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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Larry Kelley, PGA



Has anyone reading this reached out to Brian Bain, PGA and our local Player Development Regional Manager? Have you asked him about ways to improve your Player Development Program? Our Section is leading the national charge in Junior League Golf, Drive, Chip & Putt and Get Golf Ready Programs. If you are struggling with income, suffering from boredom, or waiting for his call then it is time to take action and pick up the phone. I have heard personal stories about Brian "teaching old dogs new tricks" and working with our NEPGA members to start programs from scratch or improve programs so that they are bursting with players. One story Brian tells is about a PGA Member who said he had no kids that would play in JR Golf League and with Brian's help the PGA Member now has four teams at one club! This PGA Member is not only generating more revenue for himself and his club but he is also building relationships with our future members and the people that pay the bills. The Parents!

Brian's phone number is 508-254-0657 & his email is [Bbain@pgahq.com](mailto:Bbain@pgahq.com) – *tell him I sent you!*

Random Question: For all our PGA Professionals that teach all different types of students, do you teach women differently than men? The first NEPGA Member to get back to me via email with an answer of 500 words or more will win dinner for two at their favorite restaurant.

I would like to update the membership regarding our most exciting member benefit sponsorship program that we have ever introduced. When we rolled out the Avidia MasterCard® Program we had hoped to have 50 members sign up for the card by this time. I am happy to announce that we are now at the 200 mark and growing every day! Not only is this sponsorship a win for the NEPGA due to the strong support of Avidia Bank and our wildly successful NEPGA Junior Tour, but their support of our newly formed NEPGA Foundation will have a great impact on all of our programs moving forward. I have been using the card and Avidia banking services for over two months and have earned almost 20,000 reward points to date! More than triple what my old card would have earned.

Are you short on PGA education credits? I know that most of our members are in the clear when it comes to keeping your active status but I have heard recently about NEPGA

members who will not make it or will not attempt to earn the credits required. Did you know you can earn 19 credits if you go online and work from home to learn about new and different things? Call that aforementioned phone number and ask for Brian.

Homesite update: We continue to push forward in our search for a homesite. Every member has an idea regarding our homesite and exactly how we should plan in finding a long term place for our staff to work comfortably. We most recently met with the City of Worcester, MA and feel we are moving in a positive direction when it comes to a solution for better working conditions. Stay tuned for more news later this year.

At the end of the day we all know we must work harder than ever before as most people at your facility are looking at you to make the difference. They are looking up to you for leadership and guidance. As the days get longer and hotter please keep in mind that the Harder you work – the Luckier you get!

Have a Great Golfing Summer!

Larry Kelley, PGA  
President  
New England PGA

### Attending the **Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship** *this week?*

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: *Michael Higgins*



June is here! After experiencing the snowiest winter in Central Massachusetts history we just experienced what seemed like endless sunny days and recorded the driest May in history. May is actually a very busy month in the Section. All the Chapters are off and running with their

tournament programs, the Section has already conducted two of our Championships (Pro-Assistant & Pro-Am Championship), the last of our educational programs wrap up (until the fall) and of course many of you are non-stop at your facilities.

I would like to congratulate Eddie Kirby, PGA, Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (who both made the cut) and Mike Baker, PGA for representing the New England Section so well in the Senior PGA Championship in French Lick, IN. Well done!

For the last 6 months you have heard us mention the MSR cycle deadline again and again. Well June 15th is almost here. Most of you have fulfilled your requirements, (Congrats Bob Beach, PGA for cracking 1000 MSR's again) but there are still a surprising number of PGA Professionals that are still a little short. I hope everyone is aware that there are 19 online MSR opportunities for the required bucket on [PGA.org](http://PGA.org), and if you are one of the 100 NEPGA Professionals that are still delinquent please do not hesitate to call me to discuss your options. And I promise that I will TRY to not mention MSR's for the next two years.

This month 14 New England PGA Professionals head to Philadelphia for the playing of the 48th PGA Professional National Championship. We are very proud of all the PGA Professionals that will represent our Section so well. Good luck to all! Soon the countdown clocks will arrive on the front page of [www.nepga.com](http://www.nepga.com) as a reminder that the deadlines for this year's Section Championships are quickly approaching. The NEPGA Championship deadline is Tuesday, July 7th at 5PM. The NEPGA Seniors Championship is Tuesday, July 14th at 5PM, and the NEPGA Assistant Championship is Tuesday, July 21st at 5PM. Each event can be registered by logging into [www.pgalinks.com](http://www.pgalinks.com) or by calling the National office at 800-474-2776.

When you call the Section office, participate in one of our events or receive a call from our staff, you may be

introduced to a few new staffers. Eric Stepanian has been hired as our new Tournament Director, Alex Wolk has been hired as our Tournament Operations intern, Kristen Garrone is our new Communications intern and there are 11 more interns helping out with Section and Junior programs. 300 events in 6 months require a lot of hands on deck. Be sure to welcome our new team members when you meet them.

Our busy season is here, and the demand for your time has never been greater. Be sure to make time to play some golf with members, help grow the game, and spend as much time as you can with your family.

And if you can...please volunteer for one of our 13 Drive, Chip & Putt qualifiers in New England. We sure could use your help!

Respectfully,

Michael Higgins  
Executive Director  
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# Big Sticks Golf Plays a Big Game



## *Aaron Ungvarsky, PGA, and Brett Riotto Winners of Pro-Am Championship*

Pinehills Golf Club was the setting for a great day of 36-hole golf in Plymouth, MA. The New England PGA's Pro-Am Championship sponsored by National Car Rental, Adidas, and Ashworth put over 140 New England professionals and amateurs to the test on Tuesday, and it proved to be a challenge for most.

If the course wasn't enough of a task, many of the holes were played into a formidable wind that proved for tougher rounds.

Pinehills Golf Club is split between two courses: Nicklaus and Jones. The setup of today's contest featured four starting tees, divided with two between each of the perfectly maintained courses. For a course that was said to have had more than 1,000 rounds of golf played from Friday to Sunday, you'd never know it.

In years prior, the winning scores have been around 14 and 12 under par. Today's field ended to be around half of this, with many players citing the wind as a factor. On the Jones' course, all of the par fives were almost entirely into the wind. Frank Dully, PGA, and Matthew Bullock (Kernwood CC) led after the first 18 holes and held tight until the very end where they were pulled down by two bogeys and finished tied for sixth place. The field of eight teams tied for eighth finished with overall scores of 140 and 3-under par.

However while some teams couldn't handle the pressure, others found a diamond in the rough.

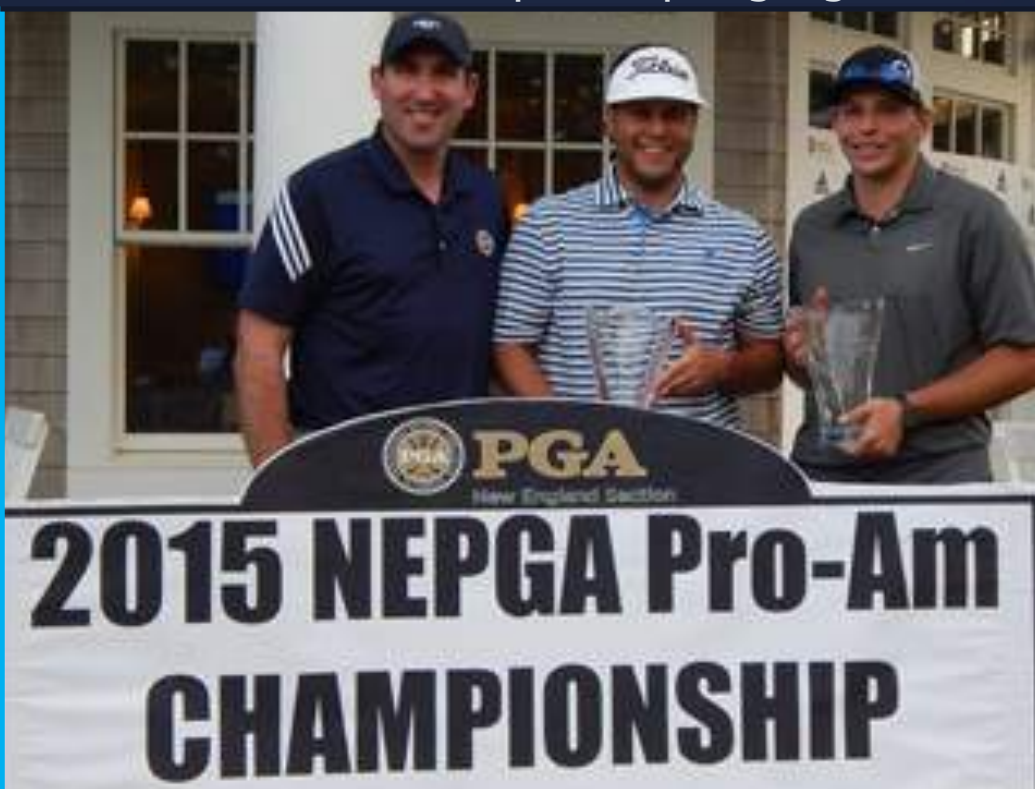
Aaron Ungvarsky, PGA, and Brett Riotto (Big Sticks Golf Academy) finished in sole possession of first place, with a score of 7-under par, 137. The duo played their first 18 holes on the Jones course and finished even, but they weren't satisfied. Their second 18 holes on Nicklaus proved to be one of the best on the day, making six birdies and one eagle on 16.

Another notable finishing team was from the host club. John Tuffin, PGA, and Herb Aikens (Pinehills GC) finished tied for second with a 6-under score of 138. On the Nicklaus course, the pairing made five birdies and also had an eagle on the sixth hole.

Perhaps one of the greatest achievements on the day came from Kevin Quinn (Charles River CC). He had a hole-in-one on the 15th hole of the Nicklaus Course. Quinn and his partner Shawn Hester, PGA, finished one over with a score of 143.

Thanks to our event sponsors Adidas, National Car Rental and Ashworth for their support, as well as host PGA Professional John Tuffin and Pinehills Country Club for hosting!

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## 2015 NEPGA Pro-Am Champions Aaron Ungvarsky, PGA and Brett Riotto Big Sticks Golf Academy

### In Aaron's Bag...

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Fairway: Titleist 915Fd 16°

Hybrid: Titleist 915 Hd 21°

Irons: 4-PW Titleist AP2

Wedges: Titleist 51, 55, 59 Vokey

Putter: Odyssey Rosie 2



### In Brett's Bag....

Driver: Titleist 915 D3

Fairway: Titleist 915F 13.5°

Hybrid: Titleist 915Hd, 20.5°

Irons: 4-Titleist 712 Ap2

Wedge: Titleist 50°, 55°, 60°

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# Philo & Horton Named Pro-Assistant Champions

## Score of 62 tops the field

Ron Philo, PGA and Sue Horton's early score of 62 holds up through the end of the tournament to propel them to win the 2015 Acushnet Pro-Assistant Championship. The Stowe Mountain Club team also took the second place finish, shooting 63, this time between Ron Philo and David Jankowski, PGA.

After a cool morning at the Bay Club in Mattapoisett, Ma, the field of competition for the Acushnet Pro-Assistant seemed to be chasing one of the earliest scores on the board. Teeing off at 8:50, the team featuring Stowe Mountain's PGA Professional Ron Philo, Sue Horton, and professional David Jankowski had one of the most successful rounds of golf in the tournament. Starting from the tenth hole, the Philo-Horton team shot well, with back-to-back birdies on the 15th and 16th holes.

Their opening round may have seemed innocuous to the field, however, their game accelerated when they got to playing the front nine. Philo and Horton had seven birdies on holes one through nine, with uninterrupted birdies on holes four, five, six and seven. They also birdied back-to-back holes on one and two. Their 28 through these first nine holes was the lowest score of the day.

Stowe Mountain's Combination that featured Philo and David Jankowski would also take the second spot with impressive highlights. Their combination made six birdies on holes one through nine, with the same consecutive birdies as the Philo-Horton combination on holes four through seven. They also had back-to-back birdies on holes 15 and 16. The duo put up an impressive score of 63, which would be good enough for a second place finish.

The rest of the field had some impressive highlights as well.

Shelter Harbor Golf Club's Dave Tiedemann, PGA, and Michael Robinson, PGA shot a 5-under score of

66 that landed them tied for third place with The Bay Club. Tiedemann and Robinson combined for five birdies on the day, with four on the back nine. The team also had an eagle on the 11th hole.

Sharing the third place spot was the combination of host professional Greg Yeomans, PGA, and John Paesani, PGA. The pair played a strong first round of golf starting from the first hole, with five birdies on the front nine. They had back-to-back birdie scores on the first and second holes, and then went back-to-back-to-back with birdies on holes four, five, and six.

Rounding out the top five finishers was the team of Brendan Walsh, PGA, and Daniel Joseph, PGA from The Country Club, who shot a four under par 67 and were tied with teams from Vesper CC, Brae Burn CC, North Kingstown GC and Weston GC. The Walsh-Joseph pair had an impressive back nine, making five consecutive birdies on holes 12 through 16.

The 2015 Acushnet Pro-Assistant Championship also featured a unique putting tournament sponsored by the Acushnet Golf Company on the putting green. The winner would get the opportunity to try to make a final 50ft putt to win \$5,000. Tom Rooney, PGA, and Ae Cahill from LeBaron Hills CC won the putting tournament and Rooney got his chance at the putt, but unfortunately didn't make it.

A big Thank You to event sponsors Titleist, FootJoy & PGA TOUR for their support, as well as to host PGA Professionals Greg Yeomans, PGA and the Bay Club for hosting!



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Fairway: Titleist 915F 115°  
Hybrid: Titleist 915 Hd 21°, 17°  
Irons: Titleist 714 MB  
Wedges: Titleist 54, 60 Vokey  
Putter: Titleist Scotty Cameron Studio Putter

### In Sue's Bag....

Driver: Cobra Fly-Z+ 9°  
Fairway: Taylormade burner 17.5° 5wd & 4.5° 3wd  
Hybrid: Taylormade 23.5° rescue  
Irons: 4-PW Cobra Pro Amp Cell  
Wedge: Cobra Tour Trusty 52° and 60°  
Putter: Ping 1/2 wack-e Putter



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# GREENSIDE: Ron Green, PGA



June, the month that hopefully brings us some consistently warmer temperatures during the day and especially at night, it's about time the Superintendents got a break.

We have been so lucky, all of our host facilities have worked overtime to give us some great playing conditions. I think the old PGA Tour motto of "These guys are good" applies to the Supers and their crews here in New England.

The New England PGA schedule is a little less crowded with events at the Section level than most other months, but we have a few things to look forward to.

June is the month we make way for our allied organizations, the Massachusetts and Vermont Golf Associations, to conduct their State Open Championships.

The Massachusetts Open, one of the most important events on the New England golf calendar will be contested at the Black Rock Golf Club in Hingham, MA on June 8-10.

The Jeff Julian Memorial Vermont Open Championship is the next week, June 15-17, at the Lake Morey Inn & Country Club in Fairlee, Vermont.

A national event is also on the June schedule and it is an important one for several of our NEPGA members. Current Section Champion Rich Berberian and 2014 NEPGA Player-of-the-Year Shawn Warren, PGA will lead a group of fifteen of the New England PGA's finest as they travel to the historic Philadelphia Cricket Club in Flourtown, PA for the 2015 PGA Professional National Championship presented by Club Car, Mercedes Benz & OMEGA on June 28-July 1.



The twenty (20) low scorers from this event become eligible to play in the final major of the year, the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisconsin. Play well guys, we'll be watching and rooting you on back here in New England.

For those of us staying closer to home in June; on June 18th The Benrus Open at The Preserve in Wyoming, Rhode Island, will take place. While this is not an official event on the New England PGA schedule the NEPGA tournament staff will be on-site helping to administer the event.

For information on any of the above-mentioned events as well as more playing opportunities in June, July and

beyond, go to [nepga.com](http://nepga.com), under the tournament tab you will be able to see event specific details and register for all of these, as well as the rest of the events on the 2015 NEPGA Section Tournament Schedule.

That is what is happening in the New England Section; continue to look for communications from PGA of America with entry information/deadlines. Registration is open for the New England Section PGA Professional Championship and Senior Professional Championship; and registration opens June 10 for the New England PGA Assistant Championship. Remember, you MUST enter these events through PGA of America at [pga.org](http://pga.org), if you miss the deadline, we cannot help you.

My suggestion, if you know you are going to participate, enter sooner, rather than later, there are always a couple of unhappy people who call the Section office the day after the deadline passes for one of these events, and like I said, we'd like to help, but we can't!

Keep an eye out for weekly emails and check the NEPGA website for updates and more information on all things tournaments and we'll be back with more Tournament News next month.

See you down the road.

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## REGISTER ON PGA.ORG

for Section Championships/  
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### NEPGA Professional Championship

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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

*Registration Opens June 10th*  
Framingham Country Club  
Wed.-Thurs., August 26-27, 2015  
Deadline: Tuesday, July 21, 2015



# NEPGA Pro-Officer Pocasset Golf Club | June 22



On Monday, June 22, invite (1) one or (3) three officers from your facility and head to Cape Cod, crossing the Bourne Bridge to Pocasset Golf Club for the Pro-Officer. The format is Four-Ball Stroke Play with Gross and Net Team prizes, as well as an Individual professional purse.

Thanks to our presenting sponsor Country Club Enterprises/ Club Car and supporting sponsors Prize Possessions and Weatherbug for their support of our Section and tournament programs.

Thank you as well to PGA Professionals, Rich Iwaszko and Jeff Halunen and Superintendent Stephen Carr for hosting us.

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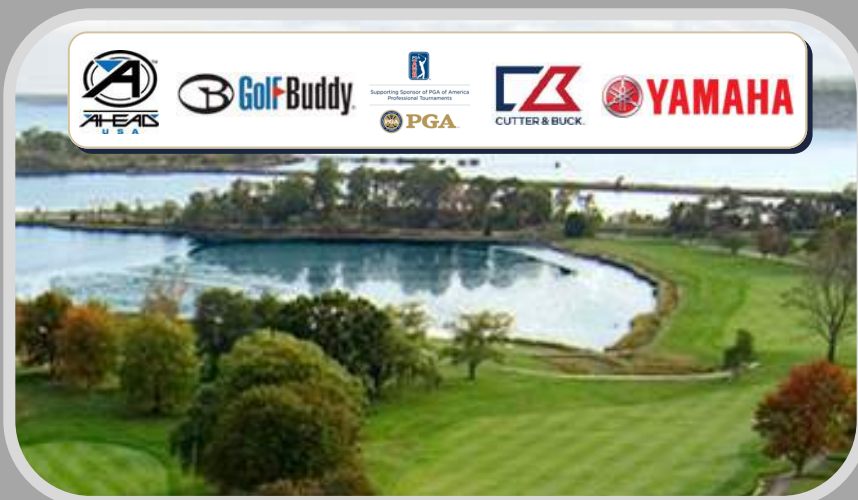
# NEPGA STROKE PLAY #2

Metacomet Country Club | June 23

The following day on Tuesday, June 23 our second of five NEPGA Stroke Play Series events will be contested at Metacomet Country Club in East Providence, RI. Metacomet is a great test and the influence of Donald Ross who was brought in to consult and re-design the course in 1924 can be seen throughout.

Thank you to C.J. Talbert, PGA and Superintendent Matthew Klida for hosting us.

**Register on NEPGA.com**



# NEPGA Bobby Jones Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship The Haven Country Club | July 6



As the month of June ends, we will start to look forward to July and a return to a venue and event that are staples on the NEPGA schedule. The Haven in Boylston, MA will once again play host to the Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship, sponsored by Bobby Jones and Jeff DiBona on Monday, July 6. This event is always fully subscribed; please file your entry early. PGA Professional Hal Jacobs and Superintendent Todd Sauer are our hosts.

**Register on NEPGA.com**

# May Tournament Results *Continued...*

## NEPGA Portsmouth Pro-Am



After a couple of earlier weather related cancellations we traveled north to New Hampshire and were finally able to play our first Pro-Am of 2015.

The challenging Portsmouth Country Club was our host and we had a day that matched the venue, beautiful. The teams from Dunegrass Golf Club in Old Orchard Beach, Maine led by PGA Professional Jim Fairbanks and Norton Country Club in Norton, MA with PGA Professional Jeff Martin leading the way bested a full field of 50 teams. Their matching twelve under par Two Best-Balls of Four, gross and net scores of 132 were one better than the Montcalm Golf Club and the Golf Club of New England teams.

The Professional side also resulted in a dead heat with current Section Champion Rich Berberian and 2014 NEPGA Player of the year Shawn Warren getting their seasons off to a fast start, both shot three under par 69. They edged Brett Smestad, PGA from The Ledges in York, Maine and Frank Dully, PGA, Kernwood Country Club, Salem, MA, who were two shots back at one under par, 71.

Huge Thanks go to our sponsors for the day, the Lincoln Motor Company and Mohegan Sun Casino, as well as our host PGA Professional Bill Andrews and Superintendent Greg Dubois.

A special Thanks to all the Members of Portsmouth Country Club who have been so generous in sharing their outstanding golf course over the years. They were our co-hosts for our NEPGA Championship last year and the Portsmouth Pro-Am is a staple on the New England PGA schedule. The fact that this year was another sold-out, full field event, says it all.



## NEPGA Wogan Player-of-the-Year



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We are just getting started, but with one event already in the books Jeff Martin, PGA from Norton Country Club in Norton, MA has the early lead in the Player-of-the-Year race.

Martin's stellar performance in the Stroke Play Series event at Renaissance Golf Club has provided him with a slight lead on The Country Club's Daniel Joseph, PGA and current NEPGA Champion Rich Berberian from Windham Country Club in New Hampshire who are tied in second place. Kirk Hanefeld, PGA, Stow Acres Country Club-North and David Jankowski, PGA from the Stowe Mountain Club in VT sit in third and fourth place respectively.

## Hudson Cup



The Hudson Cup was back at its familiar venue, the Duxbury Yacht Club. This event honors our former Executive Director Susan Hudson who was always a huge supporter of the New England Assistants' Association throughout her career with the NEPGA.

It is the first Major on the schedule for the people who put in so many hours in the shop and on the lesson tee, the Assistant Professionals.

Once again they had to go overtime to determine the Champion. Matt Baran, PGA from the Oyster Harbors Club in Osterville, MA and Aaron Ungvarsky, PGA from Big Sticks Golf Academy, Burlington, MA took it deep, firing five under par 67's on the perfectly manicured Duxbury Yacht Club course.

Baran continued his under par assault with yet another birdie on the first hole of the playoff to secure the title. Baran who is the reigning New England Assistant Champion is now the proud holder of the Hudson Cup title as well.

As always, Duxbury was a great host, a huge Thank You to PGA Professional Randy Grills and Superintendent Peter Lanman for all their efforts.

## Senior Players Championship

Any PGA Professional that would like to attend the Constellation Senior Players Championship at Belmont Country Club on June 9-14 may visit Will Call with their PGA member card in order to gain complimentary access to the event.





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# We Need Your Help with the NEPGA Centennial Book



Local author and historian Gary Larrabee has been a part of the NEPGA scene in a variety of roles for nearly 50 years and is honored to have been commissioned to research and write the Section's 100-year history for the 2016 Centennial.

Gary first connected to the NEPGA as a caddy for Paul Barkhouse, PGA in the late 1960s, then began covering the Section as golf editor for The Salem Evening News, a tenure that lasted 25 years. During that time Gary was a regular contributor to the NEPGA Yearbook and served several times as a media liaison for the NEPGA at its Section and Open Championships. Over the last 20 years he has written nine club histories, including those for Salem, Winchester, Wellesley, Nashawtuc, Kernwood and Wannamoisett (Northeast Amateur). He currently is back at The Salem News writing a weekly golf column and was the lead writer and columnist for North Shore Golf magazine from 2003-2013. He is the brother of long-time NEPGA member Mark Larrabee, PGA.

We are looking for any photographs of New England PGA Professionals or facilities that have hosted Section and Chapter events. Any old articles or memorabilia that you could share that depict the wonderful history of the founding Sections of the PGA of America. Please email all material to Joan Stuart at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com).



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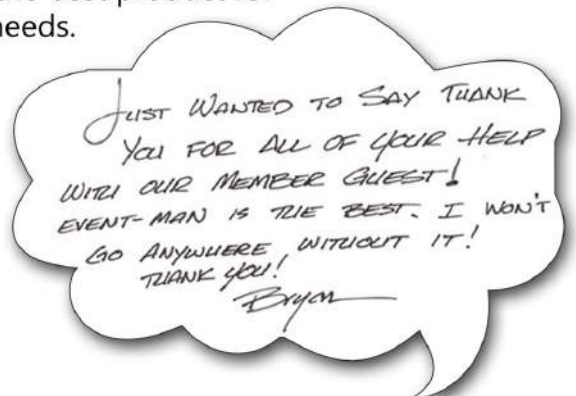
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# NEPGA 2015 Award Winner *Spotlight*



## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Donnie Lyons, PGA*

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

**DL)** 14 or 15 yrs old

**Who taught you the game?**

**DL)** Jackie Driscoll former PGA Member, who was the assistant professional at Salem CC.

**Where did you go to school?**

**DL)** Peabody High School and Northshore Community College

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

**DL)** By the age of 17 or 18 while working at Salem CC for PGA Professional Bill Barclay. The lifestyle and respect that he commanded made my decision to pursue the career and PGA Membership. A decision I never regretted!

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

**DL)** Salem Country Club a true gem! Also my great friend PGA Professional Jimmy Noris has taken me twice to Fishers Island, it's a little piece of heaven.

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

**DL)** Running and exercising, and traveling on family vacations with my wife Peggy and our four kids and now a daughter-in-law!

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

**DL)** I don't know about a legacy, but I hope people say he really cared and tried to leave things better than he found them; he was a good person!



## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

*Jim Sheerin, PGA*

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

**JS)** 11 years old

**Who taught you the game?**

**JS)** At the age of 10 I was introduced to the game by my neighbor Dr. Frank Garfi, who was a member of the Andover C.C. John Boda Sr. and his son Spike taught me the game.

**Where did you go to school?**

**JS)** Grade school-Packard, 1-6 John P. Kane, 7-8 Lawrence High School, Lawrence, Andover Institute of Business, Andover

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

**JS)** I started caddying at the Andover C.C. and then became Caddie Master. I knew that golf was going to be in my future in some way. The opportunity to apprentice to Mr. John Boda Sr. opened the door to becoming a PGA Club Professional. My passion to serve golf members and my love of the game inspired me to be the Golf Professional I am today.

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

**JS)** Southern golf course-JDM East Course, Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. Northern golf course-Medinah C.C., Illinois

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

**JS)** My first passion is Family and Grandchildren. I enjoy reading and a good movie. Gardening in N.H. and Maui is a growing interest in my life.

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

**JS)** "GOLF": G-God, O-Others, Serving Members, Community, L-The gift of love, F- Family, what more in life could my Golf career give me.

## 2015 PGA Scholarship Recipients from our Section

Congratulations to the following students who recently received Scholarships from The PGA of America: **Abigail Hood** (Sacred Heart University), **Jennifer Dupuis** (Nashua Community College), and **Joel Harris** (Maine Maritime Academy, *not pictured*). Abigail is the daughter of Peter Hood, PGA Bass Rocks GC; Jennifer is the daughter of Peter Dupuis, PGA Overlook CC; and Joel is grandson of Richard Harris, PGA Penobscot Valley CC, Freeport CC, Old Marsh CC, Falmouth CC, Mere Creek GC, Sunday River GC, Bridgton Highlands CC, Wilson Lake CC.



Abigail Hood



Jennifer Dupuis





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# Your View From The Fairway

## JUNE MEMBERSHIP NOTES: Joan Stuart

This month we will touch upon three topics: Life Member Classifications, Posting your own MSR's, and ACH Payments.

### Life Member Classification Definitions

LM/LMM: Not eligible for classification as Active Member and who have held a minimum of 20 years in an Active Classification (whether continuous or not). When transferring to this classification (**Life Member**) the PGA Professional **is not required** to fulfill any MSR requirements and pays lower annual dues. A Life Member is not eligible to vote in any elections.

LMA/LMMA: Not eligible for classification as Active Member and who have held a minimum of 20 years in an Active Classification (whether continuous or not). When transferring to this classification (**Life Member Active**) the PGA Professional **is required** to fulfill MSR requirements and pays the same dues as all Active Members. If this classification is chosen, the PGA Member can vote in elections.

If you are about to retire and meet the requirements, please make sure that you choose the correct classification when you submit the online form. Any questions, please call the section office 508.869.0000 or email Joan Stuart at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com).

### Posting Your Own MSR Credit Hours

Have you ever served the Section, Chapter, National PGA or Allied Association by participating in the advancement of the game activities such as **radio shows, TV shows, speeches, golf promotional non-playing events, golf clinics and other volunteer activities, such as non-playing tournament official?**

Have you served as a **golf coach or assistant golf coach** of a high school/college golf team in a capacity not considered the member's primary employment?

Have you ever published PGA-approved **news, media, magazine articles or published book?**

Have you provided official **Golf Get Ready** group lessons at your facility?

If you have done any of the above **you can post your own MSR's online** through the following link: <http://apps.pga.org/professionals/apps/membership/msr/> which will require your login that you have used with [www.pgalinks.com](http://www.pgalinks.com). It is easy and you can post these credits any time of the day at your convenience. If you have any questions on this process, please contact Joan Stuart at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com) or call the section office 508.869.0000.

### ACH Payments for Purse

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

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

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



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# NEPGA Welcomes New Tournament Director



The New England PGA is excited to announce the hiring of Eric Stepanian as the new Tournament Director. Eric was born and raised in New England and played junior golf across the country and high school golf in Simsbury CT. He attended the University of Delaware on the Scotty Duncan Golf Scholarship. After receiving his Business Administration degree, Eric had a slight detour to pursue a career in music. Over the last few years, he headed up Go Ahead Golf, the golf touring arm of one of the largest educational travel companies in the world, EF|Education First.

Eric and his wife Meg reside in Westwood, MA with their two children Charlie and Emma.

"It goes without saying, Eric is a genuine student of the game with an undeniable passion for golf and sharing it with others," said Mike Higgins. He is excited to join the NEPGA and is eager to tackle the new challenge as Tournament Director. We are very excited to have him on board as member of the staff and please feel free to reach out to Eric and give him a warm New England PGA welcome. His email address is [estepanian@pgahq.com](mailto:estepanian@pgahq.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**

## Get Behind-the-Scenes Access Volunteering for the LPGA Symetra Tour Event at Thorny Lea GC

*Share this opportunity with the members at your club!*

[Click here](#) to view information on volunteering at the W.B. Mason Championship at Thorny Lea GC in Brockton, MA over August 14-16, 2015. PGA members will earn MSR credits for volunteering at this Symetra Tour event. If you or a member at your club are interested in volunteering, please contact Volunteer Chair Kathy Mabry at [kmabry1212@gmail.com](mailto:kmabry1212@gmail.com).





# NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: *Jacy Settles*



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aware, many of those golfers progress and focus on playing collegiate golf. That being said, you can increase your value to your junior golfers (and parents) by helping them navigate this path – high school golf to collegiate golf.

As there are many questions regarding collegiate golf, I'll simply focus on one topic for the time being, the "Calendar" for those high school players wishing to play collegiate golf. Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors tend to forget the importance of grades and then start to panic when it is their Senior year (Senior year is too late). Junior golfers need to be concerned about their grades and class rank all the way through their high school career, while at the same time play in as much tournament golf as he/she can in order to build their competition résumé.

Specifically, during the Sophomore & Junior year, junior golfers need to start scheduling to take the SAT & ACT and researching colleges and reaching out to college coaches. When reaching out to the coaches, the junior golfer should write letters and include their golf résumé. One of the most important pieces of the letter and résumé is to be concise and realistic about both the academic and playing ability. Additionally, junior golfers should take the time to address

the letter to the coach and not do a "blanket" letter, i.e. "dear coach".

By Junior year, SATs and ACTs should have been taken and then junior golfers should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if you plan to attend a DI or DII school. According to the NCAA, college coaches may not contact you in person off the campus or by telephone until July 1 (June 15 in Division II) following completion of your junior year. You may receive letters or other recruiting material from coaches after September 1, at the beginning of your junior year.

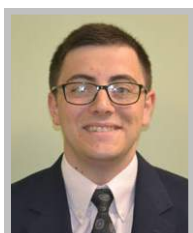
Senior year, the junior golfer should be filling out college applications and following up with those letters to the college coaches. Additionally, junior golfers need to remember that they are going to college for an education and must like the university, so they need to take plenty of visits/tours at their prospective colleges to help in their decision.

In summary, this will provide with the general timing to inform your junior golf families or answer questions you may be answering on a constant basis. Obviously, within this Calendar there are many different aspects that can you/we can target to help better prepare the junior golfers for this journey, some of which I will focus on in future articles.

Hopefully this helps with some questions!

## Introducing our 2015 NEPGA Junior Golf Interns

*Click each name to learn more about our interns...*



*Mark Chiarelli*



*Chris Clayton*



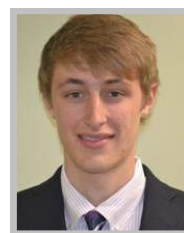
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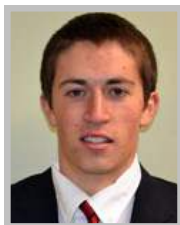
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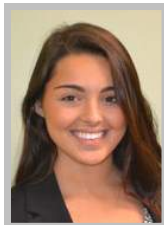
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# EDUCATION

## UPCOMING SEMINARS

*Education opportunities are open to all NEPGA members.*

### Vermont Chapter Seminar featuring Top Instructor Jim McLean, PGA

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 | 9 am—4 pm

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### What's Coming Up in our July issue...

PGA Professional National Championship Results—*See how our members played*

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## Section Championship Entries

Please make note of the below registration opening dates for the 2015 Section Championships. Registration will be available on **PGA.org**, in addition to entry information.



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CHAMPIONSHIP

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NATIONAL CAR RENTAL  
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Framingham CC  
August 26-27, 2015



[Registration Opens June 10, 2015](#)

## 2015 PGA Compensation Survey Results Available

The results of the 2015 PGA Compensation Survey are now available on PGA.org. Thank you to all of the NEPGA Professionals that took the time to submit your information this year. The New England Section ranked 10th in completion rate amongst the other PGA Sections.



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## Pay Your Association Dues

It's that time of year! Your PGA dues billing invoice for 2015 is now available on [PGALinks.com/PGA.org](http://PGALinks.com/PGA.org). Once you log in, you will see an active dues billing link displaying your balance that will take you to a secure website to view, print and/or pay your annual dues.

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# CAPE COD & RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

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

## FROM RHODE ISLAND to SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP – FRENCH LICK

Eddie Kirby (PGA HP Alpine CC, RI and 2012 NEPGA POY) tees off in the 2015 Senior PGA Championship in Indiana firing 74-77-71-76 298 tying for 45th picking up \$7,000 in the process. Kirby qualified for this senior major at the Senior PNC in Florida last fall where he was joined by fellow Section hopefuls finishing well at Okemo in the Section Senior Championship last summer. This year's NEPGA Senior Championship is scheduled for August 5-6 at Woodstock GC in Vermont. Registration has opened for Woodstock, sure to produce another great NEPGA contingent for California this October!



**BAYONET BLACK HORSE GC  
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Kirby was paired with Nick Faldo for the final round (beating him by 4!) Just 9 club pros made the cut from the pool of 40 who qualified for this event. Kirby has an impressive track record in major championships having qualified for four US Opens and missing the cut just once! He was third low club pro at French Lick.

## JANE FROST SET TO OPEN NEW FACILITY IN SANDWICH

Top 100 Teacher Jane Frost, PGA/LPGA proudly welcomes all to her state-of-the-art teaching facility set to open shortly located on the huge grass practice range at Sandwich Hollows GC, Sandwich, MA, a municipal golf course where PGA Head Professional Tom Tobey will begin his new duties this month, replacing Chapter President Jesse Schechtman who has assumed the HP position at Hyannis GC.



Assisting Frost at her official Golf Channel-affiliated golf center this season will be (pictured left and right of the sign) Bob Quirk, PGA & Marion Walker, PGA/LPGA. Quirk, a longtime Cape Cod Chapter friend and colleague, moves from his Harmon Club assignment while Walker has made the trek north from her Florida (West Coast) home where she has worked the majority of her career. Frost's new facility plans on operating year round and include club fitting by the entire team of PGA staffers.



## PINEHILLS BULL-PEN? SOX COULD STILL USE WAKE!

Black Rock GC PGA Assistant Mike Roy (right) partnered with Red Sox legend Tim Wakefield (second from right) in the recently played NEPGA Pro-1Am Championship at Pinehills GC in Plymouth. Pictured with Roy & Wake who just missed cashing in firing +2 146 is the talented 'Home

Team' led by Pinehills outstanding current PGA HP John Tuffin (left) and longtime Cape & Mass amateur standout Herbie Aikens whose -6 138 (4-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place) almost led to another victory for John & Herbie. It is rumored that Roy's drives into the winds resembled a knuckle ball (i.e. hard to catch and floating every which way!)



## JUNIOR LEAGUES EXPANDING ACROSS RHODE ISLAND & CAPE COD

Pictured from last summer are three advancing teams (regionals) from N. Kingstown GC (John Rainone, PGA), Pocasset GC (Jeff Halunen, PGA) and Hyannis GC (Roman Greer – PGA, who has taken over Director of golf Duties at Cranberry Valley GC this season). Clubs and leagues from Rhode Island and the Cape have more than **doubled** this year as we enter the 2015 junior golf schedule. RI clubs resuming or joining the fun for the first time are: Quidnessett, Cranston, Valley, Laurel Lane, Carnegie Abbey, Kirkbrae, N. Kingstown, Pt. Judith, Warwick, Acoaxet, Allandale, Fall River & Foster while the Cape boasts of teams from: Halifax (3 teams), Bay Club, Kittansett, LeBaron Hills, Village Links, Squirrel Run, Pinehills, Oyster Harbors, Ridge Club, Cummaquid & Hyannisport. Kudos to Brian Bain, PGA, for his invaluable assistance in this phenomenal growth across Southern NE!



## CHAPTER PRO-1 AM...TOO!

Prior to the Section version at Pinehills, the fabulous Wianno GC hosted the Cape's Pro-1Am Championship. Pictured are (left to right), Matt Howard (tournament title sponsor – Cleveland/Srixon), Eric Steindel (PGA HP Wianno GC) & partner George Chamberlain, Bob Tramonti (PGA HP Triggs) & partner Rob Touchette (tournament sponsor representing Robert Mark Co., a Rhode Island company and maker of fine customized leather goods for the golf industry). Champions at Wianno were Gregg Richbourg (PGA Assistant at Cape Cod National) and partner John Crook who returned the winning score of 64 (-6).

## RHODY/CAPE TEAMS CONQUER THE BAY CLUB

Dozens of RI & Cape Chapter teams entered the recently played NEPGA Pro-Assistant Championship at The Bay Club with a pair of local teams firing -5 under par 66's – The Bay Club's own Greg Yeomans, PGA HP & John Paesani, PGA Asst. In all, 8 teams from our two Chapters placed in the top 15! Special mention to Rainone & Brian Owens, PGA (T-5), Sankaty Head's Mark Heartfield, PGA HP & Phil Cardwell, PGA Asst. (T-10), Heartfield & Devon Cordell, PGA Asst. (T-15), Ridge Club's Jay Askew, PGA HP & Joe Ferreira V- PGA Asst. T-10), Kittansett's Patrick Gunning, PGA HP & Jeff Sanders, PGA Assist. (T-15). Notes: The Yeomans/Paesani Team recorded 30-36—66 while the Tiedemann/Robinson Team shot just the opposite, 36-30—66 as they tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

## ON THE HORIZON

JUNE 17 - CAPE COD PGA - CALLAWAY PRO-PRO – HYANNISPORT CLUB- CAPE COD  
JUNE 18 – BENRUS OPEN – THE PRESERVE-RI  
JUNE 22 – NEPGA PRO-OFFICER – POCASSET- CAPE COD  
JUNE 23– NEPGA STROKE PLAY #2 – METACOMET, PROVIDENCE - RI  
JUNE 26 – DCP – BUTTON HOLE – PROVIDENCE- RI

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# MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

*Submitted by Tom Moffatt, PGA, Maine Chapter Operations Manager*

## Recent/Upcoming Events



**Sunday, May 31st:** Drive Chip and Putt - Val Halla GC

**Tuesday, June 2nd:** Senior Championship - Dunegrass CC sponsored by Titleist, FootJoy

**Tuesday & Wednesday, June 2nd-3rd:** Chapter Championship sponsored by Titleist, FootJoy, PGA Tour, Tournament Solutions, and Avidia Bank

**Thursday, June 11th:** Senior Junior Pro Pro Championship - Spring Meadows GC

**Monday, June 15th:** Pro Pro Stroke Play Championship - Webhannet GC sponsored by TaylorMade/adidas

It came upon us so quickly that we all forgot to sign up. Thanks to Host Professional Tim Angis and the Biddeford Saco CC, we were able to re-schedule the event for October. It should be a great time to play!

Our next event took us to the picturesque Prouts Neck CC. Always a popular venue in the Chapter, Host Professional Chris Twombly and staff showed us a great time (even though we had a little rain and a little wind). Special thanks to our sponsor of the event, Peter Gambardella from Callaway Golf. He braved the wind with me on the porch for most of the day and provided sleeves of Callaway golf balls to all participants. This was also our first Pro Am of the new season where the tournament committee instituted a format change. All Pro- Ams (except for championships) will play a 2 Best Ball of 4 (1 gross and 1 net) scoring system. The team from Falmouth Country Club led by PGA Professional Shawn Warren fired a 15-under-par to lead the field. Shawn was also low Professional with a 4-under-par 66. Also new for 2015 is the Pro-Pro blind draw. Taking home the top team honors with a 9-under-par round was PGA Professional Sean Barrett from Falmouth CC and PGA Professional John Hickson from Sebasco Harbor.



The next Pro Am took us to the Purpoodock Club where Host Professional Tony Decker and staff welcomed us with open arms. Thank you to Sponsors Ollie Hallet from Devant Towels and to Greg Ludes from Titleist. Both sponsors were on hand passing out towels to ALL participants and ProV1 golf balls to ALL. We really appreciate your support of our Chapter events! John Hickson was Low Professional firing a 3-under-par 68 on his Birthday. HAPPY B-DAY! The Pro-Pro top honors went to Host PGA Professional Tony Decker and PGA Professional Tim Angis from Biddeford Saco, teaming up to shoot 5 under par 66. In the Pro Am team event, we had a tie atop the leaderboard at 10-under-par 132. The team from Fairlawn GC led by PGA Professional Dave Bartasuis and a team led by PGA Professional David Grygiel from Tee n Tee with three amateurs from the host facility.

If any professionals are looking for a partner to play in any of our upcoming Championships (Pro/Pro, Senior /Junior) please let me know and I will help you find one. Thanks to all who participate in our Chapter events!



The 1st Annual Junior Golf Maine Open House was very successful in bringing all junior golf activities in the state of Maine together. The effort put forth by the committee led by PGA Professional Brian Bickford was second to none. The team, comprised of the

Maine Chapter of the NEPGA, Maine State Golf Association and the First Tee of Maine, put all their resources and knowledge together to create this day of information gathering for all the junior golfers and parents in the state. Several sponsors pitched in to help the cause. Special thanks go out to Peter Gambardella from Callaway Golf, Terry Frechette from US Kids Golf and Matt Greenleaf from Golf and Ski in Scarborough. Please visit the Junior Golf Maine website for further junior programs.

The playing season in our Chapter got off to a slow start after the long winter. Our first Pro Am of the season was to be played at Biddeford Saco GC on May 12th.







# NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

*Submitted by Frank Swierz, New Hampshire Chapter Tournament Manager*



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**1.** Matt Thibeault, Intervale CC Head Professional, was honored by the McDonough Scholarship Foundation at their annual dinner held at Manchester CC. Matt, a long-time Chapter member and former Chapter president was presented with the Annual Stan Lencki Distinguished Service Award. The dinner's featured speaker was Kirk Hanefeld, PGA Professional.

**2.** Matt Arvanitis, teaching professional at Southern New Hampshire University, is on top of the NHC leaderboard in Player of the Year with 73.5 points. He is followed by Matthew Bradbury, Crotched Mountain 51, Rich Berberian, Jr., Windham 49.5, Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC 47.67 and Todd Rollins, Laconia CC 42.

**3.** Rich Berberian, Jr., Windham CC, was one of five qualifiers at the 2015 U.S. Open Local Qualifying held at Pinehills GC in Plymouth, MA. Rich was tied for first place with a round of 71. He now moves on the Sectional Qualifying Round to be held at Old Oaks CC in Purchase, NY. The U.S. Open will be held at Chambers Bay in University Park, Washington, June 13-21.

**4.** One of the biggest NHC ProAm fields in recent years participated in the Wentworth By The Sea ProAm at Rye, NH. Thirty-nine teams teed off in conditions similar to British Open weather.

**5.** The foursome from host Concord CC prepare to tee off at a recent ProAm held there, Rich Thibeault, Concord Head Professional, is pictured second from left.



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On the schedule for June:

June 1...ProAm at Beaver Meadow GC, Concord, NH

June 8...ProAm at Cochecho CC, Dover, NH

June 15...ProAm at Keene CC, Keene, NH

June 22...ProAm at Pheasant Ridge GC, Gilford, NH

June 29...Mohegan Sun ProAm at Stonebridge CC,







# VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

*Submitted by Dave Christy, PGA, Vermont Chapter Tournament Manager*

The Vermont Chapter NEPGA Section held their Spring Meeting on May 4, 2015 at Rutland CC hosted by Greg Nelson, PGA and sponsored by Jim Mayo, Bushnell, Clic Gear and Antigua Clothing.

Vermont Chapter Board of President Dave Pfannenstien, PGA, conducted the proceedings and Chapter Directors provided committee reports and discussed Chapter business. VT District Director Zack Wyman, PGA spoke about Section activities and plans. Also presenting Section and National initiatives were NEPGA Executive Director Mike Higgins, PGA Employment Consultant Mike Packard, PGA and PGA Player Development Regional Manager Brian Bain, PGA.

Awards committee members John Cleanthes, PGA and Barry Churchill, PGA presented our PGA special awards. Playing Awards for 2014 were presented to deserving winners by Chapter Directors Rodney Bicknell, PGA and RJ Austin, PGA. After lunch the Chapter Members joined our sales reps and invited guests to form teams for a round of golf. Our Spring Meeting Pro ended with the teams of Dave Jankowski, Eric Evans and Sue Horton tied with John Goodchild, Nick Kaiser and Jim Gunnare with a score of 67.



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Dave Pfannenstien, PGA



NEPGA President  
Larry Kelley, PGA



2015 Vermont Chapter Spring Meeting



NEPGA Executive  
Director Mike Higgins



New Members Dave Jankowski, PGA, William Welch, PGA, John Socinski, PGA, and Michael Taylor, PGA.

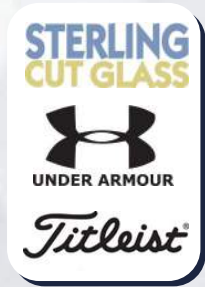


2015 VT Chapter Award Winners: L to R seated- Ryan McDonald, PGA, Erik Sorensen, PGA, Dave Jankowski, PGA & Steve Gonsalves, PGA. L to R standing-Larry Kelley, PGA, Tom Mackey, PGA, Matt Havers, PGA & Josh Olney, PGA.



## Tournament Results

Our first VT Chapter Pro Am was held at Neshobe GC on May 11th with Rodney Bicknell, PGA as our host. We thank our sponsors Chris Catapane-Sterling Cut Glass, and Under Armour and Jeff Kelley-Titleist and for their generous support providing tee gifts, winning team gifts, and closest to the pin awards.



Gross team winners ended in a 3-way tie led by Tom Mackey, PGA and his Ekwanok CC team, Jim Dayton, PGA and his Ralph Myhre GC team, and John Goodchild, PGA, and his Williston GC team all with a score of 66. Net team winners were with a score of 56 were led by Zack Wyman, PGA and the team from Vermont National CC. Winning Professional scores included a tie for first between Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC and Dave Soucy, PGA, Green Mountain National GC both with a score of 72.

On Monday, May 18th, the Vermont Chapter held the first major of the year, our Pro Senior Championship at Woodstock CC with Jim Gunnare, PGA as host professional. Our gross winners were a tie between Rodney Bicknell, PGA

and his team from Neshobe GC with a 2 BB score of 133. Net winners were led by rookie Jim LeClair from Lake Morey CC and his team with a score of 129. We had a four-way tie for low professional with scores of 72. Jim LeClair, Rodney Bicknell, PGA, John Paul, PGA, Burlington CC and RJ Austin, PGA, Sugarbush GC.

On Tuesday, May 26th, the VT Chapter Pro Am was held at Country Club of Vermont with Dan Lehmann, PGA, and Dan Ruane, PGA as our hosts. Sponsors included Paul Jones with Club Car, Brian Murphy with Titleist, and Rob Lamy with Bridgestone Golf. A special thank you goes out to Dan Keene from Lamoille Valley Ford for his generous \$2500 donation to the purses. Using the modified stableford format, net winners were led by Brian Gara, PGA, Vermont National CC and his team with 68 points. Gross team winners were led by Dave Jankowski, PGA, and his Stowe Mountain Club team with 56 points. Our winning Professional score was 47 points by RJ Austin, PGA, Sugarbush GC followed by Dave Jankowski, PGA, Stowe Mountain Club with 44 points.



## Seminar Details

On June 13th, the Vermont Chapter held a teaching seminar at Okemo Valley Golf Club attended by 28 VT Chapter members. The seminar included six Chapter members explaining their teaching "secrets" in different areas of the game. Jeff Viola, PGA, presented his Trackman presentation.

We thank Jim Remy, PGA, Okemo Valley Golf Club for hosting this popular seminar. After the morning session and lunch, a pro pro was conducted on course. We thank Erik Sorensen, PGA, Dorset Field Club, Education Chair, for handling the coordination and agenda.



Presenter Dave Burrell, PGA



Presenter Don Bank, PGA



Trackman Presentation with  
Jeff Viola, PGA



Presenter Jay Morelli, PGA

## June Events

Burlington CC Pro Am- June 1st | Manchester CC Pro Am- June 9th | Vermont Open Lake Morey CC- June 15-17  
Neshobe GC Pro 1 Am Championship- June 22nd

# SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

*Submitted by Joe Carr, PGA*

The Senior Association started their 2015 Pro Am Schedule with a visit to the Gannon Municipal Golf Course on May 13th. The next Pro Am was held at Milton Hoosic Club on May 28th. On June 4th the Seniors will be playing at Whitinsville Golf Club and June 23rd is the date for the Pro Am at George Wright Golf Course.

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.

Watch for Information for the Senior Championship at Woodstock Country Club August 5th and 6th! Registration is now available on [PGA.org](http://PGA.org).



## Seniors' Association Pro Am Gannon Municipal GC | May 13<sup>th</sup>

### RESULTS

#### Individual Pro Gross

1 Harry Rose, PGA	Needham GC	81
2 David Sibley, PGA	Gannon GC	73

#### Individual Pro Net

1 Bill Lodge, PGA	Life Member	79
T2 Lou Katsos, PGA	Blue Hill CC	81
Joe Carr, PGA	Bedrock GC	81

#### Team Gross

1 Andy Froude, PGA	J. McMahon - J. Drohan	70
Stone Meadow		

#### Team Net

1 Harry Rose, PGA	W. Kent - B. Downer -	63
Needham GC	J. Downer	
2 Joe Carr, PGA	L. Tower - T. Fabrizio- M.	64
Bedrock GC	Marks	

## Seniors' Association Pro Am Milton Hoosic Club | May 28<sup>th</sup>

### RESULTS

#### Individual Pro Gross

1 Dan Gillis, PGA	Nabnasset Lake CC	71
2 Artie Carlson, PGA	Leo J. Martin Memorial GC	76
3 John Graham, PGA	Retired Member	77

#### Individual Pro Net

1 Rick Finlayson, PGA	Country View GC	71
2 Jim Hilton, PGA	Ould Newbury GC	72
3 Andy Froude, PGA	Stone Meadow Dr. Range	76

#### Team Gross

1 John Graham,	w/D. Bavosi, D. Hart, T. Schube	63
PGA Retired Member		
2 Artie Carlson, PGA	w/B. Lynch, J. Mackinnon,	67
Leo J. Martin Mem. GC	P. Bersani	
3 Dan Gillis, PGA	w/B. Lailer, R. Smith, J. Murray	68
Nabnasset Lake CC		

#### Team Net

1 Joe Carr, PGA	w/A. Rugg, M. Paakkonen,	58
Bedrock GC	R. Larson	
1 Rick Finlayson, PGA	w/M. Sauliner, J. Plana,	58
Country View GC	M. Videtta	
3 Jim Hilton, PGA	w/J. Smidt, N. Campbell,	60
Ould Newbury GC	P. Blake	





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# MEMBERSHIP UPDATES *Changes reported between 5/6/2015—6/8/2015*

## NEW MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Nicholas A. Carnevale, PGA	A-8	Green Valley CC
Ryan A. Keefe, PGA	A-8	Rhode Island CC

## NEW APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Michael J Abate	B-8	Vermont National CC
Conor E Hibbard	B-8	Highfields Golf & CC
Ross B Lavallee	B-8	Kettle Brook GC
Nathan C Myers	B-8	Meadow Brook GC
Nicklaus J Oaklund	B-6	GolfTEC - Rhode Island
Andrew R Wester	B-6	Nashawtuc CC

## FIRST TIME TRANSFERS INTO SECTION

Name	Class	Previous Section
Corey T. May, PGA	A-8	Michigan
Alan C. Nelson, PGA	A-24	Metropolitan
Quinn J. Rogan, PGA	A-8	South Florida
James J. Tirone, PGA	A-14	South Florida
Michael T. Wanser, PGA	A-1	Metropolitan

## EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Start	Facility
Kenneth E. Bielski, PGA	A-8	5/11	Mink Meadows Golf Course
Susan L. Bond, PGA	A-20	1/20	Straight Down Clothing Company
Jeff L. Brookhart, PGA	A-8	5/17	Green Hill Golf Course
John M. Kan, PGA	A-1	5/26	Bay Pointe Club
Craig A. Knight, PGA	A-1	5/30	Glen Ellen Country Club
Dylan F. Mattos	B-8	5/15	Black Rock Country Club
Corey T. May, PGA	A-8	5/15	Sugarloaf Golf Course
Alan C. Nelson, PGA	A-24	5/18	Acushnet Company
Bethanne O'Kelly, PGA	A-6	5/15	Strawberry Valley Golf Course
John G. Rieker, PGA	A-6	5/13	Norwood Country Club
Quinn J. Rogan, PGA	A-8	5/13	Newport Country Club
James J. Tirone, PGA	A-14	5/15	The Kittansett Club
Michael T. Wanser, PGA	A-1	5/15	Edgartown Golf Club
Lucas M. Williams, PGA	A-8	5/8	Nantucket Golf Club

## CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
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John M. Kan, PGA	A-1	Bay Pointe Club
Craig A. Knight, PGA	A-1	Glen Ellen Country Club
Corey T. May, PGA	A-8	Sugarloaf Golf Course
Alan C. Nelson, PGA	A-24	Acushnet Company
Bethanne O'Kelly, PGA	A-6	Strawberry Valley GC
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