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2013 NEPGA TEACHING SUMMIT

Featuring Michael Breed, PGA



Boylston, MA-- The New England PGA has just announced that their 2013 Teaching Summit will feature Michael Breed, PGA and winner of the 2012 PGA of America's Teacher of the Year Award which is the highest honor for golf instruction. Breed is the PGA Director of Instruction at the Michael Breed Golf Academy at Manhattan Woods Golf Club. He is also host of the Golf Channel's Program "The Golf Fix." Through his instruction, he has brought back enjoyment of the game to many of its viewers. Breed comes to the Section after having been one of the storied instructors at PGA of America's Teaching and Coaching Summit held prior to The PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, FL. He is also featured at the National Golf Expo in

Boston, MA. For more information on Breed, please visit his website

<http://michaelbreed.com/>.

The 2013 NEPGA Teaching Summit will be held at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston, MA on Monday, March 4th. Registration opens at 8:00 am with the Summit running from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch is included in the registration fee of \$60. Class "A" PGA Professionals will earn 6 PGA Education MSR hours by attending this Teaching Summit. To register, please click [here](#).



Click [here](#) to Michael's Career Highlights...



*Michael Breed working with
Arnold Palmer at Bay Hill*

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2013 GOLFPASS COURSE OFFERINGS

Thank you to the following facilities and their PGA Head Professionals for their support of the 2013 New England PGA GolfPass by being participating courses:

Maine: Bangor Municipal GC; Cape Arundel GC; Dunegrass; Kebo Valley; The Links at Outlook; Nonesuch River; Rockland GC; Samoset Resort & GC; Springbrook; Spring Meadows; Toddy Brook; Traditions GC & Learning Ctr; Val Halla GC

Massachusetts: Acushnet River Valley; Ballymeade CC; Captains; Chequesset Yacht & GC; Cranberry Valley GC; Fal-mouth CC; Golf Club at Yarmouthport; Groton Country Club; CC of Halifax; Hillview GC; Hyannis GC; Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds GC; Reedy Meadow; Rochester CC; Sandwich Hollows; Sassamon Trace GC; Settlers Crossing; Rick Smith Golf Academy; Winchendon School GC

New Hampshire: Campbell's Scottish Highlands; Country Club of NH; Derryfield CC; Eagle Mountain House & GC; Hanover CC; Nippo Lake GC; Pease GC; Plausawa Valley CC; Rochester CC; Waukegan GC

Rhode Island: Crystal Lake; Louisquesset GC; North Kingstown Muni; Triggs Memorial GC

Vermont: Basin Harbor Club; CC of Barre; Crown Point CC; GC at Equinox; Monatgue GC; Lake Morey CC; Lake St. Catherine CC; Ralph Myhre GC; Neshobe GC; Newport CC; Okemo Valley GC; Sugar Bush GC; Tater Hill GC; Vermont National CC; and Woodstock Inn & CC

If you would like to be listed on our GolfPass, please click [here](#) for the Agreement Form and return it to the NEPGA office either by Fax 508.869.0009, email jstuart@pgahq.com or mail: P.O. Box 743, Boylston, MA 01505.

Breaking News: If you are a participating facility on the 2013 NEPGA GolfPass, the Section has a new program to help your facility fill tomorrow or the next day's tee sheets. If you want to fill tee times at the last minute with a special pricing lower than the advertised price on our GolfPass, we will be happy to facilitate filling those times with one coupon only redeemable for the day that you choose to each of our 2013 GolfPass members. This new feature should generate more revenue for your club.

2013 NEPGA AWARD APPLICATIONS



PGA

New England Section

2013 NEPGA Award nominees:
Today is the last day to submit your award application(s). Award applications were emailed to the nominees. To request that the application be resent to you, please contact Joan at jstuart@pgahq.com. Click [here](#) to view the award application status report.

UPCOMING EDUCATION SEMINARS

Golf 2.0 Seminar with Brian Bain, PGA and Michael Packard, PGA - Know Your Customer and Connect with Her are two of the subject matters that will be introduced and discussed by Brian Bain, PGA and Michael Packard, PGA during this free seminar being held on Wednesday, February 13 at The Country Club (191 Clyde Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467-2903) from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. PGA members in attendance will earn 3 PGA Education credits. Click [here](#) to register online by February 12th.

Golf 2.0 Seminar and Merchandising Cracker Barrel with Brian Bain, PGA - This seminar will be held at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston, MA on Thursday, February 21st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The fee to attend is \$25 which includes a continental breakfast. PGA members in attendance will earn 4 MSR credits. Click [here](#) to register by February 20th.

2013 NEPGA Teaching Summit - This year's Section Teaching Summit will feature 2012 PGA Teacher of the Year Michael Breed, PGA. The Summit is being hosted by Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston, MA on Monday, March 4th. Registration opens at 8:00 am with the Summit running from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch is included in the registration fee of \$60. Class "A" PGA Professionals will earn 6 PGA Education MSR hours by attending this Teaching Summit. To register online, please click [here](#).

NEW ENGLAND GREEN SEMINAR

PRESENTED BY



The USGA Green Section, GCSANE and MGA are once again teaming up to host the New England Green Section Seminar being held at Blue Hill Country Club in Canton, MA on Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

Geared towards the needs and challenges of the green committee chairpersons and club officials, attendees will hear from the USGA Green Section staff and area superintendents as what they do to make the daily golf experience enjoyable and challenging.

This one-day seminar is targeted towards green committee chairpersons (and green committee members), superintendents, club managers, golf professionals, presidents and owners. Club board members and interested members and staff are also welcome to attend.

The cost per attendee is \$50 which includes a networking luncheon at the conclusion of the seminar. PGA members in attendance will earn 5 MSR credits. Click [here](#) for more information on this year's event. Click [here](#) to register on the seminar website.

CLUBS FOR VETS



Bob Beach, PGA needs your help to provide golf clubs and bags to veterans who have served our country and put their lives on the line. If you are able to donate to Clubs for Vets), please contact Bob at 781-843-6513 or bbeach@braintreema.gov.

PGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program application is now available on the homepage of PGALinks.com.

Please note that the applicant must have a cumulative 3.4 grade point average in either high school or college to be eligible to apply. The online application deadline date and receipt of the transcript is March 15, 2013, 5:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

*Please keep in mind that for students to be considered for the NEPGA Wemyss Scholarship, they **must** apply for The PGA of America's Financial Assistance Scholarship.*

In addition, click [here](#) to view tips for searching for available scholarships as well as tips for filling out scholarship applications. Click [here](#) to view additional web sites to help you with your search for scholarships.

DON'T WAIT FOR WINNINGS! SIGN UP FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT



If you are a NEPGA member or apprentice who plays in Chapter and/or Section events, please consider going green by receiving your tournament winnings through an ACH transfer to your checking or savings account.

Every year there are instances of paper checks getting lost in the mail. When this happens, we have to notify our bank to stop payment on the lost check (and there is a fee involved) and have a new check re-issued. This process can delay your payment for about two weeks! **The section has paid the stop payment fee in the past but this fee is now passed on to the professional.**

To avoid this happening to you, please click [here](#) to download the ACH Form from PGALinks.com; it is very easy to fill out. All you need to do is to send it to the office (P O Box 743, Boylston, MA 01505) along with a voided check.



2013 SECTION, CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Location		Time
Mon., April 1 st	New Hampshire Chapter	Intervale Country Club Click here for directions.		TBD
Tues., April 9 th	NEPGA Section	Andover Country Club Click here for directions.		9am
Wed., April 10 th	Rhode Island Chapter	TBD		TBD
Thurs., April 11 th	Cape Cod Chapter	Sandwich Hollows Click here for directions.		TBD
Tues., April 16 th	Maine Chapter	Val Halla Golf Course Click here for directions.		TBD
Thurs., April 18 th	Assistants' Association	TBD		TBD
Thurs., April 25 th	Massachusetts Chapter	Myopia Hunt Club Click here for directions.		TBD
Fri., April 26 th	Seniors' Association	Middleton Golf Club Click here for directions.		TBD
Tues., May 7 th	Vermont Chapter	Rutland Country Club Click here for directions.		TBD

EMPLOYMENT NEWS



Gearing up for the season

As we approach the close of the employment season, I thought I would share some insight on how truly unique every employer – employee relationship can be, and what you can implement to strengthen your partnership for 2013.

Working with dozens of golf facilities and PGA Professionals over the past several years, I have gained an appreciation for working relationships – what it takes for a facility to honestly believe their PGA Professional brings value to the operation daily. It's not uncommon to have two facilities in the same area with similar structures, fees, and cultures, but with two very different perspectives of their PGA Professional. At one facility, the PGA Professional is universally liked and respected by the customers; has a loyal and well trained staff; continually receives accolades for the level of service and quality of the facility's programs and activities; and has an excellent relationship with their employer.

At the other facility, it's quite a different story – customers talk about their PGA Professional in less than glowing terms; the staff is unhappy and prone to frequent turnover; service is poor and participation in activities and tournaments is declining; and the PGA Professional always seems to be at odds with their employer.

So why the difference? Can two professionals in one area vary that much, regardless of which PGA of America education program they earned their Membership through? Chances are no. We all chose to devote our career to a ball and a stick, so how can two PGA Professionals approach the game, their customer base and their employer differently?

Below are some tough questions you can ask yourself gearing up for the 2013 season...

1. Do your customers feel special?

Everyone that comes into your shop should feel that you and your staff have a sincere interest in their needs. The importance of treating customers in a friendly, respectful, and professional manner is obvious but is often neglected with the many responsibilities PGA Professionals deal with every day.

2. Do you surround yourself with excellent staff?

Nothing makes a better impression than a team of friendly, well-trained, and knowledgeable employees. Fill your staff with the best people and instill in them your vision and expectations.

3. Are you consistent?

If you are not consistent with policies, rules enforcement, pricing, etc., it will eventually come back to haunt you. You can't afford to give the impression that you care only about a select few.

4. Have you taken on more responsibility annually?

Rather than saying, "It's not my job," your willingness to take on more responsibility and do more than your share will be appreciated by your employer. In addition, more responsibility can give you a greater influence at your facility.

5. Are you a team player?

Make sure your employer knows your top priority is the overall success of the facility. Keep the lines of communication open, discuss your goals and ideas, and let your employer know what you are doing to make it happen.

6. Do you choose your battles wisely?

Working with an owner, manager, or board is a constant negotiation – not just with your own compensation, but also over policies, procedures, budgets, staffing, funding for improvements, to name a few. If you oppose them on every issue, you'll create the impression that you do not have their best interests at heart, and it will ultimately cost you on the things you feel strongly about.

7. Are you enthusiastic about your job?

If you can keep your golfers happy, through programming or services, chances are they will have fun, enjoy their game more, and feel good about doing business with the facility and most importantly, you!

2013 PGA Compensation Survey

If you have already completed the 2013 PGA Compensation Survey, thank you for supporting this very important PGA initiative which provides valuable compensation data for New England Section PGA Professionals. Your Section and Chapter needs all active Members and Apprentices to participate, so if you have not completed the 2013 Survey, please do your part in helping to create the most complete database of compensation information. You can access the survey from the PGALinks Employment homepage, or by clicking [here](#).

Please be assured that the compensation information you provide in the survey is completely anonymous and confidential, and no one sees or has access to your personal information. Also, if you are the lead PGA Professional at your facility, please make sure that all PGA Members and Apprentices on your staff complete the survey as well. PGA Members who complete the survey by mid-March will receive 2 MSR credits (maximum 5 survey credits per MSR cycle year).

Only 346 PGA Professionals representing the New England Section have completed this year's survey. That means over 550 still have time to provide information. Matching last year's number of 574 participants for the Section is a great goal – so please help yourself and your fellow New England Section professionals.

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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



National Golf Expo - Boston - The National Golf Expo - Boston will be held again this year at The Seaport World Trade Center on March 1-3, 2013. We are looking for volunteers for each shift to give short tune-up lessons to the public. We also need volunteers for junior golf activities. Some of the junior golf activities will include a belly putter putting contest and personal tips for juniors from NEPGA Professionals before they hit practice balls. The shifts are as follows:

Friday, March 1st - noon to 4 pm
Friday, March 1st - 4 pm to 8 pm
Saturday, March 2nd - 10 am to 2 pm
Saturday, March 2nd - 2 pm to 6 pm
Sunday, March 3rd - 10 am to 1 pm
Sunday, March 3rd - 1 pm to 5 pm

This is a great way to earn MSR hours under "Growth of the Game" and it is always an enjoyable event. Please click on the below registration links to volunteer on any of the days and be sure to indicate your shift preference and shirt size. We appreciate your participation!

Tune-Up Lessons- Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer

Junior Golf Activities- Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer

Click [here](#) to view the current list of volunteers.

Central MA Golf Expo - PGA Professional volunteers are needed to give free 10 minute lessons at the Central Massachusetts Golf Expo at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA on Sat-Sun, February 23-24, 2013. There are two shifts each day (see below). Click [here](#) to register to volunteer. If you have any questions, please call the office: 508-869-0000 or email Jacy Settles at jsettles@pgahq.com.

Saturday (Feb 23)

Shift 1: 10am-1pm

Shift 2: 1pm – 5pm

Sunday (Feb. 24)

Shift 1: 10am-12:30pm

Shift 2: 12:30pm-3pm

Free Golf Lessons for Veterans/Disabled Veterans -

There will be free lessons on Saturdays from 10 am-4 pm during the month of February at Cedar Hill for veterans and disabled veterans. The remaining dates include: February 9, February 16 and February 23. Each session will be worth 6 MSR hours under Growth of the Game Category.

There will also be clinics on Tuesdays at Cedar Hill during February from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The remaining dates include: February 12, February 19 and February 26. Each session will be worth 4 MSR hours under Growth of the Game Category.

Bob Beach, PGA would appreciate some volunteers at each session to help with this most worthwhile endeavor. Help grow the game to our veterans! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Bob Beach at 781-843-6513 or bbeach@braintreema.gov.

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

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Newly-elected member, Abby Spector, PGA, recently filled out our New Member Questionnaire. Continue reading to learn more about one of our newest members!

Abby Spector, PGA

Elected into Membership: Jan. 29, 2013

Where are you from? Waterville, ME

Where did you attend college? The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

What was your first job in the golf 'business'? "Cart kid"

Where do you work? Sugarloaf GC

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



PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE GOLF



About PGA Junior League Golf: PGA Junior League Golf (PGA JLG) is designed to better socialize the game for boys and girls, ages 13 and under. PGA JLG features team vs. team competitions in structured leagues that provide a popular, less stressful scramble format as opposed to stroke-play competition. This is a great way to get kids involved in the game!

Benefits To Hosting

- Professionals/Facilities make money by fielding a team
- Team Captains earn a minimum 3 MSR points
- Increases in private lesson revenue
- Incremental F&B sales and cart rentals during home competitions
- Families spend more time together at the facility resulting in greater member retention
- Attract new members/golfers

For more information call Brian Bain, PGA at 617-820-4411 or visit <http://www.pgajrleaguegolf.com/>.

OUTSIDE THE ROPES

The NEPGA is introducing a new feature about the Section's PGA Professionals giving back to their communities called "Outside the Ropes". If you have a story to share that might inspire other Professionals to become involved in charitable endeavors, contact Joan at jstuart@pgahq.com to request a questionnaire. This month, we're featuring Rick Johnson, PGA of West Barnstable, MA.



Rick Johnson, PGA

Charitable Activity: Scholarship fundraiser in the name of Gary Philbrick. Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Adaptive Golf.

More about Rick: Rick turned professional and joined the apprentice program in 1971 and has been a member since 1976. After 6 years as an assistant professional at 5 different facilities (he worked year round in north and south operations) he became the Head Golf Professional at the Hyannisport Club where he served from 1980 until 2011. He has served all

positions on the Cape Chapter of the New England PGA's Board and has been a Vice President on the New England Section board. He was honored to be chosen as the 2007 New England Section's Golf Professional of the Year.

Rick was named to the PGA President's Council on Growing the Game in 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2010.

Rick has worked tirelessly as a Scholarship fund raiser for the Gary Philbrick Scholarship Fund Pro Am, has devoted many hours to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, and Adaptive Golf. Upon the passing in 2005 of Gary Philbrick, PGA who was a well respected member of the Cape Cod golf community and a PGA Professional for nearly three decades, Rick along with fellow PGA Professionals decided to honor his memory by organizing an annual pro am to raise funds for college scholarships to students from Cape Cod. Since its inception, Rick has helped with the fund raising aspect of the event every year. Every year he spends hours soliciting donations and silent auction prizes for the pro am. Along with the efforts of other PGA Professionals, Rick has helped raise over \$100,000 since 2006.

BOB GILLIS REMEMBERED

By Gary Larrabee; Special to the Salem News

The recent passing of legendary Bass Rocks Golf Club head professional Bob Gillis marked the loss of one of the North Shore's most respected teachers and all-around great guys. Gillis, who died at 84 on Christmas Eve in his retirement hometown of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., was the head pro at Bass Rocks for 37 years (1957-1993). He made everyone's life he touched — be it on the practice tee, golf course or his backyard — happier. He and wife Paulie made a visit to the Bass Rocks golf shop an enjoyable occasion.

"As my predecessor, I had giant footsteps to follow in," says Peter Hood, who since coming to the Gloucester club as head pro has been promoted into the general manager's position. "I've been hearing wonderful stories about Bob and his wife for all these years. He was loved by his members and staff, a pure professional every minute of his waking day. Look up 'club professional' in the dictionary and Bob's picture should be right there."

Of his four sons, only Dan followed in his father's path and became a club professional as well. Dan, 54, has been a PGA professional since 1985 and has run the golf operation at Londonderry (N.H.) Country Club for eight years.

"Dad never had a bad day on the golf course," Dan said of his father, the New England PGA Section's secretary/treasurer from 1964-1970, the organization's Professional of the Year in 1970 and an NEPGA Hall of Fame inductee in 2000. "He was always in good spirits (and) loved teaching the game to young and old alike. He always had the best interests of the club in mind, whatever he said or did.

"With me, I always wanted to grow up and be a club pro like my dad (and his uncle Jim, long-time head pro at Portland CC in Maine)," Dan added. "Watching him as a kid, everything I drew from his day as a pro was positive. His influence was so positive I turned pro soon after graduating from Gloucester High (where he and all three siblings, Steve, Mark and Bob Jr., excelled on the golf team). But dad made sure the decision was mine."

Dan worked for his Uncle Jim, then in Florida, before returning home and working as his father's assistant for five years.

"Golf was dad's life and made for a good life for my mother and us children," Dan pointed out. "He was extremely proud of that."

And Bass Rocks was proud to have Bob Gillis as their head professional for nearly four decades.

Bob Gillis' sterling tenure at Bass Rocks will not be forgotten. The club championship for players with handicaps of 11 to 15 is named in his honor — the Gillis Trophy.

If memory serves this author correctly, only Lynner Paul Barhouse (Woburn CC) in his early 70s and Salem native Ed Whalley (Reedy Meadow at Lynnfield Centre), who just turned 80, remain among what could be considered a golden age of North Shore club professionals. The others would include (all now deceased): Bill Barclay at Salem, Tom Mahan Sr. and Jr. at United Shoe (now Beverly Golf & Tennis), Les Dunn at Tedesco, John Thoren at Myopia, Lynnfield native Ross Coon, Sagamore Spring's George Apalakakis, Happy Valley's Larry Gannon and Thomson's Bill Flynn.

AWARDS...REWARDS!

Both the Rhode Island & Cape Cod Chapters are tremendously well represented in terms of nominations for NEPGA awards this winter. Here is a snapshot of some very talented individuals. Winners from each Chapter are automatically nominated by their respective Chapters, while other individuals have been respectfully nominated by their peers.

GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Bob Chase - Cape Winner

Mike Bradshaw - Rhode Island Winner

Cape nominees: Jay Askew, Doug Errhalt, Bob Giusti, Phil Truono, Jay Wick

Rhode Island nominees: Susan Bond, Jim DiMarino, Rick Finlayson, Ed Kirby, Troy Pare

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Bob Tramonti - Rhode Island Winner

Tracy Mount - Cape Winner

Cape nominees: Dave Donnellan, Mark Heartfield, Gene Mulak, Trevor England, Phil Truono

Rhode Island nominees: Kyle Phelps, Matt Walsh (welcome to Warwick, Matt)

JUNIOR LEADER OF THE YEAR

Steve Brown - Cape Winner

Devin Beck - Rhode Island Winner

Cape nominees: Bob Chase, Trevor England, Kevan Evangelista, Phil Truono

Rhode Island nominees: Mike Bradshaw, Troy Pare

MERCHANDISERS OF THE YEAR

pu=Public, pr=Private, re-Resort

Troy Pare - Rhode Island Winner (pr)

Cape nominees: pu/ Roman Greer, Merry Holway, John Tuffin, pr/ Jay Askew, Doug Errhalt, AJ Petrulak, re/ Mike Zoll.

Rhode Island nominees: pu/ Tony DiGiorgio, John Rainone, pr/Mike Bradshaw, Troy Pare, Mark Warrenner, Barry Westall

ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Nick Maresca - Rhode Island Winner

Tracy Djerf - Cape Winner

Cape nominees: Drew Anderson, Trevor England, Jake Pleczkowski

Rhode Island nominees: Jacob Hoffer (good luck at Inverness!)

BILL STRAUSBAUGH AWARD

Cape nominees: Mark Heartfield, Steve Demmer, Glenn Kelly, Sean Lapworth

Rhode Island nominee: Jim DiMarino

HORTON SMITH AWARD:

Norm Alberigo, Susan Bond, Rick Baptist

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Susan Bond, Dan Caverly, Trevor England

PATRIOT AWARD:

Susan Bond, Doug Errhalt

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

We are pleased to announce the new **CALLAWAY GOLF PRO-PRO SERIES** this season sponsored by **Peter Guild** who now represents Callaway Golf for both Cape Cod & Rhode Island. The first of these two new exciting tournaments will be held at **Allendale CC, on June 6th**, followed by a **July 8th event at Ledgemont CC**, the latter serving as an excellent opportunity to get in a competitive practice round on a venue which is co-hosting the NEPGA championship one month later! Entries for these PRO PRO tourneys are open to both Chapters, and, in fact encouraged!

Tournament Chairmen Mike Bradshaw (RI) and Jesse Schechtman (CC) have been hard at work finalizing their respective schedules which will be published shortly. Sponsors are still needed for some events and all suggestions toward that end can be communicated to either them or yours truly.

NEPGA GOLFPASS

Both Chapters have responded well to our goal of increasing facility listings in the 2013 NEPGA GolfPass. If you have not decided yet to participate I encourage you to reconsider how much the GolfPass can help both your facility and the Section going forward. Please contact me or Joan Stuart for further info.

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MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



PGA
New England Section
Massachusetts Chapter

With the PGA Show now over the golf season is fast approaching. With a few more weeks until most of us go back to work full time there will be hopeful-

ly a few more times to get together to discuss the upcoming season and share ideas.

Be on the lookout for a cracker barrel session featuring Brian Bain discussing Golf 2.0 Get Golf Ready programs as well as a discussion involving the PGA Show (what was new and interesting), and sharing ideas on individual club's programs as well. Coming soon will be the Mass. Chapter tournament schedule (we still have a couple of TBA's).

I hope the winter has gone well for everyone and look forward to seeing you soon.

Mark Aldrich, PGA

Secretary, Massachusetts Chapter

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CHAPTER NEWS *Continued...*

MAINE CHAPTER



Orlando Productivity...

I am happy to report we had much success at the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando last month. I met with several of our existing partners and I am happy to report many of them will be returning in 2013. I also met with some potential new sponsors and I left the Show optimistic that our list of partners may be increasing this season. A fun filled two days at the Show meeting, greeting and seeing friends and fellow PGA Professionals.

Junior Golf News...

The Junior Golf Committee with the support of the Board of Directors will be conducting a Big I Qualifier for the State of Maine. We are currently working to secure a site for the last weekend in June. I hope to have more details in the next newsletter. For more information about this event visit www.bigigolf.com. This event will begin to mark our presence in the area of Junior Golf in Maine.

Kudos...

The Chapter would like to congratulate Abby Spector on attaining her Class A Membership. Abby Spector A-I at Sugarloaf Golf Club. That has a nice ring to it. Way to go, Abby! We are all very proud of you and we know you will be a great asset to The PGA of America.

Please click [here](#) to view the 2013 Calendar.

As always, please let me know if I can help you or your facility in anyway.

Tony Decker, PGA
NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager

VERMONT CHAPTER



The Vermont Chapter BOD met on February 6th to complete the 2013 playing schedule, playing event budgets, and Gen Admin budgets. Also discussed were the open positions at Jay Peak Golf Club, Orleans CC, and Copley CC. Updates for Player of the Year and Chapter event sponsorships were detailed outlining the continued support of past sponsors as well as new sponsors secured at the Merchandise Show. The VTBOD spent time discussing some of the Chapter members' concerns brought to light through recent surveys. A plan for a Chapter educational seminar in February or early March was put in motion.

The Vermont Chapter Spring meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at Rutland CC beginning with registration at 8:00 followed by the meeting at 9:00.

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SECTION NEWS *Continued...*

REYNOLDS' INSPIRATIONAL INTERCEPTION

On Super Bowl Sunday there is a lot of talk and hyperbole about many of the athletes who are referred to as "warriors" on the field and as putting in a "heroic performance". Yes, they are great athletes, and some who are great people as well.

Then you see a guy like Greg Reynolds, who is not just an amazing athlete and competitor, one of the most generous and humble guys, and a Veteran who exudes such a positive attitude for a man in his circumstances, he positively affects everyone he encounters.

Greg is one of the most remarkable people I've ever had the privilege of becoming good friends with, he is an inspiration to me and so many others.

Hollywood made an awesome leaping one arm interception that led to a touchdown drive for his team playing in New Orleans.

These are the athletes we should care about, not some over-paid self absorbed jock caring more about "ego" and "respect" than other real people.

Please feel free to share this and let people learn about an athlete who really deserves our admiration, here and across the country.

Kevin Butler



IN THE OFF-SEASON...



**Porsche winter driving school
at Sugarbush Golf Club**



New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Matthew J. Havers, PGA	A-8	CC of Vermont
Kori D. Goulet, PGA	A-8	Abenaqui Club
Abigail L. Spector, PGA	A-1	Sugarloaf GC
Michael G. West, PGA	A-8	Stow Acres CC

New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Nicholas A Knight	B-8	Rocky Mountain

Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Nicholas R. Siudela, PGA	A-6	1/14	GolfTEC - Danvers

Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Chad M Hopkins	B-1	Prospect Hill GC
Nicholas R. Siudela, PGA	A-6	GolfTEC - Danvers
Joel St. Laurent, PGA	A-14	Manchester CC

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