



2016 NEPGA Award Winners



Golf Professional of the Year Zach Wyman, PGA



Jack Gale, PGA
Hall of Fame Inductee



Arthur Harris, PGA
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Gary Larrabee
George S. Wemyss Award



William J. Flynn, PGA
Deacon Palmer Award



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FRONT COVER:

The 2016 class of Section Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees was recently announced by the New England PGA. Zach Wyman, PGA has been selected as this year's NEPGA Professional of the Year. Read more about the award winners on pages 12-13 of this news magazine.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Rob Jarvis, PGA



Greetings Fellow NEPGA Professionals,

What a difference a year makes! One year ago we were all wondering if we were ever going to see green grass again and now we

have clubs throughout New England that have already greeted their first golfers of the season. We already knew that our centennial year was going to be special, but with mother nature showing us good fortune, our facilities should all be up and running close to a full month earlier than last year.

March Education Madness

If you have not visited the NEPGA website recently, please make sure to do so. Our Education Committee, chaired by Tracy Djerf, PGA and Mike Bradshaw, PGA provided a great seminar schedule for March and they have more in store for the upcoming months. The committee has worked hard in what little winter season we have had to provide excellent opportunities for all of us.

This may be the beginning third of a new MSR cycle, but I urge you all to get a jump start on your requirements. Nothing would make me more proud than to see the NEPGA be the leader of the 41 sections when the cycle closes. In fact...I challenge all PGA Professionals to complete their MSR requirements 6 months in advance of the deadline. Together we can set a national example and prove that we are the leaders in educating our professionals.

Spring Meetings

The Chapter and Section Spring Meeting schedules are now posted online. More than likely we will all be busier than normal this spring, but I urge you to try and plan

ahead so you can attend. Not only will we have some big announcements, but the Spring Meetings are always the best time to see our fellow professionals and thank some sponsors for their support in the upcoming season. Your presence and interaction with our supporting partners helps us foster relationships for the future. Not to mention you will receive several MSR credits in the required category!

Planning Session Re-Cap

Last month the NEPGA Officers, Board of Directors, Special Guests, and Chapters all attended our annual planning session. I previously mentioned that this session was going to be more doing than planning and was I ever right. There were several topics discussed, but one of the top priorities is still the NEPGA Foundation. As I said while on the campaign trail last fall, finishing this project is not only of the highest priority for me, but for the BOD as well. We have begun to assemble a Board of Directors for the Foundation and the search for a Foundation Director should begin in the next couple of months. The pillars of our Foundation will mirror PGA REACH.

The NEPGA Foundation will not only be focused on the support of our section PGA Professionals, but we will also be focused on military personnel, golfers of diverse backgrounds, youth in our section, and being all inclusive. I know when this Foundation is fully functional, it will be the pride of our section and by the fall of this year, we will have made great strides toward that mission.

I know I am looking forward to teeing up my first ball of the 2016 New England golf season and I hope you are as well. Very few of us get to play as frequently as we would like, but I encourage all of you to play more golf this season. Whether it is a NEPGA event, playing with your members, or just a casual round of golf with friends or family, we all came into this industry from our love of the game. Get out there and play New England!

Respectfully,

Rob Jarvis, PGA
New England PGA President



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Ron Bibeau, PGA



First of all, I would like to thank all of our New England Section members and apprentices for their support in electing me Vice President in November. I am humbled and honored to serve our members and apprentices and can assure you all that I have the best interest of every one of you in mind in any and all decisions that are made at the board level.

As the Vice President my main responsibility on the Board is being the Chairman of the Finance Committee and it is my pleasure to inform you all that the current financial state of our organization is strong and getting stronger.

Overall Role of the Finance Committee:

"To be responsible for monitoring and communicating to the board, the organization's overall financial health."

These are a few things that the Finance Committee has accomplished in the last 6 months:

1. It was suggested by the Finance committee to change the chapter plan and decrease the percentage taken from chapters to 6% instead of 15% (approved by the board)

2. The Finance committee has met several times to discuss and recommend a budget for the 2016 season. It was approved by the board at a meeting in January

3. The Finance committee met with our financial advisor from the Willing

group to discuss our long term investment strategies. It was recommended to the board that we stay with our current strategies that have given us a substantial profit since the inception of the account

4. The Finance committee suggested that The NEPGA have another audit in 2016 to compare financials from 2015 and 2014. It was approved by the Board and we have retained the same accounting firm that did our audit in 2015.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring meeting and giving you all a closer look at the financial stability of our great section.

I would like to send out a personal thank you to all Finance Committee members (listed to the right) that have taken time out of their days to help create the fiduciary responsibility that is needed to operate The New England Section of The PGA.

Respectfully,

Ron Bibeau, PGA
New England PGA Vice President

Brian Bickford, PGA

Dave Soucy, PGA

Steve Mann, PGA

Glenn Kelly, PGA

Alan Belden, PGA

Rob Jarvis, PGA

Important Dates

APRIL 7

Cape Cod Ch. Spring Meeting
Sandwich Hollows Golf Club

APRIL 7

New Hampshire Ch. Spring Meeting
Intervale Country Club

APRIL 7

Basic Rules Review Seminar
Val Halla Golf & Recreation

APRIL 8

PGA Junior League Golf Captain
Registration Deadline

APRIL 12

Section Spring Meeting & Partner
Appreciation Day
Andover Country Club

APRIL 18

NEPGA Spring Fling Pro Am
Granite Links GC

APRIL 20

Assistants' Assn. Spring Meeting
Carnegie Abbey Club

APRIL 21

Massachusetts Ch. Spring Meeting
Myopia Hunt Club

APRIL 25-27

NEPGA Pro-Pro Match Play Champ.
LeBaron Hills CC

APRIL 28

Maine Ch. Spring Meeting
The Woodlands Club

APRIL 29

Seniors' Assn. Spring Meeting
Middleton Golf Course

MAY 2

Vermont Ch. Spring Meeting
Rutland Country Club

MAY 2

NEPGA Portsmouth Pro-Am
Portsmouth CC

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New England Section

GREENSIDE: Ron Green, PGA



April, springtime, warmer weather, longer days, The Masters, The Red Sox Home Opener and...the start of another New England PGA Tournament season.

What a difference a year makes, last year at this time I had a four-foot high pile of snow in front of my building here in

Boston. This year I have had more than a couple of Professionals tell me they were opening their facilities the first week of March, and they were in Maine!

In speaking with some of my Superintendent friends it seems like most clubs should be able to open as scheduled or even a little early. Let's hope Mother Nature continues to smile on us all season long.

Registration opened for Section events on Monday, March 14, so check out our schedule at nepga.com and please sign up for any and all that fit your schedule.

Another reminder that you can register now for almost all of the events on the 2016 NEPGA schedule, do it now and you won't get shut out of any events you want to play in.

It never is too early to start looking at the dates of the Sections major events. The New England Section PGA Professional Championship, August 22-24 at Pinehills Golf Club; New England Section Senior PGA Professional Championship, August 3 & 4, Okemo Valley Golf Club and New England Section PGA Assistant Championship, September 13 & 14, Spring Valley Golf Club.

While I may not be competing in these events, I will be administering them and I have them duly noted on my schedule—you should, too.

We'll remind you when deadlines for these events are approaching in this space and with our weekly NEPGA emails and you can always check in at nepga.com for information on all things tournaments.

See you down the road,

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NEPGA Spring Meeting & Partner Appreciation Day

Andover Country Club | Tuesday, April 12th



We kick things off with a fun event on Tuesday, April 12 at Andover Country Club with the NEPGA Spring Meeting/Sponsor-Pro-Am. Professionals who enter will be paired with Sponsors of our 2015-16 events. An additional Blind Draw Pro-Pro event is included in your entry.

Lunch will be available after the Spring Meeting for all contestants; golf follows with a 1 PM shotgun start.

Register Online

NEPGA Spring Fling Pro-Am Granite Links Golf Club | Monday, April 18th



[Register Online](#)

The first Section Pro-Am of the season is on Monday, April 18, hosted by the challenging Granite Links Golf Club. The golf course is terrific and the views of Boston's skyline and surrounding area that you are treated to throughout your round make the trip worthwhile. Many thanks in advance to Host PGA Professional Stephen Clancy and Superintendent Brad MacDonald as well as the owners of Granite Links for their hospitality. You may pick your own tee time for this event. File your entry early to guarantee you get your preferred time slot.

The Granite Links Pro-Am offers the first opportunity of 2016 to qualify for the Mohegan Sun Pro-Am that will be played later this year at Mohegan Sun Country Club. Look for more details on this event in the coming months.

*WARNING: I must interject one Rules thought at this point. Please make sure that we **ALL**, including our amateurs are aware of and comply with **Rule 14-1b. Anchoring the Club.** (Page 80 in the book)*

While I realize some people who play the game, more for recreational purposes than competitively may continue to use their long putters and/or anchored putting methods, our events must be played by the Rules established by the R & A and USGA. If one of your amateurs does not comply with a Rule of Golf, we, as a Committee, must take action. Let's avoid any embarrassment for anyone participating in any of our events by being proactive and ensuring we are all playing by the Rules published in the current Rules of Golf, effective January 2016.

NEPGA Pro-Pro Match Play Championship

LeBaron Hills Country Club | Mon.-Wed., April 25th-27th

The first Championship on the 2016 schedule, the Pro-Pro Match Play at LeBaron Hills, takes place on Monday-Wednesday, April 25-27. It's early in the year, but for those who qualify and keep winning, we start with a marathon, not a sprint.

A Qualifying round on Monday morning to decide the twelve qualifiers will be followed that afternoon with first round matches for eight of those twelve teams. The top four qualifiers receive byes into the Quarterfinal round on Tuesday. Quarterfinal and Semi-Final matches are scheduled for Tuesday

morning and afternoon respectively.

The Championship match will be played on Wednesday morning. Jeff Martin, PGA and Troy Pare, PGA are the defending Champions. A big Thank You to our sponsors Bobby Jones, Imperial Headwear, Golf Max and Prize Possessions.

LeBaron Hills is a long time host of NEPGA events; many thanks to the membership who always make us feel welcome as well as Host PGA Professional Tom Rooney and Superintendent Mark Klimm.



[Register Online](#)

NEPGA Portsmouth Pro-Am Portsmouth Country Club | Monday, May 2nd



Even though this is the March/April edition of Tournament News we wanted to remind you of another event in early May that always draws a large field. The Portsmouth Pro-Am on Monday, May 2. Tee times off

both the first and tenth tees in the morning and afternoon will fill up quickly, so get your group together and register early.

[Register Online](#)

Scholarship News

GIVE BACK



As the Chairman of the New England PGA Scholarship Fund Committee, I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the George Wemyss

Scholarship Program either through your participation in the annual George Wemyss Pro Am or through our Holiday appeal program. This worthy cause has helped many of the children and grandchildren of New England PGA members offset the high cost of higher education.

Over the past three years this worthy program has awarded anywhere from \$600.00 to \$1,200.00 to each student while collecting in the neighborhood of

\$16,000.00 annually. Awards are distributed to students based on the number of applicants who are eligible through the National PGA of America's Financial Assistance Program. Unlike the National PGA Program, the George Wemyss Scholarship Program does not limit the number of scholarships to two years only for each student.

I think as a Section we can do better! As Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, I've proposed, and the Section Board of Directors have approved, an OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION be placed at the end of every NEPGA Section and Chapter tournament entry registration. This will give each and every PGA member and apprentice the opportunity to contribute to this great cause on the behalf of the children and

grandchildren of the NEPGA Members. Members and apprentices may set their own contribution amount. As I mentioned this donation is completely optional.

Your Scholarship Committee feels that this is a valuable way for us as a Section to grow the Scholarship Program, contribute to the NEPGA Foundation and hopefully one day, award a child or grandchild of a PGA Member a full college scholarship!

Thank you for your valuable time,
John Fields, PGA
Chairman of the Scholarship Committee

Volunteer Opportunities

Accessible Golf Program

Bob Beach's & Braintree's Accessible Golf Program begins Monday, April 11th at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course. The clinics take place from 5:30pm -7:00pm every Monday through October 17th. The Sixteenth Annual NEPGA/Special Olympic Golf Tournament will be held October 23rd. Volunteers are needed to teach at the clinics and play with the athletes in the tournament. To volunteer, contact Bob Beach at bbeach@braintreema.gov.



2016 Veterans Clinics

Braintree's Golf Clinics for veterans and wounded vets begin on Saturday, April 16th at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. The clinics will be held every Saturday through October 22nd. To volunteer, please contact Bob Beach at bbeach@braintreema.gov.



Giving Back to the Jimmy Fund

Bob Beach's junior golf lessons were recently highlighted in social media posts by the Jimmy Fund. Since 1976, Bob Beach, PGA, has given all the proceeds from his junior golf lessons to the Jimmy Fund. In addition to raising money, Bob has given free lessons to patients at Dana Farber's Jimmy Fund Clinic at the Jimmy Fund Picnic at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, Mass. since 2005.

Northern Ireland Pro - Am

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[Click Here for More Information and to Register](#)

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Golf Professional of the Year

Zack Wyman, PGA GM & Director of Golf at Vermont National Country Club in South Burlington, VT has been named the recipient of the prestigious 2016 New England PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award. The Golf Professional of the Year Award is the highest honor paid to a PGA Professional within the New England Section PGA. The award is based on overall performance as a golf professional at their facility, level of service at his/her facility, level of service to his/her Section and to the Association, leadership ability, image and ability to inspire fellow professionals and promotion of golf.

Bill Strausbaugh Award

Brendan Walsh, PGA Head Professional from The Country Club in Chestnut Hill, MA has been awarded the Bill Strausbaugh Award. The Bill Strausbaugh Award is presented to those PGA members who by their day-to-day efforts have distinguished themselves in the field of club relations, causing dramatic improvements in employment conditions in their local Section and/or the PGA of America.

Horton Smith Award

Mike Bradshaw, PGA Head Professional from Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln, RI has been named the Horton Smith Award winner. The Horton Smith Award recognizes individual golf professionals for their outstanding and continuing contributions to developing and improving education opportunities for the PGA golf professional.

2016 New England PGA Award Winners & Hall of Fame Inductees

The 2016 NEPGA Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees were recently announced by New England PGA President, Rob Jarvis, PGA Head Golf Professional at Bangor Municipal Golf Course, Bangor, ME.

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NEPGA Hall of Fame Inductees

Jack Gale, PGA is a Teaching Professional from Cyprian Keyes Golf Club and past Head Professional at Dublin Lake Golf Club in Dublin, NH and also past Head Professional at Tatnuck Country Club in Worcester, MA.

Arthur Harris, PGA is a Life Member and was longtime Head Professional at Mt. Pleasant Country Club (currently known as The Haven Country Club) for over forty years.

The additional 2016 Award Winners are as follows:

Teacher of the Year

Phil Truono, PGA Director of Golf at Miacomet Golf Club is the NEPGA Teacher of the Year.

Player Development Award

Rick Johnson, PGA at Spaulding Adaptive Sports Center is the 2016 New England Player Development Award winner.

Youth Player Development Award

Roman Greer, PGA Head Professional at Cranberry Valley Golf Club is the Youth Player Development Award winner.

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Patriot Award

Jim Tobin, PGA is the Teaching Professional at Patriot Golf Course in Bedford, MA and the NEPGA Patriot Award winner.

Assistant Golf Professional of the Year

Matthew Closter, PGA an Assistant Golf Professional at Weston Golf Club in Weston, MA is the 2016 recipient of the Assistant Golf Professional of the Year.

Merchandiser of the Year Public Facility

Peiter DeVos, PGA Head Professional at Kebo Valley Golf Club in Bar Harbor, ME is the Merchandiser of the Year for a public facility.

Merchandiser of the Year Private Facility

James Antonelli, PGA Head Professional at Marshfield Country Club in Marshfield, MA is the Merchandiser of the Year Award Winner for a private facility.

Merchandiser of the Year Resort Facility

Gary Soule, PGA Head Professional at Samoset Resort Golf Club in Rockport, ME is the recipient of the Merchandiser of the Year Award for a resort facility.

Award Winners *Continued...*

George S. Wemyss Award

Gary Larrabee, Golf Writer and Historian from Salem, MA is The George S. Wemyss Award recipient. This award is presented to an individual who has consistently been a friend to the NEPGA and/or its members over the years, and made significant contribution to the game of golf. The individual should consistently demonstrate a high moral character, and has performed a distinctive service to the NEPGA to meet its goals or enhance its image.

Deacon Palmer Award

William J. Flynn, PGA will receive posthumously the NEPGA Deacon Palmer Award. The "Deacon Palmer Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional who personally displays outstanding integrity, character and leadership, in the effort to overcome a major obstacle in their life. This individual is an unsung hero/heroine at their facility and in their community, who serve to inspire, empower and assist others, both inside and outside of the game. Bill Flynn epitomized what this award is all about. Bill was inducted into the NEPGA Hall of Fame in 1998.

Save the Date

New England PGA Special Awards Dinner

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Pleasant Valley Country Club

Sutton, MA

Please save the date of our Annual New England Section Awards Dinner this Fall at Pleasant Valley Country Club and make plans to join us as we celebrate our 2016 Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees.

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Section & Chapter Spring Meetings

DATE

Thursday, April 7th
 Thursday, April 7th
 Tuesday, April 12th
 Wednesday, April 20th
 Thursday, April 21st
 Thursday, April 28th
 Friday, April 29th
 Monday, May 2nd

MEETING

Cape Cod Chapter
 New Hampshire Chapter
 Section Spring Meeting
 Assistants' Association
 Massachusetts Chapter
 Maine Chapter
 Senior Association
 Vermont Chapter

SITE

Sandwich Hollows Golf Club
 Intervale Country Club
 Andover Country Club
 Carnegie Abbey Club
 Myopia Hunt Club
 The Woodlands Club
 Middleton Golf Course
 Rutland Country Club

TIME

9 am
 9 am
 9 am (Sponsor Pro Am after)
 8 am
 10 am (with Pro Pro after)
 9 am
 9 am (with Pro Pro after)
 9 am (with golf at 1 pm)



NEPGA Section Spotlight Video

just press **Play!**



The New England PGA Section was recently featured on the "Morning Drive" program on Golf Channel as a part of the PGA Section Spotlight Series which highlights a different PGA Section for 41 days during the PGA's Centennial celebration.

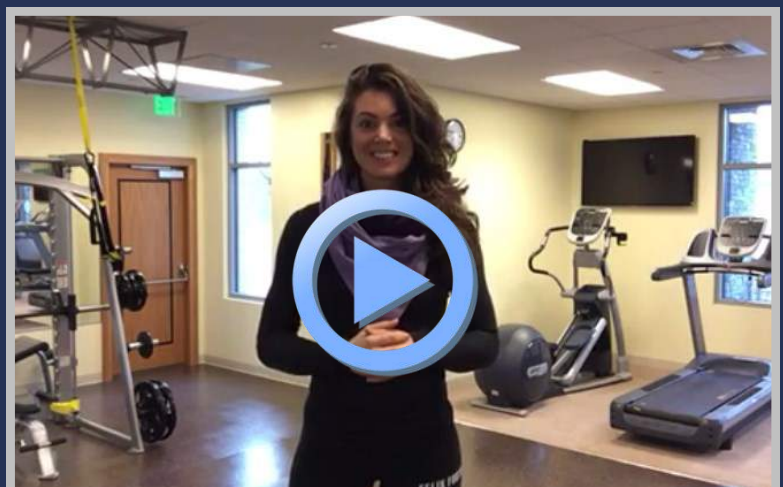
Each spotlight features a "Get to Know the PGA Section" fact box and the Section's signature program, which focuses on charitable, social and educational endeavors that enrich the lives of others. The NEPGA Spotlight will highlight our PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) golf program for military Veterans.

Golf Fitness with Kaitlyn Sharpless, PGA

Kaitlyn Sharpless wants to join YOUR team and help bridge the gap between the golf and strength world. Some of your golfers may be struggling with movement restrictions, poor nutrition and warm-up routines. Kaitlyn is here to help educate so you can look at your players through a new teaching lens and help your golfers improve FASTER, stay injury FREE, and play GREAT!

Kaitlyn Sharpless

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 Founder/Strength & Conditioning Coach- Felix Fortis.*



NEPGA Casa de Campo Pro-Am



NEPGA Professional Ron Philo, Jr's team from Stowe Mountain Club won the 2016 Casa de Campo Pro-Am in the Dominican Republic in early March.



NEPGA Professionals Mark Heartfield, Susan Bond and Ron Philo, Jr.

Get to Know the New Members

We hope you enjoy getting to know our newly-elected members through their questionnaire answers. View all new Section members on NEPGA.com.

Thomas Rourke, PGA
Elected on March 1, 2016

Where do you work?
Cummaquid Golf Club

Where are you from?
Nashua, NH

Where did you attend college?
University of Tampa

What was your first job in the golf business?
Caddied on the cape during the summers.

What are your career aspirations?
Become a head golf professional.

Welcome, Giuliana Salinetti!

Congratulations to PGA Head Professional Jim Salinetti of Winchester Country Club, wife Hillary and son Dominic on the new addition to their family! Giuliana Marie Salinetti was born on March 10th at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, weighing 7lbs. 12.oz and measuring 20.5 inches long.



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: *Jacy Settles*

NEPGA Junior Tour presented by



Dear NEPGA Professionals,

I hope this finds you well! The season is HERE and so is the NEPGA Junior Tour! Please spread the word to your juniors about the NEPGA Junior Tour. The 2016 NEPGA Junior Tour Membership registration is now open and tournament registration will begin soon! Simply direct your juniors to our new website: www.nepgajuniortour.com for more information.

On another note, we're always looking for host sites. If you are interested in hosting a NEPGA Junior Tour event feel free to email me: jsettles@pgahq.com. Please remember this is a great way to market your club as many juniors and families will be on site to see all that you have to offer.

Register for a Drive, Chip & Putt Qualifier Near You!

[Click Here](#) to visit the NEPGA Drive, Chip & Putt website for local qualifier details



DRIVE CHIP & PUTT CHAMPIONSHIP

Date

Saturday, June 4, 2016
Saturday, June 18, 2016
Sunday, June 26, 2016
Thursday, June 30, 2016
Tuesday, July 12, 2016
Tuesday, July 19, 2016
Thursday, July 21, 2016
Wednesday, July 27, 2016
Sunday, July 31, 2016
Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Site

Val Halla Golf & Recreation Center (Cumberland, ME)
Button Hole Golf Course (Providence, RI)
Cyprian Keyes Golf Club Boylston, MA)
Okemo Valley Golf Club (Ludlow, VT)
The Bay Club (Mattapoisett, MA)
Windham CC (Windham, NH)
Blissful Meadows Golf Club (Uxbridge, MA)
Granite Links Golf Club (Quincy, MA)
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SUBREGIONAL: LeBaron Hills CC (Lakeville, MA)



New England PGA Junior League Golf at a Glance....



[Complete the Captain's Pre Registration Questionnaire](#)

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PGA Junior League Creates Your Registration and Team Pages Within 48 Hours

Your unique registration link is sent to you via email. Send the link to your database of parents and players!

Customize your team page for your players and parents. Connect with Brian to leverage all of the Marketing Resources available to you!



RECRUIT PLAYERS ADVERTISE

DEADLINE
April 22nd

DEADLINE
July 31st

Your League Manager helps you confirm your League of 4-7 teams and set your schedule. From here you will roster your players onto teams, receive the team kits and receive any funds you had the PGA collect for you at registration.

Run your league, score, schedule, communicate and administer via your mobile app.

Prep your all-star players for the post season if your kids qualify!



Important Dates:

- Registration Deadline for New England | April 8th
- League Formation Complete | April 15
- Regular Season Begins | Mid May (Depending on Location)
- Regular Season Ends | July 31
- Playoffs Begin | August 10
- Section Championship | Mid-September

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- Parent's Guide
- Rack Cards
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- E-Mail Templates
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To help you get engaged with PGAJLG, contact your PGA Junior League Golf Manager: Brian Bain, PGA
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Your View From The Fairway

APRIL MEMBERSHIP NEWS: *Joan Stuart*

New Opportunity to Donate to the Scholarship Fund

Exciting news to share with you! All PGA Professionals and apprentices can now make a donation to the Scholarship Fund when registering for a tournament through BlueGolf! During the registration process, you can indicate an optional donation before you submit your registration. You will have this opportunity for every section and chapter event. Please refer to the letter sent out by John Fields, PGA Scholarship Chair. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the office at 508.869.0000.



Still Looking for an Assistant for the 2016 Season?

All NEPGA Professionals who would like to list an Assistant Professional or Teaching Professional opening for 2016 on www.nepga.com can email the information on those openings to Joan Stuart at jstuart@pgahq.com and it will be posted under our website's Employment Tab until that position is filled. Please include a brief description of the position, the deadline for resumes, the dates of employment and contact information. It is always recommended that these positions are also posted on www.pga.org. Also, if you need help for outside operations or are looking for a position for yourself, we can also list those for you. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the NEPGA office at 508.869.0000.

Please be sure to email jstuart@pgahq.com when your posted position is filled.

ACH Payments for Purse Winnings



As we begin the Centennial Tournament Season, again a reminder about the advantages of receiving your purse winnings as a direct deposit either into your checking or savings account. Why wait to receive your money? Why risk the possibility that the check may get lost in the mail?

Why wait for the check to be sent or forwarded to a new address? Why have a stop payment fee deducted from your check when the Section has to stop payment because you never received the check? The SIMPLE solution is to have the money deposited directly into your account. Please [click here](#) for the ACH Payment Form and follow the instructions on the form. If you need any guidance, please call the section office at 508.869.0000 or email jstuart@pgahq.com.



NEPGA Through the Years

In anticipation of the publishing of "The First 100 Years of the New England PGA, 1916-2016," we will feature a series of short vignettes looking back on the Section's unique history in our monthly news magazine.

A New Era: George Wemyss Becomes the Section's First Executive Director

The late, great Paul Harney left the Section with an extraordinary legacy comprising many components. One of those components was his successful campaign, once his tenure as Section president began in 1970, for the creation of the position of executive director. No more NEPGA members running the section from their pro shops. The dedicated Tom Mahan, Sr., and John Boda, Sr., had done just that for the past thirty-plus years combined.

"The organization had become too complex to be run part-time by a pro who had enough to do at his own club," Harney told Boston Globe columnist Ernie Roberts in 1978. "So I told our members that if I were elected president, I was going to hire someone to run the darn thing."

With the assistance of his secretary-treasurer, Bill Flynn, Harney found the ideal person for the job, maybe with a helpful dose of serendipity.

George Wemyss, a member of Oakley Country Club, had recently sold his insurance business and had served as volunteer director of the New England Intercollegiate championship. In 1970 he was looking to get involved in golf operations in the region.

"In George Wemyss we have the best in the business," Dick Hanscom, president of the NEPGA, told Roberts in the same article.

"George has made all the difference in the world in our organization," Harney added.

"George has made the NEPGA one of the strongest sections in the country," Dick Haskell, executive director of the Massachusetts Golf Association, said.

Wemyss' twenty-one year tenure was marked by growth and progress in virtually every aspect of Section business, much to the benefit of its entire membership -- organization, administration, education, job enhancement, tournament scheduling, club relations, among others.

"The first thing I did on the job was change the section into a business operation," Wemyss told The Boston Herald's Jack O'Leary in the 1991 NEPGA Yearbook. Wemyss was featured on the cover. "We needed to expand the organizational concept into more than just a tournament organization, which had been the case."

Part of that process was bringing the "old guard," which at the time was led by immediate past president Boda and immediate past tournament director Les Dunn, into the same line of thinking as the new leadership, i.e. Harney-Flynn.

"It just happened to work out pretty good," said Wemyss, whose wife Dee played a vital role as an assistant at tourney sites, "thanks in part to the fact I was used to dealing with people. From there we were able to grow both as a business operation and a PGA section."

A PGA section, in fact, which in a manner of a few years emerged as one of the leading sections in the country for setting professional job, operational and tournament standards for excellence. Wemyss referred to improvement in the club professional's remuneration and overall quality of life, and improvement in rules education thanks to tournament director Edward "Buddy" Young.

Wemyss and his wife initially ran the Section out of their Wakefield, Mass., apartment on Yale Avenue. After several years Wemyss realized the Section had to make the jump to a corporate office setting, which they found at the Radisson Ferncroft Hotel in Danvers. This arrangement coincided nicely with the Section's hosting of several championships at the adjoining Reese Jones-designed golf course.

The Section's growth over the next several years internally and externally

led to the need for additional office space. George Page, owner of the Colonial at Lynnfield complex featuring an 18-hole championship golf course (site of the annual Colonial Cup, pitting the region's top amateurs against the top NEPGA professionals), a renowned five-star restaurant and the Colonial Hilton Hotel, stepped up and donated the office space.

That growth required additional staffing, which led to the hiring of executive secretary Susan Hudson's sister-in-law, Brenda Hutchinson, as secretary/bookkeeper. Soon thereafter Hudson was appointed assistant executive director in anticipation of her succeeding Wemyss.

A key appointee during the Wemyss tenure was that of Young as chief tournament official and rules interpreter. With his ever-present humor, Young made the perfect partner for Wemyss as they conducted NEPGA tournaments for a decade. Young, a Beverly, Massachusetts native, also served as tournament director for the South African PGA Tour and the North Atlantic Golf Tour.

Other familiar faces that worked NEPGA tournaments for many years under Wemyss' direction included starter Al Raymond and course spotter Al Glenn. Both Als were, upon their retirement, made honorary members of the NEPGA.

In honor of his contributions to the Section, the NEPGA Board of Directors established the George S. Wemyss Award. It was first given to George himself in 1990. The award since has been given on a periodic basis "to an individual who has consistently been a friend to the NEPGA and/or its members over the years, and made a significant contribution to the game of golf. The individual should consistently demonstrate a high moral character, and has performed a distinctive service to the NEPGA to meet its goals or enhance its image."

Dee Wemyss, George's wife and a vital presence at NEPGA tournaments and functions for two decades, received the award in 1993.

Growing the Game at National Golf Expo—Boston

Thank you to our volunteers!

The Section wishes to thank those NEPGA members who volunteered their time giving lessons at this year's National Golf Expo—Boston. We appreciate your commitment and enthusiasm to growing the game!



Glenn Kelly, PGA

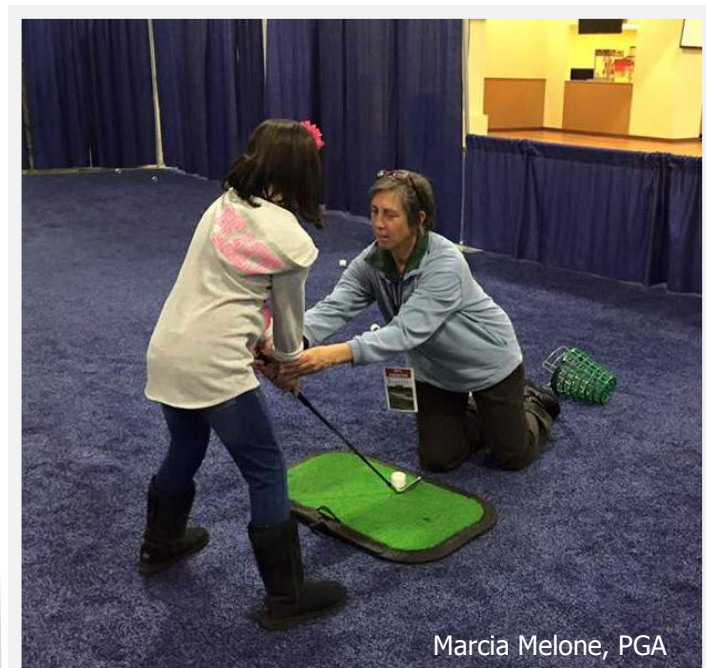


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PGA Annual Operations Survey

Complete by May 31st

The PGA Annual Operations Survey is now available on PGA.org. The survey is currently available for the highest-ranked PGA Professional at each facility, or to any other golf professional with proxy rights for their facility. We encourage you to complete the survey as it allows you to compare your top-line revenues and expenses against other "like" green grass and off-course facilities and also serves as a value guide during the budgeting process. Additionally, data from this survey is used to support state and national economic impact studies which are vital to telling the story about golf's impact on the economy.

Information gathered through this service is strictly confidential to individual facility management and is presented in aggregate with other facilities for reporting purposes.

Members will automatically receive up to two MSR credits upon completion of the survey if submitted by the deadline of May 31st.

To improve your survey experience, many areas have been streamlined to ensure that you only answers questions that are relevant to the operational areas you manage. In addition, there is a downloadable version of the survey on the Annual Operations Survey landing page that you can use as a worksheet to simplify your online experience and save time.

Start Survey

Earn MSR Credits Online

Videos of the seminars held during the 2016 PGA Show in the Member Business Center are now available on PGA.org. Earn PGA Required MSR by watching the presentations and completing the assessment at the end of each video. [Click here](#) to access the videos online.

Complimentary Access to the Masters for Members

The Masters will be held this year from April 7–10, 2016 at Augusta National in Augusta, Georgia. As a courtesy extended by Augusta National, complimentary tickets are offered to Class A PGA members, Life members and Master Professional members (PGA members only; this offer is not extended to apprentices). No spouse or families (including Practice Rounds). Must show membership card and photo I.D. each day. Go to Gate 6A off of Berckmans Road then report to Gate C to receive daily ticket. NOTE: Daily tickets are not available to purchase for spouse. For ticket information please call (706) 667-6700.

District 1 Director Report: Donnie Lyons, PGA



[Click here](#) to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the months of February and March featuring the PGA's strategic alliance with GolfTEC, the cancellation of PGA PerformanceTrak, LifeLock member benefit, Rich Berberian's run at the PGA Match Play Championship, the VA's partnership with the PGA, PAT yardage revisions and more!

What's Coming Up *in our next issue...*

Tournament Results from the
First Events of the Season

New England Open Information

New Education Opportunities

BlueGolf Refresher

Over the past 11 seasons the NEPGA has adopted BlueGolf for our tournament registration and communications needs. Below you will find a quick tutorial on some frequently asked BlueGolf questions. To begin each of these tutorials, members will need to first login to BlueGolf. This can be done on NEPGA.com.

How Do I Update My Profile Picture?

For those of you who would like to update your picture, once you have logged in to your account, simply click on your image or the silhouette next to your name. Once you click the image, you can upload any image of yourself that you want and BlueGolf will automatically resize it and add it to your profile. It is really as easy as attaching an image to an email.

How Do I Add My Social Media Profile?

Adding your social media profiles to BlueGolf enables NEPGA staff to feature you on those platforms. Once you have logged in to your profile, simply click on the pencil tool to the right of your name and contact information and at the bottom. Once there, scroll to the bottom of the Contact Information form and paste in your Facebook, Twitter, or Google+ Page url.

How Do I Print a Receipt?

Once a member has logged into their account, viewing and printing a receipt is just a few clicks away. Under the navigation button "Tournaments", members can find the "Transactions"

button. By clicking on this button and the date of the event, members can access a receipt for their payment.

There are two important notes to remember. First, if your transaction was refunded, you can only view the transaction, not print a receipt that reflects the refund. Second, all transactions are listed under the name of the member who was registered, regardless who the card belongs to.

How Registration Works

Registration for all of our NEPGA Section tournaments runs from the opening date, this year Monday, March 14, 2016, until seven days prior to an event. Depending on the number of registrants for an event, registration extensions may be granted and will typically run through three days prior to an event.

The field size for each event is mutually agreed upon by the Section and the host facility. The field size is set to maximize participation while making sure that the course is not overloaded with competitors. The field size can be found on the registration page for event.

A wait list for each event is set to a maximum of 10 registrants to give late registrants the option of adding their name while also providing realistic expectations as to whether entry into an event is possible.

How Do Entry Fees Work?

Events are typically setup so that your credit card is not charged until the deadline which is generally 7 days before the event. By doing this, you can

sign up for all of your events at once without the charge going through until the particular deadline for that event.

When Can I Cancel?

Members can cancel from an event at any time prior to the registration deadline and incur no cancellation fee because your credit card has not been charged. If a member must cancel after the deadline has closed but before three days (72 hours) prior to the event, they are charged \$25. Any cancellation after the balance of the entry has been charged will result in no refund. The refund and cancellation policy is different for the National Championships.

How Do I Update My Team?

Members can update their teams at any time prior to the deadline by clicking on the "Upcoming" button under "Tournaments." They can then click "My Team" and make any changes they need to.

Teams however cannot be updated once the registration deadline has closed. Staff begins working on the event and needs to be notified of any changes from that point moving forward.

What web browser can I use?

Firefox is the only officially supported browser for BlueGolf.



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- PGA Professional travels free
- Flight allowance for PGA Professionals
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- 4 rounds of Championship golf
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- Welcome drinks & dinner
- Breakfast & lunch daily
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MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Maine Chapter President Jason Hurd, PGA

As I am writing this article, it is mid-March in Maine. This time of year is typically consumed by March Madness and the PGA Tour telecasts. Not this year!! That groundhog got it right. Temperatures in the 50's, no snow on the ground, and several courses already open for play. The 2016 Golf Season has arrived. Let's Play Golf!!! These are all great signs pointing to an exciting and successful centennial year. The Tournament Committee worked hard this winter putting together a nice schedule that should provide several opportunities for our members to get out and participate!!!! You can find the calendar on the Maine Chapter Web-

site. Thank you in advance to ALL host PGA Professionals for helping by securing your facilities for our events.

We are asking ALL Chapter Professionals to help promote our events this year. Get your fellow professionals to join you in playing your Tournaments of Choice. We also ask for your assistance in promoting the State of Maine Championship to the top Amateurs at your facilities and the Big I Junior National Qualifier to the top juniors. Our first event is a Pro Am to be played on May 9th at Dunegrass Golf Club. Registration for this event and several more is now available. Our Chapter Spring

Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28th at The Woodlands Club. Hope to see you all there!

Important Events to Attend

Tuesday, April 12th
Section Spring Meeting
Andover Country Club

Thursday, April 28th
Chapter Spring Meeting
The Woodlands

Monday, May 9th
Season Opening Pro Am
Dunegrass GC

CAPE COD & RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Mickey Herron, PGA, Cape Cod & Rhode Island Chapter Tournament Manager

Spring Openers!

Please consider participating in our two Spring Opening Pro-3Ams. The Cape Chapter visits **EASTWARD HO! – April 19th** (Tuesday) while the Rhode Island Chapter begins two days later at **ALPINE – April 21st** (Thursday).

To register for either Chapter's 2016 events log onto their respective homepages and click on BLUEGOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES. Once again, we welcome NEPGA Members and Apprentices from the entire Section for nearly all 25 tournaments.

Callaway Pro-Pro Series



Longtime sponsor Peter Guild presents two tremendous, not-to-miss PRO-PRO tournaments this Spring: Rhode Island – **LEDGEMONT – May 18th** (Wednesday) and Cape's **HYANNISPORT – June 15th** (Wednesday).

Congrats and thanks to the newly named PGA HP at the former: Troy Pare and thanks to the Port's PGA HP Mike Haberl who welcomes us back for the second consecutive year for this Callaway PRO-PRO.

Speaking of PRO-PRO's, congrats to the N. Kingstown PGA duo John Rainone & Brian Owens for their fine showing in the Winter PRO-PRO held after the Merchandise Show. (T-3). In the same event, locals who played well: Shane Drury, Eddie Kirby, Tom Rourke, Dan Benedetti & Bob Giusti.

PGA Junior League Golf Seminar

Junior League commish Brian Bain has visited all the Chapters preaching the amazingly successful nationwide PGA Junior League Golf program. His final seminar was held on March 28th at Hyannis Golf Club, hosted by PGA HP Jesse Schechtman. The information passed along from not only Brian, but the many experienced colleagues who have been on board since inception is critical to those just getting in or considering forming a team & finding the right league. And, the deadline for Coach/Captains to register with Junior League is fast approaching – April 8th. [Click here](#) to register your team/club for PGA Junior League Golf.

Spring Meetings

Rhode Island Chapter

The Rhode Island Chapter's Spring Meeting was held on April 5th (Tuesday) at Button Hole Teaching Center in Providence.

Cape Cod Chapter

April 7th (Thursday) at Sandwich Hollows GC, Sandwich, MA (9:00 AM)

Among other important topics, both meetings will recognize award winners The Rhode Island Chapter once again thanks Sterling Cut Glass for donating crystal to all the winners.



MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Mark Aldrich, PGA, MA Chapter President

As many of you have seen in the past articles, the Massachusetts Chapter has a great tournament schedule this year that will extend into November for the first time and we would like to thank Jacy Settles for all of his efforts and our tournament committee.

The Chapter is focusing on ways to make people's lives better through golf: some examples are coordinating efforts with the American Cancer Society and performing clinics in the Hope Lodge to help families feel "normal" and provide a distraction from their troubles for an afternoon, or taking the food drive money that has been donated and buy the food and serve the meals at the facility. Obviously this enhances the image of the Massachusetts PGA Professional in our communities but beyond that and more importantly it provides a story, it builds relationships and it shows that our profession and the game are valuable tools with no boundaries for all to enjoy. These are ambitious ideas and it will take an effort from all Chapter members to participate in some small way, but the reward is grand. If someone has an idea or is passionate about a program or target group please contact us to see if we can find a way to make it happen.

Tournament Schedule

Monday, April 11, TPC Boston – Pro-Pro

Thursday, April 21, MA Chapter Spring Meeting & Pro-Pro Myopia (10am meeting, 12pm shotgun pro-pro)

Tuesday, June 7, Beverly Golf & Tennis - Individual Stroke Play

Monday, June 13, Ipswich CC Pro+3am

Wednesday, August 3, Sandy Burr Pro-Pro

Thursday, September 8, Chapter Championship - Sterling National

Monday, September 19, Bellevue GC - Individual Stroke Play

Thursday, October 6, Kettle Brook GC – Individual Stroke Play

Tuesday, October 25, The Haven CC MA Chapter Fall Meeting & Pro Pro - The Havenm 9am meeting, lunch then pro-pro to follow

Monday, November 7, Thomson CC Individual Stableford

NH CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by NH Chapter President Ken Hamel, PGA

The New Hampshire Chapter will hold its annual Spring Meeting of members on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at Intervale Country Club beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Chapter conducted an education seminar on March 11th at Pease Golf Club in Greenfield, NH. The topic was "New Online TPP". Thanks to Pease General Manager and NHC board member Scott Devito for hosting the event and for his hospitality. The Chapter is looking for a site to hold a Junior league Seminar.

The Chapter is pleased to announce that Martignetti Companies has signed on as the title sponsor for this coming season. This marks the third consecutive year that they have partnered with the Chapter.

The Chapter will kick off the 2016 tournament schedule with its first pro-am at The Oaks GL in Somersworth, NH on April 18. Laconia CC will host the second pro-am on April 25. Many golf courses are already open, some as early as the first week in March, and are taking advantage of this unusually mild winter.

Vince Molesky, former head professional at Newport GC has taken the same position at Hidden Creek GC in Litchfield, NH. Also, Dave Krumenacker, former head professional at Country Club of New Hampshire has relocated to South



Long-time head professional at Keene CC, Charlie Kamal, (pictured left) has announced his retirement and Barry "Pudge" Pearson (pictured right) will succeed him as head professional.

VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Vermont Chapter President Roger A. King, PGA

As I write this article, here in the state of VT, there are record highs and we actually have some golf courses open. Looking at the extended forecast, I am predicting many more will be opening soon. That is great news.

I am proud to say that our committees have been working hard over the winter to get the schedules set, improve communication, gather sponsors, and set up many education opportunities for the 2016 season. The VTPGA is excited for our early starts and are looking forward to a great season.

Our Vermont Chapter was represented at the recent Planning Session by Honorary President, Larry Kelley, District Director, Dave Soucy, VT Chapter Directors Matt Havers and Brian Gara.

February Vermont Chapter Employment Changes:

TJ Anthoine, PGA, Quechee Club A1, Richard Vacca, PGA, Crown Point CC

Recently planned educational opportunities for 2016 include:

May 18th, "Teachers Teaching Teachers" seminar at Vermont National CC, 8:30.

The Vermont Chapter Spring meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016 at Rutland CC beginning with registration at 8:00 followed by the meeting at 9:00. We will have our sponsor appreciation day golf outing following lunch.

ASSISTANTS' ASSN. NEWS

Submitted by Assistants' Association President Eric Zadorian, PGA

First and foremost, the Assistants' Association Board of Directors would like to congratulate former NEAA President Matt Closter, PGA Assistant Golf Professional at The Weston Golf Club, on being recognized as the 2016 NEPGA Assistant Professional of the Year. Matt played a vital role in leading our Association to where it is today.

Now that the calendar has turned to April, this means that golf season is finally upon us. The NEAA Spring Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at the Carnegie Abbey Club in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Similar to last year, an Assistant Pro-Mentor Golf Event will follow the meeting where Assistant Professionals will be paired in the same group as a current Head Professional or Director of Golf. Registration is open on our website, nepgaassistants.com.

If any Head Professionals or Directors of Golf are interested in playing, please contact Dave McAdams or Eric Stepanian of the NEPGA. A special thank you to Head Professional Jim DiMarino and Assistant Professional Brendon Ray for agreeing to host this great event.

The NEAA's version of March Madness is back! The Individual Match Play Championship Bracket will be comprised of the first 32 Assistant Professionals that register. Participating in this event is a great way to meet fellow Assistant Professionals and play courses that you might not have played before. The informational flyer and tournament registration are located on our website.

The NEAA Board of Directors looks forward to seeing our fellow Assistant Professionals at an event this Spring!

SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Seniors' Association President Dennis Selvitella, PGA

Calling all NEPGA Senior Professionals!

Come join your peers (NEPGA Professionals who will be 50 years of age or older in 2016), for the Seniors' Association Meeting at Middleton Golf Course on Friday, April 29th to learn more about the Association and play in the Annual Pro-Pro Kickoff after the meeting. The meeting begins at 9:00 am.

Membership Dues are \$25 and the Seniors' Association is open to any PGA Professional in good standing who will turn 50 years of age in 2016. For more information, please contact Joe Carr, PGA 508.873.7768 or Dennis Selvitella, PGA 508.410.4984.

To become a member of the NEPGA Senior Association, please [click here](#).

2016 Tournament Schedule

Date	Event
April 29	Middleton Golf Course, Spring Meeting at 9 AM with Pro/Pro to follow
May 11	Gannon GC Pro/3-am
May 26	Milton-Hoosic Club Pro/ 3-am
June TBA	Whitinsville GC Pro/3-am
June 21	George Wright GC Pro/3-am
August TBA	CC of Halifax Pro/3-am
Aug. 3-4	NEPGA Senior Championship Okemo GC
Sept. 15	Bass Rocks GC Pro/3-am
Sept. TBA	Needham CC Pro/3-am
Oct. TBA	Essex CC Pro/Pro
Oct. TBA	Pleasant Valley CC, Fall Meeting at 9 AM & Seniors' Association Championship

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 2/13/2016 - 4/5/2016

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Michael P. Arsenault, PGA	A-8	Dunegrass Golf Club
Paul J. Breton, PGA	A-8	Framingham Country Club
Ryan M. Costa, PGA	A-8	Pleasant Valley Country Club
Eric S. Davis II, PGA	A-20	Acushnet Company
Andrew M. Elaimy, PGA	A-8	TPC of Boston
Andrew M. Lepage, PGA	A-8	Renaissance Golf Club
Thomas J. Rourke, PGA	A-8	Cummaquid Golf Club
Elizabeth Smith, PGA	A-1	Links At Lang Farm
Nicolas C. Wiseman, PGA	A-6	Hyannis Golf Club

NEW APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Matthew W Buechner	B-8	Meadow Brook Golf Club
Ryan J Dube	B-8	Pembroke Pines Country Club
Nicholas Squillacioti	B-8	Stow Acres Country Club

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Thomas J. Anthoine IV, PGA	A-1	The Quechee Club
Robert J. Austin, PGA	A-1	Stowe Country Club
Kevin C. Bennison, PGA	A-8	Manchester Country Club
Ae G Cahill, PGA	A-6	GolfTEC - Natick
Todd R. Campbell, PGA	A-14	Mulligan Island Golf/Learn Ctr
John A. Cleanthes, PGA	A-4	The Hermitage Golf Club
Darren T Falk, PGA	A-1	Holly Ridge Golf Club
Rick Finlayson, PGA	A-8	Franklin Country Club
Thomas R. Gillis, PGA	A-8	Bradford Country Club
Bob Gunnarson, PGA	A-8	Hatherly Country Club
Kirk C. Hanefeld, PGA	A-14	Salem Country Club
Daniel S. Hart, PGA	A-8	Bass Rocks Golf Club
Phillip W. Johnson, PGA	A-8	Portland Country Club
Charlie Kamal, PGA	LM	
Lou Katsos, PGA	A-13	LeBaron Hills Country Club
Scott D. MacArthur, PGA	A-1	Bay Pointe Club
Connor J. McCaffrey, PGA	A-20	Acushnet Company
Barry G. Pearson Jr., PGA	A-1	Keene Country Club
Brendan J. Reilly, PGA	A-1	Country Club of Halifax
Steven C. Rogers, PGA	A-4	The Quechee Club
Chad M. Spencer, PGA	A-1	Valley Country Club
Richard R. Vacca, PGA	A-1	Crown Point Country Club
Timothy J. Valentine, PGA	A-1	Pembroke Country Club
Daniel J. Venezia, PGA	A-1	Portland Country Club
Timothy J. Watroba, PGA	A-1	Thorny Lea Golf Club
Ian T. Willikens, PGA	A-6	Derryfield Country Club
Jeffrey A. Wirbal, PGA	A-1	Bear Hill Golf Club
Scott L. Kash, PGA	A-8	Augusta Country Club
Zachary T. Zondlo, PGA	A-1	Sugarloaf Golf Course

FIRST TIME TRANSFERS INTO SECTION

Name	Class	Facility
Nicholas R. Calenzo, PGA	A-8	Ocean Edge Resort & Club
Scott L. Kash, PGA	A-8	Augusta Country Club
Brian D. Keiser, PGA	A-8	Weston Golf Club
Connor J. McCaffrey, PGA	A-20	Acushnet Company
David P. Melody, PGA		
Daniel C. Taylor, PGA	A-1	Andover Country Club
Jeffrey J. Wojtusik, PGA	A-8	Thorny Lea Golf Club
Zachary T. Zondlo, PGA	A-1	Sugarloaf Golf Course

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Start	Facility
Thomas J. Anthoine IV, PGA	A-1	3/14	The Quechee Club
Robert J. Austin, PGA	A-1	4/25	Stowe Country Club
Kevin C. Bennison, PGA	A-8	4/1	Manchester Country Club
Ae G Cahill, PGA	A-6	2/15	GolfTEC - Natick
Nicholas R. Calenzo, PGA	A-8	4/1	Ocean Edge Resort & Club
Todd R. Campbell, PGA	A-14	3/15	Mulligan Island Golf/Learn Ctr
William D. Cunningham, PGA	A-8	3/15	Oakley Country Club
Richard M Currid	B-8	3/30	Webhannet Golf Club
Timothy J Doucette	B-8	3/1	Sagamore Spring Golf Club
Peter Dupuis, PGA	A-1	3/1	Green Meadow Golf Courses
Richard A. Durocher, PGA	A-8	2/26	Cyprian Keyes Golf Club
Benjamin M. Egan, PGA	A-8	4/11	Concord Country Club
Darren T Falk, PGA	A-1	3/1	Holly Ridge Golf Club
Steven M. Field, PGA	A-8	4/1	Black Rock Country Club
Rick Finlayson, PGA	A-8	4/1	Franklin Country Club
Keith W. Gagnon, PGA	A-8	3/11	Willowbend Golf & CC
William J Galvin Jr.	B-8	2/25	Ipswich Country Club
Brian D Gernux	B-8	3/7	Oakley Country Club
Thomas R. Gillis, PGA	A-8	2/16	Bradford Country Club
Bob Gunnarson, PGA	A-8	3/1	Hatherly Country Club
Kirk C. Hanefeld, PGA	A-14	4/1	Salem Country Club
Daniel S. Hart, PGA	A-8	2/29	Bass Rocks Golf Club
Peter J. Hulbert, PGA	A-8	4/5	Weston Golf Club
Joseph F. Izzo	B-8	4/1	Hyannisport Club
Keith A. Johnson	B-8	3/29	The Woodlands Club
Phillip W. Johnson, PGA	A-8	4/12	Portland Country Club
John M. Kan, PGA	A-1	3/1	North Hill Country Club
Lou Katsos, PGA	A-13	3/7	LeBaron Hills Country Club
Brian D. Keiser, PGA	A-8	3/15	Weston Golf Club
Roger A. King, PGA	A-1	4/1	Sugarbush Golf Club
Lucas J. Langelier, PGA	A-8	3/15	Hopkinton Country Club
Scott D. MacArthur, PGA	A-1	3/11	Bay Pointe Club
Connor J. McCaffrey, PGA	A-20	3/7	Acushnet Company
Troy S Pare, PGA	A-1	3/1	Ledgemont Country Club
Barry G. Pearson Jr., PGA	A-1	3/4	Keene Country Club
Robert E. Quirk, PGA	A-6	3/1	Jane Frost Golf Performance Center @ Sandwich Hollows GC
Brendan J. Reilly, PGA	A-1	3/22	Country Club of Halifax
Joshua A Slieff	B-8	3/21	Plymouth Country Club
Daniel C. Taylor, PGA	A-1	3/1	Andover Country Club
Adam J. Trotter, PGA	A-8	3/24	Brookline Golf Course
Richard R. Vacca, PGA	A-1	4/1	Crown Point Country Club
Timothy J. Valentine, PGA	A-1	3/14	Pembroke Country Club
Daniel J. Venezia, PGA	A-1	2/15	Portland Country Club
Timothy J. Watroba, PGA	A-1	3/1	Thorny Lea Golf Club
Ian T. Willikens, PGA	A-6	3/1	Derryfield Country Club
Jeffrey J. Wojtusik, PGA	A-8	3/21	Thorny Lea Golf Club
Scott L. Kash, PGA	A-8	4/11	Augusta Country Club
Zachary T. Zondlo, PGA	A-1	5/1	Sugarloaf Golf Course



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