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FRONT COVER:

The 15 NEPGA members who represented our Section in the 2015 PGA Professional National Championship held at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in PGA this week. Congratulations to Dan Venezio, PGA who has qualified for the PGA Championship! See the full list of NEPGA members who competed on page 4.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Larry Kelley, PGA



I have fond memories of my grandfather taking my brother and me camping in Plymouth, VT. He owned shares in a fishing pond deep in the woods in the Green Mountains. He would take us for a weekend of storytelling, no official bed time, and a rip roaring campfire. We used to cook over the fire, sleep on the hard ground with a paper thin sleeping bag, and we loved every minute of it! Now I find myself thinking about how much fun my gramps must have had showing us how to put a worm on a hook or tie a lure onto our line. He taught us so much about being outdoors, enjoying time with each other, and respecting the land.

Ok...if you have read this far then you are probably wondering why I would be talking about camping, family, and having fun? What I really wanted to share is that I just took my oldest daughter Paige to practice for the Drive, Chip, & Putt qualifier that she entered on her own, after watching it on Master's Sunday 2015. We got up really early (7:30 is early for a 13 year old) and after I gave her some quick tips on putting, she was in the zone. We then moved to chipping and she quickly grasped the mechanics and was lofting the ball safely onto the green and letting it roll up near the cup. This continued through driving the ball and we finished with Paige smacking her final practice drive about 200 yards dead center of the range! I will always remember the smile on her face! The

whole family is looking forward to watching her compete in the DCP, but more importantly I am really looking forward to spending more time together doing

something that involves tradition, respect, and fun.

What are you doing to engage family and youth at your facility? We just dropped off my daughters at their first overnight camp and I know they will enjoy sleeping outside, learning life skills, being around other girls their age, and making new friends. I know that they also have basketball and soccer camps to attend. So where does that leave time for golf with other competing summer priorities? The way I see it from the golf perspective is that we are at war with so many other activities that we have to utilize innovative strategies! We are all competitors. Therefore I ask you...What are you doing to compete? If the answer is...I am letting my assistants run our junior program and we run it the same week every summer and the format is the same, then that is not enough. If you are engaging or reengaging as the Head Professional and leading new and exciting programs then you will be a winner in the kids' and parents' eyes!

The PGA Professional Championship is in full swing and we are at the halfway point as I write this. This is a time to showcase the NEPGA's best and I want to wish all our New England competitors a great tournament. Shawn Warren has been playing solidly and I also noticed Eddie Kirby high up on the leaderboard. It would be pretty cool to see a few of our guys playing at Whistling Straights later this summer. Go NEPGA!

There is still time to sign up for the NEPGA Championship being played at Concord Country Club and Nashawtuc Country Club. Our staff takes great pride in running a great event and our Section is always leading in participation which means we play for a larger purse. Please participate and see why our NEPGA Championship is the most talked about event of the season.

Trivia Question – Name the two Presidents who were born in Vermont and for extra credit name the last two NEPGA Professionals who won the PGA Professional Championship and where they worked when they won the event.

Last month's contest winner was Bucky Buchanan, PGA from Oak Hill. Bucky will be enjoying dinner at his favorite restaurant for being the first to answer!

Have a great Summer!

Larry Kelley, PGA
President
New England PGA



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Michael Higgins



I would like to start my July letter with a few accolades and congratulations. First to the 15 New England PGA Professionals that are on our front cover of this month's magazine – thank you for representing the New England Section at the PNC conducted at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, in

Philadelphia, PA. A special congrats to Boomer Erick, PGA, Eddie Kirby, PGA, Jeff Martin, PGA and Shawn Warren, PGA for making the cut, and to Dan Venezio, PGA for not only making the cut, but qualifying for the PGA Championship.

The Professional National Championship certainly is a grand stage in competitive golf, but two NEPGA Professionals took it to another level and played in our Nation's Open Championships. Kudos to current NEPGA Champion Rich Berberian, PGA for qualifying for the 2015 United States Open (he beat Tiger Woods) and to former NEPGA Champion Chip Johnson, PGA for playing in the 2015 United States Senior Open. Congratulations to all! These NEPGA Guys Are Good.

As a parent spending time with our children is the highlight of our day. Well, a few weeks ago I was fortunate to chaperone my daughter's 3rd grade class to Concord and Lexington, Massachusetts for a field trip. (I got bus sick by the way.) We walked the Revolutionary War battlefields and saw where our forefathers fought the first battles on the road to our freedom. It will be a memory we share and can reminisce about every July 4th, but I couldn't help but also think about August 2015 when our New England PGA Professionals will travel only a few miles from where Paul Revere made his famous midnight ride and compete in the 95th New England Section Championship at Concord CC and Nashawtuc CC. 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 is July 7th.

When the summer months arrive there is a bit of a shift in our operation for a few months. The shoulder season is very active with education and employment and certainly planning. There is typically more movement on the job front and our PGA Professionals have more time to attend educational opportunities. The summer is more focused on implementation of our planning and the conduction of events such as our Championships, junior events, Drive, Chip & Putts and our Chapter programs. Just to paint a

little bit of a perspective, your Section will conduct 84 events...just in the month of July.

I mention this number because no one understands how busy PGA Professionals are during the summer months more than me. It is one of the reasons we work so hard to improve our programs year after year. Very similar to what you all do at your own facilities. At times you may think your owner, or your members may not see your hard work, but they do. Keep showing your value by growing the game through programing. Keep conducting high quality events that make your members want to participate more and make their guests want to join your facility. Continue to be visible and engage, and every once in a while take a look at the [PGA Professional Badge Ad](#) and remind yourself what you do every day.

I look forward to seeing many of your 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.

Have a wonderful fourth of July holiday!

Respectfully,

Michael Higgins
Executive Director
New England PGA

NEPGA MEMBERS COMPETING in 2015 PGA PNC

Matt Arvanitis *Southern New Hampshire U.*

Rich Berberian *Windham CC*

James Burke *Ponkapoag GC - #2*

David Dionne *Beverly Golf & Tennis*

Boomer Erick *Boston GC*

John Hickson *Sebasco Harbor GR*

Ed Kirby *Point Judith CC*

Jeffrey Martin *Norton CC*

Troy Pare *Preserve at Boulder Hills*

Ron Philo *Stowe Mountain Club*

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Congratulations to Dan Venezio, PGA of Myopia Hunt Club who led the way for our 15 New England PGA Professionals at this year's Professional National Championship. Dan shot a 3-over 285, good enough for a tied 16th result and a ticket to this year's PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin. Boomer Erick, PGA of Boston Golf Club and Shawn Warren, PGA of Falmouth CC shot 4-over par 286 to tie for 20th and narrowly missed qualifying for the PGA Championship in a 5-man playoff for one spot. Eddie Kirby, PGA of Point Judith CC also made the 54-Hole cut and finished T-64 at 12-over par 294. Jeff Martin, PGA made the 36-hole cut but did not advance to the final round. Congratulations to all 15 of our PGA Professionals who played!



[View Complete Results from the PGA PNC](#)



OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year Update

The OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year Race is heating up as we are in the midst of State Open season in addition to our New England PGA Stroke Play events. With many of our Professionals competing in the PGA Professional National Championship as well as some of our Professionals qualifying for Professional Majors, there will be bonus points up for grabs as well. Jeff Martin, PGA of Norton CC holds a slim lead over Kirk Hanefeld, PGA of Stow Acres. Rich Berberian, PGA of Windham CC is fresh off his US Open appearance, and is tied for third with Boomer Erick, PGA of Boston Golf Club, with 2x reigning Wogan Winner Shawn Warren lurking in 5th. It should be a fun summer watching the race unfold!

[View Complete Standings](#)



Avidia Cup Points Update

The NEPGA Stroke Play Series and Avidia Cup Points Race are well underway as we head towards Weston Golf Club and the inaugural Avidia Cup Finals! Renaissance Golf Club and Metacomet Country Club have hosted the first two, and some great golf has been played at each site. Jeff Martin, PGA of Norton CC won at Renaissance with a competitive course record 7-under 65, and Boomer Erick, PGA of Boston Golf Club dominated at Metacomet with a 4-under par 66. They occupy the top two spots, with Rich Berberian, PGA of Windham CC, Shawn Warren, PGA of Falmouth CC and Daniel Joseph, PGA of The Country Club rounding out the top 5. Our next Stroke Play takes place on August 3rd at Montcalm GC in Enfield, NH.

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Blowing Away the Competition

NEPGA dodges storm, Boomer Erick tops field

After a day filled with uncertain forecasts in the weather, one definite remained: golfing at Metacomet Country Club in East Providence Rhode Island was a challenge. However, through the blustery conditions and threatening rain, Boomer Erick, PGA, of Boston Golf Club came out at the top of the leaderboard.

Entering the morning, the weather forecast threatened to make the day a washout with severe thunderstorms and even a possible tornado warning in the works. On top of the first tee box, the clouds were prominent and the wind was a force to be reckoned with, making for an added difficulty to play throughout the afternoon. While the threat of rain dissipated, the tough play around the course did not.

When Boomer Erick teed off at 10:40am this morning, the gusty conditions were just starting to pick up. Playing into the wind, Erick made back-to-back birdies on holes one and two. He would go on to make a birdie on a 441-yard sixth hole and then an eagle on the 463-yard ninth hole. After an impressive front nine, Erick would make one more birdie on the back nine to complete the four under par, 66 he would finish the day with.

The rest of the players in the field would not have as fortunate of an experience. The next closest player on the leaderboard was Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC) who came in at a two under par 68.

Warren had some impressive holes also. He had six birdies on the day, splitting them even between the front and back nines. However making an untimely double bogey on seven, and two more on the back nine holes, would hamper his push for the top spot.

Rounding out the top five were this year's NEPGA Pro-Am winner Aaron Ungvarsky, PGA (Big Sticks Golf Academy) who shot a one under score of 69 to land him in the tied for third position. Robert Tramonti, PGA, (Triggs Municipal GC), Jeff Seavey, PGA (Samoset Resort GC), and Peter Weatherby (Old Sandwich GC) round out the top five finishers tied in third place, each shooting scores of 69 at one under par.

In the senior division, Ed Kirby, PGA (Point Judith CC) and Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (Stow Acres) both finished tied for first place after shooting a one over par 71. The duo also finished tied for ninth in the individual professional division.

For some of these NEPGA Professionals playing in this Stroke Play Series event today was a tune up for the PGA Professional National Championship next week at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Boomer Erick, Ron Philo, and Jeff Martin are among 14 professionals who qualified for the national event by placing within the top 15 spots in last year's New England Section Championship last year.

Thanks to our sponsors of Avidia Bank, Omega Wogan Player of the Year, Ahead, Yamaha, GolfBuddy, PGA Tour and Cutter and Buck for their support in today's event. Also we thank Metacomet Country Club and host professional Christopher Talbert, PGA for hosting the event!

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In the Lead

Rooney, LeBaron Hills Top the Field at Pocasset

The New England PGA visited Pocasset Golf Club on June 22nd for the annual Pro-Officer Invitational, a gathering of PGA Professionals and some of the influential leaders at their respective facilities. Club owners, Presidents, Golf Chairmen and the like all gathered at this Cape Cod hidden gem for a great day of golf and sunshine with their fellow club leaders.

Leading the pack was the Professional and Team from LeBaron Hills, led by PGA Professional Tom Rooney. In this format, a Professional could bring either 1 Officer or 3 Officers, and Professionals who brought three could play with each Officer as a separate team. Rooney made the most of this opportunity by cashing with all three of his Officers in the 1 Best Ball of 2 Contest, including the top prize as the 2015 Pro-Officer Champion with Chris Sears by carding a 4-under par 68. The Officers benefitted from Rooney's strong play, as he carded a 1-over par 73 for Low Professional honors, capping a clean sweep of the top Gross contests for the day!

Not far behind were the teams from Foxborough Country Club, led by PGA Professional Lou Rivers. Rivers' three teams shot scores of 69, 70 and 71 Gross, but cashed in

as the Low Net alongside his Officer Robert Arnold with a score of 7-under par 65.

Everyone won on this day however, as Pocasset Golf Club was in perfect shape, blue skies and warm temperatures were abundant, and our sponsors from Prize Possessions provided all players with great tee gifts, and Country Club Enterprises and Weatherbug supplemented the purse. Thank you to our sponsors for their support!

Lastly, thank you to Pocasset Golf Club and host PGA Professionals Rich Iwaszko, PGA, Jeff Halunen, PGA and Rob Foster, PGA for being gracious hosts. Rich will be retiring at the end of the season with Jeff succeeding him as the Head Professional. Thank you, Rich!

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Putter: Titleist Big Sur



In Chris's Bag....

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GREENSIDE: Ron Green, PGA



Entry deadlines for the New England Section PGA Professional Championship, New England Section Senior PGA Professional Championship and National Car Rental New England Section PGA Assistant Championship are imminent.

You MUST enter these events through PGA of America. If you miss the deadline, the Section Office CANNOT help you. If you are planning on entering any of these events, PLEASE, DO IT NOW! Click on the tournament names below to register on PGA.org.

NOTE: The following condition of the competition is in effect for these three events: "The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010."

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Concord CC & Nashawtuc CC
Mon.-Wed., August 17-19, 2015
Deadline: Tuesday, July 7, 2015

NEPGA Senior Professional Champ.

Woodstock Country Club
Wed.-Thurs., August 5-6, 2015
Deadline: Tuesday, July 14, 2015

NEPGA Assistant Championship

Framingham Country Club
Wed.-Thurs., August 26-27, 2015
Deadline: Tuesday, July 21, 2015

While the Section tournament schedule was quiet in June the month of July is going to offer several playing options. Let's get you up to speed on what is happening, and hopefully some, if not all of these dates, will fit into your busy schedules.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a shout-out to something that happened last month, and our current NEPGA Champion Rich Berberian. He represented the New England PGA and all PGA members so well at the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay. I have no idea how he shot 72 in the second round, playing in the afternoon wave, one of the most difficult days for scoring in a week full of them. Congrats Rich, you made us all proud.

Meanwhile, watch for emails and check the NEPGA website for more information on all things tournaments.

See you down the road.

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rgreen@pgahq.com

NEPGA Bobby Jones Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship

Haven CC | July 6



On Monday, July 6, we return to The Haven in Boylston, MA for the Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship. This event and venue occupy a special place on the NEPGA schedule. No facility has served as a host for one of our events as long as this one. We crowned Co-Champions last year, the teams of Jeff Martin & Troy Pare and George Goich & Marc Spencer both returned matching nine under par 135 totals.

A long time supporter of the NEPGA tournament programs, Jeff DiBona and Bobby Jones Apparel are our returning sponsor. **Registration is now closed.**

Pro-Senior Invitational

Carnegie Abbey Club | July 13



A week later, on Monday, July 13, we visit Carnegie Abbey Club in Portsmouth, RI for the Pro-Senior Invitational. Tee times begin at 8:00 AM.

This is a One Best-Ball of Four, Gross & Net format, with the Low Gross score determining the Champion. Teams must be comprised of three amateurs from your facility who are at least fifty years of age on the day of the event. The Willowbend Club was our 2014 Champion, with Blackstone National, Brockton CC and Franklin CC sharing the net title.

Register on NEPGA.com



Pro-Lady Championship

Kernwood Country Club | July 16

Later that week on Thursday, July 16, another staple on the NEPGA schedule, the Pro-Lady Championship, will be contested at the always superbly conditioned Kernwood Country Club, Salem, MA.

Select Drive, Alternate Shot format with an 8:15 AM Shotgun start to get things going.

The defending Champions, there are several! We had (6) SIX teams, that is not a typo, tie for the Championship in 2014; Abenaki CC, Pine Brook CC, Pocasset GC, Renaissance GC, Sterling National and Worcester CC all shot 74, while on the net side a team from The Country Club grabbed the Net title with a 71.

Thank you to our returning sponsor, Sue Powers and Nivo Sport.

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Pro-Junior Championship

Indian Pond Country Club | July 27

Finally on Monday, July 27 we are at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston, MA for the Pro-Junior Championship sponsored by Titleist & FootJoy and supported by Champ Spikes.

Bring three juniors from your facility, under the age of eighteen on the day of the event, and enjoy a day of competition and camaraderie at a great facility. Tee times start at 8:00 AM.

The 2014 event saw Pleasant Valley Country Club claim the Championship with the low gross score, while Lexington Golf Club and Wannamoisett Country Club tied for low net honors.

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NEPGA Stroke Play #4

Montcalm Golf Club | August 3



As July comes to a close, we want to remind you of a couple of early events in August. A NEPGA Stroke Play Series event at Montcalm Golf Club, Enfield, NH on August 3 is first on the schedule.

Register on NEPGA.com

New England Section Sr PGA Championship

Woodstock Country Club | August 5-6



Then we move to the Green Mountain State for the first of our 2014 Major Championships. The New England Section Senior PGA Championship once again visits the Woodstock Country Club in the idyllic town of Woodstock, Vermont on August 5 & 6.

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Your View From The Fairway

By Joan Stuart

Apprentice Corner

Apprentices will have a term life insurance policy beginning July 1, 2015. The insured's benefit is based upon age at the time of death: Under Age 35 = \$15,000 and Age 35 and over = \$10,000. The apprentices were billed for the annual premium of \$34 as part of the fiscal year 2015/2016 annual dues billing.

One of the requirements of having a life insurance policy is to designate primary and/or contingent beneficiary (ies). As such, an email was sent on Thursday, June 11, 2015 to the 4,436 registered apprentices on the rolls as of June 11, 2015 with a link to an electronic form to submit the beneficiary designation (s) back to the PGA of America electronically.

On a going forward basis, the life insurance beneficiary will be collected via the apprentice application as soon as soon as the revisions are completed.

The beneficiary (ies) designations will remain in effect until such time as the apprentice notifies the PGA of America, in writing, of any changes. Any changes to the beneficiary information will need to be submitted in writing using the Change of Beneficiary Form found on PGA.org/Forms Library.

Apprentices, [click here](#) to access the form.

Member Notes

According to The PGA Constitution and Bylaws, members who are currently in Class F and do not meet their overall MSR requirements by June 15, 2015, will be dropped

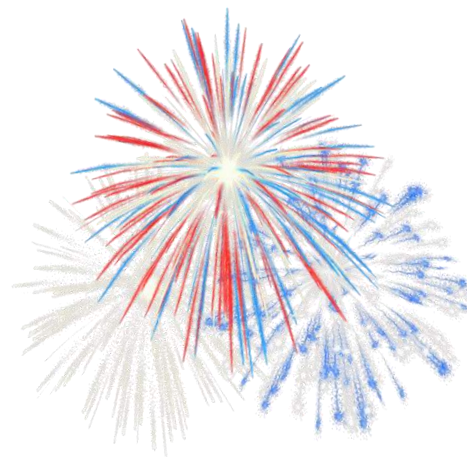
from the active membership rolls as of June 30, 2015.

Members who did not satisfy all MSR Cycle 14A program requirements by June 15, 2015 will be transferred to Class F at the beginning of the following fiscal year (July 1, 2015) and be required to earn the deficit plus an amount equal to the deficit in the new period, as detailed in Article VIII, Section 3.

Watch for the new MSR Program for this current period June 16, 2015 to June 15, 2018! It will be available on www.pga.org by the end of this week.

Holiday Hours

The Section office is closed on July 3rd to celebrate our Country's Birthday. We wish all of the members and friends of the New England PGA a safe and Happy Fourth of July weekend!



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

Pro Pro Stroke Championship Recap
NEPGA Section Championship Preview
2015 NEPGA Wemyss Scholarship Awards

Complimentary Education

The 2015 Member Center Business videos are still available on PGALinks.com/PGA.org along with the ten (10) videos from the 2014 PGA Merchandise Show. Up to 19 PGA Required credits are available provided the assessments are passed at 70%. [Click here](#) to access the video collection.

Offer from Westin Resorts

Westin Hotels and Resorts, official hotel and resort of the PGA of America, is offering a special golf group package to PGA members. As a PGA Professional, you can enjoy an exclusive package when hosting a golf event at one of Westin's award winning golf resorts. Host a golf getaway for you and your members and receive:

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SECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rescheduled Event: Needham Pro-Member

The Pro-Member that was scheduled at Needham Golf Club on July 5th has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 20th. [Click here](#) to request an invitation to play.



Brent Skinner Ends Run as Sales Rep at Mizuno Golf

Long time NEPGA Sponsor/Friend Brent Skinner with Mizuno Golf is stepping down after 16 years as a Sale Representative in the New England Section. His last day with the company will be July 10th, and if you would like to drop Brent a note, his personal email address is brent.r.skinner@gmail.com. Mizuno will have a replacement in place shortly, but in the meantime if anyone needs assistance you can email my the Regional Sales Manager Chuck Gartner at 614-889-5713 or chuck.gartner@mizunousa.com.

NEPGA Ambassadors Needed for the DBC Pro-Am

As we have in the past, we are asking PGA Professionals to volunteer as Ambassadors for the **DBC Pro-Am** that will be played on **Thursday, September 3rd**. 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.

Your Role as a NEPGA Ambassador ...

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



Register for the AM Wave from 7 AM - 9 AM

Register for the PM Wave from 12 Noon - 2 PM

Volunteer for BOTH Waves

NEPGA 2015 Award Winner *Spotlight*



NEPGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Allan Belden, PGA

At what age did you begin to play golf?

AB) Played very little as a youth. Became an avid golfer after college.

Who taught you the game?

AB) Benny Park

Where did you go to school?

AB) Merrimack College

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

AB) After spending the summer of 1996 here at WCC working with Ray Lajoie I knew this is what I wanted to pursue.

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

AB) Pine Valley

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

AB) Cycling, Travel, Cooking, Family

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

AB) I would like to be remembered as having increased the enjoyment of the game of golf for my members. All those people who thought about giving up the game, but did not because I was able to help and encourage them.



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Brian Bickford, PGA

At what age did you begin to play golf?

BB) 10 years old at Val Halla GC

Who taught you the game?

BB) Gary Rees, PGA

Where did you go to school?

BB) Greely High School US Naval Academy
University of Southern Maine

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

BB) Turned pro at age 40 after a successful career in health care. I felt like the course I grew up at needed a new path. I also wanted to see more of our children than the long hours in health care allowed. I have never looked back...

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

BB) Kebo Valley Golf Club in Bar Harbor, ME

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

BB) I have no other interests other than golf. This bores my wife who always states I need to get a life (but not a new wife).

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

BB) A fair individual who, through hard work, made a difference at Val Halla and golf in Maine.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: *Jacy Settles*



*NEPGA Junior Tour
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life off the course is a winding road for both young players and their families to navigate.

In my last letter, I wrote about the importance of teaching junior golfers with collegiate aspirations on how to balance their calendars. Preparation is key, especially when contacting college coaches. But there's another component – the family aspect of the winding road – that is important to focus on as well.

Many parents of junior golfers want their children to succeed and, by nature, will go to you for advice. By knowing how to answer questions regarding the college golf process, it will increase your value both to the player and the family.

The most frequent question you'll be asked and can answer is typically,

“How can I prepare my son or daughter to play college golf?”

The first step is to let the child take control of the process and assume most of the responsibility. But parents can still act as a support system.

For example, you should tell parents that they should be assisting students in looking up potential schools. Parents should check on what is required by a college academically and stay persistent with their children in making sure college applications are sent out by the correct deadlines.

Many parents will then ask,

“What's the next step?”

All junior golfers hoping to play in college will naturally meet with and, typically, interview with college coaches. Parents can play an important role in preparing their son or daughter for these types of encounters.

You should instruct parents to prepare junior golfers for interviews in the same way they would a job interview. Parents should assist their child in coming up with a list of questions they expect to answer in an interview, and should practice rehearsing these questions. Typically, it's smart for the student to also have his or her own list of questions as well.

Parents will also ask you,

“What's the trick? What will separate my son or daughter?”

Your answer should be simple: Honesty. Players should be honest with coaches regarding their handicaps and scores. Coaches that hear honest, sincere answers will immediately separate that player from the pack.

In summary, parents play a vital role in their child's collegiate golf future. Being educated on the specific roles that both the parent and child should have will only better your value to the family/your member. Additionally, you will help the family to have a more enjoyable college search process.



CAPE COD & RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

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

JUNE WINNERS

RIGHT: Host PGA Head Professional Phil Truono, Miacomet Golf Club on the isle of Nantucket, won his Spring Invitational with a superb round of even-par 71 in extremely windy conditions, edging Old Sandwich's PGA HP Jay Wick by two shots. Thanks to CCE's Keith Tortorella and Cape Air's Mike Migliore for making the 3rd annual visit to Nantucket a successful trip for all!

BOTTOM LEFT: The Bay Club's PGA HP Greg Yeomans tees off the diabolical 17th hole at The Hyannisport Club where he and partner John Paesani, PGA won the Callaway PRO-PRO in mid-June besting 42 pros including runners-up Jeff Sanders, PGA (Kittansett) & Tyler Reedy, PGA (The Country Club). The Yeomans/Paesani team birdied both 16 & 17 enroute to their one shot victory.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Cape Cod & Rhode Island PGA Chapters' SPONSOR EXTRAORDINAIRE Peter Guild (center) is flanked by The Hyannisport Club's outstanding PGA Assistants, Tim Watroba (left) & Jeff Flis (right). Guild sponsored both PRO-PRO events this season at Newport CC & Hyannisport.



JUNIOR SEASON ARRIVES IN STYLE!

All section golf professionals (including apprentices) are invited to register for two fun Pro-Juniors in July. The Rhode Island Chapter visits Fall River CC for its popular PRO-1 JR SCRATCH on Friday, July 17th, a wonderful opportunity to invite your best junior (boy or girl) to play in this meaningful 4-ball. A week later the Cape Cod Chapter returns to Squirrel Run GC (Plymouth, MA) for the PRO-4 JUNIOR on July 21st. Both Pro-Juniors are (and have been for over 15 years) sponsored by TITLEIST & FOOTJOY, represented by Dave Moynihan, Peter Butt & David Woods.



CONGRATS TO

Newly elected PGA Members: Nick Carnevale, A-8 at Green Valley & Ryan Keefe, A-8 at Rhode Island CC.

To: Greg Yeomans, whose final round 67 in the recently played Mass Open at Blackrock GC vaulting him from just making the cut all the way up to T-18th! Other Cape and Rhody members making cut included: Pete Weatherby, PGA (Old Sandwich), Phil Cardwell, PGA (Sankaty Head) & Matt Baran, PGA (Oyster Harbors) holder of the 2014 NEPGA Assistant Championship crown.



NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Frank Swierz, New Hampshire Chapter Tournament Manager

Matt Arvanitis, Southern New Hampshire University along with Rich Berberian, Jr., Windham CC and Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC will be part of a 312 member field to participate in the PGA Professional National Championship at The Philadelphia Cricket Club. The Championship's field represents 41 PGA sections with the top 20 finishers earning a berth in the PGA Championship to be held at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisconsin.

TOP LEFT: Matt Arvanitis, Golf Coach of both the Southern New Hampshire University Men's and Ladies' golf teams, leads the New Hampshire Chapter in Player of the Year Points. Arvanitis has 93.5 points and has a comfortable margin over second place holder Matthew Bradbury of Crotched Mountain with 69 points. Next are Jay Pollini of Wentworth Golf Club with 63.3; Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC at 62.7 and Ray Smith, Nashua CC Assistant with 54.8 points.

TOP RIGHT: Rich Berberian, Jr., Windham CC, participated in the biggest stage in American golf, by playing in the U.S. Open held at Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Park, Washington. Surrounded by family and friends, the current New England PGA champion, shot rounds of 83 and 72 over the tremendously difficult layout and missed the cut. Next up is the PNC Championship at The Cricket Club in Philadelphia.

On the schedule for July:

July 6...Newport ProAm, Newport GC

July 13...ProSenior Championship, Pease GC

July 20...ProPro Championship, Montcalm GC

July 27...ProLady Championship, Mt Washington Resort

CENTER: Winning foursome at the Pheasant Ridge ProAm was from Nabnasset Lake. (L-R) Ken Bournival, Head Pro Dan Gillis, Butch Cottrell and Pat Dion. The foursome has a total of 17-under par score in the 1 Best Ball Gross and 1 Best Ball Net Combined Format. Gillis was also tied for low professional with a 67.

BOTTOM: Members from Newport GC arrive for Pheasant Ridge ProAm. Newport, spearheaded by head professional Vince Molesky, typically supplies three teams each week to participate in NHC ProAms.





MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Tom Moffatt, PGA, Maine Chapter Operations Manager

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6	Pro Lady Championship Martindale CC
July 14	Pro Am Championship Augusta CC
July 21	Senior Junior Pro- Pro (rescheduled)
August 3	Pro Junior Toddy Brook
August 10	Pro Am Sugarloaf GC
August 11-12	State of Maine Championship Sugarloaf GC

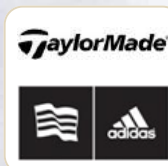
As we move closer to July we continue to offer some of our Championship events within the Chapter schedule. I hope you all can find the time within your busy seasons to register and play in our championships. June was also a month in which we played some of our championships. Our Senior and Chapter Championships were held at Dunegrass GC in Old Orchard Beach. Mother nature affected this event by raining on our parade and causing us to suspend play on day one and have our Chapter Championship be a 36-hole, one-day event.

On Wednesday, June 3rd at Dunegrass, the first round of the 36-Hole event was also our Senior Championship. John Hickson, PGA from Sebasco Harbor fired a 2 under par 70 to take home the Senior Championship trophy. Thank you to host PGA Professional Jim Fairbanks, the Chapter's 2015 Golf Professional of the Year and Dunegrass GC for their hospitality. Also, thank you to Sponsors Greg Ludes from Titleist and Bryan Saylor from FootJoy for being on hand to give all participants golf balls, gloves, and socks. Thanks for your support!!! Second round of the 36-hole day concluded with a battle of the boys from Falmouth CC. Defending Champion Shawn Warren, PGA was successful again in 2015, holding off Head Golf Professional and Boss Sean Barrett by one shot. Shawn Warren fired a 36-hole total 144 (even par). Something tells me it was a good thing Shawn defended! Thank you to Sponsor Matt Cunningham from Tournament Solutions for being on hand to present the winner with the Championship Trophy. Thank you for your support!!! A big thank you also goes out to the PGA Tour and Avidia Bank for their sponsorship of our Chapter Championship.

Our next Championship to be held in June was the Senior Junior Championship. Unfortunately, we had to reschedule this event to July. It will be held on July 21st at Spring Meadows. If you need to find a Senior or Junior Partner please let me know and I can help find you one.

Mother Nature was at it again for our 36 hole Pro-Pro

Championship that was held at Webhannet Golf Club. She forced us to reduce the event to an 18-hole Championship. The team of Chad Penman, PGA and Lucas Cromeenes, PGA from Boothbay Harbor CC fired a five under par 66 to better the field in the rain and cold. Nice playing!!! Thank you to Sponsors Mark Thompson from TaylorMade and John Lano, PGA from Adidas for your support of the event. Also, thank you to Host PGA Professional Kirk Kimball and the staff at Webhannet GC for hosting.



The Big I National Junior Qualifier was held at Cape Arundel Golf Club on Thursday, June 25th. The girl's national qualifier with a low round of 73 was Bailey Plourde. This year's boy's qualifier returning for the second time in three years was Reese McFarlane from Purpoodock Club. He fired a round of 71 and won on the first playoff hole over Will Kannegieser of Martindale CC. Congratulations to the qualifiers and good luck at the National event. Special thanks to PGA Professional Ken Raynor and Cape Arundel Golf Club for the continued support of this event.

On behalf of the George H W Bush Classic and Gary's House at Mercy Hospital, thank you to ALL the Maine PGA Professionals for your support of this event and what it stands for. We appreciate your involvement and continued dedication. The sun does shine at Cape Arundel Golf Club, really!



Big I National Junior Qualifier Champs
Bailey Plourde and Reese McFarlane



Maine Chapter Senior Champion
John Hickson, PGA



Maine Chapter Pro-Pro Stroke Play Champions
Chad Penman, PGA and Lucas Cromeenes



Shawn Warren, PGA in action



NEPGA Drive, Chip & Putt qualifier at Val Halla GC



Maine Chapter Champion Shawn Warren, PGA



VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Dave Christy, PGA, Vermont Chapter Tournament Manager

TOURNAMENT NEWS

Our Burlington Pro Am on June 1st was rained out with 35 teams disappointed that we had to reschedule.

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Manchester CC on June 8th with Michael Harger, PGA, Fred Auletta, PGA and Alex Socinski, PGA as our hosts. We thank our golf sponsors Chris Jankins, Greg Norman Clothing, Peter Butt, FootJoy, Jeff Kelley, Titleist, and John Carey, Cleveland/Srixon. We had a tie for first place team gross in the stableford format with 47 points. Winning gross teams were led by Zack Wyman PGA, Vermont National CC and Taylor Cowie, Links at Lang Farm. Tied for net team with 60 points were the teams led by Jin Gunnare, PGA, Woodstock CC, Ryan McDonald, PGA, Northfield CC, and Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC. Taylor Cowie led the professionals with 45 points followed by Dave Jankowski, PGA, Stowe Mountain Club with 42 points.

Our second major championship, the Pro 1 Am Championship, was held at Neshobe GC on June 22nd with Rodney Bicknell, PGA as our host. We thank Todd Trono and golf ValueBook for their generous sponsorship. Format was 36 holes best ball and our winners for the second year in a row with a score of 128 were Steve Gonsalves, PGA, Links at Lang Farm and his amateur partner Evan Russell. Placing second with a score of 132 were the teams led by Dave Pfannenstien, PGA, VGA and Max Major and Josh Olney, PGA, Orleans CC and Mike Coakley.

UPCOMING VERMONT CHAPTER EVENTS

Drive Chip and Putt, Links at Lang Farm, July 2nd
Pro Lady Championship, Sugarbush GC, July 6th
Mohegan Sun Pro Am, Rutland CC, July 13th



SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Joe Carr, PGA



Don't forget to sign up for the **Senior Championship** at Woodstock Resort and Country Club. The deadline for registration is July 14th at 5:00 pm. There are five rooms blocked off for August 3rd, fifteen rooms on the 4th, and 20 on the 5th. Please call the Woodstock Resort and mention that you are playing in the NEPGA Senior Championship for our special rate. The phone number is 888.338.2745. To register for the Senior Championship and Sr. PNC Qualifier, please [click here](#). The entry fee is \$300. If you only want to register for the Senior Championship and do not want to try to qualify for the Sr. PNC, please sign up through Blue Golf and please [click here](#). The entry fee is \$160.

The Seniors' Association had two Pro-Am's during the month of June and thank you to Host Professionals Matt Griffith,

PGA Whitinsville Golf Club and Scott Allen, PGA George Wright Golf Course. [Click here](#) to view the results from the Pro 3 Ams at Whitinsville GC. [Click here](#) to view the results from the Pro 3 Ams at George Wright GC.

There are two new events that have been added to the schedule: August 10th there will be a Pro Am at Tatnuck Country Club with a 10 am shotgun and a Pro-Pro on August 27th at Bradford Country Club with tee times beginning at 8:30 am. The remaining schedule is as follows:

July 14	Bedrock GC-Pro and 3 ams
Aug 5,6	Woodstock CC for Seniors' Championship
Aug 10	Tatnuck CC-Pro & 3 ams 10:00 am shotgun
Aug 19	Halifax-Pro and 3 ams 8:30 am tee times
Aug 27	Bradford CC-Pro-Pro 8:30 am tee times
Sept 17	Bass Rocks GC-Pro and 3 ams
Sept 23	Needham GC-Pro and 3 ams
Oct 7	Thorny Lea GC-Pro and 3 ams
Oct 13	Essex County Club Pro-Pro
Oct	Myopia Hunt Club Pro-Pro
Oct 15	Pleasant Valley CC 9:00 Fall Meeting and Sr Association Championship after

Membership Dues are \$25 and the Senior Association is open to any PGA Professional in good standing who will turn 50 years of age in 2015. For more information, please contact Joe Carr, PGA 508.873.7768 or Dennis Selvitella, PGA 508.410.4984.



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Name	Class	Facility
Patrick M. Barnes, PGA	A-8	Nantucket Golf Club
Ian P. Kelley, PGA	A-8	Renaissance Golf Club
Sean R. Sweitzer, PGA	A-8	Manchester CC
Daniel K. Trink, PGA	A-8	Wannamoisett CC

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Start	Facility
Kevin M. Franey Jr., PGA	A-23	7/1	Golfsmith
Edward T. Kirby, PGA	A-14	6/16	Point Judith Country Club
Mark D. Senecal, PGA	A-8	6/29	Okemo Valley Golf Club

NEW APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Todd W Prescott	B-1	Old Marsh CC
Charles J Konkowski III	B-8	Bretwood GC
Christopher M Durocher	B-8	Lake Sunapee CC

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Howard J. Barrow Jr., PGA	LM	
Kevin M. Franey Jr., PGA	A-23	Golfsmith
Edward T. Kirby, PGA	A-14	Point Judith Country Club
Mark D. Senecal, PGA	A-8	Okemo Valley Golf Club

NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

Name	Class	Award Date
Michael J. Baker, PGA	A-8	6/30



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