

# JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT LARRY KELLEY



It is Section Championship time! This is when our best and most competitive players shine brightly. The NEPGA staff has been working very hard to build the field, increase participation, and if you have not heard, the Golf Club of New England has offered up a \$25,000.00 skins purse! All of this on two of our Section's finest golf courses. The Golf Club of New England will require you to be precise and steady and it will offer superb turf conditions. If you are a fan of "old style" golf clubs then Portsmouth Country Club will test your mettle as they say. If the wind picks up, this course will offer unique challenges as you not only must play the fast greens but be able to control your ball flight to score well. The New England Section thanks both courses for all the hard work and effort that goes into hosting our marquee event and Championship.

Video killed the radio star! I am sure you have noticed all the videos that have been posted to our NEPGA website, YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter pages. The Section has made a large commitment in time, money, and effort to enhance the social media coverage of all our events. If you have seen the [recent video](#), you would have seen Eddie Kirby, Jim Remy, and Shawn Warren all talking about how great our playing events and Championships are. There have been many question and answer segments with tournament leaders and front runners. Please go to the web and "like" or "share" any and all the videos. I would like to thank Ben Vandal for all the hard work and effort to push this project into 2015 and beyond.

It seems like not long ago we were all talking about how difficult our winter had been on our course and turf conditions. I would like to thank Mother Nature for giving us a little better weather but really I'd like to recognize all the Superintendents and Golf Maintenance Staff for the amount of hard work and effort it took to get our turf back to where we want it to be. Without the hard work and effort by them we would have a hard time growing the game, running events, and creating revenue at our facilities.

National PGA Business News Update - our Section Board is discussing reintroducing a resolution pertaining to National dues and where that money goes when a Member transfers Sections. Fact - the NEPGA lost almost \$8,000.00 in dues money last year due to member transfers. My prediction is that the scales will tip this way again in 2014. If that is the case, then I am sure we will be bringing this resolution back before the National Delegation in Indianapolis during our annual meeting.

At our next NEPGA meeting we will be discussing a Section By-law change regarding voting in the Section and the Chapters. When I ran for the office of NEPGA Vice President part of my platform was to bring a stronger voice to the Chapters of our Section and give EVERY MEMBER an opportunity to be involved and have a vote when it comes to electing our Section officers. We successfully ran a "trial" election for our District Director position in 2013. By all accounts it was a huge success! We had almost 400 Members vote in this election. The most in over the last 25 years. In my opinion, we have attempted to give ALL our Members a voice in our governance. I am sure there will be many questions regarding this change and how it will effect our Section now and in the future. Please reach out to me with any questions or comments. I want to hear from you.

Lastly, I would like to send out a big thank you to all our NEPGA past Presidents who joined our Section Board at Belmont Country Club in Massachusetts for our annual dinner and golf outing. This is always a wonderful way to connect the past and future leaders of our Section. To hear from Tony Morosco, Charlie Lanzetta, Jack Neville, Jim Remy, Jim Lane, Jim Tobin, and Jack Gale is a special treat. Some of our former Presidents are National Award winners, PGA of America Presidents, and Rules Officials at many of golf's major championships. Currently we have one of our past Presidents serving on the National Board of Control. It has always been important for me to know and understand where we were as a Section and the vision of our past leaders helps us all understand how we got here and will help us in the future. Thanks to our past Presidents, John Fields, and Belmont Country Club for making this a special day.

Get Out & Golf!

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## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE HIGGINS



July is here and along with it came summer. Finally! As many of you have seen we have really stepped up our communication to the membership, especially with the creation of many videos. Our first few tournament recap videos saw our PGA Professionals still wearing winter hats and dressing like we filmed the footage in December. Well, we are now full steam ahead as our Section events are being very well attended, Chapters are off and running, the Amateur Series is going well and the Junior Tour is conducting between two and four events every weekday from now until mid-August. Yes you read that correctly, sometimes our Junior Tour has four events going on in one day!

You may or may not realize this, but the New England Section conducts well over 300 events in our short seven month golf season. That is more than some of the Sections that have the ability to play golf all year long. What I love about conducting so many events is the branding opportunity we have. The PGA Logo is at over three hundred events in 2014 and at hundreds of facilities throughout New England. Your staff is committed to conducting quality events that represent the New England PGA, New England PGA Professionals, and the logo that you all worked so hard to wear. I hope you are proud of your tournament program and I hope you will join us at one of our many events this season!

Last week, 16 New England PGA Professionals traveled south to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to represent our Section in the 47th PGA Professional National Championship. We are all very proud of the "sweet 16" and especially Boomer Erick, PGA of The Boston Golf Club for making the cut. Congrats to all!

The countdown clocks are ticking away on the front page of [www.nepga.com](http://www.nepga.com) to remind everyone of the deadlines for the

2014 Section Championships. The Section Championship deadline is Tuesday, July 8th at 5 PM. The NEPGA Seniors Championship deadline is Tuesday, July 15th at 5 PM, and the NEPGA Assistant Championship deadline is Tuesday, July 22nd at 5 PM. NEPGA Professionals can register by logging into [www.pgainlinks.com](http://www.pgainlinks.com) or by calling the National office at 800-474-2776.

Speaking of the Section Championship...have you heard that The Golf Club of New England is putting up \$25,000 for a skins pool for all the participants? [Check out this quick promo video.](#)

The New England Section, along with the other 40 Sections is conducting Drive, Chip & Putt local and Sectional qualifiers. We have at least one qualifier in every Chapter and there is at least one qualifier in all 50 states. Each event requires at least 10 volunteers to run a successful event. If your schedule permits, we really could use your help. Please visit [www.nepga.com/chipandputt](http://www.nepga.com/chipandputt) to see if you might be able to volunteer.

I know your busy season is here and the demand for your time has never been greater. Be sure to find some time to play some golf with your members, do your part to 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. Have a wonderful Independence Day and God Bless America!

Respectfully yours,

Michael Higgins  
Executive Director  
New England PGA

## JOEY COAKLEY MEMORIAL PRO-AM

The 2014 Joey Coakley Memorial Invitational Pro-Am will be played on Monday, August 11th. Now in its 46th year, this event has grown to include more than 270 participants playing on two of the premier private courses in Massachusetts; Charles River Country Club and Woodland Golf Club. As an added benefit, each group of three amateurs has the opportunity to test their skills in 18 holes of golf against an NEPGA professional. "The Coakley" has raised over 2 million dollars for CF research and patient care and is considered the "Grand-daddy" of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's golf series. Click these links to register and for more details:

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## CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION



### [NEPGA Professional Champ. \(PNC\)](#)

Golf Club of New England &  
Portsmouth Country Club  
Mon-Wed, Aug 18-20, 2014

**Deadline: Tues. July 8, 2014 5PM**

#### Roster as of Monday, June 30th

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### [NEPGA Senior Professional Champ. \(SR PNC\)](#)

Okemo Valley Golf Club  
Wed-Thurs, July 30-31, 2014

**Deadline: Tues. July 15, 2014 5PM**

#### Roster as of Monday, June 30th

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Gregory J. Farland, PGA	Allan Menne, PGA
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Robert E. Giusti, PGA	Michael J. Shouairy, PGA
David Grygiel, PGA	Al Vallante, PGA
Webb R. Heintzelman, PGA	Michael R. Worroll, PGA



### [NEPGA Assistant Championship](#)

Ledgemont Country Club  
Wed-Thurs, Sept 24-25, 2014

**Deadline: Tues. July 22, 2014 5PM**

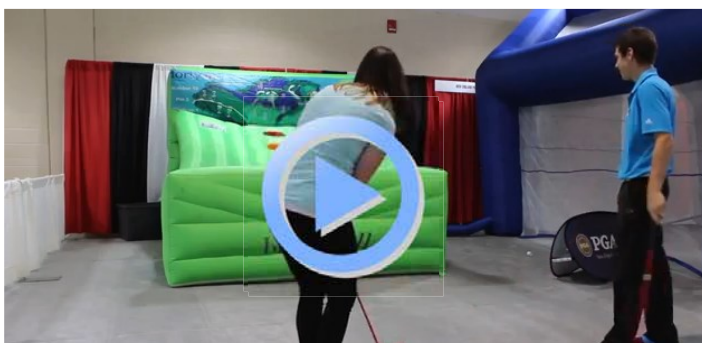
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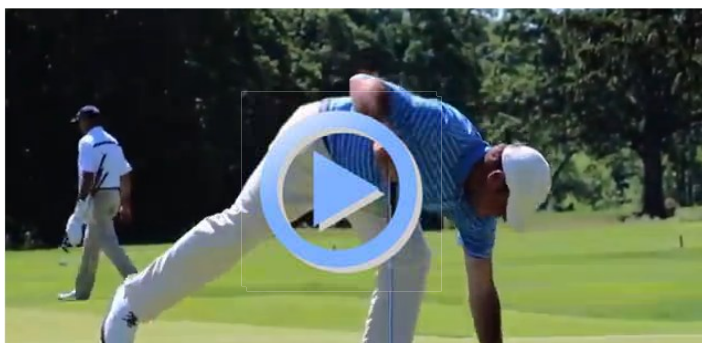
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## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



**DEADLINE REMINDER:** Entry deadlines for the New England Section PGA Professional Championship, New England Section Senior PGA Professional Championship and National Car Rental New England Section PGA Assistant Championship are imminent. You **MUST** enter these events through The PGA of America. If you miss the deadline, the Section Office **CANNOT** help you. Go to the [nepga.com](http://nepga.com) website, click on the tab on the home page and it will direct you to the on-line entry form for each of these Championships. If you are planning on entering any of these events, **PLEASE, DO IT NOW!**

*Deadlines are as follows:*

New England Section PGA Professional Championship (PNC): Tuesday, July 8 at 5 PM

New England Section Senior PGA Professional Championship: Tuesday, July 15 at 5 PM

National Car Rental New England Section PGA Assistant Championship: Tuesday, July 22 at 5 PM

**Please note that for all of the above competitions the following Condition of the Competition has been adopted.** Further information is available at [nepga.com](http://nepga.com).

**Groove Policy in Effect for 2014:** The PGA of America is adopting the USGA Groove Policy in 2014 for all National Championships (PNC, Sr. PNC & Assistant National Championship). Any player participating in the Section qualifiers for those events MUST use conforming grooves or be subject to DISQUALIFICATION.

While the Section tournament schedule was relatively light in June (see recap below) the month of July is going to offer many playing opportunities. Let's get you up to speed on what is happening, and hopefully some, if not all of these dates, will fit into your busy schedules.

On Wednesday, July 9, the New England PGA Stroke Play Series continues at Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield, NH. Matt Baran, PGA and Phil Cardwell, PGA have won the first two Stroke Play Series events and virtually guaranteed themselves a spot in the elite field of 51 players who will compete at the Stroke Play Series Championship scheduled for Old Sandwich Golf Club on Tuesday, September 30.

After the Montcalm event, there are just two more opportunities to earn qualifying points. Those opportunities are later this month at Carnegie Abbey in Portsmouth, RI on July 28 and at Plymouth Country Club in Plymouth, MA on September 8. Hopefully you can make time to come out and enjoy the competition against your peers; and please say thanks to Dan Dempsey from AHEAD, Paul Pichette from Cutter & Buck, Cary Gordon and Golf Buddy and YAMAHA for their continued support of these popular events.

Less than a week later, on July 14, we visit Metacomet Country Club for the Pro-Senior Invitational. This is a One Best-Ball of Four, Gross & Net format, with the Low Gross score determining the Champion. Teams must be comprised of three amateurs from your facility who are at least fifty years of age on the day of the event. Tee times begin at 8:00 AM. Cohasset Golf Club was our 2013 Champion, with Needham Golf Club taking the net title.

A week later on Monday, July 21 we are at the Hopkinton Country Club for the Pro-Junior Championship sponsored by Titleist & FootJoy and supported by Champ Spikes. Bring three juniors from your facility under the age of eighteen on the day of the event and enjoy a day of competition and camaraderie at a great facility. The 2013 event saw Walpole Country Club claim the Championship with the low gross score, while Kernwood Country Club took the net title. Tee times start at 7:30 AM.

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A Look at Our Latest NEPGA Event Winner's Equipment

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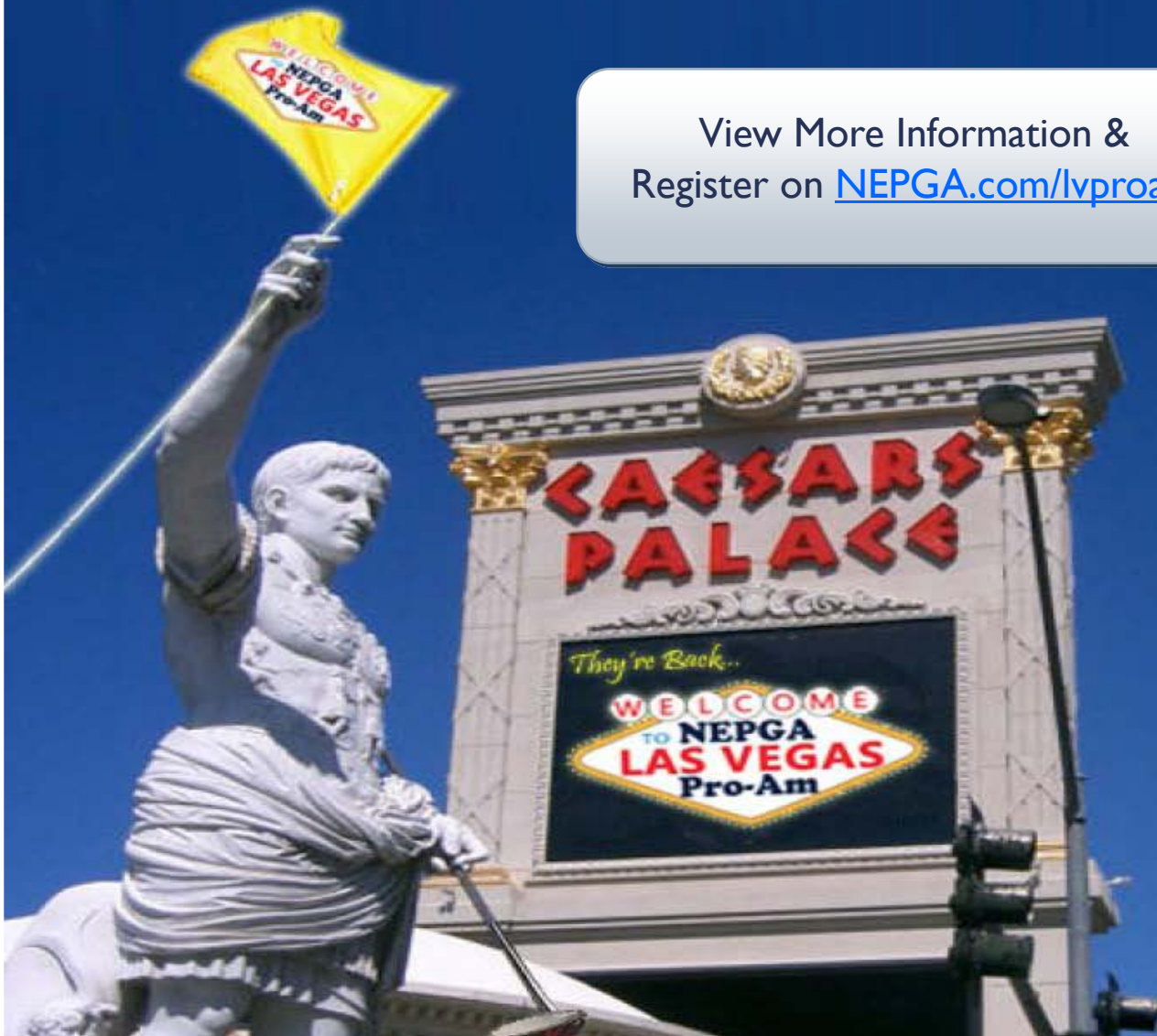


# New England PGA Las Vegas Pro - Am

## November 2 - 5, 2014



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## DBC AMBASSADORS NEEDED!



As we have in the past, we are asking PGA Professionals to volunteer as Ambassadors for the **DBC Pro-Am** that will be played on **Thursday, August 28th**. If you volunteer, you will receive a package prior to the Pro Am with an instructional sheet, suggested script, oxford cloth shirt, credentials, and parking pass for the volunteer lot at Norton High School. Please be sure to indicate your shirt size during the registration process. Yardage books are no longer available but please feel free to bring your own distance measuring device.

There are 26 Pro-Am groups in the morning wave (7 am to 9 am) and also 26 groups in the afternoon wave (noon to 2 pm). Again, we have also asked to have ambassadors on the range to assist the amateurs. The morning range will be from 6:30 am to 8:30 am and also an afternoon range from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

### ROLE AS A NEPGA AMBASSADOR

You will be assigned a Pro-Am group and your role will be to facilitate pace of play and in doing so assist the amateurs with club selection/yardage, etc. Your primary role as an official host is to insure that the day is enjoyable for the amateurs, while helping the group maintain a 4 hour and 45 minute pace of play. It is hoped that you might meet the amateurs and offer any advice, if so asked. Those working the practice range might work with the amateurs with a short lesson/tune up prior to their teeing off. *Please note that cameras/camcorders are not allowed to be used during the round or at the range.*

If you would like to sign up, please choose your shift by clicking on one of the below links:

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

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

Click [Here](#) to register to work the AM Range AND PM Wave.

Thank you in advance for being a part of this year's event!

## 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 [justu-art@pgahq.com](mailto:justu-art@pgahq.com) to request a questionnaire. This month, we're featuring PGA Director of Instruction Jeff Czerwinski of GolfTEC Natick

### **Jeff Czerwinski, PGA**

#### Charitable Activities

Jeff is the Head Coach for Marlborough Youth Lacrosse. He is also coaching the U13 Black team for the first time, currently sits on the Board of Directors and will be President starting next year.



## FREE JR TOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF NEPGA PRO'S



We are offering **FREE** NEPGA Junior Tour membership to children (ages 9-21) of NEPGA Professionals for the 2014 season!

Registration: Please submit the completed application (FAX OR MAIL) for each child. Click [here](#) to download the application. *\*Note: If the child has been a member in the past, there's no need for the application, simply email Jacy to renew the membership.*

Please allow two days upon receipt of the application for membership to be processed. Once the membership is processed, you will be emailed a username and password from the BlueGolf Tournament Software. Keep this information in a safe place as this allows one to log in to sign up for tournaments.

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## MERCHANDISER OF THE YEAR AWARD ~ PRIVATE *Adam Hemeon, PGA*



**At what age did you begin to play golf?** Age 4

**Who taught you the game?** My Grandmother

**Where did you go to school?** Ferris State University

**When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?** When I was 16- loved the game and couldn't imagine not being a part of it.

**Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?** Merion Golf Club

**What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?** Family, Skiing, Hockey, Fitness

**What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?** To be respectful to the game and everyone who plays it.

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD *David Donnellan, PGA*



**At what age did you begin to play golf?** I think I was five or six years old.

**Who taught you the game?** My father taught me a lot, and my grandfather, Bill Burns, who was professional at Webhannet Golf Club for over fifty years. I learned from Jim Lane, too, at Winchester CC. By the time I took it seriously, Pam Higgins and Monty Blodgett were my teachers in southern California.

**Where did you go to school?** I graduated from Merrimack College in North Andover, Ma.

**When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?** I decided to become a PGA Professional in 1990 while working at The Newport Beach Country Club in California. I loved everything about the game of golf, especially teaching, and realized I could not spend my life working indoors.

**Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?** This is an impossible question to answer. I do not have a single favorite but have often thought if I had one to play on the last day of my life, it would be Winchester.

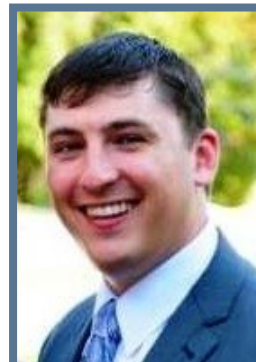
**What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?** I love to fish but I'm not a great fisherman and I spend as much time as possible with my family doing anything outdoors. I am also an avid Boston Bruins fan.

**What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?** I hope that every person who I have introduced to the great game of golf enjoys the sport for their entire lifetime.

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## TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

Later that week on Thursday, July 24, another staple on the NEPGA schedule, the Pro-Lady Championship will be contested at Kernwood Country Club, an 8:15 AM Shotgun start will get things going. Thank you to our returning sponsor, Sue Powers and Nivo.

The aforementioned Stroke Play Series at Carnegie Abbey is next on Monday, July 28. This event is the second, and last, NEPGA Member-Only qualifier for the New England Open.

We finish July off in style with the first of our 2014 Major Championships. The New England Section Senior PGA Championship returns to Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, Vermont on July 30 & 31. If you are attempting to qualify for the Senior PGA Professional Championship you must file an entry with The PGA of America, as noted earlier in this column. If you wish to compete only in the New England Section Championship you will find that entry on the [nepga.com](http://nepga.com) website.

So that's the future, this is what happened last month.

While the June Section schedule was light, it was filled with events conducted by other New England organizations or national events. A contingent of the New England PGA's finest led by our current Section Champion Shawn Warren, PGA and past PNC winner Ron Philo, PGA traveled down the east coast to South Carolina to The Dunes Golf & Beach Club in Myrtle Beach to compete in the PGA Professional National Championship presented by Club Car, Mercedes Benz & OMEGA on June 22-25. The twenty (20) low scorers from this event become eligible to play in the final major of the year, the PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky. Due to the lead time needed to publish this newsletter we will report the results from this event next month. Good luck guys, we'll be rooting for you back here in New England.

The Massachusetts Open, conducted by our friends at the Mass Golf Association, took place at the Weston Golf Club on June 10-12. Ian Thimble had to work overtime to claim the Championship. Thimble had to survive a three-hole aggregate play-off against current New England Open Champion Kyle Gallo, Eric Dugas, PGA and amateur Matt Parziale to earn the title. The low NEPGA finisher was Eddie Kirby, PGA who finished in a tie for eighth. Six other NEPGA members survived the cut, led by Shawn Warren, PGA who tied for fifteenth and Kirk Hanefeld, PGA who finished tied for twenty-third.

The Jeff Julian Memorial Vermont Open was conducted on June 16-18 at Green Mountain National. The event was won by Rich Werenski and the lone NEPGA Member to survive the cut was Rich Berberian, Jr. who finished in a tie for twelfth.

We did have a couple of Section events on the June schedule; unfortunately the NEPGA Pro-Officer needed to be rescheduled due to a lack of participation. We are working on a date in the fall for this event. Please watch for updates in the near future.

Next on the Section schedule was the second NEPGA Stroke Play Series at the immaculately conditioned Vesper Country Club. Vesper has always been known for their challenging greens and with the pristine surfaces stimping at twelve plus, they certainly lived up to the hype. Phil Cardwell, PGA who will be one of those traveling to the PNC at Myrtle Beach served notice his game is ready. Cardwell fired a six under par 66 for a three shot victory over Michael Dugas, PGA, another player headed to Myrtle Beach. Allen Santos, PGA was the low scorer in the Senior Division, edging Dan Diskin, PGA by one. Thank you to Stephen Doyle, PGA and Superintendent Stephen Hicks for hosting us. As always, huge thanks to all of our sponsors Yamaha, Ahead, Golf Buddy and Cutter & Buck. This event also served as a NEPGA Member-Only qualifier for the New England Open and thirteen players punched their tickets to Belmont Country Club, September 15-17.

So that was June, the weather seems to be improving and hopefully we are in for some great golf in the coming months.

Keep an eye on 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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### *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.**

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## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS



CAPE COD CHAPTER / RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



### RHODE ISLAND & CAPE COD TOURNEY PREVIEWS...IN PICTURES!

For all you intrepid readers who visit this space on a monthly basis, you know that I occasionally combine my two Chapters into one submission. Thinking of where the Rhode Island and Cape Chapters will be visiting across Southern New England the remainder of the season inspired the following photos with dates of events. Except a very few\*, all section members are invited to register for these tournaments (go to appropriate Chapter BlueGolf links on [NEPGA.com](http://NEPGA.com)). Hope to see you at one of these special venues!

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Metacomet CC - RIPGA Pro-I Junior Scratch - July 29th, Sponsored by Titliest/FootJoy



The Golf Club of Cape Cod - CCPGA Summer Pro-3am - August 12th, Sponsored by Bobby Byrnes Pubs & CCE



Kirkbrae CC - RIPGA Pro-Officer - Sept. 2nd  
Sponsored by The Golf Connection



Woods Hole GC - CCPGA Pro-Pro Sept. 11th, Sponsored by Callaway



The Misquamicut Club - RIPGA Chapter Championship\* - Sept 23rd, Sponsored by Callaway



Sankaty Head GC - CCPGA Island Classic - Sept 24th-25th  
Sponsored by Callaway



Red Tail GC - RIPGA Tri-Chapter Championship - Oct 7th, open to all members & apprentices from Mass-RI-Cape!



Shelter Harbor GG - RIPGA "The Haversham" Pro-Am - Oct 14th, Sponsored by The Haversham Restaurant



All the chairs are empty looking down Carnegie Abbey's 5th hole (where RIPGA visited in May) as all the Rhode Island and Cape pros are busy registering for some great events!

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

### MAINE CHAPTER



June and July in Maine are months that we hold our championships. On June 4th, we held our Senior Championship and on June 4th-5th the Chapter Championship. Thanks to Jim Fairbanks and his staff at Dunegrass GC, we had successful events despite Mother Nature. The weather was a little overcast and drizzled during both events, but the golf was spectacular.



Brian Bickford won the Senior Championship with what he called "a career round". A smooth 1-under-par 71 led all seniors and placed him in second going into day 2 of the Chapter Championship. Thank you to our Sponsors Greg Ludes from Titleist, Bryan Saylor from FootJoy, and Jeff Wildey from Yamaha for their support of our championships. All the participants received a dozen balls and a golf glove.

Shawn Warren defended his Chapter Championship title with a stellar performance for two rounds. He opened the event with a 3-under-par 69 and never looked back. An even-par 72 in the final round gave him a commanding six shot victory over Senior Champion Brian Bickford. Shawn was presented the Championship trophy from our Sponsor Geoff Piva from Tournament Solutions. Thanks for making the trip north! Congratulations to our 2014 Champions!!!

Next we traveled to Kennebunkport and Webhannet Golf Club for the Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship. Thirty-six holes on a nice day and some great golf was played by our Chapter Professionals. The team of Jeff Seavey and Michael Dugas shot a sizzling 62 in the afternoon round to cap off the come from behind victory. A 36-hole total 126 was one stroke better than the team of John Hickson and Leon Oliver who were our first round leaders with an opening 63. Thank you to our sponsors for the event, Mark Thompson from TaylorMade and John Lano from adidas. Both were on hand to provide T gifts for all. TaylorMade also provided some added incentive for any team



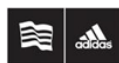
that used the TaylorMade ball for the day. The team of Shawn Warren and Jim Fairbanks were the winners of the ball pool. Thanks for the support!

#### Upcoming events in the Maine Chapter include:

Pro Am Championship-Tuesday, July 1st at Augusta CC  
Pro Lady Championship- Monday, July 7th at Waterville CC  
Sugarloaf Pro Am-Monday, July 14th  
State of Maine Championship- Tues.-Wed., July 15th and 16th  
Pro Junior Championship-Monday, August 4th at Val Halla GC

\*\*\*\*Also not on our calendar but a very important event is the Scholarship event at JW Parks. Mike Dugas puts on a great day and helps support the Maine Chapter Scholarship. Please find it in your schedule to play in the event on Sunday, August 24th for a 10 AM shotgun. Please contact the Golf Shop at JW Parks for more information.

The Maine Golf Season has been slow getting started but we are now in full swing. Participation by our Chapter members is critical to the success of each and every event. Please find it in your busy schedules to get out and play. Our events are a great way to entertain your members at different facilities across the state. We have several events remaining on the calendar and I hope to see you soon!



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### MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



**PGA**  
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Massachusetts Chapter

The Mass Chapter is on a little break with events during the summer months but we are all looking forward to the fall events that will get here before we know it! Three events in October should be on everyone's schedule which includes on October 6th the Mass Chapter Championship at Worcester Country Club, October 7th the TRI-Chapter Championship at Red Tail Golf Club and the Mass Chapter Fall Pro-Pro which is TBD for a site.

Even though the Mass Chapter is on a little hiatus for the summer we are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the Section events and especially the Section Championship at The Golf Club of New England and Portsmouth Country Club which includes a \$25,000 skin pool at The Golf Club of New England. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, July 8 at 5pm!

Hope everyone is everything a great summer!

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

### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



Laconia Country Club will officially roll out its new Family Tee Program for members and their guests in conjunction with its Family Day activities on Saturday, June 28, 2014. The program is intended to enhance the members' family experience by making the transition into the game of golf easy for new golfers of any age and enable the entire family to enjoy an afternoon of golf regardless of their experience or skill level. The Laconia CC Pro Shop will be working with the New Hampshire Golf Association to get the Family Tee courses accredited so that players can establish a GHIN and handicap.

The Family Tee Program was created through a partnership between The PGA of America and U.S. Kids Golf and has been implemented at over 1000 public and private golf courses in the U.S. including the prestigious Kiawah Island Golf Resort.

Our Chapter ProAm schedule continues to thrive despite many golf courses still trying to recover from the winter. Each weekly ProAm has seen at least 100 or more participants and most recently, 136 players at Cochecho CC. As a result of this winter's effect on courses, the Chapter's ProSenior Championship has been moved to Pease GC; the Newport CC ProAm has been cancelled and Eastman GL has picked up that date and the Pheasant Ridge ProAm has been cancelled.

Matt Arvanitis, Concord CC Assistant Professional, failed to advance in the Sectional Qualifying Round for the U.S. Open in Purchase, NY. Despite shooting a morning round of 70, Arvanitis faltered in the afternoon and shot 80, finishing nine over for the day.

Congratulations to new PGA member, Rich Berberian, Jr., Windham CC Assistant Professional. Berberian continues to lead in the NH Chapter Player of the Year Standings with 133.83 points. Second is Dan Wilkins of Laconia (102.33). Next are: Griffin Andrews, Portsmouth (76.66); Matt Arvanitis, Concord (75) and Rich Currid, Lake Sunapee (50.47).

Dan Wilkins of Laconia CC participated in the 2014 PGA Professional National Championship on June 22-23 at The Dunes Golf Beach Club and the Grand Dunes Resort Club in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Unfortunately, he missed the cut shooting rounds of 74-77 for a two-day total of 151.



#### Upcoming Events:

June 30... Eastman ProAm  
July 7... Pease ProSenior Championship  
July 14... Mount Washington Resort... ProLady Championship  
July 21... Hanover... Mohegan Sun Qualifier  
July 28... Montcalm... ProPro

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### VERMONT CHAPTER



On May 29th, the VT Chapter Pro Am was held at Country Club of Vermont with Dan Lehmann, PGA, and Dan Ruane, PGA as our hosts. We had a tie for first place in both gross and net team divisions. Gross winners were led by Brian Gara, PGA, Vermont National CC and Paul Meunier, PGA, Sugarbush GC both with scores of 67. Net team winners were Dave Jankowski, Stowe Mountain Club and Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC with scores of 61. Winning Professional scores included a tie between Jim Gunnare, PGA, Woodstock CC and RJ Austin, PGA, Sugarbush GC with scores of 73. Next with scores at 76 were Brian Gara and Dave Jankowski.

On Monday, June 2nd, the Vermont Chapter held the first major of the year, our Pro Senior Championship at Woodstock CC with Jim Gunnare, PGA as host professional. We thank Jeff Kelley, Titleist for their donation of tee gifts and wedges for the proximity contests. Our gross winners were a tie between Todd Trono, PGA and his team from Williston GC and RJ Austin, PGA, Sugarbush GC both with scores of 140. Net winners were John Paul, PGA, Burlington CC and his team with a score of 128. Low professional was RJ Austin with 68. Next was Dave Jankowski, Stowe Mountain Club with 70.

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Manchester CC on June 9th with Michael Harger, PGA, and Alex Socinski, PGA as our hosts. This was our first event using a modified stableford format using 2 point score per hole. We thank our golf sponsors Paul Jones, Club Car, Peter Butt, FootJoy, Jeff Kelley, Titleist, Tony Maneen, Nike Apparel, and Mitch Pizzetti for their generous donations. We had a three way tie for first place all with 88 points. Teams led by Kevin Bennison, PGA, Mt. Anthony GC, Roger King, PGA, CC of Barre, and Eric Evans, PGA, Tater Hill GC were our winners. Dave Jankowski, Stowe Mountain Club and Josh Young, PGA, St. Johnsbury CC led the professionals with 36 points followed by Kevin Bennison 35 points and Roger King with 34 points.

Our 2nd major championship, the Pro 1 Am Championship, was held at Neshobe GC on June 23rd with Rodney Bicknell, PGA as our host. We thank Paul Jones, Club Car and Scott Hinding, Tour Edge for sponsoring. Format was 36 holes best ball. The winners with a score of 130 were Steve Gonsalves, PGA, Links at Lang Farm and his amateur partner Evan Russell. Placing second with a score of 132 was Dave Jankowski, Stowe Mountain Club and his amateur partner Alex Rainville.

#### Upcoming Vermont Chapter events:

Pro Junior Championship, Williston GC, June 30th  
Drive Chip and Putt, Links at Lang Farm, July 3rd  
Pro Lady Championship, Sugarbush GC, July 7th  
Mohegun Sun Pro Am, Rutland CC, July 14th

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## New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Richard J. Berberian Jr., PGA	A-8	Windham Country Club
Allyson K. Burak, PGA	A-20	Acushnet Company
Ae G Cahill, PGA	A-8	LeBaron Hills Country Club
Kevin P. Christofaro, PGA	A-8	Carnegie Abbey Club
Max Doctoroff, PGA	A-8	Pine Brook Country Club
Matthew J. Galownia, PGA	A-8	Charles River Country Club
Matthew D. Gaynor, PGA	A-8	Manchester Country Club
Brian S. Moskevich, PGA	A-8	Manchester Country Club
Gregory R. Pieczynski, PGA	A-8	Weston Golf Club
Andrew J. Sikula IV, PGA	A-8	The Country Club
John A. Socinski, PGA	A-8	Manchester Country Club
Cameron J. Taylor, PGA	A-8	Warwick Country Club
Joshua R. Upson, PGA	A-8	Sankaty Head Golf Club
Steven J. Wolf, PGA	A-8	Sankaty Head Golf Club

## Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Casey J. Andersen, PGA	A-8	6/16	Kingswood Golf Club
Reece N. Bartelt, PGA	A-8	6/16	Nantucket Golf Club
Marcus C. Green, PGA	A-20	6/26	travisMathew
Michael B Slayton	B-8	6/2	CC of Vermont
Samantha T Smith	B-8	6/1	Northeast Harbor Golf Club
John F. Sullivan Jr., PGA	A-13	7/1	Laconia Country Club

## Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Harry W. Andrews, PGA	A-14	Bethel Inn Resort
Marcus C. Green, PGA	A-20	travisMathew
John F. Sullivan Jr., PGA	A-13	Laconia Country Club

## New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Christopher B Fonvielle	B-8	Ipswich Country Club
Nicholas C Jagoe	B-8	Allendale Country Club
Aaron S Kingsley	B-8	Newport Golf Club

## New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Award Date</u>
Robert Carey, PGA	A-4	5/31
Reggie M Colomb, PGA	LM	5/31
John Paul, PGA	A-4	5/31

## New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Casey J. Andersen, PGA	A-8	South Florida
Reece N. Bartelt, PGA	A-8	Minnesota
Christopher S. Gorgone, PGA	A-14	North Florida
Samantha T Smith	B-8	South Florida

## New Half Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gifford H. Nutbrown, PGA	LM	5/31

These reports reflect changes made between  
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