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## New England PGA Professional Championship

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Monday, August 19, 2013 - Wednesday, August 21, 2013



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**NEPGA Senior PGA Professional Championship ~ Woodstock CC, Aug. 7-8, 2013**

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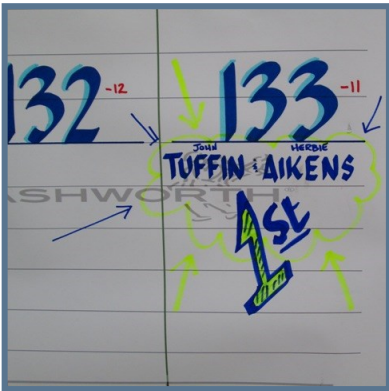
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## TUFFIN & AIKENS EARN PRO-AM CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY



The 2013 NEPGA Pro – Am Championship sponsored by adidas and Ashworth Golf is an event that pairs a professional with an amateur in a medal play format. What makes this event different than most Pro – Am events is that the players play scratch, without handicaps, for 36 holes. It is a grueling test of patience and attrition which separates the team that can keep their composure and persevere to achieve a common goal. On a perfect day in Plymouth, MA at Pinehills Golf Club, one team would use their home course knowledge to their advantage to defeat a field loaded with talent.



Host Professional John Tuffin, PGA and his partner Herbie Aikens have played Pinehills a time or two. For over 5 years, Tuffin has been the Head Professional at Pinehills Golf Club, and Aikens has been a presence in the New England amateur circles over that same span. On the day of the NEPGA Pro – Am Cham-

pionship, Tuffin and Aikens would put together two rounds worthy of the trophy. Beginning on the Nicklaus Course, Tuffin and Aikens would start off with birdie (3) eagle (3) that would prove to be a sign of things to come. They closed out their opening round with 4 more birdies to card a bogey free - 7 (65), and held a 1 stroke lead after round 1.

Playing what proved to be the tougher of the two courses in the afternoon, and with 79 teams chasing them, Tuffin and Aikens would have to put together a good round to defend their home turf. They began on the Jones course with birdies on 4 out of the first 5 and appeared to be running away with it.

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## SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICE ROUND INFORMATION



### Wannamoisett Country Club Practice Rounds:

- Practice Rounds available starting June 1st
- Please call the golf shop to schedule a practice round; subject to course availability
- \$25 MANDATORY Cart Fee (Cash Only)
- No Multiple Ball Hitting during your round
- Limit 1 Round Per Competitor
- No guest play



### Ledgemont Country Club Practice Rounds:

- Dates are:
  - Wednesday 6/12 - Before 11am or After 2pm
  - Thursday 6/13 - After 2pm
  - Monday 7/8 - Rhode Island Chapter Pro-Pro
  - Wednesday 8/7 - Before 11am or After 2pm
  - Thursday 8/8 - After 2pm
  - Saturday 8/10 - After 2pm
- \$25 MANDATORY Cart Fee
- No Multiple Ball Hitting during your round
- Limit 1 Round Per Competitor
- No guest play

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## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



### SUMMER TIME!

There is some golf to be played as well, although the New England PGA schedule is a little lighter at the Section level than most other months.

All for good reason however as we make way for our brother organizations the Massachusetts and Vermont Golf Associations to once again, conduct their State Open Championships. The Mass Open, always one of the most important events on the New England golf calendar will be contested at the Woodland Golf Club in Auburndale, MA on June 11-13. The Vermont Open Championship is the next week, June 17-19, at its usual venue the Lake Morey Inn & Country Club in Fairlee, Vermont.

However, that's not all; national events are also on the June schedule. A contingent of the New England PGA's finest, lead by our current Section Champion Ed Kirby, PGA will venture cross-country to Oregon and the Sunriver Resort to compete in the PGA Professional National Championship sponsored by Club Car, Mercedes Benz USA & OMEGA, June 23-26.

We do have a couple of Section events for those of us staying home in June; our second of five NEPGA Stroke Play Series events takes place at The Golf Club of Cape Cod on Monday, June 3. This will be a great test and will serve as a suitable warm-up for anyone planning to compete in any of the previously mentioned Championships.

On June 13, we will be venturing to Rhode Island and the Kirkbrae Country Club for a Pro & I Am competition. This event will be a one o'clock shotgun, featuring gross and net divisions. Kirkbrae's greens are always some of the best in New England and the course and facility are both terrific.

As the month of June comes to an end, we will be gearing up for a return to Mount Pleasant Country Club in Boylston MA as they once again host the Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship on Monday, July 1. This event is always a sell-out, so please get your entries in early.

For information on any of the above-mentioned events as well as upcoming playing opportunities in July and beyond, go to [nepga.com](http://nepga.com), there under tournaments you will be able to see event specific details and register for all of these, as well as the rest of the events on the 2013 NEPGA Section Tournament Schedule.

Last month we promised you results from the first Championship of 2013, the Pro-Pro Match Play Championship.

Jim Fairbanks, PGA and Shawn Warren, PGA played some stellar golf over three days and survived the unpredictability of match play, closing things out with a hard fought 4&3 victory over John Rainone, PGA and Ed Kirby, PGA to take the title. Many Thanks to presenting sponsors Adams Golf, Golf Max, Sky Golf and supporting sponsor Golf Pride. Thank you as well to our hosts at Lebaron Hills, Tom Rooney, PGA and Superintendent Mark Klimm.

The month of May was a busy one; we traveled north to New Hampshire for a Pro-Am, at the beautiful and always challenging Portsmouth Country Club. We had some early May weather with an afternoon that featured strong winds and cooler temperatures to make things interesting. It didn't stop the team from the Auburn Driving Range or their Professional Rick Karbowski, PGA from dominating however. Playing in the tougher afternoon conditions, the Auburn Driving Range two best-balls of four team score of 129 was four clear of the team from Keene Country Club. Karbowski shot 68 on his own ball edging Shawn Warren, PGA by two in the individual Professional competition. Thanks to our terrific sponsors, Lincoln and Mohegan Sun as well as host PGA Professional Bill Andrews and Superintendent Greg Dubois.

The following week the first NEPGA Stroke Play Series event took place at Shelter Harbor Golf Club in Rhode Island. Boston Golf Club Professional Boomer Erick, PGA came out of the gates a tad slowly bogeying his first two holes, he would make only one more bogey the rest of the way however while making six birdies to finish at three under par for his round. That score was good enough for a one shot victory over Jeff Martin, PGA and Jake Pleczkowski, PGA who each shot two under par 69. Big thanks to new sponsor Cutter & Buck as well as returning sponsors AHEAD and Golf Buddy for their continued support of this very popular series. Special thanks to Edel Golf who was a contributing sponsor for this first Stroke Play Series event.

The May calendar also offered some well deserved playing opportunities for the people who put in so many hours in the shop and on the lesson tee, the Assistant Professionals. The Hudson Cup was back at its familiar venue the Duxbury Yacht Club. This event is named in honor of our former Executive Director Susan Hudson. It is the first Major on the Assistants schedule, and a couple of the NEPGA's best had to go overtime to determine the Champion. John Paesani, PGA and Shawn Warren, PGA each shot five under par in warm, but very windy conditions to tie for the title. On the first hole of the play-off, Paesani rolled in a beautiful twenty plus foot putt to take home the title. As always, Duxbury was the perfect host, a huge Thank You to PGA Professional Randy Grills and Superintendent Peter Lanman for all their efforts.

The Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant Championship at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett was next and Titleist & FootJoy once again showed their support of the New England Section and its PGA Professionals and Apprentices putting on a great show for all the participants.

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## GOLF 2.0 MESSAGE



**Zachary Wyman**, the 2013 New England PGA Section Player Development Award/President's Plaque and 2012 Vermont PGA Chapter Teacher of the Year, is the PGA director of player development and sales at Vermont National Country Club in South Burlington, Vt.

### Use Get Golf Ready to Upgrade Memberships

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

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

women or parents and children and we received tremendous feedback. I also offered all-day junior clinics (9am-4pm) where we would cover rules, swing fundamentals and even meal etiquette during lunch (how to order properly, washing hands, and so on).

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

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

To contact Zack for more information, please email [ZackW@vnccgolf.com](mailto:ZackW@vnccgolf.com).

Share your success stories!

Contact your Player Development Regional Manager Brian Bain at [bbain@pgahq.com](mailto:bbain@pgahq.com).



## ONE FUND BOSTON/BOSTON STRONG

We are about seven weeks removed from the horrific terrorist attack at the Boston Marathon and would like to thank publicly all of our PGA Professionals and also all of our facilities that have made donations to The One Fund either by sending a check to the section or contributing directly to The One Fund. If you and/or your facility has had a fund raiser or just contributed on your own, please let us know. Please email Joan Stuart at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com) with the information, amount, and what type of fund raising event was held. As the victims begin the long journey of going forward with their lives so sadly affected by that day's events, we want to continue our efforts to help them with what lies ahead.

Also, watch for some very exciting news regarding a new fund raising effort for Boston Strong and The One Fund. We will not forget.



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## ADAPTIVE GOLF PROGRAM

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital will be offering a 3 week Adaptive Golf "Back In The Swing" program on July 9, 16, and 23 at Granite Links. Individuals would sign up for all 3 sessions and the cost for the 3 is \$40.00. On July 9 and 16 the time is 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM and on July 23 it's 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Rick Johnson, PGA and the volunteers will be working with Spaulding's clinical staff to conduct the clinics.

The program is for any interested golfer or any new golfer with a disability. If you know of golfers with a disability, please spread the word and encourage them to attend. No matter how serious the disability, the PGA Professional volunteers and Spaulding team will get the "Back n the Swing".

For more information on the program or to volunteer, contact Ali Stoll, Coordinator of Spaulding Adaptive Sports Center-Boston, at [astoll1@partners.org](mailto:astoll1@partners.org) or 617-952-5285. Rick Johnson, PGA is available to answer any questions and can be reached at 508-737-2132.

## SPONSORS OF FIRST STROKE PLAY OF THE 2013 NEPGA SEASON



R-L: Melissa Dempsey of Ahead, Dan Dempsey of Ahead, Paul Pichette of Cutter & Buck, Cary Gordon of Golf Buddy at Shelter Harbor Golf Club on May 14th

## CHAPTER EVENTS REMINDER

The Cape Cod & Rhode Island Chapters invite you to play in the following events:

June 6th - **CALLAWAY PRO-PRO** at Allendale CC, New Bedford - \$1,000 added (Register on Cape Cod BlueGolf page)

June 10th - **COBRA PUMA PRO-3 AM** at Meadowbrook GC, Wyoming, RI - \$500 added (Register on Rhode Island BlueGolf page)

June 18th - **PRO-I AM NET** - Crystal Lake GC, Burrville, RI - (Register on Rhode Island BlueGolf page)

June 20th - **CCE PRO-3 LADY** - White Cliffs CC, Plymouth, MA - \$500 added - (Register on Cape Cod BlueGolf page)

July 8th - **CALLAWAY PRO PRO** at Ledgemont CC, Seekonk, MA - \$1,000 added (Register on Rhode Island BlueGolf page)

July 17th - **TITLEIST/FOOTJOY PRO I JR SCRATCH** at Misquamicut Club (Register on Rhode Island BlueGolf page)

For any questions about these tournaments please email Mick Herron at [mherron@pgahq.com](mailto:mherron@pgahq.com) or call 508-505-5120.

## Name that Club!

Do you know what club is featured in the newsletter banner on the front page? Be sure to check your answer in our July issue!

## HALF CENTURY CLUB WELCOMES BOB BALDASSARI, PGA

On behalf of the 1000 plus PGA Professionals in the New England Section, I would like to extend the warmest of congratulations to the newest Half Century Member Bob Baldassari, PGA. Bob, or Baldy as many of us refer to him, has been a very active New England PGA member over the years and has always supported our programs and our Association. Congratulations on your amazing accomplishment!

Jimmy Noris, PGA  
President New England PGA



Bob Baldassari, PGA  
and his son, Bob Baldassari Jr., PGA



## CLUBS FOR VETS



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

We would like to thank the following individuals for donating to this program: Rob Hardy, Larry Kelley, Lou Katsos, Mike Brown, Art Harris, Peter Doherty, Allan Belden, Bob Miller, Paul Parajeckas and Al Lupis, Joe Cordani Jr., Mike Wortis, Jacy Settles, Bob Beach, John Miller and Brian Langevin.



## 2013 NEW ENGLAND PGA AWARD WINNER SPOTLIGHT

### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE *Steve Napoli, PGA*



**At what age did you begin to play golf?** I began playing at the age of ten.

**Who taught you the game?** I learned the game from my dad at Wanumetonomy Golf Club in Middletown, RI. PGA Professional Bill Barry (deceased) took me under his wing as a teenager. Bill encouraged me and coached me and it was he who suggested that I consider becoming a PGA Professional.

**Where did you go to school?** I attended grammar school and high school in Newport, Rhode Island. I graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in Business Administration in 1977.

**Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?** My favorite course to play was Augusta National, shot 72 from the back tees the first time I saw the course, playing with good friends Brad Faxon, Terry Murray, and Bill Lunnie.

If I were to be granted a wish to play one golf course, I would like to return to the age of fifteen and play at Wanumetonomy with my dad, brother, and Bill Barry. I'd like to see all the members of the club that were nice to me and encouraged me while I was young; I'd express my gratitude.

**What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?** I enjoy all sports, especially college sports and have always had an interest in mentoring young people through sports and the game of golf. My favorite sports are basketball and hockey. I also enjoy music and photography.

**What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?** As far as a legacy to the game, I'd like to be remembered as a good father, and husband, who was able to help my family, co-workers and others through the game of golf.

### ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR *Rob Jarvis, PGA*



**At what age did you begin to play golf?** I started playing at 17 years old.

**Who taught you the game?** Brian Enman, PGA taught, and still teaches me.

**Where did you go to school?** I went to Bangor High School and The University of Maine.

**When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?** My first summer job was at Bangor Municipal Golf Course and I was immediately interested in all aspects of the game. I had ambitions to be a Marine Biologist, but golf looked better than studying algae!

**Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?** My favorite course is Breakers West in West Palm Beach.

**What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?** I enjoy being around the ocean, working on old houses, and fishing when I get the rare opportunity.

**What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?** If I impart anything on the golf community it would be to remember the game is about the camaraderie and the fun. It doesn't matter what kind of clubs you have, how expensive your shirt is, or how perfect the turf is. Have fun and enjoy the game itself, not all the superficial stuff surrounding it.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Putting For Autism and Special Needs Clinics** - The Putting For Autism and Special Needs Clinics for 2013 at Braintree Municipal Golf Course will run every Monday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm until the Thirteenth Annual NEPGA/Special Olympics Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 20th.

**Free Clinic for those with physical challenges** - The National Amputee Golf Association is having their 23rd annual free clinic at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course on Sunday, June 2nd from 1:00pm till 4:00pm. The clinic is open to any person with a physical challenge.

**Clinic for Partnership for Youth with Disabilities** - Bob Beach, PGA will be hosting a clinic for Partnership for Youth with Disabilities at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, June 8th from 1:00 pm till 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to give free lessons to this great group of people.

**Free Clinics for Veterans/Disabled Veterans** - Free clinics for veterans and disabled veterans will be held on June 12th, 19th, and 26th from 2-4 PM at the Granite Links Golf Course in Quincy, MA. Volunteers are needed to help with golf instruction. Please note that the clinic scheduled for May 29th has been canceled.

**For more information or to volunteer for any of the above events, please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781.843.6513 x2 or [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov).**

**Play Golf America Ladies Clinic** - Charlie Lanzetta, PGA is looking for 5 PGA Professionals who would be interested in volunteering at a Play Golf America Ladies' Clinic on Saturday, June 15th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Rockland Golf Course. The event is already full with 60 participants! Please contact Charlie at 781.878.6551 if you would like to assist him in growing the game. PGA members who volunteer will earn 4 MSR credits.



Bob Beach, PGA with a group from the Partnership for Youth with Disabilities in 2011.

**Channel 7 WHDH Health & Fitness Expo** - PGA Professional volunteers are needed to give free 10-minute lessons at the Channel 7 WHDH Health & Fitness Expo at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, MA on Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23, 2013. This event always has a great turnout and we need as much help as we can get! PGA members will earn 4 MSR credits per shift (1 credit per hour, max of 8 credits per day)! There are two shifts each day: Saturday, June 22- 10am to 1:30pm or 1:30pm to 5pm and Sunday, June 23- 10am to 1:30pm or 1:30pm to 5pm. Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer and choose your shift! If you have any questions, please call the NEPGA Section office at 508-869-0000 or email Jacy Settles at [jsettles@pgahq.com](mailto:jsettles@pgahq.com).

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PGA volunteers will receive 1 MSR hour under "Growth of The Game" for each hour volunteered) (max of 8 credits per day).

Visit the "Community Outreach" page on [NEPGA.com](http://NEPGA.com) found under "About Us" to view new volunteer opportunities.

**Reminder:** Check out the "Community Outreach" page on [NEPGA.com](http://NEPGA.com) to see more photos like the ones below!



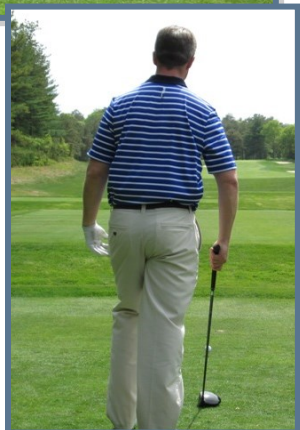
NEPGA members Bob Beach, Brian Bain and Drew Kayser volunteered at a golf clinic at Perkins School for the Blind on May 21, 2013.



## PRO-AM CHAMP *Continued...*

But the game of golf can be a fickle beast, as they dropped 2 shots in the next 5 holes. Tuffin and Aikens would steady the ship to birdie 15 and 18 to close with a -4 (68) in round two. The two round score of -11 (133) was good enough 2 stroke victory over Mike Menery, PGA and Gregg Bonhuer of Andover Country Club, Frank Dully, PGA and Stuart Robin of Kernwood Country Club, and George Goich, PGA and Keith Emery of Turner Hill Golf Club.

The New England PGA Pro – Am Championship has been the beneficiary of great support from sponsor adidas/Ashworth and rep Shaun Madigan. Madigan was on hand to pass out shirts to all the players as well as field product questions from the pros. Thank you to adidas/Ashworth as well as Shaun Madigan for his outstanding support.



## TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

Four teams tied for the Championship last year but this year one team stood above all the others. The father and son team from Portsmouth Country Club, Bill Andrews, PGA and Griffin Andrews played some wonderful golf finishing with an eight under par score of 63.

It was barely enough to edge out the Country Club of New Bedford team of PGA Professionals Joe Cordani and Scott Trethewey who fashioned a seven under par score of 64 to take solo second. Jim Fairbanks, PGA and Shawn Warren from Nonesuch River and Weston Golf Clubs Adam Hemeon, PGA and Tim Tierney, PGA tied another shot back at 65. Oh by the way, if you see James Antonelli, PGA, ask him about a little 50-foot putt he made at the end of the day. I'm sure he'll be happy to tell you about it. You might even be able to find it somewhere on facebook.

Finally, we closed out the month of May with another extremely popular event on the schedule, the NEPGA Pro-Am Championship, sponsored by adidas-Ashworth Golf. PGA Professionals paired up with some of the best amateurs in New England, competing to determine our 2013 Champions. Contested over thirty-six holes on two superb courses at the Pinehills Golf Club, the Nicklaus, and Jones layouts test all aspects of your game.

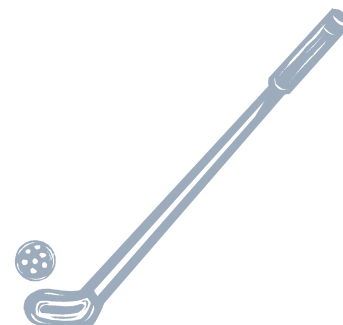
Because of the lead-time needed in publishing these articles, we will have the results for this event in next month's newsletter.

That is what happened and is happening in the New England Section; continue to look for communications from The PGA of America that contain entry information/deadlines for the PNC, Senior Professional Championship and Assistants Championship. Remember, you **MUST** enter these events through PGA of America and if you miss the deadline, we cannot help you. My suggestion, if you know you are going to participate, enter sooner, rather than later, there's always a couple of unhappy people who call the Section office the day after the deadline passes for one of these events, and like I said we'd like to help, but we can't!

Keep an eye on the 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.

See you down the road,

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# CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

## CAPE COD CHAPTER



### GLENN KELLY...NEWEST MEMBER OF THE QUARTER CENTURY CLUB!

Woods Hole GC's PGA Head Professional Glenn Kelly was recently (and reluctantly) accepted into the PGA Quarter Century Club by The PGA of America. His career spans several legendary head pros beginning with his stint at Pawtucket under Les Kennedy followed by a year working under Andy Froude at Charles River before moving onto Woods Hole under the watchful eye of Dutch Wessner in 1985.



### And...FUTURE MEMBER OF THIS CLUB...

Chequessett Yacht & CC's PGA Head Professional Barbara Boone welcomed newborn Gus to the world in late February and reports that the 3-month old is "doing great". Congrats BB.

### CCJGA NEWS

Newly named CCJGA Manager Mike Serijan reports that nearly all the events posted for the expanded Junior Golf Association schedule are close to being filled. Almost 400 juniors have joined to date and Mike is eager to add PGA volunteers to the clinic portions of each event. Please contact Mike if you can assist on any of these. See the schedule posted on the Cape's website: [www.capecodpga.com](http://www.capecodpga.com) or email Mike at: [ccjrgolf@comcast.net](mailto:ccjrgolf@comcast.net).

### GARRIS ENROUTE TO FLORIDA

Longtime Cape Cod PGA Professional Craig Garriss, and Chapter leader for over a decade is moving to N. Florida this month. Many of his friends gathered for a perfect send-off as they played the "Garriss Exit Open" at Cotuit Highgrounds.

*PGA pros pictured: (L to R)  
Jeff Halunen, Mick Herron,  
Craig and John Munroe.*



### UPCOMING TOURNEYS

CALLAWAY PRO-PRO - June 6th - Allendale CC  
CCE PRO-LADY - June 20th - White Cliffs CC

Congrats to Oyster Harbors' PGA Asst. Matt Baran, low pro in the recently held Pro-3Am at Miacomet GC on Nantucket. Team honors went to Nantucket GC's PGA Mike Demakos.



Mickey Herron, PGA  
NEPGA Tournament Operations  
Cape Cod Chapter

## MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



All quiet on the Massachusetts Chapter front, which I guess can be perceived as good. But there are a few items which should be mentioned,

first we as a Chapter will need to decide if the Massachusetts Chapter would like to start a scholarship with some of our Chapter money, and if anyone has an idea please forward it to me or Todd Cook, and we will keep record of it for our Fall meeting.

Also if you are a suspended apprentice and you are reading this and you want some guidance or insight please do NOT hesitate to call me at Worcester Country Club or Todd Cook at Milton Hoosic and either of us will do our best to answer your questions or we will find someone who can. As a Chapter we encourage feedback so please share your thoughts.

Upcoming tournaments, June 18th at the new Shaker Hills and July 25th at Oak Hill.

Sincerely,

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Vice President/Secretary-Treasurer, Massachusetts Chapter  
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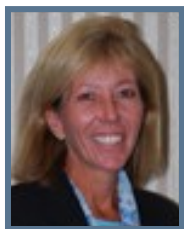
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### RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



#### **SUSAN BOND FEATURED IN PGA MAGAZINE**

A special shout-out to Weekapaug PGA Head Professional Susan Bond who was featured in the latest issue of PGA Magazine (May 2013) as she recounted her harrowing 13th Boston Marathon experience amidst the senseless act of terrorists. She was running to raise funds for the Art beCause Foundation to fight cancer, which claimed her Dad's life 14 years ago. A must read for all.



#### **KIRBY...DOES IT AGAIN**



*Ed Kirby*

Amazingly, for the 20th time in his illustrious career, the reigning NEPGA Champion, Ed Kirby, PGA Head Professional – Alpine CC, qualified for the US Open sectionals after returning the low score (68 -3) at the Rhode Island CC local qualifier in early May - parlaying three birdies on his final six holes to lead the loaded group of 78 golfers vying for 5 coveted spots into the Northeast's sectionals – played this

year at Old Oaks and Century – venues Kirby is very familiar with – and one of 13 sectionals which will produce the final field for the Open at Merion in mid-June. Joining him amongst 120 other hopefuls in NY will be Brad Faxon. Kirby has qualified for four US Opens and made the cut in three!!!

#### **SECTION PRO PRO MATCH PLAY**

Warwick's new PGA Head Professional Matt Walsh and Foxborough's PGA Head Professional Lou Rivers blitzed the LeBaron Hills layout in early May enroute to an eye-popping 63 earning them medalist honors in the qualifying round of the NEPGA Pro Pro Match Play Championship. The RIPGA was well represented as the team of John Rainone, N. Kinstown's PGA Head Professional and Ed Kirby won three consecutive matches over prior champion teams only to lose in the final match to Jim Fairbanks and Shawn Warren from Maine. Meanwhile, Jeff Martin and Troy Pare, former champions in their own right, lost in the first round while Walsh and Rivers lost in the 2nd round after nipping Beth O'Kelly and Susan Bond 1-up in round 1.

#### **CARNEGIE ABBEY PRO-AM A HUGE HIT**

PGA-led foursomes from all over SE New England descended upon the seaside gem – The Carnegie Abbey Club – for RIPGA's 2nd Pro-Am of the Spring battling gusty winds off Narragansett Bay and perfect course conditions hosted by PGA Head Professional Jim DiMarino whose team (see photo) fought hard for a T-3 in the best 2 of 4 Stableford format. Congrats to Montaup GC Steve Diemoz –PGA led team who

notched the victory over 19 other teams. Huge thanks to sponsors Keith Tortorella/ CCE and Peter Guild/ Callaway Golf for making the day possible.

Who else but Ed Kirby won low pro honors (37 pts. in stableford scoring) followed closely by Jay Askew, The Ridge Club's PGA Head Professional (35 pts) and local legends Rick Finlayson, Country View's PGA Pro & Brian Owens – N. Kingstown's PGA Asst. both accumulating 34 pts. Finlayson turned it in -3 par while Owens checked in with 14 consecutive pars to begin their respective rounds, but could not overcome the leader in the RIPGA player-of-the-year race, Kirby.

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*(L to R) Jim DiMarino, Mitch Pozez,  
Lauren Collins & Jack Sheehan*



*Andrew Carnegie watches  
over the 18th hole!*



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## MAINE CHAPTER



### Pro-Pro Stroke Play Champions

Riding the momentum from their win in the NEPGA Match Play Championship the week earlier, Jim Fairbanks & Shawn Warren continued to play some incredible golf at Webhannet GC on May 7th winning the Pro-Pro Stroke Play

Championship by 15 shots. They posted rounds of 58-61 for a 23 under par total. In the morning round, Jim made 5 birdies, and Shawn made 3 eagles and two birdies. They continued their stellar play in the afternoon each making birdies and Shawn made two more eagles. Congratulations guys, well done!



A big shout out to our partners at TaylorMade and adidas/Ashworth represented locally by Mark Thompson and Shaun Madigan for sponsoring the event again this year. 10 of the 12 teams participated in the Lethal Ball Pool, Jim and Shawn each won \$100 for playing the Lethal ball for all 36-holes. We also would like to thank our partners at Shipyard Brewing for their support to the event. You will see the Shipyard banner and logo throughout the year at several of our events.



### E-Z-GO Player of The Year Standings As of May 23, 2013

Shawn Warren	55.00 E-Z-GO Points
Jerry Diphilippo	49.66 E-Z-GO Points
John Hickson	47.00 E-Z-GO Points
Dave Grygiel	38.16 E-Z-GO Points
Chad Hopkins	31.00 E-Z-GO Points



Our Pro-Am season is off to a good start...both of our early season events have been well attended. We had 24 teams at The Woodlands Pro-Am. We would like to extend a big thank you to Cary Gordon and PRATO eyewear for sponsoring the event. The 96 competitors playing at The Woodlands received a pair of sunglasses compliments of Cary Gordon.

Individual Professional Honors – Jerry Diphilippo, (B-8 Portland CC) 69, Shawn Warren (A-8 Nonesuch River) 70, John Hickson (A-15 Dick's Sporting Goods) 74.

### Prouts Neck Pro-Am

Visiting Prouts Neck is always a treat, regardless of the weather and May 21 was another great day at one of Maine's wonderful venues. For the most part, we dodged the rain drops. The 32 competing teams were treated to some great course conditions, a wonderful course set-up and some great scores. A big thank you to host professional Chris Twombly, PGA and his staff for putting on a great event. A big thank you to Pete Gambardella and our friends at Callaway Golf for sponsoring the event.

Shawn Warren continues to play at an incredibly high level and won low professional honors with a 2 under par round of 68. And it was Jeff Seavey (A-8, Samoset Resort) leading his team to earn low gross team honors with a 62.

Some of the days highlights...Jeff Seavey and Tim Desmarais each made an eagle on the Par 4 16th Hole, a professional scoring average of 76.97 and some great stories about how PGA Professionals are often considered meteorologists.

On May 28, we visit The Purpoodock Club for the Pro-Senior Championship. Please note, that amateurs must be at least 50 years of age and members from the facility in which you are employed or attached. It is a Best 2 of 4 format, with no handicap restriction. We would like to thank our partners at Richard Brothers Financial Advisors in advance for their support to the event.

The Pro-Lady Championship is set for Monday, June 3rd at Poland Spring Resort. The event is an 8:30 shotgun start and lunch will be provided for all the competitors following golf.

Hats off to Jeff Hilton...the First Tee of Maine recently held a ball drop fund raiser at Nonesuch River GC. Host professional Jeff Hilton (B-1 at Nonesuch) won the grand prize of \$1,000 and donated the entire amount back to The First Tee of Maine. A first class act by a first class professional.

Tony Decker, PGA  
NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager



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### VERMONT CHAPTER



The Vermont Chapter NEPGA Section held their Spring Meeting on May 6, 2013 at Rutland CC hosted by Greg Nelson, PGA and sponsored by Jim Mayo, Imperial Headwear and Antigua Clothing.

Vermont Chapter Board of President Josh Olney, PGA, conducted the proceedings and Chapter Directors provided committee reports and discussed Chapter business, playing opportunities, activities, and initiatives. Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont District Director spoke about Section activities and plans. Bill Ross, PGA and Jim Gunnare, PGA Awards Committee co-chairs presented our PGA special awards. Playing Awards for 2012 were presented to deserving winners by Chapter Directors Roger King, PGA and Rodney Bicknell, PGA. We also heard from Mike Higgins, Executive Director NEPGA, Mike Packard, PGA, PGA Employment Consultant and Brian Bain, PGA, regional 2.0 Director. After lunch the Chapter Members joined our sales reps to form teams for a round of golf.

The Vermont Chapter has begun the groundwork for starting up the PGA JR Golf League. Initial interest.

#### **Tournament Results**

Our first Vermont Chapter Pro Am was held at Neshobe GC on May 13th with Rodney Bicknell, PGA as our host. We thank our sponsors Jeff Kelley-Titleist and Chris Catapane-Sterling Cut Glass, and Under Armour for their generous support.

Gross team winners were led by Greg Nelson, PGA, and his Rutland CC team with a score of 62. Net team winners were

John Goodchild and his Williston GC team with a score of 57. Winning Professional scores included Roger King, PGA, CC of Barre with 69, RJ Ziats, PGA, Sugarbush GC and Greg Nelson CC shot 70. Play was conducted under less than favorable conditions with steady showers/sleet and temperatures in the 40's.

The Vermont Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Burlington CC on May 20th with John Paul, PGA, Dave Burrell, PGA, and Matt Havers, PGA as our hosts. We thank our sponsors Peter Gambardella and Callaway Golf for donation of golf ball tee gifts and putters for the proximity contests.

There was a tie for the winning net teams led by Todd Nalette, PGA, Crown Point CC and Jim Gunnare, PGA, Woodstock CC both with scores of 59. Gross team winners were led by Host Professional Matt Havers and his team who shot 64. Winning Professional scores included Rodney Bicknell, PGA, Neshobe GC with 72. RJ Ziats, PGA, Sugarbush GC and Host Professional John Paul, PGA, and Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC all tied for second with 73's.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Pro Lady Championship Woodstock CC June 3rd sponsored by Cutter Buck
- VT Scholarship Pro Am Vermont Nat'l. CC June 10th sponsored by Taylor Made and Adams Golf

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### SENIORS' ASSOCIATION



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New England Section  
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first Pro Am. The results:

Individual Gross:

1. Chris Carter, PGA
2. Harry Rose, PGA

Individual Net:

1. Andy Froude, PGA
2. Bill Lodge, PGA

Team Gross:

1. Andy Froude, PGA with J Drohen, C Meeker, J Mahon
2. Paul Barkhouse, PGA with R Walsh, M Lane.

The first 2013 Senior Pro Am was held at Hillview Golf Course on May 16th. Thank you to Chris Carter, PGA for hosting our

Team Net:

1. Harry Rose, PGA with W Kent, T Taylor, S. Potter
2. Joe Carr with A Rugg, L Tower, M Paakkonen

The next Senior Pro 3 Am is at Whitinsville Golf Club on Thursday, June 27th. Call Dennis Selvitella at 508.410.4984 to register.

Be sure to save the date for the Senior Championship that moves back to Woodstock Resort & Country Club in beautiful Woodstock, Vermont on August 7th and 8th. More information will follow in the July newsletter.





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

### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



Members of the New Hampshire Chapter were saddened by the news of the passing of long-time North Conway CC Assistant Professional Ian Meserve after a courageous battle with cancer. Ian began working summers at North Conway in 1995 in the golf shop and eventually moved his way up to Assistant. He

was made an Honorary Member of the NH Golf Professionals Association in 2012. Ian was an avid hockey participant and also officiated hockey and baseball. He was a fixture at the annual Chapter Championship held at North Conway, where he conducted the "shootout" after the first round of play. He will be missed by his fellow pros and especially by his second family, Larry and Kathy Gallagher of North Conway CC.

The Country Club of New Hampshire in Kearsage will host the 26th annual Granite State Senior Games from August 2-25, 2013 which will feature their golf tournament on Tuesday, August 20th. The Senior Games will include 18 different events including basketball, bowling, cycling, horseshoes, etc. To learn more go to [www.NHSeniorGames.org](http://www.NHSeniorGames.org).

Chapter events scheduled for June include ProAms at Beaver Meadow GC, Cochecho CC, Keene CC and the popular Pro-Senior Championship at Pheasant Ridge CC.

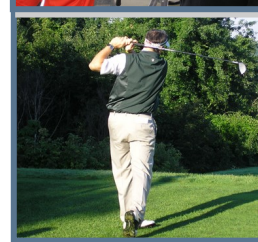
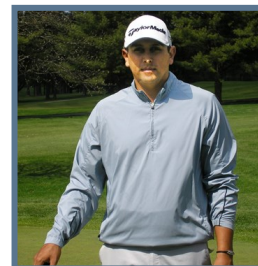
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*Rich Berberian, Jr., recently moved his talents to Windham CC as an assistant to Head Professional Joanne Flynn, and leads the NHC Player of the Year Standings with 91 points as of May 20<sup>th</sup>. He is followed by Dan Wilkins with 67.75 and Matt Arvanitis with 65.75.*

*Lincoln was a co-sponsor of the chapter's ProAm held at Concord CC in May offering amateurs an opportunity to test drive their luxury cars. Over 70 test drives were recorded and each participant was given a dozen Titleist Pro-V golf balls as well as hats.*

*Alan Way (r) Territory Manager of CobraPuma was also a co-sponsor of the Concord CC ProAm. Here he takes a minute to pose with Waukegan GC Head Pro Justin Barkey.*

*North Conway CC Assistant Professional Ian Meserve hits ceremonial first tee shot prior to 2012 NHC Championship held at North Conway.*



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

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

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

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

### **FREE JR TOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF PGA PRO'S!**

We are offering FREE NEPGA Junior Tour membership (not including entry fees) to children ages 9-21 of PGA Professionals for the 2013 season! Please submit the completed application (FAX OR MAIL) for each child. Click [here](#) to download the application.

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.

*Note to remember*—The user id and password will be sent in all caps (uppercase). You will need to use all lower case when logging in.





## AT THE TURN

Member Updates

### New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Chris J. Cerven, PGA	A-8	Old Sandwich GC
James C. Giampaolo, PGA	A-8	Nantucket GC
Michael R. Harrower, PGA	A-8	Nantucket GC
Jarred A. Ramnath, PGA	A-8	Kingswood GC
Jonathan R. Tamburro, PGA	A-8	Boston GC
Adam J. Trottier, PGA	A-8	Blue Hill CC

### New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Sean D Fellows	B-8	Wentworth By The Sea CC
Larry L. Hamberger	B-8	Walpole CC
Eric C Karpinski	B-8	Vesper CC

### New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Joseph T DeGennaro	B-8	Connecticut
Roger G. Maas, PGA	A-8	South Florida
Nicholas A. Packard, PGA	A-1	Southern Ohio
Ray Rash, PGA	A-8	South Florida
Tyler B. Reedy, PGA	A-8	South Florida
Robert S. Sakson, PGA	A-8	North Florida
Jason M Sedan, PGA	A-14	South Florida

### Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Michael J. Baker, PGA	A-8	Point Sebago GC
Larry Demers, PGA	A-6	The Kittansett Club
Eric Z. Evans, PGA	A-1	Tater Hill GC
Nichole M Kentner, PGA	A-8	Augusta CC
Roger G. Maas, PGA	A-8	Falmouth CC
Nicholas A. Packard, PGA	A-1	Riverside GC
John Pawlak, PGA	A-4	Mt Washington Hotel GC
Scott G. Trethewey, PGA	A-14	CC of New Bedford

These reports reflect changes made between 5/3/2013—5/30/2013.

### Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Michael J. Baker, PGA	A-8	5/16	Point Sebago GC
James R Ballard	B-8	5/5	Winchester CC
Joseph T DeGennaro	B-8	5/20	Bass Rocks GC
Larry Demers, PGA	A-6	5/15	The Kittansett Club
David Gianferante, PGA	A-13	5/21	Strawberry Valley GC
Anthony H Grzyb, PGA	A-6	5/15	Stratton Golf School
Susan E Horton	B-8	5/13	Stowe Mountain Club
Nichole M Kentner, PGA	A-8	5/6	Augusta CC
Daniel R. Lockhart, PGA	A-14	5/15	Rick Smith Golf Academy of Cape Cod
Roger G. Maas, PGA	A-8	5/26	Falmouth CC
Samuel C. Murdough Jr.	B-8	5/7	Laconia CC
Stefan J. Niezgoda, PGA	A-1	5/24	Sugarloaf GC
Nicholas A. Packard, PGA	A-1	5/9	Riverside GC
John Pawlak, PGA	A-4	5/8	Mt Washington Hotel GC
Ray Rash, PGA	A-8	5/15	Falmouth CC
Tyler B. Reedy, PGA	A-8	5/19	Myopia Hunt Club
Robert S. Sakson, PGA	A-8	5/5	Cohasset GC
Jason M Sedan, PGA	A-14	5/15	Lake Winnepesaukee GC
Michael B Slayton	B-8	5/13	Newport Country Club
Scott G. Trethewey, PGA	A-14	5/12	CC of New Bedford

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