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FRONT COVER:

Jeff Curl, pictured on the left of the cover, raises the trophy as New England Open Champion. Also featured on the cover is (listed from top to bottom) Rich Berberian Jr, PGA, Michael Carbone (touring professional), Chris Wiatr (touring professional) and Shawn Warren, PGA.

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Greeting Fellow NEPGA Professionals and Apprentices,

Just like our magazine title, golf in New England is in Full Swing. We are right around the corner from the longest day of the year and I am sure that everyone practically resides at their facilities by now. Despite some reports, it seems to me that golf is on its way back into better days. PGA Professionals are telling me that they have more members, increased participation, and that their shop sales are improving. I certainly think that it is in large part due to our women and men at the forefront of our industry...our NEPGA Professionals.

With summer just beginning, it is easy to fall into some old patterns. Our careers are certainly demanding ones, but my hopes are that you all will evaluate your schedules this summer and take some time for yourself and your family. The golf season is a marathon and not a sprint. This is a great time to start empowering your staff. Giving assistant golf professionals, and even other staff members, added responsibilities is never a bad thing. It will not only free up some of your time, but it will give them much needed experience and create a more well-rounded staff that will only contribute to the customer experience at your facility. None of us can be everything to everyone, but there are always those eager to learn and it is our job to teach them.

Given the recent tragedies in Orlando, FL I feel this message has even more weight. Life is precious and never guaranteed. It is here one day and can be inexplicably absent the next. Those times we pass on a round with our members, or skip a barbecue with family are perishable opportunities that we may not get back. We certainly cannot shirk our responsibilities, but I ask you to try and look at the bigger picture this summer and get on the course, in the stream, to a ball game, or whatever can help you decompress once in a while. I bet you will be a more effective leader and golf professional as a result.

Try Something New This Year

This winter I was very fortunate to field many phone calls and emails from our NEPGA Professionals regarding new programs and initiatives they were starting this spring and summer. The passion and excitement that these individuals displayed to me was nothing sort of spectacular. With golf gaining forward momentum, now is a great time to create something new and look at alternative markets. There are thousands of people that have expressed interest in the game of golf, and who better than our NEPGA Professionals to introduce it to them. For those of you with that potential “next great idea”, I leave you with this quote from a recently deceased American Icon...

“He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.”

~ Muhammad Ali

Drive Chip and Putt is Underway!

I get so excited every time I hear a youngster talking about the DCP and their goal of making it to Augusta National next spring. This has certainly become a great program and I am proud of our facilities in New England that have embraced it. There is nothing better than seeing a junior on our driving range or down at our short game practice facility trying to simulate the competition and formulating their strategy. This is also an excellent opportunity for our members to volunteer. The section could always use an extra hand at these events and who better than our NEPGA Professionals. If you have the time, or interest, please contact section staff for a list of DCP events.

It’s Go Time!

The New England PGA is proud to be officially endorsing Russ Libby, PGA for National Secretary. Over the last 6 months, the NEPGA Officers have been heavily engaged with the three candidates for National Secretary. After several phone calls, emails, and face to face meetings, the NEPGA Officers and BOD members have collectively made a very informed decision to support Mr. Libby. It is our responsibility as your leaders to think about what is best for the NEPGA and its professionals. We are positive that Russ will be an advocate for the New England PGA Professional as well as the other 27,000 men and women he will represent. We look forward to casting our vote for him this fall in New York.

“He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.”

~ Muhammad Ali

Respectfully,

Rob Jarvis, PGA
New England PGA President
Around this time 10 years ago my daughter Cora was born. Last Friday I attended the 4th grade graduation ceremony at her elementary school and it is difficult for me to comprehend that my little girl will be in Middle School next year! This proud father was able to hear Cora speak before her school, and a closing quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson was read to end the ceremony.

“To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest citizens and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give of one’s self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived—this is to have succeeded.”

On my ride back to the office I kept thinking about how wonderful/fitting Emerson’s quote is, and how over the last 100 years so many New England PGA Professionals have “succeeded.” Growing up in golf and working for a PGA Professional, (NEPGA Hall of Famer Art Harris) and certainly over the last 20 years working for the Section, I have been fortunate to witness the joy golf, and the joy a PGA Professional can bring to golfers and their families. I’ve seen the respect club members have for their Professional and the admiration children have for their Pro. The honesty and integrity of this great game is taught by our PGA Professionals and the daily beauty we get to witness at our facilities certainly beats a cubical on the 40th floor of a downtown high-rise. PGA Professionals find a way to bring out the best in a person and certainly in their golf swing. I have never seen a profession where an individual gives more to their place of employment, their membership and of their time.

I think of the #thxpgapro advertisement by the PGA of America and how the lives of so many people have been impacted by their PGA Pro. Watching some of those commercials is a small example of the many lives impacted by a PGA Professional. I have seen so many amateurs enjoy a round of golf with their PGA Professional and laughed with enthusiasm throughout an event. I have seen revenue generated, careers molded, relationships started and lives saved by PGA Professionals.

NEPGA Professionals do so much for others on a daily basis that they are in my opinion a true success. Many are so humble they probably do not even realize it. I believe the New England Section is a success for all it has accomplished, and the many lives that have been impacted over the last 100 years. I know my own life and my own world is a bit better because of the PGA Professionals I have met and those that I know. I am not sure if Ralph Waldo Emerson was thinking about his own PGA Professional when he penned his definition of success, but it most certainly would be fitting.

Have a “successful” summer and as always, please reach out to me if I can ever be of assistance.

Respectfully,

Michael Higgins
New England PGA Executive Director
Introducing the

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The New England PGA is one of the founding Sections of the PGA of America, and we are excited to celebrate our Centennial in 2016. Part of that celebration is our custom Centennial Belt, brought to you in conjunction with New England’s own YRI Belts and Jeff & Sandy DiBona. YRI specializes in developing and offering innovative custom insignia products.

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Curling in Vermont
New England Open Crowns a New Champion

WATCH Event Highlights

Jeff Curl was crowned the 42nd champion of the New England Open after shooting ten-under par for the tournament on Thursday at The Quechee Club in Quechee, VT. Matt Hutchins won the low-amateur division with a seven under par 137 for the tournament, and placed second overall.

Curl carried over his first round score of five-under, 67 from Wednesday. He kicked off his round this afternoon looking to build on that strong lead. Struggling in the beginning, Curl made bogey on the second hole. Playing into the wind and cold conditions, he knew he needed to step his game up if he wanted to contend for the championship. He battled back; making three birdies on the end of the front nine, and went on to make three more on the back nine. This put him at a combined ten under par 134 for the tournament.

Thursday’s round can’t be fully understood without talking about the uncharacteristically cold and blustery weather. With the high temperature for the day set around 58, the gusting wind made Thursday feel more like October or November 9th rather than June. This wind was mostly effective on the back nine of the course, where Lake Pinneo’s beautiful and serene appearance proved to be anything but those two things.

“It was brutal out there today. Being in Alabama I think my blood has thinned a little bit, because I was feeling it. But I think it may have actually helped me a little bit because I wasn’t thinking about playing,” said Curl.

Also in the final group, Rich Berberian was putting up a fight for the trophy. After shooting a four under par to end the first round in second place, Berberian was ready to challenge Curl and came out firing. He made two birdies and a bogey on the front nine, putting him two behind Curl at the turn. On the back, Berberian made a bogey on the tenth, and an eagle on the fifteenth, staying right on the heels of the top score. Unfortunately for Berberian, he couldn’t make up enough ground to unseat the presumptive champion, and would finish tied for second.

On the amateur side, Matt Hutchins turned many heads on the course. Building on his three-under par score from Wednesday, he made three birdies on the front nine to put him just behind Curl and in front of Berberian at the turn. On the back, his two birdies and one bogey were good enough to put him tied for second place and crown him the low-amateur champion for the event.

Two other players finishing at the top of the leaderboard were Ryan McCormick and Sean Gaudette, who both shot six under par 138s for the tournament, and finished tied for third overall. Gaudette made an eagle on the fifth hole and four birdies on the day. McCormick made five total birdies, but neither could reach the lead Curl had already established.

A big thank you goes out to our partners, PGA Tour, Yamaha and Mohegan Sun for making this event possible. Also, we couldn’t have had as successful of a day without The Quechee Club and Head Professional TJ Anthoine, PGA and Director of Golf Steven Rogers, PGA!

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Kevin Murphy, PGA (Bradford CC) and partner Nick Maccario claimed the top spot at the 2016 New England PGA’s Pro-Am Championship on Tuesday at Pinehills Golf Club. Their combined first and second round scores of ten under par 134 topped the field and made Murphy and Maccario first-time champions of this event.

The contest kicked off as a four-tee start on the first and tenth tees of Pinehills’ Nicklaus and Jones courses, with both a morning and afternoon heat. James Antonelli, PGA (Marshfield) and Alex Jamieson were the leaders in the clubhouse after the first round, shooting a seven-under par 65 on the Jones Course. Transitioning to the Nicklaus course, the Marshfield pair shot one-under, which was good enough to help them to a 3rd place finish with a combined score of 136.

With one of the latest morning and afternoon tee times, Murphy and Maccario made an unassuming start in their first round, shooting a three-under 69 on Nicklaus. Looking past the morning and the afternoon, the pair persevered and fought their way to the top of the leaderboard. They had back-to-back-to-back birdies starting on the second hole and made eight birdies in that round. The Bradford team shot a 65 in their second round, boosting them to the championship at ten-under 134.

"We had a lot of putts that just lipped out or wouldn't fall for us, so in that second round we started to fire up the putters and they started to go in, and that really made the difference for us," said Maccario and Murphy.

Players said one of the most difficult aspects of play today was navigating the windy conditions that could be blisterly at times and calm at others, depending on which side of the courses they were on.

The Falmouth CC pair of Warren and Mccurdy had a strong start in the first round as well. The pair began the morning round on the Nicklaus Course and made four birdies and an eagle on the 12th hole. In the afternoon round Warren and Mccurdy shot three under on Jones to finish tied for second with a 135. After finishing the morning with a two-under 70, the Pinehills GC team of Tuffin and Aikens made seven birdies on Nicklaus, five of which were on the back nine. The home club pair finished with a 135, also tying for the second-top spot.

Winner or not, there was an added benefit for all playing in the championship today. In August, Pinehills Golf Club will also be hosting the 96th annual New England PGA Section Championship. Any of the NEPGA golfers competing today got a glimpse into how the course might play later in the summer.

The section championship kicks off the weekend of August 22nd and registration is open until August 3rd. Check www.nepga.com to find out how to register.

A huge thank you goes out to our sponsor of Cobra Puma Golf and representatives Clem Lamarre and Deb Mangan for all of their support, and shoes for all of our participants. Also, thank you to Pinehills Golf Club, their staff, and head professional John Tuffin, PGA!

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What’s In The Bag?
A look at our latest NEPGA event winner’s equipment

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2016 Pro-Am Championship
Pinehills Golf Club, Plymouth, MA
Kevin Murphy, PGA and Nick Maccario

In Kevin’s Bag...

Driver: Titleist 915
3-Wood: Titleist 915
Hybrid: Titleist 915
Irons: Titleist 714 AP2
Wedges: Titleist Vokey SM6
Putter: Titleist Scotty Cameron

In Nick’s Bag....

Driver: TaylorMade SLDR
3-Wood: Titleist 915F, D3
Hybrid: Taylormade 23.5° rescue
Irons: Taylormade
Wedge: Titleist SM 6 Vokey
Putter: Titleist Scotty Cameron
Congratulations to the eight winning teams of the 2016 Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant Championship, held today at The Bay Club at Mattapoisett in Mattapoisett, MA. This longstanding event has seen many great Champions, but this year was historic as eight teams tied for the title in this 18-hole Championship.

The winning teams were as follows: Head Professional Pat Gunning, PGA, Matt Cahill, PGA and Jeff Sanders, PGA of The Kittansett Club, Head Professional Matt Walsh, PGA and Nate Adelson, PGA of Warwick CC, Head Professional Adam Hemeon, PGA, Brian Keiser, PGA and Eric Zadorian, PGA of Weston GC, Head Professional Matt Zdon, PGA and Jeff Atkinson, PGA of Belmont CC and Head Professional Sean Barrett, PGA and Shawn Warren, PGA of Falmouth CC. Each team of two Professionals fired a 3-under par 68 for the title under windy and tough conditions at The Bay Club.

A special thank you to Acushnet Company for the longstanding support of the NEPGA and its Professionals, as well as their Titleist and Footjoy representatives Bill Kent, Peter Butt, Bryan Saylor, David Woods, Mark Finnerty, Dave Greblick, Greg Ludes, and David Moynihan, PGA for being on-site throughout the day and running their famous putting contest for the Professionals. Also a big thank you to host Professionals Greg Yeomans, PGA, John Paesani, PGA and Tracy Djerf, PGA for their hospitality.

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Entries are now available for ALL of Section Championships/National Event Qualifiers. You MUST register for these events through the PGA of America. Register on PGA.org or call 1-800-474-2776.

As a reminder, PGA sections determined their own deadlines this year in order for championship deadlines to be set closer to the actual event dates. Make note of the deadlines listed on this page and be sure to register in time.

See you down the road,

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NEPGA Pro + 1 Am  Carnegie Abbey Club  | Monday, June 20th

Coming up on Monday, June 20th is the NEPGA Pro + 1 Am, a Four-Ball Stroke Play event with Gross and Net divisions. We’ll head over to the Carnegie Abbey Club in Portsmouth, RI for this event. Thank you to event sponsors Prize Possessions, Fairway & Greene and Fisher Island Lemonade.

Registration is now closed.
NEPGA Stroke Play #2  Marshfield Country Club | Wednesday, June 22nd

Next up on June 22nd is the second of five NEPGA Stroke Play Series events. We will make our way to southeastern Massachusetts for this event being contested at Marshfield Country Club.

As always, a huge thanks to Yamaha, Ahead, Golf Buddy, Cutter & Buck and the PGA Tour for their continued support of these popular events.

Registration is now closed.

NEPGA Pro-Officer  The International Golf Club | Monday, June 27th

On Monday, June 27th, invite (1) one or (3) three officers from your facility and head to The International Golf Club in Bolton, MA for the Pro-Officer. It will be a great day of golf, camaraderie and fun! Lunch will be available prior to the event and hors d’oeuvres will be served following the round. The format is Four-Ball Stroke Play with Gross and Net Team prizes, as well as an Individual Professional Purse.

Thanks to Tournament Solutions, Nike Golf, WeatherBug and Full Swing Golf for their support of our Section and tournament programs.

NEPGA Pro-Junior Championship  Presidents GC | Wednesday, June 29th

Finally on Wednesday, June 29th, we are at Presidents Golf Course for the Pro-Junior Championship sponsored by Titleist & FootJoy.

Bring three juniors from your facility (under the age of eighteen on the day of the event) and enjoy a day of competition and good company at a great facility.

Register Online
NEPGA Professionals Head to Turning Stone

The 49th PGA Professional Championship held at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY will begin on Sunday, June 26. Sixteen of our Members will represent the NEPGA in a field of 312 of the top playing PGA Professionals from across the country. The top 20 finishers will qualify for the 2016 PGA Championship to be held at Baltusrol GC in Springfield, NJ on July 28-31.

For the first time, Golf Channel will be incorporating “Live Tweets” into their broadcast. The PGA is looking for inspiring messages from friends, family and members of those competing in the Championship. Be sure to include the hashtag #PGAProChamp when posting on social media and your message may be featured during the broadcast!

Good luck to our members in the #PGAProChamp!

Eric Barlow, PGA  Winchester Country Club
Rich Berberian, PGA  Windham Country Club
James Burke, PGA  Ponkapoag Golf Club and Leo J. Martin Memorial GC
Philip Cardwell, PGA  Sankaty Head Golf Club
David Dionne, PGA  Beverly Golf & Tennis Club
Boomer Erick, PGA  Boston Golf Club
Kirk Hanefeld, PGA  Salem Country Club
Dan Gillis, PGA  Nabnasset Lake Country Club
Hal Jacobs, PGA  The Haven Country Club
David Jankowski, PGA  Stowe Mountain Club
Ed Kirby, PGA  Point Judith Country Club
Jeff Martin, PGA  Norton Country Club
Ron Philo, PGA  Stowe Mountain Club
Jeff Sanders, PGA  The Kittansett Club
Dan Venezio, PGA  Portland Country Club
Shawn Warren, PGA  Falmouth Country Club

National PGA Scholarship Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following students who recently received Scholarships from the PGA of America in the amount of $2,000 each:

Hannah R. Gillis  Wesleyan University
Daughter of Dan Gillis, PGA, Nabnasset Lake CC
Owen F. Quinn  Lehigh University
Son of Francis Quinn, PGA, Champions Tour
Elizabeth A. Moison  Daughter of Matthew Moison, PGA, Green Hill GC
Abigail E. Hood  Sacred Heart University
Daughter of Peter Hood, PGA, Bass Rocks GC
Melanie G. Barber  Grove City College
Daughter of Keith Barber, PGA, Pine Brook CC
Jennifer P. Dupuis  Southern New Hampshire University
Daughter of Peter Dupuis, PGA, Green Meadow GC
Ryan J. Fields  University Massachusetts Amherst
Son of John Fields, PGA, Belmont CC
Amber L. Fields  University Massachusetts Amherst
Daughter of John Fields, PGA, Belmont CC
It is with much excitement that we announce the hiring of two new staff members at the New England PGA.

**Kristen Garrone**
Please join us in welcoming Kristen Garrone (KGarrone@pgahq.com) as our new Marketing & Communications Manager. Kristen is a recent graduate of Penn State University and interned with the NEPGA last summer. We are very excited to have Kristen in this much needed position and she is excited to get started.

**Austin Molen**
Also please welcome Austin Molen (AMolen@pgahq.com) as our Tournament Operations Manager. Austin is a recent graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and will be completing his 7-month internship as the final requirement in the EKU PGM program. Austin is the first 7 month intern at the NEPGA and will be with us until December.

Welcome Kristen and Austin to the New England PGA family!
Membership Dues – Important Information!

Your PGA Annual Dues are due by June 30, 2016 to avoid suspension and late fee assessment. IMPORTANT: Payments by check should be mailed to: PO Box 31089, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-1089. Although payment by check is acceptable, paying by credit/debit card via PGA.org is the preferred method.

Complimentary Access Information 2016 U.S. Open

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PGA Disaster Relief Fund

The PGA Disaster Relief Fund was created to provide assistance to PGA members who find themselves faced with temporary financial problems due to medical emergencies or natural disasters such as flooding or storms. The PGA Disaster Relief Fund is supported exclusively by donations from PGA Professionals. This program was implemented in July 2000, therefore, no pre-existing conditions prior to July 2000 will be considered.

During annual dues billing, PGA members and apprentices make voluntary contributions to PGA Disaster Relief. In FY 2015/2016, roughly 11,000 members and apprentices donated to this fund.

Donate Now: If you would like to donate to PGA Disaster Relief, please access your dues bill or call PGA Membership Services at (800) 474-2776. Please Note: The voluntary contribution to the PGA Disaster Relief Fund is not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.

Apply for Disaster Relief Fund Assistance: To access the PGA Disaster Relief Fund Program Application, please click here.

2016 NEPGA Membership Directory

Would you like to have a hard copy of the 2016 NEPGA Membership Directory? If so, we do have some copies available.

Click HERE to purchase* a hard copy of the 2016 Directory.

*There is a $15 shipping and handling charge for each Directory ordered.

Connect:
Volunteer at 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 1st. Volunteers will receive a package prior to the Pro Am with an instructional sheet, suggested script, oxford cloth shirt, credentials, and parking pass for the volunteer lot at Norton High School. Please be sure to indicate your shirt size during the registration process. Yardage books are no longer available but please feel free to bring your own distance measuring device.

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

Click the below links to sign up to volunteer:

- AM Wave 7 AM - 9 AM
- PM Wave Noon - 2 PM
- BOTH Waves (Walk Early AM & Late PM)
- No Wave Preference

Welcome, Shafer!

Congratulations to PGA Head Professional Roger King of Sugarbush GC and his wife on the birth of their new little one, Shafer Oldham King.

NEPGA Through the Years

Before assuming the reins as president of the NEPGO for 1926-27 (and later 1932-33), Willie Ogg, head professional at Worcester Country Club, played a major background role while his predecessors directed the Section.

Never one to hold back an opinion, one which was always welcomed among his peers and leaders, Ogg often offered counsel to Presidents Charles Burgess and Harry Bowler before assuming the hot seat himself.

Ogg, who began his life in golf as a club maker for the St. Andrews Golf Company in Scotland, also dabbled in golf course construction. He is credited with building Green Hill golf course, a public nine-hole course in Worcester that opened in 1925.

His was a strong and highly respected voice as part of the decision-making process that brought the 1925 United States Open and the inaugural Ryder Cup of 1927 to his home club. During this time Ogg served as a national PGA vice president.

The Professional Golfer often published Ogg’s thoughtful and timely communications/opinions, usually related to important issues affecting members of the PGA of America. One such example was Ogg’s proposal to the national membership, made on behalf of the NEPGO in early 1926, to change the requirements of membership. The key element, Ogg wrote, would require that professionals who have never been assistants be recognized as pros for three years before being eligible for membership.

Another "Letter from the NEPGO" that published in The Professional Golfer of America focused on the need for improved education among the membership. Ogg used this as a recurring theme.

Ogg resigned as Section president and chairman of the Education Committee in mid-1933 to go into private business.

just press Play!

NEPGA Professionals attended a PGA HOPE seminar at Augusta CC to learn how to teach the game to wounded veterans.

A look at Braintree Municipal GC’s Monday night clinics where people with special needs get a chance to take some swings.
New England PGA Junior League Golf Spotlight

Facility: Green Hill Golf Course  
Captain: Matt Moison, PGA  
League: Central MA League #1  
Years involved with PGA Junior League: 3

What has PGA Junior League meant to the junior programming at Green Hill and how has it helped you raise the engagement of juniors?

PGA Junior League has spawned off more inquiries about other junior golf programs at our facility. We have also had 6 of the 13 members of our team purchase Junior Memberships at Green Hill in 2016.

What is the most rewarding thing in regards to PGA Junior League?

A couple of the best things to come out of PGA Junior League is the kids really putting a team effort into practicing and playing the matches. This is great because it puts a new spin on ways to get kids encouraged to participate in a golf program. Less pressure because they have partners which keeps them motivated even if they hit a bad shot.

This year your Green Hill PGA Junior League has a sponsor, how did that relationship come about?

We have a friend of the golf course with a unique business, Emergency Temporary Housing. They bring temporary housing to displaced homeowners (fires, structural damage, etc.). We called him up and spoke to him, he donates to organizations he can meet and see where the funds go. He loved the idea of not just another baseball team and jumped on board immediately.

For more information regarding PGA Junior League Golf or to share your success stories, contact Brian Bain, PGA Player Development Regional Manager-Boston at 617-820-4411 or bbain@pgahq.com.
Jacy Settles
NEPGA Junior Tour presented by TaylorMade® adidas® Ashworth® Adams®

I hope this finds you well and ready for a great 2016 season. For those juniors participating in PGA Junior League Golf, it’s important to communicate a pathway for those who have graduated out of the program based on age or are perhaps those who are ready for the next level of competition.

I’m sure you get asked by those junior golfers on your PGA Junior League golf, what’s the next step? That’s where the NEPGA Junior Tour comes in, as it is a natural progression for those graduating from PGA Junior League Golf. Hopefully this pathway will not only help the NEPGA Junior Tour to grow, it will guide the junior golfer in the right direction and ultimately benefit the PGA Professional.

Please help spread the word about the NEPGA Junior Tour to your PGA Junior League Golfers – both past and present. Families can visit the NEPGA Junior Tour website, www.nepgajuniortour.com.

You can even use this text to send out in an email:

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

Click the pictures to learn more about each intern...

Mario Andreozzi  Henry Charman  Tom Ellis  Keith Gusmini  Fergus Keane  Peyton Kent

Ryan Murphy  Evan Paul  Taylor Prates  John Rorke  Madi Mae West  Angela Zhang
Get to Know the New Members

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

P.J. Breton, PGA  Elected on April 4, 2016

Where do you work? Framingham Country Club

Where are you from? Oakham, MA

Where did you attend college? SUNY Delhi

What was your first job in the golf business? I worked in the pro shop at Worcester Country Club.

What are your career aspirations? I would like to be a Head Golf Professional one day and one day become a certified golf professional and master professional one day.

Eric Davis, PGA  Elected on April 4, 2016

Where do you work? Titleist

Where are you from? Columbia, SC

Where did you attend college? University of SC

What was your first job in the golf business? Assistant Professional

What are your career aspirations? Sales

Nick Wiseman, PGA  Elected on April 4, 2016

Where do you work? Donnellan Golf at Twin Brooks Golf Club

Where are you from? Harwich Port, Massachusetts

Where did you attend college? Hartwick College

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

What are your career aspirations? I have a passion for teaching this game. I would love to eventually own my own golf academy.

2016 PGA Compensation Survey Results Available

The 2016 PGA Golf Professional Compensation Survey results are now live. There were more than 14,400 completed responses from the approximately 23,000 active PGA Professionals.

Thank you to all of the NEPGA Professionals that took the time to submit your information this year.

The data submitted from all sections each year will:

- Provide you with valuable data for negotiating with your employer
- Provide you with information for budgeting and hiring PGA Staff
- Allow you to evaluate your current situation relative to PGA Professionals at similar facilities
- Provide data to help PGA sections and the PGA employment team when working with employers to upgrade PGA compensation

Click here to view the 2016 results online.

District 1 Director Report: Donnie Lyons, PGA

Click here to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of May featuring Senior PGA Championship highlights, National Instruction Day, PGA’s new partnership with PrimeSport and more!
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Button Hole Golf - Providence Plays Major Role in Junior Golf

PGA Head Professional Dan Gaughan will host one of several Drive, Chip & Putt local qualifiers this June in downtown Providence. Button Hole’s range + 9-hole golf course also hosts the Rhode Island Chapter’s Pro-Junior in July where each pro brings 3 kids to be joined by one of Dan’s at Button!

Other qualifying sites on the Cape? LeBaron Hills on July 21st and The Bay Club on July 12th. The Cape Chapter once again hosts the finals after all the local sites complete their mission as kids from all over New England descend upon Pinehills on August 10th! From there? Winners of each age division advance to Augusta next Spring!

Amaral & Baran Defend Callaway Pro-Pro Crown

Beating 23 teams from Rhode Island, Cape Cod & Mass Chapters – Brent Amaral (Acoaxet PGA HP) and Matt Baran (Oyster Harbors PGA A-8) fired a -6 under par 65 at Ledgemont in mid-May - repeating their 2015 victory in the Callaway PRO PRO Series opener, sponsored by Peter Guild. It was indeed an eclectic collection of golf pros gathered at Ledgemont CC (hosted by PGA HP Troy Pare) as all three chapters were well represented in the 48 pro field. In fact, Amaral is currently the RIPGA President while Baran holds down the Cape Chapter Tournament Committee Chairmanship.

The Callaway PRO PRO Series continues with a sold-out field of 56 pros teeing it up at The Hyannisport Club in mid-June. Thanks again to PGA HP host Mike Haberl and Peter Guild for making this happen!

Welcome New A-8’s

Congratulations and welcome to our chapters: Kyle Olson, PGA (Sakonnet), Dan Benedetti, PGA (Miacomet), Jeff Brookhart, PGA (Oyster Harbors) and Mark Outerbridge, PGA (Woods Hole). And welcome to new Apprentices: Evan Cravener (Wannamoissett), Ed Kristenson (Cape Cod CC), Jared McSoley (Potowomut) and Mick Oaklund (Sakonnet).
The NEPGA Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant visited The Bay Club again in mid-May highlighted by the 36 PGA pros from Cape & RI whose teams cashed in the Titleist-FootJoy sponsored affair. Amongst the huge logjam at the top with 8 teams all tying for first place shooting 68’s - were SANKATY HEAD’S MARK HEARTFIELD & AJ PUYLARA, KITTANSETT’S PATRICK GUNNING & MATT CAHILL and JEFF SANDERS, WARWICK’S MATT WALSH & NATHANIEL ADELSON, followed closely by one slim shot (but T-9) the host club’s JOHN PAESANI & TRACY DJERF. Each of the 8 winning teams took down $1,331 for their efforts and enjoyed the excellent hospitality of the Bay Club, now in the able hands of new PGA GM Greg Yeomans, currently the District Director from the Cape Chapter.

Canoe Brook US Open Sectional Qualifying

Two Rhode Island PGA Professionals, Matt Doyle (Misquamicut) and Troy Pare, acquitted themselves nicely in their attempt to make it all the way into this year’s US Open at Oakmont. In fact, Pare’s 69 and Doyle’s 70 were two of the best 2nd rounds at Canoe Brook GC in North Jersey. Unfortunately, their opening rounds placed them well back. Congrats to both for a fine showing.

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday, July 5th- Assistants Championship- Dunegrass GC
Monday, July 11th- Pro Am Championship- Martindale CC
Monday, July 18th- Pro Junior Championship- Val Halla GC
Monday, August 1st- Pro Am- Augusta CC

More Maine Chapter News on the next page...
MAINE CHAPTER NEWS Continued...

PGA HOPE Seminar at Augusta CC

DCP Local Qualifier in Maine

ME Pro Pro Stroke Play Championship
Above: Shawn Warren in action
Below: Bryan Saylor, FootJoy

ME Pro-Pro Stroke Play Champs
Shawn Warren and Sean Barrett of Falmouth CC
The New Hampshire Chapter has received final approval from the Section’s board of directors to proceed with its plan to spend down some of its money. The Chapter’s board of directors has designated five worthy causes around the state and will begin to activate that plan by contributing $2000 to each cause.

The Chapter held a Centennial Pro-Am at Cochecho CC in Dover and 152 players participated in the event. Each player was given a commemorative cap with the NEPGA Centennial logo on the back. Hoodkroft CC Assistant Pro Eric Soderman birdied nine of the 18 holes on his way to a brilliant 6-under round of 64, just 2 shots off the course record. Other pros under par were Matthew Bradbury, Crotched Mountain head pro, at 68, Dan Wilkins of Laconia CC. at 69. Rich Berberian, Jr., Windham CC, was at even par 70.

At the Beaver Meadow Pro-Am, C.J. Konkowski, Keene CC assistant pro, and Dan Wilkins of Laconia CC tied for first place in the professional purse with 3-under rounds of 69. Thanks to John Carey of Cleveland/Srixon for his sponsorship.

C.J. Konkowski, Keene CC assistant, fired a 3-under round 68 at Campbell’s Scottish Highlands to win low pro honors. Seven pros broke par including Marc Spencer, Jason Malcolm, Rich Berberian, Jr., and Todd Rollins at 69 and Matt Arvanitis and Matthew Bradbury at 70. In addition, 18 other pros shot in the 70’s. Thanks to Bob Marshall of Golf Life Navigators for his sponsorship.

In the NHC Player of the Points Standings, Todd Rollins, Laconia CC head pro leads the way with 83 points after seven events. Rounding out the top five are Marc Spencer, Windham CC (62.5); Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC (56.5); C.J. Konkowski, Keene CC (55.5) and Jason Malcolm, Dublin Lake (47.5).
Happy June. The VTPGA season is in full swing and summer is coming fast.

We are excited to have our many juniors getting out of school and onto our golf courses. The Vermont PGA Junior tour begins on June 22nd at Neshobe Golf Club. I want to thank all our proud PGA Professionals who host for allowing these great kids to participate on their golf courses.

Participation in our Pro Am events is up and I am looking forward to seeing great competition for the Northstar Fireworks Player of the Year race. A big thanks to Dave Swenson from Northstar for sponsoring this race for the 5th year in a row.

We as a chapter are working hard on ways to increase our PGA brand in the state and are proud to say that it is working. Working alongside our allied associations, there are many new and exciting programs and events that are happening this summer. As they happen, I will be excited to fill everyone in on the success.

**Tournament Results**

Our first VT Chapter Pro Am was held at Neshobe GC on May 9th with Rodney Bicknell, PGA as our host. We thank our sponsors Jeff Kelley-TITLEIST and Chris Catapane-Sterling Cut Glass, and Under Armour for their generous support providing tee gifts and winning team gifts. Gross team winners ended in a 3-way tie led by Tom Mackey, PGA and his Ekwanok CC team, RJ Austin, PGA and his Stowe CC team, and Rodney Bicknell, PGA, and the Neshobe GC team all with a score of 66. Net team winners with a score of 58 were led by Jim Dayton, PGA and the team from Ralph Myhre GC. Winning Professional scores was won by Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC with a score of 76. Tom Mackey, PGA, Ekwanok CC, Roger King, PGA, Sugarbush GC, and Jim Gunnare, PGA, Woodstock CC all tied for second with scores of 77.

On Monday, May 16th, the Vermont Chapter held a Pro Am at Woodstock CC with Jim Gunnare, PGA as host professional. Our gross team winner was led by Brian Gara, PGA, and his team from Vermont National CC with a score of 66. The net winning team was led by Todd Trono, PGA, and his team from Williston GC with a score of 58. For the second week in a row, Todd Trono, PGA was low professional with 73 followed by Tom Mackey, PGA, Ekwanok CC with a 75.

On Tuesday, May 31st, the VT Chapter Pro Am was held at Country Club of Vermont with Dave Bennett, PGA, Dan Lehmann, PGA, and Dan Ruane, PGA as our hosts. Sponsors included Paul Jones with Club Car and Jeff Kelley with Titleist. 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 Jim Ironside, PGA, Alburg GL and his team with 68 points. Gross team winners were led by Dave Jankowski, PGA, and his Stowe Mountain Club team with 54 points. Our winning Professional score was 44 points by Dave Jankowski followed by David Bennett PGA, CC of Vermont with 43 points.

On June 6th we conducted our largest Pro Am of the year with 37 teams travelling to Burlington CC. Our hosts included John Paul, PGA, Matt Havers, PGA, and Bob Prange, PGA. Our sponsors include Mike Perreault with Callaway Golf and Paul Jones with Club Car. Thanks so much for the tee gifts and added purse money. Host Professional Matt Havers, PGA and his team took the gross team honors with a score of 64. Dave Jankowski, PGA, Stowe Mountain Club led his team in the net division with a score of 60. David Bennett, PGA, CC of Vermont was low professional with 71 followed by Dave Jankowski, PGA at 74.

**Seminar Details**

On May 18th, the Vermont Chapter held a teaching seminar at Vermont National CC Club attended by 34 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 the staff at VNCC for hosting this popular seminar. After the morning session and lunch, a pro pro was conducted on course. We thank Tom Mackey, PGA, Ekwanok CC, Education Chair, and Host professional Brian Gara, PGA for handling the coordination and agenda.

*See pictures from this event on the next page...*

**Upcoming Events**

- **June 20-22**
  - Vermont Open - Lake Morey CC

- **June 27**
  - Pro Senior Championship - CC of Barre

- **July 7**
  - Pro Lady Championship - Stowe CC

**MA CHAPTER NEWS**

Submitted by Mark Aldrich, PGA, MA Chapter President

[Click here](http://www.nepga.com) to view the Massachusetts Chapter June Newsletter. It can also be found on our Chapter page on NEPGA.com.
Next on the Senior Association Schedule is a visit to the Donald Ross gem, George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park, MA on Tuesday, June 21st. This is a Pro-3 Am event. The team entry fee is $300. If you would like to play in this Pro Am or any upcoming Senior Association Event, please contact Dennis Selvitella, PGA at 508.410.4984 or Joe Carr, PGA at 508.873.7768.

On May 26th the Senior Association played at the Milton Hoosic Club. Thank you to Todd Cook, PGA and his staff for a great Pro Am. The course was in perfect shape and a wonderful time was had by all.

If you have any suggestions or new ideas for the Seniors, please feel free to contact either Dennis or Joe. This is your Association and we would like to see it grow in members and in participation.

Don’t forget to sign up for the NEPGA Senior Championship and Senior PNC Qualifier that will be held at Okemo Valley Golf Club on August 3rd and 4th. The deadline is July 13th at 5:00 pm. This is always a tremendous Championship. Please remember that if you want to try to qualify for the Senior PNC, you need to register through the PGA of America. This entry fee is $300. Click here to register or call 1.800.414.2776. If you want to just play in the NEPGA Senior Championship, please click here to register through BlueGolf. This entry fee is $160.
MEMBERSHIP UPDATES
Changes reported between 5/9/2016—6/15/2016

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