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Rich Berberian Jr., NEPGA Assistant Professional at Windham Country Club, captured the 2016 PGA Professional Championship Title at Atunyote Golf Club in Verona, New York. Read more about his victory on page 16 of this news magazine.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Rob Jarvis, PGA



Greetings NEPGA Professionals and Friends,

I hope this message finds all of you well. Summer is finally here and the temperatures are rising. It is nice to finally be able to wake up to the warm sun and enjoy some comfortable rounds of golf at our facilities. The NEPGA is having a great year so far with all of our events. Mike Higgins and

staff are doing a great job managing a very full schedule and should be commended for their efforts. Without all of them, our season would not be as full with opportunity as it is. Governance takes a small step back during this time of year, but there are a couple of things I would like to make you aware of and share with you.

Past Presidents On Deck

A few weeks ago the section held its annual Past Presidents Outing. The typical agenda is a "State of the Section" type BOD meeting, 18 holes of golf, and a dinner in the evening. It never ceases to amaze me just how engaged our past leaders still are. In fact, I hesitate to use the word "past" in that sentence as they are still helping to shape our section one way or another. This is the second outing of its type that I have attended, the first as our section's president. In order to move forward, it is vital to know how we got where we are today. There is no doubt that there are many contributing factors to the success and growth of the New England Section, but after spending the day with these distinguish golf professionals I am positive that quality leadership is the main contributing factor. Each president was kind enough to share their most memorable experiences as president and some of the defining moments of their tenure. I can't thank them enough for spending the day with us and still being strong advocates and supporters of their New England PGA.

Rules, Rules, Rules

It sure seems that rules and making rulings have been at the forefront of golf water cooler talk as of late. I am quite sure that most of us have had interactions with our members regarding the two most recent incidents that have occurred during the U.S. Opens. The rules can be very complicated, often misunderstood, and frequently embellished. Most of this is due to lack of education on the player's part. Most amateur golfers do not have the opportunity to attend comprehensive rules seminars, or they are not aware of their options to do so through their local state amateur body. This does not mean that they are not interested. I promise it is just the opposite.

Given all of this information, I think we should all be taking a leadership role within our communities and facilities to

provide proper rules knowledge. I am not here to judge either of those situations as I was not involved and have no desire to be an armchair quarterback. I am, however, here to say that situations like these do nothing good for our game. Every time the sport gets negative press, it makes it that more difficult on the PGA Professional to grow the game. The physicalities of the sport are difficult enough and when the governing rules body doesn't project the image that they indeed are the rules experts, how is an amateur beginner going to think they will ever have a firm grasp on the rule book. Consider two things for this season if you already do not. Hold a series of rules-only clinics or run them in conjunction with a Get Golf Ready type program. If you have never held one of these, you won't have to look too far for material. The golfers will have tons of questions already. Not only will these seminars provide your members and patrons with increased knowledge, it will also affirm in their eyes that their NEPGA Professional is indeed an expert in the game and every facet thereof. If you are not very confident in the rules, maybe your second option should be to attend a rules seminar in the winter season. There are several offered by the PGA/USGA. Not only will you increase your personal knowledge, you will get some MSR's as well.

Rich Berberian Jr Wins!



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In closing I would like to extend congratulations to Rich Berberian Jr, PGA for his triumphant victory at the Club Professional Championship. It is fantastic to see a NEPGA Professional win this most coveted event. Rich represents himself, the NEPGA and all of his brother and sister professionals very well and I know we are all proud of his accomplishment. I would be remiss to not congratulate all other professionals from our section on their fine play at this event as well.

Respectfully,

Rob Jarvis, PGA
New England PGA President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Mike Higgins



Happy July everyone! I would like to start my July letter with a few accolades and congratulations. First to the 17 New England PGA Professionals that qualified for the PNC – thank you for representing the New England Section at the PNC this past June at the Turning Stone Resort. We had more PGA Professionals competing than any other Section, and the NEPGA did not disappoint. A special congrats to Jeff Martin, PGA, Kirk Hanefeld, PGA, Jeff Sanders, PGA for making the three day cut, and to Rich Berberian, Jr. for not only making the cut, but for winning the PNC! Congratulations to all our PGA Professionals, but especially Rich. To win the National Championship against such a strong field is simply AWESOME! The New England PGA's reigning

Section Champion is now the Nation's Champion!

Over the last few weeks I have been asked my opinion on a few controversial rulings at the men's and women's U.S. Open Championships. As an administrator of golf events I certainly have had my share of rulings and even found myself in a few difficult situations. I thought both Johnson and Nordqvist handled themselves as true professionals both during the situation and following with the media. We all serve as rules officials at our own events, but we are just on a smaller stage. It certainly can be difficult providing a ruling in the heat of the moment at a U.S. Open, a NEPGA Section Championship, or even an event at your club. At the end of the day the most important thing is that we as rules officials get it right. I have the luxury of having an expert in the rules of golf on staff (Ron Green, PGA) to lean on for a second opinion. Many times at your facility you are the final say in the decision and your members are looking for you to make the call. Having a decisions book with you while officiating is very important, but knowing how to navigate around it is also very important. The ability to show the rule, or decision to a competitor validates your ruling.

As most of you know, you can always contact the USGA for a second opinion, or clarification, but you certainly can reach out to your NEPGA staff for help as well. In future issues of our news magazine, the NEPGA Director of Rules and Competition, Ron Green, PGA will be including some helpful tips to navigate your way through the USGA Decisions Book that will hopefully make the difficult situations at your club just a little less difficult.

At the end of the school year I was very fortunate to travel with the 4th Grade Elementary Class of Spring Street School to Plymouth Plantation. To visit Plymouth Rock and see actors playing out the lives of the Pilgrims was a treat and a great way to spend the day with my daughter. On the bus ride home I couldn't help but think about how 200 NEPGA Professionals will be coming to Plymouth, MA to compete for our 96th New England PGA Championship at Pinehills GC this August. This is a terrific venue for our Section's major championship.

I am very excited about this year's Championship and I am confident the participants will enjoy what we have planned. Please [click here](#) to register if you have not done so already. The deadline has been pushed back and is now August 3rd at 11:59 PM.

No one understands how busy PGA Professionals are during the summer months more than your New England PGA staff. It is one of the reasons we work so hard to improve our programs year after year and to accommodate your hectic schedules. I follow many of you on your social media platforms and I am continually impressed with some of the events and programs you conduct at your facilities. Keep conducting high quality events that make your members want to participate more and impress their guests so that they want to join your facility. Continue to be visible and engaged!

I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the summer. If there is ever anything either myself or any of the dedicated staff can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

Michael Higgins
New England PGA Executive Director

Important Dates

JULY 18

NEPGA Pro-Am
Thorny Lea Golf Club

JULY 19

NEPGA Pro-Senior
Metacomet Country Club

JULY 24

Invitational Pro-Member
Needham Golf Club

JULY 25

NEPGA Pro-Pro Stroke Play
Championship
The Haven Country Club

JULY 28-31

2016 PGA Championship
Baltusrol Golf Club

JULY 30

Invitational Pro-Member
Haverhill Country Club

AUGUST 1

NEPGA Stroke Play #4
Montcalm Golf Club

AUGUST 3

NEPGA Professional
Championship Entry Deadline

AUGUST 3-4

NEPGA Senior Professional
Championship
Okemo Valley Golf Club

AUGUST 22-24

NEPGA Professional
Championship
Pinehills Golf Club

AUGUST 24

NEPGA Assistant Professional
Championship Entry Deadline

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Scarafoni Shines

Todd Scarafoni, PGA wins Stroke Play Series #3

WATCH Event Highlights

Todd Scarafoni, PGA, of Turner Hill finished with a two under par 68 to end in the top spot at the 2016 NEPGA Stroke Play Series #3 event at the George Wright Golf Club in Hyde Park, Mass. John Paesani, (The Bay Club) PGA, shot a one under par 69 to finish first in the senior division.

Scarafoni started out his round slowly from one of the earliest tee times. He made one bogey and one birdie on the ninth hole to close out the front. On the back, the Assistant Professional really turned up the heat. He made four birdies, two back-to-back sets, on 10 and 11 and 13 and 14. Even following these with two bogeys would prove enough on a day where the course was playing very tough for many of the professionals. Scarafoni finished with the wining spot with a two under par 68.

Paesani had a great day as well. Like Scarafoni, he finished the front nine even in relation to par, but made two bogeys and two birdies, which cancelled each other out. This was a

similar story for many of the professionals, who struggled with certain holes on the course and succeeded on others. All of the holes had birdies made on them, except the fifth and eighteenth. Paesani came out with one birdie extra from the 17th to finish at one under. In the full field, he finished T2 with Jeffrey Martin, PGA (Norton CC), and also was the top finisher in the senior division.

The placement of George Wright in Hyde Park almost seems to be mistaken. It's a true 'diamond in the rough' as the sprawling, pristine, course sits in a predominantly urban area. The course filled many of our players from the area with nostalgia, as the last time they played the track they were in high school.

A big thank you goes out to George Wright Golf Club and head PGA Professional Richard Allen, PGA, and his staff for hosting this event. Another thank you goes to our partners, Ahead, Cutter and Buck, Yamaha, PGA Tour, and Golf Buddy.

We'd also like to thank Dan Dempsey, PGA and Melissa Dempsey from Ahead and Cutter and Buck, as well as Carey and Cathy Gordon from GolfBuddy for being present at the event.

The next and fourth event in the Stroke Play Series is on August 1st at Montcalm Country Club in Enfield, NH. Registration is at www.nepga.com and is open until July 24th.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Todd Scarafoni	-2	68
T2	Jeffrey Martin	-1	69
T2	John Paesani	-1	69
T4	Kirk Hanefeld	+1	71
T4	Jeff Seavey	+1	71
T4	Robert Tramonti	+1	71
T7	Philip Cardwell	+2	72
T7	Robert Bradley	+2	72
T9	Dan Gillis	+3	73
T9	Hal Jacobs	+3	73

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Jumping Juniors

Junior players have stellar day as Marshfield Wins Pro-Junior

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WATCH Event Highlights

Andrew Wester, Nick Stewart (a), Zach Stewart (a) and Matt Daley (a) from Marshfield Country Club shot a gross score of eleven under par 59 to take the Pro-Junior Championship at Presidents Golf Club in Quincy, Mass.

When asked what made the biggest difference for them today, the answer seemed simple:

"The birdie putts. The birdies were huge," said Wester and his team.

They couldn't be more right. As a team, the Marshfield CC crew made an incredible eleven total birdies on the day. For a course that can be very quirky at times, this was no small feat, but they made stringing together multiple birdies seem easy. The group went on a long stretch of making back-to-back birdies from holes 12 through 17. This stretch of consistent, strong play secured the championship at -11.

The team from Bass Rocks GC, led by PGA Professional Darek Franklin, PGA, and juniors Mark Turner (a) Ryan Muniz (a) and Colby Mitchell (a) put the pressure on Marshfield with their great play on the course as well. Bass Rocks made ten total birdies, which would normally be an incredible stat, and very much is; but surprisingly, even a gross score of -10 wasn't enough to beat Marshfield, and they finished in second place.

The real story of the day has little to do with the professionals, however. The junior play Monday was nothing short of incredible. Rory Casey (a), a member of the team from Charles River CC led by Michael Sullivan, PGA, made his very first hole-in-one on the second hole. The Charles River team finished T3 at 7 under par 63.

Mark Turner (a), a member of the second place gross division Bass Rocks GC team, made eight birdies and one bogey and shot a 63 on his own ball. With junior talent this immense, the future looks promising for golf in New England.

A big thank you goes out to head professional Dana Smith, PGA and President's Golf Club for hosting this wonderful event. Also, thank you to partners in this event Titleist and FootJoy for some great tee gifts for all of our juniors.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Wester/Stewart/Stewart/Daley	-11	59
2	Franklin/Turner/Muniz/Mitchell	-10	60
T3	Pawlak/Drew/Burdett/Nadeau	-7	63
T3	Sullivan/Casey/Willett/Gonzalez	-7	63
5	Smith/McGillvary/Carney/Sexton	-6	64
T6	Clancy/Monday/Stroud/Johnson	-3	67
T6	Watroba/Tyer/McCabe/Noll	-3	67
T8	Keiser/Bodley/McGrath/Rose, Jr.	-2	68
T8	Stephens/Stephens/Bartlett/Henderson	-2	68
T10	Coleman/Cate/Grosso/Cutin	-1	69

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Officially Tied

Teams from Kenwood CC and Hopedale CC Tie for the Top at Pro-Officer

WATCH Event Highlights

The team from Kernwood Country Club and the team from Hopedale Country Club both shot four under par 68 to finish tied for the top place at the 2016 NEPGA Pro-Officer at The International Golf Club in Bolton, Mass. Frank Dully was the low individual professional, shooting a one under par 71.

Both Kernwood and Hopedale said they got off to a slow start. Kernwood, led by Frank Dully, PGA, and Rick Rocket had an eleventh tee start this afternoon. As a pair they made bogey on the par three 13th. They worked hard on the back nine to pick their game up, and made birdie on 18. That was just the spark they needed. The pair made four more birdies on #1, 3, 7 and 8 to finish with a gross score of four under par 68.

Craig Coombes, PGA of Hopedale Country Club and Todd Fritch also said they got off to a slow start. From their fifth tee start, they made their first birdie of five on the long, par five eighth. They played a strong round of golf from there on out, and only slipped on the par-three 17th, where they made a bogey. Fritch and Coombes would finish by making back-to-back birdies on one and two, ending with the same top score of four under, 68.

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Frank Dully, PGA of Kernwood CC, was also the champion in the Individual division. Dully alone played a strong game, making four solo birdies on 1, 7, 8, and 18. These overshadowed the three bogeys he had and hoisted him to the top place.

Along with great play on the course, there was a closest to the hole competition on the towering par 3, fourth hole. Joel Jenkins was 6'2 from the pin and won a new Nike golf bag courtesy of Nike Golf. Pat O'Brien was the closest to the pin on the 13th and won a Jordan Spieth signed Chambers Bay pin flag from the 2015 U.S. Open, courtesy of Full Swing Golf.

A big thank you to the International Golf Club and PGA Head Professional Chris Kesheta, PGA and their staff for a wonderful day. We'd also like to thank partners for this event Full Swing Golf, Nike Golf, Tournament Solutions and WeatherBug for not only supplying tee gifts but also being present at the event.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
T1	Kernwood CC (Dully/R Rocket)	-4	68
T1	Hopedale CC (Coombes/Fritch)	-4	68
3	Manchester CC (McKittrick/Larrivee)	-3	69
T4	Sandy Burr CC (Golden/Cibotti)	-2	70
T4	LeBaron Hills CC (Rooney/Copeland)	-2	70
T4	Kernwood CC (Dully/M Rocket)	-2	70
T7	LeBaron Hills CC (Rooney/Sears)	-1	71
T7	Sharon CC (Hayes/O'Brien)	-1	71
T7	Oakley CC (Johnson/Coughlin)	-1	71
T7	Bedrock GC (Carr/Gale)	-1	71

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A War on Marshfield

Players Fought Golf Course and Weather in Stroke Play Series #2

WATCH Event Highlights



Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC) made four birdies and one bogey to shoot a three under par 67 on the day to take the top spot in the NEPGA's second Stroke Play Series event of the season at Marshfield Country Club in Marshfield, Mass.

Warren started out very strong from the first tee. After hitting a monstrous tee shot to about ten yards from the edge of the green, he chipped on, one-putted and made birdie on the hole. He would make another birdie on the fifth hole and a bogey on six to make the turn at one under. Warren would continue his strong play on the back, and made two more birdies on 11 and 16 to finish three under.

The course seemed to play pretty tough that day. Many players said the greens were pretty fast, even after the rain the night before, and the weather delay. Only 2 professionals shot under par for the day.

In the morning, the view on the first tee seemed to be the best golf weather New England had to offer. The sunny, blue skies, and light breeze made for a great start to the day. However, as field later found out, it was too good to be true. Around 2pm with the final groups on the back nine, the once pristine skies filled with clouds and the wind and rain whipped through the course. A weather delay of about 45 minutes followed until the electricity in the area cleared.

Matt Baran, PGA (Oyster Harbors CC) also played a strong round today. Baran got off to a slow start with a bogey on the second hole. He quickly rebounded and made two birdies, one on seven and one on nine, to close out the front at one under par. On the back, Baran made two more birdies on the 10th and 13th. However, the two bogeys he made on 14 and 18 would lock him into the second place spot.

A big thank you to Marshfield Country Club, their staff, and James Antonelli, PGA for being great hosts; especially through our weather delay. We also thank our partners in our Stroke Play Series Events: Golf Buddy, Yamaha, Ahead, Cutter and Buck, and PGA Tour.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Shawn Warren	-3	67
2	Matt Baran	-1	69
T3	Gregg Richbourg	E	70
T3	Kevin Rhoads	E	70
T3	Aaron Ungvarsky	E	70
T6	James Burke	+1	71
T6	Ben Egan	+1	71
T6	Greg Farland	+1	71
T6	Philip Cardwell	+1	71
T10	John Rainone	+2	72

[Complete Results](#)

Cyprian Steel Force

Strong Irons take down teams at Carnegie Abbey

WATCH Event Highlights

Scott Hickey, PGA and Mike Powers from Cyprian Keyes Golf Club were champions of both the best ball gross and net divisions at the NEPGA Pro+1 Am at the Carnegie Abbey Club on Monday. Jeff Seavey, PGA of the Samoset Resort was also crowned champion in the individual professional division.

The team of Hickey and Powers displayed strong control and power from the very start. Starting from the second hole, the duo made back-to-back birdies on the fourth and fifth holes, and then made an eagle on the sixth. This stream of birdies continued onto the back nine, as they made six more birdies after. Even a bogey on the 16th couldn't hold them from taking the top spots. They made a phenomenal eight total birdies and one eagle on the day. In the one best ball of 2 net they finished with a 9 under par 62, and 8 under par 63 in the gross division to take both of the top spots.

Players on the course had picture perfect weather and an expert forecaddie as their guide. However, the strong winds coming from the Narragansett Bay made the often "quirky" course a little tougher throughout the round.

Jeff Seavey, PGA, of Samoset Resort worked hard to record the top individual professional score. From his tenth tee start, he made a birdie on the opening hole. He played a solid round from there, but knew he would have to make more birdies to get to the top of the leaderboard. That's exactly what he did. Seavey finished with a total four birdies on the day.

The team of Ed Kirby, PGA, and partner Jim Mahoney had great days on the course as well. They started their day on the 17th hole and immediately made birdies on 17 and 18. Kirby and Mahoney made five more birdies and one bogey after that, to finish their round with a net score of 6 under par 65, taking the second place spot in the net division. On the gross side, they finished with five birdies and one bogey, to end with a score of 4-under 67.

A big thanks to our partners Turkish Airlines, Prize Possessions, Fairway and Greene, Par Bar, and Fisher's Island Lemonade for not only being present at this event, but also for the wonderful tee gifts for all of our players. Another thank you to the staff at the Carnegie Abbey Club and especially Head PGA Professional Jimmy DiMarino, PGA and Assistant Professional Brendon Ray, PGA.



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T5	Dan Gillis	+2	73
T7	Gregg Richbourg	+3	74
T7	Ed Kirby	+3	74
T9	Brian Owens	+4	75
T9	Thomas Rooney	+4	75

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Irons: Cobra 4-PW
Putter: Titleist Scotty Cameron



2016 Stroke Play Series #3

George Wright Golf Club, Hyde Park, Mass.

Todd Scarafoni, PGA
Turner Hill Golf Club

In Todd's Bag....

Driver: Ping G-Driver
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Deadline: August 3, 2016

NEPGA Assistant Championship

Spring Valley CC, Sharon, MA

Tues.-Wed., September 13-14, 2016

Deadline: August 24, 2016

NEPGA Pro-Am Thorny Lea Golf Club | Monday, July 18th

Coming up on Monday, July 18th, the NEPGA will have its first Centennial Series Pro-Am at Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton, Mass. It's a 2 best ball of four event with gross and net scores added together with an Individual Professional division. Thank you to event partners Turkish Airlines and Mohegan Sun!

This event is full at 32 teams.



NEPGA Pro-Senior Invitational Metacomet Country Club | Tuesday, July 19th



Next on Tuesday July 19th, the NEPGA will travel to historic Metacomet Country Club in East Providence, RI for its Pro-Senior Invitational. This 18-hole stroke-play event is one best ball of four, with an Individual professional purse, and gross and net divisions, where the lowest gross score determines the champion. Teams may only win in one division.

Registration is now closed.

NEPGA Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship

The Haven Country Club | Monday, July 25th

Come out for what promises to be a great event! The Pro-Pro Stroke Play returns to The Haven Country Club for this 36-hole stroke play competition. There are great tee gifts such as a Fennec Stripe Tech shirt, Signature Tumbler designed custom NEPGA tumbler, YRI Blue Leather PGA Embroidered Wallet, and Jones Shag Bag Cooler! Thank you to our partners on this event Martin Golf, Fennec, YRI, Signature Tumblers, Kirk and Matz, and the Haven Country Club!



[Register Online](#)

NEPGA Stroke Play Series #4 Montcalm Golf Club | Monday, August 1st



Finally, on August 1st, we will make our way north. We're traveling to Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield, NH for the fourth of five events in our NEPGA Stroke Play Series.

As always, a huge thank you to Ahead, Yamaha, Cutter and Buck, PGA Tour, and GolfBuddy, for their continued support of this popular event.

[Register Online](#)

The Year of Berberian

Rich Berberian, PGA of Windham Country Club, sunk a 35ft birdie putt on the 18th hole at the Professional National Championship at Turning Stone Casino and Resort to win the 49th PGA Professional National Championship contested on June 26-19, 2016. Berberian qualified to play in the PGA Championship at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ on July 25-31.

It was a long week for Berberian who was near the top of the leaderboard for much of the event. This status was, however, not representative of an easy path. In Wednesday's final round, Berberian had come out strong, making four birdies and one bogey on the front nine. On the back, the professional from Windham CC ran into a struggle that potentially threatened his finish. After making birdie on the eleventh, Berberian made a triple bogey on the par five 12th hole. For many in this field who have been jockeying for position in the top 20 the last few days, this could have meant the end. But, Rich toughened up and put his head down to focus on the rest of his round.

Berberian came out of the 12th firing. He came back to make a clutch birdie on 13 and pull to within two of his once top spot. Moving into the final holes, Rich knew that he would have to play some of his best golf if he wanted to take the coveted first place finish in the Professional Championship. He birdied 16 and made par on 17 to pull back to his T1 position and put the pressure on leader Omar Uresti, PGA. After a towering tee shot to start the 18th, he flighted an approach shot that landed just behind the green, and ran his next chip shot a little long. He then stared down a 35ft putt that was a must-make if he wanted that top spot. He lined up, and took a line that seemed to dive slightly to the left, but was good enough to land in the bottom of the cup for the winning birdie.

Jeff Martin, PGA (Norton CC), Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC), and Jeff Sanders, PGA (Kittansett CC), all made it to this last cut line and played for one of the top 20 spots. However, although playing some great golf, they all finished outside of the top 20.

The NEPGA congratulates all of our PGA Professionals who made it to Turning Stone Resort and Casino to play in this great championship. We are so proud of them, and wish Rich Berberian, PGA the best of luck as he moves on to the PGA Championship on July 25-31 at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ.



Volunteer at the DBC Pro-Am



As we have in the past, we are asking PGA Professionals to volunteer as Am-bassadors for the **DBC Pro-Am** that will be played on **Thursday, September 1st**. Volunteers will receive a package prior to the Pro Am with an instructional sheet, suggested script, oxford cloth shirt, credentials, and parking pass for the volunteer lot at Norton High School.

Please be sure to indicate your shirt size during the registration process. Yardage books are no longer available but please feel free to bring your own distance measuring device.

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. *Please note that cameras/camcorders are not allowed to be used during the round or at the range.*

Click the below links to sign up to volunteer:

AM Wave 7 AM - 9 AM

PM Wave Noon - 2 PM

BOTH Waves
(Walk Early AM & Late PM)

No Wave Preference

Olney Saves a Life on the Course with Defibrillator

PGA General Manager Josh Olney at Orleans Country Club (VT) was able to use a defibrillator to save the life of Moe Jacobs who suffered from a heart attack while playing golf at the course in June. [Click here](#) to read more.

GRAA Boot Camp

Bay Club at Mattapoisett - Sept. 7

The Golf Range Association of America Boot Camp presented by PGA Magazine Group will be hosted at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett (MA) on Wednesday, September 7th. Guests include PGA Professionals, range owners, managers, superintendents and operators. Peers and sponsors have the opportunity to network and share information, discuss new technology and exchange best practices. Attendance is complimentary and includes all conference programs, continental breakfast and lunch. PGA Professionals will earn 1 MSR education credit. [Click here](#) to read about the speakers and to view the agenda. [Click here](#) to register!

Send Us Your Pin Flag!

We will be proudly displaying pin flags from New England clubs at our Section Championship at Pinehills Golf Club on August 22-24. We ask that you send a flag from your club to our Section office by August 15 (NEPGA, PO Box 743, Boylston, MA 01505). If you are playing in or volunteering at any of our upcoming events, feel free to drop off your flag with a Section staff member.

Thank You!



NEPGA Through the Years

The First NEPGA Member to Become President of the PGA of America



It was an extraordinarily proud time indeed when the Section's Jim Remy, based at the Okemo Valley Golf Club in the central

Vermont village of Ludlow, in 2008 was elected the thirty-sixth president of the Professional Golfers' Association of America. The Leominster, Massachusetts, native thus became the first member of the New England PGA elected to the highest office in the 27,000-member organization.

"It was an awesome experience; a fellow from not exactly a hotbed of golf, advancing to the presidency of one amazing organization," Remy says in reflection. "Making trophy presentations to two PGA Champions, visiting the White House with the 2010 U.S. Ryder Cup team, playing golf with President Bush. It was like a dream.

"But the real satisfaction came from taking part in the day-to-day business of the PGA of America, working each of those days for our members. My final

year as president (2010) I happily drove nine thousand miles back and forth from my home in Vermont to Bradley Airport outside Hartford to catch flights while traveling on PGA business."

Remy's path to the presidency of "The National," after he had served as president of the NEPGA (1995-1997), began when he and Lyons shared the same ambition one day in conversation: Each desired to run for the same PGA National District Director position. "At which point I told Donnie," Remy recalled, 'you run for the District office; I'll run for a national office (secretary).' This was 2004.

"Turns out Don won his election, I won election for secretary of 'The National,' and we thus ended up on the same PGA Board. I had Eddie Carbone (long-time NEPGA executive director) as my campaign manager. I got tremendous support from my home Section and the Connecticut/New York district and pulled off a big upset. There were six other candidates, fellows from Texas, New York and California among others."

The election meant the handsome, elo-

quent Remy would serve two years as secretary, followed by two years as vice-president before becoming president, based on PGA procedure and tradition.

Remy was an intelligent, effective, shining face of the PGA of America during his six years in national office, most significantly in his final two as president. "I like to think I helped the PGA move forward in policy and achievement during those years," Remy said. "It was an honor beyond words."

Remy served, per tradition, as Honorary President of the PGA of America in 2011 and 2012. More recently, in addition to his fulltime position as vice president and general manager of the Okemo Golf Division at Okemo Valley Golf Club, where he has worked since late 1997, Remy provided commentary and analysis for the Back Nine golf network and performs public speaking assignments for Nike Golf.

"It's all part of the wonderful life golf has given my family and me," Remy says.

Register for a Drive, Chip & Putt Qualifier Near You!

DATE

Thurs., July 21, 2016

Wed., July 27, 2016

Sun., July 31, 2016

Tues., August 16, 2016

SITE

Blissful Meadows Golf Club (Uxbridge, MA)

Granite Links Golf Club (Quincy, MA)

SUBREGIONAL: Renaissance (Haverhill, MA)

SUBREGIONAL: LeBaron Hills CC (Lakeville, MA)

Visit the NEPGA Drive, Chip & Putt website for local qualifier details



SECTION NEWS

Support the Joey Coakley Memorial Pro-Am

We would like to invite you to participate in the Joey Coakley Memorial Pro-Am on Monday, August 8th. The "Coakley" as it has come to be known, now in its 48th year, has grown to include more than 270 participants playing on two of the premier private courses in Massachusetts; Charles River Country Club and Woodland Golf Club. As an added benefit, each group of three amateurs has the opportunity to test their skills in 18 holes of golf against an NEPGA professional.

The Tournament has raised over 2.2 million dollars toward the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's mission, and is considered the "Grand-daddy" of its golf series.

There are many ways to get involved:

If you are interested in playing as a Pro in the Joey Coakley Memorial Pro-Am, [click here](#) to register. Be sure to indicate your choice of shotgun time and course. Please note, the morning round at Charles River CC is currently full. Contact Joan Stuart with any questions at 508-869-0000.

If you have a group from your home course who is interested in playing in The Joey Coakley Memorial Pro-Am, please contact Vinney Myles at 508-655-6000 or vmyles@cff.org, or have them [register online](#).

If you would like to donate a round of golf from your club or another item to the auction, please contact Vinney Myles at 508-655-6000 or vmyles@cff.org.



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2016 NEPGA Award Winner

Spotlights



Zach Wyman, PGA

NEPGA Golf
Professional of the Year

What age did you begin to play golf?

I started caddying for my mom when I was 8, she taught me the rules and etiquette of the game and let me hit a few as we went along. I learned to play and when I was 10, I would play with my mom and by 12 I was playing

on my own with mostly adults at my home club.

Who taught you the game?

My mom and my grandmother mostly. I was self taught until 12 when my stepdad who was a really good amateur player started teaching me proper swing techniques, short game and putting. From there I practiced incessantly wherever and whenever I could.

When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?

My senior year in high school the school janitor who I worked with as a TA told me about a friend of his who was going to Golf Management School to become a PGA Golf Professional. That was it, I looked into the school and the PGA of America and decided right there that was what I wanted to be. Seven years later I procured my Class A. I tell people all the time you never know who or where life's influences will come from.

Where did you go to school?

I went to College of the Desert in Palm Desert, California. I studied Golf Course Management.

Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?

I have two; Edgewood Tahoe in Lake Tahoe Nevada where I grew up. The setting with the lake and mountains is truly incredible. The second, The Quarry at La Quinta where I was an assistant and really learned the golf business. Set in the desert with towering mountains that surround the greenest oasis of grass and water I have ever seen. The contrast is truly spectacular and the course is outstanding.

What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?

My family is priority one, I have twin 8 year old daughters that I coach in basketball, softball and golf. I love to ski in the offseason with the family, but the best days are solo doing laps at Sugarbush until my legs fall off! I fish and am a big DIY home improvement buff. I don't sit still very often.

What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?

That I gave back to this wonderful game as much as it has given to me, and that I treated everyone with dignity and respect.



Matt Closter, PGA

NEPGA Assistant Golf
Professional of the Year

What age did you begin to play golf?

I began to play golf around age 6.

Who taught you the game?

My father taught me the game of golf.

When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?

I decided to become a PGA Professional at age 21 after returning home to Madison, CT. Through high school and after college I maintained a close relationship with the PGA Professionals at Madison Country Club. I always looked up to them and knew that I would like to follow in their footsteps. In 2005 they helped me to secure my first position as an Assistant Professional at the Black Hall Club and to enroll in the PGA Professional Golf Management program.

Where did you go to school?

Daniel Hand High School, Madison, CT
Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO

Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?

My favorite golf course is the Fisher's Island Club in Fishers Island, NY.

What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?

Spending time with my friends, family, and

my fiancé, Mary. Music, travel, skiing, sailing and Block Island.

What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?

I love to play the game of golf and would want my lasting legacy to be in mentorship. I started off at an early age chasing my Dad around the public courses of Connecticut. Twenty-five some odd years later this game has given me so much and presented so many great opportunities for which I'm thankful. As I've grown, I've seen the challenges in time, cost, etc., that face many golfers in either learning the game or keeping it up. I want to encourage everyone to just get out and play, no matter what it may take. For the seasoned veteran, don't be shy to play with someone new, and for the beginner, don't be afraid to go on your own to your local course and ask for help. I think everyone deserves an opportunity to feel what a positive impact this game can make and it doesn't matter what your handicap is, or how new your equipment is, there is always a way to just get out and play!

Vegas

Deadline to join in on the fun is August 1st!

Las Vegas, Nevada
November 14-16, 2016



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- ☐ 4 Nights Lodging at Mirage
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- ☐ Nightly Hospitality Suite Access
- ☐ Monday Night Football Cocktail Party
- ☐ Poker Tournament
- ☐ Farewell Awards Reception

The Itinerary

Sunday
Arrive in Las Vegas
Check into Mirage

Monday
Play Desert Pines or Royal Links - 9:30am Shotgun
Breakfast & Lunch Provided at Course
Evening - Monday Night Football Cocktail Party

Tuesday
Play Desert Pines or Bali Hai - 9:30am Shotgun
Breakfast & Lunch Provided at Course
Evening - Poker Tournament

Wednesday
Play Bali Hai & Royal Links - 9:30am Shotgun
Breakfast & Lunch Provided at Course
Evening - Farewell Awards Reception at T&A

Thursday
Check out of Mirage
Depart Las Vegas

Additional Hotel Nights Available for Purchase Upon Request for Pre & Post Stays

The Details

\$1999 - Single Occupancy
\$1599 - Double Occupancy

The Deadline

Entry must be paid in full by August 1, 2016. Payments received after August 1, 2016 will incur a \$150 fee per player. Checks made payable to "New England PGA".

Cancellation Policy

Cancel by September 1, 2016.....Full Refund
Cancel between Sept 2-30, 2016.....50% Refund
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[Click Here to View the Above Information and Complete the Application!](#)

Salute Military Golf Association Video

The Salute Military Golf Association works with wounded war veterans to improve quality of life through offering rehabilitative golf programs, experiences, and family inclusive golf opportunities. With chapters across New England, NEPGA Professionals have played a role in supporting these veterans, too. [Click here](#) to watch the SMGA's new promotional video.



Get to Know the New Members

We hope you enjoy getting to know our newly-elected members through their questionnaire answers. View all new Section members on NEPGA.com.

Jeff Atkinson, PGA

Elected July 1, 2016

Where do you work? Belmont Country Club in Belmont, MA as the 1st Assistant Professional.

Where are you from? Small town in northern NH. Lancaster, NH.

Where did you attend college? Southern New Hampshire University. Manchester, NH.

What was your first job in the golf business? Outside operations at the Mount Washington Resort.

What are your career aspirations? Continue my education, learn from all professionals and members surrounding me, and represent the PGA with professionalism. General management and finance would be ideal moving forward.



Mitchell Becker, PGA

Elected July 1, 2016

Where do you work? Manchester Country Club in Bedford, NH

Where are you from? Chappaqua, New York

Where did you attend college? Coastal Carolina University

What was your first job in the golf business? Caddy at Mt. Kisco Country Club

What are your career aspirations? I have aspirations of becoming a Head Professional and one day taking on the role of General Manager.



Benjamin Claus, PGA

Elected July 1, 2016

Where do you work? The Weston Golf Club

Where are you from? South Berwick, Maine


Where did you attend college? Coastal Carolina University

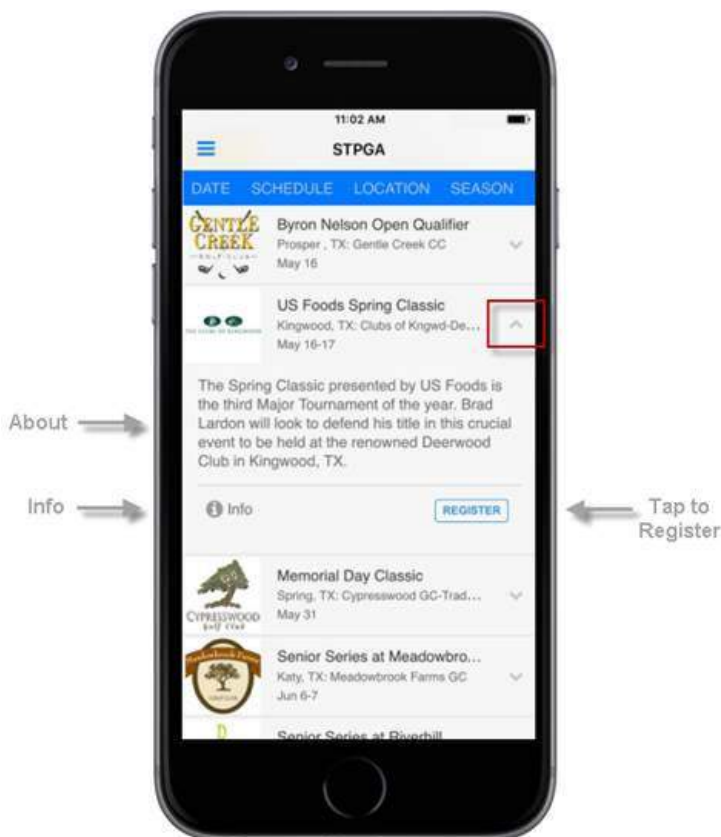
What was your first job in the golf business? The Ledges Golf Club

What are your career aspirations? To become a Head Golf Professional at an exclusive club

New BlueGolf Feature

Quick Tournament Registration in the App

The App Schedule has been enhanced with a  to the right of each tournament that instantly displays an About, Info button and Register button. Makes it even easier for you to learn about and enter tournaments.



District 1 Director Report: Donnie Lyons, PGA

[Click here](#) to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of June featuring Rich Berberian Jr's victory in the PGA Professional Championship, the 2016 PGA Fashion and Demo Experience in Las Vegas, KPMG Women's PGA Championship and 2016 PGA Championships news, and more!



Your View From The Fairway

JULY MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Joan Stuart

From the Desk of the PGA of America



Annual Dues Year Ending June 30, 2016

There should not be any reason for members/apprentices not to be aware that their annual dues had a June 30, 2016 due date. The weekly PGA News newsletter, email and printed invoice reminders have been sent numerous times since the invoices were made available as of May 1, 2016. The next step has been completed with the suspension for non-payment of dues and assessment of the \$25 late. According to the PGA Constitution and Bylaws, when the late fee was changed to \$25; it can no longer be waived. The dues + the late fee are payable by the end of July 2016 to avoid individuals being dropped for non-payment.

Please note, if you are suspended, you will not be able to play in any section/chapter events until your dues have been paid. While payment by check is acceptable, paying by credit/debit card via PGA.org is preferred. You may also call the PGA's Membership Department to pay. Their toll free number is 800.474.2776.

Complimentary Access Information 2016 PGA Championship

2016 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
July 28–31 | Baltusrol Golf Club
Springfield, New Jersey
Ticket Information (800) 742-4653
www.PGA.com/PGACHampionship

PGA of America members, apprentices, PGA Golf Management University students and accompanying immediate family (spouse/partner, children, parents, parents in-law -- does not include member's grandparents, brothers/sisters, spouse of children, etc.). Must show Membership Card and photo I.D. each day. PGA members (only) may bring a guest instead of their spouse. Section Employees and their spouse may receive a complimentary daily ticket. Section Employees must show current Section Employee card and photo identification. Spouse must accompany the Section Employee to receive ticket. Go to the Will Call trailer located near admission gate to pick up daily ticket.

Complimentary Access Information 2016 Ryder Cup

2016 RYDER CUP
Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2016 | Hazeltine
National Golf Club | Chaska, Minnesota
Ticket Information (800) 742-4653 |
www.RyderCup.com/USA

PGA of America members and their accompanying spouse/partner or guest (not both) may receive complimentary PGA Member Club tickets. Members' immediate children, under 21 years of age, will also receive complimentary access. Class "F" members, apprentices and PGM students do not receive complimentary admission. Tickets must be picked up on a daily basis from the Admissions & Will Call trailer and all individuals (spouse/partner or guest, children) must be present and visible with the PGA member to receive their ticket. Members must show current PGA of America membership card and photo identification. No PGA Member Club tickets may be collected for a future day of attendance, without exception. Members may bring a different guest, to a limit of 1, each day of the Ryder Cup.

PGA Junior League Golf

Success Stories Driven by PGA Professionals



New England PGA Junior League Golf Spotlight

Facility: Wollaston Golf Club
Captain: Andrew Jordan, PGA
League: Patriot League 95 South
Years involved with PGA Junior League: 4

What has PGA Junior League meant to the junior programming at Wollaston?

PGA Junior League has given us another avenue to attract new golfers to the game. We now promote other junior programs around PGA Junior League.

What has worked best for you at Wollaston with recruiting of your players each season?

I send an email out to the membership each spring that explains the program and how to sign up. I filled my first team within two days of sending an email out to the membership. Since then, word of mouth has grown our program year after year.

This year your facility has grown from 1 to 2 teams, how has that growth taken place?

We have grown at a moderate pace each year. Last year I had 23 juniors on the team and decided to expand to two teams this year. Within a couple days of opening the registration, I filled both teams with a total of 36 juniors. Since registration closed this season, I've had over a dozen parents ask how they could get their kids involved. This is when I take the opportunity to explain how to sign their kids up for the following season.

How has PGA Junior League Golf helped you RAISE the engagement of juniors (and their families) at Wollaston?

Between the PGA Junior League and the installation of the Family Golf Tees, we have noticed a significant increase in rounds and revenue. Families are now



playing together and more often than not, staying for dinner at the club afterwards. Our Junior Club Championship has grown by 2,500% in just the past year alone! There is a new excitement at Wollaston because of being involved with PGA Junior League.

For more information regarding PGA Junior League Golf or to share your success stories, contact Brian Bain, PGA Player Development Regional Manager-Boston at 617-820-4411 or bbain@pgahq.com.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: *Jacy Settles*

NEPGA Junior Tour presented by



New England Jr PGA Championship

Lauren Thibodeau of Hampstead, New Hampshire and James Imai of Brookline, Massachusetts won the 2016 New England Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks on Wednesday- Thursday, July 6-7 at Shaker Hills Country Club in Harvard, Massachusetts.

By winning the boys' and girls' divisions respectively, Imai and Thibodeau qualified for the 41st Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks, Aug. 9-12 at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford, Rhode Island.

Thibodeau, 16, had a final-round 75 for a two-day total of 144 and a one-stroke victory over Julia Ford of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Imai, 15, posted a final-round 72 for a two-day total of 143 and a five-stroke victory over Dillon Brown of Halifax, Massachusetts and Brandon Gillis of Nashua, New Hampshire.

The 41st Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Genesis Networks, is open to one boy and one girl champion from each of the 41 PGA Sections, champions of the eight PGA Junior Series events, select national junior tournaments conducted throughout the year and special invitees who have not reached their 19th birthdays as of the final round of the championship.

The Junior PGA Championship has traditionally been a stepping-stone for many of today's PGA and LPGA Tour professionals, as well as current collegiate stars. Past Junior PGA Championship competitors who have gone on to successful professional careers on tour include: Inbee Park, Luke Guthrie, Trevor Immelman, Cristie Kerr, Justin Leonard, Hunter Mahan, Phil Mickelson, Grace Park, Dottie Pepper, Jordan Spieth, Lexi Thompson, David Toms, Michelle Wie and Tiger Woods.



Message from Jim Salinetti, NEPGA Junior Golf Committee Chairman

The Junior Tour has become one of the top regional junior tours in the country, but we need your help to ensure that the tour continues to grow. Help us spread the word to the junior golf members or customers at your facility!

- Send an email to your membership, customers and students
- Showcase the Junior Tour on your club/personal website that includes a link to www.nepgajuniortour.com
- Highlight the Junior Tour's benefits in your monthly newsletter
- Enthusiastically talk to parents and juniors about the Junior Tour
- Print and display the [Junior Tour flyer](#) at your golf shop

The Junior Tour wouldn't be possible without your support. We thank all those who host an event, volunteer to be a rules official and encourage your junior golfers to play in tournaments. The NEPGA staff has put in countless hours to create a fun and competitive environment for juniors of all ages and abilities. Please help us promote the 2016 season by spreading the word!

Sample Email Message

The New England PGA Junior Tour is the place for fun junior golf competition on a local level. The New England PGA (NEPGA) Junior Tour consists of over 100 tournaments for juniors 9-21 years old. NEPGA Junior Tour competition ranges from the Elite Tour which is geared towards low handicappers looking to play collegiate golf, to the one day events which encompasses nearly all skill levels. Whether you are looking to play in college, make the high school golf team or a youngster looking to make new friends in a tournament setting, the NEPGA Junior tour has it all. The NEPGA Junior Tour provides a place for all juniors and there's always room to play. Membership is \$130 and includes a membership package and access to all events. For more information, visit www.nepgajuniortour.com or call 508-869-0000.

CAPE COD & RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Mickey Herron, PGA, Cape Cod & Rhode Island Chapter Tournament Manager



RI/ CC Chapter Members Represent at Turning Stone

Four fellow RI/CC Chapter pros teed it up at the 2016 Club Pro Championship (yes, I know it has a new name every few years!) in Central NY in late June, led by Kittansett's Jeff Sanders (291 +3 T-46). It took 286 to garner one of the 20 spots in next month's PGA Championship at Baltusrol. Pt. Judith's Eddie Kirby (148), Sankaty Head's Phil Cardwell (149) & The Bay Club's Greg Yeomans (150) all just missed the cut. The Champion's trophy (and \$75,000) were won by New Hampshire Chapter's Rich Berberian Jr., who has also earned a spot in 6 Tour events next season.

Pictured Left: Jeff Sanders, PGA Assistant Professional from The Kittansett Club

Junior Golf Crazy Busy in Southern New England

There can be no better time in our golf community to be a junior golfer...in any age group! To wit:

RHODE ISLAND & CAPE COD have formed **53 PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE TEAMS**, representing over 600 kids!

BUTTON HOLE'S June 18th Drive, Chip & Putt event attracted over **150 kids** from all over the region.

CAPE COD JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION begins its 24th year with over 25 events, including the 2nd year of Girls-Only tournaments.

NEPGA JUNIOR TOUR has – or will be – visiting 30 different sites in RI & CC (note: Crystal Lake hosts two!).

PRO JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS: RI & CC Chapters will be holding their respective Pro-Jr's in late July – Squirrel Run (July 26) and Button Hole (July 28). Both enjoying tremendous support from TITLEIST & FOOTJOY! Entries accepted on Bluegolf from either chapter for either event.

MORE DCP's coming up at LeBaron Hills (July 21) & The Bay Club (July 12) with finals set for Pinehills on Aug. 10th where qualifiers advance to Regional Finals at The Country Club enroute to Augusta!

WANNAMOISSETT will be hosting the national PGA Junior Championship (Aug. 11-14) & PGA host pro Brad McLuski still accepting volunteers from our fraternity.

PAWTUCKET (Mike Gelinas, PGA) hosts the RI Junior Championship (Aug 2-4).

PATRICK WELCH (a +2.5 index Swansea CC, MA golfer) qualifies for USGA Junior Championship (The Honors Course, TN) firing 140 at Bretwood, NH (1 of 4 NE juniors to punch their ticket from a field of over 100 kids).

ACOAXET GC (RI Chapter President Brent Amaral, PGA) hosts the first MGA Young Golfers Amateur (13 yrs or under) on Aug. 1-3!

DOZENS OF CC Chapter juniors will compete in MGA Junior Championship at



Button Hole Learning Center in Providence, RI hosts 150 at DCP

Kernwood (Aug. 1-3) featuring Bayberry Hills qualifying medalist Charlie Campbell (son of Cape Cod National's Jim Campbell, PGA) and exempt entrant Attleboro's Davis Chatfield (recent commit to Notre Dame & brother of Brett, Bentley '18 golfer)

Pictured Below: Cape pros (L to R) John Boniface, Dan Caverly & Dick Fagan with one of six clinic groups coordinated by the Cape Cod Junior Golf Association.



Sponsor Photos

Right: Cleveland/Srixon's Matt Howard (far left) and Kelley Vandenburg (far right) sponsored the Metacommet RI Pro-3Am in mid-June. In the middle are partners Kevin Cullivan and White Cliffs' PGA HP Rick Baptist. N. Kingstown's Brian Owens shot a winning score of 71 vaulting him into the lead in the Kennedy POY race in the RI Chapter.



Left: Supporting sponsors at Hyannisport were Baxter's Boathouse (on the harbor) and Dan Dempsey (pictured at far right) who presented each pro with a pair of SunDog sunglasses, flanked by (l to r) Miacommet's Phil Truono, PGA, OBF's Joe McNulty, PGA, and host pro Mike Haberl, PGA.

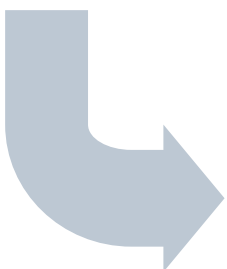


Right: (left to right) Matt Zdon, PGA (Belmont), Ryan Kesten, PGA (Vesper), Callaway's Peter Guild, Mark O'Brien, PGA (Captains) and Jim Armentraut, PGA (Bayberry Hills & Bass River) playing in the Callaway Pro-Pro Series #2 at Hyannisport in mid-June won by the Jim Campbell/Gregg Richbourg team from CCN shooting -9 under par 62! Richbourg leads the Wessner POY race at the midway point of the season, sponsored by 15thgolfclub.com/Brad Sherman, PGA.

MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Mark Aldrich, PGA, MA Chapter President

[Click here](#) to view the Massachusetts Chapter July Newsletter. All of our newsletters can be found on our [Chapter page](#) on NEPGA.com.



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CHAPTER NEWS**

Junior Tournament News
The Massachusetts Chapter is proudly sponsoring the first **NEPGA Jr Chapter Challenge**. This is a new concept designed to include and introduce Junior Golfers to competition and get a chance to meet competitors from the New England Section.
Each Chapter will hopefully be sending 5 junior players ranging in age from 13-18 to meet and play at The Haven Country Club on Thursday, July 21. The goal is to...



MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Maine Chapter President Jason Hurd, PGA

The Second Maine Chapter Championship of the season was held at the Fox Ridge GC in Auburn, Maine on June 14th. The Senior Junior Championship field were greeted with high winds and cool temperatures and greeted by Titleist, Footjoy and Devant towels. Local representatives Greg Ludes and Bryan Saylor from the Acushnet Company along with independent rep Ollie Hallet met all the participants at the first tee. Thank you to all the sponsors for their support of our chapter event. Due to the busy schedules of our professionals, we did not have a playoff scheduled if there were a tie. The Team of David Grygiel (Tee n Tee) and Scott Mayer (Nonesuch) fired a 2 under par 70 to tie the team of Ben Morrey (Spring Meadows) and Don Roberts (Waterville), who had left for the day after shooting the same number early on to attend to business at their respective clubs. Congratulations to our co-champions!!!

The Chapter also hosted the Big I Junior National Qualifier at the Woodlands Club in Falmouth Maine. One Boy and One Girl from the field will be heading to California to participate in the National event. Congratulations to Ryan Collins (boys) from Cape Elizabeth and Erin Holmes (girls) from Cumberland on shooting the low numbers for the day.

The Pro Am Championship was held on Monday July 11th and hosted by PGA Professional Nick Glicos and Martindale GC. Thank you and Special Thanks to Sponsor John Carey and Srixon/Cleveland Golf and Pro Quip for your support. The team from Portland CC led by PGA Professional Dan Venezio fired a (-10) 132 total to win by 3 shots over the rest of the field. Congrats on being the 2016 Pro Am Champions!!

The Assistants Championship was postponed and will be re-scheduled to a later date. Please check your emails for updates.

Upcoming Schedule

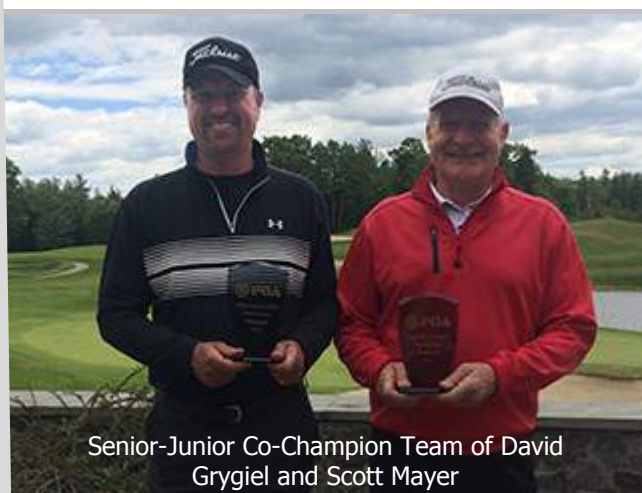
Mon, July 18 - Pro-Junior Championship, Val Halla GC

Mon, August 1 - Pro-Am, Augusta CC

Mon, August 8 - Pro-Am, Sugarloaf GC

Tues-Wed, August 9-10 - State of Maine Championship

Tues, August 16 - Pro-Senior Championship, Waterville CC



Senior-Junior Co-Champion Team of David Grygiel and Scott Mayer

BIG I STATE QUALIFIER			
Q	RYAN COLLINS	BOY	76
Q	ERIN HOLMES	GIRL	81



Ryan Collins



Erin Holmes



President & Vice President with sponsors Greg Ludes and Bryan Saylor at the Senior-Junior Championship

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by NH Chapter President Ken Hamel, PGA

Rich Berberian, Jr

Congratulations to Rich Berberian, Jr., Windham Country Club Assistant Professional, for winning the 49th PGA Professional Championship at Atunyote Golf Club in Verona, New York. Rich finished with a 3-under par 69, a one stroke victory over Mark Brown of Oyster Bay, New York and Omar Uresti of Austin, Texas, for a winning total of 11-under par 277. Berberian is the second youngest PGA Professional Champion and only the second champion from the New England Section to capture the Walter Hagen Cup since Bob Lenzion in 1986.

The closing dramatics by Berberian capped a roller coaster final seven holes where he overcame a triple bogey on the 12th hole with birdies on holes No. 13 and 16 and a 33-foot uphill birdie on the 18th green. Rich is the son of Mercedes and Rich Berberian, Sr., retired NHC member and lifetime PGA member who were at home in Melbourne, Florida watching on television and celebrating Rich Sr.'s 69th birthday. Said, Berberian, Sr. "It's the best birthday present I could ever have."

Todd Rollins, Laconia Country Club Head Professional, continues to lead the "Player of the Year" Point standings after 10 events with 116.50 points. In second place is Dublin Lake Head Professional Jason Malcolm with 94.25. Rounding out the top five are: C.J. Konwoski, Keene Country Club Assistant Professional (94.00), Jay Pollini, Head Professional at Wentworth Golf Club (75.25) and Dan Wilkins, Laconia Country Club (71.50).

NHC ProLady Championship

The NHC ProLady Championship was held at Derryfield CC and the winning team was from Rochester Country Club. Led by Rochester Head Professional Jon Ellis, who was also low professional with a 3-under round of 67, the foursome were a combined 6-under 64. His amateur partners included Joan Cyr, June Ferland and Lisa Strong. The foursome from Hanover Country Club with Head pro Alex Kirk was also at 64 but lost on a match of cards.

NHC/NEPGA ProAm Results

ProAm	Low Professional	Winning Team
Pheasant Ridge Golf Course	Eric Soderman (67)	Gross-Ridgewood (61) Net- Souhegan Woods (57)
Keene Country Club	C.J. Konkowski (70)	1BBG & 1BBN-Keene (128)
Stonebridge Country Club	Matt Arvanitis (69) C.J. Konkowski (69)	1BBG & 1BBN-Pease (123)



Rich Berberian, Jr

Photo Courtesy of Montana Pritchard/ PGA of America



NHC ProLady participants getting acquainted prior to teeing off at Derryfield CC

VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Vermont Chapter President Roger A. King, PGA



Hi to all my fellow PGA Professionals,

This is an exciting time of year for the VTPGA as we are in full swing with our many playing events as well as some upcoming instructional and advertising events. While the events are still being finalized, we are doing a ton to help increase the PGA brand awareness in the state of VT. There will be more info to follow.

I want to throw a shout out to Ron Philo Jr. PGA and Dave Jankowski, PGA for representing the VTPGA and representing us well at the PNC. They showed great game and class.

Obviously, I would be remiss in not congratulating my friend Rich Berberian on winning in dramatic fashion. He showed tons of heart as well as a great golf game to become the champion of our association. Well deserved!!!

Have a great summer,

Roger A. King, PGA
Head Golf Professional
Sugarbush Resort Golf Club

Tournament Results

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Manchester CC on June 13th with Michael Harger, PGA, Fred Auletta, PGA, Alex Socinski, PGA, and Kevin Bennisson, PGA as our hosts. We thank our golf sponsors Chris Jenkins, Greg Norman Clothing, Bryan Saylor, FootJoy, and Jeff Kelley, Titleist. The first place gross team in the stableford format with 48 points, was led by Brian Gara, PGA, Vermont National CC. Tied for net team honors with 63 points were the teams led by Eric Evans, PGA, Tater Hill GC and Ryan McDonald, PGA, Northfield CC. Host Professional Kevin Bennisson led the professionals with 45 points followed by David Bennett, PGA, CC of Vermont with 41 points.

Next up on the chapter schedule was our Pro-Senior Championship at CC of Barre on June 27th hosted by John Goodchild, PGA. We thank Paul Jones with Club Car for his generous donation to the Pro Pro purse. Our winning net team from CC of Vermont was led by David Bennett, PGA, with a 2 best ball of 4 score of 126. Gross winners were the team from Brattleboro CC with Eric Sandstrum, PGA, leading the way with a team score of

136. Low Professional score was David Bennett with a score of 68.

On July 7th, we held our next major, the Pro Lady Championship at Stowe CC hosted by Ron Philo, PGA, RJ Austin, PGA, Topher Harlow, PGA, and Sue Horton. We thank our sponsors Stowe CC and Notorious Pink for their added value gift cards, wine tasting, and purse donation. Our winning net team from the host club was led by Topher Harlow, PGA, with a 2 best ball of 4 score of 130. Gross winners were the team from CC of Vermont with David Bennett, PGA, leading the way with a team score of 139. Low Professional score was David Bennett with a score of 65 followed by Topher Harlow with a 74.

The Vermont Junior Tour is off and running with nearly full fields for the first three events.

Upcoming VT Chapter Events

July 18-19: VTPGA Stroke Play Championship, Burlington CC & VT National

July 25: Pro 3 Am Championship, Quechee Highlands

SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Joan Stuart



George Wright
Golf Course

On June 21st the Seniors' Association played a Pro 3-Am at the historic George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park, MA. This is another Donald Ross gem in New England. The course was named after George Wright who was an early professional baseball player in the 1860's and 1870's and later was elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He played with both the Cincinnati Red Stockings and then the Boston Red Stockings. In 1869 he hit a whopping .633 with 49 home

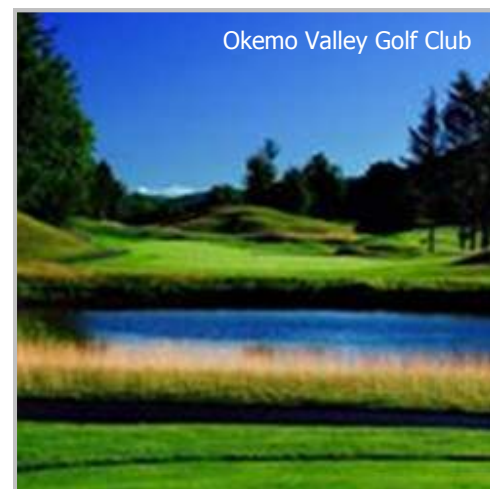
runs in 57 games. Wright managed Boston teams and led them to a number of championships in the 1880s.

After baseball, he founded Wright & Ditson, a sporting goods equipment manufacturer that was instrumental in making tennis and hockey popular in the U.S. Wright also laid out New England's - and America's - first public golf course, Boston's Franklin Park in 1890. Wright and Ditson imported and sold golf clubs; none other than Francis Ouimet worked at the store while pursuing his amateur career. Wright later donated the 156 acres, the former Grew estate, for Boston's second municipal course. Dan Gillis, PGA of Nabnasset Lake CC won the individual pro gross with a 71 and Joe Carr, PGA of Bedrock GC won the individual pro net with a 70. The team from Nabnasset Lake also won the team gross with a 66 and the team net was won by the team from Lexington GC with a 57. Thank you to Scott Allen, PGA Host Professional for a memorable day! To view the complete results, please [click here](#).

Next on the schedule is the NEPGA Senior Championship and PGA Senior Professional Championship Qualifier at Okemo Valley Golf Club on August 3 and 4.

Will Kirk Hanefeld, PGA Salem Country Club defend his title? Stay tuned and follow the action on www.nepga.com.

Watch for highlights, pictures, and results in the August Edition of The Full Swing.



Okemo Valley Golf Club



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@newenglandpga: Happy Fourth of July!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 6/16/2016—7/14/2016

NEW APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Devin P Bibeau	B-8	Glen Ellen Country Club
Alexander J Glover	B-8	Tedesco Country Club

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Jeffrey D. Atkinson, PGA	A-8	Belmont Country Club
Mitchell S. Becker, PGA	A-8	Manchester Country Club
Benjamin T. Claus, PGA	A-8	Weston Golf Club
Corey A. Lorden, PGA	A-8	Willowbend Golf & CC

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Andrew E. Jordan, PGA	A-1	Shaker Hills Country Club
Stephen R. Lauzier, PGA	LM	
Ryan S. Pepper, PGA	A-6	Maine Golf Academy
Joseph J. Pustizzi, PGA	A-6	Braintree Municipal GC
Chris S. Trout, PGA	A-8	The Shelter Harbor Golf Club
Timothy J. Valentine, PGA	A-14	Pembroke Country Club

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Start	Facility
Andrew E. Jordan, PGA	A-1	7/1	Shaker Hills Country Club
Ryan S. Pepper, PGA	A-6	6/26	Maine Golf Academy
Joseph J. Pustizzi, PGA	A-6	7/1	Braintree Municipal GC
Chris S. Trout, PGA	A-8	7/5	The Shelter Harbor Golf Club

FIRST TIME TRANSFERS INTO SECTION

Name	Class	Facility
Chris S. Trout, PGA	A-8	South Florida

What's Coming Up
in our next issue...

2016 Section & Chapter
Fall Meeting Schedule



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 - 6 Tartan Turf Mats
 - GC2 Launch Monitor
 - Custom Club Rack
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Salem Country Club

June 26-July 2

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