

JULY 2011 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL HIGGINS

It is hard to believe that we are already into our seventh month of 2011. The spring weather has created a feeling of déjà vu with what seemed to be day after day of rain. The weather has unquestionably affected the number of golfers we have seen at our facilities, but this month you have the opportunity to tell your owners that you have a good feeling weekend rounds are going to be up in July. You don't have to mention that July 2011 will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. Something we will not see again for another 823 years!



During the Spring Meeting tour I discussed the importance of us all doing our part to grow the game. Now it is more important than ever to get golf clubs in the hands of people for the first time, or to get those who may have stepped away from the game to reengage. The New England Section is committed to doing just that. PGA Professionals have been actively promoting the game this spring at various events. On June 18th the New England Section was present at the See New England Festival at City Hall Plaza in Boston, MA. The Boston Bruins Stanley Cup Parade passed close by our hitting net and thousands of B's fans were looking to take a lesson. At the June 26th Boston Health and Fitness Expo at the Hynes Convention Center, PGA Professionals were quite busy giving full swing, chipping and putting lessons to hundreds of juniors. I strongly encourage you to visit www.playgolfamerica.com and learn more about the many ways you can contribute to the growth of the game in New England. Remember, golf is FUN!



The 2011 tournament season is in full swing and off to a great start. Events at the Section and Chapter level have seen active participation with wonderful support from our sponsors. People are out playing golf and taking lessons from their NEPGA Professional!



This past week was the playing of the 44th PGA Professional National Championship at Hershey Country Club. I want to congratulate the 12 New England PGA Professionals that represented our Section in the event and especially Chip Johnson of Hatherly CC, Jeff Martin of Point Judith and Frank Dully of Kernwood CC for all making the cut. Great job everyone!

As a reminder the deadlines for our Section Championships are this month. The NEPGA Championship deadline is July 6. The NEPGA Seniors Championship is July 13, and the NEPGA Assistant Championship is July 20. Each event can be registered by logging into www.pgalinks.com or by calling the National office at 800-474-2776.

I know our busy season is here and the demand for your time has never been greater. Try and find some time during one of these 5 weekends to play some golf with members, help grow the game, and spend as much time as you can with your family.

Please reach out to me if there is ever anything I can do, and I hope to see you soon.

Respectfully yours,

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TEE IT FORWARD THIS SUMMER!

Tee it FORWARD TEE IT FORWARD, supported by The PGA of America and United States Golf Association, encourages golfers to play from tees best suited to their game and abilities. By doing so, we hope golfers will play better, faster and have more FUN!

TEE IT FORWARD takes place July 5-17 at golf facilities nationwide. The PGA and the USGA began promotion of TEE IT FORWARD at the Sr. PGA Championship and will continue to promote in June around the U.S. Open, but it is up to grass roots PGA members to activate it and promote it to their members/customers.

Register here to be an official TEE IT FORWARD host facility. (This is not about creating a new set of tee locations, but rather changing the mindset of golfers to help them enjoy the game more).

As an official TEE IT FORWARD host facility, PGA Professionals are asked to:

1. Promote the TEE IT FORWARD concept to their golfers, encouraging them to select tees best suited to their abilities.
2. Consider course set-up and how to make it more playable and enjoyable for their golfers.
3. Consider a survey or an evaluation tool to find out what players thought of TEE IT FORWARD (a suggested survey will be provided).

By registering here, The PGA and the USGA will provide host facilities with materials (poster, tent cards and a script for starters to use on the first tee with golfers) to help promote TEE IT FORWARD, plus we can list all participating facilities on PlayGolfAmerica.com and various websites.

Thank you to the following NEPGA participating facilities:

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| Black Rock CC | North Conway CC |
| Blissful Meadows | North Kingstown Municipal GC |
| Candia Woods Golf Links | Reedy Meadow GC |
| The Club at Yarmouthport | Sankaty Head GC |
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| Louisquisset GC | Windham CC |
| Montaup CC | The Woodlands Club |
| Neshobe GC | Woodstock CC |

NEPGA PNC DEADLINE IS JULY 6!



Don't miss your chance to register for the NEPGA Professional Championship being held at Pinehills Golf Club on August 22-24!

The deadline to register is less than a week away on Wednesday, July 6 at 5PM. Register soon by calling 1-800-474-2776 or by logging onto PGALinks.com.

HICKEY/FALCUCCI TAKE PRO-AM CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE



The 2011 NEPGA Championship was never in doubt for the team of Scott Hickey, PGA and Dan Falucci from Cyprian Keyes. After a scorching 6-under 66 at longtime Champions Tour stop Nashawtuc CC, the two carried their momentum across town to Concord CC and fired a 7-under par 63, carried by 7 birdies by Falucci, including five on the back nine.

This event was a tune up for Falucci before the US Public Links at Bandon Dunes Resort. Falucci is one of the most dominant amateurs in Massachusetts, and pairing with the steady Hickey has turned them into NEPGA Champions.

They bested the team of Peter Doherty and Joe Leavitt of Atkinson Resort & CC by two shots, as they turned in the round of the day and shot an unbelievable 10-under par 62 at Nashawtuc in the afternoon after a pedestrian 1-under par 69 in the morning at Concord. Two shots behind them were George Goich and John Sadowski of Turner Hill, who were carried by Sadowski's eagle two on the par 4 8th hole.

All in all there was a lot of great golf over this long day in Concord. Thanks to all of the Professionals and amateurs that participated!

THANK YOU TO OUR 2011 JULY SPONSORS



NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS

Any month that kicks off with a holiday celebrating our country with fireworks, barbecues, etc. is OK with me. It is also the month that usually provides us with some nice summer weather. The way this year has been going I wouldn't bet my life savings on that, but we can hope.

Despite the less than ideal weather we have experienced so far, we have survived and are well into our 2011 season and already we are seeing that while some things change, many remain the same. An early season look at the NEPGA Player of the Year standings show some very familiar faces at the top, Jeff Martin, PGA and Troy Pare, PGA are 1 & 2 respectively, John Fields, PGA, Tom Tobey, PGA and George Goich, PGA round out the top 5. Their points were earned based on their performances at the first two AHEAD Series events, but many more points are in play as we come to the end of June and move into July.

The 44th PGA Professional National Championship presented by Club Car and Mercedes Benz at Hershey Country Club in Hershey, PA, on June 26-29 could play a large part in determining who will retain or take the lead in the race for the Wogan Award. State Opens that will be contested in Massachusetts and New Hampshire will also have a significant number of points available.

A final reminder the **deadline is July 6** for entering the **New England Section PGA Professional Championship** that will be taking place at Pine Hills Golf Club, August 22-24.

Wednesday, **July 13** is the entry **deadline** for the **New England Senior Professional Championship** at Okemo Valley Golf Club, August 3-4.

July 20 is the last day to file an entry for the **Assistant Championship** that returns to Tedesco Country Club, September 21-22.

All these event entries are through PGA of America only and the entry dates are firm. No post-deadline entries will be accepted, i.e. if you miss the deadline, we can not help you.

Championships continue to fill the NEPGA schedule in July. We go to Hopkinton Country Club on July 5th for the NEPGA Pro-Senior Championship, teams consisting of a Professional and three Senior Club Members (50 years plus) are eligible. Dave Lane, PGA is our host. Tom Tobey, PGA, Gary Cananze, Mark Gibson and Rick Marcos from Bay Pointe claimed the title in 2010.

The New England PGA Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship is next at Mount Pleasant Country Club on July 11th, always one of the most popular on our schedule. Chip Johnson, PGA & Rusty Gunnarson, PGA are the defending Champions. Many Thanks to Sales Rep extraordinaire Jeff Dibona, who will be our sponsor for this year's event. Matt Walsh, PGA and my man Superintendent Todd Sauer, will be our hosts.

Kernwood Country Club and host professional Frank Dully, PGA will once again roll out the red carpet for the Pro-Lady Championship, July 21st. Tail & Kathy Lynch will once again be our sponsors for this select drive, alternate shot event, won last year by Tom Borden, PGA & Joanne Caitlin, Winchendon School GC.

We close out the month on Monday, July 25th at Nashawtic Country Club for the Pro-Junior Championship. Teams consisting of a Professional and three Juniors (under the age of 18 on the day of the event) from the Professional's facility will compete for the title.

In addition to all of that, the third of the five AHEAD Stroke Play Series events will be contested at Andover Country Club on July 18th. The race to secure one of the 36 spots available in the season-ending AHEAD Series Championship is heating up; Jeff Martin, PGA who was the low scorer at the second AHEAD event at Kirkbrae Country Club has the early lead and Rob Bradley, PGA is on the bubble, currently sitting in the 36th and final spot after two events. If you want to be one of the 36 qualifiers for the Championship, that will be contested at the magnificent Turner Hill Golf Club on Tuesday, October 4th, you have to play. With three events left to garner points, anyone can still qualify. Check out the point standings on the NEPGA website (look under Tournaments & Player of the Year Points) and make your plans to come out and test your game. It's also a great way to get in game shape for the New England Section PGA Professional Championship.

Just a reminder the fourth AHEAD event will take place at the exclusive Montcalm Golf Club in New Hampshire on August 1st. This is a great opportunity to play this unique venue. Thanks to host professional Cory Mansfield, PGA, for making it possible, please join us if your schedule allows.

We never can say it enough, so we'll take the opportunity to say "Thanks" again to AHEAD rep Terry Frechette. The T-Man is on-site at every AHEAD event and we truly appreciate his and AHEAD's longtime support.

Congratulations are in order for Jason & Paul Parajeckas, PGA representing Pleasant Valley Country Club on a successful defense of their title at the Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant Championship. Thanks as always to our friends from Titleist & Foot-Joy for once again sponsoring this great event. Thank you as well to PGA Professional Greg Yeomans and Superintendent Jon O'Connor, our gracious hosts at the Bay Club.

Congrats as well for another successful defense at the New England PGA Pro-Officer Championship, Anthony Maki, PGA & Jim Rodman took the title home to Franklin Country Club for the second year in a row. Thanks to our sponsor Country Club Enterprises the distributor of Club Car Golf Cars & Utility Vehicles and to Dave Farina, Darrin Eddy, Robby Brown, Tim Russell, Keith Tortorella and Mike Turner. Steve Napoli, PGA was once again our host at the wonderful Carnegie Abbeey Club, Thank you Steve for another great day.

2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded a 2011 Scholarship through The PGA of America Financial Assistance Scholarship Program: Megan Corrigan, daughter of Jim Corrigan, PGA Head Professional at The Misquamicut Club; Meghan Gillis, daughter of Dan Gillis, PGA Head Professional at Londonderry Country Club; Joanna Katsos, daughter of Lou Katsos, PGA Head Professional at Blue Hill Country Club; Stephanie Katsos, also daughter of Lou Katsos; and Jason Harris, grandson of Richard Harris, PGA Golf Course Executive at Sunday River Golf Club and Old Marsh Country Club.

We also congratulate Haley Young, daughter of Gary Young, PGA on being awarded the 2011 Tom Murphy Scholarship as well as Courtney Bailey, daughter of Jeff Bailey, PGA on being awarded the Ted O'Rourke Scholarship for 2011.

AWARD WINNER SPOTLIGHT



The 2011 NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year is **Jim Di-Marino, PGA**. Jim is the Head Professional at Warwick Country Club. Jim has been the Head Professional at Warwick Country Club since 1999. Prior to that, he was the Assistant Professional at The Country Club for two years.

Jim has served on the Education Committee, Junior Golf Committee, Growth of The Game Committee, and the Facility Relations Committee. Jim has also served on the RI Chapter Board as Treasurer and was a member of the RI Chapter Awards Committee.

In 2004, Jim was honored as the recipient of the NEPGA Merchandiser of The Year Award for Private Facilities.

From his inspiration and mentoring, four Head Golf Professionals have come from Jim's staff at the Club. His leadership at the Club has turned Warwick CC into one of the top private facilities in Rhode Island.

Jim works hard in promoting and growing the game of golf at his facility. He is always encouraging his members to practice and play more. Within the community, Jim volunteers as an assistant to two local high school golf teams and conducts free clinics for Overbrook Academy. As part of the Growth of the Game Committee, Jim works hard to come up with new ideas to promote the game to women, juniors, and men.

NABNASSET LAKE CC PRO-MEMBER

Nabnasset Lake CC in Westford, MA will be holding a pro-member on July 8th. There will be lunch served at 11:30 with a shotgun start at 12:30. There is no entry fee and the Nabnasset members have put up prize money of \$500, \$300, \$200 for the pro's and there is an optional skins game. There will be a prime rib dinner immediately following golf. The tournament is open to all members and apprentices. If you are interested in playing please call Jim Landers or Ethan Bedsaul at 978-692-4606.

2011 MEMBER CLUB PROGRAM

Joining our Program is a great way to show your support of the New England PGA and its many programs. If you would like more information about this program, please [click here](#). The information can also be found on NEPGA.com, under "Programs". Thank you to the following facilities for signing up for the 2011 NEPGA Member Club Program:

Allendale CC	Prouts Neck CC
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Hanover CC at Dartmouth College	Vesper CC
Kirkbrae CC	Walpole CC
Louisquisset CC	Weekapaug GC
Montaup CC	Wellesley CC
Myopia Hunt Club	Weston GC
Nashawtuc CC	Winchendon School GC

TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

I can not come up with enough superlatives to do justice to the two venues we played during the NEPGA Pro-Am Championship; both Concord Country Club & Nashawtuc Country Club were in absolutely pristine condition. The wonderful conditions, the fast and true putting surfaces allowed the duo from Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, Scott Hickey, PGA & Dan Falucci to get it to 13 under par (66-63) for the two rounds. It was barely enough, as they squeaked by the Atkinson Resort team of Peter Doherty, PGA & Joe Leavitt who fired a 2nd round 62 (-10) at Nashawtuc after opening with a 69 (-1) at Concord. A huge thanks to Professionals Dave Poplyk, PGA and Chris Carpenter, PGA and Superintendents Pete Rappocicchio and Greg Cormier who hosted a great event for us.

Finally, as we look forward to August, we mentioned it at the very beginning and we will mention it again here at the end, the premier event on our schedule, the New England Section PGA Professional Championship will be taking place at Pine Hills Golf Club, August 22-24. If there is one event to circle on your calendar as a must play, this is it. Get that entry process completed before July 6, it's going to be a good one. I hope you can make it happen.

Of course, if you are like me, and on the other side of 50, you also have the New England Senior Professional Championship to look forward to at Okemo Valley Golf Club, August 3-4. Entry deadline is July 13.

Yes, August is a month of major Championships for us. Last year Scott Spence, PGA pulled off an improbable double by winning both the Section Professional & Senior Professional events, the first time it had ever been accomplished. We'll miss having Scott, a tremendously talented player, as our defending Champion.

Please check out Joan's weekly "Mixed Bag" emails and the NEPGA website for updates and more information on all things tournaments and we'll be back with more Tournament News next month.

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DUTCH WINS MA WOMEN'S OPEN

The 21st Massachusetts Women's Open crowned a new champion yesterday at the Bellevue Golf Club, Melrose, Mass. when Ellie Dutch of Moodus Ct. defeated 13 year old phenom, Megan Khang, Rockland, Mass. on the third hole of sudden death.

The Massachusetts Women's Open returned to Bellevue, its birthplace in 1990, after a 16 year hiatus.

Dutch posted a sizzling 68 on Tuesday, lowest round of the tournament, and then waited and watched as Khang, playing in the last group of the day sank a 25 foot par putt on the 18th hole to send The Championship into its first sudden death playoff.

The 13-year-old Khang, youngest player to play this event, backed up her opening round 73 with a one under 70 on Tuesday.

The sudden death playoff started on the 18th hole with both players making par and moving on to the 1st hole where Dutch got up and down from 50 yds out to stay alive and move on to the par 3 8th hole.

The 8th hole playing at 190 yds and into the wind proved to be the final and deciding challenge.

Khang playing first, hit her tee shot into the green side bunker on the right. Dutch followed with a hybrid tee shot to the front portion of the green leaving her a 40 foot slightly uphill putt. Khang failed to save par from the bunker and Dutch was able to two putt for the win and the Championship.

The Championship welcomed former Curtis Cup captain, Noreen Mohler, former champions, Beth O'Kelly, inaugural winner, Lynn Valentine, Old Lyme Ct., Kammy Maxfeldt, Westport, Ct., Massachusetts State Amateur Champion, Pam Kuong along with contestants from Florida, New York, New Jersey and Bermuda.

The Championship was supported by Titleist, FootJoy, Ping, Ahead / Kate Lord Golf and Sterling Cut Glass Crystal.

2011 DBC PRO-AM AMBASSADORS



The 2011 Deutsche Bank Championship Pro-Am is scheduled for Thursday, September 1st at TPC Boston located in Norton, MA.

NEPGA Ambassadors are needed to volunteer for walking with a Pro-Am group to facilitate the pace of play with yardages and club selections for the amateurs with tee times in two waves: 7 am to 9 am and noon to 2 pm OR working at the range with the amateurs prior to their tee times: approximately 6:30 am to 8:30 am and 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

You may request to walk with a Tour Professional and his group and we will do our best to match you with him. This is a FedEx Cup Playoff event (the second) and we will not know the field until the standings are updated after the first event is finished. Also, please keep in mind that the Tour Professional that you have requested might not be playing in the wave that you have stated as your preference.

Please register below or call Joan at the NEPGA office, 508.869.0000. Be sure to indicate your shirt size.

[Click Here](#) to register for the AM Wave from 7am - 9am.

[Click Here](#) to register for the PM Wave from 12pm - 2pm.

[Click Here](#) to register for both the AM and PM Waves.

[Click Here](#) to register with no preference between waves.

[Click Here](#) to register for working at the range in the AM.

[Click Here](#) to register for working at the range in the PM.

[Click Here](#) to register for working at the range all day.

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CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

CAPE COD CHAPTER

The Day After.....Congressional



Willowbend's PGA CEO David Wood (left) watches the US Open champ hit his first shot the day after his major win!

Less than 24 hours after winning the US Open at Congressional, Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy was at Willowbend CC on Cape Cod for a corporate outing. Joined by VJ Singh, Anthony Kim, Christie Kerr, Ian Poulter and Rocco Mediate, word was that the young champion was exhausted but extremely cordial and managed to play Paul Fireman's gem before jetting off to the Cape later in the day. Joined by his Dad at Willowbend, Rory stayed the longest of all the visiting dignitaries relishing his Fathers Day win.

Brookside Club Welcomes the Pro-Lady



Cape Cod National's WINNING NET TEAM – CAPE COD PGA PRO-LADY- (L to R) Brad Wheatley, Beth Reilly, Katherine Robertson and Kathy Guillard

The Cape Cod PGA chapter made its debut at the par-70 Brookside Club as PGA Head Professional Steve Hanlon welcomed 48 golf professionals and women amateurs to his scenic layout.

With views of Buzzards Bay in the background two chapter professionals, Head Professional from CC of Halifax Bob Giusti, PGA and Head Professional from LeBaron Hills CC Tom Rooney, PGA tied for low pro honors firing +1 71's in the cool foggy air. Both parlayed strong finishes in order to share the winning tie.

Giusti's start was mediocre as he stood +4 after six holes (beginning his shotgun start on hole 10) but birdies on 17, 18 & 5 with no other blemishes resulted in his 71. Similarly, Rooney was +3 with five holes to play but two late birdies vaulted him into the winner's circle.

The battle for low pro was extremely close as two of the three professionals who checked in with +2 72's made bogey on their final hole...Cape Cod National's PGA assistant pro Brad Wheatley and Bay Pointe's PGA Head Professional Tom Tobey. The remaining 72 was posted by Quashnet Valley's PGA Head Professional Kevan Evangelista who finished with five strong pars.

In team net competition, Wheatley led his contingent of Beth Reilly, Kathleen Guillard and Katherine Robertson to an outstanding 55 (-14) while Evangelista's team of Merrilee DeCarvalho, Amalie George and Trish Lyons fired a 66 (-4) to take gross honors.

Final Results:

Individual Pro:		
71	Tom Rooney	LeBaron Hills
71	Bob Giusti	Halifax
72	Tom Tobey	Bay Pointe
72	Brad Wheatley	Cape Cod National
72	Kevan Evangelista	Quashnet Valley
75	Steve Demmer	Kittansett
75	Stephen Hosack	Cape Cod National
76	Jesse Schechtman	Sandwich Hollows
76	Ae Cahill	LeBaron Hills

Cordani & Yeomans Prevail

Section Pro-Pro Match Play Finals

Contested in early June at LeBaron Hills CC, the finals of the NEPGA Pro-Pro Match Play pitted familiar faces. Wanamissett's PGA Head Professional Troy Pare & Pt. Judith's PGA assistant Jeff Martin once again hooked up with Cape Codders – The Bay Club's PGA Head Professional Greg Yeomans & CC of New Bedford's PGA Head Professional Joe Cordani for the second consecutive year.

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Well...now they can boast of having two trophies apiece, as Cordani's medium length birdie putt on the final hole vaulted the Cape duo to a tense 1-up victory. \$4,730 was on the line as the winners took home \$1600 each while the locals "settled" for \$765 apiece. These two teams have now won four of the last five championships – look for them to be back in the finals next year.

Welcome to PGA Membership!

Sincere congratulations to the following hard-working golf professionals who recently earned official PGA membership: John Macurdy – The Golf Club of Cape Cod, Michael Moore – Fall River CC, Travis Parks-Ocean Edge Resort, Lon Wanser-Dennis Pines/Highlands and Eric Zadorian-Pinehills.

Assistants Corner

In fine form all year, Cape Cod National's Brad Wheatley places 5th in the NEAA player-of-the-year race after his T-9 at Black Rock in early June. Old Sandwich's Tim Watroba, Vineyard Club's Dustin Toner, Oyster Harbors' Matt Baran and Ballymeade's Ryan Payne also teed it up at Black Rock.

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The Cape Cod Chapter hosted the NEPGA Pro-Assistant Championship once again as the Parajeckias Father & son duo, Paul & Jason, won for the second straight year. Presenting the hardware were Cape Cod FootJoy rep David Woods (2nd from left) and Titleist rep David Moynihan. The Bay Club's PGA Head Professional Greg Yeomans and staff welcomed teams from all over the section to a tremendous 36-hole championship.

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

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Contested in early June at LeBaron Hills CC, the finals of the NEPGA Pro-Pro Match Play pitted familiar faces. Chapter stalwarts – Wannamoisett’s PGA Head Professional Troy Pare & Pt. Judith’s PGA assistant Jeff Martin once again hooked up with Cape Codders – The Bay Club’s PGA Head Professional Greg Yeomans and CC of New Bedford’s PGA Head Professional Joe Cordani for the second consecutive year.

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Mohegan Sun Qualifier Hosted by Carnegie Abbey



THE HOSTS: Ed Duffy, Peter Koch, Vic Andrade & Steve Napoli – PGA

A tremendous weather day greeted 22 teams to the magnificent Carnegie Abbey Club May 31st as competition to represent Rhode Island in this fall’s Mohegan Sun Fall Invitational became a rout. Newport National’s PGA

Professional Andrew Farrea led his team – Jamie Farrea, Brett Pimental & Tod Camara to a six-shot victory in the 2 BB of 4 format. Their 127 (-15) “nipped” N. Kingstown’s team comprised of John Rainone, Rob Touchette, Mike Gorman & Dad/Joe Rainone whose 133 was still 2nd.

Cape Cod chapter member Mike Ghelfi, PGA (Dick’s Sporting Goods) captured low pro honors with a stellar 69 beating Triggs’ PGA assistant professional Bob Tramonti by one shot. Farrea and Country View’s PGA Head Professional Rick Finlayson tied for 3rd place on +2 73’s.

The talk of the day was the deuce made on hole #17 by Montaup’s Bob O’Brien who played with PGA Head Professional Steve Diemoz. It resulted in the lone skin for the entire field worth \$800 to the Montaup team.



Sponsor Tortorella (2nd from left) with partners George McGoldrick, Chuck Welch & Mark Gammons, PGA.

Many thanks to Napoli’s outstanding staff who treated all 88 players to an awesome day of golf and fun by the sea. Special

thanks to Country Club Enterprises CLUB CAR – Keith Tortorella – who not only sponsored this event but played with PGA Head Professional Mark Gammons – visiting from Black Rock.

Assistant’s Corner

Pt. Judith’s Jeff Martin & Bill Maguire placed in the top 5 at the NEAA Black Rock event in early June. Martin’s winning score of even par 71 bettered 42 other contestants – Maguire fired 75.

Currently, five RIPGA assistants reside in the top 15 NEAA player-of-the-year race: #3-Martin, #6-Tramonti, #8-Brian Owens, #11-Brendon Ray & #14-Maguire.

Martin, defending Wogan champion, leads this year’s Wogan point standings after winning the section’s Ahead tournament held at Kirkbrae CC. Other chapter members who placed in the money at Kirbrae were: Troy Pare- 4th, Maguire & Ray – T-11th, Al Vallante & Brent Amaral – T-16th.

Wogan Watch

Martin leads the 2011 Wogan point standings while Troy Pare stands in 2nd place!

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

Congratulations to Dan Wilkins, Laconia Country Club Director of Golf, who participated in the 72nd Senior PGA Championship held on May 26-29 at the Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky. Wilkins qualified for the event by virtue of a tie for 21st place at the National Senior Clubs’ Professional Championship held in Palm Springs. Although he missed the cut, he shot a respectable 75 on the second day of competition.

Condolences are offered to Dick Dichard, Nashua CC Head Professional, on the passing of his father, Maurice in early May. Dick also lost his mother, Annie in February.

After the first six chapter events, the Player of the Year standings are as follows:

1. Matt Arvanitis, Lake Sunapee (112 points)
2. Rich Berberian, Jr., Hoodcroft CC (101)
3. Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC (96)
4. Todd Rollins, Laconia CC (93)
5. Bill Schmedes, CCNH, (77)

The duo of Steve Poremba, Legends Teaching Professional and Dan Gillis, Londonderry CC Head Professional won the NHC Pro-Pro Championship at Dublin Lake with a 6-under par 63. Finishing second at 65 was the team of Greg Sandell, Golf Club of NE Assistant Professional and Sam Marzenell, Wentworth By The Sea Assistant Professional.

Winners of the NHC Pro-Lady Championship held at Wentworth By The Sea was the foursome from Portsmouth CC led by Head Professional Bill Andrews. His amateur partners were Debbie Somes, Heather Greenwood and Kim Greenwood. The group posted a 62 in the best ball of foursome format.

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CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

VERMONT CHAPTER

On May 31, the Vermont Chapter played a Pro Am at Okemo Valley Golf Club hosted by PGA Honorary President Jim Remy. We thank Brian Cook and Tony Maneen from Nike for their sponsorship in providing golf balls, carry bags and luggage bags to the winning teams, and clothing to the runner-up teams. Team gross winner was the team led by Steve Gon-salves, PGA, from Links at Lang Farm with a score of 63. Team net winners were the teams led by Greg Nelson, PGA, Rut-land CC and Paul Edestein, Basin Harbor Club with scores of 57. Individual pro honors went to Zack Wyman, PGA, Ver-mont National CC and Dave Soucy, PGA, Green Mountain National GC with scores of 69. Greg Nelson, PGA, Rutland CC and John Goodchild, Williston GC followed each with 71.

We held our Chapter event at the Burlington Country Club hosted by John Paul, PGA and Dave Burrell, PGA. We thank Peter Gambardella and Joe Tierney from Callaway Golf for their generous sponsorship in providing balls as tee gifts for the amateurs and shirts for the Professionals. We thank Larry Kelley, PGA, from Five Star Golf Cars E-Z-GO carts for his sponsorship of the hole in one golf cart. Team gross winner was the team led by host professional John Paul, PGA, with a score of 64. We had a tie for first in the Net team division with scores of 60 for the teams led by Dan Russell, PGA, Quechee Club and guest New Hampshire Chapter member Matt Arvanitis, Lake Sunapee CC. Individual professional re-sults were led by Mike Slayton, Stowe Mountain Club with a 71 followed by Greg Nelson, PGA, Rutland CC with a 73.

We took a break from Chapter activities for the week of June 13th so our members could participate in the Vermont Open at Lake Morey CC hosted by Bill Ross, PGA and Justin Bon-nett, PGA. Kudos go to Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC and Rodney Bicknell, PGA, Neshobe GC for making the cut. Rod-ney also placed 3rd in the senior division and took home the tidy sum of \$500.

The Pro 3 Am Championship at Vermont National on June 22 was hosted by Zack Wyman, PGA and Brian Gara, PGA. We would like to thank Will Cropper from Adidas for providing shirts for the professionals and Mark Thompson from Taylor-Made for providing golf balls for tee gifts, rescue clubs for 1st place winners, Ghost putters to 2nd place teams, and wedges to the 3rd place team. The winning team with a gross score of 124 was host Professional Zack Wyman, PGA, and his team from the Vermont National CC. Also, with a great score of 127 was the CC of Vermont team led by Josh Olney, PGA. Special highlights of the day were two hole in ones by ama-teurs; a hole in one by Joe Bartlett, Ralph Myhre GC on hole #13 in the morning round and host superintendent David Ev-ans on hole #15 in the afternoon round.

The Vermont PGA Junior Tour held our first event of the year on June 22nd at the Quechee Club. We had 40 juniors from the age of 10-17 participate in a fun day of golf. A great turn-out even though some of our schools were still in session with many snow day and flood day makeups. Winning scores in the 0-10 handicap division were 72...fine play for so early in the season. Complimentary lunch was served after golf followed by award announcements and the presentation of golf shop gift certificates.

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MAINE CHAPTER

Bob Darling, Jr. - Maine's Top Senior Professional



Congratulations to Bob Darling, Jr. for winning the Senior Championship at Bid-deford-Saco CC. Bob posted a 3-under par round of 68 to win his second senior title by three shots over Mike Worroll. Bob won his first senior title in 2008. Bob made birdies on three of his first four holes (#1, #3, and #4) and never looked back.

Baker adds another Chapter Championship to the resume



Solid ball striking, a hot putter and some confidence led Mike Baker (A-8 at Tar-ratine GC) to victory at the Chapter Championship at Biddeford-Saco CC. Mike posted rounds of 67-66 for a 9-under par total of 133. Over the 36-holes, Mike made 10 birdies (5 each day) and only one bogey. Mike now has three Chapter Championships in the trophy case with his other two titles coming in 1989 and 2005. Along with the trophy, Mike earned \$1300.

Baker trailed first round leader John Hickson by one shot en-tering the final round. To predict the winner was going to come from the final pairing would have been a pretty safe bet. The final pairing of Baker, Hickson and Bob Darling, Jr. had won 15 of the last 31 Chapter Championships dating back to 1980. I thought that was a pretty cool stat. Some other inter-esting stats: 1st Round Scoring Average was 74.71 with 69 birdies and 2 eagles recorded. 2nd Round Scoring Average was 74.55 with 70 birdies and 2 eagles recorded.

The Chapter would like to thank Tim Angis and his staff for putting on a first class event once again. The 32 competitors enjoyed some outstanding course conditions. We hope to return in 2012.

The Chapter would like to re-cognize our partners at Titleist and FootJoy for their continued support to our championship. We also want to thank Matt McDonald, Larry Kelley, PGA and Steve Rand from Five Star Golf Cars for their support.



Maine Chapter would like to thank our July partners...



The Maine Chapter's first visit to the Poland Spring Resort was a huge success. Several of our professionals had not been there since they competed in the Father-Son tournament back in the 1970's...dare I say? Many thanks to Allan Menne, PGA Head Professional and his staff for putting on a great event. The golf course was in super condition and a fair set-up led to some great scoring at the Pro-Am. We are looking at dates for 2012 for another event at Poland Spring. The Chapter wishes to thank Rob Hardy, PGA and our partners at Adams Golf for sponsoring the event.

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New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Joseph Brislin, PGA	A-15	Dick's Sporting Goods

New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Steven Field	B-8	Crestwood CC
Ralph Spuehler III	B-8	Spring Valley CC
Jared Tise	B-8	Black Rock CC

New Half Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alex Ohlson Jr., PGA	LM	5/31

New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>
James Hilton, PGA	A-1	Ould Newbury GC	5/31

New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Tracy Mount, PGA	A-6	New Jersey

Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Joe Dingedine, PGA	A-6	Montague GC
Mike Ghelfi, PGA	A-15	Dick's Sporting Goods
Patrick Good, PGA	A-15	Dick's Sporting Goods
Scott Mann, PGA	A-6	Seth Dichard Golf School
Tracy Mount, PGA	A-6	Miacomet GC
Keith Niles, PGA	A-4	Louisquisset GC
Leon Oliver, PGA	A-8	Boothbay CC
Ian Willikens, PGA	A-6	Ragged Mountain Ski & Golf Resort
Joshua Young, PGA	A-1	Saint Johnsbury CC

Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Joe Dingedine, PGA	A-6	6/8	Montague GC
Mike Ghelfi, PGA	A-15	6/20	Dick's Sporting Goods
Patrick Good, PGA	A-15	6/21	Dick's Sporting Goods
Scott Mann, PGA	A-6	6/21	Seth Dichard Golf School
Tracy Mount, PGA	A-6	6/15	Miacomet GC
Leon Oliver, PGA	A-8	5/31	Boothbay CC
Ian Willikens, PGA	A-6	6/15	Ragged Mountain Ski & Golf Resort

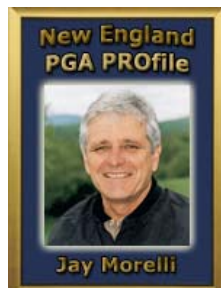
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HAPPY 4th OF JULY!

The New England PGA Section office will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.



NEPGA July PROFILE



PROfile: Jay Morelli, PGA
 Year turned Pro: 1971
 Facility: Mount Snow Golf Club
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