thursday, June 25, with Rick Karbowksi shooting a 1 under par 69 to win the event. If you have not already please send a thank you to Jim O’Leary and Bucky Buchanan and thank them for their hospitality and the use of their fine course, and to Proquip for a generous contribution to the prize money pool.

I would also like to recognize the Massachusetts Chapter exemptions into the 2013 New England Open; the following have been exempt by their finish in the 2012 Mass. Chapter Championship, Rick Durocher, Scott Hickey, Web Heinzeltman, Dave Lane, and Jeff Pratt. The participants in the Oak Hill event were playing for two exemption spots into the 2013 New England Open and those two spots were won by Jim Burke and Brian Smith (Rick Karbowksi past winner automatic exemption). Good luck to all of you in the New England Open.

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MAINE CHAPTER Continued...

Mark your Calendars

Pro-Junior – Monday, August 5th at Val Halla. This year we will have two divisions, a Club division (traditional teams) as well as an “Open” division. Any professional that is not able to field a team from his or her club will have the opportunity to be paired with three kids from around the state to compete for prizes and a fun day on the course. Val Halla GC will host the Maine Junior Championship later that week and on Monday, over 100 kids come out to play a practice round. So this year, we need your support and participation more than ever! Please contact Tony if you would like to sign-up for the “Open” division.

The Senior Pro-Junior Pro Championship is Tuesday, August 15th at Toddy Brook GC. The Chapter is eagerly looking forward to its first trip to Toddy Brook GC. Many thanks to Gregg Baker, PGA Head Professional for agreeing to host the event.

I would like to wish everyone a great August and let’s hope for more of this beautiful weather. See you down the tournament road!

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The Chapter held its annual Pro-Lady Championship at the Country Club of New Hampshire, and the winning team with a 7-under gross score of 65 was from Pembroke Pines CC and was led by Pro Mitch Jefferson. His amateur partners included Mindy Reid, Mindy Williams and Beth Hamilton. Jefferson shared low professional honors with Newport CC head Professional Vince Molesky at 71. The low net team with a score of 55 was from The Oaks with Head Professional Shaun Bishop, Tanya Bishop, Duane Fiske and Darlene Bishop. Thanks to Rob Hardy, PGA, of Adams Golf for sponsoring the event.

The Mohegan Sun Qualifier was held at Hanover CC in a steady rain and the winning team was from the host club with a score of 127. Members included Head Professional Alex Kirk, Betsy Knights, Nick MacDonald and Terry Hall. Low professional for the day was Rich Berberain, Jr. of Windham CC with a round of 66. He was closely followed by Dan Wilkins of Laconia who shot a 67. Both pros are closely linked in the New Hampshire Player of the Year Standings.

The Chapter Championship will be held at the North Conway CC on August 12-13 and hosted by Head Professional Larry Gallagher and his wife, Kathy. The event is a 36-hole medal competition and Rich Berberian, Jr. will be on hand to defend his title that he won in 2012 with an 8-under round of 134. This year’s tournament is sponsored by Adams Golf and adidas. NH Seniors and Glenfiddich Scotch are also participating sponsors.

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Pictured Left: Todd Rollins, Laconia CC Head Professional (L) is shown with rock singer Alice Cooper prior to the pair teeing off at Laconia. Cooper, who is a golfing fanatic, was starring in his “Masters of Madness Tour” at the Meadowbrook Pavilion, an outdoor concert venue in Gilford, NH on June 20th. Cooper played 18 holes on the day before his concert and 9 holes on the day of his performance. Rollins noted, “He’s a great guy, signed all kinds of stuff for our members, also, a good golfer.”

Pictured Right: Six NHC professionals were entered in the New Hampshire Open played at Stonebridge CC in Goffstown, NH on July 22nd. Only one, Matt Arvanitis, Concord CC Assistant, made the cut and finished in a tie for 38th place with a two-day total of 146, two over par.

SECTION NEWS Continued...

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Newly-elected members, Chris Cerven, PGA, recently filled out our New Member Questionnaire. Continue reading to learn more about Chris!

Chris Cerven, PGA

Where are you from? Ocean, New Jersey
Where did you attend college? Clemson University
What was your first job in the golf business? Caddy at Deal Golf and Country Club
Where do you work? Old Sandwich Golf Club
What are your career aspirations? Continue working at top 100 facilities, one day becoming a head professional and owning my own shop.

Learn more about our new members on the Newly-Elected Members page on NEPGA.com, found under Directories.
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