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John Hickson, PGA claimed the trophy at the 2017 NEPGA Senior Championship held at Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, VT. This is his first time winning the Senior Championship. Read more on page 6.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Rob Jarvis, PGA



Greetings NEPGA Professionals,

It is hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the fall season. After such a terrible spring let's hope that we have some great weather to generate some revenue and keep

people playing as long as we can. Late summer always signifies some exciting things in our section and it is certainly my favorite time of year as a result.

An Association of People

As my term as NEPGA President nears completion, I recently found myself reflecting on the past year and a half. I have been very fortunate to have some wonderful interactions with our membership over my term and when I compile those conversations I come to one conclusion. Every member has certain needs and wants, and they can be very segmented. Some folks are passionate about playing opportunities, some are education focused, another portion is service orientated, and some are really focused on golfer development.

That brought one word to mind... Association. When we analyze, or describe, what we are and what we do as a section, this word describes it best in my opinion. We are indeed an association of people. Even though we are very focused on ongoing education for our members, we are not a University. The Tournament Program is the heart and soul of the NEPGA, but we are not a Professional Tour. Our section staff is extremely focused on member services, but we have limits on what we can do for our members.

People, or our PGA Professionals, are our biggest asset and our core focus. Knowing this, how is a large section like ours with so many diverse interests to grow and be the best association it can be for our members? That part is easy. Involvement. Only a few days after taking office, my first task was to assemble committees and committee chairs. I have certainly been very bullish on committee involvement and at times probably beat that drum too loud. However, after spending almost two years as your President, I am even more passionate about this aspect of governance. There are so many great ideas out there and so many talented professionals in our section that our future has no boundaries if we can only get people involved on a higher level.

At the end of October I will move into the Honorary President seat. A new President will be in office and they will be looking to build their own team of committees and committee chairs. Think about what I have said and please consider offering some of your time to serve your fellow professionals. The best way to grow as a section is to have input from our membership. The officers, board of directors, and section staff can't do it alone. We have come a long way with our committees in the last couple of years, but we still have work to do. The diversity of our membership can be an asset in developing the future of our section and association. I have begun compiling a list of NEPGA Professionals that have shown interest in being part of a committee for the next president. If you are at all interested, please don't hesitate to contact me and help us continue the growth of the greatest section in the PGA of America!

PGA Junior League Success

When PGA Junior League rolled out some time ago, I was a little skeptical. There have been several development programs that have been good concepts but not really reached expectation so I was a little leery. I tried to get a league put together in my area two different times, but I could not get the numbers from surrounding clubs to do so. I gave up.

Fortunately Brian Bain, PGA is not one to give up on a facility or a professional. He urged me to give it one more try with a little change. We would do the league in house. That meant our kids were not going to be eligible for post season competition, but that really didn't matter to me at this stage of the game. The most important thing was to get the kids playing.

I have heard from several PGA Professionals that they didn't feel PGA Junior League Golf was not for them. Only you know your business and facility, but I can tell you it has been one of the best initiatives we have rolled out at Bangor Municipal Golf Course. Sure the kids had fun, but it was much more than that. We ended up with 18 kids participating so we divided them into two separate teams. That not only meant 18 kids, but 18 families. What I was surprised to see was how many of the family members came to watch and help shepherd the kids around the course. 18 of them to be exact. There was not a single kid without one parent or relative watching!

We have been running Junior Golf Programs for decades here but no other pro-

gram has generated as much interest and exposure as PGA Junior League. I have never received so many thank you notes and emails as we have this year. I guarantee that we will sell more junior and family memberships as a result. The league itself is not a huge revenue generator for us, but what it will bring in ancillary revenue is significant. Just the word of mouth alone in the community is priceless and there is no way we would have received attention from that market segment without it. So if you are one of those professionals that is on the fence regarding PGA Junior League, my advice would be to hop down and start a team. You won't regret it!

Apprentice Attention

As we approach fall and inevitably the winter season, I urge those of you with PGA Apprentices to help them develop a game plan for the future. We have a staggering number of struggling and suspended apprentices in our section (not a problem exclusive to us) and now is the time to help them. As you can imagine, it is very difficult for them to work on their projects during the busy golf season. Winter time is traditionally when they can really make some headway on being elected to PGA Membership.

There is quite a bit of information that your apprentice may need access to in order to move forward. Documents like financial statements, golf car fleet statistics, rounds reports, and merchandise plans are items that may not be as readily accessible to them as they are to you. None the less, without your help, they can't move forward. A good portion of their success depends on us as mentors. If we do not reach out a helping hand to them, how can we expect them to fulfill their dream of being a PGA Professional just like you? Sit down with them and help them develop a plan for success in the winter season. It won't take much of your time, but it will be time well spent. I previously mentioned that without our committees, we will have minimal growth. Well, without our youth, we will have no growth. Our future is partly dependent on them so please take the time to share what was shared with you. After all, we were in their shoes once.

Here is to a great end of summer and all the best to each and every one of you until we meet again.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Jarvis, PGA
New England PGA President



Is Your Job More Important Than Your Family?

By August we are all up to our eyeballs with the golf season. Nice weather and club events are keeping us busy and engaged at our facilities. During this time of the season I am always asking PGA Professionals

"How are things going at your facility," and follow that question up with "How is your family?" Many times the response about their facility is - "I am very busy this time of year," and the response about family is - "They are great; when I get to see them."

Early in my career as Executive Director I was repeatedly told by Jimmy Noris, the NEPGA's sitting President at the time, to make sure I made time for my family. I think about Jimmy's words often when PGA Professionals tell me about the baseball games they miss, or the plays they were unable to attend due to their hectic summer schedules.

Recently Arizona Cardinals head coach Bruce Arians told SiriusXM NFL radio that he tells his players, "If you miss your child's event, I'll fire you."

"You can always come back and work. Those kids are not going to be there forever. They're going to grow up and be gone." Arians is so right!

Arians' policy stemmed from his experience as an assistant coach under Marty Schottenheimer, who had a policy that was very strict on his coaches being present. The Offensive Coordinator Joe Pendry helped Arians not miss his sons' activities by developing a workaround. "He said, 'Well, I'll tell him you went jogging. Just, when you get back, throw some water on your face,'" Arians said.

I think Arians' message is a strong one, and resonates far beyond the NFL and right into the golf business and the lives of PGA Professionals. There is no question that being a PGA Professional is a very demanding profession and it certainly requires our family schedules to be flexible, and

our family members to be understanding. I recognize in my life that finding time for family is critical, and that it is also critical for all the members of the NEPGA Staff. I urge our PGA General Managers, Directors of Golf and Head Professionals to remember that our jobs are certainly important, but they are not as important as our families. I also urge those PGA Professionals in management positions to remember their staffs have families too. Establish those expectations with your staff and make sure they are allowed to attend their family functions as well.

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And at the end of the day you can always create your own work around for the golf business. If anyone asks where the head pro is, tell them he is out giving a playing lesson to a 30 handicap. Just be sure you throw some water on your face when you get back!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Section Championship this month, and if there is ever anything either myself or any of the dedicated NEPGA staff can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

Michael Higgins
New England PGA
Executive Director

POINTS UPDATE



With the last of our regular season Individual Stroke Play events quickly approaching, it's time for a NEPGA Stroke Play Series points update! The 50 regular season points finishers will advance to the Stroke Play Finals for a chance to become the Avidia Bank Cup Champion. Check out the current standings:

[View Stroke Play Series Standings](#)

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Our fifth Stroke Play Series event of the season is coming up at the end of the month on August 28th. Register by the 21st to join us at Haverhill Country Club in MA.

[Click Here to Register](#)



AVIDIA CUP FINALS

The Misquamicut Club, Watch Hill, RI
Tuesday, September 26th

Hickson Finds New Heights

John Hickson, PGA captures his first ever NEPGA Senior Championship

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John Hickson, PGA (Sebasco Harbor GR) shot a second-round score of four-under-par 66 to finish with a tournament total of seven-under-par 133 to take home the 2017 NEPGA Senior Championship at Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, VT. This is his first time winning the Senior Championship.

Coming into Tuesday's second round, Hickson was in second place behind Todd Scarafoni, PGA. Scarafoni came out hot through his first round, making five birdies and one bogey on Monday to lead the group headed into championship day. He was then set as a new senior member, in his first Senior Championship, to play in the final group.

However, holding onto his one-shot lead would not be an easy task. Hickson also had a great first round, coming in with a three-under-par 67. He was one back, and right on Scarafoni's heels. Hickson, Scarafoni, and Chip Johnson, PGA (Hatherly GC) were all in the final pairing with only a couple of strokes separating them.

Hickson and Scarafoni battled back and forth all through the round. Hickson jumped out to an early lead through the front nine, making four birdies to make the turn at four-under, 31. However, as Scarafoni turned at just one-under, the round was far from over.

Scarafoni made birdie on the 10th, 13th, and 14th to put the pressure on Hickson, bringing them even for the day, with Scarafoni leading by one in the tournament. However Scarafoni ran into some late trouble. On the 16th hole he had to play a difficult shot from the side of a hill in tall grass and bogeyed both 16 and made another on 18. Hickson made birdie on 15 and bogey on 17, but even with a blunder he came out on top. All in all Hickson was able to hold on to his lead at 18, and finish at -4 for the day with a 133 in the tournament, taking home the Championship.

"You know you turn 50, and it's like wow this is cool I can play in this event, and you're in it for a couple of years and then you're like okay, I'm in this event and I want to do well. I did a great job today at just focusing, and not just on placing in the top 6," said Hickson.

Johnson, playing in the final grouping as well struggled on the course Tuesday. After an opening round one-under-par 69, he couldn't get some key putts to fall. He finished Tuesday at one-over par, with an even score of 140 for the tournament, tied for fourth.

Webb Heintzelman, PGA (Turner Hill GC) had an awesome Tuesday on the course. After his opening score of one-under par, he shot two under par Tuesday to finish three-under-par at 138.

Through this event, six of our New England PGA Professionals were able to qualify for the Senior PGA Professional Championship at Desert Mountain GC in Scottsdale, AZ on September 28th-October 1st. Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (Salem CC) was already exempt into the event, and will be joined by the following six : John Hickson, PGA, Todd Scarafoni, PGA, Webb Heintzelman, PGA, Bill Andrews, PGA, Chip Johnson, PGA and Ron Philo, PGA. Philo beat Rick Durocher and Rob Tramonti in a playoff for the final spot after two holes. Durocher and Tramonti, along with four other PGA Professionals are alternates to the Senior PPC.

Thank you to our very gracious hosts for two days, Okemo Valley Golf Club and PGA Professional Jim Remy, PGA and his staff for having us for another year. Also thank you to partners in our major event: Mercedes-Benz, John Deere, Prato Eyewear, RJ Shepherd and Terry Frechette and PGA TOUR.

RESULTS

Pos	Player	Total	R1	R2	Total
1	John Hickson	-7	67	66	133
2	Todd Scarafoni	-6	66	68	134
3	Webb Heintzelman	-2	69	69	138
T4	Bill Andrews	E	69	71	140
T4	Chip Johnson	E	69	71	140
T6	Ron Philo	+2	72	70	142
T6	Rick Durocher	+2	71	71	142
T6	Robert Tramonti	+2	70	72	142
T9	Michael Baker	+3	76	67	143
T9	Michael Worroll	+3	74	69	143



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Warren Steals Sharon VIDEO / PHOTOS / RESULTS

Falmouth CC Pro Takes Home SPS #4

Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC) shot a four-under-par score of 68 to win the fourth of five NEPGA Stroke Play Series Events at the Cape Club of Sharon in Sharon, Mass on August 7th. The fifth event will be at Haverill CC on August 28th.

Warren started hot out of the gates, making an eagle on the first hole. Even though he made bogeys on the third and fourth holes, his eagle cushion helped him to stay balanced. He added another birdie on seven, making the turn at one-under par.

On the back, the defending Assistant's Champion made birdie on the 11th, 15th and 17th holes. He kept up his strong play and made only the two bogeys on the day, finishing at his winning score of four-under, 68.

It's no surprise that Warren was able to succeed on the former Spring Valley CC course, as he handily won the Assistant's Championship here last year. Approaching

the event, he didn't even realize he would be playing the same course.

"It was great to play here especially after doing so well last year. I didn't recognize the course until the drive in when it all started to look familiar and I was happy to be back," said Warren.

The fifth and final Stroke Play Series event of the year will be at Haverill CC on August 28th. That will be the last chance for PGA Professionals to improve their ranking in the Avidia Bank Cup standings before the Avidia Cup Finals on September 26th at the Misquamicut Club in Watch Hill, RI. The top 54 in Avidia Cup Rankings make the Championship event.

Thank you to the Cape Club of Sharon and its staff for hosting this fantastic event! Also thank you to partners in this event: Avidia Bank, Ahead, Cutter and Buck, Bushnell, SCNS Sports Foods, Yamaha and PGA Tour!

RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Shawn Warren	-4	68
T2	Brian Smith	-3	69
T2	Eric Barlow	-3	69
4	Dan Benedetti	-2	70
T5	Dan Gillis	-1	71
T5	Daniel Venezio	-1	71
T7	Jeffrey Martin	E	72
T7	Todd Cook	E	72
T7	Brian Owens	E	72
T7	Ian Kelley	E	72





Good Golf Hunting PHOTOS / RESULTS

Gillis, Ray take the field at Pro-Senior

Dan Gillis, PGA (Nabnasset Lake GC) and his team of Bob Abrahamson, Dan Ahern, and Steve Jackson had a 10-under par score of 59 in the gross division to take home the Pro-Senior Championship at the Agawam Hunt Club in Rumford, RI on July 18th. Gillis had a four-under par 65 on his own ball.

Gillis and his team were well benefitted by the one best ball of four style of play. They had solid play throughout the day, making birdies on the second through sixth holes consecutively. For the gross division, they made the turn with an impressive 28, seven-under par. On the back, the group kept their birdie barrage going, picking up three more on 10, 16 and 17. Overall they bested the field by two shots, and finished at ten-under par, 59. They made no gross birdies.

Gillis and Brendan Ray, PGA (Carnegie Abbey Club) had stunning individual rounds on the course as well. Ray, sticking to his RI roots, seemed to have

everything working for him on the course. He made back-to-back birdies on two and three to start. Even with a bogey on the fifth, he came back to erase his mistake with a birdie on the sixth. He'd add another birdie on the ninth to turn at three-under par, 32.

On the back side, the par four tenth was a slight hiccup for Ray as he made bogey. However, it wouldn't hold him down for long or by very much, as he made three birdies to follow it up. Ray finished at five-under with a 64, and at the top of the individual professional division.

Gillis was on Ray's heels on the scoreboard for PGA Professionals. Much like Ray, he had struggled and picked himself up, making a bogey on the second and birdies on 3, 4, 6, and 8 to turn at three-under par with a 32. The key difference in their game was just one more mistake: Gillis had back-to-back bogeys on 11 and 12, and was only one-under on the back. He finished at four-

under par with a 65, second in the Individual Professional division.

Thank you to Agawam Hunt and PGA Professional Norm Alberigo, PGA. Norm and his staff were incredible and rolled the red carpet out for the NEPGA. Also thank you to Sean Duong, RI Chapter Manager who came out to help with the event.

RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Brendon Ray	-5	64
2	Dan Gillis	-4	65
3	Jeffrey Martin	-1	68
T4	Robert Bradley	+1	70
T4	Todd Scarafoni	+1	70
T4	Louis Rivers	+1	70
T7	Mitch Jefferson	+2	71
T7	Shane Drury	+2	71
9	Peter Farley	+3	72
T10	Brian Owens	+4	73



The NEPGA Avidia Cup Finals



The NEPGA Avidia Cup Final is an 18-Hole, Individual Stroke Play event, open to the top point earners from this season's New England PGA Stroke Play Series events.

It is an invitation only event hosted by The Misquamicut Club.

Tuesday, September 26
The Misquamicut Club, Watch Hill, RI



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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

NEPGA Stroke Play #5 Haverhill Country Club | August 28th



In late August, the Stroke Play Series qualifying events will come to a close. Stroke Play Series #5 will take place at Haverill Country Club on the 28th. This is the last chance all of the PGA Professionals have to qualify into the Championship event at the Misquamicut Club. Thank you to season long Stroke Play Series Partners: Avidia Bank, Ahead, Cutter and Buck, Bushnell, SCNS Sports Foods, Yamaha, and PGA Tour!

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National Car Rental New England Assistant PGA Professional Championship The Bay Club at Mattapoisett | Sept. 11-12

Rounding out one of the last events in our NEPGA major season, the National Car Rental NEPGA Assistant's Championship will take place at The Bay Club at Mattapoisett on September 11th-12th. The top 5 finishers will also qualify to move on to the National Assistant's Championship event. Thanks to partners in this event: National Car Rental, John Deere, Srixon, XXIO, Cleveland Golf, Golf Advisor and PGA Tour.

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Head Professional-Teaching Professional Championship

Granite Links Golf Club | September 19



The Head Professional and Teaching Professional Championship is on the horizon for the NEPGA. The HP/TP Championship will take place on September 19th at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy. Thank you to partners in this event: Country Club Enterprises and Earth Networks!

[Register Online](#)

Avidia Cup Finals Misquamicut Club | September 26

The long awaited Avidia Cup Finals will take place on September 26th. The top 54 finishers in the Avidia points race will be invited to play in the final event at the Misquamicut Club in Watch Hill, RI. Thank you to Season long Stroke Play Series Partners: Avidia Bank, Ahead, Cutter and Buck, Bushnell, SCNS Sports Foods, Yamaha, and PGA Tour!

The top 54 finishers can register here:

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Tyler Gosselin, PGA Assistant Professional of the Year



At what age did you begin to play golf?

I was only 2 years old when I got my first club - a cut-down persimmon 4-wood from my grandfather's set.

Who taught you the game?

I would tag along with my mom Pam Gosselin when she would go to the range to practice. She was a competitive golfer in Vermont, winning the 1997 Vermont Women's Mid-Amateur. She finished 3rd in the 1999 Vermont Women's Amateur behind two current NEPGA professionals: Libby Smith & Sue Horton. Sometime around 1998, she received tournament winnings from a Women's Invitational at St. Johnsbury Country Club and used the shop credit to buy me a set of Taylor-made Burner Bubble junior clubs and a lesson from the young pro, Larry Kelley. We lived directly across the street from Blush Hill Country Club in Waterbury, so I spent countless hours there as a kid. I'd play the 9-hole course 4 or 5 times a day all summer, stopping at home every couple laps to get some lunch. John Milne was the PGA Professional there as I grew up, so I picked up a few things from him while hanging around the pro shop. My mom took lessons from Steve Gonzales when he was at Basin Harbor, and as I got more serious about the game, I began to take some formal lessons from Steve as well. During the summer between high school and college, I worked for RJ Austin and Ron Philo at the Sugarbush Golf Club. It was one of my first jobs in golf, and I helped in the shop and helped run some of the tournaments and clinics.

Where did you go to school?

After that season at Sugarbush, I was on my way to Clemson University, where I was a part of the PGA Golf Management Program. Going south was a big change for me, but the environment at Clemson is incredible; it is unlike anywhere else I have been. The football stadium holds more than 90,000 people, but for a big game more than 200,000 will come to town to tailgate and be a part of the atmosphere. I completed my first internships at Woodmont Country Club & Congressional Country Club, both in the Washington, D.C. area, and came to The Country Club for my junior year internship. I returned for my final internship, and have stayed at TCC ever since.

Who inspired or mentored you?

I immediately fell in love with the culture and team atmosphere within the golf staff at TCC. Brendan Walsh has created a culture of learning, and he challenges us to push each other and perform at a high level every day. We work hard to create a fun environment for members and guests to enjoy when they come to the club, but we also work very hard to create a fun environment for our team. Brendan is an amazing person to work with every day. Everyone that meets him immediately recognizes how comfortable he can make them feel, but few see the consistency of this welcoming attitude. Whether saying hello to a 30-year member or a first-time guest or even if we are away from the club having lunch, he is incredibly consistent in trying to do nice things for other people. I would also add that I've learned a lot noticing his instinct for helping others before they even know they need a hand. From a much higher view (and most importantly), Brendan's dedication to his staff is unmatched. He has helped so many people achieve their goals and has helped many of us become better people along the way.

When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?

My family has been in the service industry for most of their lives. My dad, Gary Gosselin, is a graduate of the Cornell hotel school and has managed hotels and city clubs for much of his career. My mom also worked in hotels for the first part of her life, before they moved to Vermont to own and operate a 5-room Bed & Breakfast from our home in Waterbury. We welcomed guests from all over the coun-

try and the world for more than 18 years, and it taught me a lot about how to take care of people and make sure they felt at home. The experience I had watching my mom run the Bed & Breakfast has carried over so well into the golf business.

Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?

I'm spoiled to play quite a bit at The Country Club and have to say it is among my favorite. There are so many choices of how to play each hole that it never gets repetitive.

Tell us about your family.

I met my wife Jessica at Clemson. She has been an amazing partner and has been such a solid & consistent person in my life. Moving away from her family in Charlotte, NC, Jess came to Boston in the January of 2013. In her first New England winter, we had a few big snowstorms, one of which dropped 34 inches of snow at our apartment in Boston. Aside from the story of my parents from above, I also have an older brother, Chris. He and his wife Barbara currently live in Toronto, and just had their first child on March 29th.

What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?

I have skied my entire life. Growing up in Vermont, my time was split between golf and ski racing. I learned to ski at Bolton Valley, started racing there, and then moved to Sugarbush and the GMVS junior racing program as I became more serious. I continued to ski through high school, but was not able to do it much during my time at Clemson! Since returning to New England, I have been able to ski each winter, and have taught my wife Jess to ski over the last couple of years.

What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?

I have been one of the many young golf professionals that has learned a tremendous amount while being at The Country Club and working for Brendan Walsh. Brendan's dedication to everyone that works on our team is unmatched, and as a result, our members and guests have the best possible experience. Years from now, I would be humbled to achieve the same kind of reputation for developing young professionals and helping them prepare for a career in golf.



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Please join us as we celebrate the 2017 Award Winners and induction of James Lane, PGA and Willie Ogg, PGA into the New England PGA Hall of Fame.

The festivities begin at 4:30 pm with a cash bar and passed hors d'oeuvres. Dinner and Award Presentations will begin at 5:30 pm. Attire is dressy outfits for women and sport coat, shirt, and tie for men.

Tickets are \$90 for each adult guest and \$25 for each child under the age of 12. The dinner entrée for adults is a Petite Filet of Beef/Tuscan Chicken Duet Specialty and a chicken entrée for children. We will accommodate any special dietary requests (vegetarian, gluten-free).

If you are attending in the honor of one of the Award Recipients or Hall of Fame inductees, please indicate this during the registration process. Every effort will be made to seat the honorees' guests at the same table.

All guests must preregister by Friday, September 15th.

Thank you

[Click Here to Register](#)

Talented Flock Gathers at Quail Hollow



Congratulations to Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA for qualifying and competing in the PGA Championship held last week at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, NC.

Pictured right: PGA Club Professionals competing in the 99th PGA Championship gathered Tuesday morning at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina. The 20-member group earned berths among the strongest field in golf following last June's 50th PGA Professional Championship in Sunriver, Oregon. Rich is pictured in the back row, 4th from the left.

Photo by Montana Pritchard/PGA of America

Veterans Clinic to be Held During Dell Technologies Champ Week

Dennis Walters Will Host Golf Show Prior to Clinic

Underscoring the PGA TOUR's "Together, anything's possible" charitable mission, the TOUR's Birdies for the Brave military outreach initiative will join with non-profit Golf For All to host a golf clinic for veterans as well as individuals with autism spectrum disorders and others facing physical, emotional and cognitive challenges. The clinic will take place on the practice facility at TPC Boston in Norton on Monday, August 28, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm during tournament week of the TOUR's Dell Technologies Championship.

Prior to the golf clinic, beginning at 4:30

pm, paraplegic golfer and trick shot artist Dennis Walters will present a motivational golf exhibition accompanied by his canine companion, Super Dog Bucky. In 1974, Walters was a professional golfer with aspirations to play on the PGA TOUR when a golf cart accident left him paralyzed from the waist down. Walters is one of only 11 honorary lifetime members of the PGA of America. In 2008, the PGA of America presented him with its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

"We are honored to work with Birdies for the Brave to help Boston-area indi-

viduals with cognitive and physical challenges enjoy the therapeutic benefits of golf through this clinic – especially our courageous American heroes, who have sacrificed so much in service to our country," said Golf For All Co-Founder Fred Corcoran.

Following the Dennis Walters Golf Show, the hands-on golf clinic will be led by Golf For All Head Golf Professional Bob Beach, a recipient of the PGA of America's 2013 Patriot Award. For more information about the golf clinic, please call (617) 642-9899.



2017 Fall Festival Pro-am

Celebrate the 25th annual Fall Festival Pro-am,
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Arrive Sunday for a practice round and evening social
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- ~ Awards Luncheon on Tuesday
- ~ All entries, golf & cart fees for Monday & Tuesday

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- ~ Awards Luncheon on Tuesday

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Ambassadors Needed in the Afternoon!

With the newly named Dell Technologies Championship coming up on Thursday, August 31st, we are in need of Ambassadors for the afternoon wave at TPC Boston. The afternoon wave is from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

This is always an enjoyable day to go inside the ropes with PGA Tour Professionals and their amateurs acting as Ambassadors of the PGA of America and assisting the amateur players with course management and pace of play.

As an Ambassador, you will receive a logo'd golf shirt along with credentials and a parking pass to use at the Pro Am on Thursday, August 31st.

You will receive 1 MSR credit for each hour that you are on the course. This is under the "Growth of the Game" category. If you have any questions, please call the NEPGA office at 508.869.0000.

Register for the PM Wave

NEPGA Foundation Announces the 2017 Scholarship Award Recipients

The New England PGA Foundation congratulates the following students who have received Scholarships for the 2017/2018 academic year:

TOM MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP

Tyler Swarthout, son of Jim Swarthout, PGA General Manager at Pheasant Ridge Country Club. Tyler will be a student at UNH.

TED AND ANNE O'ROURKE SCHOLARSHIP

Emma Hall, granddaughter of Jim O'Leary, PGA Life Member and Jim was the PGA Head Golf Professional at Oak Hill Country Club for many years. Jim is also a NEPGA Hall of Fame Member. Emma will be attending Quinnipiac University.

NEPGA GEORGE WEMYSS SCHOLARSHIP

Elisabeth Boshka will be attending Messiah College. She is the granddaughter of Charlie Moore, PGA Life Member.

Emily Buchanan will be attending Boston College. She is the daughter of Bucky Buchanan, PGA Head Professional at Oak Hill Country Club.

Morgan Griffin will be attending Middlebury College. She is the daughter of Ted Griffin, PGA Head Professional at Woodland Golf Club.

Julianne Hester will be attending St. Joseph's University. She is the daughter of Shawn Hester, PGA Teaching Professional at Charles River Country Club.

Brodey Barr is a student at Coastal Carolina University. He is the son of Mark Laviano, PGA General Manager at Quail Ridge Country Club.

Scott Callahan is a student at UNH. He is the son of Jim Callahan, PGA Director of Instruction at Maynard Golf Course.

Christopher Decker is a student at University of Maine Orono. He is the son of Tony Decker, PGA Head Golf Professional at the Purpoodock Club.

Jennifer Dupuis is a student at Southern NH University. She is the daughter of Peter Dupuis, PGA Head Golf Professional at Green Meadow Golf Courses.

Olivia Durocher is a student at Worcester State University. She is the daughter of Shawn Durocher, PGA Head Professional at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club and Rick Durocher, PGA Assistant Golf Professional also at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club.

Matthew Emmi is a student at the University of Tampa. He is the son of Paul Emmi, PGA Head Golf Professional at Tarratine Golf Club.

Victoria Giffin is a student at UMass Amherst. She is the daughter of Tom Giffin, PGA Head Professional at Walpole Country Club.

Emma Hall is a student at Quinnipiac University. She is the granddaughter of Jim O'Leary, PGA Life Member and NEPGA Hall of Fame Member.

Richard Hardy is a student at Champlain College. He is the son of Rob Hardy, PGA sales representative for Parsons Xtreme Golf.

Elizabeth Moison is a student at Tufts University. She is the daughter of Matt Moison, PGA Director of Golf at Green Hill Golf Course.

Tyler Swarthout is a student at UNH. He is the son of Jim Swarthout, PGA General Manager at Pheasant Ridge Country Club.

Important Dates

Aug 21-23

NEPGA Championship
The Golf Club at Turner Hill /
Renaissance Golf Club

Aug 23

Deadline: NEPGA Assistant
Championship
The Bay Club at Mattapoisett

Aug 28

NEPGA Stroke Play #5
Haverhill Country Club

Aug 31

Dell Technologies
Championship Pro-Am
TPC Boston



Sites of the 2017 NEPGA Championship: Turner Hill Golf Club & Renaissance Golf Club, August 21-23

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP NOTES: Joan Stuart

ACH Payments for Purse Winnings

This is worth repeating! Now that we are in the height of our 2017 Tournament Season, I would again like to remind you 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?

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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 508.869.0000 or email jstuart@pgahq.com.

Complimentary Access Information 2017 Dell Technologies Championship-

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Eligible: Class A PGA members and accompanying immediate family (spouse, children and PGA member's parents). (PGA members only; this offer is not extended to apprentices).

Must show membership card and Photo ID each day. Go to Main Gate to pick up daily ticket.



PGA NEWS

District 1 Director Report: Noel Gebauer, PGA



[Click here](#) to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of July featuring the PGA's next class of Award Winners, exciting PGA REACH news, PGA academies in South Korea and much more.

Earn MSR Credits on PGA.org

Videos of the education seminars held at the Member Business Center during the 2017 PGA Merchandise Show are now available on PGA.org. Earn two PGA Education MSR credits by watching a video and taking an assessment at its conclusion. The PGA Town Hall is worth one PGA Meeting MSR credit. [Click here](#) to watch the videos.



Social Corner

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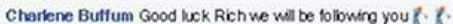
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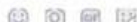
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Congratulations to Shawn Warren, PGA from Falmouth CC for winning today's Stroke Play Series #4 at the Cape Club Of Sharon with a -4, 69! For the full recap and results, go to www.nepga.com!



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DRIVE CHIP & PUTT

CHAMPIONSHIP

Kids all over New England have joined us this year to take part in the Drive, Chip & Putt qualifiers in hopes of testing their skills in the national competition held at Augusta National during Masters week in 2018. Thank you to everyone who has participated! 2017 event results can be found on nepgajuniortour.com/drivechipputt. Find more photos from our events on the NEPGA and NEPGA Jr Tour Facebook pages.



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: *Jacy Settles*

NEPGA Junior Tour presented by



Giacchetto and Thibodeau cruise to victory at Inaugural Bay State Cup

Tough greens and a charging field couldn't stop Andrew Giacchetto (Canton, MA) and Lauren Thibodeau (Hampstead, NH) from rolling to victory at the New England PGA Junior Tour's inaugural Bay State Cup Invitational.

State Cup Invitational.

Giacchetto went wire-to-wire, shooting a four-over par 73 on the final day at Plymouth Country Club to finish at one-under par 210, claiming a five-shot victory over runner-up Dillon Brown (Halifax, MA). Thibodeau shot a seven-over par 76 for her final round, besting Elizabeth Lacognata (Scarborough, ME) by eight strokes and finishing 16-over par 229 for the tournament.

Entering the day with a five-shot lead, Giacchetto knew he just had to hold serve over the talented field behind him. The 2019 graduate was able to do just that as he minimized mistakes and avoided big numbers to get through the final round. With the win, Giacchetto was rewarded with 2 AJGA Performance stars and an exemption into the 2018 Jr. PGA Championship. The wire-to-wire victory was highlighted by a six-under 66 on the second day at LeBaron Hills Country Club that separated him from the field.

Brown was able to match Giacchetto at Plymouth, shooting a four-over par 73, but had too much ground to make up, finishing at four-over par 215 for the tournament. For his runner-up efforts, Brown earned an exemption into this year's IMG Academy Jr. World Florida Challenge on December 14-16 in Sarasota, FL.

Thibodeau entered the day with a two-shot lead and was nothing but consistent throughout her three rounds, going 76-77-76, to earn her exemption into the 2018 Jr. PGA Championship. After trailing by a stroke in round one, Thibodeau's five-over par 77 at LeBaron Hills CC was a turning point for her. Having never played both Fall River Country Club and LeBaron Hills CC for rounds one and two, Plymouth CC was a familiar track that helped her cruise to an eight-shot victory.

For her runner-up finish on the girls' side, Lacognata also earned an exemption into the IMG Academy Jr. World Florida Challenge after shooting 24-over par 237 for the tournament.

Thank you to Fall River CC, LeBaron Hills CC, and Plymouth CC for all lending their beautiful golf courses for the first year of this competition! As always, thank you to TaylorMade for their yearlong support of the Junior Tour and helping support a great event!



CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Mickey Herron, PGA, Cape Cod Chapter Tournament Manager



DENNIS WALTERS INSPIRES CAPE GOLFERS

The positive message which Dennis Walters has delivered for decades has had a distinct Cape Cod flavor this summer as Willowbend's PGA HP Mike Vidal has generously hosted Mr. Walters, PGA Professional extraordinaire, for several weeks. From there, many shows have been presented around NE and, to name a few...for all the kids in the CCJGA at Bayberry Hills, for a great family day at The Bay Club, to appearing with Roger Clemens at Willowbend. *TOP LEFT: Dennis Walters & Roger at Willowbend in early August*

Some upcoming dates to catch this wonderful ambassador to the great game of golf: Aug. 17 in Sandwich, Aug. 27 at Kittansett. Many thanks to Chapter members for assisting the show throughout the summer months. *TOP RIGHT: Dennis Walters inspires the kids at Bayberry Hills*

LEFTY'S UNITE

Former Prez Obama, while vacationing on the Vineyard this August, is rumored to have asked a certain important club manufacturer (and sponsor of Chapter tournaments) for a new driver – which doesn't go as far left as his current club. *CENTER: He even waves 'lefthanded'*

TOURNAMENT NEWS

Pocasset's PGA HP Jeff Halunen and partner Natalie Galligan finished T-3/ Gross Division in the Section's Pro-Lady at Kernwood in July. The Bay Club's PGA HP John Paesani just missed qualifying for the National Senior PGA in November after shooting 74-70 (T-12) in the Section Seniors at Okemo. The 2nd best Cape Senior scorer was Titleist's Karen Gray, PGA who shot 73-76 (T-29) and remarkably started her first round with three consecutive birdies! Many other Chapter members competed including Rochester's PGA HP Rusty Gunnarson, pictured left.

Two top Chapter players recorded top 5's in the last two Stroke Play events conducted by the Section. Sandwich Hollows' PGA HP Tom Tobey fired 70 at George Wright GC for a solid T-5 while Miacomet's PGA Assistant Dan Benedetti shot the same score of 70 at Spring Valley, good for solo 4th.

Paesani placed T-7 at George Wright with his 71.



CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS *Continued...*

CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP VISITS BREWSTER

The CCPGA Chapter Championship featuring multiple sponsors will be held at Ocean Edge Resort on Sept. 28th. This 36-hole championship, presented by Peter Guild/CALLAWAY GOLF features a total of \$3,500 added sponsor monies to the purse (PGA TOUR, AVIDIA BANK, TOURNAMENT SOLUTIONS) and remember that the 15THGOLFCLUB.COM Dutch Wessner Points ARE DOUBLED FOR THIS CHAMPIONSHIP. The 2017 Wessner Award is once again sponsored by 15th-golfclub.com - Brad Sherman, PGA, providing innovative solutions for golf shop inventory needs. Many thanks to PGA HP Brandon Roseth for hosting!



Oyster Harbors' PGA Lead Assistant Matt Baran, who has won 4 of the last 7 Championships, will defend his title against the best players the Chapter has to offer!



MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Maine Chapter President Jason Hurd, PGA

Hey All,

The Maine Chapter just wrapped up all events for the month of August. We had a few events but they were quite important with some rich tradition in the Chapter. The first event we held was our Pro-Junior Championship, and thanks to our sponsors from Prato and Bushnell it was an extremely successful event, and very enjoyable for the juniors.

The state of Maine Championship was an extraordinary event filled with a Pro-Am on Monday followed by a 36 hole stroke play event. This is the only event in the State where Pro's and Amateurs go up against one another. So be it we had a playoff between John Hickson (Pro) and Reese McFarlane (Amateur). John Hickson walked out victorious. [Click here](#) to read more and see photos from the events.

Our final large event of the season was our Pro-Lady Championship held on the 15th. It was a fun event with 13 teams, and all the ladies had a blast. We had a couple teams with matching outfits!!

Thanks to all our sponsors and participants up to this point and sponsors to come. We are gearing up for our Chapter Championship here in the first week of September! [Click here](#) to view more information.

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MA CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Jacy Settles, Massachusetts Chapter Tournament Manager

The Massachusetts PGA Chapter Championship will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at Marlborough Country Club. See the event details below and [click here](#) to register by the deadline of Tuesday, August 29th at 12noon!

- The 2017 Massachusetts Chapter Player of the Year will be awarded \$750!
- 18-Hole Individual Stroke Play Championship
- Tee times: 8am tee time start off of #1
- \$150 Entry Fee (Food and Carts are included)
- Range balls will be available to the field



NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA



The New Hampshire Chapter Championship was held at the North Conway CC and Rico Riciputi, assistant professional at Wentworth By The Sea CC, emerged as the winner with a two-day total of -5 (137). Finishing in a tie for second place at 140 were Matt Arvanitis, Southern NH University, and Ray Smith, head professional at Whip-Poor-Will GC. The Senior Championship was won by Jim Sheerin of Abeniqui CC with a two-round total of 145. Thank you to Kevin Walker and his wife Michelle for hosting the event and for their hospitality.

TOP LEFT: Rico Riciputi, NHC Champion, tees off in final round at North Conway CC.

TOP CENTER: Jim Sheerin, NHC Senior Champion, accepts trophy and acknowledges efforts of North Conway CC staff for their hospitality.

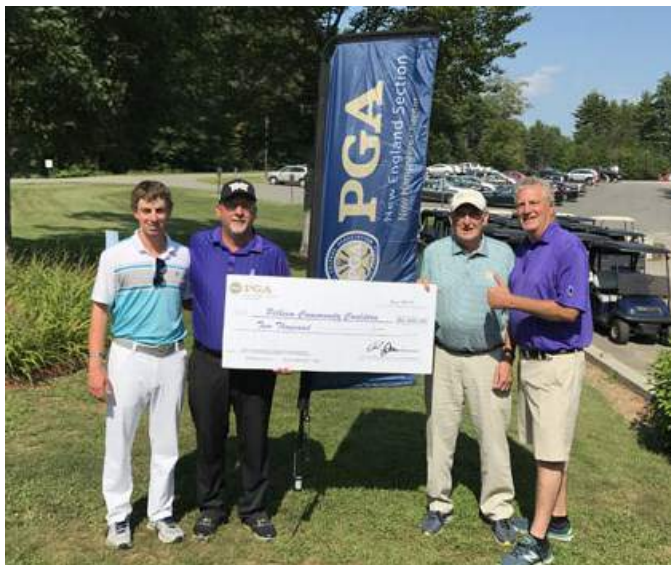
TOP RIGHT: Mitch Jefferson, of Ridgewood GC, head professional and his caddy Jose lightened up the moment at NHC Championship.

CENTER: Canterbury Woods CC hosted a Chapter Pro-Am and low professional of the day was Ryne Varney of Lake Winnepesaukee CC with a 4 under par score of 68. Finishing in a tie for second place was Matt Arvanitis and Jason Malcolm.

BOTTOM: Matt Arvanitis, Southern NH University, shot an 8-under par round of 64 to easily out distance his fellow competitors at a Chapter Pro-Am held at the beautiful Owl's Nest Golf Club. Finishing in a 4-way tie for second place at 3-under par scores of 69 were: Jon Ellis, Rochester CC, Ray Smith, Whip-Poor-Will, Mitch Jefferson, Ridgewood GC and Jason Malcolm, Nashua CC.



NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS *Continued...*



The New Hampshire Chapter of the NEPGA presented a check for \$2000 to the Pelham Community Coalition on behalf of the NEPGA Foundation. The coalition is a group of individuals seeking i to help with Southern NH's opioid epidemic. Representing the NHC are (l-r) Danny Kish, assistant professional at Eastman GL, Rob Hardy, NHC District Manager, Frank Swierz, NHC Tournament Manager and Matt Thibeault, Intervale CC head professional.

Player of the Year Standings: (As of 8/10/2017)

Matt Arvanitis (139.00)
Dan Wilkins (89.66)
Ray Smith (87.05)
Jason Malcolm (86.33)
Jon Ellis (82.00)

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Sean Duong, Rhode Island Chapter Operations Manager

Go Get 'Em Guys!

Good Golf Hunting at Agawam Hunt where Brendon Ray, PGA of Carnegie Abbey fires a 5-under 64 on a hot, hazy, and humid day that began with ideal playing conditions with the looming threat of thunderstorms at any given moment. Racing to the finish as an inevitable monsoon came thrashing in and rounding out finishes inside the top-10 with a T-7 Shane Drury, PGA of Swansea CC and a T-10 Brian Owens, PGA of North Kingstown GC.

At the NEPGA Senior Championship at Okemo Valley, Robert Tramonti, PGA represented the RI Chapter by cracking the top 10 with a T-6th finish by shooting a 70-72. Congrats on the good play!

RI Chapter Foundation Auction – Success!

All out participation from Rhode Island's finest golf destinations surpasses the donation goal set forth to benefit the NEPGA Foundation. Without the dedicated men and women professionals that show passion for the cause, the drive to do good in our Chapters and Sections and The Game would be an insurmountable task.

Amazing thanks to the following clubs for their generosity in donating 4-somes rounds for the auction:

Point Judith CC, Shelter Harbor GC, Carnegie Abbey Club, Misquamicut Club, Pawtucket CC,

Crystal Lake GC, Foster CC, Green Valley CC, Kirkbrae CC, Louisquisset GC, Metacomet CC, Montaup CC, North Kingstown GC, Potowomut GC, Quidnessett CC, Acoaxet Club, Weekapaug GC, Warwick CC

Rhode Island PGA Les Kennedy Award Standings

Place	Player	Club	Points
1st	Brent Amaral	Acoaxet Club	17.0
2nd	John Rainone	North Kingstown GC	16.0
T-3rd	Brian Ownens	North Kingstown GC	15.0
	Brendan Ray	The Carnegie Abbey Club	15.0
5th	Matt Doyle	The Misquamicut Club	10.0
T-6th	Al Vallante	Harbor Lights & CC	9.75
	Robert Tramonti	Triggs Memorial GC	9.75
	Ed Kirby	North Kingstown GC	9.75
	Shane Drury	Swansea CC	9.75
10th	Tony DiGiorgio	Crystal Lake GC	9.00



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Upcoming RI Chapter Events

August is upon us and here's a look at the events that are open for registration!!!

August 29, 2017 Kirkbrae Pro-Officer

September 18, 2017 Quidnessett Pro-3 Am

VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by VT Chapter President Roger A. King, PGA



Fellow Professionals,

I hope the summer is going well after shaky weather in the recent months. It's hard to believe it is August already and for us in Vermont we are past our half way point to the playing season.

I would like to acknowledge our thanks to all my fellow professionals that play in our events. We extend a big thank you to all our golf and local sponsors. Best of luck to all of the NEPGA professionals playing in the NEPGA Section Championship. It is a great event that is run by the best staff in the country.

Have a great rest of the summer.

Roger A. King, PGA

Tournament Results

On June 26th we held our Pro Am at CC of Barre hosted by John Goodchild, PGA. We thank Don Groft, PGA with Yamaha for his generous donation to the Pro-Pro purse. We would also like to thank Todd Trono, PGA and Chuck McGuire with Bridgestone for their sponsorship. Our winning team from Green Mountain National GC was led by David Soucy, PGA, with a 2 best ball of 4 score of 129. Low Professional score was David Bennett with a score of 71 followed by Bob Prange, PGA, Burlington CC with 73.

On July 6th, we held our next major, the Pro Lady Championship at Stowe Mountain Club hosted by Ron Philo, PGA. We thank our sponsors Stowe Mountain Club for their added value gift cards. Our winning net team from Burlington CC was led by Matt Havers, PGA, with a 2 best ball of 4 stableford score of 109. Gross winners were the team from Williston GC with Todd Trono, PGA, leading the way with a team score of 82. Low Professional score was David Bennett with 44 points followed by Zack Wyman, PGA of Vermont National CC with 38 points.

The Michelob Ultra Pro Am held at Rutland CC on July 10th with Greg Nelson, PGA, as our host. This was also our Mohegan Sun qualifier. We thank our long time sponsor Farrell Distributing for their generous added money to the purse. Format was one best ball gross and net. Our team winners were led by Roger King, PGA, and his team from Sugarbush GC with a score of 130. Professional scores included a tie between Mike Slayton, CC of Vermont, Curtis Goldsberry,

Quechee Club, and Paul Politan, PGA all with a score of 72.

On July 24th, we held our Pro 3 Am Championship at Quechee Club Highlands hosted by TJ Anthoine, PGA. Format was two best balls gross for 18 holes. Championship played in a continuous rain storm for the entire day. This year's Championship team was led by Sean Toof, PGA and his Vermont National CC team with a score of 142. The runner-up teams at 145 were from Quechee Club led by Curtis Goldsberry and the Rutland CC team led by Greg Nelson, PGA

The VT Chapter conducted a rescheduled Pro Am at Manchester CC on July 31st with Michael Harger, PGA, Fred Auletta, PGA, Alex Socinski, PGA, and Kevin Ben-nison, PGA, as our hosts. We thank our golf sponsors Cary Gordon, Greg Norman Clothing, Bryan Saylor, FootJoy, Jeff Kelley, Titleist and Chris Catapane, Under Armour for their added value contributions of tee gifts and team prizes. The first place gross team in the stableford format with 56 points, was led by host professional Kevin Bennison, PGA. Net team winners with 61 points was the team from Lake Morey CC led by Justin Bonnett, PGA. Host Professional Kevin Bennison led the professionals with 45 points followed by David Bennett, PGA, CC of Vermont with 38 points.

On August 8th the VT Chapter Pro Junior Championship was held at Williston GC hosted by Todd Trono, PG and Reece Delaire. We thank LeAnna Wicks Tapp and Ping Golf for their sponsorship of carry bags to the winning juniors. Also, we would like to extend our gratitude to sponsors Golf ValueBook and the Stephen Brown Foundation for an added \$3000 to the pro purse. Format was two best balls gross and net. Our 2017 Pro Junior Championship teams with a net score of 126 was from The Kwini Club and led by Steve Gonsalves, PGA (pictured on the bottom right). The winning gross

team at 141 was from Links at Lang Farm and was led by Libby Smith, PGA (pictured in the top photo). Low professional was host professional Todd Trono, PGA with a 75 followed by Roger King, PGA, Sugarbush GC and Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC both with a score of 76.

The Vermont PGA Junior Tour capped off its season on August 5th with our state championship at Ralph Myhre GC hosted by Paul Politano, PGA. Our VT Junior team was selected to compete in the NE Junior Championships being held this year in Vermont at Manchester CC. Our team consists of Bryson Richards, CC of Barre, Jared Nelson, Rutland CC, Alex Giroux, Newport CC, Brody Yates, CC of Vermont, Harrison Thayer, Vermont National CC, Adam Ely, Links at Lang Farm, and Aidan Melville, Sugarbush GC.

Upcoming Events

Aug 21-23: NEPGA Championship, Turner Hill and Renaissance Club

Aug 28: Dorset Field Club Pro Am

Sept 5-6: VT PGA Stroke Play Championship, Stowe CC



SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Joan Stuart

Congratulations to John Hickson, PGA Head Professional at Sebasco Harbor Resort (pictured right) who won an exciting Senior Championship at Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, VT on July 31st and August 1st with a winning tournament total of seven under par 133. Hickson along with the following NEPGA Professionals have qualified for the Senior PGA PNC: Todd Scarafoni, PGA Bass Rocks GC; Webb Heintzelman, PGA Turner Hill GC; Bill Andrews, PGA Portsmouth CC; Chip Johnson, PGA Hatherly CC; and Ron Philo, PGA Stowe Mountain Club through their stellar play at Okemo.

Tatnuck CC Senior Pro-Am Results—August 7th

The Seniors' Association held a Pro-3 Am at Tatnuck Country Club in Worcester on August 7th. The course was in wonderful condition and thank you to Host Professional, Tim Bishop, PGA.

Individual Pro Gross:

1. Tim Bishop, PGA Tatnuck CC 72
2. Bill Lindquist, PGA Mt. Pleasant GC 75

Individual Pro Net:

1. Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC 70
2. Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC 73

TOP RIGHT: The winning team (Gross) Rich Hasenfus, PGA of Needham GC with amateurs Tim Hasenfus, Brett Downer, and Wayne Kent. (69)

BOTTOM RIGHT: The first place team in the Team Net was Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC with amateurs Mike McKay, Peter Messina, and Matthew Messina. (60)



Tatnuck Country Club

In September, the Seniors' Association will visit Bass Rocks GC (date to be announced) and Needham GC on September 27th.

ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Assistants' Association President Ryan Kesten, PGA

Dear Fellow Assistants,

I hope this finds you doing well as we enter the second half of the golf season. The weather has been challenging at points for some of us in New England, hopefully it's not reducing you and your clubs' revenues. I've had the opportunity to see many of you in the spring events and thank you for participating. This fall we have a great schedule of events and venues for you. Our biggest event is our Assistants Championship, which will be held at the Bay Club on **September 11th & 12th**, please don't miss the registration deadline of August 23rd. The Fall Meeting has been moved to a new date on **October 11th**, please mark your calendars. The final event of the year is our Island Invitational; those who have been on the trip can say it's a fantastic time. The golf course is always in great shape and we have been lucky to get some great weather at the point of the year.

New England Assistant PGA Professional Championship - Sept. 11-12

Venue – [The Bay Club at Mattapoisett](#), Mattapoisett, MA

Registration Deadline August 23rd – [Register Here](#)

Assistant Pro-Pro Match Play

Qualifying & 1st Round Matches – October 5

Venue – [Concord Country Club](#), Concord, MA

Due to the clubs by-laws, there will be no carts available unless you have a doctor's note. Please be prepared to walk.

[Register Here](#)

Semi & Finals Matches – October 12

Venue – [Vesper Country Club](#), Tyngsboro, MA

Fall Assistant's Meeting & Event – October 11

Golf: 8am Shotgun with Meeting to Follow

Venue – [Wannamoisett Country Club](#), Rumford, RI

[Register Here](#)

We are in the process of working on the schedule for next year and will be looking for new venues, if you think your facility would be able to host an event please reach out to anyone on the board.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 7/18/2017–8/14/2017

NEW APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Alexandra L. Michielini	B-8	Renaissance Golf Club

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility	Start
J. David Mazzeo, PGA	A-6	Bethel Inn Resort	8/1
Brett A. Smestad, PGA	A-8	Rochester Country Club	7/31

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Michael R. Bouchard, PGA	A-8	Belgrade Lakes Golf Club

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Lee Danielian, PGA	LM	
J. David Mazzeo, PGA	A-6	Bethel Inn Resort

NEW CPP CERTIFICATIONS

Name	Class	Facility	Area
Michael C. Sullivan Jr., PGA	A-8	Charles River Country Club	Instruction

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Our 2017 NEPGA Section Champion!

Fall Meeting Schedule





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