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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Ron Bibeau, PGA



Hello fellow New England Section Members and Apprentices,

I hope this message finds you all well and either enjoying a winter activity or spending your time somewhere warm. Even though there is snow on the ground and temperatures have been dismally cold, your New England Section Executive Committee and Board of

Directors are still hard at work trying to make our section better. 2018 is looking like a great year and I am very excited to inform everyone on some things that have been done and what is coming up:

Mike Higgins and our staff at the NEPGA had a very productive PGA Merchandise Show, meeting with over 60 sponsors and securing a great line up of partners for our Section events this year. I was able to attend a few of the meetings with Mike and I can say with confidence that we are well respected and Mike and the staff do a fantastic job with securing partners and working hard on behalf of us. We should all be proud of how they represent every New England PGA member.

The Executive Committee along with our Executive Director, Mike Higgins just attended the Super Regional meeting in Atlanta. We were able to meet with the 4 candidates who are running for the office of Secretary of the PGA of America. It truly is a huge commitment for these individuals. The two days at the meeting consisted of individual presentations by the candidates, a district meeting with each candidate, a Q & A session and individual Section meetings with each candidate. It is the first time in a long time that the New England Section was not committed to supporting a candidate at the Super Regional Meeting, and the board and executive committee will go through a rigorous process to select a candidate that will serve each NEPGA member and give our section the resources needed to be successful not only now, but in the future.

As we all know our MSR cycle ends in June of this year and our education committee led by Graham Cunningham and Secretary Mike Bradshaw have been hard at work making to ensure we have education opportunities that provide quality programing.

Remember meetings and education seminars are not only for MSR credits, I know that every meeting or seminar I attend makes me a better Golf Professional and in the changing atmosphere of our profession any knowledge or chance to make yourself better, will shed a light on the work you do and bring extra value to you at your club. The comradery we have as an association is second to none, and the members I have met at Chapter Meetings, Section meetings and education seminars have allowed me to form friendships that I will cherish for my entire life. You can cross borders and attend

any Chapter Meeting, and I recommend that you look in to attending a bordering chapter to see what others are doing and to network with your fellow NEPGA members.

We have exciting news about our spring meeting The New England Section will be joined by Paul Levy, PGA, our National President! Paul will be in attendance to answer questions about the association, and we have a great format to the meeting that I am sure will be enjoyed by all. Our Section Spring meeting is on Tuesday March 27th at Andover Country Club. All of the Chapter Meeting dates can be found on our website <https://nepga.com/meetings>.

“...in the changing atmosphere of our profession any knowledge or chance to make yourself better, will shed a light on the work you do and bring extra value to you at your club.”

Our foundation under the leadership of Honorary President Jarvis has exciting programing planned for this year, and we have redesigned an outdated grant process that will be more inclusive for programs conducted by PGA Professionals that align with our Foundations mission. There will be many more details coming your way on the exciting programs that will be offered, the grant process and the foundation itself, so be on the lookout!

At our last board meeting the Board of Directors conducted interviews with investment firms that would manage our long term investment accounts. After a diligent process it was decided that the Graystone Investment firm were best suited for the job for their experience, proven track record with businesses as well as non-profits, and because they offered will extend their services to our members as well as their families. The process was done with every NEPGA member in mind in addition to the Sections funds.

It has been an active winter season so far for the NEPGA and I hope that you can all see just how much effort is put into running the New England PGA on your behalf. It is an honor and privilege to serve and I am proud of our staff, our elected officers and board of directors for the passion and commitment that have shown.

I look forward to seeing many of you this spring!
Respectfully,

Ron Bibeau, PGA
New England PGA President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: *Mike Higgins*



By all accounts 2017 was a very exciting and successful year in the New England Section, and as we continue to plan and prepare for this year, I expect the same excitement and success in 2018.

The New England PGA has a laser focus on providing our PGA Members the support and tools needed to help each of you reach your full potential as a PGA Professional. This goal would not be possible without the dedicated leadership of our Officers, Board of Directors, Committees and the amazing staff that I have the pleasure of working with each and every day.

At the start of every year individuals set personal goals and make resolutions that will hopefully improve their job, help their relationships, and even improve their health or well-being. This year my goal is to be more prepared in 2018 than I have ever been for all aspects of my life – both personally and professionally.

How prepared are you going to be in 2018? Are you prepared for the first tournament you will play in this year? How prepared are you for each board meeting you attend? Do you take the time prior to each lesson to prepare for your student? When you step foot on property to start work how prepared are you to start your day? When you are home, are you prepared to spend time with your family and put everything else on hold? I ask these questions to certainly make you ponder how prepared you are in your daily routine, but also to lead into a challenge for each NEPGA Professional to be more prepared.

Those of us who are New England Patriot and Tom Brady fans have more than likely watched the documentary Tom vs. Time. This look inside his life discusses how he achieves success at

the highest level, but it also shows how much he prepares in all aspects of his life. Watching the documentary I was surprised to learn just how serious he takes his job, and that being as prepared as he is not only makes himself better, but also those around him as well. When we are prepared it shows the person that we are meeting with that we value and respect their time, it shows how serious we take the task or responsibility at hand, and it inspires those around us to do the same.

We all go to meetings, and we all take notes on what we think is important, but watching Tom Brady at his team meetings I was so impressed how intensely he prepares with something as simple as taking notes. The notes he was taking from his coaches' speeches during the team meetings were not about what plays they were going to run, but rather themes and thought processes behind them. My mind was blown. Wouldn't you think that someone as successful as Tom Brady could be giving the lecture and wouldn't even need to be taking notes from anyone? Well he sure does! This made me think about how valuable preparedness is to our own jobs, our own lives, and it reaffirms the importance that we always need to keep learning. If we feel stymied in our jobs, in our lives, there is always a new challenge or something new to be learned.

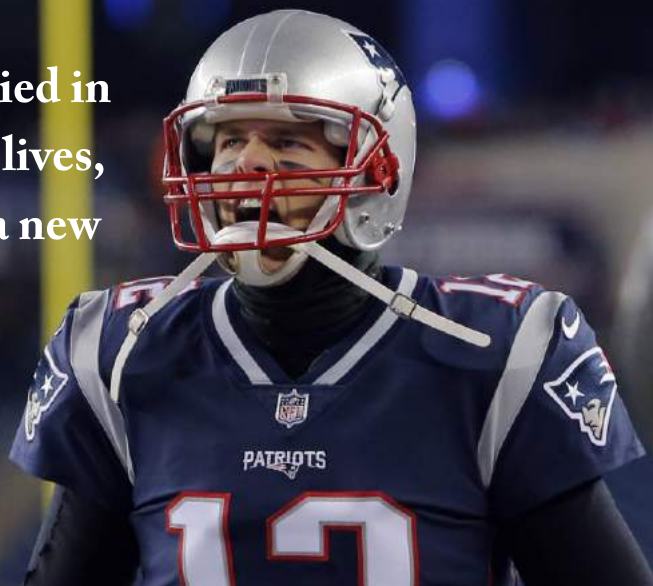
We all find ourselves not having the best day every once in a while. Brady said "If I don't play my best, why am I disappointed? Because I could've, should've played better, done better, worked harder, and prepared more. In the end for me it's less about the outcome than it is about whether I put in the best effort relative to our team's potential." He also added that "the right mindset and attitude give us opportunities to do the best we can and realize the potential that's in every one of us."

We all work hard at our jobs and try our best for our members or the owners of our facilities, and certainly no one questions the long hours dedicated PGA Professionals give to grow this great game of ours. Well, maybe we all don't work as hard as Tom Brady, but I can promise you that I will try to be as prepared as possible in 2018, and I extend a challenge to each New England PGA Professional to do the same! Prepare more than you ever have, even for the littlest of things, and please share your success stories with me. Let's all be prepared to have a successful season in the greatest Section in the country.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Higgins
NEPGA Executive Director

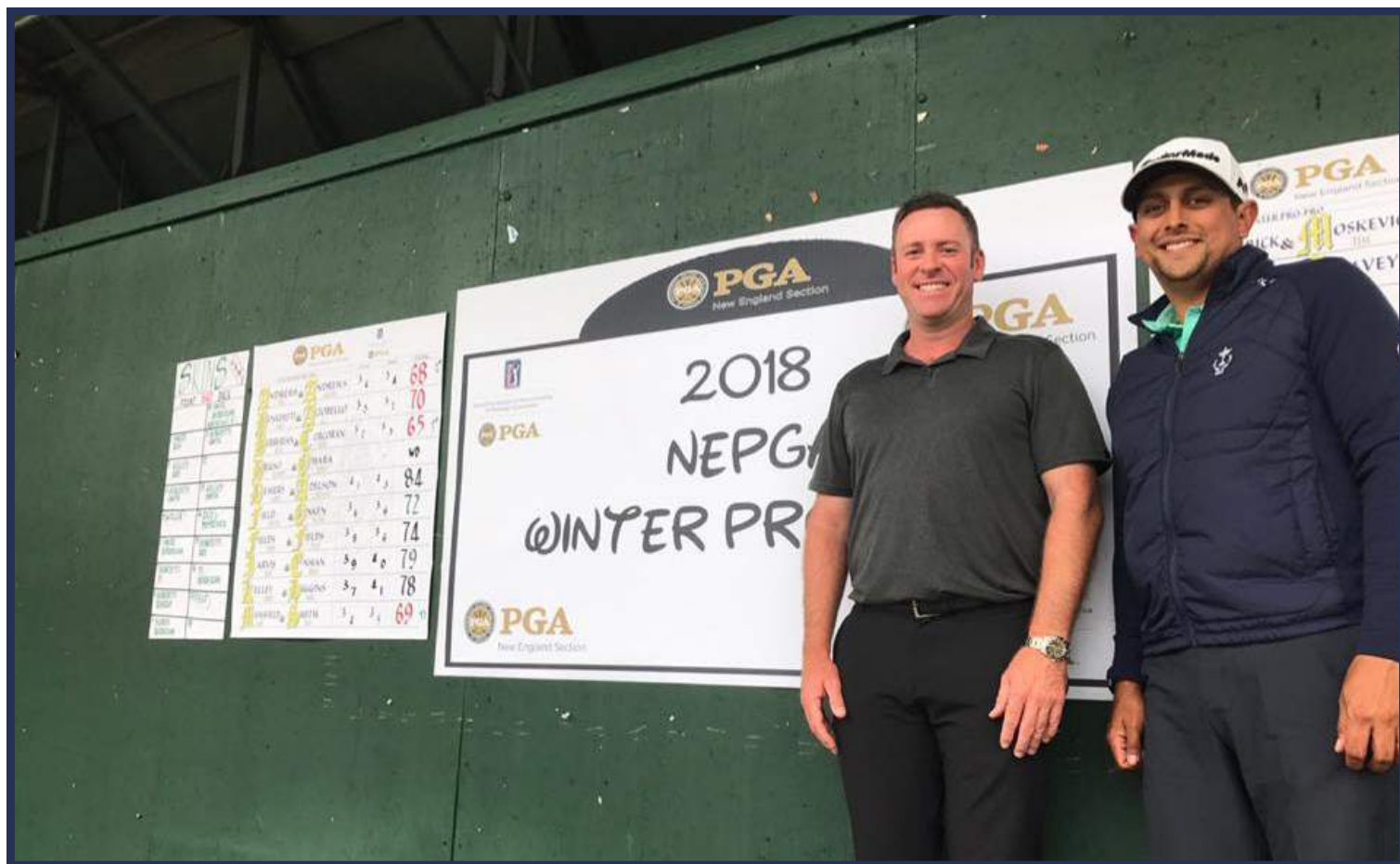
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Dynamic Duo

Berberian, Corcoran Capture Second Winter Pro-Pro Championship

RESULTS



Rich Berberian Jr., PGA (Vesper CC) and Rob Corcoran, PGA (Poxabogue) shot a combined seven-under-par score of 65 to win the New England PGA's Winter Pro-Pro at Disney's Magnolia Course on Saturday. This is the second consecutive year that Berberian and Corcoran have won this event.

It was a perfect day for golf for all sixteen teams to take the course following the PGA Merchandise Show. After a long week at the Orange County Convention Center, and an already long winter, NEPGA Professionals were ready to play some golf. Berberian and Corcoran looked to put up a good performance and repeat as winners for a second year, but it wouldn't be as simple.

The duo made bogey on the first hole, but it would be their only misstep. They went on to birdie eight of the remaining 17 holes, with five on the front and three on the back. This strong play put them three strokes ahead of Bill Andrews, PGA (Portsmouth CC) and Griffin Andrews, PGA (Portsmouth CC) who

finished at -4, 68. Corcoran and Berberian finished -7 with a score of 65 to win the event for the second year.

The Portsmouth team of Andrews and Andrews played strong golf throughout their round as well. They made birdie on the fourth, sixth and eighth and made bogey on five to make the turn at two-under. On the back, they made an eagle on 10, and would add two more birdies and two bogeys to finish at four-under par in second place.

The Winter Pro-Pro is a great event for the NEPGA to reconnect with some of its professionals for a relaxing and fun competition. We thank all of our PGA Professionals who came out to the Pro-Pro or whom stopped by at the PGA Merchandise Show!

Thank you to Disney's Magnolia Course and their staff for hosting us again, and thank you to PGA Tour for partnering in this event!



RESULTS

Pos	Team	Total
1	Berberian & Corcoran	-7, 65
2	B. Andrews & G. Andrews	-4, 68
T3	Mansfield & Smith	-3, 69
T3	Paesani & Egan	-3, 69
T5	Benedetti & Altobello	-2, 70
T5	Riciputi & Jankowski	-2, 70
7	McTernan & Seavey	-1, 71
8	Field & Onken	E, 72
T9	J. Fields & T. Fields	+2, 74
T9	McKittrick & Moskevich	+2, 74
T9	T. Rourke & S. Rourke	+2, 74



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The Doctor is in...

Thoughts from Tournament Director, Max Doctoroff, PGA



February Tournament Notes

The tentative 2018 Tournament schedule is now available! Now that the springtime is finally within reach, it's time to

start planning your tournament schedule for the upcoming season. Once again, we've got some great events lined up at some of the premier venues in New England, and we're looking forward to another great season! Please [click here](#) to take a look.



New in the Rules of Golf

As you're busy preparing for a brand new season of golf, perhaps one of your tasks is to review and update your Club's Local Rules. While 2018 is not a revision year for the Rules of Golf, the USGA has introduced a new, optional Local Rule that you may choose to utilize in your club's tournaments. According to the current Rules, the penalty for returning a lower score than you actually made (only if it's due to penalty strokes you didn't know you incurred) is to apply those penalty strokes, then add an additional two penalty strokes for the scorecard error. Sure, 3-

4 penalty strokes for one mistake is harsh, but it's better than disqualification, right? Well, this new local Rule adds yet another layer of leniency: if you should choose to use it, the additional two stroke penalty for the scorecard error is waived, and the player must only take the original penalty that they unwittingly incurred on the golf course. Of course, like any Local Rule, this one is completely optional, but it's worth considering whether it might be appropriate for tournament play at your Club! For more information and the complete text of the Local Rule, [Click Here](#).



NEPGA App

Sign up for tournaments on the go with the NEPGA cell phone app! The NEPGA app makes it a breeze to view the 2018 tournament schedule, see tournament results, and stay up to date on NEPGA news. The app links to the NEPGA's social media accounts, so you can read all the latest tweets and Facebook posts from one convenient platform. Looking for a partner for a Pro-Pro, or need to get in touch with a vendor? The app also features an improved directory, which includes all New England PGA Professionals and Partners. Take advantage of all the convenient features of the NEPGA app by downloading it for free from the iPhone or Android app store!



New England PGA



Presidential Address

Paul Levy, PGA to attend NEPGA Spring Meeting



Paul Levy, PGA, the current president of the PGA of America will be attending the New England PGA's Spring Meeting on Tuesday, March 27th at Andover Country Club in Andover, Mass.

"The New England PGA is very excited to have Paul join us for our Spring Meeting," said NEPGA President Ron Bibeau, PGA. "It will be great for Paul to share with our members all the wonderful things going on in the PGA of America!"

Registration for the meeting on the 27th will open to PGA Professionals at 7:30am. New England Section partners will be in attendance displaying their product displays to show off the products and services they offer. New for 2018, if NEPGA Professionals arrive and register before 8am and attend the sponsor networking event from 8:00am – 9:00am they will receive one MSR education credit. The meeting itself will begin at 9am, and PGA Professionals will receive three MSR's for attending the meeting.

Levy will give a short presentation during the meeting and be available to answer any questions or address any concerns

from our members. This will not be the first time a PGA of America president has visited the section. Former PGA President Derek Sprague, PGA and NEPGA's own Jim Remy, PGA have also been in attendance for past meetings.

The Spring Meeting is a time for NEPGA Professionals to see many of the changes that have taken place in the offseason. It's especially important to those professionals who go to southern states for the winter, who have been further removed from the NEPGA. It's a great way to connect, receive education credit, and network with fellow New England Professionals and partners. PGA Professionals of all levels are encouraged to attend.

The Spring Meeting will open at 7:30am, and begin at 9am on March 27th at Andover CC. NEPGA Professionals who wish to attend the meeting do not need to register beforehand, but only need to sign the check-in sheet when they arrive.

Thank you to all of our section partners for coming out to this great event and thank you to Andover CC for hosting!

Important Dates

March 27

Spring Meeting at Andover CC

April 5

Cape Chapter Spring Meeting at Sandwich Hollows GC

April 12

New Hampshire Chapter Spring Meeting at Intervale GC

April 17

Maine Chapter Spring Meeting at the Woodlands Club

April 18

Rhode Island Spring Meeting at Crystal Lake GC

April 19

Massachusetts Chapter Spring Meeting at Myopia Hunt Club

April 27

Senior Association Spring Meeting & Pro-Pro at Rutland CC

May 3

Assistants Association Spring Meeting at Marshfield CC



Award Winners



Merchandiser of the Year, Resort

Matt Closter, PGA (Woodstock CC)

Matt is the Director of Golf at Woodstock Country Club.

"Golf has given me so many amazing opportunities and it's important for me to always give back and encourage

others to do the same. I hope to be known as someone dedicating to promoting the game and preserving its great traditions."

Merchandiser of the Year, Public

Stephen Clancy, PGA (Granite Links GC)

Steve is the Head PGA Professional at Granite Links.

"I decided to become a PGA Professional immediately after graduating college. I had worked at golf clubs from an early age. I thought it would be a great career path to stay involved in golf. Thirty-two years later, it is still great to have a summer job on a golf course."



Merchandiser of the Year, Private

John Fields, PGA (Belmont CC)

John is the Director of Golf at Belmont CC

"The #1 goal is to value and exceed members' expectations. Lines are tailored to our discerning members needs and wants. Our team is dedicated to promoting our merchandise program to our membership, keeping up on trends through Golf Show attendance, product knowledge seminars and golf publications."

Teacher of the Year

Eric Barlow, PGA (Winchester CC)

Eric is the Director of Instruction at Winchester CC

"One day I woke up and realized my true passion is helping others improve their golf game and love of the game. That's when I decided to become the best PGA Professional I can be."



Horton Smith Award

Graham Cunningham, PGA (Framingham CC)

Graham is the Director of Golf at Framingham CC

"...I hope to be able to say that I was able to help other professionals look at their jobs from a different point of view that may allow them to improve their lives in some manner."

Player Development Award

Peter Doherty, PGA (Atkinson CC)

Peter is the Director of Golf at Atkinson CC

Golf provides a lot of similar values we hope to carry in life with us, discipline, patience, integrity and many more. As a PGA Professional, I just hope I've been able to share & teach those values with the people I've been blessed to meet through golf.



Youth Player Development Award

Dave Donnellan, PGA (Hyannis GC)

Dave is a Golf Instructor working out of Hyannis GC

"David believes he may have inspired his colleagues by setting a good example with a 'can do' attitude; by developing a robust junior program at his facility and surrounding community his fellow professionals may have seen that they could do the same thing at their facilities."

- Jim Salenetti, PGA



Bill Strausbaugh Award

Adam Hemeon, PGA (Weston GC)

Adam is the Head PGA Professional at Weston GC

“Above all, I would like to be known as a good father and husband. Be known as someone who

pursued personal interests and goals with hard work and an open mind. Someone who was willing to share skills and information for the betterment of his friends and profession.”

Assistant PGA Professional of the Year

Brendon Ray, PGA (Carnegie Abbey Club)

Brendon is the Assistant PGA Professional at the Carnegie Abbey Club.

“We as PGA Professionals are the face of our organization and our respective clubs. Our members come to us for guidance and advice and if you can take that notion and make it a positive encounter for each person then you are representing the shield with pride and grace.”



Patriot Award

Vincent DelZoppo, PGA

Vincent is a PGA of America Life Member

As a combat Korean War Veteran, Vinnie encourages fellow PGA Professionals with veterans' status to get involved. He gives pro-bono lessons to vets and founded a charity tournament that for the last 23 years awards 5, \$1,000 scholarships to children of vets or vets in need. The charity is funded so that it will continue forever.



Deacon Palmer Award

Jay Askew, PGA (The Ridge Club)

Jay is the General Manager at The Ridge Club

“Jay took over as General Manager of The Ridge Club and his goal was to make the club known for being “the most friendly place to join”. The culture at the club is one of happiness and fun - Jay strives to empower his staff to make their own decisions and own their work. Jay encourages others to be creative and “take the white piece of paper and plan”. Although young himself, Jay is able to lend his time to many young interns and assistants that call upon him for advice.”

- Mark Heartfield, PGA, 2017 Deacon Palmer Award Winner

Golf Professional of the Year Award

Larry Kelley, PGA (Five Star Golf Cars)

Larry is an Owner of Five Star Golf Cars

“Larry is a leader. He has always been driven to be the best and always looks at ways to make our associations better. Larry has always been out in front when it comes to involvement. From the First Tee, DCP, all the way to scholarships for kids and golfers, Larry has taken an active role in all facets of our game and association. He has been involved in leadership elected positions and volunteer positions from the time he became a golf professional. He takes great pride in being a part of something as great as the PGA of America and the sport of golf.”

- Rob Jarvis, PGA—Former NEPGA President



Welcome to the Team

NEPGA Celebrates New Vermont and Maine Chapter Managers



Don Doyon has joined the New England PGA family as the Maine Chapter Operations Manager. For the past 13 years Don has been involved in golf administration at the Maine State Golf Association. His most recent position as Director of Member Services included managing all aspects of the GHIN Handicap System, as well as USGA Handicap Certification for 130 member clubs, Course Rating, Web Development and IT Services. He also brings a passion for Rules of Golf, and experience in Tournament Administration and USGA Tournament Management Program knowledge to our organization.

Don started with the MSGA as a course rating volunteer in 2002, progressing to Manager of Course Rat-

ing in 2014. During his time in that role he rated over 150 courses throughout the state. Don has been involved in many national committees for the USGA, helping develop the original TPP Online as well as other GHIN applications.

Don lives in Augusta, Maine with his wife "Teddy" and has been married 35 years. Prior to working in the golf industry Don was a respected cabinet maker and nationally recognized billiard cue maker. In his spare time he still enjoys woodworking and of course playing golf. Don is excited to serve the membership of the Maine Chapter, and can be reached at ddoyon@pgahq.com or 207.624.1768.

The New England Section is proud to announce Jim LeClair as the new Operations Manager for the Vermont Chapter. Jim just recently completed his PGA level 3 testing and will soon become a PGA member. Jim is currently the Assistant Golf Professional at Lake Morey Resort and Country Club in Fairlee, VT.

Jim grew up playing golf with his grandfather in the short summers of central Vermont. After not playing golf for almost six years he rediscovered his love for the game his senior year at Kimball Union Academy. He later went on to attend Gettysburg College in which he was a four year letter winner on the golf team, graduating with a degree in business management.



Following his graduation from Gettysburg, Jim moved to Baltimore, Maryland where he spent five years in the Mid-Atlantic Section both teaching the game and assisting in tournament operations. During those five years he worked at both Mount Pleasant Golf Course and Pine Ridge Golf Course. At the end of the five years he became engaged and return north where he was married in 2015 to his wife Indie.

Jim currently resides in Etna, New Hampshire. Besides playing golf, Jim enjoys skiing, watching hockey, and spending time with friends and family. Jim is excited to begin his new position with the Vermont Chapter, and can be reached at jleclair@pgahq.com or 717.817.9934.

What is it?

Drive, Chip & Putt is a free, nationwide junior golf program for boys and girls ages 7-15 that focuses on the three fundamental skills of the game — DRIVING, CHIPPING and PUTTING.



How does it work?

Drive, Chip & Putt is conducted in four stages:

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- SUBREGIONAL QUALIFYING** — 57 host sites in 31 states
- REGIONAL QUALIFYING** — 10 sites, featuring many PGA and USGA championship venues
- NATIONAL FINALS** — 80 junior golfers competing at Augusta National Golf Club the Sunday before the Masters Tournament and broadcast live on Golf Channel



How do we get started?

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IT'S PLAYTIME



Creating Opportunities Through Education

The New England PGA is making some changes to its education program for PGA Professionals. Starting for the 2018 season, NEPGA Educational opportunities will take on a new name: 'New England PGA University' or 'NEPGA U'.

The new name reflects a dedication within section leadership to provide New England professionals with the best resources available. Each year there are numerous educational sessions and meetings, spread across all of the NEPGA's chapters covering a wide variety of topics. The section's Education Committee works to plan engaging events around everything from teaching with new technologies to designing games for junior golfers.

Mike Bradshaw, PGA (Kirkbrae CC), secretary of the NEPGA, believes the Section commitment and new pillars to the NEPGA University System will strengthen New England Professionals.



"The 'U' is a culmination of the hard work of the Section staff, sponsors, Education Committee and, most importantly, individual members. As you take a look at the offerings, you will see a wide breadth of options from the five pillars of the Education committee's mission: Instruction, Merchandising, Personal Wellness, Golf Operations and Career Development. Each offering is vetted by the Committee and will offer skills and experiences to aid you in one of these five areas," said Bradshaw.

NEPGA University can be seen on the same education tab on the homepage of www.nepga.com.

Education for PGA Professionals is ever-important in 2018, as June marks the end of the MSR cycle. All PGA Professionals must complete 54 total credits in the three-year cycle; of which at least 36 must come from Meeting, Education, and Player Development. Members who have attained a combination of years of active membership and age which adds up to 90 or more before the start of the Professional Development Program Cycle (June 16, 2015), shall be required to earn 12 MSR credits from the Meeting, Education, and Player Development category only.



The NEPGA Spring Meeting on March 27th at Andover Country Club, that will feature a presentation from PGA of America President Paul Levy, PGA and a sponsor networking session, is eligible for 1 MSR credit to PGA Professionals who arrive and sign in before 8am. The meeting begins at 9am.

EDUCATION

Ahead Golf/ NEPGA Retail Educational and Networking Event

[Register Here](#)

DATE/TIME: Thursday, March 8th, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Ahead Golf Headquarters, 270 Samuel Barnet Blvd., New Bedford, MA

COST: \$25 per person

MSR HOURS: 3 PGA Education MSR Credits

OVERVIEW: Explore Ahead Golf's workshop and warehouse and see what goes into many of their high quality items. Topics covering retail management and incentive programs. Guest Speakers Include Leigha Turner, Director of Retail- Baltusrol Golf Club and Chuck Lord, Chief Creative Officer of Ahead.

Player Development Workshop with Bob Baldassari, PGA

[Register Here](#)

DATE/TIME: Friday, March 9th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

LOCATION: Atkinson Resort and Country Club, 85 Country Club Drive, Atkinson, NH

COST: \$30—Includes lunch!

MSR HOURS: 6 PGA Education MSR Credits

OVERVIEW: Join this engaging workshop on how to utilize player development programming at your facility. Grow rounds and revenue while enhancing your brand as the PGA professional through fun and sustainable programming.

Teachers Teaching Teachers #4

[Register Here](#)

DATE/TIME: Friday, March 16th 3:00pm to 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Willowcreek Golf Academy at Atkinson Resort

COST: \$20

MSR HOURS: 2 PGA Education MSR Credits

OVERVIEW: Please join 2017 New England PGA Youth Player Development Award recipient, Brian Diamond, PGA for a fun and informative session with some of his junior golfers. Brian is going to walk you through their programs, scheduling, marketing, and ideas for successfully implementing a profitable junior program at your facility.

EDUCATION

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Education opportunities are open to all NEPGA members.

New Hampshire Chapter Education Class—NHGA, Fishnet Media and Seacoast Fitness

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 20th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Drive Portsmouth, NH

COST: \$30 per person

MSR HOURS: 4 PGA Education MSR Credits

OVERVIEW: Fishnet Media will present strategies on how to get more from your website, social media, and remarketing with social media. Seacoast Fitness will present tee to green golf fitness, improving mobility and flexibility, preround warmup routine, increasing club head speed, and staying fit all season. NHGA staff will briefly outline new 2018 features for USGA Tournament Management while providing a tutorial for setting up an outside outing as well as the initial setup for a league.

[Register Here](#)

New England PGA Technology Symposium

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 10th 8:00am—3:00pm

LOCATION: Framingham Country Club, 16 Gates St., Framingham, MA

COST: \$50 per person, includes breakfast and lunch.

MSR HOURS: 6 PGA Education MSR Credits

OVERVIEW: Sponsored by PING, Ernest Sports & SuperSpeed. Featuring Erik Henderson, the Director of Innovation & Testing at PING Golf.

[Register Here](#)

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February MEMBERSHIP NOTES: *Joan Stuart*

PERKSPOT



Recently, the PGA of America launched a new exclusive discount program dedicated for PGA Professionals. The customized PGA program was designed by PerkSpot, an innovative market leader in discount aggregation that provides services to more than 500 companies across the country.

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PGA COMPENSATION SURVEY

Don't forget to complete the PGA Compensation Survey! As a reminder, all survey responses are treated confidentially with results being reported only if there are five or more responses. To ensure your confidentiality, results continue to be shared in an aggregated format and not by individual. Your participation is key to ensuring that our Section's compensation information is valid and meaningful. Your support of this important PGA initiative is greatly appreciated. You may earn up to two (2) MSR credits by completing this survey no later than March 31, 2018.

[Complete the PGA Compensation Survey](#)

LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL?

All NEPGA Professionals who would like to list an Assistant Professional or Teaching Professional opening for 2018 on www.nepga.com can email the information on those openings to Joan Stuart at jstuart@pgahq.com and it will be posted under our website's Employment Tab until that position is filled. Please include a brief description of the position, the deadline for resumes, the dates of employment, and contact information. It is always recommended that these positions are also posted on www.pga.org. Also, if you need help for outside operations or are looking for a position for yourself, we can also list those for you. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the NEPGA office, 508.869.0000.

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Before the 2018 Tournament Season, again a reminder about the advantages of receiving your purse winnings as a direct deposit either into your checking or savings account.

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The simple solution is to have the money deposited directly into your account. Please [click here](#) for the ACH Payment Form and follow the instructions on the form. If you need any guidance, please call the Section office or email jstuart@pgahq.com.

SQUAD GOALS

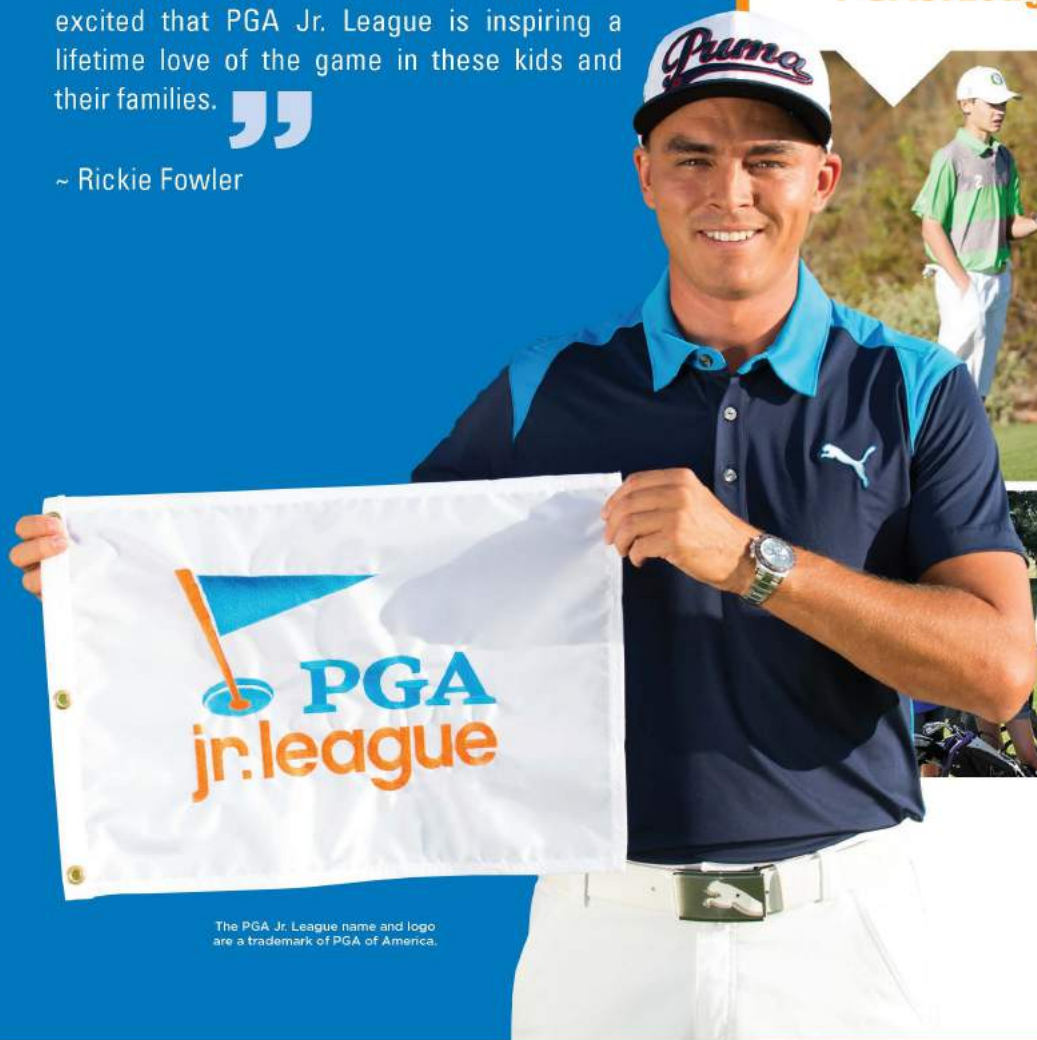
“PGA Jr. League’s friendly team approach is changing the way kids and their families experience golf. The excitement and sportsmanship demonstrated by the players, all under expert coaching from PGA and LPGA Professional “Captains,” is fun to watch. I’m excited that PGA Jr. League is inspiring a lifetime love of the game in these kids and their families.”

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PGA Scholarship Application

The 2018 PGA Scholarship application is now available!

Established in 1986, the program provides college scholarships for children and grandchildren of PGA Members. It encourages and promotes the attainment of higher educational goals for the children and grandchildren of PGA Members, based on evidence of a high level of academic achievement during high school or college. Scholarships totaling \$411,000 were awarded to 183 students for the 2017-18 school year.

[Click here](#) to view the Scholarship FAQs.

View Application

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1, 2018 - Deadline date for submitting scholarship application.

March 19, 2018 - Deadline date for receiving the supporting documents.

May 2018 - The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship recipients will be announced and notified.

July 2018 - The scholarship checks will be mailed out.

Aug. 2018 - Deadline date for photo submission.

Oct. 2018 - The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship recipients will be on PGA.org and in PGA Magazine.

Nov. 2018 - PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship application will be available.

District 1 Director Report:

Noel Gebauer, PGA



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

PGA Women's Cup 2019

The PGA of America announced the formation of an international event, the Women's PGA Cup – a first-of-its-kind team competition for women PGA Members from around the world. The Women's PGA Cup will be a 54-hole stroke play event with each team's lowest three scores being counted after each round. The winning country will be the team with the lowest 54-hole aggregate total.

Each national team will be composed of five players and one Captain, who also may be a playing or non-playing captain at the option of the respective country.

The Women's PGA Cup does not include a purse as each team will vie for bragging rights and the honor of winning the Cup, basking in the pride that comes with representing one's country in a distinct and unique international competition.

Those eligible to represent their country in the Women's PGA Cup must be Members in good standing with their respective Professional Golfers Association (PGA). They must also be active in the game, as a teacher, coach or working as Club Professional/Assistant. Tour professionals who primarily compete for a living are not eligible to participate.

"We're excited to announce the Women's PGA Cup, which will promote and highlight the exceptional playing ability of our female PGA professionals and afford them the opportunity to represent our country against their PGA counterparts from around the globe," said PGA President Paul Levy. "The potential of this event is vast and we believe it will help grow women's professional golf both domestically and internationally."

The five members of the inaugural USA Team will be determined through an 18-month system that concludes on July 31, 2019, based on the following:

- Performance of eligible top-20 finishers in the 2018 & 2019 Women's Stroke Play Championship and the 2018 & 2019 LPGA Teaching & Club Professional Championship
- Top 10 finishers in the final money list for the 2018 PGA Tournament Series
- Women PGA members making the cut at the 2018 and/or 2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, the 2018 and/or 2019 USGA Women's Open, and the 2018 and/or 2019 PGA Professional Championship
- Women PGA Members making the cut in any LPGA "Official" event from January 2018 thru July 31, 2019
- At the PGA Section level, points will be based on a formula that weighs both the number of eligible women PGA Members in each of the PGA of America's 41 Sections with an individual's prize money earned at the Section level

[Click Here for Full Story](#)



Carr Golf Announces Carr Golf Announces 2019 British Open Packages

Attend Historic Event at Northern Ireland's Royal Portrush, Play World-Class Links Courses

(DUBLIN, Ireland) – Carr Golf – Ireland and Scotland's premier provider of unique golf experiences and vacations – has released a trio of 2019 British Open packages based around the historic event taking place at Northern Ireland's famed Royal Portrush Golf Club (July 18 – 21).

One of the world's oldest sporting contests, the British Open will return to Royal Portrush for the first time since 1951. It will also mark only the second time in the tournament's 150-year history that it will be hosted outside of Scotland and England. Joe Carr, Carr Golf's late founder and one of Ireland's greatest golf heroes, won one of his three British Amateur Championship's at Royal Portrush in 1960.

Along with the opportunity to attend The Open in person, the offers below include luxury accommodations, tee times on several of the world's finest links courses and a personal driver.

The five-day "Belfast City & The Open" package includes accommodations in Belfast (July 18 – 22) with tee times on Ardglass Golf Club (July 18) and Royal County Down,

Golf Digest's No. 1 ranked course in the world, on July 19. The offer includes tickets to The Open for the final two days of action on July 20 and 21.

The seven-day "Belfast / Dublin & The Open" package features play on Ardglass Golf Club and Royal County Down on the first two days of the itinerary (July 15 – 16) as well as additional tee times on County Louth Golf Club or Portmarnock Golf Club (July 19) and The European Club on July 20. Also included are tickets to the final practice round and opening day of the tournament (July 17 – 18). Accommodations are in Belfast the first four nights (July 15 – 18) followed by three nights in Dublin (July 19 – 21).

The "Dublin / Belfast & The Open" package is also a seven-night offer with accommodations in Dublin to start the adventure for the first three nights (July 17 – 20) followed by a stay in Belfast on July 20 and 21 while attending the two final rounds of The Open before returning to Dublin for the final evening of July 22. The golf portion of the itinerary includes rounds on Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links (July 17), Portmarnock

Golf Club (July 18), County Louth Golf (July 19) and The Island Golf Club (July 22).

"There is phenomenal interest in groups looking to attend the historic and highly anticipated 2019 Open Championship after a 70-year absence from Northern Ireland," says Marty Carr, executive chairman of Carr Golf. "Our 2019 Open packages are ideal to not only attend the sport's oldest and greatest event, but to also combine play on several of the finest Irish links courses with thrilling stays in Belfast and Dublin."

In addition to the packages above, Carr Golf can also add to the world-class experience with tee times at other top golf courses in Ireland, Scotland and England both pre- and post-British Open. The full-service tour company specializes in creating unique experiences and memories for life offering unrivaled customer care and premier "one-of-a-kind" itineraries as well as anything else needed for stress-free, unforgettable golf vacations.

For more information on Carr Golf: www.carrgolf.com, 1.855.617.5701 (U.S. toll free) or +353.1.822 6662.

About Carr Golf Travel

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

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

Today, Joe's son, Marty, operates the business as executive chairman. His brother Roddy is also actively involved. Named winner of Golf Digest's

Editors' Choice Award for "Best Tour Operator" in 2016 and 2017, Carr Golf Travel hosts numerous prestigious annual events including the World Invitational Father & Son Tournament, Invitational Father & Daughter Tournament, Donald Ross Invitational and a number of Invitational Links Pro-Am tournaments in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland's southwest. Moreover, the company is at the forefront of corporate event implementation, as well as developing itineraries built around the Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup, College football and NFL games in London.



2018 NEPGA Junior Tour: Grow the Game

Dear NEPGA Professionals,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the offseason. Spring is right around the corner and golfers are already trying to plan their upcoming tournament/event schedules, especially junior golf families. Making the time to help your junior members & families provides a great opportunity to learn more about the total scope of junior golf outside of New England (outside junior golf organizations, etc.) as well as learn more about the specific junior golfer and his/her family.

If you don't already do so, I'd encourage you to have a junior golf gathering at your club for your members just to talk about all the things they can participate in, whether it's at the club or elsewhere. It's a great bonding experience and definitely shows your value to your members.

If you have such a program/gathering, I'd be happy to come speak about the NEPGA Jr Tour to your junior families.

On another note, we're looking to communicate with high school golf coaches as the NEPGA Jr. Tour is a perfect place for high school golfers to prepare for their next season (high school season). So, if you know of any High School Golf Coaches, have them contact me (jsettles@pgahq.com) or I can send them an email. Similarly, if you are or know of any college golf coaches, please feel free to invite them to our NEPGA Jr Tour events, they are always welcome.

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CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Cape Chapter President Eric Steindel, PGA

2018 CAPE SCHEDULE RELEASED

Highlighted by the return to the renovated Sankaty Head GC for the Island Classic, the Cape Cod Chapter of the NEPGA has released its official tournament schedule for 2018. Miacomet GC, (**Phil Truono – PGA**) -arguably the finest public facility in the state has hosted the Island Classic the past two years and will resume co-hosting this venerable Pro-Am in 2019. Sankaty Head GC (**Mark Heartfield – PGA**) will host both rounds this coming Fall (Oct. 10-11)



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In related news – The Wianno Club's (Chapter President) **Eric Steindel- PGA** welcomes the Chapter to a tremendous September visit – Pro-3Am (9-6-19) while one week earlier the Chapter Championship will be contested at LeBaron Hills (**Tom Rooney- PGA**) for the first time. This 36-hole Championship will feature SIX sponsors – CALLAWAY GOLF, AVIDIA BANK, LINCOLN MOTORS, PGA TOUR, MOHEGAN SUN & TOURNAMENT SOLUTIONS. Many thanks to the Section for assisting the purse for this prestigious event to be held Wed. August 29th!

CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS Continued...

Submitted by Cape Chapter President Eric Steindel, PGA

Along with the 16 Chapter events listed below - the NEPGA SECTION will hold an amazing 10 events within CAPE Chapter boundaries including 4 'MAJORS': PRO-ASSISTANT, PRO-PRO MATCH PLAY, PRO-1AM CHAMPIONSHIP & BOYS/GIRLS CLUB INVITE at SANKATY HEAD. The Section PRO-SENIOR will be played right on the chapter boundary line at CARNEGIE ABBEY as well. Including Mass Chapter events south of Boston, Cape Cod Chapter PGA professionals will have a myriad of choices to tee it up in 2018 including over 20 Pro-Ams for their respective members and friends.



In other new venue news: KINGS WAY (**Bob Miller -PGA**) takes the 26th Annual Pro-4-Junior reign after SQUIRREL RUN (**Dave Moore – PGA**) gracefully bows out after a quarter of a century of hosting. During that time both FOOTJOY AND TITLEIST have “picked up the tab” for this event including all tee gifts, prizes & food. The Chapter is grateful to Dave Woods and Dave Moynihan for this fantastic support.

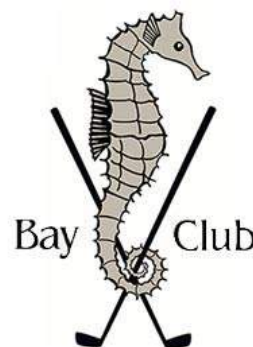
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Lastly, the Chapter will hold two PRO-PRO tournaments. For the 4th consecutive year – The Hyannisport Club (**David Wilson – PGA**) welcomes a June 13th PRO-PRO sponsored by Baxters Boathouse again (lobster sandwiches!!) while The Bay Club's quartet of PGA timber (**Greg Yeomans, John Paesani, Ben Egan, Tracy Djerf**) will roll out a brand new PRO-PRO featuring 27 holes / three different formats on Nov. 1st.



BLUE GOLF REGISTRATION* WILL BEGIN APRIL 1ST

(*except for designated Cape only events – see Blue Golf information pages for more info)



Volunteer at the Boston Golf Expo!

Seaport World Trade Center, Boston MA



March 2nd-4th

**Volunteers needed for all shifts,
especially Saturday afternoon!**

Contact Joan Stuart for more!

SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

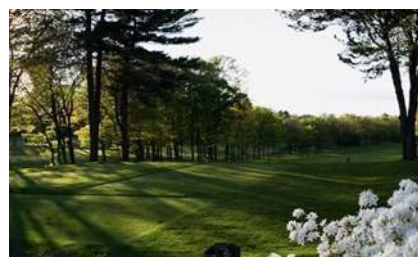
Submitted by Senior Association President Joe Carr, PGA



Middleton Golf Course—April 27



Gannon Municipal GC—May 9



Indian Ridge Country Club—May TBA

2018 Seniors Tentative Schedule

April 27	Middleton Golf Course Spring Meeting with Pro/Pro after
May 9	Gannon GC Pro 3 Am
May TBA	Indian Ridge Pro 3 Am
June 19	George Wright GC Pro 3 Am
July 30 & 31	NEPGA Senior Championship/Sr PNC Qualifier Okemo Valley GC
August 6	Tatnuck CC
September 13	Bass Rocks GC
September TBA	Needham GC
October 3	Mt. Pleasant GC Pro-1 Am
October TBA	Pleasant Valley CC – Senior Association Championship and Fall Meeting

SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS Continued...

Submitted by Senior Association President Joe Carr, PGA

Come join the NEPGA Seniors' Association! If you are turning 50 years of age in 2018, you are invited to become a member of the Association and play in the Senior Association Events. Membership Dues are \$25 and the Senior Association is open to any PGA Professional in good standing who are 50 or older or who will turn 50 years of age in 2018. For more information, please contact Joe Carr, PGA 508.873.7768 or Dennis Selvitella, PGA 508.410.4984.

To pay your 2018 Senior Membership Dues, please click [here](#).

News From the Back Nine

Congrats to Paul and Nancy Barkhouse upon their retirement from Woburn Country Club! If you would like to send them a note, their address is 138 Lacy Street, North Andover, MA 01845-3309

On the Mend

Harry Rose had surgery on February 9th and we wish him a speedy recovery. If you would like to send Harry a card, his address is 288 Forest Grove Avenue, Wrentham, MA 02093-1090. His email address is harrypga@gmail.com.

Condolences

to the family and the many friends of Ray and Coco Lajoie who both suddenly passed away a day apart this past week. Please refer to www.NEPGA.com for more information.



MA CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by MA Chapter President, Chris Young, PGA

Meeting Up

Massachusetts Chapter has planned some offseason meetings to firm up new ideas, initiatives and the 2018 schedule.

We have the following schedule confirmed for the upcoming season:

Monday, April 9, 2018 – 6,6,6, at TPC Boston

Thursday, April 19, 2018 – Spring Meeting & Pro-Pro at Myopia Hunt Club

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 – MA Chapter Foundation Pro+3am at Foxborough CC

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 – Fall Meeting & Pro-Pro at The Haven CC

Monday, November 5, 2018 – Individual Stableford at Thomson CC

Monday, November 12, 2018 – Pro-Pro at Blue Hill CC

MA Chapter NEPGA Foundation Pro-Am – TBD

MA Chapter Championship - TBD



Lou Rivers, PGA
2018 Massachusetts Chapter
Player of the year

As we progress, we will keep the MA Chapter Members informed.

If you have any happy or personal news to share, we always love hearing such. Please email me (jsettles@pgahq.com) with the information so we can share amongst the Chapter.

MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by ME Chapter President Tony Decker, PGA

The Maine Chapter would like to welcome new operations manager Don Doyon, PGA to the team. If you'd like to say Hello and welcome him to the chapter, feel free to email him at ddoyon@pgahq.com. We're looking forward to a great 2018 season with all of our PGA Professionals who call 'Vacationland' home.

Eyes on the Season

With that being said, we've got a great Chapter schedule this season! Check out a small preview:

Tuesday 5/8 PRO - AM #1 DUNEGRASS

Monday 5/14 PRO - PRO STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP - WEBHANNET

Monday 5/14 PRO - PRO MATCH PLAY PRELIM ROUND -
PLAYERS DETERMINE

Tuesday 5/22 - PRO - AM #2 SCHOLARSHIP - PROUTS NECK

Monday 6/4 - PRO - PRO MATCH PLAY - ROUND 16 -Players determine

Monday 6/11 - PRO - AM #3 - WATERVILLE CC

[Click Here for the full Schedule!](#)

Spring Meeting

The 2018 Maine Chapter Spring Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 17th at the Woodlands Club in Falmouth, ME. We hope to see all of our professionals there!



NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA

The New Hampshire Chapter will kick off the 2018 season with its Spring Meeting of members which will be held on **Thursday, April 12 at Intervale CC beginning at 9:00 a.m.** The ProAm schedule will begin on April 23 at The Oaks GC in Somersworth, NH.

In keeping with the chapter's philosophy of being involved in communities around the state, the NHC Board of Directors has approved charitable donations of \$2,000 each to the New Hampshire Special Olympics and to the Salem Boys and Girls Club.

The chapter's board is working on criteria for the development of a New Hampshire Scholarship Foundation Program.



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Intervale CC in Manchester, NH

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA

The board is also interested in resurrecting the Pro-Junior Championship and is in discussion with the NHGA (New Hampshire Golf Association) to determine a future course of action that would allow the two organizations to conduct a tournament jointly.

The chapter is grateful for partners who have committed to sponsor our 2018 events and acknowledges the following: Larry Kelley (Five Star Golf Cars); Danny Brown (Club Car); Don Groft (Yamaha) and Chris Conrad (Martignetti Liquors).

Don Groft of Yamaha has been added to the New Hampshire Board of Directors.



NHC Board of Governance for 2018

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NHC Year End Awards

Professional of the Year

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Bill Strausbaugh Award

Tim Loch, Cochecho CC Head Professional

Teacher of the Year

Rich Thibeault, Concord CC Head Professional

Junior Leader

Chris Mowers, Nippo Lake GC Head Professional

Tournament Champions

Congratulations to the following professionals for winning the chapter's major championships:

Pro-Senior Championship

Griffin Andrews, Portsmouth CC, and team

Pro-Lady Championship

Jim Gunnare, Portsmouth CC, and team

Pro-Gross Championship

Bill Andrews, Portsmouth CC, and team

Pro-Pro Championship

Matt Arvanitis, SNHU and Jason Malcolm, Nashua CC

In keeping with the chapter's philosophy of being involved in New Hampshire communities, the Chapter presented a check for \$2000 to the Pelham Community Coalition on behalf of the NEPGA Foundation. The Coalition is a group of individuals seeking to inform, empower and activate members of the Pelham community regarding substance abuse within the town and especially among its youth.

The Chapter sends a sincere "thank you" to NH PGA Professionals who hosted an event this year.

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Rhode Island Chapter President, Tony DiGiorgio, PGA

Pleased to Welcome the Rhode Island Chapter Officers

Hats off! We are pleased to announce the following member professionals of the Rhode Island PGA Chapter to their Board positions for the 2018 Season!

President

Tony DiGiorgio, PGA of Crystal Lake GC

Secretary/Treasurer

Shane Drury, PGA of Swansea CC

NEPGA Section Secretary

Michael Bradshaw, PGA of Kirkbrae CC

Thank you to these gentlemen for their continued service to the Chapter and working to make the events a successful place for competition, friendship, and camaraderie! Looking forward to an amazing 2018! Cheers!

Ready for the 2018 Golf Season

By now it's now mystery that the 2018 golf season is right around the corner partly thanks to Punxsutawney Phil. We are passed the half way point of Winter and we all can notice that there is more daylight later in the day. Soon it'll be March and we'll be counting down the days to The Masters, then we will feel like the golf season will be upon us. As always, I am very excited for the golf season to start and looking forward to

be witness to some great competitive play from the Rhode Island Professionals. In the meantime, keep your golf muscles primed, swing in shape, and stay healthy and away from the flu! 2018 Golf here we come!!!

2018 Golf Expo



Speaking of March, as you may already know that the 2018 National Golf Expo is coming to the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston on March 2nd to the 4th! This event more closely signifies the home stretch towards getting the golf season going. I am very much looking forward to joining the New England PGA to give 10-minute tune-up lessons to the avid golf fans visiting the Expo. I think it is a wonderful way to help grow the game by giving a little bit of our professional time to make some golfers' day with a quick diagnosis and providing them one or two helpful enhancements to improve their playing abilities and making the game more enjoyable. Not sure about you but I can feel the golf buzz and can't wait for that warm weather to get the season off and running! Hope to see many of our Section's Professionals at the Expo!

2018 Upcoming RI Chapter Events

Thank you to all of the following host professionals and their clubs for graciously opening their clubs for the 2018 Rhode Island Chapter events:

Tentative 2018 Schedule:

MAY 8, 2018 RI PRO AM – PAWTUCKET

JUNE 5, 2018 RI PRO AM – METACOMET

AUGUST 6, 2018 RI PRO AM – QUID-NESSETT

AUGUST 28, 2018 RI PRO OFFICER – KIRKBRAE

OCTOBER 1, 2018 RI CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP – CARNEGIE ABBEY

OCTOBER 16, 2018 THE HAVERSHAM PRO AM – SHELTER HARBOR

There are some great courses in the state of Rhode Island and we are still looking for 1-2 course 2018 schedule! If your club has the availability to host a RI Chapter event, please feel free to reach out to Sean Duong at 617-529-5114 or sduong@pgahq.com. Thank you and hope to gain your support of the Chapter.



Pawtucket CC— May 8, 2018



Metacomet CC—June 5, 2018

VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by VT Chapter President Brian Gara, PGA



The Vermont Chapter BOD has finalized the 2018 playing schedule and the tournament committee has been successfully solidifying sponsorships for the 2018 season. I want to thank all of the host professionals, competitors and VTPGA sponsors that make our Chapter's tournament season such a success year in and year out.

On behalf of the NEPGA Foundation VTPGA Board members Brian Gara, Roger King and Dan Ruane delivered a donation of \$1000. of SNAG golf equipment to the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington, VT. A clinic with the children followed the presentation and through the foundation we were able to introduce the game of golf to some great kids. The VTPGA will be hosting a field trip to a local golf course for the kids of the Boys & Girls Club in the spring. The VTPGA along with the NEPGA Foundation look forward to continuing to help enrich the lives of kids through golf.

The Vermont PGA BOD has been working with the NEPGA section staff to fill the vacant role of the VTPGA Operations Manager and are excited to announce that Jim Leclair will be taking over! Check out the New Staff page for more about Jim!

The VTPGA is looking forward to great 2018!



Vermont Chapter Spring Meeting

The Vermont Chapter Spring meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2018 at Rutland CC beginning with registration at 8:00 followed by the meeting at 9:00. We will also have our traditional Spring Pro-Pro and sponsor appreciation lunch and golf that afternoon.

Vermont Chapter Award Winners

We presented plaques and congratulated our 2017 Vermont Chapter Special Award winner (pictured above)

Merchandiser of the Year Public

John Goodchild, CC of Barre

Player of the Year

David Bennett, CC of Vermont

Merchandiser of the Year Private

Matthew Conroy, Mount Snow CC

Professional of the Year

Brian Gara, Vermont National CC

Youth Development

Sue Horton, Stowe Mountain Club

Teacher of the Year

Bob Prange, Burlington Country Club

Bill Strausbaugh Award

Larry Kelley, Five Star Golf Cars

Assistant of the Year

John Socinski, Manchester CC

ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Assistants' Association President Brendon Ray, PGA

Dear Fellow Assistant Professionals,

Whether you are still here in New England or down south for winter employment we hope this finds you well and enjoying a happy and healthy winter.

I am excited to announce that we have worked with the NEPGA Board of Directors to form a new Growth of the Game Committee, comprised solely of New England PGA Assistant Professionals. Thank you to Committee Chair PJ Breton (Framingham CC) and members Jim Chojnowski (Framingham CC), Ed Doherty (Oak Hill), Sean Duong (Milton Hoosic), Liam Friedman (Nashawtuc), Matthew Lombard (Winchester), Todd Lytle (Boothbay Harbor) and

Ryan Train (Oakley CC) for joining this committee and helping improve Growth of the Game opportunities for Professionals throughout the Section!



Marshfield CC

The 2018 NEAA Annual Spring Meeting & Golf Event is set and scheduled for May 3rd at Marshfield Country Club. The day will start with golf at 8:30 AM. The format for the event is Individual Stableford coupled with a Blind Draw Two-Man Team Stableford done that day. After golf, the Spring Meeting will begin at approximately 1:00 PM to discuss the upcoming season. If you can join us please mark this day on your

calendar as this is a great way to network and kick off the 2018 season!

Following the meeting we invite all players to stay for a great chance to meet one another at the 2018 Individual Match Play Draw Party. There will also be an education component attached to the draw party, more information to follow. We will choose the 32 seeds at this time to set up our always exciting yearlong Match Play Championship! We hope to see everyone May 3rd for a day filled with golf, camaraderie and friendship.

Lastly, we are looking to host an event sometime in March for any Assistants who are still in the New England area. This will be a great way for everyone to network and discuss the upcoming 2018 season. More information on this will follow.

We look forward to seeing everyone this spring and wish all a successful and productive remainder to their winter!

Sincerely,

The NEAA Board

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 11/15/2017–2/20/2018

NEW APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Jared Adams	B-8	Point Judith Country Club
John Carbeau	B-8	The Cape Club of Sharon
Christopher Gehling	B-8	Vesper Country Club
Rodney Sores	B-8	Carnegie Abbey Club

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Alec Vozella, PGA	A-8	Marshfield CC
Alexander Hoyos, PGA	A-8	Essex County Club
Christopher Abbott, PGA	A-8	Shelter Harbor Golf Club
Nicholas Desjardins, PGA	A-8	Brae Burn CC
Ross Holtsclaw, PGA	A-8	Wannamoisett CC
Thomas Rossoll, PGA	A-8	Wannamoisett CC

NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Barry Churchill, PGA	A-6	Cedar Knoll Country Club
John Stacey, PGA	LM	

NEW CPP CERTIFICATIONS

Name	Certification Area
Jeffrey Atkinson, PGA	General Management
Matthew Burgess, PGA	General Management
Jo-Anna Krupa, PGA	General Management
Matthew Burgess, PGA	Golf Operations
Matthew Burgess, PGA	Player Development
Brian Diamond, PGA	Player Development
Harry Andrews, PGA	Teaching and Coaching
Matthew Burgess,	Teaching and Coaching
Daniel Hart, PGA	Teaching and Coaching
Stephen Sheridan, PGA	Teaching and Coaching

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Adam R. Kolloff, PGA	A-14	Pure Drive Golf
Alec A. Vozella, PGA	A-8	Marshfield Country Club
Alexander N. Hoyos, PGA	A-8	Essex County Club
Allan Menne, PGA	A-1	Mink Meadows Golf Club
Benjamin M. Egan, PGA	A-1	The Bay Club
Brett E Gilmore, PGA	A-4	Ocean Edge Resort & Club
Christopher C. Abbott, PGA	A-8	The Shelter Harbor Golf Club
Christopher D. Card, PGA	A-9	New Seabury Cape Cod
Craig J. McLaughlin, PGA	A-4	The Oaks Golf Links
David F. Wilson, PGA	A-1	Hyannisport Club
Erik C. Sorensen, PGA	A-2	Newbury Golf Center
James Schouller Jr., PGA	A-1	Abenauqui Country Club
Jeffrey J. Wojtusik, PGA	A-24	Thorny Lea Golf Club
Jeffrey M. Flis, PGA	A-8	Black Rock Country Club
John D. Murray, PGA	A-4	Stowe Mountain Club
Landon R. Comeau, PGA	A-1	Canterbury Woods Country Club
Matthew P. Baran, PGA	A-1	The Ridge Club
Michael F. Roy II, PGA	A-1	Plymouth Country Club
Nicholas A. Desjardins, PGA	A-8	Brae Burn Country Club
Richard A. LeBeau, PGA	A-1	Sakonnet Golf Club
Robert V. Hardy, PGA	A-14	Lynx Fitness Club
Ross A. Holtsclaw, PGA	A-8	Wannamoisett Country Club
Scott S. Mayer, PGA	A-6	Dunegrass Golf Club
Shaun M. Bishop, PGA	A-13	Candia Woods Golf Links
Stephen M. Hosack, PGA	A-1	Burlington Country Club
Ted L. Bishop, PGA	A-24	Candia Woods Golf Links
Terrence P. Crimmins, PGA	A-15	Golfer's Warehouse
Thomas N. Rossoll, PGA	A-8	Wannamoisett Country Club
Todd C. Anzlovar, PGA	A-6	The Foundation
Tyler D. Gracon, PGA	A-8	The Shelter Harbor Golf Club
Zachary M. Sweet, PGA	A-1	Cape Cod National Golf Club





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Disney's Magnolia Golf Course

newenglandpga PGA Show week doesn't stop on Friday for the NEPGA! After 3 jam packed days @pgagolfshows, we're at @wdwgolf for our Winter ProPro! Photos and scores to come later today on NEPGA.com.

greater_ne_golf_expo Good job guys, keep up the good work!!
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edcoleman I held it down in St. George Pro. Get after it @ @ @
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New England PGA

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And last but certainly not least, The 2018 New England PGA Professional of the Year award is the highest honor that an NEPGA Professional can receive, and we couldn't think of a better candidate for it. This former board member has been involved in governance for the section for the near entirety of his PGA Membership. He's served as President, Honorary President, and in several board capacities for the NEPGA and Vermont Chapter. He has been an exceptional leader who always strives to make the association the very best it can be. He takes great pride in being a part of something as great as the PGA of America and the sport of golf. We extend the final congratulations to.....

Larry Kelley, PGA and Five Star Golf Cars on being named the 2018 NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year!



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We're wondering if these tips apply to the snow we might see tomorrow, is it golf season yet? fb.me/E9ia8B9w



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This is the time to reserve your booth for the March 17th and 18th, 2018 Portland Golf Expo! Don't miss this...



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Nicholas Johnston is looking to find someone who would like a roommate from April/May through October. He will be working at Sakonnet Golf Club in Little Compton, RI. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email Nick at nsjohnst@coastal.edu.

Openings:

Coral Creek GC

Nov.-April

Placida, FL

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