



## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy New Year! This January marks the start of both The PGA of America and the New England Section's 96th year of existence. A lot has happened in those 96 short years. We have seen equipment change; golf courses change, the business change and the game evolve. At no time in golf's history do these changes occur more rapidly than they do today. New England is not only committed to being on the forefront of those changes, but we are preparing ourselves for changes of our own. Our Board of Directors, Committee members and Section staff are working very hard to stay current, improve our programs and communication and continue to strive to make the New England Section a leader in every sense of the word. This is a very exciting time to be a part of the NEPGA. Expect a lot in 2012!

Every January we all reflect on the previous year. What we have accomplished? What were we not able to complete? We also start the year by creating our New Year's to do list and of course our New Year's Resolutions. I would like to share some of my resolutions with you all. 1.) Eat better while traveling. 2.) Spend more quality time with my family. 3.) Take a continuing education class that will enable me to do my job better. 4.) Mind my own business.

When I started my position as Executive Director I was given some advice that at first I wasn't really sure what to make of it. I was told to remember to "mind your own business." Did he mean for me to not get involved? Was I to keep to myself? After completing my first year as Executive Director I finally understood what he meant by his comment. We all get consumed with our jobs, certain activities and at times life itself. Sometimes we need to be reminded to mind our own business. Make time for an education seminar to improve ourselves. Ask our employers for a yearly review to find out what we are doing well, and what can we do to improve. Practice and play more golf. Plan that overdue vacation. Each of us is different, so whatever it is for you, try and make more time for your own business.

I will be traveling this month to The PGA of America's Annual Meeting and the Merchandise Show. I look forward to seeing many of you that will also be in Orlando or possibly at our Section's Pro-Pro in Port St. Lucie. Have a great off season and please be sure to reach out to me if there is ever anything I can do to help you. And please remember to mind your own business!

Respectfully,

Michael Higgins  
Executive Director  
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PGA ANNUAL MEETING & SHOW



PGA

The 95th PGA Annual Meeting will take place at the Hilton Orlando during January 23-24, 2012. PGA Members who attend

the Informal Session on the Golf 2.0 Update on Monday afternoon, January 23rd will receive 2 Education MSR credits (no meeting points will be given on this day). PGA Professionals at-large (non-delegates) will have the opportunity to attend the General Session on Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 8am to 5pm at no charge; earning 8 MSR Meeting credits.

Click [here](#) to view more information on PGALinks.com.



PGA Merchandise Show

In addition, the 59th PGA Merchandise Show will take place during the same week at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando on January 25

-28, 2012. Demo Day will be held on Wednesday, January 26th. Click [here](#) to view more information on PGALinks.com (must log in). Click [here](#) to visit the Show web site to see what's new this year and to check out the special events and seminars.

The PGA Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday, January 26th, highlighted by our NEPGA Professional Brian Bain being recognized as the 2011 PGA President's Plaque recipient. Click [here](#) to watch the ceremony live at 5:30pm on the 26th on PGALinks.com.

PGA Members attending the Town Hall Meeting on January 27th will earn 2 MSR Meeting credits. In addition, PGA members will earn 1 MSR Education credit per hour/per session attended in the PGA Member Business Center. Click [here](#) to view the seminar schedule. For more education opportunity information, click [here](#).

NEPGA WINTER PRO-PRO

The NEPGA Winter Pro-Pro will be held at the PGA Golf Club - Wanamaker Course on Sunday, January 29th. It is a Fourball Stroke Play event that is open to all New England PGA members and apprentices. Teams must be comprised of at least one NEPGA member or apprentice. The second player can be a member or apprentice from another section, but they must be in good standing.

The tee times will start at 10:10am and there is room for 26 teams. The entry fee is \$300 per team. Golf, carts, range, prizes and food following golf are all included in your entry fee. Special Thanks to Terry Frechette for his sponsorship of this event!

Click [here](#) to register!

2012 NEPGA AWARD NOMINATIONS



PGA

New England Section

NEPGA Section award nominees have until **Friday, February 3rd** to submit the award nomination form. Online nomination forms

were emailed to the nominees during the first two weeks of January. If you were nominated for an award and need to have the form resent to you, please contact Joan at the Section office, [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com). Click [here](#) to view the list of nominations.

If you have submitted your nomination form, please check the nomination list to make sure we have received your submission as indicated on the list in the "Status" column.

2012 GOLFPASS FACILITIES

The NEPGA GolfPass needs more facilities for 2012! We hope that your facility might be interested in being part of this program. Proceeds from the sale of the GolfPass will go to the NEPGA Foundation and will be used for the growth of the game programs run by the section.

If you would like to be part of the NEPGA GolfPass Facility Listing, please click [here](#) to fill out the NEPGA GolfPass facility form and return it to the NEPGA office (fax 508.869.0009) or by email to [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com).

Thank you so much to the following facilities who have generously agreed to be listed on the NEPGA GolfPass:

**Maine:** Fox Ridge Golf Club and Bob Darling, PGA; Cape Arundel Golf Club and Ken Raynor, PGA; Rockland Golf Club and Keenan Flanagan, PGA; Samoset Resort and Golf Club and Gary Soule, PGA.

**Massachusetts:** CC of Halifax and Bob Giusti, PGA; Holden Hills CC and Jeff Bailey, PGA; Reedy Meadow GC and Donnie Lyons, PGA; Winchendon School GC and Tom Borden, PGA; Crystal Lake Golf Club and Peter Vlahos, PGA; Hillview Golf Course and Chris Carter, PGA

**NH:** Hooper GC and Ronald Rosko, PGA

**VT:** Lake Morey CC and Bill Ross, PGA; Ralph Myhre GC and Jim Dayton, PGA; Montague GC and Paul Meunier, PGA; Sugarbush Resort GC and R J Austin, PGA; Woodstock Inn & Resort and CC and Jim Gunnare, PGA; The Golf Club at Equinox and Craig Luckey, PGA

THANK YOU TO OUR 2012 JANUARY SPONSOR

Terry Frechette

## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



I became a part of the New England Section in 1973, thanks to George Wemyss who helped me get my first job in golf. Around that time, George was also encouraging someone else to get more involved with the NEPGA. Someone, who back then, I did not know, but someone who would become one of my most valued and trusted friends, John Miller.

Over the last 17 years if you have played in almost any of the Championships that I have been responsible for administering, whether you know it or not you have been under the watchful eyes of John Miller. There is no better feeling than having someone you work with who cares as much as you do, and takes the time and effort to make sure things are done correctly. I have been lucky enough to have that person working with me and it has allowed me to do my job better.

However, recognizing John for what he has done to help me over the last 17 years only tells a small portion of the story. Going back to the days when I was getting my start, George Wemyss was already using John's knowledge of the publishing and advertising industry. You see John's real job was working for Arnold Advertising and turning out all those Titleist win ads you would see on Mondays in all the newspapers and later in the week in Sports Illustrated, Golf World and Golf Week following all the major Championships. If you have been around as long as I have, you will remember the yearly New England PGA Yearbook/Directory that we used to receive every spring. That was John's labor of love, and hours and hours of work, for him and his wife Jane, proofreader extraordinaire.

It was John's tireless work and attention to detail on the yearbook that lead George to ask if he would like to be involved with the NEPGA tournament staff. George encouraged John to learn the Rules and get involved by helping out at events and within a couple of years, he was working as a Rules Official at NEPGA events along side Buddy Young and Jack Bates.

When I first started helping out at NEPGA events in 1993 I was able to get to know John better and when I was hired on a full-time basis in 1995 as the NEPGA Tournament Director I already knew who I wanted to try and get more involved, John.

Luckily, for me, he could arrange his schedule at Arnold and by using vacation days come out and help at many of our events. I hate to think how many days we have spent together, somewhere in New England, spraying paint and pounding stakes, then grabbing some dinner, before heading back to wherever we were staying, hoping we could get the Red Sox game on the TV that night. You get to know people pretty well when you spend as much time together as we have and I can honestly say John is as good as it gets. Best of all, what you see, is what you get, to put it bluntly, no BS. That quality is very refreshing in an age where so many people say one thing to your face and something different as soon as you leave. I appreciate honesty and loyalty and I knew John always had my back.

John told me at the end of this season that he felt it was time to step away, the long days and long drives to and from events were becoming too much. I totally understand, the days get longer for me every year and I have a twenty-year advantage on John.

Thinking about next season, without John there to help me is not a comfortable feeling. I have already made him promise he will work a couple of our major events in a lesser role and lucky for us he has said he will.

I am proud to say that many years ago our Executive Committee was wise enough to make John an Honorary Member of the NEPGA, not many people have done or cared more about this Section than he has over the last forty plus years, we all owe him a huge Thank You.

If you are lucky enough to be participating at one of the Championships that John is working next year, take the opportunity to say Thanks, he deserves it. To send a thank you note to John, please mail it to 172 Diane Ave, South Yarmouth, MA 02664.

I am going to say it now, Thank You John; I could not have done it without you!

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[rgreen@pgahq.com](mailto:rgreen@pgahq.com)

### NEW DATE FOR AWARDS BANQUET



**PGA**

New England Section

A new date has been set for the NEPGA Awards Banquet that was postponed in October due to the weather. The dinner will now be

held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, MA. We look forward to celebrating the 2011 winners this Spring!

### NEPGA SPRING TRAVEL PRO-AM



Join us in the Caribbean for the 2012 NEPGA Spring Travel Pro-Am! Trade in the white snow of New England for the white sand beaches of Barbados this March.

The Spring Travel Pro-Am is open to all NEPGA members & apprentices. This trip is complimentary for the professional including the flight. Please contact the Section office with any questions. Click [here](#) to learn more about this new event! For additional details, click [here](#) to visit the Travel Pro-Am web site. **The deadline to register is February 15, 2011.**



## NEPGA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The current New England PGA committee chairs can be found in the below list. Once the committees have been formed, they will be listed on NEPGA.com under About Us.

### Tournament Committee

**Greg Yeomans, PGA**  
The Bay Club

### Awards Committee

**Steve Demmer, PGA**  
The Kittansett Club

### Education Committee

**Brendan Walsh, PGA**  
The Country Club

### Communications Committee

**Graham Cunningham, PGA**  
Framingham CC

### Scholarship Committee

**Kevin S. Roberts, PGA**  
Lake Winnepesaukee GC

### Membership Committee

**Steve Napoli, PGA**  
Carnegie Abbey Club

### Facility Relations Committee

**Larry Kelley, PGA**  
Five Star Golf Cars

### Growth of the Game Committee

**Brian Bain, PGA**  
PGA of America Natl Office

and

**Steve Mann, PGA**  
Wollaston GC

and

**Bob Beach, PGA**  
Braintree Municipal GC

### Junior Golf Committee

**Chris Carpenter, PGA**  
Nashawtuc CC

## NATIONAL GOLF EXPO BOSTON



The Golf Expo - Boston will be held again this year at The Seaport World Trade Center on March 2-4, 2012. We are looking

for volunteers for each shift to give short lessons to the public. This is a great way to earn MSR hours under "Growth of the Game" and it is always an enjoyable event.

Please click [here](#) to volunteer on any of the days and be sure to indicate your shirt size. Thank you in advance for your participation!

## 2012 PGA COMPENSATION SURVEY



**PGA**

Now is the time to complete the 2012 PGA Golf Professional Compensation Survey. Your participation ensures that your Section's compensation information is valid and meaningful. Members who complete the survey by March 16, 2012, can receive up to 2 MSR credits. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.



**PGA**

Official Card of PGA Professionals

## NEPGA DIRECTORY ADVERTISING



**PGA**

New England Section

The New England PGA produces a yearly section directory that includes PGA member contact information, facility phone numbers,

facility driving directions and salesperson listings. It has become the number one reference for PGA members and apprentices in New England.

One of the most popular means of advertising for companies and individuals alike has been a listing in the salesperson section of the NEPGA directory. In 2012 the New England PGA will see the return of the traditional, hard copy of NEPGA directory in addition to the new and improved online only version. NEPGA professionals will have the hard copy directory and will have ability to access the listing through NEPGA.com.

A listing in this year's NEPGA Directory has been reduced to \$50. The salesperson listing will be the only advertising opportunity in the 2012 NEPGA Directory and the only way for a salesperson to display their information with the NEPGA. Continued for 2012 – If your company is a sponsor of the New England Section in 2012 your salesperson listing is complimentary. Our goal is to make 2012 the most complete sales rep listing ever! Click [here](#) to complete and submit the directory listing order form.

## PGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



**PGA**

Children and grandchildren of PGA members who are planning to attend college in the fall of 2012 are encouraged to apply for

financial assistance through the PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program. The application is now available on the homepage of PGALinks.com. After submitting the application, you must send an "official" transcript from your school to The PGA of America. The online application deadline date and receipt of the transcript is March 15, 2012, 5:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

PGALinks also offers helpful resources on preparing for college and additional scholarship opportunities. Click [here](#) to view more college preparation assistance and available scholarships. Click [here](#) to view some useful tips on searching for and completing scholarship applications.

## DID YOU KNOW?

PGA Professionals at-large (non-delegates) will have the opportunity to attend the General Session of the 95th Annual Meeting of The PGA of America, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at no charge. The PGA Annual Meeting is being held at the Hilton Orlando in Orlando, Fla., the week of the PGA Merchandise Show. A lunch package is also available for \$35. The deadline to register is January 22nd. Members who attend can receive eight MSR meeting credits. Click [here](#) to register.

Click [here](#) to visit the "Did You Know?" page on NEPGA.com to find other beneficial tips and information.

## RYDER CUP JUNIOR ACADEMY



### JUNIOR ACADEMY

This year the New England PGA will be selecting one boy and one girl for an all expense paid trip to the Ryder Cup Junior Academy in Port Saint Lucie, Florida. The academy will be a seven-day program (July 1-8, 2012) conducted annually at the Center for Learning and Performance. \*\*You must be in high school and between the ages of 14-17 to participate.\*\* Click [here](#) for more information about the program.

Please send all of the below materials (4 items) to the following address by Friday, February 24, 2012 at 5pm: New England PGA, Attn: Jacy Settles, 67A Shrewsbury St., Boylston, MA 01505.

#### REQUIRED ITEMS FOR APPLICATION:

- 1) Completed Application Form
- 2) Letter of Recommendation from a PGA Professional
- 3) 300-500 word essay about why they deserve to be selected to participate in the 2012 Ryder Cup Junior Academy
- 4) A high school transcript with GPA
- 5) Must be registered member of the 2012 NEPGA Jr. Tour

Click [here](#) for the Application Criteria & Form.

NOTE: These documents can also be found on NEPGA.com (select "Scholarships" from the Junior Golf drop down menu).

## JR TOUR MEMBERSHIP OFFER



**PGA**  
New England Section  
Junior Tour

New to the 2012 NEPGA Jr. Tour – **FREE MEMBERSHIP!** We are offering a **FREE** membership to children ages 9-21) of PGA Professionals. To receive the free membership, please click [here](#) to complete the application for each child and mail or fax it to the section office.

## GO GREEN FOR THE 2012 SEASON!

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 will be passed on to the professional starting in 2012.**

To avoid this happening to you, please click [here](#) to download the ACH Form that 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.

## GEORGE S. WEMYSS SCHOLARSHIP FUND HOLIDAY APPEAL



Thank you to the following PGA Professionals who have contributed to the George S. Wemyss Scholarship Fund during the 2011 Annual Holiday Appeal. We appreciate your generosity and support!

Phil Schuster, PGA *in memory of Dorothy Schuster*

Lou Katsos, PGA

Bryce Roberts, PGA *in memory of John Angis*

Brian Hamilton, PGA *in memory of Warren Birch, his mentor*

Donnie Lyons, PGA *in memory of Bill Flynn and Bill Barclay*

Jim Lane, PGA *in memory of Phil Lane*

Gordon Swennes, PGA

Bob Beach, PGA *in memory of Bill Flynn*

Barry Pearson, PGA *in memory of George Kamal*

Brendan Walsh, PGA

Dave Gianferante, PGA *in tribute of Donald J. Callahan*

Mark Larrabee, PGA *in memory of Jeff Hadley*

Rick Johnson, PGA *in memory of Bob Crowley*

Jim DiMarino, PGA

Barrie Bruce, PGA, *in tribute of Phil Friel*

Jack Neville, PGA

Ted Murphy, PGA, *in memory of Tom Murphy & Joe Healey*

Francis Leary, PGA

Chris Carter, PGA

## UPDATE CAREERLINKS PROFILE



**PGA**  
CareerLinks

This is a reminder to update your PGA CareerLinks Profile in order to remain active in the CareerLinks system. Keeping

an updated profile is necessary in order to ensure you are being sent every possible employment opportunity and that employers are receiving accurate information on their potential candidates.

## GOLF PRO'S BOWLING INVITATIONAL

The 3rd annual unemployed Golf Pro's Bowling Invitational was held at Ficco's Bowladrome in Franklin, MA. After many gutter balls and few marks, the team of Susan Bond, Beth O'Kelly, Harry Rose and Kathy Schafer (Weekapaug member)



thrashed the team of Joe Carr, Mickey Herron, Jack Gale and T. Hack McDonnell (Bedrock member). The 4th annual UGPBI will be held December 20, 2012. Stay tuned for more details!

# CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

## CAPE COD CHAPTER



Hello Cape Cod Professionals and Apprentices,

We wanted to wish each of you and your families a Happy New Year. Recognizing we are in the off-season we wanted to provide you with a brief update as to where we are with our 2012 Tournament Schedule as well as acknowledge our Special Award Winners again. We also wanted to remind you of the wonderful Chapter support we received from our many partners this past season and ask that you consider reaching out to them to offer thanks.

### Congratulations again to our 2011 Award Winners

**Gary Philbrick Professional of the Year** : Steve Demmer, Kittansett

**Teacher of the Year:**  
Jeff Halunen, Pocasset

**Assistant Professional of the Year:**  
Keith Gagnon, New Seabury

**Junior Golf Leader of the Year:**  
David Donnellan, Hyannis



Steve Demmer, PGA

As many of you will be attending the PGA Merchandise show shortly, we would like to remind you of the outstanding support our chapter gratefully received last year from the many sponsors/partners who contributed to the success of the Chapter. A simple thank you and acknowledgement of their participation goes a long way!

### 2011 Sponsorship Summary

- Dave Moynihan, PGA, david\_moynihan@acushnetgolf.com, & Dave Woods, dave\_woods@acushnetgolf.com, (Titleist & FootJoy) sponsored our Pro-Junior, the Gary Philbrick Memorial, Richie Iwaszko's Best of the Best, and the Parent-Child at Blue Rock
- Cary Gordon, cgordon1@metrocast.net, & Mike Benning (Prato & Oxford) sponsored the Ballymeade Pro-Am.
- Alex Mairone, amairone@hammockbeach.com, (Hammock Beach Resort) sponsored the Bay Club Pro-Am.
- Debra Walsh, dwalsh@capecodfive.com, (Cape Cod Five Bank) sponsored Pro-1Am Championship at Cape Cod National.
- Keith Tortorella, ktortorella@ccegolfcars.com, (CCE) sponsored the Cummaquid Pro- Am.
- Jamie Griffiths, jamie.griffiths@tmag.com, (Taylor-Made) sponsored the Dutch Wessner Award payouts to the top five from 2011.
- Clem Lamarre, clamarre.cobrapuma@gmail.com, (Cobra-Puma) sponsored both the Eastward Ho! Pro-Am & the Woods Hole Pro-Pro.

- Jeff Moore, jmoore@bobbybyrnes.com, (Bobby Byrnes Pubs) sponsored the Pocasset Pro-Am (Reminder: there are three Bobby Byrnes to enjoy; Sandwich, Hyannis & Mashpee, and Hyannis is having a huge Super Bowl Party!)
- Wendy Esche (Seacrest Beach Resort) sponsored the successful raffle organized, created and administered by Jeff Halunen & Greg Yeomans.
- Peter Guild, peter.guild@callawaygolf.com, (Callaway Golf) sponsored the Chapter Championship, the Island Classic & the Match Play Championship.
- Terry Frechette (Ahead) sponsored the Cape Cod Cup.

We are so fortunate to have this many high-quality partners - and with an eye on 2012 - we ask each of you to consider getting involved. Contact either Greg Yeomans or Mickey Herron with sponsorship inquiries, comments or questions for this upcoming season. Sponsor email addresses are included in this note for a follow-up thank you as we head into a new season.

Below are some of the highlights 2012 tournament season.

### 2012 Tournament Schedule Highlights

April 9: Chapter Spring Meeting - Sandwich Hollows GC - PGA Host/ Jesse Schechtman

April 17: Kick off, Pro-Am - Eastward Ho! - PGA Host/ Brian Hamilton

May 15: Pro-1Am Championship - Farm Neck - PGA Host/ Mike Zoll

June 21: Pro-Lady - White Cliffs - PGA Host/ Rick Baptist

Sept. 20: Cape Cod Cup - Hyannisport - PGA Host/ Mike Haberl

Sept. 27 : Chapter Championship - New Seabury - PGA Host/ Brendan Reilly

Oct. 10/11: Island Classic - Sankaty Head - PGA Host/ Mark Heartfield

Oct. 23/24: Match Play Championship - Woods Hole - PGA Host/ Glenn Kelly

Additionally, we want to thank PGA Professionals Rich Iwaszko, David Moore, Dour Errhalt, Merry Holway and the Bay Club for once again providing their venues for a Chapter Pro-Am. Events still to be determined: Pro-Pro, Fall Meeting & two more Pro-Am's. A complete schedule we will available on our website shortly.

Here's hoping to a prosperous 2012!

Greg Yeomans  
Cape Cod Chapter President

Mickey Herron  
Cape Cod/RI Tournament Manager

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

### MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



With the golf season fast approaching, the MA Chapter has been busy getting ready for a more active 2012 season. The

Spring Meeting will be scheduled on Tuesday, April 24th and currently, there are three Pro-Ams projected to be held on May 8th, June 26th and September 5th. These dates have been established to work cooperatively with both the schedules of the Section and other Chapters. However, sites are not yet confirmed for all tournaments. If you or your facility is interested in hosting such an event please reach out to the Section office or your Chapter leaders.

Additionally, the MA Chapter has worked closely with the Cape Cod and Rhode Island Chapters to establish new regulations for reciprocal play within the Tri-Chapter events. Stay tuned to the advantages of how you can better support your own Chapter and gain more Pro-Am playing opportunities for you and your members. As part of that Tri-Chapter effort, the MA Chapter will also host the inaugural Tri-Chapter Championship to be held toward the end of the 2012 season. Details of all of these events will follow in the upcoming March newsletter.

In order to facilitate planning of the upcoming season and those going forward, the MA Chapter will soon be appointing members to the Events Committee which will commence meetings immediately. Please respond ASAP if you are interested in getting involved with the continuing efforts of the MA Chapter.

Respectfully,

Ben Egan, President  
Mark Klotz, Vice President  
Todd Cook, Secretary

### MAINE CHAPTER



The Maine Chapter spring meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11 at Val Halla GC.

The Maine Chapter is proud to award the following six individuals scholarships through the Maine Chapter NEPGA Scholarship Fund.

**Meghan Bickford** - Methodist University  
(Fayetteville, NC)

**Jason Harris** - Johnson & Wales University  
(Miami, FL)

**Amanda Pendleton** - Rochester Institute of  
Technology (Rochester, NY)

**Chelsea Gillies** - University of Maine  
(Orono, ME)

**Abigail Harris** - Tulane University  
(New Orleans, LA)

**Jonathan Harris** - United States Merchant  
Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY)

Each individual received \$350.00.

Tony Decker, PGA  
NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager  
207-671-9242

### 2012 SECTION AND CHAPTER SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Location		Time
April 2nd	New Hampshire Chapter	Intervale Country Club <i>Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.</i>		9am
April 9th	Cape Cod Chapter	Sandwich Hollows <i>Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.</i>		TBA
April 10th	NEPGA Section	Andover Country Club <i>Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.</i>		9am
April 11th	Maine Chapter	Val Halla Golf Course <i>Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.</i>		TBA
April 27th	Seniors' Association	Middleton Golf Club <i>Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.</i>		9am
May 2nd	Vermont Chapter	Rutland Country Club <i>Click <a href="#">here</a> for directions.</i>		9am





# AT THE TURN

Member Updates

## New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Jeffrey Sanders Jr., PGA	A-8	The Country Club

## New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Justin Barkley	B-1	Waukegan Golf Club

## New Half Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ed Whalley, PGA	LM	12/31/11

## New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bill Andrews, PGA	A-1	Portsmouth CC	12/31/11
Peter Dupuis, PGA	A-15	Dick's Sporting Goods	12/31/11
Al Vallante, PGA	A-2	Atlantic Golf Center	12/31/11

## Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Brian Bain, PGA	A-11	The PGA of America
Stephen Colt, PGA	A-1	Bass Rocks Golf Club
Chad Schofield, PGA	A-1	Brookside Club

## Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Brian Bain, PGA	A-11	1/3	The PGA of America
Stephen Colt, PGA	A-1	1/1	Bass Rocks Golf Club
James Ethier, PGA	A-14	1/1	Golf Town-Bellingham
Robert Flanders, PGA	A-8	3/1	Ferncroft Country Club
Chad Schofield, PGA	A-1	1/9	Brookside Club

## New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Chad Schofield, PGA	A-1	Connecticut

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