



# APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

New England PGA Professionals,

I would like to take this opportunity to address the New England PGA as your Executive Director for the first time in the newsletter. On January 1, 2011 I became the fifth Executive Director in the history of the New England Section. I am honored, extremely excited and ready for this opportunity. There is no place that I would rather be, and it has been my career dream to be the Executive Director of the New England PGA.

I would like to acknowledge the Executive Director Selection Committee for their dedication and service to the New England Section Membership. I can attest first hand that each committee member truly had the best interest of every Section Member in mind during the process.

I would also like to formally thank the Section Officers and Board of Directors for extending me this opportunity. They have allowed me the ability to hit the ground running and have offered their assistance during my transition from my previous role as the Director of Tournament Operations.

Lastly I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the entire New England Section Membership. Your emails, phone calls and offers of support are truly appreciated.

The staff has been working hard preparing for the season, and we are very excited about 2011. Ron Green, PGA and the tournament staff are prepared for a very successful year. David McAdams has been hired as the new Section Tournament Director and Mick Herron, PGA will be the new Cape Cod and Rhode Island Chapters Tournament Operations Manager. We are very fortunate to have our three veteran Chapter Tournament Operations Managers returning; Tony Decker, PGA (ME Chapter), David Christy, PGA (VT Chapter) and Frank Swierz (NH Chapter). Junior Golf Manager Jacy Settles has put together an extensive Junior Program that will elevate junior golf in New England.

We have put together exciting tournament schedules at both the Section and Chapter levels. I encourage you to partner up with a fellow NEPGA Professional for a pro-pro, bring your members to enjoy one of the many pro-am's throughout New England, or compete individually in one of the many stroke plays.

We have introduced new social network vehicles that will increase communication to the membership. Please check out the NEPGA Facebook, Twitter and Youtube pages. In addition, Joan Stuart has tirelessly spearheaded the launch of the new and improved [www.nepga.com](http://www.nepga.com) web site (great job Joan!). The web site is now your "one stop shop" for everything related to the New England PGA. Our goal is to pack it with useful information in a very user-friendly format. Visit us online and be sure to provide us with your feedback.

The current MSR cycle comes to an end on June 15, 2011. The Section will continue to offer educational opportunities throughout the spring and the dates of the Section and Chapter meetings are included in this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact the Section office to help you meet your requirements.

In closing, 2011 is going to be a very exciting year. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Meetings and throughout the year on the golf course. Please know that I am always available and here to help. Have a safe, healthy and successful season.

Respectfully yours,

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TOURNAMENT NEWS

The snow is gone (almost) and the temperatures are rising (slowly) so it must (almost) be time to play some golf. Please let me speak for everyone on the NEPGA Staff when we say we hope you can find some time to come out and play some golf this year. We know how busy schedules are these days, but we truly do need and appreciate your support of our tournament program and the sponsors who enhance it. Entries are currently being accepted for all Section events on the 2011 NEPGA Schedule.

The NEPGA Section Tournament Schedule kicks off with a Blind Draw Pro-Pro following the Spring Meeting at Andover Country Club on Tuesday, April 12. Thank You to Callaway Golf for their sponsorship of the day's activities.

Pro-Ams follow on Tuesday, April 19th at historic Brae Burn Country Club and Monday, April 25th for our annual stop at Thorny Lea Golf Club. The format for both events; Team-2 Best-Balls of 4, with an optional Individual Professional competition. Special Thanks to Cutter & Buck, their reps Paul Pichette & Greg Sweeten, who are again showing their support of the NEPGA with their sponsorship at the Thorny Lea event.

The first Championship on the NEPGA schedule, the Pro-Pro Match Play Championship takes place on Monday and Tuesday, May 2nd - 3rd at Lebaron Hills Country Club. The number of teams qualifying for match play was expanded last year to 16 and that format continues in 2011. Troy Pare, PGA & Jeff Martin, PGA are the defending Champions. Big Thanks to Adams Golf and Matt Howard for returning as the presenting sponsor for this event, additionally SkyGolf, Sun Mountain & Golf Max join in as supporting sponsors.

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

The AHEAD Stroke Play Series presented by AHEAD & Terry Frechette returns with a slight tweak to the season ending event. Once again the series will consist of five (5) individual stroke play events, with a blind draw Pro-Pro competition included, played in varying parts of the Section.

New for this year, an elite field of the top 36 players will qualify for the AHEAD Stroke Play Championship; the yearlong points accumulated from each AHEAD event will determine them.

The NEPGA Tournament Committee and Section Staff are developing a revised point system that will be used to determine the field for the Championship. Watch for updates on this in the near future.

Tournament News continued on pg. 4...

NEW ENGLAND SERIES NEWS



The 2011 New England Series season is fast approaching. In an effort to generate more participation throughout New England, we ask that you help the Section by either e-blasting the attached PDF to your membership/ mailing list or printing it out and posting it on your clubs' information board. [Click here](#) to download the flier.

The New England Series is the region's premier amateur tour and with your help it can reach new heights. Thank you!

NEPGA JUNIOR TOUR NEWS



PGA

New England Section Junior Tour

NEPGA Junior Tour membership & tournaments registration is open. This year we have two new programs in addition to the regular

junior tour (1-day events): The Elite Tour & the Developmental Tour.

The Elite Tour is simply a set of two-day events designed to provide junior golfers (for boys & girls 14-18) in New England Top-Level Competition in a local setting. All of our events will be submitted to National Junior Golf Scoreboard allowing participating junior golfers the chance to accumulate points, earn national recognition and provide them with the resources and experience needed to continue competitive golf beyond the junior years.

The NEPGA Developmental Tour Program is an instructional-based program where juniors get the opportunity to participate in clinics and tournaments during the summer. Reminder, this is a non-competitive program aimed for beginners who want learn golf in a fun environment. We are targeting those youngsters who are not ready to play from the forward tees and with little or no golf experience. Tournaments are 9-holes (modified tees) for juniors (boys & girls) ages 6-9.

Reminder, if one of the above programs does not suit the junior, we still have over 70 events. No matter what the level of junior there is always room to play on the Tour.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2011 APRIL SPONSORS



## NEW ENGLAND SENIOR OPEN

The 25th annual New England Senior Open will be held June 7th-8th at the Country Club of New Hampshire in North Sutton, NH. There will be 36 holes of medal play. The event will feature gross and net divisions for amateurs and age groups for both professionals and amateurs. It is open to all senior golfers and amateurs who are 50 years of age and over. Amateurs must have a handicap index of 10 or less. Entry Fee: \$225 for professionals, \$175 for amateurs. The entry fee includes practice round on Monday, June 6th (cart fee not included in practice round). Field is limited to the first 120 entries and purse is based on full field of 120.

For more information contact the Country Club of New Hampshire at [dkrumenacker@golfmanagementco.com](mailto:dkrumenacker@golfmanagementco.com) or (603) 927-4246. Entries can be mailed, e-mailed or faxed.

[Click here](#) to download an application. Registration closes on June 3rd.

## NEPGA.COM TIPS

Please be sure to visit our new web site and let us know what you think! We are in the process of populating many of the pages and should be finished by mid-April. Under "Home" on the top/main navigation bar, you will soon find PROfiles that highlights PGA Professionals from our section. Also, there is a link for Special Events. This will be utilized in listing all events that the Section is hosting outside of tournaments. We will have more information on these items shortly. The last item under "Home" is the Calendar. We have started working on this feature which will allow you to view each month's tournaments. You can view all of the events or the Section, New England Series, and various Chapters.

Under "About Us" you will find the NEPGA Mission Statement, your Officers and Board of Directors along with Committees. Your staff is also under this top navigation along with your Spring Meeting Schedule. Information on all of the PGA Sections is here. The final two items are "Community Outreach" and "Golf Associations." We will be adding content to these final two items shortly.

Under "Communications" we have a feature called Week in Review where you will find articles about each of the Section's events week to week. Here you will also find the current Section Newsletter and an archive of past newsletters. We will begin archiving emails. Next you will find the current Mixed Bag along with past one that we are archiving for future reference. Both a photo gallery and video library are also under this navigation. The last two items will give you information on becoming a sponsor and social media.

Be sure to check out Ron Green's weekly rules quiz found under "Tournaments", then "Rules Corner". Answers will be listed each Friday.

We are excited about the many new features that we can offer to you, the membership, on this new web site. Please watch for videos, photo galleries, and "tweets" from our events. We will offer more web tips next month.

## NEPGA STAFF WELCOMES HERRON

The New England Section is happy to announce that Mickey Herron, PGA will be the new Tournament Operations Manager for the Cape Cod and Rhode Island Chapters. "We are very excited to have Mickey on staff this season." said NEPGA Executive Director Michael Higgins. "He brings with him years of experience as a player and as a tournament administrator. We are lucky to have him."

Herron was elected to PGA membership in 1982. He is the former Director of Golf at Ferncroft CC, Danvers, MA; Gleneagles CC, Delray Beach, FL; Hyannis GC, Hyannis, MA; Sandwich Hollows GC, Sandwich, MA and most recently Bay Pointe CC, Onset Beach, MA. He played for both the Macalester College golf team (NAIA) and the Univ. of Penn golf team (Div I) in the mid-70's.

Active for years in the Cape Cod PGA and NEPGA, Herron was awarded the 2007 NEPGA Bill Strausbaugh Award and the 2006 CCPGA Professional of the Year. Former president of the CCPGA and vice president of NEPGA he has served on several NEPGA committees, notably the tournament committee and chairman of the public relations committee. He also has been chairman of interviewing committees for the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund.

He served as a rules official for the NEPGA Junior Tour in 2010 in addition to being named Head Men's Golf Coach at Bentley University.

Herron has won the Dutch Wessner Award 7 times – emblematic of player of the year within the Cape Cod PGA region. He has played in three PGA Tour events, six National Club Professional championships and two Senior National Club Pro championships.

Please join us in welcoming Mickey to the NEPGA staff. He can be contacted at [mherron@pgahq.com](mailto:mherron@pgahq.com).

## 2011 MEMBER CLUB INFORMATION

The New England PGA Member Club Program is intended to be a unique partnership between the NEPGA and the outstanding clubs and courses within our geographical boundaries. The NEPGA continues to promote the game with the financial and philosophical support of the area clubs. Clubs involved in this partnership will benefit from the many services the Section has to offer.

The 2011 Member Club invoices will soon be mailed out. Once finalized, the 2011 Member Clubs will be featured on NEPGA.com. As an added benefit, teams from Member Clubs who enter the Pro-Officer will receive a discounted entry fee.

## SCORE STRIPS AVAILABLE

Both 18 hole and 36 hole score strips are available to New England facilities. If you would like more information purchasing the score strips, please contact the NEPGA office at 508-869-0000.



## NEPGA WELCOMES JOE TESORI, JR

The NEPGA is proud to announce the hiring of Joe Tesori, Jr. as our Tournament Operations intern for the 2011 season. Joe has an abundance of experience in the game of golf and has been surrounded by PGA Professionals all his life. His father, Joe, is a Past President of the Central New York Section, and has been a class A PGA Member for over 30 years. His uncle is also a PGA Professional, and his cousin Paul caddies on the PGA Tour for Webb Simpson. Joe himself has spent time caddying around the country, including on various professional tours, and at clubs such as Seminole in Juno Beach, FL.

Joe played college golf at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York and turned professional after graduation in 2008. At that time he worked as an Assistant Professional at Lakeshore Yacht and Country Club in Syracuse, New York. Joe also worked as an intern for the Central New York Section for four years, and worked in the golf shop at Drumlins Country Club in Syracuse, NY. Joe is going to be a great addition to the NEPGA staff, and will be responsible for running all Mass. Chapter events, as well as assisting Dave McAdams at all Assistant's Association and Section events. Please help us in welcoming Joe by sending him a note at [JTesori@pgahq.com](mailto:JTesori@pgahq.com)!

## TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

The AHEAD series kicks off this year on Monday, May 16th at the beautiful Weston Golf Club with other events being contested in June, July, August and September.

There will be a new event on the 2011 schedule, the Chapter Challenge. All the New England Section Chapters plus the Seniors & Assistants Associations will field 5 man teams who will compete for the title. The best 4 of 5 scores from each team will be used to determine the Champions. Each Chapter/Association will decide how and who qualifies to represent the Chapter at the Section administered event, which will be held in October at a site to be determined. Contact your Chapter Tournament Chairman for more information on qualifying procedures.

Last but not least, the NEPGA Tournament Committee & Section Staff are working on revising the point structure for determining the Wogan Award (NEPGA Player of the Year) for 2011. The updated points system will better reflect the importance that each event used to determine the Player of the Year receives. We will be publishing the revised points in the near future through this newsletter and our web site.

That's it for now, please stay current with all things NEPGA at our revamped web site and watch your emails for the weekly "Mixed Bag" offerings from Joan.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our events this season, lets hope Mother Nature is kind to us and we have good weather for our events, both Section and Chapter.

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

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## EMPLOYMENT CORNER

### 5 Tips for Taking Control at Your Facility

**Contribute to the specific goals of the facility.** Take a close look at the short term objectives of the facility, what contributions can you make that will have a direct impact on the club? Now is not the time to fall victim to complacency and comfort of job title, seek out and take on the tasks that no one else wants to complete.

**Be aware of your attitude.** Regardless of your title at the facility, a negative attitude creates challenges for fellow staff members and is easily visible by your customers. With ample amounts of negativity circling all industries, try to remember that in good times or bad, golf is a recreational and leisure activity. Make sure each customer's experience is enjoyable – they just may be using your facility as an escape from their day-to-day lives.

**Set short-term personal & professional goals.** Measurable progress will keep you and your supervisor(s) optimistic about the facility. Employers need visible and quantifiable achievements now more so than ever. Communicate your achievements and contributions and as target dates approach review your progress and ask for constructive criticism.

**Utilize industry networks.** Your Association provides multiple opportunities to exchange ideas with working professionals like yourself. Fellow professionals, through past experiences and mentors, possess vast amounts of valuable information which can help. Take advantage of the fraternal side of our business and ask for advice or help.

**Update your skills.** It is critical to be cognizant of any changes taking place within the golf industry. Ideas about new business practices, tournament formats, or swing mechanics need to be on the tip-of-your-tongue when approached by owners asking, "What's going on out there"? You must find the time and energy to educate yourselves about what could impact you and the facility in positive or negative ways.

For many of us, the 2011 golf season is quickly approaching and planning and organizing will soon begin. Remember that the northeast is unique; our winters provide a spring - an opportunity for a fresh start. When you begin your season, be positive and remember that everyday you can make a difference and show personal value to the facility.

### Program Highlight: **PGA Professional Report**

PGA Employment Services has created this tool to help you create a professional report that highlights your accomplishments during the year and also plan for the upcoming year.

**Click here** to view the report (PGALinks Username and Password are required). Samples are available for (4) main employment categories: General Manager, Director of Golf, Head Professional and Assistant Golf Professional.

Using the "Key Performance Indicator" (KPI) sheet, you will be able to record every contribution made to your operation with hopes of better communicating your value to your employer at the end of the season.

## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

### CAPE COD CHAPTER

As a reminder, the Cape Cod Chapter's Spring Meeting will take place at Pocasset GC on April 11th at 9am with a pro-pro to follow. Also coming up in April is our first pro-3 am of the season being held at Eastward Ho! Country Club on April 19th. Registration is available on the Chapter's web site found through NEPGA.com under Chapters. Check back soon as additional tournament registration opens up.

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### MAINE CHAPTER

Congratulations to John Boswell, PGA Head Professional at Portland CC and his wife Colleen on the birth of their daughter Cailyn Marie on March 7th. She weighed 9lbs 1 ounce. The Chapter is happy to report Cailyn, Mom, Dad and big brother Peter are doing wonderful.

Congratulations to Brian Bickford for attaining his PGA membership in March. Brian Bickford, PGA Professional...that has a nice ring to it!

The Spring Meeting will take place at The Woodlands Club on April 20th. Please note the meeting starts at 8:00AM. We will be announcing the 2011 Chapter Award winners during the meeting. Titleist and Five Star Golf Cars are sponsoring the meeting.

Mark Thompson and TaylorMade Golf will once again be sponsoring the Maine PGA Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship on Tuesday, May 10th at Webhannet GC. The Chapter would like to thank Mark and all our friends at TaylorMade for their continued support to the Maine Chapter and also the New England Section. John Hickson and Allan Menne are the defending champions.



The Chapter is also happy to report that Shipyard has agreed to continue its sponsorship with the Maine Chapter for the 2011 season. Please be on the look-

out for the Shipyard logo throughout the year at various events.

The Chapter has a new mailing address:

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Please let the Chapter office know if we can do anything for you or your facility.

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

The NHC/NEPGA will kick off the 2011 season with its annual meeting of members on April 4th at Intervale Country Club beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will follow with the first event of the year on April 11th at Green Meadow Golf Club in Hudson. Rounding out the schedule for the remainder of the month are Pro-Am tournaments at The Oaks in Somersworth on April 18th and Campbell's Scottish Highlands in Salem on April 25th.

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### VERMONT CHAPTER

During the month of March, our Chapter leaders and members have been gearing up for the 2011 season with a series of meetings. Those meetings have included a Scholarship Committee meeting on March 3rd to discuss the inaugural fundraising tournament planned for later this September. Attendees included PGA members Chair Dan Russell, Mike SantaMaria, Todd Nalette, and Dave Christy. Our Facilities Relations Committee met with the owner of Mt. Anthony GC to discuss the open Head Professional position. Those sitting in on the meeting included Chair Larry Kelley, Chapter President Dave Soucy, PGA Career Consultant Mike Packard, and NEPGA Ex. Director Mike Higgins. Chair Larry Kelley appointed the following Chapter PGA members to this committee: PGA Honorary President Jim Remy, Dave Soucy, VT BOD Greg Nelson, VT BOD Dave Pfannenstien, Ron Philo, and Operations Manager Dave Christy.

On March 15th, the Vermont Superintendents Association invited our VTPGA Chapter members to a seminar concerning Golf Course Sustainability. Chapter members who attended included Larry Kelley, VT BOD Josh Olney, Dave Christy, Todd Nalette, and Richard Vacca.

The week of March 28th, our Chapter leaders will travel to St. Louis for the National PGA Leadership Conference. Those making the trip are Jim Remy, Larry Kelley, and Dave Pfannenstien. They will join a host of NE Section leaders and PGA members in discussing leadership roles in the business of golf.

On Friday April 8th, we will conduct our annual First Tee School Program Training Session at Norwich University. This year brings us 24 new elementary PE instructors to the program, now totaling 70 schools. Section members interested in attending can call the 802-476-7007 office for further details. Four MSR credits are available for participating PGA members.

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

### RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

Registration is now open for the Rhode Island Chapter's April tournaments. To view the schedule and sign up for an event, please visit NEPGA.com and select "RI Chapter" under Chapters. Registration for May events will soon be available.

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### SENIORS' ASSOCIATION

Well it is March Madness, so in keeping with that theme and to coin one of Dick Vitales phrases the Senior Chapter welcomes a new crop of "Diaper Dandies".

Welcome to the "Back 9 of life". The Senior Spring Meeting will be held on Friday April 29th at Middleton Golf Club, please plan on attending. We will be playing golf after the completion of the meeting.

For those of you who may not have heard....THE MSR PERIOD IS ENDING SOON!!!! Yes I am yelling or typing with tone. Please do not get transferred to Class F status. There are many upcoming meetings and also education opportunities. Those of you who need credits have been notified.

Have a wonderful 2011 season and I look forward to seeing you at the Section Spring Meeting on April 12th and our Spring Meeting on April 29th.

The Back 9 has already started out very nicely.

Susan Bond, PGA  
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### ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION

The New England Assistants' Association has put together the foundations for a great 2011 season. The NEAA wanted to create a more user-friendly web site for this season and future seasons to come. The result of our actions has born a cleaner and easier navigational site and vastly enhances the visitors experience while online. The link to our site can be found at [www.nepga.com](http://www.nepga.com) under the "Chapters" tab on the homepage. We encourage everyone to take a moment to familiarize yourself with our new site. The site encompasses all of the Board's initiatives with your input to make it a central location for all resources and information pertaining to the Association. We hope you enjoy it.

As a reminder the MSR cycle is nearing its end. The Board is currently putting together a night in Boston in early April with a seminar focused on taxes with Anthony McCreavy. This will allow you to earn up to 2 MSR credits. The Board will also be presenting the new web site during this time. There will be appetizers on hand and beverages for purchase. Please stay tuned to your email for updates on this great night.

The 2011 Tournament Schedule can be found on our web site and features many great events at excellent venues. The season kicks off again at Woods Hole for an informal Pro-Pro cash game on April 20th followed by our Spring Meeting and Stableford format at Eastward Ho!. The Spring Meeting will start at 8am and the tournament will be a shotgun start at 10. The Spring Series will also visit the following clubs, Hyannisport, Duxbury Yacht Club, Marshfield, and Black Rock. We look forward to seeing everyone again this season.

Please don't forget to sign up for the Association, as our events will be Members Only this year. You can visit the web site to sign up and pay your dues, just choose the tab "About NEAA" and select "How to Join". Don't be fooled by the cooler weather, green grass and many great events are right around the corner.

## NEPGA SECTION & CHAPTER/ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 4th	New Hampshire Ch.	Intervale CC <a href="#">Directions</a>	9am
April 4th	Rhode Island Ch.	Wannamoisett CC <a href="#">Directions</a>	6pm
April 11th	Cape Cod Ch.	Pocasset GC <a href="#">Directions</a>	9am, <i>Pro-Pro to follow</i>
April 12th	NEPGA Section	Andover CC <a href="#">Directions</a>	8am Registration 9am Meeting <i>Pro-Pro following meeting at 1pm</i>
April 20th	Maine Ch.	The Woodlands Club <a href="#">Directions</a>	8am
April 21st	Assistants' Assoc.	Eastward Ho! <a href="#">Directions</a>	8am
April 26th	Massachusetts Ch.	Myopia Hunt Club <a href="#">Directions</a>	TBA
April 29th	Seniors' Assoc.	Middleton GC <a href="#">Directions</a>	9am, <i>Pro-Pro to follow</i>
May 2nd	Vermont Ch.	Rutland GC <a href="#">Directions</a>	9am



# AT THE TURN

## New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Brian D. Bickford, PGA	A-4	Val Halla Golf & Rec. Ctr.
Morgan S. Jewell, PGA	A-8	Nantucket GC
Frankie C. Martinez, PGA	A-8	Wianno Club
Jeffrey J. Murphy, PGA	A-8	Bass Rocks GC
Justin D. Ream, PGA	A-8	The Shelter Harbor GC
Michael C. Robinson, PGA	A-8	The Shelter Harbor GC
Christopher R. Rogers, PGA	A-15	Dick's Sporting Goods

## New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Casey Cox	B-8	Sanford GC
John Sheehan	B-8	The Ridge Club

## New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>
David Lane III, PGA	A-1	Hopkinton CC	2/28
Charles Volpone Jr., PGA	LM	-	2/28

## New Master Professionals

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kevin J. Rhoads, PGA	A-6	The Country Club	10/26/2010
Paul J Rudeen, PGA	A-14	Ocean Edge Resort & Club	10/26/2010

## Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Harry W. Andrews, PGA	A-6	Bethel Inn Resort
Robert J. Bradley, PGA	A-14	Golf Town - Avon
Mark Cunningham, PGA	A-14	Golf Town- Seekonk
Jeff Czerwinski, PGA	A-14	Golf Town- Watertown
Peter Egazarian, PGA	A-8	The Oaks Golf Links
Travis J. Hall, PGA	A-4	Ipswich CC
Samuel Marzenell, PGA	A-8	Wentworth by the Sea CC
Steven A Norwood, PGA	A-1	Sterling National CC
Gregory A. Wright, PGA	A-14	Golf Town - Reading

## Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Michael Albrecht, PGA	A-1	3/14	Newton Commonwealth GC
Harry Andrews, PGA	A-6	5/1	Bethel Inn Resort
Robert Bradley, PGA	A-14	3/15	Golf Town - Avon
John Cleanthes, PGA	A-1	4/4	Haystack GC
Lucas Cohen, PGA	A-8	3/1	Poland Spring CC
Stephen Colt Jr., PGA	A-8	3/28	Oyster Harbors Club
Mark Cunningham, PGA	A-14	3/17	Golf Town- Seekonk
Jeff Czerwinski, PGA	A-14	3/1	Golf Town- Watertown
Richard Decarolis, PGA	A-8	3/21	Worcester CC
Peter Egazarian, PGA	A-8	3/28	The Oaks Golf Links
Christopher Fischer, PGA	A-8	4/1	Wethersfield Country Club
Patrick Good, PGA	A-8	4/17	The Bay Club
Travis Hall, PGA	A-4	3/15	Ipswich CC
Christopher Harris, PGA	A-8	3/24	Stonebridge CC
Andrew Kayser, PGA	A-14	3/14	Southborough Golf Practice & Learning Center
Robert Keene, PGA	A-1	3/1	The International GC
Samuel Marzenell, PGA	A-8	3/1	Wentworth by the Sea CC
StevenNorwood, PGA	A-1	3/21	Sterling National CC
Brian Smith, PGA	A-8	3/14	Nashawtuc CC
John Tosone, PGA	A-13	3/14	Ledgemont CC
Gregory Wright, PGA	A-14	3/24	Golf Town - Reading

## New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Lucas Cohen, PGA	A-8	New Jersey
Peter Egazarian, PGA	A-8	Connecticut
Travis J. Hall, PGA	A-4	Carolinas
Christopher Harris, PGA	A-8	Southern Ohio

\*These reports reflect changes made between February 24, 2011 and March 28, 2011.



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## PLAYING BY THE RULES

*Holiday Edition continued...*

After a 3 month long Rules quiz, I am revealing if Santa or Elf Ron came out on top in the North Pole CC battle to end 2010. If you no longer have the questions, feel free to email me and I will forward the questions to you.

Before we give you those answers, if you haven't checked out the re-launch of the New England PGA web site, PLEASE do. Higgy (can I still refer to him that way now that he's my boss?) Joan, Jacy and our newest NEPGA Staff member, Tournament Director Dave McAdams have been working their butts off to get it up and running. Notice I am not included in that list, technology challenged individuals are not much help.

However, I will take advantage of its new format and you will be thrilled to know we will be providing you with some new things like a weekly Rules question along with our NEPGA Rules of Play (Hard Card) and Tournament Rules & Regulations, all easily accessible for your reference.

So here are the quiz answers, check them out and see if you agree.

### **Hole #1: Par 4**

Santa-6, (4) strokes, (2) penalty strokes; Penalized 2 strokes under Rule 8-1. Advice. Elf R-7, (4) strokes, (3) penalty strokes; Penalized 2 strokes under Rule 8-1. Advice. Penalized 1 stroke under Rule 26-1b. Relief for Ball in Water Hazard.

### **Hole #2: Par 3**

Santa-3 (3) strokes. Elf R-2 (2) strokes. The original ball would count. His original ball would count. The competitor must announce to his fellow competitor that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the rules permit. No penalty for playing out of turn in stroke play, Rule 10-2c. Playing Out of Turn.

### **Hole #3: Par 5**

Santa-6 (4) strokes (2) penalty strokes. Penalized 2 strokes under Rule 11-4b. Playing from Outside Teeing Ground. No penalty for playing out of turn in stroke play, Rule 10-2c. Playing Out of Turn. Elf R-5 (5) strokes. No penalty for playing out of turn in stroke play, Rule 10-2c. Playing Out of Turn

### **Hole #4: Par 4**

Santa-5 (5) strokes. Elf R-6 (4) strokes (2) penalty strokes. Penalized 1 stroke each time ball was declared unplayable under Rule 28. Ball Unplayable. For clarification: No penalty for substituting a ball; see Rule 28c. Drop "a" ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay. See also "When proceeding under this Rule, the player may lift and clean his ball or substitute a ball." See also Decision 28/3, Rule 20-4 & Rule 20-2c.

### **Hole #5: Par 4**

Santa-8 (5) strokes, (3) penalty strokes. Penalized 2 strokes under Rule 15-3b. Wrong Ball; for clarification see Decision 15/6. Penalized 1 stroke under Rule 27-1b. Ball Out of Bounds; for clarification see Decision 27/20. ER-3 (3) strokes.

### **Hole #6: Par 3**

Santa-3 (3) strokes. His original ball would count. The competitor must announce to his fellow competitor that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the rules permit. No penalty for playing out of turn in stroke play, Rule 10-2c. Playing Out of Turn. No penalty for asking how to proceed; for clarification see definitions, Advice: Information on the Rules, is not advice. ER-5 (5) strokes.

### **Hole #7: Par 4**

Santa-6 (5) strokes (1) penalty stroke. Penalized 1 stroke under Rule 28. Ball Unplayable. The fact that Santa declared his ball unplayable rather than moving the stake (a movable obstruction) identifying the water hazard is irrelevant. A player may declare his ball unplayable at any place on the course. In taking his relief under Rule 28c he is allowed to drop the ball into the hazard, for clarification see Decision 28/4. ER-5 (4) strokes (1) penalty stroke. Penalized 1 stroke under Rule 18-2. Ball at Rest Moved By Player. The fact that he was searching for his ball does not absolve him from the penalty. When he moves Santa's ball during search neither he or Santa is penalized. For clarification see Rule 18-4. Ball at Rest Moved by Fellow-Competitor.

### **Hole #8: Par 4**

Santa-3 (3) strokes. Santa is entitled to relief from the area of GUR under Rule 25-1b(i). Abnormal Ground Conditions. When his dropped ball embeds he is entitled to relief under Rule 25-2. For clarification see Decision 25-2/2. ER-6 (4) strokes (2) penalty strokes. Penalized 2 strokes for a breach of Rule 25-1b(i). After ER determined his nearest point of relief from the area of GUR he should have dropped his ball within 1 club length of that point. ER measured 2 club lengths from that spot and dropped his ball within the 2 club length area. When he played his next stroke from this spot he was penalized 2 strokes and was required to play out the hole with the ball played from the wrong place, without correcting his error. For clarification see Rule 20-7c.

### **Hole #9: Par 5**

Santa- 6 (4) strokes (2) penalty strokes. Penalized 2 strokes under Rule 15-2 & Rule 18 for incorrectly substituting and making a stroke at the incorrectly substituted ball. For clarification see Rule 15-2 and the penalty statement under Rule 18. ER- 6 (5) strokes (1) Penalty stroke. Penalized one stroke under Rule 19-2. Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped By Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment. ER is entitled to relief from the accumulation of snow (casual water), for clarification see the definition of "Casual Water".

Santa (Hole #6) & Elf Ron (Hole #2) report to the Committee that they invoked Rule 3-3 and played a second ball on their respective holes. Final Scores: Santa- 46; Elf Ron- 45. Kiss that Rolex Good-Bye, ER.

So there it is, how did you do? If you got them all right, reward yourself with a beverage of your choice. If you didn't...go ahead and give yourself a reward just for reading these columns all year!

I am going reward myself by enjoying the beginning of Spring. Actually, I feel like we are experiencing a new beginning within the NEPGA. The Search Committee did a great job and their selection of Mike Higgins as our Executive Director gives the NEPGA an opportunity for a fresh start in 2011. I can speak for the entire staff when I say we are very excited and invigorated moving forward. Higgy is the best and with Joan Stuart, whose tireless work is the glue that keeps it all together, plus the addition of Dave McAdams, and the continuing presence of Jacy Settles, the NEPGA is in great shape for the future. I'm just going to try and stay out of the way and not screw them up!

See you down the tournament road, soon!

See you next month- Greenie, rgreen@pgahq.com





# 19TH HOLE

## COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

**75th MASTERS:** April 7-10, 2011, Augusta National Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.

**2011 SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP:** May 26-29, Valhalla Golf Club, Louisville, Ky.

**111th U.S. OPEN:** June 16-19, 2011, Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, Md.

**U.S SENIOR OPEN:** July 28-31, 2011; Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio

**2011 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP:** Aug. 11-14, Atlanta Athletic Club, Johns Creek, Ga.

**2012 RYDER CUP:** Sept. 28-30, Medinah Country Club, Medinah, Ill.

**2011 PGA GRAND SLAM OF GOLF:** Oct. 18-19, Port Royal Golf Course, Bermuda

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## NE NY SECTION MEETING

The Northeastern NY PGA Spring Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, April 18th from 8:30am-12pm at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. [Click here](#) for directions. Members in attendance will receive 6 MSR Meeting credits. For registration information, call 518.438.8645.

## BIRTHDAYS: April

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4/2 Sean J McQuillan           | 4/9 Tom Hanifan, PGA           | 4/15 Christopher M Catena        | 4/23 Russ L. Lipinski, PGA   |
| 4/2 Christopher R Anderson     | 4/10 Timothy C. Roggero, PGA   | 4/16 Patrick E Deangelo          | 4/23 Daniel S. Joseph, PGA   |
| 4/3 Brian P. Doyle, PGA        | 4/10 Scott M. Spence, PGA      | 4/16 Dave J. Pollini, PGA        | 4/23 Gregory Hay Jr.         |
| 4/3 Gregory A. Beans, PGA      | 4/10 Roman S. Greer, PGA       | 4/17 Anne C. McClure, PGA        | 4/23 Warren C Ballam         |
| 4/4 Thomas J. Anthoine IV, PGA | 4/11 Thomas Giffin, PGA        | 4/18 Terry P. Felty, PGA         | 4/24 Justin R Small          |
| 4/4 Mark W. Aebli, PGA         | 4/11 Keenan L. Flanagan, PGA   | 4/18 Bill A. Orr, PGA            | 4/25 David M. Poplyk, PGA    |
| 4/4 Francis L Kolarik III, PGA | 4/12 Eric Stevenson, PGA       | 4/18 Bethanne O'Kelly, PGA       | 4/25 Bob Day, PGA            |
| 4/4 Charles T. Moore, PGA      | 4/12 Craig G. Gardner, PGA     | 4/19 John Pawlak, PGA            | 4/26 Paul J. Parajeckas, PGA |
| 4/5 Chester L. Wheeler, PGA    | 4/13 Scott A. Masse, PGA       | 4/19 Paul J. Politano, PGA       | 4/27 Andy Froude, PGA        |
| 4/5 John D. Oteri, PGA         | 4/13 Eric J McInerney          | 4/19 Jeffrey M Shepard, PGA      | 4/27 James B. Hackett, PGA   |
| 4/6 Bill Ross, PGA             | 4/13 Peter E. Hatfield, PGA    | 4/19 James P. Landers, PGA       | 4/28 John Frizzell, PGA      |
| 4/6 Paul E. Griffin Jr., PGA   | 4/14 Philip M Psaros, PGA      | 4/19 Lawrence P. Kelley, PGA     | 4/28 Leo Reynolds, PGA       |
| 4/6 Morgan S. Jewell, PGA      | 4/14 John F. O'Hara, PGA       | 4/19 Anthony DeQuattro, PGA      | 4/29 Matthew L Blasik, PGA   |
| 4/6 Chris Costa, PGA           | 4/14 Stephen D. Gonsalves, PGA | 4/19 Bryan D Smith               | 4/29 David F. Moynihan, PGA  |
| 4/7 Christopher Angis, PGA     | 4/14 Peter D. Tasillo, PGA     | 4/20 Christopher L. Thomas, PGA  | 4/29 Emily R Emerson         |
| 4/7 Stephen H Colt Jr., PGA    | 4/14 Richard A. Durocher, PGA  | 4/20 Lee Danielian, PGA          | 4/29 Bruce W. Hauschel, PGA  |
| 4/7 Ian C. Brown, PGA          | 4/15 Thomas D. Borden, PGA     | 4/21 Derek M. Mancieri           | 4/30 Jay Morelli, PGA        |
| 4/9 Richard W Karbowski, PGA   | 4/15 Bruce A. MacDonald, PGA   | 4/23 Christopher J. Talbert, PGA | 4/30 Albert J. Petrulak, PGA |
| 4/9 James T. Hanlon, PGA       | 4/15 Kristy M. Gleason, PGA    | 4/23 Brian Enman, PGA            |                              |
| 4/9 Jacy A Settles             | 4/15 Gregory M. Sandell, PGA   | 4/23 Richard Carroll, PGA        |                              |

## METHODIST UNIV. SCHOLARSHIP

The New England Section is pleased to announce that one college bound high school senior from our Section is eligible for a \$20,000 scholarship to Methodist University located in Fayetteville, NC. This award is a \$5,000 per year discount on the tuition at Methodist and is being offered to all 41 Sections of the PGA.

If you would like to nominate a student, please email the completed application to Joan Stuart at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com). To download the application, [click here](#). The deadline to submit an application is April 15th. Limit your nominations to no more than one individual. To view the applicant criteria, please visit [NEPGA.com](http://NEPGA.com) and go to the Scholarships page under Programs.

## OUIMET FUND BAG TAGS



Please be on the lookout for the Ouimet Fund bag tags arriving to your shops this month. Placing these tags on donating members' bags is a crucial part of The Fund's fundraising program. The Ouimet Fund has supported many of our past and current employees with college financial assistance and we thank you for promoting the scholarship opportunities as well. Please think about being a guest of The Fund at their 13th Annual NEPGA Pro-Am on Monday October 3 at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett. You can get more info at [www.ouimet.org](http://www.ouimet.org).

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