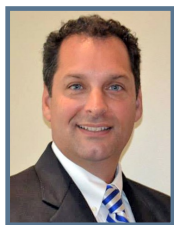




MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT LARRY KELLEY



As I head home from another successful PGA Show it gives me a little time to think about how great this industry is and all that it has given us. By all accounts the PGA Show was another great success. Attending the PGA Show is an opportunity to network, re-connect, and learn. If you have never been to the PGA Show please put it on your calendar as it is an unreal example of just how large and energized our sport is. A few highlights of the Show were the unlimited educational offerings, the new Youth & Family Golf Summit, new products, and largest demo day in the world! Many of our staff members attended as well. Mike Higgins was running point as he continues to lead the field in sponsorship relationships and helping our New England Section grow. Mike's tireless work and effort on our behalf is something we all should be proud of.

Now that we have made it through the holidays and winter is almost in the rear view mirror it is a great time to really focus on your 2014 season and getting all your planning and programs ready to go. Our Section staff has been busy with organizing our large tournament schedule. If you are interested in hosting a Jr Tour event, Section or Chapter event, or Amateur Series event please reach out to Dave McAdams or Jacy Settles. In addition, the Section Board along with staff has been working with the Massachusetts Chapter to help them with organization, education, and tournaments in 2014. We have allocated resources for a new position that will work out of the Section office to coordinate MA Chapter, Assistants' Association, and Seniors' Association schedules and business. This new position will also have Section responsibilities and work in a support position for our current Section Staff.

Our New England Section award nominations are all wrapped up and the committee is working on identifying the best candidates for those awards. We had a lot of nominations from our PGA members and that is something that we should be proud of as we work to find our best of the best!

Next month our Section Officers will be heading down to New Jersey for a PGA Super Regional meeting to hear from National candidates for Secretary of The PGA of America. There are three members currently running for this office. This will be an opportunity for the candidates to express where they stand on issues that affect The PGA and also give us an opportunity to ask questions of each candidate to see what their views are on certain issues. If anyone has any questions or concerns please reach out to me and I will make sure that they get addressed.

Foundation Update – at our January meeting the Section BOD allocated \$50,000.00 from our general fund to get the NEPGA Foundation rolling. We are in the process of working to determine our charter as well as finalizing our mission. The foundation moving forward will be a large focus of what we do and I have tasked Chris Carpenter, PGA to lead that committee. If you are interested in knowing more about the NEPGA Foundation please reach out to Mike Higgins.

Committees – I have appointed all the chairs to these committees. We are in the process of adding members to these committees at this time. If you are interested in serving on a committee please let Mike Higgins or myself know. Our association really works well when we have more involvement from our members. Please get involved and raise the bar!

Sincerely,

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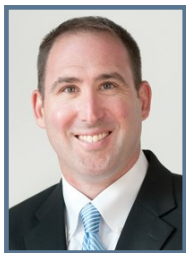
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MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I know this will seem a little belated but, Happy New Year! We decided to combine our January and February Newsletters to create this Winter Edition, hence its distribution in the middle of February. 2014 marks the 98th year in the history of the New England Section, which means we are only a short two years away from celebrating our centennial.

Along with a new year come a new golf season. A golf season that is all future and no past. A golf season that could include a new job, new equipment, new programs, new educational opportunities, new members, new board, new tournaments, new staff, new roles & responsibilities, and if nothing else...a new outlook.

The outlook of our dedicated Board of Directors and staff is one of positivity and a commitment to ensuring that our Section remains one of the leaders in golf in New England. There is a continuous effort to improve programs and stay current, create new programs, increase communication, services and to provide quality events for the main reason we do what we do - the PGA Professional.

The "off season" (which I refer to as a different kind of busy) has been both very active and exciting. David McAdams and I attended the Executive Directors Conference and the PGA Merchandise Show where we experienced a vibe that I have not seen in a while. We discussed new member benefits such as The PGA of America partnership with Samsung. This will bring fans closer and allow for them to connect with the game, while also offering equipment discounts of between 5 – 50% to PGA Members.

Ralph Lauren will be the official outfitter of the Ryder Cup and launch a retail campaign that will allow PGA Members to have a 60 – 90 day head start on selling merchandise, as well as a Sunday shirt promotion where the general public can wear the same shirt as the US Ryder Cup Team.

We extensively discussed social media and the benefit it can have on Sections, The PGA of America and PGA Professionals. We can all develop relationships online so we can develop relationships offline. We can all benefit from having a strategic Linked In account to help build our careers, a Twitter account to help build our brand and a Facebook account for the social aspect of our lives. We all need to remember that the reputation we build over a lifetime can be catapulted tenfold, or be ruined by one simple tweet.

There is much planning and excitement for the 2014 season. Be on the lookout for what's new and be on the lookout for where you can get involved. I am very excited to start my fourth year serving the New England Section as your Executive Director and I am still humbled to have the opportunity. Look for the New England PGA to continue to grow, in an aggressive yet responsible manner, for the ultimate benefit of PGA golf professionals in this region as well as everyone connected to the game.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Higgins
Executive Director
New England PGA

ESPN'S GEORGE BODENHEIMER TO SPEAK AT NEPGA SPRING MEETING



This year's Section Spring Meeting will feature guest speaker George Bodenheimer, Executive Chairman, ESPN, Inc.

Bodenheimer is an ESPN and cable industry pioneer and, as the company's longest-tenured President (13 years, 1998-2012), he led an unprecedented period of global growth. He oversaw all multimedia sports assets of The Walt Disney Company from March 3, 2003 – December 31, 2011 and was co-chairman, Disney Media Networks from April 20, 2004 – December 31, 2011. Click [here](#) to learn more about our guest speaker.

The New England PGA Spring Meeting will be held at Andover Country Club beginning at 9am, with registration open at 8am. Please make plans to join us!

NEPGA AWARD APPLICATIONS

The deadline to submit an award nomination application to the NEPGA was Friday, February 7th. Award nominees, please click [here](#) to view the award application status report and make sure you have submitted your response, either accepting or declining your nomination. If you did accept the nomination, please also check the Application Status column to ensure that we have indeed received your application. If you have any questions, please contact Joan at the section office, 508.869.0000.

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WARREN'S STRONG START TO 2014



NEPGA Member Shawn Warren got off to an early start in 2014 season, winning the 2014 NEPGA Winter Pro-Pro with Jeff Seavey, PGA and now cracking the top 10 in the PGA Winter Championships.

The 2013 NEPGA Champion started off hot, finishing his first round with a -4 (68) and a share of the lead. Warren then slipped out of the top 10 after round 2 with a second round

+2 (74) putting him at -2 (142), but still found himself in a position to finish strong. He would then finish his tournament with a -1 (71) in round 3 and a +1 (73) in round 4 to remain at -2 (286) and into a solo 9th place finish. Warren's finish was better than that of 61 PGA Professionals that made the cut in the event.

Other notable New England PGA Professional finishes were that of Aaron Ungvasky, PGA of Cohasset Country Club. As was true with most of the field, Ungvasky struggled on the weekend, following up his opening rounds of -3 (69) and -2 (70) with a +2 (74) in round 3 and +7 (79) in his final round. The finish still put Ungvasky in the top 25 and he looks poised to have a big year in 2014. Other NEPGA Finishes were: Frank Dully, PGA of Kernwood Country Club (71-74-76-75 +8 (296) T32), Kirk Hanefeld, PGA a NEPGA Life Member (76-69-77-77 +11 (299) T43) and Joe Cordani, PGA of Country Club of New Bedford (74-75-82-79 +22 (310) 68th). 2012 New England Open Champion Rob Corcoran, PGA of Melbourne, FL finished in 2nd with a -8 (280) for the event.

2014 TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

With the end of the PGA Winter Series in Florida this week at the PGA Winter Match Play Championships presented by Golf Advisor, Premier Golf and United Rentals, the New England PGA looks forward to spring and the 2014 Season. Click [here](#) to view the 2014 NEPGA tentative tournament schedule.

MASTERS COMPLIMENTARY ACCESS



The Masters will be held on April 10-13, 2014 at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. For ticket information please call 706.667.6700 or visit [masters.com](#). As a courtesy extended by Augusta National, complimentary access is offered to Class A PGA members, Life members and Master Pro-

fessional members (PGA members only; this offer is not extended to apprentices). No spouse or families (including practice rounds). Must show membership card and photo I.D. each day. Go to Gate 6A off of Berckmans Road then report to Gate C to receive daily ticket. NOTE: Daily tickets are not available to purchase for spouse.

NEPGA WINTER PRO PRO RECAP



The 2014 New England PGA season has begun with the Winter Pro - Pro at Reunion Resort in Orlando, FL. The year's first event boasted a field containing 2 NEPGA Section Champions, 3 NEPGA Assistants Champions, 1 New England Open

Champion and our current New England PGA President. The competition was strong and the scores were low, but the team with the most northern facilities won the NEPGA's most southern event.

Shawn Warren, PGA and Jeff Seavey, PGA are not strangers to the winner's circle with the New England PGA. Each golfer shares two major points of interest from the 2013 Season. First, Warren and Seavey were NEPGA Pro - Pro Stroke Play Champions in 2013 at Mt. Pleasant Country Club. Second, both Warren and Seavey each won a major championship on their own in 2013, with Warren winning the NEPGA Championship and Seavey winning the Assistants Championship. The pair makes a dynamic and deadly combination on the golf course and they would prove it on a sunny day in Orlando.

The combination of Seavey and Warren combined for 6 birdies and 2 eagles en route to a -10 (62). The score was good enough for a -1 stroke win over the team from Oyster Harbors Golf Club of Sean Edmonds, PGA and Matt Baran, PGA.

The New England PGA would like to thank Terry Frechette for his long time sponsorship of the event.

Full results can be seen by clicking [here](#).

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.



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New Hampshire Chapter Rules/Course Marking Seminar

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2014
Place: Intervale Country Club, Manchester, NH
Time: 10 am to 1 pm
Details: Click [here](#) to view
Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)
MSR Hours: 3 PGA Education MSR hours
Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

New England Green Section Seminar (NEGSS) Featuring Keynote Speaker Jim Remy, PGA

Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Place: Andover Country Club, Andover, MA
Time: 8:20am—12:40pm
Details: Click [here](#) to view
Cost: \$50
MSR Hours: 4 non-PGA Education MSR hours
Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)



LPGA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



All three LPGA scholarships are for female high school seniors who play golf and are planning to attend a college or university in the fall. Please note that The Dinah Shore Scholarship is for an individual who will not be playing on a competitive collegiate golf team; whereas, The Marilynn Smith Scholarship is for an individual planning to play competitive golf in college. The Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship is also for someone playing collegiate golf but additionally they need to be from a recognized minority background and demonstrate financial need. The deadline for all three scholarships is May 15, 2014.

Click on each scholarship to view details and the application:

- *[The Marilynn Smith Scholarship](#): Ten \$5,000 scholarships
- *[The Dinah Shore Scholarship](#): One \$5,000 scholarship
- *[The Phyllis G. Meekins Scholarship](#): One \$1,250 scholarship

PGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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Graduating high school seniors and college students who are the children or grandchildren of PGA

members may apply for The PGA Financial Assistance Scholarship by Monday, March 17th. 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 Fund Scholarship. Learn about the changes for 2014 and apply on [PGALinks.com](#).

[Click here to view Scholarship Search Tips](#)
[Click here to view Additional Scholarships](#)

2014 SECTION, CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Location		Time
Thurs., April 3	New Hampshire Chapter	Intervale Country Club Click here for directions		9am
Wed., April 9	Rhode Island Chapter	Kirkbrae Country Club Click here for directions		6pm
Thurs., April 10	Cape Cod Chapter	Sandwich Hollows Golf Club Click here for directions		10am
Mon., April 14	Assistants' Association	Oyster Harbors Click here for directions		8 AM - Spring Series Kickoff to follow at 10am
Tues., April 15	NEPGA Section	Andover Country Club Click here for directions		Registration 8am and Meeting 9am
Wed., April 16	Maine Chapter	The Woodlands Club Click here for directions		9am
Thurs., April 24	Massachusetts Chapter	Myopia Hunt Club Click here for directions		10am
Fri., April 25	Seniors' Association	Middleton Golf Club Click here for directions		9am and Pro-Pro to follow
Mon., May 5	Vermont Chapter	Rutland Country Club Click here for directions		Registration 8am and Meeting 9am

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND GOLF EXPO

The International Golf Club will host the Central New England Golf Expo on Saturday and Sunday, March 8th-9th with on-site amenities such as plenty of FREE parking, a hotel on site, fine dining, a TaylorMade swing lab, deals on golf gear, silent auctions, guest speakers, door prizes, special tee time deals on central New England golf courses and much more! Attendees will be able to get lessons from local pros, try out the latest in golf technology and get fitted for clubs on the spot.

Admission for adults is \$10, seniors \$8, children are free (12 and under) and those with a W/PMGC Card will pay \$5 at the door. Ticket information will be available soon by clicking [here](#).

Volunteers Needed to Give Lessons!

As a sponsor of this event, the New England PGA will have a booth and net at the Expo and we are in need of PGA Professionals and apprentices to give lessons to the public. Each day there will be a shift from 9 AM to 1 PM and 1 PM to 5 PM. Each shift will be worth 4 MSR Growth of the Game hours for PGA Professionals. To volunteer, please click [here](#).

REP APPAREL GOLF SALES SHOW

The Rep Apparel Golf Sales (R.A.G.S.) Show will be held on March 17th-19th at [Embassy Suites/Waltham Boston](#). The RAGS Show offers golf professionals and buyers the opportunity to view multiple apparel vendors at a single venue and time in a personable environment. Click [here](#) to view a list of participating reps and vendors.

There are special room rates of \$179. The deadline expires on March 5th. Buffet lunch will be provided on Tuesday, March 18th.

OUTSIDE THE ROPES

The NEPGA is highlighting our Section's PGA Professionals who are giving back to their communities in a feature called "Outside the Ropes". If you have a story to share that might inspire other Professionals to become involved in charitable endeavors outside of the realm of golf, contact Joan at jstu-art@pgahq.com to request a questionnaire. Click [here](#) to visit our Outside the Ropes page on NEPGA.com and see what your fellow professionals have been up to!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[Click Here to View Current Opportunities on NEPGA.com](#)

NATIONAL GOLF EXPO BOSTON



PGA Professionals and PGA Apprentices are needed as volunteers at the National Golf Expo-Boston to give 10 minute tune-up lessons. PGA Professionals will earn 1 MSR

hour under Growth of the Game Category for every hour you are able to volunteer. As in the past, the Expo is being held at the Seaport World Trade Center and will open on Friday, February 28th at noon through closing at 5 pm on Sunday, March 2nd. The shifts are listed below along with a registration link to volunteer and you can volunteer for multiple shifts if you would like to. Click [here](#) to view the current shift schedule.

The shifts are as follows:

Friday, February 28 - noon to 4 pm
Friday, February 28 - 4 pm to 7 pm
Saturday, March 1 - 10 am to 2 pm
Saturday, March 1 - 2 pm to 7 pm
Sunday, March 2 - 10 am to 1 pm
Sunday, March 2 - 1 pm to 5 pm

Click [here](#) to choose your shift(s)!

BOB BEACH DAY IN BRAINTREE



Braintree's mayor has declared the last day of 2013 to be "Bob Beach Day" in honor of a golf pro who has dedicated himself to bringing the sport to disabled veterans and children with special needs.

Bob Beach, the head golf professional at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course, received the honor and several others Monday night as the town recognized the work that earned Beach the PGA's 2013 Patriot Award. The PGA's annual

meeting. The award, which is in its fourth year, is meant to recognize professionals who "personify patriotism through the game of golf" and demonstrate a dedication to military veterans.

"He's always out there doing something for the community," said Town Council President Charles Kokoros, who called Beach "Braintree's humble hero."

Click [here](#) to read the full story.



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PGA EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT



2014 PGA Compensation Survey

If you have already completed the 2014 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 needs all active Members and Apprentices to participate, so if you have not completed the 2014 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 follow the link below:

http://surveys.pgalinks.com/professionals/apps/surveys/index.cfm?survey_id=479

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 287 PGA Professionals representing the New England Section have completed this year's survey. That means over 630 still have time to provide information. Matching last year's number of 615 participants for the Section is a great goal – so please help yourself and your fellow New England Section professionals.

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PGA BEST PRACTICE *submitted by Zachary Wyman, PGA*



Zachary Wyman on the importance of using Get Golf Ready to upgrade memberships:

I've worked at Vermont National since 1998 and wanted to try to grow the game here at our club. I felt that the best way to do that wasn't to reach out for new members, but rather get our current members more involved. I convinced our owner to allow me to dedicate my days to growing our club's golfers by reaching out to our social members, inactive spouses and children of active golfing members and, most specifically, women. I started offering Get Golf Ready last February; because most of Vermont is still under snow at that time, I held the first few clinics in the club dining room. We mostly discussed the ins-and-outs of the club, the game, etiquette and Rules, but we also covered fundamentals of the swing and hit rubber balls indoors. These first few sessions were successful because it allowed non-golfers to become more comfortable with the club and game, and by the time spring rolled around, many of the students came out to play. I also offered an accelerated program for mothers in which the clinics were completed over three days (six hours in all). In addition, I offered 20-30 drop-in clinics per month, many of which were well attended. Some of these drop-in sessions were targeted only to women or parents and children, and we received tremendous feedback. I also offered all-day junior clinics from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., where we would cover Rules, swing fundamentals and even meal etiquette during lunch.

The Get Golf Ready clinics and other player development programs that I enacted have been an amazing success for our facility. Due to the programs that targeted either non-golfing members or family members of golfing members, we were able to upgrade eight single memberships to couple memberships, and another five to family memberships. Of those, all but two of the upgrading members were women. I was able to reach out to these non-golfing members through our club-wide email service and through our member website, where I included a calendar of events for our player development programs. I strongly suggest to PGA Professionals working at private or semi-private facilities to concentrate on your non-golfing members in addition to new members, as this market can be a real boon to your business.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Chris Gagnon, PGA

Where are you from? North Conway, NH

Where did you attend college? Golf Academy of America (Myrtle Beach, SC)

What was your first job in the golf business? Cart Attendant (Wentworth Golf Course) Jackson, NH

Where do you work? The Ridge Club Sandwich, MA

What are your career aspirations? Head Professional

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

CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

CAPE COD CHAPTER



AWARD WINNERS ADVANCE

The following Cape Chapter award winners have been automatically nominated for section award review in the coming weeks: Teacher of Year – Rick Coleman, PGA/ New Seabury, Assistant of Year – Robert Foster, PGA/ Pocasset, JR Leader of Year – Roman Greer, PGA/ Hyannis and Professional of Year – Greg Yeomans, PGA/ The Bay Club who also captured his 5th consecutive Player of Year in 2013.

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB NEWS

The Cape Chapter has formed its own Quarter Century Club. Any golf professional with 25 or more years as a PGA member is invited to participate. Please contact M. Herron directly. Their initial project will be to assist coordinating the five junior clinics this coming summer offered by the Cape Cod Junior Golf Association. Over 400 juniors within the chapter boundaries were members in 2013 and along with the clinics will enjoy an 18 tournament schedule in 2014.



The Cape is proud that one of their own Quarter Century Club members – John Paesani, 54, PGA assistant professional at Bay Club in Mattapoisett, fired a winning 66-74—140, the low score for age groups 49-under through 60-64 on the Wanamaker Course. It was his first victory in the PGA Winter Championships, and his most significant win, he said, since the 2001 Connecticut Open.

OYSTER HARBORS DUO JUST MISS IN ORLANDO

OH PGA Head Pro Sean Edmonds and his PGA Assistant Matt Baran's -9 par 63 in the NEPGA Winter Pro-Pro was good for 2nd place during the Merchandise Show break in Orlando. Maine's Sean Warren & Jeff Seavey beat the Oyster Harbors duo by one shot to capture the first win of 2014.



BOWLING LEAGUE IN FULL SWING

Longtime Chapter sponsor, Jeff Moore, the owner of Bobby Byrnes' Pubs across the Cape as well as The Lanes Bowl & Bistro, welcomed 8 club teams to the inaugural winter bowling league in Mashpee, just after the New Year. Teams, led by their club professionals from Willowbend, Pocasset, Sandwich Hollows, Hyannis, Olde Barnstable, Dennis Highlands, The Ridge Club & Dennis Pines are in the midst of a winter-long battle for hardwood supremacy. Early results have the Hollows team in the lead led by Chapter President Jesse Schechtman, PGA – whose key to victory is, "...we will win as long as I don't bowl..."

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FINALIZED

The 2014 tournament schedule is complete. Highlighted by the Chapter Championship at Plymouth in the fall, a total of 19 events will be published on the Cape's website shortly. Registration for tournaments will commence in mid-March on BlueGolf. In addition, a total of 10 section events will be held within chapter boundaries this year giving all members ample opportunity to compete throughout the campaign. Several new sponsors have been signed on for 2014 – testimony to the diligent work of new Tournament Chair, Jay Askew, PGA/ The Ridge and the new board.

The Chapter would like to officially welcome Mike Carroll, PGA back to the Cape. Mike is the new PGA Head Professional at CC of New Seabury.

Mickey Herron, PGA
NEPGA Tournament Operations
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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



New Hampshire Chapter will hold its Spring Meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at Intervale CC beginning at 9:00 a.m. All current chapter members are invited to attend as well as other New Hampshire professionals and assistants.

The Chapter's Board of Directors have had exploratory discussions with Mike Higgins, NEPGA Executive Director, concerning the governance structure of the present executive board. Items under consideration are lengths of terms, number of board members, job descriptions and roles of officers and a review of current policies and procedures and by-laws. Board members will draft a plan and present it to members at the Spring Meeting.

Congratulations to Windham CC Assistant Professional Rich Berberian, Jr. who teamed up with Rob Corcoran to finish in a tie for fourth place at the NEPGA Winter Pro-Pro held in January at the Reunion Resort in Orlando, Florida. Berberian and Corcoran were defending champions of the event.

Hard to believe with all the harsh winter weather...but the chapter's first pro-am is only two months away with the first event scheduled for Monday, April 7th at Green Meadow GC in Hudson, NH.

Frank Swierz
NEPGA NH Ch. Tournament Manager
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CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER'S SLATE OF AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Led by Professional of Year, Steve Gelinas, PGA – Pawtucket, the RIPGA Chapter is pleased to announce the following award winners for 2014: Teacher of Year – Kyle Phelps, PGA/ Rhode Island CC, JR Golf – Jim Corrigan, PGA/ The Misquamicut Club, Merchandiser of Year – Seth Force, PGA/ Potowomut, Assistant of Year – David Vermilyea, PGA (newly named Fairway & Greene Sales Representative) and Player of Year – Bob Tramonti, PGA/ Triggs Memorial GC. These fine winners are automatically nominated by the chapter for section award consideration. Good Luck to all.

SEMINARS, ETC. ANNOUNCED

The Chapters' Board of Directors, President Dave Tiedemann, PGA/ Shelter Harbor, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Bradshaw, PGA/ Kirkbrae, Tournament Chairman Brent Amaral, PGA/ The Acoaxet Club & Chapter District Director Troy Pare, PGA/ Wannamoisett have met several times over the winter and discussed a number of topics including the scheduling and planning of seminars this coming season. Official dates and details will be published shortly regarding a continuation of the popular HARD GOODS SEMINAR/ROUND TABLE, which will tentatively be held toward the end of March, while a financial planning seminar is tentatively scheduled prior to the Spring Meeting – Wed. April 9th at Kirkbrae. The board will soon ask for volunteers to help promote the game and our clubs at the annual Air Show in N. Kingstown this summer.

Dave Tiedemann also reports a new alliance with the Ocean YMCA to develop junior beginner clinics throughout the early portion of the season. Details will be forthcoming soon.

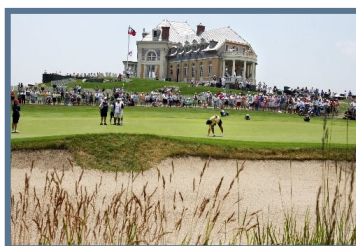
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE COMPLETED



Host: Chapter Championship on September 23, 2014!

Except for one last venue to be secured, the 2014 tournament schedule is complete. The Chapter Championship returns to The Misquamicut Club while the chapter is thrilled to visit Newport CC

for this years' Callaway Pro-Pro event in May. A complete schedule will appear on the chapters' home page shortly and all BlueGolf registrations will officially commence in mid-March. A complete sponsor review will be included on our home page and the chapter would like to thank Clem Lamarre from Cobra/Puma Golf for his continued support of our activities (Clem was inadvertently omitted in December newsletter thanking all of our sponsors during the 2013 golf season).



Host: Callaway PRO-PRO – on May 14, 2014!

Schedule Highlights: PRO-3 AMS: Warwick (4-14), Carnegie Abbey (5-20), Shelter Harbor (10-14).....Pro-Pro/ New port (5-14), Pro-IAM/ Acoaxet (6-2), Pro-IJR/ Metacomet (7-29), Chapter Championship/Misquamicut (9-23), Tri-Chapter – tbd. Many thanks to the board for their assistance in putting together this great schedule.

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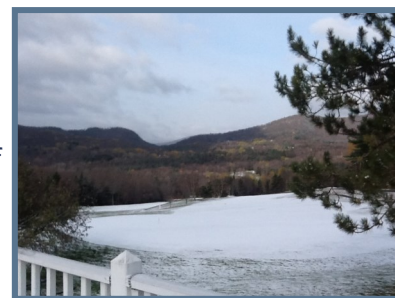
VERMONT CHAPTER



The Vermont Chapter BOD has finalized the 2014 playing schedule, playing event budgets, and Gen Admin budgets. Chapter playing event sponsorships have been secured with continued support from past sponsors as well as new sponsors secured at the Merchandise Show. We continue to pursue sponsorships from local interested business.

Congratulations to Dave Burrell, PGA, Burlington CC on being selected by Golf Digest Magazine as #1 golf instructor in Vermont. Dave will have the honor of traveling to Las Vegas in the coming weeks and shadowing Butch Harmon at his golf school.

Vermont PGA members would like to welcome two new PGA members to our Chapter. Jim Ironside, PGA has accepted the Head Golf Professional position at Alburg Golf Links. Michael Harger, PGA has accepted the Head Golf Professional position at Manchester CC.



18th Hole at Sugarbush GC

The Vermont Chapter Spring meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2014 at Rutland CC beginning with registration at 8:00 followed by the meeting at 9:00.

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CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

MAINE CHAPTER



I hope this correspondence finds you all well and your 2014 is off to a good start! I am happy to report the Chapter's 2014 season is off to a wonderful start! Our committees are active and some great things are in store for the coming season. This month we will start with Junior Golf. We have been meeting with the MSGA

on a regular basis over the winter to see how we can strengthen junior golf in Maine and get more kids into the game. We did a lot of brainstorming to start and now some plans are in place to achieve our goals. We are focusing on 3 major areas: Growth, Education/Instruction, and Events. I would like to thank PGA Professionals, Brian Bickford, Mike Dugas and Dick Browne for all their efforts in helping us with this mission.

The PGA Show was a huge success for us. I had a busy few days in Orlando attending more than a dozen meetings with some of our existing sponsors and meeting with several new ones. I am happy to report you will see many new faces and brands at our events this year. Our partners help us to enhance the image of our tournaments but also to help supplement our other projects and programs. As you see, read and hear of a sponsor, please take a moment to say thank you.

Some fun facts about the Maine Chapter...(As of 12/31/13)

- 122 Members & Apprentices make up the Maine Chapter
- 96 of them are PGA Members or 79%

A closer look into our Membership:

A-1 (40)
A-4 (5)
A-6 (8)
A-8 (15)
A-9 (1)
A-11 (1)
A-13 (5)
A-14 (2)
A-15 (4)
LM/RM (14)
IN (1)

Of the 26 Apprentices...4 are B-1's, we have 1 B-4 and 21 B-8's.

As always, let me know if I can be of any service to you or your facility.

Tony Decker, PGA
NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager

MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



PGA
New England Section
Massachusetts Chapter

Hello to all. I hope this winter has been kind to you in some fashion and despite the cold temperatures believe it or not the 2014 golf season is coming quickly.

There is much in store for the Massachusetts chapter this year that is exciting and new. First we would like to thank and acknowledge all of the sponsors for 2014 starting with the presenting sponsor Proquip, Avida Bank & Prize Possession. If you get a chance please take a moment and thank our sponsors for supporting our chapter.

Secondly, for all assistant professionals in the Massachusetts Chapter applications will soon be available for scholarships to financially assist in the completion of certain levels in the PGA program. Be on the look out for the applications. Instructions will follow.

Thirdly the Massachusetts Chapter is part of the "tri-chapter" which is comprised of the Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Cape Cod Chapters. With that being said, all professionals and apprentices in good standing CAN participate in other Chapter tournaments. As you are going through the tournament schedule online be aware that between our chapter schedule, the section schedule and the Rhode Island and Cape Cod schedules, there are ample playing opportunities for Massachusetts Chapter Professionals.

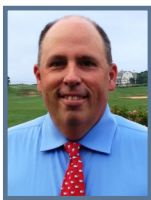
The Massachusetts Chapter has been approved for an Operations Manager. (roles and responsibilities are currently being defined) This person will be responsible for securing chapter schedules and administering events pertaining to the Massachusetts Chapter, the Seniors' Association, as well as the Assistants' Association. The Operations Manager will help promote the Massachusetts golf professional through education seminars, growth of the game initiatives, and help distinguish and define the PGA professional in our communities. The chapter tournament schedule will be posted on the NEPGA website shortly, and there are playing opportunities once a week in the month of April.

The month begins for our chapter at one of the great traditional old courses in Massachusetts...Oakley Country Club. If you have not played at Oakley CC, then you have missed out on a great piece of golf history. Oakley was Donald Ross's first commissioned course in America and a course that should be a must play on everyone's list. Finally our spring meeting is only a couple of months away and it will be held at the storied Myopia Hunt club on Thursday, April 24, 2014, with a pro-pro to follow. If anyone has any questions, concerns or ideas please contact either myself, Todd Cook, or Chris Young. Once again, I hope everyone is having a great off season and I look forward to seeing you soon.

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CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION



Warmest greetings to my fellow NEPGA Professionals and apprentices alike! I hope at this writing that life is treating you well and that you are enduring what has been a snowy winter without too much trouble! For those of you who are seeing this from a beach chair or next to waving Palm Trees and a beautiful golf course to play, just know we live vicariously through you!

I'm sure that after the 2014 PGA Merchandise Show, most if not all are re-energized and are ready to take that great energy back to their respective facilities and get the season started. The very talented members of the NEPGA Assistants' Association board are equally as excited and energized to help make 2014 a memorable one. We are in the process of confirming a few more venues for some of our tournament dates and we think the members of the Assistants' Association will have ample opportunities to play and network with each other and to enjoy a great season.

It is always the NEPGA Assistant Associations' wish to increase its membership numbers, at the same time creating a more

galvanized and value-added association that all NEPGA Assistants can be proud of. To that end, we are placing a greater emphasis on educational opportunities as well as tournaments. In the coming weeks and months, we will be looking to host and feature educational seminars, tapping the experience and great talent of all NEPGA Professionals. So if you get a call from us, or e-mail, asking for your expertise, your time and talent, I hope you will seriously considering lending a hand. Please feel free to e-mail me at k.gagnon@pga.com. Any ideas, thoughts and suggestions are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Finally, it is my honor and privilege to serve my fellow PGA members and apprentices. I look forward to seeing you all as the 2014 golf season begins. My best wishes to all of you and your families. And as always, may golf and life be kind to you.

Best Regards,

Keith W. Gagnon, PGA
The Club at New Seabury
New England PGA Assistants' Association President

SECTION NEWS *Continued...*

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Mike Costello who made a hole in one at Jupiter Hills in Florida while playing with Dave Greblich.



Congratulations to Charlie Lanzetta, PGA and his lovely wife, Lauriel on the birth of their first grandchild, Stella Custenborder! Charlie is happy to report that Mom (his daughter) Nikki and Dad Mitch Custenborder are doing fine and Stella is doing great! Congratulations can be sent to Charlie and his family at clanzetta@pga.com.



Congratulations to Ridge Club Head Professional Jay Askew and his wife on the birth of their daughter. Mary Eleanor was born at 5:10 on Friday, December 13, 2013 weighing 8lbs and measuring 21 inches. Congratulations can be sent to jaskew@pga.com.



New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Chad M. Spencer, PGA	A-8	Valley CC
Eric M. Swanson, PGA	A-8	The Country Club

New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Edward E Herron	B-8	Rutland CC
Jeffrey D Horgor	B-8	Milton Hoosic CC
Ronald A Margeson Jr	B-8	Ould Newbury GC
Jordan D Sarracco	B-8	Country Club of Barre
Daniel R. Warner	B-8	The Woodlands Club

New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Steven D. Daly, PGA	A-8	Illinois
Jason J. Goodhind, PGA	A-1	Connecticut
James M. Ironside, PGA	A-1	Central New York
Brian P. Kelley, PGA	A-13	South Florida

New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Award Date</u>
David L. Christy, PGA	A-11	12/31/2013
Rusty Gunnarson, PGA	A-1	12/31/2013
Brian O'Hearn, PGA	A-14	12/31/2013
Phil Sainsbury, PGA	A-8	01/31/2014
Mary N. Wilkinson, PGA	A-8	12/31/2013

New Half Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Tony Morosco, PGA	A-4	12/31/2013

Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Stephen H Colt Jr., PGA	A-8	Essex County CC
Stephen P. Doyle, PGA	A-1	Vesper CC
Jon N. Ellis, PGA	A-1	Rochester CC
Jason J. Goodhind, PGA	A-1	Ellinwood CC
Michael R. Harger, PGA	A-1	Manchester CC
James M. Ironside, PGA	A-1	Alburg Golf Links
Brian P. Kelley, PGA	A-13	Manchester CC
Jason P. Malcolm, PGA	A-1	Dublin Lake Club
David J. Sibley, PGA	A-1	Gannon Municipal GC

Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
James J. Bombard, PGA	A-6	1/7	Wentworth Hills GC
Bill F. Cassell, PGA	A-1	1/1	Exeter CC
Stephen H Colt Jr., PGA	A-8	3/1	Essex County CC
Stephen P. Doyle, PGA	A-1	12/16	Vesper CC
Jon N. Ellis, PGA	A-1	1/1	Rochester CC
Jason J. Goodhind, PGA	A-1	1/10	Ellinwood CC
Michael R. Harger, PGA	A-1	1/1	Manchester CC
James M. Ironside, PGA	A-1	1/9	Alburg Golf Links
Brian P. Kelley, PGA	A-13	1/6	Manchester CC
Matthew S Lombard	B-8	1/6	Andover CC
Jason P. Malcolm, PGA	A-1	1/8	Dublin Lake Club
David J. Sibley, PGA	A-1	1/9	Gannon Municipal GC
Will Starkweather, PGA	A-8	5/1	Tedesco CC

These reports reflect changes made between
12/12/2013 and 2/9/2014.

NEPGA BULLETIN BOARD

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NEPGA Pros:
Metrowest, MA area
Are you looking for a GREAT place to teach your students this winter? If so, click [here!](#)

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