

# JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT LARRY KELLEY



I am sitting down to write this after attending my little town of Ludlow, Vermont's annual Memorial Day Celebration and Ceremony. This is a great day where everyone from old to young gathers at our town green and listens to a reading of the Gettysburg Address, Veterans Speeches, laying of the wreath, 21 gun salute, and the playing of Taps. This is an opportunity to remember what our Veterans have done for us in the name of Freedom. As we honor and remember with our friends and family please take a moment to reflect on all that we have. I salute and thank all our US Veterans and PGA Veterans.

Speaking of Veterans...I would like to congratulate our PGA Senior Championship participants. Ed Kirby, Kirk Hanefeld, Chip Johnson, Brad Faxon, and Billy Andrade. All of our Club Professionals played great golf. There was also a Facebook posting of a certain past NEPGA President looping for Ed Kirby with a strong NIKE connection. Our Section Professionals continue to compete at a high level and it is our honor to have them represent our Section.

As we have seen over the last month or so the Northeast has been impacted by the severe winter. Although it was good for winter sports it has been unkind to our sport and turf. Keep in mind no one has been able to escape turf damage or rough areas. When we are speaking with members or golfers that are coming to our facility, please educate them on what has happened and what your facility is doing to get back to great turf conditions. Please be an advocate for your Superintendent and work as a team to communicate to your golfers and decision makers the plan that you are working to get into mid-season form. When you work as a team the message is easier to spread.

Please keep in mind that it is not too late to sign up your team for Junior League Golf. We have already doubled the number of NEPGA teams from 48 to over 100 this year. This is the Little League of golf! If you say you don't have the time or energy for this then you are truly missing an opportunity to elevate your position, make more money, and grow the highly lucrative "family" business. Call the Section office or Brian Bain, PGA for more information.

Foundation News - I would like to announce the first official donation to our own NEPGA Foundation. On behalf of the Sara Hunter Golf Foundation we received a \$36,000.00 donation in honor of Sara Hunter. Sara was the former golf professional at Manchester Country Club in Vermont. Sadly, she was murdered in 1986. Until a few years ago the killer remained at large but due to updated forensics the case may be coming to a conclusion. While we are saddened by the circumstances of the donation we would like to make sure this donation in honor and memory of Sara goes to great use in growing the game and working with junior golf programs in New England.

I want to close the June newsletter with a big Thank You to all my PGA Friends who wished my family and me prayers and condolences on the passing of my father. It is not easy to lose a parent or someone close to us but the thoughts of all the life lessons and time spent with my Dad on the golf course brings me comfort and wonderful thoughts. I changed my picture this month in honor and memory of my Dad and the great times the Kelley Family shared on the golf course over the years.

Now Get Out & Golf!

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**Kelley Annual Golf Outing 2008**  
*Larry, Dad, Greg & Chris Kelley*



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## MESSAGE FROM MIKE HIGGINS



Even though June has arrived it certainly does not feel like it. Many facilities have not only experienced later starts to their season, but course conditions are in some cases still not up to par. As a result we have seen Chapter events being cancelled, rescheduled or even moved to alternate facilities. Fortunately at the Section Level we have not had to make any changes to the calendar yet, (knocking on wood) and we are running on all cylinders.

This month, 15 New England PGA Professionals will head south to Myrtle Beach, SC to represent the New England Section at the 47th PGA Professional National Championship on June 22-25, 2014. We were very proud of Kirk Hanefeld, PGA and Jeff Martin, PGA for qualifying for the 2013 PGA Championship at Oak Hill CC and I look forward to seeing which New England PGA Professionals will advance this year!

Throughout the Spring NEPGA Professionals have been giving their time to grow this great game - sometimes where you would least expect it. Most recently at the Portland Seadogs game in Portland, ME, as Maine Chapter PGA Professionals were giving lessons to fans before the game. PGA Professionals will be on hand to give free lessons to the more than 20,000 spectators that will be in attendance at the Boston Health and Fitness Expo over Fathers Day Weekend. Growing the game does not have to be limited to a driving range or a golf course. Our NEPGA Professionals are thinking outside the box, and I am a HUGE fan of that.

Every June the countdown clocks return to the front page of [www.nepga.com](http://www.nepga.com) to serve as reminders of the approaching deadlines for the 2014 Section Championships. The NEPGA Championship deadline is Tuesday, July 8th. The NEPGA Seniors Championship deadline is Tuesday, July 15th, and the NEPGA Assistant Championship deadline is Tuesday, July 22nd. Each event can be registered for by logging into [www.pgalink.com](http://www.pgalink.com) or by calling the National office at 800-474-2776.

The New England Section is no longer a pilot Section for the Drive, Chip and Putt. There will be at least one qualifier in all 50 states in 2014. We had some great representation down at Augusta in April and I am optimistic for this year as well. There is still time to register for one of the Section Drive, Chip & Putt Qualifiers, so be sure to let your junior members know about the event and please visit [www.nepga.com/chipandputt](http://www.nepga.com/chipandputt) to register. We will also be asking for PGA Professionals to volunteer at our local qualifiers, so if your schedule permits, we sure can use your help!

Lastly, I hope you have been able to see some of the creative pre and post event promotional materials that have been circulated to the membership, as well as our first attempt at utilizing video. Not only are these a great way to highlight a sponsor or a host facility, but they are a great way to promote PGA Professionals. I know what PGA Professionals do on a daily basis, but we are committed to showing your members, the community, the region...heck the world for that matter!

Have a terrific summer and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Higgins  
Executive Director  
New England PGA

HANEFELD FINISHES 2<sup>nd</sup> IN SR PGA POY STANDINGS

NEPGA Professional Kirk Hanefeld has finished second in the standings for the 2013 Senior PGA Professional Player of the Year. Hanefeld followed Sonny Skinner, PGA of Georgia who claimed his fourth consecutive Senior PGA Professional Player of the Year Award. Hanefeld previously earned the award in 2008. Click [here](#) to read more.

## CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION



**PGA**  
NEW ENGLAND  
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[NEPGA Professional Champ. \(PNC\)](#)

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

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



**PGA**  
NEW ENGLAND SENIOR  
CHAMPIONSHIP

[NEPGA Senior Professional Champ. \(SR PNC\) - Registration Opens 6/4](#)

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

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



**PGA**  
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ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP  
**National**  
COBRA PUMA GOLF

[NEPGA Assistant Championship- Registration Opens 6/11](#)

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## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



June, the month that hopefully brings us some consistently warmer temperatures, it's about time we got a break here in New England.

There is some golf to be played, although the New England PGA schedule is a little lighter at the Section level than most other months. All for good reason, 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 Weston Golf Club in Weston, MA on June 10-12. The Jeff Julian Memorial Vermont Open Championship is the next week, June 16-18, at 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, led by our current Section Champion Shawn Warren, PGA, will travel 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. 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. Good luck boys, we'll be rooting you on back here in New England.

We do have a couple of Section events for those of us staying closer to home in June; a trip north to the picturesque Samsot Resort for the NEPGA Pro-Officer is first on the schedule on Thursday, June 12. Bring one of your facilities' officers for a round of golf and some gorgeous scenery. We get things started with a 12 o'clock shotgun, the format is Four-Ball Stroke Play, with Gross & Net prizes. Thanks to our hosts Gary Soule, PGA and Superintendent Greg Grenert and Jim Lynch and Prize Possessions for sponsoring.

Next on the schedule is our second of five NEPGA Stroke Play Series events, this one taking place at Vesper Country Club on Monday, June 16. Vesper has always been known for their challenging greens and with recent course improvements completed, it should provide a great test. Thank you to Stephen Doyle, PGA and Superintendent Stephen Hicks for hosting us. As always, huge thanks for the support of Yamaha, Ahead, Golf Buddy and Cutter & Buck for their continued support of these popular events. *Note:* This event will also serve as a NEPGA Member only qualifier for the New England Open that will be played at Belmont Country Club in September.

Finally, as the month of June ends, we will be gearing up for a return to a venue that is a staple on the NEPGA schedule. The former Mount Pleasant Country Club in Boylston, MA has a new name, The Haven. Different name, but the same great venue, they host the Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship, sponsored by Bobby Jones and Jeff DiBona Golf Sales on Monday,

June 30. This event is always fully subscribed; please file your entry 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), under the tournament tab 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 2014 NEPGA Section Tournament Schedule.

Last month we promised you results from the first Championship of 2014, the Pro-Pro Match Play. The Kernwood Country Club duo of Frank Dully, PGA and Steve Bramlett, PGA found a way to deal with less than ideal weather, play some stellar golf and survive two extra hole matches, including the Championship match against Bob Tramonti, PGA and Brian Owens, PGA. They were finally able to close things out with a Bramlett birdie on the 21st hole to take the title. Ironically, it was the first time they had been up in the entire match.

Thanks to our sponsors GolfMax, Golf Pride, SkyGolf and PGA Tour as well as 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 a day that featured wind and cooler temperatures to make things interesting. It didn't bother the crew from The Golf Club of New England however. They returned a ten under par score of 134 to take the team competition, the low Professional score belonged to Shawn Warren, PGA who shot a solid two under par 70. Thanks to our terrific sponsors, Lincoln and Mohegan Sun as well as host PGA Professional Bill Andrews and Superintendent Greg DuBois.

The first NEPGA Stroke Play Series event of 2014 took place on Tuesday, May 14 at the Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy, MA. Matt Baran, PGA battled the windy and very cool conditions (is there a trend forming here this spring in New England?) to emerge as the low scorer with a one under par 70. Artie Carlson, PGA was the inaugural event winner of the newly created Senior Division, taking an early lead in the race for one of three spots available at the year-end Championship at Old Sandwich. Big Thanks to new sponsor Yamaha as well as returning sponsors AHEAD, Golf Buddy and Cutter & Buck for their continued support of this very popular series. Thanks as well to PGA Professionals Chris Sleeper and Steve Clancy and Superintendent Brad MacDonald for hosting.

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 honors our former Executive Director Susan Hudson who was always a huge supporter of the New England Assistants' Association throughout her career with the NEPGA. It is the first Major on the Assistants schedule, and we once again had to go overtime to determine the Champion.

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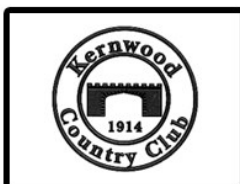


# What's In The Bag

A Look at Our Latest NEPGA Event  
Winner's Equipment

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Frank  
**Dully, PGA**  
Steve  
**Bramlett, PGA**  
Kernwood Country Club



**Victory:** NEPGA Pro Pro Match Play  
**Location:** Lebaron Hills CC  
**Score:** Champion  
**In Dully's bag...**  
**Driver:** 10.5 SLDR 77g S Motor Speeder  
**Fairway:** 15 SLDR - ADDI D7 S Shaft  
**Hybrid:** 18 Adams Proto Super Pro  
**Irons:** 4-PW Taylormade TP MC  
**Wedges:** Taylormade TP 50, 58  
**Putter:** Taylormade Spider Blade CB  
**Golf Ball:** Taylormade TPX  
**Trinket:** "Red Dot on T and M, Red Line on Side"

**In Bramlett's bag...**

**Driver:** 10.5 SLDR set to 11.5  
**Fairway:** 15 SLDR set to 16.5  
**Hybrid:** 19 Taylormade SLDR  
**Irons:** 4-PW Taylormade TP MC  
**Wedges:** Taylormade TP 52, 56, 60  
**Putter:** Taylormade Corza Putter  
**Golf Ball:** Taylormade TPX  
**Trinket:** "Ball Mark with a Bellagio Poker Chip"



Brendan  
**Walsh, PGA &**  
Tyler  
**Gosselin, PGA**  
The Country Club



**Victory:**  
**Location:**  
**Score:**  
**In Walsh's bag...**

NEPGA Pro Assistant  
The Bay Club  
- 7 (64)

**Driver:** Titleist 913 D3 9.5  
**Fairway:** Not in bag  
**Hybrid:** Titleist 913 H 17  
**Irons:** 3-4 Titleist 714 U, 5-PW Titleist 714 AP2  
**Wedges:** Titleist Vokey SM4 - 52, 56, 60  
**Putter:** Scotty Cameron California - 35.5in  
**Golf Ball:** Titleist ProV1  
**Trinket:** "WTW on my Golf Ball"

**In Gosselin's bag...**

**Driver:** Titleist 913 9.5 D2, Aldila RIP 60 S  
**Fairway:** Titleist 913 15, RIP Phenom  
**Hybrid:** Titleist 913 19, Diamana Blue S  
**Irons:** Titleist 712 U 3i & 4-9 AP2  
**Wedges:** Titleist Vokey, 46, 52, 58  
**Putter:** Scotty Cameron GoLo 5  
**Golf Ball:** Titleist ProV1  
**Trinket:** "Clemson Ball Mark... Go Tigers!"

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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.**

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.

### NEW PGA MERCHANDISE SHOP



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### PGA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**PGA**

Congratulations to the following students who recently received Scholarships from The PGA of America:

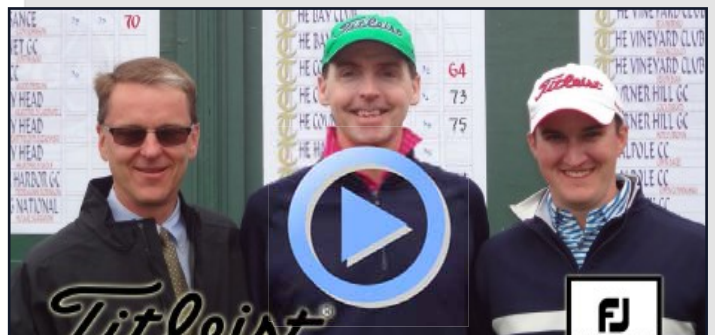
**Sara B. Bicknell** who was awarded \$2,000 from the PGA National Scholarship Fund. **Nicole A. Callahan** who was awarded \$5,000 from the John Cox Scholarship Fund. **Colin D. Hamilton** who was awarded \$2,000 from the PGA National Scholarship Fund.

Sara is the daughter of Rodney Bicknell, PGA Head Professional at Neshobe Golf Club and she attends Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, FL. Nicole is the daughter of Jim Callahan, PGA Director of Instruction at Settlers Crossing Golf Course and she is a student at UMass Amherst. Colin is the son of Brian Hamilton, PGA Head Professional at Eastward Ho! Country Club and he is a student at Tufts University.

## NEPGA VIDEO VAULT



**NEPGA Pro Am Championship Highlights**



**NEPGA Acushnet Pro-Assistant Champ Recap**



**NEPGA Stroke Play Series #1 Overview**

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**PGA PERFORMANCETRAK**  
IN COOPERATION WITH THE NGCOA

### PGA PERFORMANCETRAK UPDATE

The deadline for submitting the monthly PGA PerformanceTrak reports has changed from the 22nd to the 24th of each month. Visit [PGALinks.com](http://PGALinks.com) for information about [PGA PerformanceTrak](#) and [why you should be using it](#).

## 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, creden-

tials, 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.

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

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

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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.

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!

## NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to give free golf instruction to Parkinson's patients at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course on Wednesday, June 4th, Wednesday, June 11th, and Wednesday, June 18th from 10:00am till noon. Please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781-843-6513 or [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov) for more information or to volunteer for this unique program. Thank you for all your help and support!



## 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 [jestu-art@pgahq.com](mailto:jestu-art@pgahq.com) to request a questionnaire. This month, we're featuring NEPGA Professional Rob Hardy of Adams Golf.

### Charitable Activities

2008-2010: Pelham NH school district. Facilities committee. *Two years of taking an inventory of the districts buildings and formulating game long term plan for the district. Created a four school model and a timeline to complete the projects. Created a marketing campaign to help sell the plan to voters.*

2010-2013: Pelham school board chairman. Publicly elected. *Spoke before the NH board of education, New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Helped create 3 district budgets of more than 24 million dollars. Negotiated multiple union contracts with teachers and aids.*

2013-present: Member of Central Catholic High School Athletic Advisory Board

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES *Open To All Members & Apprentices*

### Vermont Chapter Seminar featuring Mike Bender

**Date:** October 1, 2014

**Place:** Dorset Field Club in Dorset, Vermont

**Time:** 8:30am-4:00 pm

**Cost:** \$70 (includes lunch)

**MSR Hours:** 7 PGA Required Education MSR credits

**Registration:** To sign up please send a check to:

Dorset Field Club - Golf Shop

Attn: Erik Sorensen

P.O. Box 368

Dorset, VT 05251

(Checks Payable to Dorset Field Club Golf Shop)

## 2014 NEW ENGLAND PGA AWARD WINNER SPOTLIGHT

### PATRIOT AWARD *Susan Bond, PGA*



**At what age did you begin to play golf?** 8 years old.

**Who taught you the game?** PGA Professional Ray Ladd formerly the PGA Professional at Pine Oaks and also the 1977 South Florida PGA President.

**Where did you go to school?** Graduated from the University of Alabama with a BA in Advertising.

**When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?** I originally wanted to be an LPGA Tour Player directly after graduating from college. I was in a car accident the night before the NCAA tournament and did not play golf for 2 years. I then played on the Futures Tour, The Florida Womens Tour. I made it to the finals of Q School but fell short of making the tour. I then worked in Florida, Massachusetts and New Hampshire while obtaining my PGA Class A.

**Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?** Locally, Pleasant Valley, Wellesley and Sankaty Head are my favorites. Out of state Seminole, Bandon Dunes and Teeth of the Dog in the

Dominican.

**What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?** Other than the interest of my girls, I like to run and have run 12 marathons to raise money for different cancer organizations. I also love to shop and I am quite good at it.

**What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?** When I was running for Secretary my campaign slogan was "It is not what you get it is what you give". I have been given so much in my life that I enjoy giving back as much as I can in any manner. Giving lessons, helping in the community, working with special needs athletes, any event or organization that needs assistance or support. I will always try and say Yes when asked to do something.

### YOUTH PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD *Graham Cunningham, PGA*



**At what age did you begin to play golf?** 9

**Who taught you the game?** Joe Potty, PGA

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

**When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?** I decided I wanted to attend Penn State for PGM during my senior year of high school. The reason being I loved to play golf and compete in junior golf.

**Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?** Sebonack in NY is just over the top but my favorite may be Winchester or Concord CC in MA.

**What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?** Love spending as much time as I can with my wife and 4 year old daughter Ryan. I also love to read and play guitar.

**What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?** The legacy I would chose to leave is that I help kids learn to fall in love with the game the way I was as a kid. Additionally, if I can help any golfer enjoy the game more it has been a success.

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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL MANAGER



### Player Development Demo Days

What possible reason could there be for offering hours of free services? Your time is stretched, your staff is lean, and if you are going to take a member of the staff out of the operation for a day, they should really be earning money for themselves, the facility, or both! Almost every course holds at

least one DEMO DAY, where staff members are pulled out of regular golf operation to fit and take orders for various manufacturers' offerings. Some facilities report as much as 25% of their annual club sales coming on that single day.

What about creating a "Demo Day" for your efforts in instruction? Create a fun atmosphere with demonstrations of your offerings for all ages and skill levels of golfers. Have fun activities for the kids; you could borrow Golfzilla, decorate socks for custom head covers, or create your own Drive, Chip & Putt competition. Bring out that expensive video and launch monitor and provide a bit of advice for your advanced golfers. Host a "Welcome to Golf" reception in the clubhouse and give tours of the golf operation as a preview of Get Golf Ready.

Beyond creating quality experiences for both beginner and avid golfers, the key is turning the experience into a "sale". At the end of a fitting/consultation at a golf equipment demo day, you would provide a price and ask for the sale. During an instructional Demo Day, have your offerings listed and be ready to accept registrations and payment.

Some of the successful pros in the NEPGA run multiple Player Development events to promote their Lessons and Instruction Programs. These events can create enough interest to fill their offerings for the season. Some examples and brief descriptions are listed:

**Welcome to Golf Cocktail Hour** – Complimentary appetizers with a cash bar for new golfers where the five days of Get Golf Ready are described followed by a tour of the golf shop. Sign-ups for Get Golf Ready and take away flyers with a schedule are provided.

**Women's Putting Challenge** – Social event where women play 9 homemade miniature golf holes on the practice green. All participants start with a glass of bubbly (champagne, Sprite or sparkling water). Aces are rewarded with an additional glass of bubbly. At the end, there is a discussion about Get Golf Ready, Lessons, Women's Tournaments and Leagues with sign up forms.

**Family Fun Day** – All fun stuff for kids. All participants go through stations such as: a homemade miniature golf course with kite string and obstacles, Birdie Ball Golfzilla, Kwikgolf, US Kids club fittings, obstacle courses and even rent a moon bounce. Descriptions and registration forms for Summer Camps, After School Academy, Monthly Learning Program, PGA Junior League Golf and other competitive opportunities are provided.

**Coaching Sampler** – Offering of mini-sized servings of various services that appeal to avid golfers, including basic club fitting, physical screens and launch monitor/video analysis. The professional brings his schedule and is ready to sign up students for private lessons and other learning programs.

Free lesson offerings can be a vital driver of new students and a great opportunity to present your new and existing programs in an interactive way. Schedule your Player Development Demo Day and engage your golfers.

For more ideas on how to create rounds & revenue, contact Player Development Manager Brian Bain, PGA at 617-820-4411 or [bbain@pgahq.com](mailto:bbain@pgahq.com).

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## CONGRATS, NEW MEMBER!



### Mike Roy, PGA

**Where are you from?** Quincy, MA

**Where did you attend college?** Western New England College

**What was your first job in the golf business?** Caddie at The Ridge Club in Sandwich, MA

**Where do you work?** Black Rock Country Club

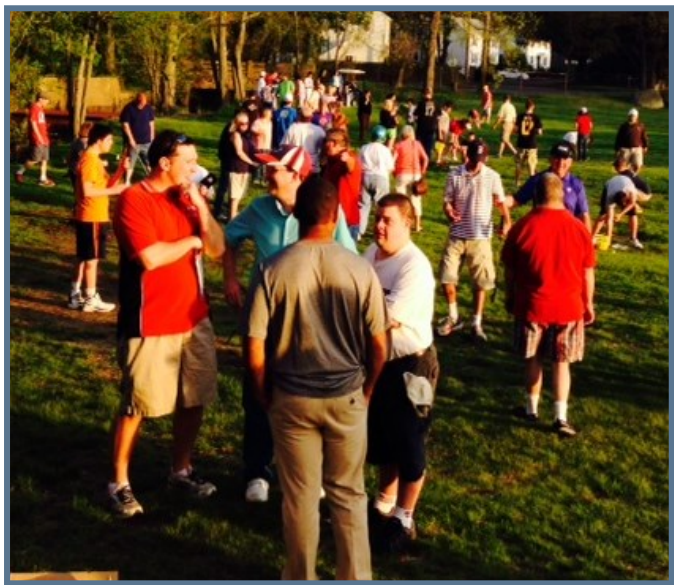
**What are your career aspirations?** To become a head professional in the New England Section.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On May 12th at Braintree Municipal Golf Course, Bob Beach, PGA held his Monday night Putting for Autism Clinic (pictured below) with 84 athletes with different abilities! He started this clinic in 1996 with Kevin Riordan and a few of his friends from Braintree High School. Bob taught Kevin how to play and also gave him a position in the pro shop. Kevin is an athlete with different abilities having been born with Down's Syndrome.

The numbers have grown dramatically in this Program that Bob started just eight years ago. He always welcomes any help that he can get at this clinic on Monday nights from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and the Veterans' Clinic on most Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. If you would like to help, please call Bob at the pro shop 781.843.6513 x2.

Would you like to start similar programs at your facility? Bob would be more than happy to help you start your own program(s). For more information, please call him 781.843.6513 x2 or email him at [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov).



## GROWTH OF THE GAME EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR NEPGA MEMBERS

There is a variety of growth of the game equipment available for our NEPGA Professionals to use. We hope you take advantage of this great opportunity to make your upcoming clinics and events even more enjoyable! Click [here](#) to view the flyer for more details on what facilities have the equipment.



**Donate Today! Click Here to Learn More**

## MA GOLF ECONOMY REPORT

The newly-released economic impact study entitled *The Massachusetts Golf Economy — Full Report* shows that the Massachusetts golf industry is a leader in generating jobs, driving visitors to Massachusetts, keeping manufacturing local and much more. Click [here](#) to read more!.

## BEACH FEATURED IN BOSTON GLOBE



### **Bob Beach earns salute from PGA of America**

By Michael Whitmer, Boston Globe

There's no oath to take when becoming a PGA professional, no pledge to do anything but what the mission statement has been for the PGA of America since it was founded in 1916: promote the

game of golf to anyone, anywhere.

Nobody takes those words to heart more than Bob Beach, who has been the head professional at Braintree Municipal since 1991. But that's just his formal title. To so many others, Beach is the one most responsible for bringing golf to those who had never seriously considered the sport, because either injury, enlistment, or life's plight had left them disabled.

Beach doesn't like that word.

"I call them a person with a different ability. Let's look at what they can do, instead of what they can't," Beach said. "I don't know all the answers. We figure it out together, they like to be part of that. They find a way to adapt.

"It's like anti-bullying. They're kind people, so nice to each other. They're such a great fit for our game."

Every week during golf season — and on many of those days every week — Beach gives clinics or group lessons to individuals who face challenges. He works with blind students, frequently at the First Tee of Massachusetts course, the MGA Links at Mamantapett. He teaches golf to special-needs students, and to those with autism. Pretty much anyone with an interest in playing golf, no matter the hardship, Beach is there for, ready to help.

Beach spends much of his time, though, with veterans. It's a cause close to him. His late father, John, served in the Air Force. When Beach took the job at Braintree — he was an assistant there from 1976-79, after graduating from Norwich University in 1975, and before he spent nearly a decade at Newton Commonwealth — there was an annual tournament held for Vietnam veterans. Beach, 61, remembered how those veterans had been treated when they returned from service.

"I didn't like it," he said. "Before that tournament, it was my chance to thank them for their service, to ask if there's anything I can do to help them. It started as lessons. Then lessons expanded into clinics."

Click [here](#) to continue reading.



## JUNIOR GOLF FAIR—MAY 31<sup>st</sup>

The PGA Tour Charities Junior Golf Fair presented by COBRA PUMA GOLF will be held this Saturday, May 31st at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, CT. This fun-filled event will include activities aimed at getting juniors excited about golf. Click [here](#) for more information and to register online.

## 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.

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE FRANCIS OUIMET SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Ouimet Fund is tremendously grateful for the critical volunteer role you and your staff play in the promotion of the Ouimet Fund as well as the execution of our annual Bag Tag program. NEPGA Professionals are a key part of the success of our Scholarship program.

We hope you continue to promote the college scholarship opportunities to your young golf employees. Based on need, average annual scholarships are now approaching \$6,500 and could be worth more than \$40,000 over four years for your workers. This summer, the Ouimet Scholarship process will be online and possible candidates should note the launch date of July 1st.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Michelle Edwards to the position of Director of Scholarships & Donor Systems. Michelle has been with the Ouimet Fund staff since 2007 and may be reached at [MichelleE@ouimet.org](mailto:MichelleE@ouimet.org) or 774-430-9093.

Thank you again for your dedication as a champion of our cause and the young people who work in golf in Massachusetts!

## TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

Five players shot even par and it took until the fourth play-off hole to crown Greg Pieczynski as the 2014 Champion. Last year's runner-up Shawn Warren, PGA, was the last to fall, Matt Baran, PGA, Eric Zadorian, PGA and Rich Berberian had all bowed out earlier. As always, Duxbury was a great 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 on the schedule 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. One team emerged as the Championship. They posted their score of seven under par 64 early, the second group off in the morning team time wave, The Country Club's Duo of Head Professional Brendan Walsh, PGA and assistant Tyler Gosselin battled the gusty winds and cool temperatures to post a number that no one else could match. Five other teams finished one shot back. Thank You to our hosts, Bay Club Mattapoisett, Greg Yeomans, PGA and Superintendent Jon O'Connor for their continued support of this event.

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 2014 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 Assistant Championship. Remember, you **MUST** enter these events through The 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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The journey to  
**Augusta National Golf Club**  
starts with one swing...



The **2014 DRIVE CHIP & PUTT CHAMPIONSHIP** is open to boys and girls ages 7-15\* competing in separate divisions in four age categories. Local qualifying will be conducted throughout June and July.

There is no entry fee for the DRIVE CHIP & PUTT CHAMPIONSHIP

*\*Age determined as of April 5, 2015*

*For more information or to register your junior please visit:*

**DRIVECHIPANDPUTT.COM**

*Registration Opens:*

**Sunday, April 6, 2014**



## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

### CAPE COD CHAPTER



Cleveland-Srixon's Cape & Rhode Island representative Matt Howard sponsored the first Pro-3Am of the spring at Bayberry Hills GC, Yarmouth, MA. Pictured L to R: Matt Wholey, Gil Perez, Howard & White Cliff's PGA Head Professional Rick Baptist.



#### BARAN'S HOT SPRING CONTINUES

Oyster Harbor's PGA Assistant Matt Baran is smoking hot this spring, leading the way in both the NEAA and WOGAN points races. After winning the NEAA Spring Series #1 at his home club he just missed qualifying for the US Open sectionals, followed that by winning the NEPGA's Stroke Play Series #1 at Granite Links. He then tied for top honors in the prestigious Hudson Cup at Duxbury in mid-May. Along the way, Baran and Oyster Harbor's PGA Head Professional Sean Edmonds joined over a dozen Cape teams in the NEPGA Pro-Assistant held at The Bay Club where hosts Greg Yeomans & Tracy Djerf led the locals with a solid T-7 followed by Sankaty Head's Mark Heartfield and Jake Pleczkowski check in with a T-9.

#### DUTCH WESSNER AWARD

The Cape chapter has long honored our departed friend and colleague Dutch Wessner whose name has been attached to the Player of the Year Award for over three decades. Greg Yeomans has won the Dutch Wessner Award five consecutive years. This year a new sponsor, 15thGolfClub.com, owned by fellow PGA Professional Brad Sherman, has emerged as the title sponsor and after two events a pair of Cape stalwarts are on top of the points race. Yeomans and The Club of Yarmouthport's PGA Head Professional Bob Miller share the early lead on 27 points, both recording a win and a runner-up respectively in our first two events.

#### CAPE COD JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Cape Cod Chapter is proud to offer the junior golfers of our region another fantastic schedule (16 events) including five beginner clinics this summer. Each clinic will be led by a different Cape PGA Professional - featuring the new Cape Cod PGA Quarter Century Club lending an experienced hand in making these clinics both fun and informational. Please notify your interested kids about these tournaments and clinics by logging on the Chapters' website: [capecodpga.com](http://capecodpga.com).

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### MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



Finally, the weather has taken a turn for the better, and it is nice to see that most of the courses are finally fully open and operational. I know all of our members and paying guests are itching to get out to the course. Some look at this as long hours in the Golf Shop, but I think we should look at it as a great opportunity to finally initiate new growth of the game opportunities. If you are looking for ideas, please feel free to contact Brian Bain, research "PGA Best Practices" in PGA Magazine, or reach out to your fellow golf professionals for ideas. Any Professionals who have any creative thoughts that you would like to share, please email me, and I will add them to the newsletters throughout the season. Let's not forget about playing opportunities in the Section, and throughout the Tri-Chapters. Please refer to the NEPGA web page for schedules. The Massachusetts Chapter has already made several statements in tournaments this spring.



Pro-Pro Match Play



Pro-Assistant

During a cold & frigid week at LeBaron Hills, Frank Dully and Steve Bramlett outlasted a strong contingent of teams to capture the match-play title. At the 1st Stroke Play Series at Granite links, the Massachusetts Chapter made another strong statement: Jim Burke (Leo J. Martin), Rob Bradley (Brockton Country Club), Sean McTernan (Brae Burn), Aaron Ungvarsky (Big Sticks Golf Academy), and Matt Zdon (Belmont) all had a top 5 finish. At the Hudson Cup, our own Gregory Pieczyski from Weston Golf Club

survived a 5-way playoff for the victory. At the Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant Championship, Brendan Walsh (The Country Club) and Tyler Gosselin (CC of Brookline) shot an impressive 7-under 64 to take home the Championship at The Bay Club. We look forward to another strong showing at the upcoming Pro-Am Championship at Pinehills. I would also like to congratulate Kirk Hanefeld and Chip Johnson for representing Massachusetts in the 2014 Senior PGA Championship!

Please remember, if you have any questions about the Massachusetts Chapter, please contact our Chapter Operations Manager, Nick Erlichman at [nerlichman@pgahq.com](mailto:nerlichman@pgahq.com). Let's also remember to thank our Chapter Sponsors Prize Possessions, ProQuip, Avidia Bank, and ALINE. I know any one of them would love to be a part of a special event at your facility. Whether it is a Member-Guest, Demo Day, etc., please try and include these companies at your next event.

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

### MAINE CHAPTER



Senior Championship: Dunegrass-Wed., June 4

Chapter Championship: Dunegrass-Wed. & Thurs. June 4-5

Pro-Pro Stroke Play: Webhannet- Mon., June 9

Pro Am: Kebo Valley-Tues., June 17

The Maine Chapter has been challenged by Mother Nature this spring. Several of our golf courses have had to deal with inclement weather, cool temperatures and temporary greens. Not only has it affected the play of the members at our facilities, it has had its impact on our early season Pro Am schedule. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our first Pro Am that was to be played at Biddeford Saco and then rescheduled at Toddy Brook. (Thank you Gregg Baker, PGA and the owners of Toddy Brook for your efforts!)

Our first Pro Am of the season was played at The Woodlands Club. Thank you to Doug Van Wickler, PGA, the Host Professional and Chapter President for his help as I kicked off my tournament responsibilities in my new role as Operations Manager. It was a great place to get the season started. Thank you to Cary Gordon and Prato sunglasses for your support.

Our second Pro Am was held at Prouts Neck CC, a beautiful spot on the water in Scarborough, Maine. It was a sunny, windy day which is to be expected but that did not affect the play of our reigning Chapter Champion and Section Champion Shawn Warren, who continues his stellar play in 2014. Shawn eagled the 18th hole to fire a 3 under par 67 and take home the Individual Professional prize. Thanks to Chris Twombly and his staff for all the efforts in making it an enjoyable day for all! A special thank you goes out to Peter Gambardella from Callaway for sponsoring the event and spending the day with me on the patio.

Our Pro Am scheduled for Purpoodock on May 27th has been relocated to Bath CC. Thank you to Sean Barrett, PGA and Leon Oliver, PGA for stepping up and helping out the Chapter with the change in venue. It is difficult to accomplish with such short notice and the Chapter appreciates your efforts. Good luck to Purpoodock and all the facilities on a fast recovery of your golf courses and a successful remainder of your golf season.

On May 22nd the Maine Chapter PGA Professionals volunteered their time at "Golf Night with the Seadogs". We had Golfzilla on hand to provide most of the excitement for the night. It was a joint effort with the PGA, MSGA, and the First Tee Program to promote Golf to families and kids in our local area. The Weather forecast was a little suspect but it turned out to be a nice night. Thanks to Mark Thompson and Taylor-Made for bringing the launch monitor for a long drive contest. A special thanks to Rob Jarvis, PGA and his wonderful spouse Jaime for providing the excitement on the field with SNAG golf. Thank you to Brian Bain, PGA for providing Golfzilla. A "Special Thanks" to all the PGA Professionals for volunteering your time to help promote the game.

### Junior Opportunities to promote at your facilities

Drive, Chip, and Putt- "Journey to Augusta"-Val Halla, Thurs., June 19

Big "I" Qualifier- Cape Arundel Golf Club, Thurs., June 26

### Pro Am Results:

#### **Woodlands**

Individual Professional  
1st- Curtis Goldsberry  
1st- Chad Hopkins  
2nd- Dan Limauro  
2nd- Tim Angis

Senior Professional  
1st- Tim Angis  
2nd- Jim Fairbanks  
3rd- Keenan Flanagan

#### **Prouts Neck**

Individual Professional  
1st- Shawn Warren  
2nd- John Hickson  
3rd- Michael Worroll

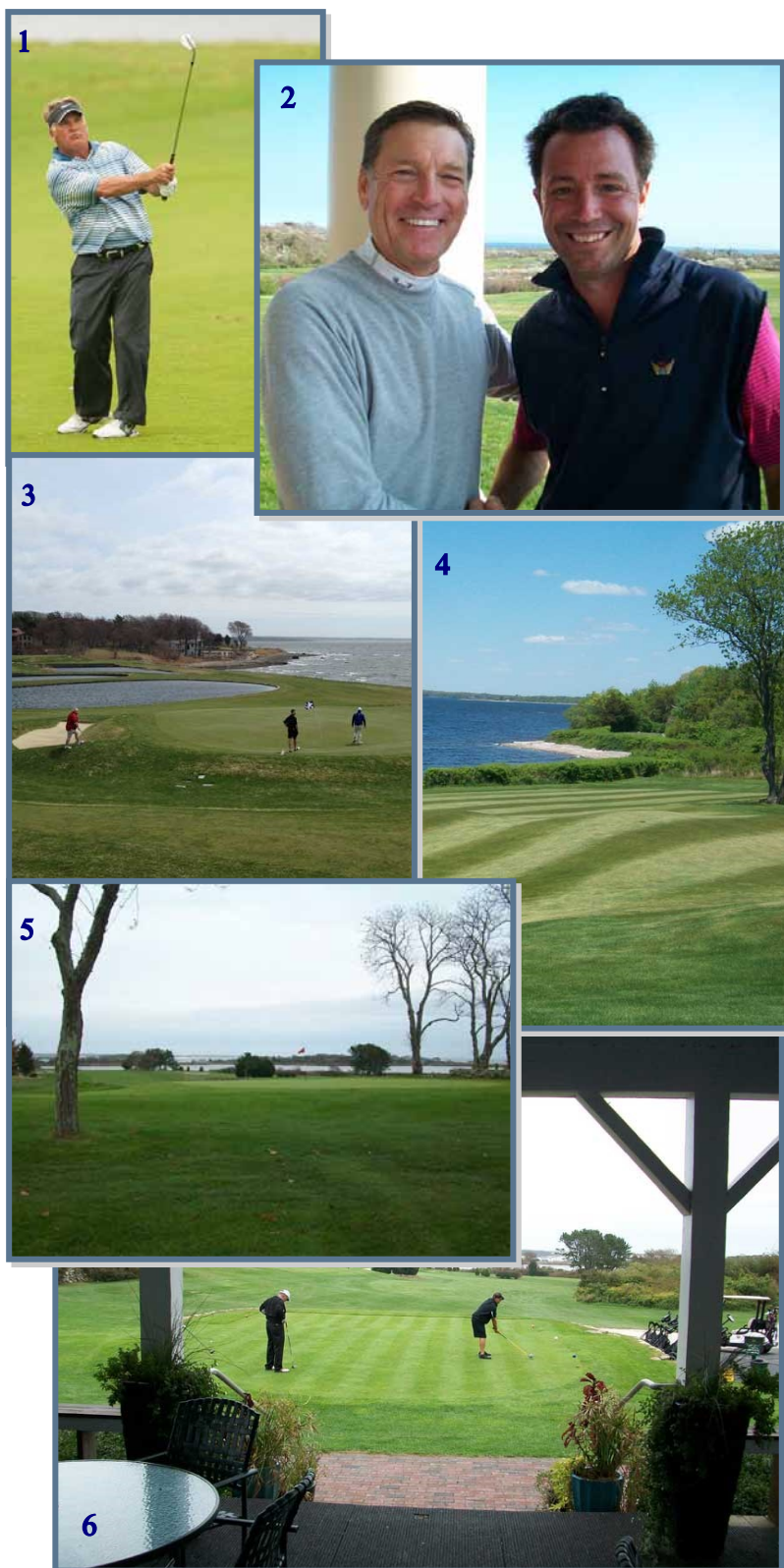
Senior Professional  
1st- Michael Worroll  
2nd- David Grygiel  
3rd- Keenan Flanagan



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### PHOTO TOUR OF THE SPRING IN THE OCEAN STATE



**1.** Alpine's Eddie Kirby finished T-7 (firing -3 / 285) in the national SENIOR CLUB PRO CHAMPIONSHIP held in Florida last month (\$6,366) and represents the Rhode Island faithful in Michigan in the SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP along with Brad Faxon & Billy Andrade from our state.

**2.** The Misquamicut Club's PGA Head Professional Jim Corrigan (left) and his PGA first assistant Matt Doyle returned a winning -4/66 at The Newport CC, in early May edging the team of John Rainone (N. Kingstown) and Jeff Martin (Norton) by one shot. A full field enjoyed the historic venue hosted by PGA Head Professional Barry Westall and his able staff. Callaway's Peter Guild sponsored this PRO PRO.

**3.** Looking back down Carnegie Abbey's 18th hole where Triggs' PGA Head Professional Bob Tramonti led his team to a 3-shot victory at Carnegie Abbey in late May capturing a spot in this fall's Mohegan Sun Invitational will be joined by Alan Santamaria, Mike Dipietro & Rich Leary. Tramonti almost went ALL THE WAY with N. Kingstown's PGA Assistant Brian Owens one week earlier at the NEPGA Pro-Pro Match Play Championship falling in the finals to Frank Dully & Rob Bramlett. Kudos to Carnegie's PGA first Assistant Brendon Ray for his outstanding attempt in the recent US Open qualifier – T-5 which nailed down alternate status...and his T-6 in the NEPGA Hudson Cup one week later. THE CARNEGIE ABBEY PRO AM WAS SPONSORED BY BOTH CCE/ Keith Tortorella and COBRA/PUMA's Clem Lamarre who went beyond the norm in providing tee-gifts, proximity prizes and cash to make this event even more special.

**4.** The view of Warwick's diabolical 9th hole (par 3) where the Chapter visited for their first Pro-3Am of the spring hosted by PGA Head Professional Matt Walsh – sponsored by TaylorMade's Gary Rencurrel. Leading a spring trend of offering events by the sea, the Chapter followed Warwick with Newport, Carnegie Abbey & Acoaxet – all fantastic layouts overlooking the water!

**5.** The view from the 2nd green at The Acoaxet Club host of the 2014 Pro-I Am Championship by PGA Head Professional Brent Amaral, who is this year's Tournament Chairman for the chapter.

**6.** The wonderful view from the Acoaxet golf shop down the first fairway.

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

### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



Congratulations to Matt Arvanitis, Concord Country Club Assistant Professional, who advanced in the Local Qualifying Round for the U.S. Open which will be held at

Pinehurst Resort & Country Club in Pinehurst, N.C. on June 9-15. Arvanitis, who shot a 75 at Point Judith Country Club in Narragansett, RI, secured his position by winning in a playoff. He will move on to the Sectional Qualifying Round which will take place on June 2nd at Old Oaks Country Club in Purchase, NY.



The New Hampshire Chapter has conducted five Pro-Ams to date and if attendance at those events is any indication, it should have a great year. Numbers at these events: The Oaks (104 players); Scottish Highlands (106 players); Laconia (128 players); Kingswood (104 players) and Concord (124 players).

The NHC Player of the Year standings reflect another battle between the usual suspects as Rich Berberian, Jr. of Windham CC and Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC continue to flip-flop for the top spot. Currently, Berberian holds a 10 point lead over Wilkins with Matt Arvanitis in third place.

The Concord Pro-Am featured a test-drive of Lincoln Motors cars...this supporting sponsor was present at the same venue last year and it was so successful, the Lincoln staff had to buy more Titleist golf balls from the pro shop. This year, they gave out close to 80 dozen to participants and also contributed \$500 to the professional purse. The Chapter is grateful for their support and generosity.

The Chapter has changed its venue for the annual Pro-Lady Championship which will be held in July. After a few years of playing at Wentworth By The Sea, the tournament will be played at the Mount Washington Resort and Golf Club in Bretton Woods and hosted by club professional John Pawlak.

Chapter members are excited about the Section Championship being held at Portsmouth CC and the Golf Club of N.E. Many of our professionals have not played at Golf Club of N.E. and the "buzz" of the added skin money has many of them eager to participate.

The Chapter has had a personnel change...John Wollen, Nashua CC Assistant Professional, is returning to his former position at Souhegan Woods...Good Luck, "Bucky"!

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### SENIORS' ASSOCIATION



**PGA**  
New England Section  
Seniors' Association

The remainder of the Seniors' Association Tournament Schedule as follows:

June 9 Pro Am at Whitinsville GC  
July 24 Pro Am at Hopkinton CC  
July 30-31 Sr. Championship/Sr. PNC Qualifier at Okemo Valley GC  
August 27 Pro Am at CC of Halifax

September and October venues with dates to be announced are Thorny Lea GC, Essex County Club, Myopia Hunt Club, and Pleasant Valley CC.

Membership dues are \$25 and the Seniors' Association is open to any PGA Professional who will be reaching the age of 50 in 2014. For more information, please contact Joe Carr, PGA 508.873.7768 or Dennis Selvitella, PGA 508.410.4984. To register and pay your Seniors' Association Dues of \$25, please click [here](#).

The first Senior Pro Am was played at Hillview Golf Course on May 16th with John Theo, PGA of Far Corner CC shooting a 72 to take first in the Individual Pro Gross and Andy Froude, PGA of Stone Meadow Driving Range taking first in the Individual Pro Net at 70 along with Bill Lodge, PGA Life Member Retired. First place in Team Gross was Jim Hilton, PGA of Ould Newbury GC with his amateurs J. Smidt, P. Blake and J. Constantineau with 67 and first place in Team Net was Andy Froude, PGA of Stone Meadow Driving Range with amateurs C. Meeker, W. Mason, and J. McMahon with a 59. For complete results, please click [here](#).

Don't forget to sign up for the Section Sr. Championship/Sr. PNC Qualifier being held at Okemo Valley Golf Club on July 30th and 31st. Registration opens on June 4th through [www.pgalink.com](http://www.pgalink.com) with a deadline of July 15th at 5 pm. If you **ONLY** want to compete in the Section Senior Championship without trying to qualify for the Sr. PGA Professional Championship, please click [here](#) as that registration is open through BlueGolf with an entry fee of \$160.





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

### VERMONT CHAPTER



The Vermont Chapter of the NEPGA Section held their Spring Meeting on May 5, 2014 at Rutland CC hosted by Greg Nelson, PGA and sponsored by Jim Mayo, Bushnell, Imperial Headwear and Antigua Clothing. Vermont Chapter Board of President Dave Pfannenstien, 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, Committee Chair and Rodney Bicknell, PGA Awards presented our PGA special awards. Playing Awards for 2013 were presented to deserving winners by Chapter Directors Josh Olney, PGA and RJ Austin, PGA. We also heard from Mike Higgins, Executive Director of the NEPGA, Mike Packard, PGA, PGA Employment Consultant and Brian Bain, PGA, regional 2.0 Director.

After lunch the Chapter members joined our sales reps and invited guests to form teams for a round of golf. Our Spring Meeting Pro Pro was won by Paul Politano, Montague GC, Matt Havers, PGA, Burlington CC, and Jim Gunnare, PGA, Woodstock CC with a score of 65.

#### **Tournament Results:**

Our first VT Chapter Pro Am was held at Neshobe GC on May 12th with Rodney Bicknell, PGA as our host. We thank our sponsors Chris Catapane of Sterling Cut Glass, and Under Armour and Jeff Kelley of Titleist and for their generous support providing tee gifts, winning team gifts, and closest to the pin awards. Gross team winners were led by rookie Taylor Cowie, Links at Lang Farm and his team with a score of 62.

Net team winners were Jim Dayton, PGA and his Ralph Myhre GC team with a score of 58. Winning Professional scores included Taylor Cowie with 66, followed by Steve Gonsalves, PGA, Links at Lang Farm with a 72 and John Goodchild, PGA, Williston GC with a score of 73.

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Burlington CC on May 19th with John Paul, PGA, Dave Burrell, PGA, and Matt Havers, PGA as our hosts. We thank our sponsors Peter Gambardella and Callaway Golf and NEPGA President Larry Kelley, PGA Five Star Golf Cars with his added Pro Pro purse money.

Net team winners were led by Horace Archer, PGA Member Retired and his team with a score of 58. Gross team winners were led by Host Professional Matt Havers and his team who shot 64. Winning Professional scores included a tie for first with Taylor Cowie, Links at Lang Farm and Rodney Bicknell, PGA, Neshobe GC each with 73. Greg Nelson, PGA Rutland CC, and Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC tied for second with 74's.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- CC of Vermont Pro Am - May 29
- Pro Senior Championship at Woodstock CC - June 2 *sponsored by Lincoln*
- Manchester CC Pro Am - June 9 *sponsored by Club Car*
- Vermont Open - June 16-18, Venue change to Green Mountain National GC

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## SECTION NEWS *Continued...*

### CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Jim Salinetti, PGA of Winchester Country Club and his wife Hillary on the birth of their first child, Dominic Peter Salinetti. Dominic was born on May 5th. He was 8 lbs 2 oz 21 inches.

### CC OF HALIFAX PATRIOT DAY



The Country Club of Halifax recently raised over \$14,000 for the Folds of Honor during their Patriot Day event.



# AT THE TURN

Member Updates

## New Members

Name	Class	Facility
Logan R. Duderstadt, PGA	A-20	Acushnet Company
Nicholas M. Kowal, PGA	A-20	Acushnet Company
Lucas J. Langelier, PGA	A-8	Blue Hill Country Club
Michael McLaughlin, PGA	A-8	Woodland Golf Club
Scott A. Moody, PGA	A-6	GolfTEC - Danvers
Michael F. Roy II, PGA	A-8	Black Rock Country Club

## New Apprentices

Name	Class	Facility
Bryan J. Burnett	B-8	The Milton Hoosic Club
Taylor R. Cowie	B-8	Links At Lang Farm
Reece B. Delaire	B-8	Williston Golf Club
Richard J. Gray	B-8	Shattuck Golf Club
Brian J. Groover	B-8	Cohasset Golf Club
Michael T. Hersey	B-8	Samoset Resort Golf Club
Young Gyu Jang	B-8	Quail Ridge Country Club
Jared R. Little	B-8	Wannamoisett Country Club

## New Transfers into Section

Name	Class	Previous Section
Kai N. Aoki, PGA	A-8	Northern California
Stacy M. Barwick, PGA	A-8	South Florida
Blaize M. Baumgartner, PGA	A-8	Illinois
Jason R. Benko, PGA	A-8	Carolinas
Jeff L. Brookhart, PGA	A-8	Northern Texas
Joshua M. Campbell	B-8	Northern Texas
Christopher J. Ela	B-8	Connecticut
Brett A. Graf, PGA	A-8	South Florida
E. Keith Jones, PGA	A-8	Rocky Mountain
Aaron M. Karr, PGA	A-8	South Florida
Nicholas A. Kenis	B-8	South Florida
Joshua D. Lynch	B-8	South Central
Jared B. Marshall, PGA	A-8	South Florida
Scott R. Nield, PGA	A-1	Illinois
Bruce Olson, PGA	A-1	Northern California
Ron Philo Sr, PGA	LM	Carolinas
Robert H. Prange, PGA	A-14	Indiana
Benjamin J. Sklar	B-6	South Florida
William S. Welch, PGA	A-8	North Florida

## Employment Changes

Name	Class	Start	Facility
Matthew R. Alwin	B-8	5/5	Dedham Country & Polo Club
Christopher T. Antonellis	B-8	5/4	Baker Hill Golf Club
Kai N. Aoki, PGA	A-8	4/28	Sakonnet Golf Club
Stacy M. Barwick, PGA	A-8	5/20	Nantucket Golf Club
Blaize M. Baumgartner, PGA	A-8	4/29	Weston Golf Club
Jason R. Benko, PGA	A-8	5/2	Vineyard Golf Club
Daniel S. Calderwood	B-8	4/24	Cape Cod Country Club
Jeff L. Brookhart, PGA	A-8	4/21	Newport Country Club
Joshua M. Campbell	B-8	4/18	Augusta Country Club
Philip B. Cardwell, PGA	A-8	5/1	Sankaty Head Golf Club
Matthew J. Conroy, PGA	A-1	5/1	Mount Snow Country Club
Christopher J. Ela	B-8	5/8	Basin Harbor Club
Nicholas K. Eneboe, PGA	A-8	5/13	Nantucket Golf Club
Matthew K. Engberg, PGA	A-1	5/3	Apple Island Resort & Golf Club
Raymond J. Geffre III, PGA	A-8	5/10	Stowe Mountain Club
Brett A. Graf, PGA	A-8	5/5	Winchester Country Club
James F. Hart, PGA	A-6	5/13	Pinecrest Golf Club
Jeffrey D. Horger	B-8	5/1	The Milton Hoosic Club
David A. Johnson, PGA	A-1	5/5	Blissful Meadows
E. Keith Jones, PGA	A-8	4/28	Nantucket Golf Club
Aaron M. Karr, PGA	A-8	5/3	Wianno Club
Nicholas A. Kenis	B-8	5/1	Vesper Country Club
Adam J. Lucas, PGA	A-8	5/5	Vineyard Golf Club
Joshua D. Lynch	B-8	5/1	Baker Hill Golf Club
Jared B. Marshall, PGA	A-8	5/1	The Shelter Harbor Golf Club
Paul H. Meunier, PGA	A-14	5/1	Sugarbush Golf Club
Scott R. Nield, PGA	A-1	4/1	Stowe Mountain Club
Bruce Olson, PGA	A-1	5/1	Sebasco Harbor Resort
Robert H. Prange, PGA	A-14	4/29	Basin Harbor Club
John R. Simmons, PGA	A-1	5/14	Bungay Brook Golf Club
Nicholas R. Siudela, PGA	A-14	4/23	GolfTEC - Rhode Island
Benjamin J. Sklar	B-6	5/15	Mount Snow Country Club
Will Starkweather, PGA	A-8	5/1	Tedesco Country Club
Jared P. Tise	B-8	5/19	Rock Creek Cattle Company
Aaron J. Ungvarsky, PGA	A-8	5/1	Big Sticks Golf Academy
William S. Welch, PGA	A-8	5/1	Dorset Field Club
John T. Wollen, PGA	A-1	5/23	Souhegan Woods Golf Club
Michael R. Worroll, PGA	A-6	4/25	Nonesuch River Golf Club

## Classification Changes

Name	Class	Facility
Stacy M. Barwick, PGA	A-8	Nantucket Golf Club
Matthew J. Conroy, PGA	A-1	Mount Snow Country Club
David A. Johnson, PGA	A-1	Blissful Meadows
Scott E. Mann, PGA	A-4	Sunset Ridge Golf Links
Paul H. Meunier, PGA	A-14	Sugarbush Golf Club
Michael Mullavey, PGA	A-13	Mt Pleasant Golf Club
Scott R. Nield, PGA	A-1	Stowe Mountain Club
Bruce Olson, PGA	A-1	Sebasco Harbor Resort
Christopher R. Riley	B-1	South Shore Country Club
John R. Simmons, PGA	A-1	Bungay Brook Golf Club
Nicholas R. Siudela, PGA	A-14	GolfTEC - Rhode Island
Benjamin J. Sklar	B-6	Mount Snow Country Club
Matthew T. Stephens, PGA	A-13	Blackstone National Golf Club
John T. Wollen, PGA	A-1	Souhegan Woods Golf Club
Michael R. Worroll, PGA	A-6	Nonesuch River Golf Club

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