



## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT LARRY KELLEY



Welcome to Summer! This is the time we are all working very hard for our owners and members to make their golf games better and more enjoyable. Our staff at our home office in Boylston and all our Chapter Directors are working hard for us as well. Please extend a thank you to our hard working crew of dedicated soldiers when you see them. While we are at it please let our sponsors know how much we appreciate what they do for us. Many times we see a sponsor making late sales calls or doing Sunday demo days. They are going the extra mile just like all our PGA members and staff.

Let's talk about some of our dedicated "growers of the game" for a moment. Last week Bob Beach, Brian Bain, and 85-year-old Vinny Delzoppo, PGA volunteered to teach at a veterans golf clinic in Braintree, MA. I understand that Vinny and another Vet served in the same unit but in two different wars. I am sure they told a few stories and hit a few good shots! Thanks to you three men for all your efforts in not only growing the game but also teaching and helping those that are sometimes forgotten.



As I stated in our last newsletter we are starting to use video more extensively and I don't see it stopping. Please punch up our [website](#) or subscribe to our [NEPGA YouTube](#) account to be continually updated on tournaments, special events, junior tours, and anything else our Section is promoting. Starting last week we are running a few minutes with each of our NEPGA past presidents on the front page. If you like history and want to learn more about where we were and what our past Section leaders were doing to make our brand and PGA members better please tune in.

This coming month is exciting for our Section. We have many events and tournaments scheduled but I want to highlight three of them.

In my hometown of Ludlow, VT at Okemo Valley Golf Club we just finished hosting the NEPGA Senior Section Championship. The course was in great shape and the greens were rolling well. I want to congratulate my good friend Dan Wilkins for his second Championship win and a closing 64 to edge Eddie Kirby. Our Section is filled with great players and the Senior Championship is no different.

Stay tuned for the results of the New England Drive, Chip & Putt Finals held at Pinehills in Plymouth, MA. I have told many of our members that last year's events made me feel so good about what we do as PGA Professionals. I am looking forward to being there this year and seeing all the excited juniors and parents! Please contact the Section office if you are interested in volunteering to help.

Lastly, please come out to watch our Section's best players compete in our Section Championship in NH. The courses are in great shape and this will be a great showcase of our best courses and players. Our Section staff worked really hard to attract the largest field in the country and with that comes the most spots for the National Club Professionals Championship and the most sponsorship dollars. Best of luck to all participants!

I want to close with a note about Dick's Sporting Goods and their decision to eliminate all PGA Golf Professionals from their workforce. While this has affected 19 of our Section members and their families I want to convey to our membership that overwhelmingly these golf professionals are holding their heads high, staying positive, and are quickly looking for new opportunities. I know the news was very sudden and surprising but these Professionals are all poised and trained to be positive members of our workforce. Please keep in mind we have employment specialists to help all our members and I encourage everyone to utilize those free services.

Get out & Play!

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## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE HIGGINS



The August addition of the newsletter is here! Wait...what? Wasn't it June only a couple days ago? Well it certainly feels that way for many of us. I know many of you are experiencing the height of your season with Club Championships, member guests, member members, junior programs and more! August for the New England PGA staff is where we shift into fourth gear. Between now and October we will conduct most of our major championships.

Over 70 New England Section Senior PGA Professionals returned to Okemo Valley CC for the 2014 NEPGA Senior Championship/PNC on July 30 & 31. A special thank you goes out to host PGA Professionals Jim Remy, PGA & Michael Santamaria, PGA and to our wonderful sponsors Terry Frechette as well as Dan & Melissa Dempsey from AHEAD. We were fortunate to witness some spectacular golf for two days and when the dust finally settled, PGA Professional Dan Wilkins was victorious after shooting a final round score of 64. Congratulations to Dan on his victory and to Michael Baker, Chip Johnson, John Paesani, John Hickson, George Goich, Rick Durocher and Eddie Kirby for all qualifying for the Senior PNC. These eight PGA Professionals will represent our Section in November at the PGA Golf Club.

The New England Section Championship/PNC once again boasts the largest field in the country, as 197 NEPGA Professionals will travel to New Hampshire to compete in our Section's premier event. Fourteen PGA Professionals (more than any other Section) will advance from The Golf Club of New England and Portsmouth CC to represent the New England Section at the PNC National Championship next June. Thank you to our Section Championship host PGA Professionals Greg Sandell, PGA and Billy Andrews, PGA.

NEPGA Assistants will make their way to Ledgemont CC on September 24th & 25 for the 2014 Assistant Championship. A very special thank you to the host PGA Professionals Jack Tosone and Todd Campbell!

I would like to shift gears for a moment and discuss the Dick's Sporting Goods decision to terminate the employment of each PGA Professional that was employed in their stores. Two percent of all PGA members from across the country lost their jobs on the same day (just under 500). Nineteen of our own New England Section members and their families were impacted by the Dick's Sporting Goods decision. The New England Section as well as the National office has reached out to each PGA Professional that lost their job and offered assistance. There are resources available for not only these 19 individuals, but for each New England Section member and apprentice with regards to employment. I am very passionate about employment and so are Employment Committee Co-Chairs Steve Mann, PGA, Zack Wyman, PGA, Adam Hemeon, PGA and President Larry Kelley, PGA. Along with Employment Consultant Michael Packard, PGA and Player Development Regional Manager, Brian Bain, PGA, we are here to help. Please do not ever hesitate to reach out to any of the people I mentioned. It is never too early to reach out. We are here to help!

The demand for our time has never been greater and we are constantly pulled in multiple directions. Be sure to find some time to educate and make yourself better, and most importantly spend as much time as you can with your family. Please reach out to me if there is ever anything I can do, and I hope to see you soon.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Higgins  
Executive Director  
New England PGA

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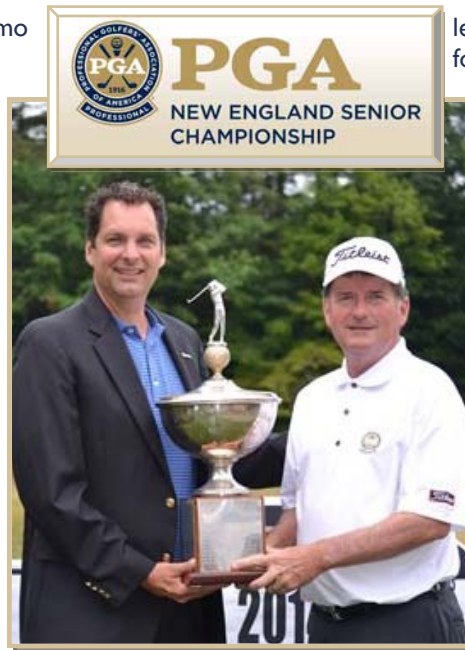
## WILKINS COMES FROM BEHIND TO CAPTURE 2<sup>ND</sup> SENIOR CROWN

Dan Wilkins, PGA (Laconia CC) and Okemo Valley Golf Club seem to be very fond of each other. That's because the past two times the New England PGA Senior Championship has been held there, it's been Wilkins walking away with the title. Wilkins continued his stellar play in Ludlow, following up his opening round 3-under par 67 with a second round bogey-free 6-under 64, good for a 9-under total and a two shot victory over 2013 Champion Eddie Kirby, PGA (Alpine CC).

With a chance of thunderstorms threatening all day, and consistent rain for part of the morning, it was Wilkins and Kirby who provided the electricity with their play. Chasing first round leader Rick Durocher, PGA (Concord CC) who held a two-shot lead after round one with a 5-under par 65, Wilkins wasted no time cutting into, and eventually erasing, that deficit altogether. After matching pars on the first two holes, Durocher's lead of two quickly became a deficit of one, as he made a double bogey to Wilkins' birdie on the third. Playing in the same group, Kirby found himself tied with Durocher after three, playing that stretch in one under par to Durocher's two over.

While at that point the tournament was a three horse race, it soon looked like a runaway. Wilkins put the pedal to the floor in the middle of his round, carding five straight 3's from holes 7-10, kick started by an eagle on the par-5 7<sup>th</sup> hole. At the turn, Wilkins was ahead by four shots over Kirby and six over Durocher. While many were ready to hand Wilkins the trophy, the person who technically still had possession of it had something to say about that.

After Kirby grabbed a shot back at the par-5 11<sup>th</sup> with a birdie, Wilkins made just his second five of the day. After matching shot for shot over the next three holes, Kirby found another gear and birdied the difficult 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> holes to cut Wilkins



lead to two with two to play. As he had done for the previous 34 holes, Wilkins continued his steady play and made par on the final two holes, forcing Kirby to make birdie on both, which he was unable to do. During the trophy presentation, Wilkins remarked about his affection for Okemo Valley, "I feel like a member, I always seem to get good bounces and I really enjoy playing here."

Gracious in defeat, Kirby was excited for another shot at victory in 2015. "I told Dan I'm looking forward to taking the trophy back from him next year. He played outstanding golf today and deserved to win."

Joining Wilkins and Kirby at the Senior PNC this fall at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL will be Mike Baker, PGA (Walpole CC), Chip Johnson, PGA (Hatherly CC), John Paesani, PGA (The Bay Club), John Hickson, PGA (NEPGA Member), George Goich, PGA (Black Swan CC) and Rick Durocher, PGA (Concord CC), who all shot 3-over 143 or better.

Wilkins captured the 50-54 age group division at 9-under par, Paesani captured the 55-59 age group division at 1-over 141, Bob Giusti captured the 60-69 age group division at 3-over 143, and 83-year old PGA Life Member Paul Kelly bettered his age once again to win the 70 & over age group division at 17-over 157.

Special thank you to Jim Remy, PGA and Okemo Valley Golf Club for their hospitality towards the 70 PGA Professionals and NEPGA Staff for the week. Also a big thank you to our sponsors Mercedes-Benz, Terry Frechette, Dan & Melissa Dempsey/Ahead USA and PGA TOUR for their support.

For full results, click [here](#). For photos from the event, visit our [Facebook page](#). Stay tuned to [nepga.com](#) for a recap video with highlights and interviews!

## EVENING TO HONOR CHARLIE LANZETTA



Please join us for an **Evening to Honor Charlie Lanzetta** on Wednesday, September 10th, 2014 at Scituate Country Club, Scituate, MA. There will be hors d'oeuvres and cash bar for \$40 per person from 5pm-8pm followed by hors d'oeuvres from 8pm-9pm with Awards.

Contact Jim Dee, PGA at 781.545.9768 if you can attend. We want to honor

Charlie for his many years of service to Junior Golf and to his fellow Professionals. We hope you can attend.

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Open To All Members & Apprentices

**Vermont Chapter: Seminar featuring Mike Bender, PGA one of America's Top 5 Instructors & 2009 PGA Teacher of the Year**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, October 1, 2014 8:30am-4:00 pm

**Place:** Dorset Field Club in Dorset, Vermont

**Cost:** \$70 (includes lunch)

**MSR Hours:** 7 PGA Required MSR hours

**Registration:** Limited to 75 attendees. To sign up please send a check to: Dorset Field Club - Golf Shop, Attn: Erik Sorensen, P.O. Box 368 Dorset, VT 05251. (Checks Payable to Dorset Field Club Golf Shop)

## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



August, the month that features one of the most important events on the 2014 NEPGA schedule, the New England PGA Professional Championship, contested this year in the granite state at The Golf Club of New England and Portsmouth Country Club, August 18-20.

These are two demanding golf courses. They will require a player to possess a solid all-around game, length from the tee, accuracy with their approaches, an imaginative short game and a solid putting stroke to contend for the Championship. A good deal of patience will also come in handy, especially if the wind blows.

For the third consecutive year the New England PGA will have the largest field of players from all 41 Sections of The PGA of America. With 195 registered players, we are assured of receiving the most qualifying spots for players hoping to advance to the 2015 National Club Professional Championship.

**Please note that for the above competition the following "Condition of the Competition" has been adopted.** Further information is available at [nepga.com](http://nepga.com).

**Groove Policy in Effect for 2014:** The PGA of America is adopting the USGA Groove Policy in 2014 for all National Championships (PNC, Sr. PNC & Assistant National Championship). Any player participating in the Section qualifiers for those events MUST use conforming grooves or be subject to DISQUALIFICATION.

There's more than just the New England PGA Professional Championship in August however. The New England PGA continues their long involvement with the Joey Coakley Memorial Pro-Am. This event played on Monday, August 11, features Pro-Ams played concurrently at both Woodland Golf Club and Charles River Country Club. The proceeds go to support a great cause, finding the cure for cystic fibrosis.

Monday, August 25 is the date of a New England Open qualifier at Ipswich Country Club. This qualifier is open to any professional, or amateurs with a current USGA handicap index of 4.0 or less. This is the last opportunity to earn your spot in the New England Open at Belmont Country Club on September 15-17.

We close out the August schedule with the Pro Senior-Junior Championship. If you are under fifty, partner up with one of the NEPGA's "experienced" AKA over-fifty professionals and join us at Andover Country Club on Tuesday, August 26. Format is Four-Ball Stroke Play, scheduled for a one o'clock shotgun start.

Lastly, a quick heads up, things get started early in September and we don't want you to miss out on getting your entries filed for:

September 2 - Turner Hill for a Pro & IAm, four-ball stroke play event, with gross & net divisions.

September 8 - The final Stroke Play Series at Plymouth Country Club and your last chance to qualify for the Championship at Old Sandwich Golf Club on September 30.

September 10 - Head Professional Championship at Kirkbrae Country Club.

Before we get to the July recap, we promised a report on the PGA Professional National Championship presented by Club Car, Mercedes Benz & OMEGA on June 22-25 at The Dunes Golf & Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The New England PGA contingent gave it their best shot and Boomer Erick, PGA represented us well, playing all four rounds and finishing in a tie for 61st.

July offered many playing opportunities. Let's get you up to speed on what happened.

On Wednesday, July 9, the New England PGA Stroke Play Series headed north to Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield, NH. Matt Baran, PGA and Phil Cardwell, PGA won the first two Stroke Play Series events and Jeff Martin, PGA joined them in the winners circle, firing a dazzling seven under par 65. Shawn Warren, PGA was close behind at 67, the aforementioned Baran solidified his place at the top of the standings with a tie for third place with Jeff Seavey, PGA, as they both shot two under par 70. Bob Prange, PGA won the Seniors Division with a solid round of 74, Bob Giusti, PGA was one stroke back at 75.

As always, the hospitality of owner Andy Sigler and the entire staff at Montcalm went above and beyond. Many thanks go to Liz Clark and her clubhouse crew, Superintendent John Harrington and his greens staff and PGA Professional Cory Mansfield for hosting us.

The elite field of 54 qualifiers, including three from the newly-minted Seniors Division, will compete at the Stroke Play Series Championship scheduled for Old Sandwich Golf Club on Tuesday, September 30. Thanks to Dan Dempsey from AHEAD, Paul Pichette from Cutter & Buck, Cary Gordon and Golf Buddy and YAMAHA for the continued support of these popular events.

Metacomet Country Club was our host for the Pro-Senior Invitational, 36 teams comprised of three amateurs at least fifty years of age competed. The Low Gross score determines the Champion and the team from Willowbend Country Club led by PGA Professional Michael Vidal took home the title with a great round of ten under par 60. The Net side resulted in a three-way tie with the teams from Brockton Country Club, Franklin Country Club and Blackstone National Golf Club all shooting twelve under par 58. The Individual Professional competition also had a tie at the top with John Paesani, PGA and Rob Bradley, PGA both shooting 66. Thank you to C.J. Talbert and everyone at Metacomet for allowing us the use of their beautiful facility.

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# What's In The Bag

A Look at Our Latest NEPGA Event  
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**Robert  
Bradley, PGA**

**Brockton Country Club**



**Victory:** NEPGA Pro - Senior (Indy Pro)  
**Location:** Metacomet CC  
**Score:** -4 (66)  
**In Bradley's bag...**

**Driver:** 12 SLDR Graphite Design DI-7 Shaft  
**Fairway:** 15 Cobra S2 FWY, 16 Adams Tight Lies  
**Hybrid:** Cobra 3 Hybrid  
**Irons:** 4-PW Taylormade MC  
**Wedges:** 52, 56 ATV Wedge  
**Putter:** Spider Blade Counter Balance

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**Sean  
McTernan, PGA**

**Brave Burn Country Club**



**Victory:** NEPGA Stroke Play Series #4  
**Location:** Carnegie Abbey Club  
**Score:** -1 (70)  
**In McTernan's bag...**

**Driver:** Taylormade TP 10 - R1  
**Fairway:** RBZ 14.5 Tour, Aldila RIP  
**Hybrid:** 18 TM 3 Rescue 2011 RTC  
**Irons:** 3-PW Taylormade TP MB, KBS Tour X  
**Wedges:** TaylorMade TP 54 & 60  
**Putter:** Scotty Cameron Newport 2 Select  
**Golf Ball:** Taylormade TPX  
**Trinket:** Ball Mark - BBCC Poker Chip



**Paul  
Parajekas, PGA**

**Pleasant Valley Country Club**



**Victory:** NEPGA Pro - Junior  
**Location:** Hopkinton Country Club  
**Score:** -8 (63)  
**In Parajekas' bag...**

**Driver:** Cobra 10.5 Project 6.0  
**Irons:** Cobra B10 Cell Plus 5-PW  
**Putter:** Odyssey Mid Two Ball

## 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 28th**. 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.*

### **View Current Volunteer Roster**

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

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Thank you in advance for being a part of this year's event!



## GROWING THE GAME



Bob Beach, PGA is pictured above at a Veterans clinic held at Cedar Hill Golf Course.



Bob Beach, PGA is pictured above with participants from his Putting for Autism Clinic. Bob's clinic will be featured on "Chronicle" in a few weeks. We will let everyone know when the date and time has been determined.



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## TEACHER OF THE YEAR *Skip Guss, PGA*



**At what age did you begin to play golf?** I started at the age of 7, caddying and playing golf at Lake Mohawk Golf Club, located in Sparta, NJ.

**Who taught you the game?** I never had a formal golf lesson until I met Sam Snead during my senior year in high school. From there, I had the great privilege to getting help with my game from Tom Creavy (1931 PGA Champion), Bob Toski & Jack Grout.

**Where did you go to school?** Pine Crest School, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.

**When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?** At the age of 9, as a spectator at the Phoenix Open, I got Jack Nicklaus' autograph 4 times in nine-holes. That was when I knew I wanted to reach for the PGA TOUR. In 1976, I had the privilege of meeting Burl Dale, head golf professional at Linville Golf Club, Linville, NC. Meeting & working for Burl confirmed to me that, if the PGA TOUR did not work out, I wanted to become a PGA member & attempt to follow his great example.

**Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?** Pine Valley, NJ.

**What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?** Last August, I was named the Golf Coach for the Women's Golf Team at Holy Cross, and that has been a lot of fun thus far. I love to ski, along with the entire skiing environment. I am presently developing a teaching aid business, along with doing some consultant work for internet-based golf technology companies. Home projects are also a lot of fun!

**What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?** 1) To help students enjoy their leisure time better through golf. 2) To help affect/change the trajectory of a person's life. 3) To be a true professional...always striving to demonstrate passion, loyalty, enthusiasm, energy, creativity...and a continuing desire to always get better.

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## ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR *Jacob Leech, PGA*



**At what age did you begin to play golf?** 14 yrs old

**Who taught you the game?** My best high school friends and high school golf coach.

**Where did you go to school?** East Grand Rapids High School/ Ferris State University

**When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?** I was in my late teens when I knew I wanted to be involved and surrounded by the game of golf for the remainder of my life. I figured I enjoyed it so much and saw the wonderful things that the game of golf does for and to people, I turned my passion into a career and ultimately a lifetime decision.

**Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?** Fishers Island GC/ Edgartown GC/ Myopia Hunt Club -all tied.

**What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?** One main interest is running, I have competed in numerous road races but basically run more for leisure and to stay in decent athletic shape. The beach and ocean front have always peaked my interest as well! Weather it's a vacation type trip or going to an island off of MA or RI, I am a fan of traveling to warm beach style climates.

And simply, reading. Post college is when I first began to enjoy reading certain authors. It has grown from there as I enjoy all sorts of different topics/ reads now.

**What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?** Hard question. I have an extremely competitive side when it comes to playing the game, so part of me would like to be remembered for a certain tenacity playing the game. I also believe that integrity and a hard work ethic will make you a wonderful professional in this business. Finally, being a kind and understanding person of the people around you, whether it be your members/ customers or co workers, treating other people as you would like to be treated and enjoying life to the fullest.

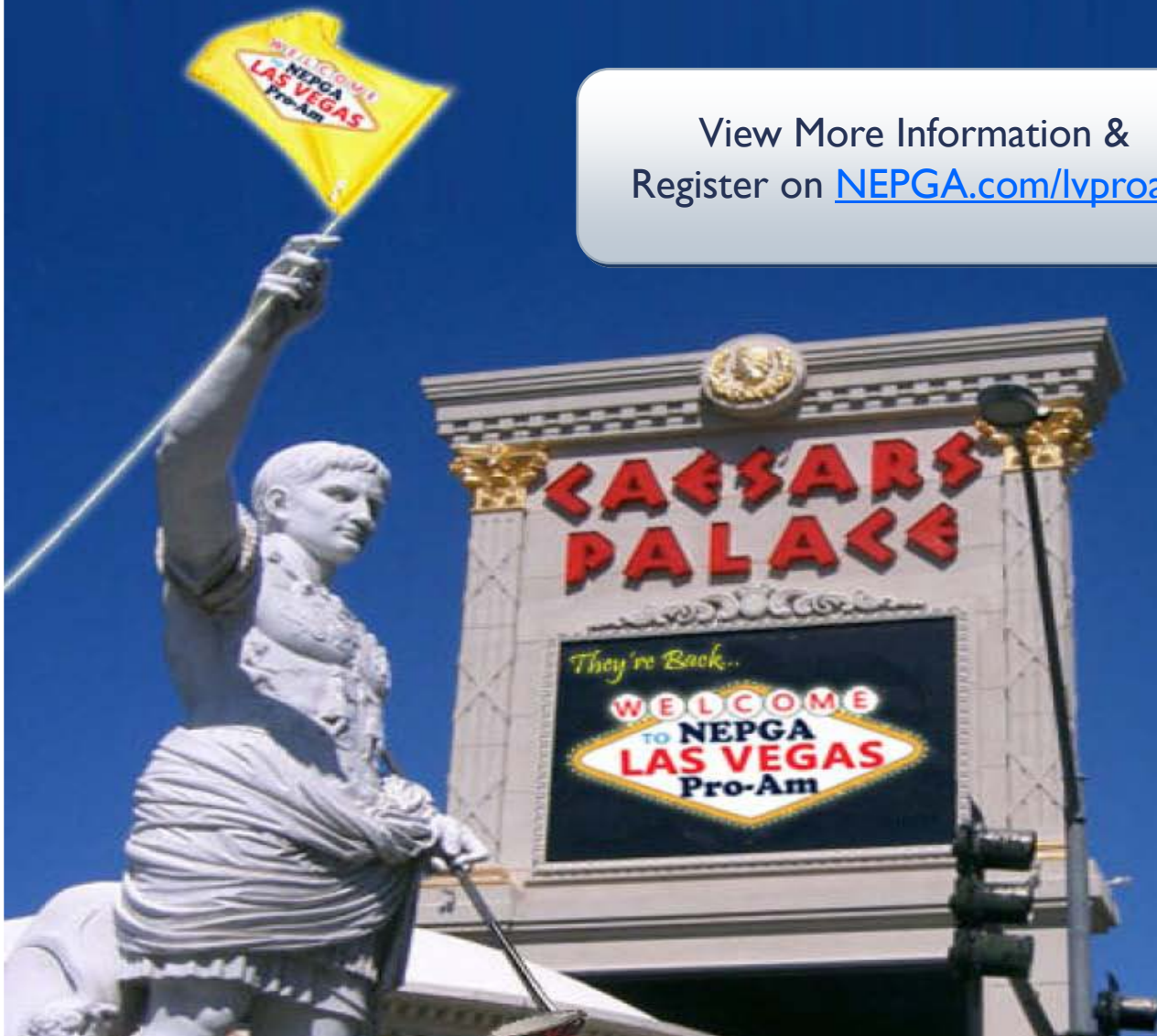


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## TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

A week later on Monday, July 21 we were at the Hopkinton Country Club for the Pro-Junior Championship sponsored by Titleist & FootJoy and supported by Champ Spikes. Pleasant Valley Country Club, led by PGA Professional Paul Parajeckas, took home the title shooting an incredible twelve under par gross score of 59. Parajeckas showed the juniors how it's done, firing a 63 on his own ball, bettering his age for the first time in competition. The teams from Lexington Country Club and Wannamoisett Country Club tied for low net honors at ten under par 62. Thanks to Dave Lane, PGA, the members and staff at Hopkinton for hosting us.

Later that same week on Thursday, July 24 another staple on the NEPGA schedule, the Pro-Lady Championship was contested at Kernwood Country Club. There was a logjam at the top on the gross side, which decides the Champion. No less than six teams returned alternate shot scores of 74. Congratulations to our Co-Champions Worcester Country Club, Renaissance Golf Club, Sterling National Country Club, Abenaki Country Club, Pocasset Golf Club and Pine Brook Country Club. The team from The Country Club recorded the low score on the net side, 71. Thank you to our returning sponsor, Sue Powers and Nivo and to our long time hosts, the members at Kernwood CC. Special thanks to host professional Frank Dully, PGA and Superintendent John Eggleston and their crews for another great event.

The penultimate Stroke Play Series at Carnegie Abbey was next, on Monday, July 28. That event also served as a NEPGA Member Only qualifier for the New England Open. Due to the lead-time needed to publish this newsletter, we will report the results of this event next month.

We finished off July with the first of our 2014 Major Championships. The New England Section Senior PGA Championship returned to Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, Vermont on July 30 & 31. We will share all the details from this event next month, as well.

So that was July, remember, we still have along way to go in 2014, with many playing opportunities for all of you. Treat yourself and come out and play some golf with your fellow Professionals in the coming months.

Keep an eye on the NEPGA website for updates and more information on all things tournaments and we'll be back with more Tournament News next month.

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***Pro-Junior Championship***



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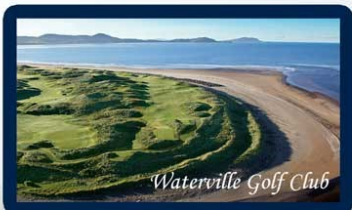
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#### JUNIOR GOLFERS DESCEND UPON RHODE ISLAND & CAPE COD!

Our great game of golf may be losing golfers if one were to solely acknowledge the so-called experts...however, if the mass number of junior golfers who participated in various NEPGA activities in Rhode Island and on Cape Cod this past month is any indication of the future, these same observers might conclude differently. To wit – in photographic essay form...

#### IT'S DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT TIME

*Pictured right: In what might have been the only full DRESS REHEARSAL IN THE COUNTRY, Pocasset GC invited 60 kids to a practice DCP in early July with the help of Ben, Nick, Christian and yours truly – all organized by Jeff Halunen, PGA HP.*



Three of the seven Section DCP local qualifiers were conducted in our two southern Chapters with the next stage scheduled for August 6th at Pinehills in the Cape Chapter. Averaging over 100 kids per venue, dozens of volunteers, PGA Professionals and NEPGA staff were charged with producing day-long affairs to accommodate these kids ranging in age from 7-15.



*Button Hole's DCP hosted by Dan Gaughan, PGA attracted a huge number of Providence kids .*



*LeBaron Hills Ribbon Winners!*



*Bay Club Ribbon Winners!*



*Button Hole*



*NEPGA's Ben Vandal and MGA Executive Director Jesse Menachem coordinated the LeBaron Hills DCP.*



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### CAPE COD CHAPTER / RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



One of the many neat aspects of the DCP features the participation of dozens of Section members and their kids. Here are just a few of our colleagues caught on camera at various sites watching their kids or volunteering.

Left:  
*Roman Greer*  
Center:  
*Sue Kaffenburgh*  
Right:  
*Lisanne Miller*



*Steve Brown*



*Jeff Martin*



*Jeff Halunen addresses Pocasset kids at practice DCP.*



*Greg Yeomans*

As the DCP season winds its way to Pinehills, (Cromwell, CT for the Button Hole qualifiers) the Junior League is flourishing all over southern NE with five leagues in action from SW Rhode Island to the Mid-Cape.

*Top Right: Jay Askew and team showed the field how to arrive in style – with the entire team having played in Cape Cod Junior Golf Association events for years. The CCJGA conducted 7 events in July averaging 90 kids per, while the NEPGA Junior Tour visited Cape and Rhode Island 18 times since late June, including three Elite Tour events (2 day tournaments).*



*Bottom Left: Greg Yeomans and team captured the Titleist/FootJoy Pro-4 Jr. at Squirrel Run in late July. Young Braden Yeomans (center) broke both wrists the day after qualifying for the DCP; we hope for speedy and full recovery.*



*Bottom Right: In a big local battle, Hyannis GC edged sister course Old Barnstable Fairgrounds in a recent match on the Cape- pizza mandatory!*



Best wishes to all the DCP qualifiers in the coming weeks. Rhode Island Chapters' big Pro-I Jr Scratch is a few days away with teams battling from all over for the Titleist/FootJoy crown jewel of Pro-Juniors scheduled for Metacomet on July 29th. Never a better time to be a junior golfer in our Section. If one were to count the junior golfers who participate in the dozens of junior golf camps at various clubs and then add to that the DCP, the NEPGA Jr Tour, the CCJGA tournaments and clinics, and both Chapters' PRO-JR tournaments, we can safely state that 3,000+ kids are involved in some fashion with golf in Rhode Island and on Cape Cod!

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### MAINE CHAPTER



The Big I Junior Qualifier was held on June 25th at Cape Arundel Golf Club. Thank you to PGA Professional Ken Raynor and the membership at Cape Arundel for hosting and sponsoring the event again this year. It is a perfect layout to test the skills of our juniors in Maine. Top qualifiers who will be traveling to The Pete Dye Club in Bridgeport, West Virginia will be Gavin Dugas from JW Parks, who fired an even par 69 as the low boys qualifier and Monica Austin, of Yarmouth shooting an 80 in the girls division. Congratulations and good luck at the National Championship.

July was a busy month for golf in Maine. We started it off with a trip to Augusta for our Pro Am Championship sponsored by Greg Ludes and Titleist. Greg was on hand to pass out hats and golf balls to all our participants. Ten under par 130 seemed to be the number of the day, as we had an unusual 4 way tie for the Championship. The teams from Falmouth CC led by Low Individual Pro Shawn Warren, Portland CC led by Gerry DiPhilippo, Samoset Resort led by Jeff Seavey and Martindale CC led by Nick Glicos all fired the magic number for a share of the title. Congratulations to all four teams. (Couldn't you have made one more putt to break the tie?) Thank you to host Professional Jason Hurd and the Augusta CC staff for allowing the Maine Chapter to enjoy your facility for the day.

The next stop on our Chapter Championship run was the Pro Lady held at Waterville CC. Congratulations to the host team led by PGA Professional Don Roberts for keeping the championship trophy in Waterville. The local knowledge helped them beat the field by nine shots. Once again, Shawn Warren was the Low Individual Pro of the day by firing a 69, two shots better than Host Professional Don Roberts. A week earlier Don fired the course record 62 at Waterville. Thank you to all the Waterville staff and membership for helping make our Pro Lady enjoyable for all.



The State of Maine Championship held at the difficult Sugarloaf layout was next on the calendar. It was an enjoyable first trip to Sugarloaf for me. A big "Thank You" to our sponsors: Matt McDonald and Steve Rand from Five Star Golf Cars and Adam Casey

from Bushnell for your support. Also, thank you to Gepetto's Bar and Restaurant and Sugarloaf for your support in helping

make this a premier event in Maine. We appreciate that the sponsors could be on hand to participate in the Monday Pro Am.

John Hickson warmed up with a 71 to take low professional honors and the team from Falmouth led by Shawn Warren took home the team prize at Monday's Pro Am. John Hickson fired an opening round 67 (tying the course record) and never looked back as he became a three time winner of this event. His 139 total was three shots better than runner up Jeff Seavey who was also trying to become a three time champion of this event. Mike Worroll, a past champion was low senior professional. Matt Greenleaf and MESGA's Mike Doran tied for the low amateur title. Gavin Dugas was the low junior winner. Congratulations to ALL! Thank you to host Professional Steve Niezgoda and staff for all your help. Couldn't have done it without you! Special thanks to Dave McAdams for coming north and providing his expertise! Click [here](#) for more photos.



SUGARLOAF		SUMMARY ROUND 2						STATE OF MAINE CHAMPIONSHIP	
2014 12 OT CHAMP 3X1	140	141	142	143	144	145			
JOHN HICKSON			SEAVEY						WARREN GRYGIEL
146	147	148	149	150	151	152			
		DUGAS M	WORROLL	MEUNE					
153	154	155	156	157					
DORAN GREENLEAF		ROBERTS WYMAN	TITFIELD LADD	ELLSWORTH					
					158	159			
					DUGAS G HARRIS	OLIVER M MOREY			

#### Upcoming Events:

August 4th Pro Junior at ValHalla  
 August 12th Assistants Championship at Spring Meadows  
 August 24th Scholarship event at JW Parks  
 September 2nd Senior Junior Championship at Poland Springs

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

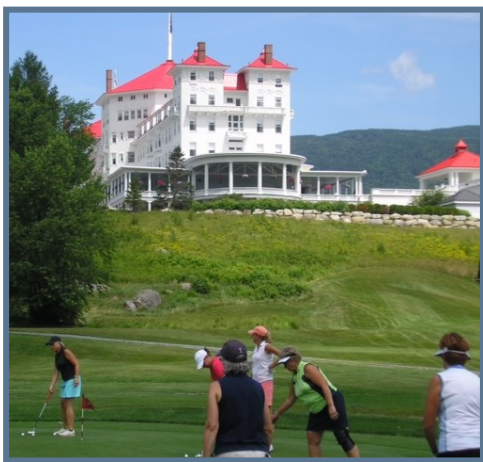


Despite the ravages of winter on New Hampshire golf courses, the Chapter has had excellent participation in its pro-am events even though we have had to move two events to other venues and cancel one pro-am. The pro-am scheduled for Newport GC on June 30th was moved to Eastman GL and the Pro-Senior Championship scheduled for Pheasant Ridge GC was moved to Pease GC and a subsequent pro-am re-scheduled at Pheasant Ridge was outright cancelled.

The Chapter Pro-Senior Championship held at Pease GC had 34 teams participate and the winning team was from Portsmouth CC led by professional Bill Andrews. The foursome was 12 under par gross (59) and edged out host professional Tim Riese and his partners by two shots. Riese's team was 15 under net and took first place in the net division. Low professional of the day was Matt Arvanitis, Concord CC assistant professional with a round of 67.



*Portsmouth CC captured the Pro-Senior Championship at Pease GC*



*With the majestic Mount Washington Resort in the background, players get ready for the Pro-Lady Championship at Bretton Woods.*

and led by professional Mitch Jefferson. The foursome was 11 under gross (61) and was four better than the second place group from Hanover CC (65). Jefferson was low professional with a 5-under par round of 67.

The Mohegan Sun Qualifier was held at Hanover CC on July 21 and 28 teams participated for one spot to go to Mohegan Sun

in October. The winning team with an 18 under par score of 122 was from Newport CC and led by professional Vince Molesky who shot 69. Molesky finished in a tie for third in the pro pool which was won by Dan Wilkins of Laconia CC who shot 67.

The Chapter will conduct its championship at North Conway CC on August 11 and 12. In addition, at last count, 24 Chapter members will participate in the Section Championship a week later at Portsmouth CC and Golf Club of New England. The Chapter board is thankful for its sponsors to date which include: Martignetti Liquors, Adams Golf, Titleist, New England Golf Guide, PRATO Eyeware, Lincoln, TaylorMade, PGA Tour, NH Senior Golfers' Association, Ahead, FootJoy and Gregg Norman.

Congratulations to Concord CC Assistant Professional Matt Avantis and his wife on the birth of their first child, Andrew Matthew Arvanitis, born on July 8th.

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### MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



**PGA**

New England Section  
Massachusetts Chapter

The Mass Chapter may still be on a little break from their competition schedule but Mass Chapter professionals are finding themselves atop the leaderboard at many Section level events. Jeffrey Martin, PGA took home the victory at the NEPGA Stroke Play Series #3 event at Montcalm CC with a -7 (65). The Stroke Play Series #4 event at The Carnegie Abbey Club was also claimed by a Mass Chapter PGA Professional. Sean McTernan, PGA from Brae Burn. Under tough windy conditions, McTernan was able to shoot -1 (70). Paul Parajekas, PGA from Pleasant Valley CC claimed the victory at the annual NEPGA Pro-Junior Championship at Hopkinton CC with his juniors Cam Davis, Ryan Berg and Ben Moy. The Mass Chapter is looking strong in Section events leading up to the Section Championship on August 18-20 at The Golf Club of New England and Portsmouth Country Club which includes a \$25,000 skin pool at The Golf Club of New England.

The Mass Chapter events will be starting back up in the fall with three events in October which include on October 6th the Mass Chapter Championship at Worcester Country Club, October 7th the TRI-Chapter Championship at Red Tail Golf Club and the Mass Chapter Fall Pro-Pro on October 21st which is TBD for a site as of now.

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### VERMONT CHAPTER



On June 24th, the Vermont Chapter held a teaching seminar at Okemo Valley Golf Club attended by 24 VT Chapter members. The seminar included nine Chapter members explaining their teaching "secrets" in different areas of the game. After the morning session, a pro pro was conducted on course. We thank Erik Sorensen, PGA, Dorset Field Club, Education Chair, for handling the coordination and agenda. We thank Jim Remy, PGA, Okemo Valley Golf Club for hosting this popular seminar.



On July 3rd, the VTPGA and their allied associates hosted the National Drive, Chip, and Putt competition at Links at Lang Farm. Host professional, Steve Gonsalves, PGA did an incredible job of coordinating the volunteers and PGA Professionals. We had 137 juniors from all over New England and Canada represented in each age group. Many of our local Vermont juniors qualified to move on to Pine Hills in August.

Our Junior Tour has seen steady participation over the past month. This summer's highlight was our junior event at Vermont National CC. In our 0-9 handicap division, the top scores were 65, 67, 67, 68, and 70...all under par 72. Our juniors this week are competing in the Match Play Championship with the Stroke Play Championship to follow on August 8th.

#### **Tournament Results:**

On June 30th, we held our third major championship of the year with our Pro Junior at Williston GC hosted by Todd Trono, PGA and John Goodchild, PGA. We thank Leanna Wicks and Ping Golf for providing Ping carry bags to the winning juniors. We would like to thank Greg Clair-



*Dave Jankowski & his team*

mont from the Stephen Brown Foundation for his added donation to five junior programs throughout the state. Our winning gross team was led by Greg Nelson, PGA, Rutland CC with a 2 best ball of 4 score of 142. Net winners were the team from Green Mountain National GC with Dave Soucy, PGA, leading the way with a team score of 126. Low Professional score was Jim Dayton, PGA, Ralph Myhre GC with a score of 71 followed by Dave Jankowski, Stowe Mountain Club, and Host Professional Todd Trono both with a score of 73.



*John Goodchild & his team.*

On July 7th, we held our next major, the Pro Lady at Sugarbush GC hosted by RJ Austin, PGA and Paul Meunier, PGA. We thank our sponsor Jeff Schroeder with Cutter Buck and Golf Buddy for his support. Our winning net team from Williston GC was led by Host Professional John Goodchild, PGA, with a 2 best ball of 4 score of 125. Gross winners were the team from Stowe Mountain Club with Dave Jankowski leading the way with a team score of 137. Low Professional score was Dave Jankowski with a score of 73 followed by Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC and Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC both with a 75.

On July 14th, the VT Chapter Pro Am was held at Rutland CC with Greg Nelson, PGA, as our host. This was also our Mohegan Sun qualifier. We thank our long time sponsor Farrell Distributing for their generous added money to the purse. Format was one best ball gross and net. Our team winners were led by Dave Jankowski, Stowe Mountain Club GC with a score of 133. Professional scores included Dave Jankowski with a 71 followed by Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC, Taylor Cowie, Links at Lang Farm, and Ron Philo, PGA, Stowe Mountain Club all with 74's.

The premier event of the season, the Vermont Stroke Play Championship, was played July 21-22 at the Quechee Club hosted by Steve Rogers, PGA and Richard Vacca, PGA. Our sponsors included Jim Mayo with Antigua and Bushnell, Farrell Distributing, Greg Piva with Tournament Solutions, and the PGA Tour. Dave Jankowski, Stowe Mountain Club is our 2014 Vermont Stroke Play Champion with a two day score of two under 142. Surprisingly, Dave was able to complete his rounds while he and his wife were on baby watch. Baby was due 2 days prior to the event. Next was Mark Aebli, PGA, The Hermitage Club, with 149 followed by Greg Nelson, PGA, Rutland CC and

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### VERMONT CHAPTER

Josh Young, PGA, both at 150. Our Pro Pro winning team was Dave Jankowski and Horace Archer, PGA, Williston GC with a score of 140. Highlight of the Championship was the first round hole in one by Mike Bailey, PGA, Kwiniaska GC. Jim Mayo and Bushnell provided a Bushnell Rangefinder for the closest to the pin on the first par 3, the 4th hole. Mike playing in the second group of the day concluded the competition with his ace.



Dave Christy, PGA & Dave Jankowski, PGA



Left: Dave Soucy, PGA with Dave Jankowski, PGA and Greg Piva  
Right: Dave Jankowski, PGA and Jim Mayo



Jim Mayo and Mike Bailey, PGA

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## SECTION NEWS *Continued...*

### CONGRATS, NEW MEMBERS!

#### Rik Lynch, PGA

**Where are you from?** Upton, MA

**Where did you attend college?** North Adams State College

**What was your first job in the golf business?** Worked as a Starter.

**Where do you work?** Shining Rock Golf Course Northbridge, MA

**What are your career aspirations?** Become a Head Professional.



#### Brian Moskevich, PGA

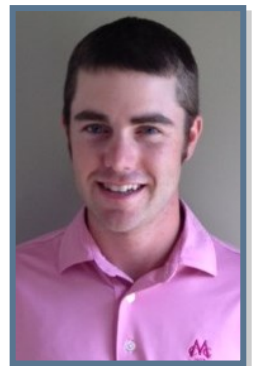
**Where are you from?** Scarborough, ME

**Where did you attend college?** North Carolina State University

**What was your first job in the golf business?** Washing golf carts at Sable Oaks Golf Course in South Portland, Maine.

**Where do you work?** Manchester Country Club, NH

**What are your career aspirations?** To eventually be a Head Golf Professional or Teaching Professional.



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

### CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to David Jankowski, PGA and his wife on the birth of Riley Lyn Jankowski on July 26th. She and mom are happy and healthy. Riley weighed in at 7lbs. 6 oz. and was 20" long.





## AT THE TURN

Member Updates

### New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Kevin E. Lynch, PGA	A-8	Tedesco Country Club
Richard J. Lynch, PGA	A-8	Shining Rock Golf Club

### Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Sean D. Fellows	B-8	7/2	New Seabury Cape Cod
George Goich, PGA	A-6	7/15	Black Swan Country Club
Jack Sullivan Jr., PGA	A-13	7/1	Laconia Country Club

### New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Matthew T. Barr	B-8	The Country Club
John P. Chatelain	B-8	Belmont Country Club
Stephen L. Cromeenes	B-8	Boothbay Harbor Country Club
Alexander D. Daggett	B-8	The Woodlands Club
Matthew W. Hollow	B-8	Hillview Golf Course
Daniel J. Kish	B-8	Rochester Country Club
Arthur J. Rocheleau III	B-8	Shaker Hills Country Club

### Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
George Goich, PGA	A-6	Black Swan Country Club
Jack Sullivan Jr., PGA	A-13	Laconia Country Club

### New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Award Date</u>
Mike Bailey, PGA	A-4	7/31
Richard Carroll, PGA	LM	7/31
Bob Darling, PGA	A-1	7/31
Mike Farrell, PGA	A-1	7/31
John E. Jelley, PGA	A-11	7/31
Timothy J. Kilcoyne, PGA	A-10	7/31

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