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## FRONT COVER:

Kirk Hanefeld, PGA and the Eugene "Skip" Wogan Senior Championship Trophy after his NEPGA Senior Championship Victory at the Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, VT on July 30-31. Kirk shot 65-68- 133 (-7) to take home the Championship for a career second time.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Ron Bibeau, PGA



Hello All of my Fellow Golf Professionals,

It is hard to believe it is August already and we are on the stretch run of our season. This time of the year always brings with it some very exciting things in our section and it is certainly my favorite time of year as a result.

As I write this message our Member/Guest is on the golf course and I know many or all of us have a weekend during the year that we get little sleep and work 12-14 hour days to ensure that our members have a great weekend. For me this weekend signifies how close I am to the end of the season and what I need to do to be a better Golf Professional and realize my goals for the year.

Every year I set personal goals:

- To learn from my mistakes ( yes I make mistakes)
- To become a better husband
- To create more personal time for my family and friends, ( also one that eludes me) but I am getting better
- Then there are Professional goals:
- To be a better educated Golf Professional ( by attending seminars and meetings)
- To create more opportunities at the club (tournaments, leagues etc;)
- To ensure financial stability at the club (we all know if the cash register does not ring we are all out of jobs)
- To mentor my staff on the important of customer service and relationship in our industry
- To learn more about what makes my facility run more efficiently

When you look at my goals you can see there are words that stick out: Create, Learn and Mentor. They are all geared towards inspiring action.

Learning or Educating yourself can be scary or easy depending on what you are trying to learn, and also can be a daunting task depending on what you need to be educated on. All I know is that these words inspire me to make myself a better Man, Husband, Grandfather and Golf Professional. I ask you all to set personal and professional goals to ensure your job stability and so that you have more time with family and friends.

August also brings Championship Season here in the New England Section. The NEPGA Wogan Player of the Year race is heating up, and typically two of our three major championships take place. We recently crowned our 2018 NEPGA Senior Champion – Kirk Hanefeld, PGA for his

wonderful play at the Okemo Valley Golf Club. He will be joined this October by Tom Tobey, PGA, Jeff Seavey, PGA, Rick Karbowski, PGA, Dan Wilkins, PGA, Bob Tramonti, PGA and Rick Durocher, PGA at the PGA Golf Club in Port St Lucie, FL. for the Senior Professional National Championship.

I am really excited to head to Rhode Island later on this month to crown our 2018 Section Champion at the New England PGA Championship. Warwick CC and Quidnessett CC are two magnificent host facilities and I wish all of the competitors the best of luck at our Sections crown jewel.

I would also like to Congratulate Shawn Warren, PGA and Rich Berberian, PGA on making it to Bellereve for the 100th PGA Championship. I know the New England PGA will be represented very well against the best players in the world! With three solid months left in our New England golf

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season, I sincerely hope your season is going well and I wish you and your families all the best.

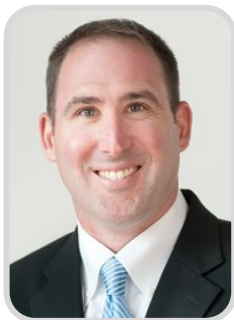
It is an honor to serve as you President and please reach out to me if I can ever be of service to you.

Respectfully,

Ron Bibeau, PGA  
NEPGA President



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Mike Higgins



PGA Professionals come in contact with so many people day in and day out, and the number of people impacted by a PGA Professional throughout their career is a difficult

number to even tally. Making a difference in the lives of those members of your family, making a difference in your career, making a difference at your facility and making a difference in the lives of the people you come in contact with.

The other night as I was watching TV, I saw an almost unrecognizable Jim Kelly (former quarterback of the Buffalo Bills) walking up to receive the Jimmy V Award for Perseverance from John Elway and Dan Marino at the ESPY's. Kelly dominated the AFC East and took the Bills to four straight Super Bowls. Unfortunately now Jim Kelly is fighting a much stronger opponent than the Patriots defense in the early 90's. He is battling cancer, and even though his acceptance speech brought tears to my eyes, I was personally inspired by what I heard. I quickly related how the 4 F's by which Jim lives his life are so relatable to the lives of just about everyone, especially our PGA Professionals.

The 4 F's are **Fun, Family, Friends, and Fans**. Each of these will mean something a little different to each of us, and I encourage you to make them mean something to you in your own life.

**FUN** – PGA Professionals make the game of golf enjoyable and they make it more fun. They make a golf course a place that golfers want to spend more time. Have you ever seen a junior golfer competing in a long drive contest with marshmallows? How about the smile on a kid's face while he or she is hitting a snag golf ball at a PGA Professional in a Velcro suit? I have watched PGA Professionals bring laughter to sick children in the hospital, bring life and competition back to wounded veterans, and make a person that may have a "different" ability feel like they belong and HAVE FUN! No one makes golf more FUN than a PGA Professional!

**FAMILY** - What can I say about family? Most of the time it is the reason we all do what we do in this business. The long hours and the time away can be a challenge to the family of a PGA Professional, and their support team (family) is so very important. The quality time with our family is so very precious, and they might not hear it enough but thank you for allowing us to do what we do for the wonderful game of golf. We love you very much!

Professionals also have a golfing family. The members at their club, students they teach, the golf teams that they coach and the guests that play at their facilities. And PGA professionals bring families closer together by teaching a son or daughter to play golf with their parents, or a wife to pick up the game to spend more time with her husband. PGA Professionals have been affording families the opportunity to spend more time together for as long as

this game has been around. Just think about how much your family, or the families you know, have been impacted by a PGA Professional.

**FRIENDS** - There is nothing like a round of golf with your best friends. You

know who holds up under pressure on those three foot par putts, and who keeps you laughing throughout the round. Playing golf takes time to do, and spending the day on the golf course with three of your best friends is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. PGA Professionals have been instrumental in the forming of many golfing friendships through the years. At the end of the day true friends are there for us through thick and thin, the good times and bad, just like our PGA Professionals are there for us when we are at the top of our game and when our games could use a little help.

**FANS** - We all know what Jim Kelly might have a few more fans that each of us, but you certainly do not need to be a Pro-Bowl Quarterback to have fans. PGA Professionals have more fans than they know, they are the Rock Star of their club and many are even the Rock Stars in their hometown! Everyone wants to play with the pro, hear the great stories from the pro, or even just be around the pro. PGA Professionals have impacted the lives of so many junior golfers, the lives of so many members at their facility and the lives of so many members of their community. The PGA of America kicked off the 2016 Centennial celebration with a campaign called #thxpgapro. They interviewed the best PGA Tour Players and the average golfer to discuss their relationship/friendship with their PGA Professional. It was great to hear how a PGA Professional impacted Davis Love, III, Ben Crenshaw and even Jordan Spieth. These professionals created life-long fans because they taught these golfing greats the game, but also the value, ethics and tradition that come along with it. They unknowingly created fans for a lifetime.

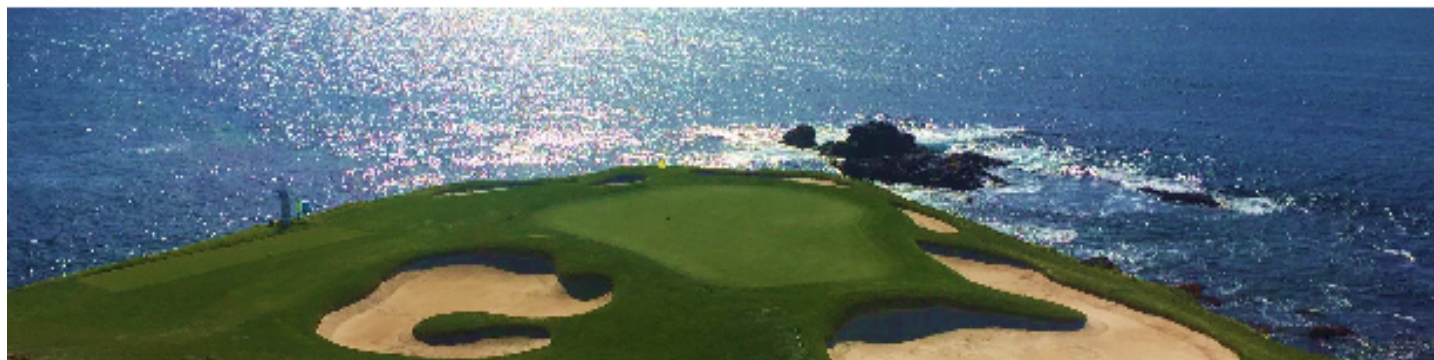
If nothing more I hope that the 4 F's make you think about what is important to you and reflect a little bit on how much of a difference you are making in the lives of those around you. Thank you for doing all that you do for the game of golf, and as always, please reach out to me or any of our talented NEPGA Staff if we can ever be of service to you or your facility.

Respectfully,  
Michael J. Higgins  
Executive Director





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# Hanefeld Hangs On

*Tight Finish in the Final Round at Okemo*

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What a start to the week for our NEPGA Senior Professionals who competed at the 2018 Senior Championship here in Ludlow, VT. The stunning Okemo Valley Golf Club was once again host to this great event.

With round one in the books, the Senior Professionals took to the course today for the final round. The final grouping consisted of Rick Karbowski, PGA (Auburn Driving Range), Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (Salem CC) and Tom Tobey, PGA (Sandwich Hollows GC). Hanefeld and Karbowski were the round one leaders after posting a 65 (-5) on Monday.

As the final round progressed it became evident that a competitor in the final grouping was going to be crowned 2018 NEPGA Senior Champion. Tobey smashed a perfect fairway wood on the par-5 11th hole to card a miraculous double eagle. Hanefeld hung tough throughout the final round and was all square with Tobey until the par-4 15th.

Karbowski, who has been playing exceptionally well as of late, struggled in today's final round and found himself out of contention. Karbowski finished -2 (138) and T3 with Jeff Seavey, PGA (Samoset Resort) for the Championship.

Hanefeld and Tobey were feeling the pressure coming down to the last four holes of the Championship. Hanefeld clutched a birdie 3 on the 15th and parred out the remaining three holes to card a -2 (68) on the day and a -7 (133) for the Championship.

Tobey bogeyed the 15th but recovered immediately with a birdie on the par-4 16th, the 17th challenged Tobey and he took a bogey heading to the 18th tee. Hanefeld's near perfect play the entire tournament was enough to give him the victory at this year's NEPGA Senior Championship.

With his victory at the 2015 NEPGA Senior Championship Kirk Hanefeld is officially a two-time winner. Hanefeld said, it was an "honor to repeat as champion".

The course proved to be playing tougher for the final round as the round one low of 65 could not be topped. Daniel Wilkins, PGA (Laconia CC) carded the round two low score of 67 (-3).

Other notable highlights came from Chris Bohac, PGA (Kirkbrae CC) and John Paesani, PGA (Bay Club at Mattapoisett) who both carded hole in ones Monday.



Bohac aced the par-3 8th and Paesani carded his on the par-3 4th.

Congratulations to Kirk on the 2018 NEPGA Senior Championship victory! We would also like to congratulate Tom Tobey, Jeff Seavey, Rick Karbowski, Dan Wilkins, Bob Tramonti, and Rick Durocher on advancing to the Senior PGA Professional National Championship at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL on October 25th-28th.

This Championship would not have been possible without the support from Jim Remy, PGA, Michael Santa Maria, PGA and the rest of the Okemo Valley Golf Club staff. We would also like to thank our partners at GolfAdvisor.com, John Deere, R.J. Shepherd Co., and PGA TOUR for all the support!

## RESULTS

Pos.	Name	Rd.1	Rd.2.	Total
1	Kirk Hanefeld	65	68	133
2	Thomas Tobey	66	68	134
T3	Jeff Seavey	69	69	138
T3	Rick Karbowski	65	73	138
T5	Daniel Wilkins	72	67	139
T5	Robert Tramonti	70	69	139
T5	Bill Andrews	70	69	139
T5	Rick Durocher	70	69	139
T9	Frank Dully	72	68	140
T9	Greg Farland	70	70	140
T9	David Dionne	69	71	140



# Havoc on the Haven

## Pare and Martin play Lights out at Pro-Pro Stroke Play

The Haven Country Club in Boylston, MA welcomed over 100 New England PGA Professionals for 36 holes of golf this morning. The 6,800-yard, par 72 6,800-yard track has previously been the host to the Men's and Women's Massachusetts Open.

Professionals came from all over the section to represent their home club or facility. The format was best ball stroke play. Two professionals were paired together and attempted to play great golf through a trying day of 36 holes.

Conditions appeared very questionable for play throughout the entire day, luckily only occasional showers ran through The Haven. Following the first round, the pairing of Bob Bruso, PGA, Blackstone National & Jeff Seavey, PGA, Samoset Resort left their mark on the leader board with a 62 (-10).

Other notable round one scores included, John Fields, PGA, Belmont & Frank Dully, PGA, Kernwood fired a 65 (-7). The pairings of Troy Pare, PGA, Ledgemont & Jeff Martin, PGA, Wollaston GC and Brian Keiser, PGA, Weston GC & Steven Daly, PGA, Black Rock sat four strokes behind Bruso and Seavey at 6-under par.

With another 18 holes of golf to go, it was time for these PGA Professionals to buckle down and continue grinding out on the course. For Troy Pare and Jeff Martin, it was easy to see that round one was just a glimpse of what the pairing could accomplish. Pare and Martin followed up the round one 66 with a 10 under-par 62. The total score of 128 (-16) was enough to take home the crown here in Boylston.

Bruso and Seavey came up just three strokes shy as they carded a round two score of 69.

The outstanding performance from Martin and Pare included a total of 19 birdies.

The Professionals enjoyed a lunch in between rounds and enjoyed the competitive day on the course. The event would not have been possible without the support of Head Professional Hal



Jacobs and the Haven CC staff. A huge thanks goes out to our presenting partner Stitch Golf and our supporting partners True Spec Golf, CCE Golf Cars and Fennec.

### RESULTS

Pos	Name	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Total	
1	Troy Pare Jeffrey Martin	66	62	128	-16
2	Robert Bruso Jeff Seavey	62	69	131	-13
3	Brian Keiser Steven Daly	66	68	134	-10
T4	Eric Barlow Thomas Tobey	68	69	137	-7
T4	John Fields Frank Dully	65	72	137	-7
T4	Kirk Hanefeld Rick Karbowski	68	69	137	-7
T4	David Lane Allan Menne	67	70	137	-7
T4	Dan Venezia Patrick Berry	70	67	137	-7



# Presidents Take Pro-Lady

*Smith and Lynch take Home Hardware at Kernwood*



of Blue Hill CC and Danny Kish, PGA and Allison Wilkins of Atkinson Resort came to play as well, firing a 72 (+2) falling just one shot short.

The team from Beaver Meadow GC with Phill Davis, PGA and Caroline Fang did not go home empty handed. They stamped the only eagle of the day on the par-5 13th.

The players enjoyed a great lunch after the round and seemed to enjoy themselves the entire day.

A huge thank you to our partner Sue Powers of nivo/sligo Golf for all her support and the awesome apparel. Another big shout out to Head Professional Frank

Dully II and the rest of the Kernwood CC staff for being an excellent host.

It was a beautiful day for some golf at the 2018 Pro-Lady Invitational. Kernwood CC in Salem, MA was a wonderful host for the event. The par-70 Donald Ross track plays alongside the Danvers River making for spectacular views. The format for the event was stroke-play, Select Drive-Alternate Shot.

Each team consisted of one NEPGA Professional and one female Amateur who is a member of the Professionals facility. Plenty of smiles, high fives, and laughs were shared out on the course between groups. Competitors raved about the conditions and loved playing this picturesque course.

The 8:00 a.m. shotgun event wrapped up just before 1:00 p.m. and the field of 38 teams entered the clubhouse. Dana Smith, PGA, and Meghan Lynch of Presidents GC

came out victorious with a gross score of 71 (+1). Despite a few bogeys and one double bogey, the pairing of Smith and Lynch put together four excellent birdies including one on the par-5 1st.

"We had a good strategy going into it and I think the strategy worked" said Smith with a smile. The pairing of Smith and Lynch have never played a round of golf with each other before this event.

Ian Kelley, PGA and Emily Hess

## RESULTS (Gross)

Pos	Team	Total	
1	Presidents GC (Smith)	71	1
T2	Atkinson Resort (Kish)	72	2
T2	Blue Hill CC (Kelley)	72	2
T4	North Andover CC (Farley)	73	3
T4	Cyprian Keyes GC (Durocher)	73	3
T6	The Country Club (Dickson)	74	4
T6	Belmont (Fields)	74	4
T8	Beverly G&CC (Dionne)	75	5
T8	TPC Boston (Nowosielski)	75	5
T8	Beaver Meadow GC (Davis)	75	5
T11	Rochester CC (Ellis)	76	6
T11	Montcalm GC (Mansfield)	76	6



# Jagoe Goes Low

[Click Here for the recap video!](#)

## Allendale CC 's Nicholas Jagoe Navigates Manchester CC

Nicholas Jagoe (Allendale CC) shot a three-under-par score of 68 to finish as the champion of Stroke Play Series event #3 at Manchester CC on Monday. Jagoe was one of only five NEPGA Professionals to finish under par.

Jagoe began in the late morning, trying to just focus on the basics and enjoy the round playing a more carefree round of golf. His strategy

worked in his favor, and he made birdie on the second and fifth holes; making the turn without a bogey on his card at two-under-par.

On the back, groups across the board struggled with some of the quirks Manchester CC had to offer on the course. Jagoe opened up with another birdie on the 11<sup>th</sup>, but followed it up with a bogey on the 12<sup>th</sup>. He fought back to make a birdie on 13 and an eagle on the 15<sup>th</sup> to get to five-under par. He made a couple of bogeys on the stretch towards the clubhouse, but ultimately finished on top at 68 (-3).

"It was tough out there, I was lucky because I had Brian (Moskevich) to lead me around a little, he's the assistant here, but he definitely knew some of the bad spots on the course. I followed his lead and it really paid off," said Jagoe.

Manchester Country Club takes some serious maneuvering to get around, especially for players who have never seen the course before. Many of the tee shots are blind, leaving players to guess on the right direction and club selection for every shot. For Jagoe to go as low as he did, and admit

he might have left a few putts out on the course is a remarkable feat.

MCC will serve as the host of the 2019 NEPGA Section Championship alongside Concord CC. The Stroke Play event on Monday and a potential stroke play event before the Championship next year, serve as great warmups for all PGA Professionals looking to make a difference in the Section Championship.



## RESULTS

Pos	Team	Total	
1	Nicholas Jagoe	-3	68
T2	Frank Dully	-2	69
T2	Eric Barlow	-2	69
T2	Robert Bradley	-2	69
5	Brett Smestad	-1	70
T6	Kevin Rhoads	E	71
T6	Todd Cook	E	71
T8	Matt Zdon	1	72
T8	David Jankowski	1	72
T8	Todd Scarafoni	1	72
T8	Brian Moskevich	1	72
T8	Danny Kish	1	72

# A Sharon Shootout

## Triggs' Memorial Masters the Pro +1Am

Bob Tramonti, PGA and Rick Leary (a) from Triggs Memorial GC combined for a six-under-par score of 66 to edge out the competition and take home the top spot in the Pro +1 Am at the Cape Club of Sharon on Monday.

With the shot gun start, Tramonti teed off from the par- three 13th hole, and made a quick birdie to start their day. They followed it up with two more birdies on the following 14th and 15th holes. Even with a birdie on the 16th, their great play helped them to climb the leaderboard quickly. On the day, the Triggs duo made seven birdies and a single bogey in the gross division to take home the Pro +1 Am championship honors. It was a narrow margin of victory, as the rest of the field was only one shot back.

Bob Bruso, PGA and David Holmes (a) from Blackstone National Golf Club, Todd Cook, PGA and Johnathan Jones (a) from the Milton Hoosic Club, Rick Karbowski, PGA and Tom Kelly (a) from Auburn Driving Range, and Scott Hickey, PGA and Dave Falucci (a) from Cyprian Keyes shot scores of 67 (gross) to finish tied for first in the Pro + 1 Am at the Cape Club of Sharon on Monday.

Karbowski, Cook, and Bruso all finished tied for first in the low individual professional contest, shooting scores of 68 (-4) on their own ball.



The Cape Club has been host to many New England PGA events in the past years, hosting the 2016 Assistants' Championship and 2017 Stroke Play Series #4 event. After going through a small remodel, the course was a little different than most NEPGA Professionals remembered.

Most notably, the 18th hole has a new tee box that turned the straightaway par-4 into a more challenging dog-leg right.

Thank you to the Cape Club of Sharon and their staff for a wonderful day on the golf

course. We would also like to thank partner Prize Possessions and Jim and Kevin Lynch for the great tee gifts for all players in the event!

### RESULTS (Gross)

Pos	Team	Total	
1	Triggs Memorial GC (Tramonti)	-6	66
T2	Blackstone National GC (Bruso)	-5	67
T2	Milton Hoosic Club (Cook)	-5	67
	Auburn Driving Range		
T2	(Karbowski)	-5	67
T2	Cyprian Keyes GC (Hickey)	-5	67
6	Foxborough CC (Rivers)	-4	68
T7	Kernwood CC (Dully)	-3	69
T7	Montcalm GC (Mansfield)	-3	69
T7	Granite Links GC (Brasington)	-3	69
T7	Falmouth CC (Warren)	-3	69



# Hanefeld Bound for NH Hall of Fame

*By Gary Larrabee for the Salem News*

When the New Hampshire Golf Association announced the formation of a hall of fame commencing in 2018, two of the first names that seemed automatic for the inaugural induction class were Salem native Bob Mielcarz and Salem Country Club's Kirk Hanefeld.

So it has come as no surprise that Hanefeld, who grew up as a champion amateur in the Granite State before spending most of his illustrious professional golf career in Massachusetts, many of those years on the North Shore, and Mielcarz, who grew up here before moving to New Hampshire as a

young adult and becoming that state's only nine-time amateur champ, will in fact be in the first "Hall" class.

They will be honored with eight others — four amateurs and four professionals — including Phil Friel and Tony Loch, on October 18 at Manchester Country Club.

"I've lived in Massachusetts a lot longer than New Hampshire," says Hanefeld, the director of instruction at Salem CC, a three-time New England PGA champion and winner of nearly \$800,000 during a noteworthy stretch on the PGA Champions Tour. "But playing as an amateur in New Hampshire was very important to my career.

"It's where I got started thanks to my mother Hazel. She won the Rochester club championship; she played in state events. She got me started as a junior and I've never stopped playing."

Hanefeld, 62, emerged as the top modern-era male player to hail from New Hampshire. He won three New Hampshire Juniors, two state amateurs and one New England Amateur and later returned as a professional to win the New Hampshire Open. Hanefeld, a Hamilton resident, is the only player to win the state's men's amateur and open. The New Hampshire Golf Association honors Hanefeld annually when they present the top junior player in the state with the Kirk Hanefeld Award.

The new "Hall" is also recognizing his exemplary career as a PGA professional at the club level and as a competitor. He served as head pro and golf director at Salem from 1985 to 1999, as golf director at The International from 2001 to



2006, was honored as NEPGA Professional of the Year in 2005 and was inducted into the NEPGA Hall of Fame in 2013. He also has been inducted into the Somersworth High School Hall of Fame.

Kirk also has won two NEPGA Skip Wogan Player of the Year awards, as well as two Maine Opens, two Rhode Island Opens and a combined eight NEPGA Pro-Pro Match Play and Stroke Play titles. He played in both the 1990 U.S. Open and PGA Championship, the only club professional to do so, then qualified for the 2013 PGA at the age of 57. In addition, Kirk has won two PGA National Senior Professional Championships.

"I have been most fortunate every step of the way in my golf life," Hanefeld emphasizes. "Fortunate with the people who guided me, led by my mom (she turned 91 in June) and dad, Don, (he turns 91 in August) and Jim O'Leary, Sr., the pro at Rochester in my formative years. Winning those three state juniors (1971-73) convinced me I had a future playing the game. I'm glad I stayed with it."

Hanefeld also won three New Hampshire CYO titles and continues to be a contending player wherever he competes in 2018.

"I still love the game as a player, but in a lot of other ways, too, including teaching," he says. "Teaching brings a great deal of satisfaction."

# Fore the Job

## NEPGA Endorses John Lindert for PGA of America Secretary



The New England PGA recently announced its Section support for John Lindert, PGA for the position of National Secretary.

The announcement comes after a lengthy interview process by the board of each candidate.

John is the Director of Golf at Country Club of Lansing, a Member of the Michigan PGA Section, and is the District 5 Director on the PGA Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the NEPGA and Executive Committee went through a rigorous process which included phone conversations with each candidate, conference calls as well as attending the super-regional meetings in Atlanta, GA where the four candidates presented and

met with Section leadership.

After many conversations it was decided at the July NEPGA board meeting the section would support John.

He was selected for his experience and passion for the PGA brand, and we felt he was a genuine Professional and has the best interests of the PGA Professional in mind.

Section leaders in New England feel very passionately about the responsibility to make decisions that affect change on the national level, and are very eager to see the results of the election.

All of the profiles for the candidates are available online on PGA.org, or by clicking the button.



Click for information  
on all of the  
candidates

# Movin' on Up

## New England Section Moves on to Drive, Chip and Putt Sub-Regionals



The New England PGA's Drive, Chip and Putt Season is forging on to the next stages in its program. Local qualifying in the Section is officially over, and all of the hopeful participants will now compete in the Sub-Regional stage.

Through the nine local qualifiers, three boys and three girls from each of the four age groups advance to the next stage. The 216 participants advancing will be split amongst two sub-regional sites based on their local qualifying site: Pinehills GC in Lakeville, MA on August 16th and Renaissance GC in Haverhill, MA on August 12th.

The top two boys and girls in each group from the sub-regional stage will move on to the Regional stage. The field advancing from the sub-regionals

to the regionals is cut drastically: from 216 down to just 16.

At the Regionals, the competition net expands to include those in the Metropolitan NY Section, Connecticut Section, and Northeast NY Section as well. This year, the DCP Regional Competition will be held at Winged Foot Golf Club, in Mamaroneck, NY.

From Winged Foot, those lucky enough to place first in their division will move on to Augusta National Golf Club to compete in the National Finals, the Sunday before the Masters. The New England Section has had several of its own qualify and even go on to win at the National Final as well: Michael Thorbjornsen won the Boys' 14-15 division in 2016, and Zachary Colon took home the Boys' 12-13 Championship in 2017.

We're looking forward to seeing the competition unfold for another great year of the Drive, Chip and Putt!

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# Foundation Flourishing

*Check out the ways the NEPGA Foundation is helping in the community*

## PGA Hope Clinic Inspires Vets

*Bangor Municipal GC Hosts Record Number of Veterans for PGA Hope Clinic*



*Veterans gather around Rob Jarvis, PGA as he explains some of the details of the PGA Hope Program at Bangor Municipal Golf Club in Bangor, ME.*

*PGA Hope, also known as Helping Our Patriots Everywhere, began at Bangor on June 28th and Jarvis offers free golf for all military veterans as well as lessons every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30.*

*Participants take aim on the range, looking to show off some of their newly acquired skills.*

*Jarvis' six-week instructional program looks to teach every aspect of the game of golf, from basic skills and etiquette to scoring and terminology. There are not any requirements to the program, and it draws all skill levels from beginners to advanced players.*



*"Being a municipal golf course, part of our mission is to be part of the community and be an asset to the people living here and around us," Jarvis added. "Our plans include doing things like this."*



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# Fifty Years' Fight

## Joey Coakley Memorial Celebrates 50th Anniversary in Final Year

Charles River CC and Woodland GC are set to host the 50th anniversary of The Joey Coakley Memorial Pro-Am on Monday, August 13, which marks the final year for this event which has raised over 2.6 million for Cystic Fibrosis research and treatment. The Coakley welcomes close to 300 participants each year who are eager to compete and help raise awareness and significant funds. This event also includes our very own NEPGA Professionals each year, and three amateurs are given the opportunity to compete with a Professional for 18 holes at either course, followed by an impactful reception at Charles River following play featuring a speaker that has been affected by Cystic Fibrosis and helped by the Joey Coakley ProAm in some way.

The New England PGA has long been involved with charitable ProAm's, where Professionals play and provide some entertainment during the day for the amateur players while helping to raise funds for worthy charitable causes through rounds of golf and other donations. While events certainly run their course over the years, the New England PGA is proud to be currently involved with two other charity ProAm's; the Sam Sylvia Nantucket Boys & Girls Club ProAm at Sankaty Head GC and the IGOE Memorial ProAm at Wellesley CC. In recent years the NEPGA also partnered with the Jimmy Fund on their "Tame the Tiger" ProAm at The International. Each of these tournaments have helped their community and raised significant dollars for programs and scholarships respectively.

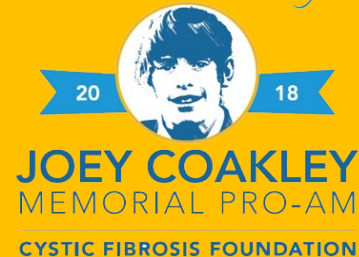
While 2018 marks the final year of the Coakley, with 50 years in the books it is amazing to see how far the event has come. Not only does the event raise awareness and funds for the Cystic Fibrosis

Foundation, but it is a way to remember Joseph "Joey" Coakley, 1960-1975. Coakley is remembered as a witty, fun-loving young man who brought sunshine with him as he entered any room.



Dinner following play at the Coakley in 2017

*50th Anniversary*



His good disposition and sense of humor is a memory shared by both family and friends. Joey, diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at birth, dealt with the trials of this disease on a daily basis with quiet strength and courage. Joey was never one to complain or feel sorry for himself, rather the prevailing memory of Joey was his ability to find humor in any situation. Tragically, Joey lost his battle against CF in 1975 after a short 15 years on this earth, but his memory lives on each year with this gathering. The funds raised have made significant strides in battling the disorder, and life expectancy rates are at the highest ever for those diagnosed thanks to proceeds from events like this one. The New England PGA is proud to support the 50th Coakley ProAm!



Charles River CC hole #1

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# The Doctor is in...

*Thoughts from Tournament Director,  
Max Doctoroff, PGA*



## June Tournament News

As the June Tournament Season comes to a close, we're looking ahead to a wonderful tournament season for July! Here's what we have planned:

### Section Championships/ PNC Qualifiers

Section Championship season is upon us. This year's Section Championship will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, and features two great seaside golf courses in Rhode Island: Warwick Country Club and Quidnessett Country Club. The Assistants Championship will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at Renaissance, which provided a great test of golf at last year's Section Championship. Registration for the New England Assistant's Championship is still open, and it closes on August 29th. Please remember that registration is through the PGA national office for these events, as they are qualifiers for National Championships. Please visit [pga.org](http://pga.org) to register.

[Click for More Information](#)

### Stroke Play Series #4– The Purpoodock Club, August 8th

As we're more than halfway through our Stroke Play Season, the Stroke Play Series rolls on to the Purpoodock Club in Cape Elizabeth, ME on August 8th. Purpoodock features a uniquely picturesque layout and this event will count towards this season's OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year points race, as well as the Avidia Cup points race and 1st/10th Tee Challenge. The event's format is 18 holes of individual stroke play, and has a senior division and blind draw pro-pro on the side. Many thanks to host professional Tony Decker, PGA, as well as our partners Ahead, Bushnell, Avidia Bank, SCNS Sports Foods, and the PGA Tour.



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## Senior-Junior Championship—Haverhill CC, August 27th

Combining the best of experience and talent, The 2018 Senior/ Junior Championship heads to Haverhill Country Club for a great day of golf. The Senior/Junior is a great opportunity to get out of the shop, and bond with a fellow PGA Professional outside of work. Please remember that Senior Members are the age of 50 and over, and Juniors are aged 18-49 by August 27th. The event is an 18-hole Four-Ball Stroke Play competition, and a 12pm shotgun start. Join us and a mentor or friend for lunch before play and appetizers after your round!

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## Stroke Play Series #5— Granite Links GC, Sept 4

The Stroke Play Series rolls on to Granite Links GC in Quincy, MA on Sept 4th. Granite Links features great elevation changes and panoramic views of Boston's skyline. This event will count towards this season's OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year points race, as well as the Avidia Cup points race and 1st/10th Tee Challenge. The event's format is 18 holes of individual stroke play, and has a senior division and blind draw pro-pro on the side. Many thanks to host professional Stephen Clancy, PGA, as well as our partners Ahead, Bushnell, Avidia Bank, SCNS Sports Foods, and the PGA Tour.



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## Important Dates

**August 6-7**

PGA Junior League Section  
Championship at Atkinson Resort

**August 8**

Stroke Play Series #4 at Purpoodock  
Club

**August 12**

DCP Subregional Renaissance

**August 15**

DCP Subregional Pinehills

**August 20-22**

NEPGA Championship Warwick &  
Quidnessett

**August 27**

Senior/ Junior Championship at  
Haverhill CC

**August 29**

Assistants Championship Registration  
Deadline



# Championship Season

NEPGA Championships are on the horizon! Learn more about each below!

## NEPGA Section Championship, Quidnessett CC and Warwick CC, August 20-22



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## NEPGA Assistant's Championship, Renaissance GC, September 17-18



**Registration Deadline is August 29th!**

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# Final Round Fight

*Berberian, Jr., Warren to compete in the final Major of the season*

-Seaside, CA

With the 2018 PGA Professional Championship in the books, we would like to congratulate all 14 NEPGA Professionals that braved the field of 312 PGA Professionals out west. From battling the tough conditions at Bayonet Black Horse to fighting past two cut lines, the past four days were incredibly demanding for our Professionals.

Although only one Champion could be crowned in Seaside, CA, the top 20 PGA Professionals would punch their ticket to the 100th PGA Championship August 9-12, at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis.

The NEPGA was represented well throughout the Championship, with at least one Professional on or near the top of the leaderboard through all rounds. During round three the top 70 competitors remained, and three NEPGA Professionals managed to hold their own in the top 10 and contend for the Walter Hagen Cup.

The final round started out hopeful for Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC). He quickly claimed the top spot on the leaderboard with a birdie on hole two. Unfortunately, Warren could not hold on for long, with a tough stretch of bogeys on the front nine. Warren followed his round three score of 68 with a +6 (78) round four. Despite the disappointing final round score, Warren was not done fighting.

Warren joined nine other Professionals in a playoff. The pressure of clinching a spot at the PGA Championship was hanging over each competitor's head. The playoff lasted seven holes, but Warren wanted out early, and a clutch birdie putt on playoff hole number one sent him to St. Louis, officially putting Falmouth Country Club just outside of Portland, ME on the map at the 100th PGA Championship.

Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA (Vesper CC) went into the final round -1 and T7. Things were looking good for the 2016 Champion, as Berberian grinded through his first 10 holes and sat T5, just two strokes behind the leader. With two tough bogeys on the tail end on his round, Berberian Jr. finished +3 on the day and +2 on the Championship. He did not leave empty handed, as his T-12 finish was more than enough to secure his spot on the big stage come August at the PGA Championship for the third consecutive year,



and his fourth major overall.

We look forward to following Rich Berberian, Jr. and Shawn Warren as they compete with the world's best August 9th-12th.

The other two NEPGA Professionals that lasted through the final round Liam Friedman, PGA (Nashawtuc CC) and Matt Doyle, PGA (Misquamicut Club) showed nothing but toughness. The final round did not go as planned for Doyle or Friedman as they both finished T60 and +9 on the Championship. Doyle and Friedman were unable to punch their ticket to the PGA Championship but they managed to play consistently great golf all four rounds and made themselves and their facilities proud as they were among the best at the 51st PGA Professional Championship.





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## Carr Golf Announces Donald Ross Pro-Am at Scotland's Royal Dornoch Includes Rounds on Castle Stuart, Brora Golf Club and \$20,000 PGA Professional Prize Fund

(DUBLIN, Ireland) – Carr Golf – Ireland, England and Scotland's premier provider of unforgettable golf experiences – announces the 2019 Donald Ross Pro-Am will be held on Scotland's renowned Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Sept. 24 – 28.

The exclusive field is limited to 16 teams, each consisting of one PGA Professional and three amateurs. This one-of-a-kind golf pilgrimage features a practice round at Brora Golf Club – home of the James Braid Golfing Society – one tournament round at scenic Castle Stuart Golf Links overlooking the Moray Firth and two tournament rounds at Royal Dornoch.

The exceptional event also includes four nights' accommodation, welcome reception and entertainment, three meals daily, premium gift packs presented by tournament partner Donald Ross Sportswear, airport transfers, local transportation, and concierge service both pre-trip as well as during the event. Additionally, a \$20,000 prize will be divided among the winning PGA Professionals.

"This joyous event allows amateurs and PGA Professionals to come together and enjoy some of the finest links golf in Scotland while celebrating the life and heritage of Donald Ross," says Marty Carr, executive chairman of Carr Golf. "We look forward to welcoming lovers of the ancient game to historic Dornoch for an unforgettable week."

The journey to the "Home of Golf" celebrates the genius and memory of one of golf's greatest contributors. Born in the town of Dornoch in 1872, Ross immigrated to America in 1899 and became known as the "Father of U.S. Golf Course Architecture." His world-class designs include Pinehurst No. 2, Aronimink Golf Club, East Lake Golf Club, Seminole Golf Club, Oak Hill Country Club, Inverness Club and Oakland Hills Country Club. Over 100 U.S. national championships have been played on his courses.

The inaugural Donald Ross Tournament was hosted at Royal Dornoch, with a practice round at Brora Golf Club, on Oct. 8 – 12, 2017. Highlights included an audience with noted golf course architecture writer Bradley Klein, winner of the Donald Ross Award. Said Klein of the experience, "Go, it's a must-attend event."

For additional information, or to register, please click [here](#).

### About Carr Golf Travel

For nearly three decades, Ireland-based Carr Golf Travel has built its impeccable reputation on creating the ultimate golf escapes to exceptional courses in Ireland and Scotland like Ballybunion, Royal County Down, Royal Portrush, Waterville, The Old Course at St. Andrews, and Turnberry. Deeply passionate about the game's history and traditions, the family-owned company creates, plans and implements customized and unique itineraries that include tee times, luxury accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, fine dining, caddies and anything else needed for stress-free, unforgettable golf vacations and memories.

Joe Carr, the company's late founder, was one of Ireland's greatest golf heroes with over 40 championship victories including three British Amateur titles. He was the recipient of the Bobby Jones Award (1961), Walter Hagen Award (1967), and played in three Masters Tournaments at Augusta National. In 1991 he was the first Irishman to be honored with Captaincy of the Royal & Ancient and in 2007 he was the first Irishman to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Today, Joe's son, Marty, operates the business as executive chairman. His brother Roddy is also actively involved. Named winner of Golf Digest's Editors' Choice Award for "Best Tour Operator" in 2016, 2017 and 2018, Carr Golf Travel hosts numerous prestigious annual events including the World Invitational Father & Son and World Invitational Father & Daughter tournaments in Southwest Ireland as well as the Donald Ross Invitational in the Scottish Highlands. Moreover, the company is at the forefront of corporate event implementation, as well as developing itineraries built around the Open Championship, Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup, College football and NFL games in London.





# Dell Technologies: Volunteer!

*NEPGA is looking for volunteers to walk with groups at TPC Boston*



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN TO WALK INSIDE THE ROPES WITH THE BEST OF THE BEST PGA TOUR PLAYERS AT THE DELL TECHNOLOGIES CHAMPIONSHIP PRO-AM!

This year has been an exciting year so far on the PGA Tour with Justin Thomas on top of the FEDEXCUP Leaderboard as of May 9<sup>th</sup>. Right behind Thomas is Jason Day having won the Wells Fargo Championship along with the Farmers' Insurance Open. Thomas and Day along with the other top 100 points leaders in the FedEx Cup Race after the first FedEx Cup Playoff, will be competing at the TPC Boston in Norton to move on to the next Playoff Event.

With the Dell Technologies Championship just about three months away on **Thursday, August 30th**, we are in need of Ambassadors for both the morning and afternoon waves. There is also available the chance to walk both waves if you are interested. The morning wave is from 6:50 am to 8:50 am. The afternoon wave is from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

This is always an enjoyable day to go inside the ropes with PGA Tour Professionals and their amateurs acting as Ambassadors of the PGA of America and assisting the amateur players with course management and pace of play.

As an Ambassador, you will receive a logo'd golf shirt along with credentials and a VIP parking pass to use at the Pro Am on Thursday, August 30th.

You will receive 1 MSR credit for each hour that you are on the course. This is under the "Growth of the Game" category. If you have any questions, please call the NEPGA office at 508.869.0000.

To register, please [click here](#).



## JULY MEMBERSHIP NOTES: *Joan Stuart*

### Membership Assistance Program began July 1st



The SupportLinc Member Assistance Program (MAP) is a company-sponsored resource that helps you deal with life's challenges and the demands that come with balancing home and work. SupportLinc provides members and associates with confidential, professional counseling for a wide array of personal and work-related concerns, including short-term counseling, legal and financial consultation, dependent care referrals and technology-based resources to assist in every aspect of life.

We all experience personal problems from time to time. Usually, we're content to handle them on our own. However, in order to truly address a problem, there are times where we just don't know where to turn. "The stress of my job is just too much." "I'm going through a divorce and need to find an attorney." "All I do is work to pay the bills and I'm never caught up."

"My child care provider just quit. What am I going to do?" "My supervisor and I just can't get along." "I think my father needs to move to a nursing home, but I don't know where to turn."

You and your immediate family members can contact SupportLinc at any time, day or night, and speak directly to a licensed MAP counselor. The experienced SupportLinc counselor will collect some general information about you and will talk to you about the nature of your issue. This process is called an "intake". Once the intake conversation is completed, the counselor will schedule an in-person appointment with a nearby clinician who best fits the need that was identified during the intake.

You can call SupportLinc toll-free at 866-4PGAMAP (474-2627). You will be immediately connected to a licensed SupportLinc counselor who can provide you with assistance. SupportLinc is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you are logged into PGA.org, you can access the Member Assistance Program website directly through the Benefits & Tools area. Login information is not required.

A \$5 line item charge is included in the FY2018/2019 annual dues invoices. The Member Assistance Program is a result of

Resolution 3, which was passed at the 2017 PGA Annual Meeting last fall.

### PGA Championship Access

PGA of America Members, Associates, PGA Students and accompanying immediate family (spouse, children and his and her parents. This does not include member's grandparents, brothers/sisters, spouse of children, etc.). You 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. Ticket Information: (800) 742-4653 and [pga.com](http://pga.com).





## MEMBERSHIP NEWS, CONT.

### 2018 Dell Technologies Championship

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## PGA NEWS

### PGA Facility Operations Scorecard



Through your continued support, we are able to host the PGA Facility Operations Scorecard (formerly known as the PGA Annual Operations Survey) to help provide our PGA Professionals with **key statistics and benchmarking capabilities to support management** of golf and club operations. This email is intended to seek your help in recruiting PGA Professional participation so that we in turn can provide comprehensive facility data that is reflective of the marketplace.

Sporting a **new, streamlined design**, the scorecard is geared towards making data more efficient and relevant to each PGA Professional filling out the scorecard, where questions are **more aligned with revenue and expense topics that are important** to PGA Professionals and their facility.

A soft launch of the scorecard **goes live early tomorrow morning** to those members that have already completed the 2018 PGA Compensation Survey. We ask that you leverage your communications to **encourage PGA Professionals in your Section** to complete this survey **before June 4th**.

**New this year**, PGA Professionals have the opportunity to **earn up to three (3) MSR credits** depending on the level of detail they wish to provide by completing the scorecard with valid, usable data by the deadline. **MSR credit is automatically applied** upon completion of the scorecard.

The scorecard is **currently available for the highest-ranked PGA Professional** at each facility. Please direct PGA Professionals to the following page at PGA.org to participate: <http://apps.pga.org/professionals/apps/memberinfo/performance/trak/facops.cfm>

For review prior to completing the scorecard online, there is a **downloadable version** on the Facility Operations Scorecard landing page. As a reminder, **all survey responses are treated confidentially** with results continuing to be shared in an aggregated format and not by an individual facility.

We truly appreciate your assistance with this and look forward to receiving data from PGA Professionals in your Section.

### District 1 Director Report: Noel Gebauer, PGA



[Click here](#) to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of July featuring information on the PGA Golf Management University Scholarship, the "PGA Journeys" campaign, the PGA's Social Responsibility report and much more!



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## 2018 NEPGA Junior Tour: Grow the Game

Dear NEPGA Professionals,

The Jr. 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. If you have junior golf members or customers at your facility, please help us spread the word! Please see the information below or visit [www.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com) to learn more. We encourage you to:

- Send out an email blast to your membership, customers and students (see wording below)
- Showcase the Jr. Tour on your club or personal website that includes a link to the new NEPGA Jr Tour site, <http://www.nepgajuniortour.com/>
- Highlight the Jr. Tour's benefits in your monthly newsletter
- Enthusiastically talk to parents and junior golfers about the Jr. Tour

We also ask that you encourage your more experienced and advanced junior golfers to participate in the NEPGA Elite Tour/2 day events. The tour is designed to provide junior golfers (ages 12-18) in New England top-level competition in a local setting. All of our Elite Tour & two day events are submitted to National Junior Golf Scoreboard. This allows participating junior golfers the chance to accumulate points, earn national recognition and provides them with the resources and experience needed to continue competitive golf beyond the junior years.

The Jr. 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 2018 season by spreading the word!

### **Tour Description (feel free to include in newsletters, email blasts & websites):**

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](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com) or call 508-869-0000.

Thank You,

Jacy Settles

NEPGA Director of Junior Golf



# Dotting their I's

## *Willett & Shieh Take Top Honors at 2018 Massachusetts Big "I" Junior Classic*

Conner Willett (of Wellesley, MA and Gabrielle Shieh of Carlisle, MA won the 2018 Massachusetts Big "I" Junior Classic on Monday - Tuesday, July 9-10 at The Country Club of New Bedford (North Dartmouth, MA) and The Bay Club at Mattapoisett (Mattapoisett, MA). For Shieh it was her second consecutive victory at this event.

By winning their divisions, Willett and Shieh qualified for the Big "I" National Championship held at Daniel Island Golf Club in Charleston, SC on August 6 – 9, 2018.



Willett, 15, posted a final-round 69 for a two-day total of 141 and a 3-stroke victory over Cooper Griffin (Weston, MA) and Nicholas Hampoian (North Reading, MA). Shieh, 16, had a final-round 75 for a two-day total of 146 and an 11-stroke victory over Tate Hedges (on the right) of Easton, MA.

In addition to Willett and Shieh, the following boys and girl will advance to the Big "I" National Championship as the low five boys and low two girls qualified for the National event.

Boys: T2) Cooper Griffin (Weston, MA) 76-68 --144  
T2) Nick Hampoian (North Reading, MA) 69-75--144  
4) Collin Fitzpatrick (Marion, MA) 73-72-- 145  
T5) Grant Griswold (Walpole, MA) 76-70—146

Girls:

2) Tate Hedges, (Easton, MA) 79-78-- 157

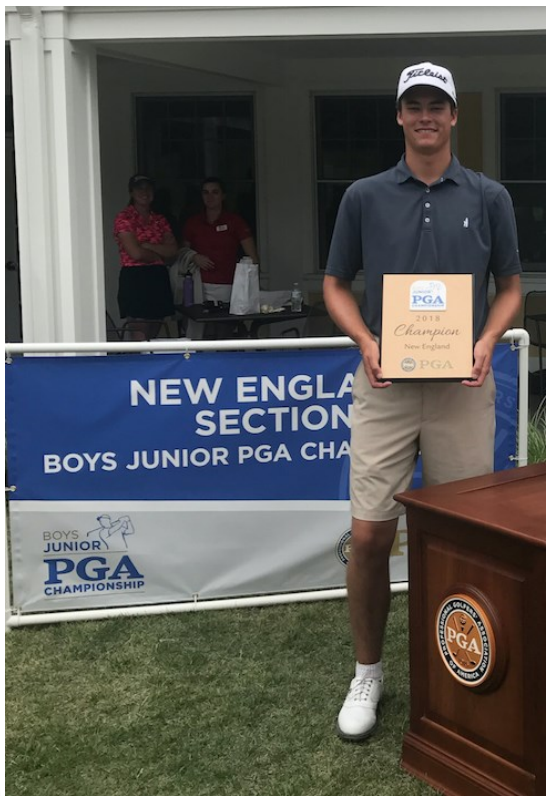
There was no shortage of drama in determining the final qualifying spot, as Jack McGrath of Newton, MA and Grant Griswold of Walpole, MA needed extra golf to settle who would be headed to the national event. Griswold prevailed on the first playoff hole with a par 4 while McGrath carded a bogey 5.

More than 200 youngsters competed in 5 qualifying tournaments around the state, with 63 earning spots in the state finals. The state tournament was sponsored by the New England PGA and the Massachusetts Association of Insurance Agents

The Trusted Choice Big "I" National Championship is one of the largest golf championships in the country with more than 2,000 boys and girls—ages 13 to 18—competing in over 100 elimination rounds throughout the United States. It is one of the most widely acclaimed junior golf championships in the U.S.

On the national level the tournament is sponsored by the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America (IIABA) and Trusted Choice.





# NEPGAJT in Kentucky

*NEPGA Junior Tour Players in contention at the Jr. PGA Championship*

The 2018 Junior PGA Championship is underway in Kentucky. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Boys Jr PGA Championship is being played at the infamous Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, KY. The 72-hole stroke-play Championship is set to conclude on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Andrew Giacchetto and Andrew O'Leary, some of Massachusetts finest Junior golfers are in the field.

O'Leary is a Norfolk, MA resident and former standout on the NEPGA Jr. Tour. He secured his spot at the Championship this summer by winning at the 2018 NEPGA Jr Championship at Shaker Hills Golf Club.

O'Leary is looking to play his best golf this week as he is already T12 on the leaderboard posting and eagle 3 on the par-5 7<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck to all competitors and we know our NEPGA Juniors will continue to make us proud.

## Jumping Juniors

*Atkinson Resort to Host PGA Junior League Section Championship*

Atkinson Resort & Country Club will host the PGA Jr. League New England Section Championship August 6 & 7 with thirty All-Star teams of junior golfers ages 13 and under and their families meeting for a fun, festival-like competition.

The New England Section Championship will feature teams playing in a team qualifying tournament on August 7, with the top four teams advancing to the match play finals on August 8. Two teams will advance to the regional finals. In addition to the competition, teams will have the opportunity to play fun games, and will receive tee gifts compliments of sponsor National Car Rental.

The Section Champion will advance to the Regional at Watertown Golf Club in Connecticut September 8 & 9, where they will play for one of 12 spots in the 2018 PGA Jr. League Championship presented by [National Car Rental](#) at Grayhawk Golf Club (Scottsdale, Arizona) November 16-19.

The PGA Jr. League Postseason presented by National Car Rental is designed to celebrate the regular recreational season held in April through July, as well as provide a fun and welcoming environment for the 20 percent of PGA Jr. League players who identify as competitive golfers. Following the regular season, 10-player All-Star teams were formed from a combination of players in each local league.

PGA Jr. League brings friends and families together around fun, coed team golf experiences, all with expert coaching and instruction from PGA and LPGA Professionals, who serve as Captains of the teams. A record 50,000 boys and girls participated in PGA Jr. League this year, growing from 42,000 players in 2017. For more information on PGA Jr. League, visit [PGAJrLeague.com](#).

As the Official Partner of PGA Jr. League, National Car Rental is committed to growing future business leaders by growing junior golf. National Car Rental helps provide fun, engaging and welcoming experiences for PGA Jr. League golfers and their families all season and postseason long.





# Junior Tour Store

*NEPGA Junior Tour Items for sale to Benefit Foundation*

The New England PGA Junior Tour has begun a new partnership with Ink'd Stores to sell Junior Tour merchandise to those in New England and beyond. Junior Tour logo items will be available on their new web store. All proceeds from the store are donated back to the NEPGA Foundation.

All Junior Tour merchandise will be available online only through Ink'd Stores. Some of the items include a backpack, t-shirts, a beanie cap, and sweatshirts. While only a select amount of items are available now, the Junior Tour will expand the offering in the new future.

Jay Sapovits, president of Ink'd is especially excited about the partnership.

"The NEPGA Jr Tour focuses on the right aspects of junior golf, sportsmanship and integrity. It also is a remarkable display of courage for young competitors. With the effort junior golfers take to grow their games, I believe they will wear this logo proudly among their friends. That is a group of individuals I want to be supportive (of)," said Sapovits.

To locate the Junior Tour online store, go to [https://stores.inksoft.com/nepga\\_jr\\_tour/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/nepga_jr_tour/shop/home)

## About Ink'd

Ink'd is a retail store in Mansfield Crossing, straight across from LL Bean. A full-service apparel and promotional company, Ink'd offers eco-friendly screen printing, embroider and direct to garment printing all on-site for guests to



experience. Ink'd has no minimum order size on apparel and offers a see, feel and touch environment, as well as expertise in all aspects of corporate, team and local marketing. Ink'd is open Monday-Saturday 10a-7p and can be reached at 508-339-0126 or online at [www.inkdstores.com](http://www.inkdstores.com)



# Murphy and O'Rourke Scholarship Winners Announced

The NEPGA Foundation Announces the 2018 Tom Murphy and O'Rourke Scholarship Recipients

The New England PGA Foundation is happy to announce that the 2018 Tom Murphy Scholarship has been awarded to Lily Ratcliffe, the granddaughter of NEPGA Hall of Fame Member, Jim O'Leary. Lily will be entering Endicott College in Peabody, MA in September. We wish her much success as she begins her college education.



Lilly Ratcliffe



Morgan Griffin

The Foundation is also happy to announce that the 2018 Anne and Ted O'Rourke Scholarship has been awarded to Morgan Griffin, the daughter of Ted Griffin, PGA Head Professional at Woodland Country Club in Newton, MA. Morgan is a student at Middlebury College in Middlebury, VT.

Congratulations to both students and their families.



## Growth of the Game Opportunities

### Bob Beach, PGA

Clinics for Veterans and wounded Vets at the Brockton VA  
Fridays 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm, year round

Clinics for Veterans and their families at Ponkapoag GC  
Saturdays 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm until October 27th

SMGA Clinics for Veterans at Granite Links GC  
Mondays 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm until October 22nd

Short Game Clinics for Veterans and wounded Vets at Cedar Hill GC in Stoughton, MA 11:00 am until 12 noon beginning July 13th through August 24th

Special Olympics State Golf Tournament  
Saturday August 25th from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm  
NEPGA Golf Professionals run the Skills Competition at the State Games

To learn more about these volunteer opportunities,  
and to help out, please reach out to Bob Beach,  
PGA at [bobbeachpga@gmail.com](mailto:bobbeachpga@gmail.com) or at  
781.664.3768.



# CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Cape Chapter Manager Mickey Herron, PGA

## A Family Affair

As each year of the Cape Cod Pro-Junior arrives more and more children of fellow golf professionals are teeing it up with Dad or Mom in their quest to grab the FootJoy/Titleist trophy. Ageless Bob Giusti representing The Back Nine Club was low pro, edging 4 others one stroke behind. (Matt Baran-The Ridge Club, Brian Spitz-The Harmon Club, Mike Sullivan-Oyster Harbors, Nick Wiseman- Jane Frost Performance Golf Center) Played this year at Kings Way GC, Yarmouthport – here are some of these up and coming ‘pros’!



*Brody Miller, son of Bob Miller, Host PGA Professional*



*Young Patrick McBroom stands as tall as Dad (Stick) Mike, PGA Head Pro at Furnace Brook GC.*



*Ben & Sophia Halunen (far left) are both lefties like Dad Jeff, PGA Head Pro at Pocasset GC*





# CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS Continued...

Submitted by Cape Chapter Manager Mickey Herron, PGA



*The winners of the 2018 Pro-Junior from The Bay Club! (l to r) Cassidy Yeomans, Braden Yeomans, PGA GM Greg Yeomans, John Hiller & Davis Fox who fired a winning -9 under par 51 at the manicured Kings Way Golf Club besting 14 other Cape PGA fivesomes.*

*Allendale CC's PGA Assistant Nick Jagoe captured his first pro victory in mid-July and what a way to make your entrance! Nick fired -3 under par 68 to win the NEPGA Stroke Play series at Manchester CC (NH) by one shot taking down \$1,200 for the win!*



## Tournament News

4 Chapter members cracked the top 10 at the Section Pro-Pro Stroke Play held at Haven CC in late July – Bay Pointe's Scott Trethewey, PGA - Sandwich Hollows's Tom Tobey, PGA – Mink Meadows' Allan Menne, PGA - LeBaron Hills' Tom Rooney, PGA .....Menne placed a solid runner-up at the Stroke Play event at Blue Hills two weeks prior to Manchester..... the re-scheduled Chapter Pro-Lady, sponsored by Ron Delehanty has moved to August 2<sup>nd</sup> at White Cliffs CC...spots are still available.....and the CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP will be played in August for the first time on the 29<sup>th</sup> at LeBaron Hills with a purse exceeding 6K.....36 holes/ one day championship.



*LeBaron Hills CC – site of the 2018 Cape Cod PGA Chapter Championship – August 29<sup>th</sup>.*



# SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Senior Association President Joe Carr, PGA



## Larry Gannon Municipal GC

### Host of Senior Pro-Am #3!

The Senior Association enjoyed their third Pro-Am of the season on July 11th at Gannon Municipal Golf Course in Lynn, MA. To view pictures from the Pro-Am, please [click here](#). Thank you to Host Professional, David Sibley, PGA Head Professional for a great day of golf!

## Results

### Individual Pro Gross

- 1 David Dionne, PGA 76 \$125
- t2 Rich Hasenfus, PGA 80 \$50
- t2 David Sibley, PGA 80 \$50

### Individual Pro Net

- 1 Harry Rose, PGA 69 \$125
- 2 John Theo, PGA 73 \$50

### Team Gross

- 1 David Sibley, PGA Gannon Muni GC: S. Murphy(a) T. Fabrizio (a)  
M. Spence (a) 65 \$400

### Team Net

- 1 Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC: P. Riley (a) G. May (a) J. Nigro (a) 59 \$400
- t2 Bill Lindquist, PGA Mt. Pleasant GC: R. Costello (a) D. Spence (a)  
N. Fantasia (a) 61 \$150
- t2 Dave Dionne, PGA Beverly Golf & Tennis: J. Passinari (a) J. Sanckelton (a)  
E. Ejerde (a) 61 \$150

# SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS Continued...

Submitted by Senior Association President Joe Carr, PGA



Next stop for the Senior Association is Tatnuck Country Club in Worcester, MA on August 6th.

This is a Shotgun start at 10:00 am

1. Joe Carr, PGA
2. Malcolm Negoshian, PGA
3. Tim Bishop, PGA
4. Dan Gillis, PGA
5. Rod Van Guilder, PGA
6. Harry Rose, PGA
7. Rich Hasenfus, PGA
8. Bill Lindquist, PGA
9. Brad Durrin, PGA
10. John Theo, PGA

The above 10 teams will have the use of carts. The club has 20 carts.

We will accept more groups if they want to walk.

Please contact Dennis Selvitella, PGA if you are interested in bringing a team. You can reach Dennis at 508.410.4984.

## MA CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by MA Chapter President, Chris Young, PGA

### MA Chapter Pro +3Am

Foxborough CC welcomed over 50 golfers from Massachusetts this morning at the MA Chapter Pro +3 AM. Conditions were ideal for play and every competitor seemed to enjoy themselves the entire day. The groupings consisted of one professional and three amateur golfers.

With 36 holes of competitive golf in the books, the grouping of Bob Bruso, PGA, Dave Holmes, Dominic Restagno, and Dave Bavosi from Blackstone National Golf Club had something to celebrate. Sitting atop the leaderboard with Bruso's group was Ronald Margeson Jr, PGA, Mike Muzi, Mike Zappala, and Phil Spelman of Ould Newbury GC. Both groupings fired a -10 (134) which was enough to sneak by the home town group from Foxborough CC at -9.

With the T1 finish, Bruso and company will be heading to the Mohegan Sun Pro-Am in October. Scott Hickey, PGA of Cyprian Keyes GC was the low individual professional at the event with a +1 round of 73.

A huge thank you to Foxborough CC and staff for being phenomenal hosts! Another thank you goes out to Callaway and Mohegan Sun for being such great sponsors! Congrats to all competitors on a great day of golf!





# MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by ME Chapter President Tony Decker, PGA



2018 Pro-Senior Champions  
Gary Laliberte, Jeff Turner, Leon Oliver, PGA & Bob Leeman

July brought us to our Pro-Senior Championship which was hosted by Bath Golf Club. Although the field wasn't very large with nine teams participating, a good time was had by all. The event features a 2 BB Gross format as well as net and individual competitions.

Although the temperatures reached into the 90's, the weather wasn't the only thing hot on this day. 2017 Maine PGA Player of the Year, Leon Oliver, led his home club team of Gary Laliberte, Jeff Turner and Bob Leeman to a 12-under

gross, three shot victory over the team of Shawn Warren, Andy Bowden, Gary Manoogian and Tom Ellsworth. On the net side, Jay Durfee, Zibby Puleio, Dick Graham and Marty Duffy, representing Old Marsh Country Club, took first place honors posting a 19-under par score of 121.



In the Individual Professional contest Shawn Warren continued his recent great play with a score of 65, earning him a 2-shot victory over Jim Fairbanks.

As we take a short break from our Pro-Am schedule the inaugural playing of the Maine Match Play Championship is under way and the Pro-Junior and the Pro-Lady Championships are just around the corner. The summer schedule progresses with the State of Maine Championship at Sugarloaf Golf Club and the Maine Chapter Championship at Rockland / Samoset Golf Courses before continuing with our Pro-Ams.

The Maine Chapter wishes to thank all our partners/sponsors who without their support these events would not be possible



Girl Medalists - The Woodlands Club Junior Tour  
Jade Haylock, Mia Hornberger, Ruby Haylock



# NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA

The New Hampshire Chapter of the NEPGA along with the New Hampshire Golf Association has announced the creation of the New Hampshire Golf Hall of Fame which will recognize individuals for their contributions to the game of golf in the granite state. The Hall of Fame will identify those who have had a profound effect on golf through accomplishments in playing, volunteerism, teaching or any activity that has made a positive impact on the game in New Hampshire. The inaugural class of players will include Bob Mielcarz, Jesse Guilford, Dana Harrity, Robert "Doc" Elliot and Bill Barrett. A Hall of Fame ceremony will be held on October 18 at Manchester Country Club.



The New Hampshire Player of the Year Standings as of July 9 reflect the following top five professionals:

1. Jason Malcolm, Nashua CC (116.6)
2. Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC (106.5)
3. Mitch Jefferson, Ridgewood GC (99.3)
4. Ray Smith, Whip-Poor-Will (90.3)
5. C.J. Konkowski, Keene CC (83.3)

*The team from Derryfield CC with head professional Mike Ryan hosted the annual ProLady Championship. The winning team, which resulted from a match of scorecards, was from Nashua CC. The foursome, led by assistant professional Jason Malcolm, included Jennifer Bragg, Tracy Martin and Laurie Ethier. The group was tied with Atkinson CC at 6-under 64. Low professional of the day was Atkinson's Danny Kish with a 3-under round of 67. Two other pros were also under par including Jason Malcolm (68) and C.J. Konkowski (69).*



*Pease GC was the site of the Pro-Senior Championship which was won by the foursome from Atkinson CC. Among the group was assistant pro Danny Kish and amateurs Jeff Fay, Larry Kalil and Rich Simard. Low pro for the day was Dan Wilkins of Laconia CC with a 2-under round of 69. Only two other pros were under par at 70 and they were Matt Arvanitis and Ray Smith*





# RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Rhode Island Chapter President, Tony DiGiorgio, PGA

## This Week In Rhode Island

We are gearing up for the NEPGA Section Championship at Quidnessett CC and Warwick CC! On August 6, Quidnessett is hosting a Rhode Island Chapter Pro-Am which, for some, may serve as a preview or additional course plotting opportunity for their practice round. But for all it will be a great opportunity to play this picturesque golf course!

The field is now full and registrations will only be for the waitlist in the event of a last minute withdrawal.

Thank you to host professional John Del Bonis, PGA for the hospitality!



## Other Golf Happenings

In mid July, the RIGA held the RI Amateur at Ledgemont Country Club with a field of 32 players. After two days of matches, Jake Bauer won the final match 8 & 7 to crowned the 113<sup>th</sup> Amateur Champion of the RIGA. Congrats to all the amateurs for their participation and great playing in this event.

## Upcoming RI Chapter and NEPGA Tournaments

Registrations are open for the following events!

### 2018 Schedule:

AUGUST 6, 2018 PRO-AM QUIDNESSETT

THE PREQUEL THE NEPGA SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT  
QUIDNESSETT AND WARWICK COUNTRY CLUB!!!

AUGUST 20-22<sup>ND</sup> NEPGA SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP AT QUIDNESSETT & WARWICK

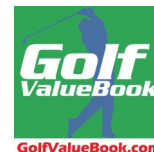
## Also on the horizon and will be here before we know it!

OCTOBER 1, 2018 RI PGA CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP AT CARNEGIE ABBEY

OCTOBER 16, 2018 SHELTER HARBOR HAVERSHMA PRO-AM

# VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by VT Chapter President Brian Gara, PGA



The Country Club of Vermont team led by David Bennett captured the second major event of the season at Monday's Pro-3am held at Vermont National CC. With all but one team in the clubhouse enjoying the air conditioning and great food after a hot 36 holes two teams were tied for the lead at 15 under par 129 (1 best ball gross format 36 holes). Then the Country Club of Vermont team walked in and turned in a second round score of 15 under 57. That paired with their first round of 65 was good enough to complete the comeback and capture a seven shot victory. The Orleans GC team led by Josh Olney and the Vermont National team led by Sean Toof were the two teams that tied at 129. The Brattleboro team used two solid rounds to finish in fourth place (66-65) at 131.



CC of VT Team

Dan Ruane had the two highlights of the day. During his first round Dan holed out his second shot for eagle on the 427 yard par four 6th hole. Then in his second round he earned his first ever hole-in-one on the 168 yard par-3 13th hole. A big congratulations to Dan!

A special thanks goes out to [dealer.com](http://dealer.com) and Yamaha for sponsoring the event and making the day one to remember! Thank You!

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## Upcoming Events:

August 6, 2018- Williston GC Pro-Junior

August 13, 2018- Sugarbush Pro-Am

August 27, 2018- Dorset Pro-Am

September 4-5, 2018- Stroke play Championship at Stowe CC

September 17, 2018- Green Mountain National Pro-Am



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# NEPGA Assistants Championship Sept. 17-18, 2018

Renaissance GC  
Haverhill, MA

**REGISTRATION  
CLOSES AUG. 29**  
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

*Changes reported between June 20– July 27th*

## New Associates

Professional	Class	Facility
Andrew M. Boush	B-8	Sankaty Head Golf Club
Matt T. Levins	B-8	Rochester Country Club

## New Members

Professional	Class	Facility
Sean Duong, PGA	A-8	Milton Hoosic Club
Richard Hunt, PGA	A-1	Miacomet Golf Club

## Employment Changes

Professional	Class	Current Facility
David J Soucy, PGA	A-13	Neshobe Golf Club
Ryan S. Pepper, PGA	A-6	McGolf Driving Range & Mini
Dillon J. Malcolmson, PGA	A-1	Candia Woods Golf Links

## New Transfers

Professional	Class	Facility
Steven A. Hausmann, PGA	A-14	Hausmann Golf





# #WHAT'sTRENDING

Social media updates from @NEPGA's Kristen Garrone



## #4TheKids



**We had four @drivechipandputt events in the month of July! One being at the beautiful Granite Links Golf Club overlooking Boston.**



**The 2018 Stroke Play Series is in full swing. Check Instagram for photos of the winners!**

## #TrophyHunting



**Jr. Tour Alumni Michael Thorbjornsen wins the 71st US Junior Amateur!**

## #StrokePlaySeries







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