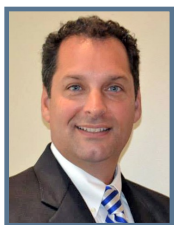




MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT LARRY KELLEY



Hello Everyone,

It is only five (5) below zero as I write this from Snowtown USA in Ludlow, VT. If you like to ski, snowmobile, or enjoy cold weather activities don't hesitate to get out there before all the snow melts and the courses open up. Spring, they say, is right around the corner.

I would like to send a big THANK YOU to all our volunteers who gave us their time in the three booths that we had at the Boston Golf Expo. Our booth setup was great with five teaching stations, a Junior Golf Tour booth and the Drive Chip & Putt booth. These were all manned by our own PGA Professionals and our dedicated staff. The show was filled with many area golfers looking for lessons, equipment, and the next best golf vacation. When I arrived Saturday I ran into Brendan Walsh and Kevin Rhoads as they were just getting ready to give a teaching seminar on the main stage. It was great fun to see two of our own members putting themselves out there to promote teaching and golf in our local area. If you have never been to the EXPO you are missing quite an event. Please mark it for 2015 as a can't miss - don't miss.

Our staff has also been planning a great teaching summit for later this spring. It will be fun and interactive with some wonderful opportunities for learning and improving. Please look for more info on this later in the newsletter and in emails down the road.

Many of our committees have been meeting to work on planning for the 2014 season. It is not too late to get on a committee if you are interested. Please reach out to me or Mike Higgins if you are interested. Anyone who has already reached out to me should have been contacted or will be shortly regarding serving on a committee. Please keep in mind the importance of the commitment. This is where all the work is done with planning and implementation of all your efforts. A special thanks goes out to Greg Yeomans, Chris Carpenter, Tom Cavicchi, Matt Griffiths and Jim Salinetti for all your winter efforts in getting organized and ready for the 2014 season. It is our association, so get involved!

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Tony Decker, PGA who has served the New England Section for 14 years and is moving on to a new position as Head Golf Professional at Purpoodock Country Club in our Section. Tony has served our Section and the Maine Chapter with dedication, professionalism, and most of all enthusiasm. We will miss the way he handled himself on behalf of all the Maine Chapter and the NEPGA. Please join me in wishing Tony best of luck in his new position.

Sincerely,

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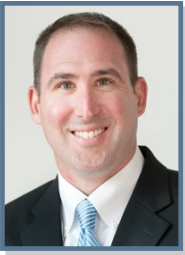
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MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A cold March is typically when lucky PGA Professionals try to sneak in one last golf trip before reporting back to their facilities. Preferably somewhere warm. With the polar vortex still lingering, my suggestion is to extend your trip or book another one! When everyone does finally report back to their facility I hope each of you are recharged and energized for the new golf season.

The Section is still moving full steam ahead. The Boston Golf Expo was held on February 28 – March 2 and the New England PGA had a major role this year. Well over 50 New England PGA Professionals assisted in giving hundreds of 10 minute tune ups to amateurs and free lessons to junior golfers. It was great to see our PGA Professionals each doing their part to grow the game! No one does it better.

On March 8 & 9 the NEPGA will head a little further west to Bolton, MA where our PGA Professionals will be on hand to give lessons at the Central New England Golf Expo at The International GC. We are still in need of a few more volunteers, so please reach out to the Section Staff if you are available.

We are very excited to announce the 2014 Teaching Summit at The Harmon Club on Monday, March 24th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The theme for this years' summit is "Teaching with Technology." Learn how to incorporate technology into instruction. The Education Committee has secured four guest speakers from Ping, FlightScope, K-Vest, and One Putt Lab. The Summit will be very interactive with rotating breakout sessions that will allow attendees the opportunity to spend quality time with each presenter. For more information or to register please click [here](#).

The employment season was very busy this winter. Michael Packard and I met with many facilities and PGA Professionals throughout the Section to assist in the hiring process. I really enjoy helping to create a job for a PGA Member, but I get even more satisfaction when we help to make the job better. The best tool to help Michael and I accomplish that goal is compensation information. I cannot stress how powerful of a tool this is when we meet with employers. I ask, no I beg, that each New England PGA Professional take a few minutes and fill out the compensation survey. Just click [here](#) to begin. Less than half of our Section members and apprentices have completed the survey. Please take a few minutes to complete it prior to the March 23, 2014 deadline.

The Section Spring Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15th where we will once again invite our Section Sponsors to attend and join our PGA Professionals for Sponsor Appreciation Day. Please clear your schedule and attend the meeting, and if possible to join your fellow PGA Professionals and sponsors for the Sponsor Appreciation Day Pro-Am following the meeting. We are very excited to have George Bodenheimer, Executive Chairman of ESPN to be our keynote speaker, where he will discuss Leadership & becoming a leader in our industry. This day is a great way to kick off our 2014 NEPGA season, so please make time in your schedule to attend.

I know when many of us look outside our windows it does not appear that the golf season is right around the corner, but it will be here before we know it. Enjoy the last few weeks of winter and I look forward to seeing you in the spring. Don't forget to turn your clocks back this weekend!

Respectfully yours,

Michael Higgins
Executive Director
New England PGA

2014 NEPGA TEACHING SUMMIT: "TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY"



Please join us for the 2014 New England PGA Teaching Summit sponsored by PING, FlightScope and Orange Whip being held on Monday, March 24th at The Harmon Club. This year we will focus on "Teaching with Technology: Learn how to incorporate technology into your instruction". Our presenters include Tony Morgan with K-Vest, Jim McKay with One Putt Lab and Michael Nuff with FlightScope. Click [here](#) to learn more!

The Summit will begin at 9am with registration beginning at 8:30am. The cost is \$50 and includes lunch. PGA members in attendance will earn 6 PGA Required MSR credits.

Click [here](#) to register by the deadline of March 21st!

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EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Open To All Members & Apprentices

Rhode Island Chapter Seminar: "The State of Hardgoods"

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Place: Kirkbrae Country Club, Lincoln, RI

Time: 8:30 am to 1 pm

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Details: Click [here](#) for more info

MSR Hours: 3 PGA Required MSR hours

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Cape Cod Chapter April Fools Rules Seminar w/ Ron Green

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Place: Hyannis Golf Course, Barnstable, MA

Time: 3:00 pm -5:00 pm

Cost: \$10

Details: Click [here](#) for more info

MSR Hours: 2 PGA Required MSR hours

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Rhode Island Chapter Seminar : Golf Retirement Plus

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Place: Kirkbrae Country Club, Lincoln, RI

Time: 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Cost: Free of charge

MSR Hours: 2 PGA Education MSR hours

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Cape Cod Chapter Teaching Methods & Theories Round Table Workshop

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2014

Place: Sandwich Hollows Golf Club, Sandwich, MA

Time: 12:00 pm -2:00 pm

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Details: Click [here](#) for more info

MSR Hours: 2 PGA Required MSR hours

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Cape Cod Chapter Trends, Tournaments and Tips for Merchandising Seminar

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2014

Place: Ahead Headquarters, New Bedford, MA

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (8:00 registration opens)

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and breakfast)

Details: Click [here](#) for more info

MSR Hours: 3 PGA Required MSR hours

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Cape Cod Chapter CPR/AED Training & Certification

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Place: Bay Club at Mattapoisett, Mattapoisett, MA

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm (9:00 registration opens)

Cost: \$50 (includes American Red Cross CPR/AED for Adults, Children and Infants Certification Card, breakfast and lunch.)

Details: Click [here](#) for more info

MSR Hours: 3 PGA Required MSR hours

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

FREE JR TOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF NEPGA PRO'S



We are offering **FREE** NEPGA Junior Tour membership to children of NEPGA Professionals for the 2014 season!

Eligibility: Open to children of NEPGA Professionals (ages 9-21)

Registration: Please submit the completed application (FAX OR MAIL) for each child. Click [here](#) to download the application.

**Note: If the child has been a member in the past, there's no need for the application, simply email Jacy to renew the membership.*

Please allow two days upon receipt of the application for membership to be processed. Once the membership is processed, you will be emailed a username and password from the BlueGolf Tournament Software. Keep this information in a safe place as this allows one to log in to sign up for tournaments.

Note to remember: The user id and password will be sent in all caps (uppercase). You will need to use all lowercase when logging in.

DON'T WAIT FOR WINNINGS! SIGN UP FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT

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

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

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

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ESPN'S GEORGE BODENHEIMER TO SPEAK AT NEPGA SPRING MEETING



This year's Section Spring Meeting will feature guest speaker George Bodenheimer, Executive Chairman, ESPN, Inc. Bodenheimer is an ESPN and cable industry pioneer and, as the company's longest-tenured President (13 years, 1998-2012), he led an unprecedented period of global growth. He oversaw all multimedia sports assets of The Walt Disney Company from March 3, 2003 – December 31, 2011 and was co-chairman, Disney Media Networks from April 20, 2004 – December 31, 2011. Click [here](#) to learn more about our guest speaker.

The New England PGA Spring Meeting will be held at Andover Country Club on Tuesday, April 15th beginning at 9am, with registration open at 8am. Please make plans to join us!

PGA SCHOLARSHIP: *SUBMIT SOON!*



PGA

Graduating high school seniors and college students who are the children or grandchildren of PGA

members may apply for The PGA Financial Assistance Scholarship by Monday, March 17th. *Please keep in mind that for students to be considered for the NEPGA Wemyss Scholarship, they must apply for The PGA of America's Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship.* Learn about the changes for 2014 and apply on PGALinks.com.

[Click here to view Scholarship Search Tips](#)

[Click here to view Additional Scholarships](#)

MASTERS COMPLIMENTARY ACCESS



The Masters will be held on April 10-13, 2014 at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. For ticket information please call 706.667.6700 or visit masters.com. As a courtesy extended by Augusta National, complimentary access is offered to Class A PGA members, Life members and Master Professional members (PGA members only; this offer is not extended to apprentices). No spouse or families (including practice rounds). Must show membership card and photo I.D. each day. Go to Gate 6A off of Berckmans Road then report to Gate C to receive daily ticket. NOTE: Daily tickets are not available to purchase for spouse.

SCHOOL WELCOMES NEPGA PRO'S



Pictured: NEPGA Professional Bob Guisti spent a week at Halifax Elementary bringing golf to every gym class, grades K-6 (over 600 students). Jack Devine, PGA also took part.

2014 SECTION, CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Location		Time
Thurs., April 3	New Hampshire Chapter	Intervale Country Club Click here for directions		9am
Wed., April 9	Rhode Island Chapter	Kirkbrae Country Club Click here for directions		6pm
Thurs., April 10	Cape Cod Chapter	Sandwich Hollows Golf Club Click here for directions		10:30am
Mon., April 14	Assistants' Association	Oyster Harbors Click here for directions		8 AM - Spring Series Kickoff to follow at 10am
Tues., April 15	NEPGA Section	Andover Country Club Click here for directions		Registration 8am and Meeting 9am
Wed., April 16	Maine Chapter	The Woodlands Club Click here for directions		9am
Thurs., April 24	Massachusetts Chapter	Myopia Hunt Club Click here for directions		9am
Fri., April 25	Seniors' Association	Middleton Golf Club Click here for directions		9am and Pro-Pro to follow
Mon., May 5	Vermont Chapter	Rutland Country Club Click here for directions		Registration 8am and Meeting 9am



NEPGA Casa de Campo

Pro - Am 2014 Tournament *Recap*

The New England PGA began a new Pro-Am in 2014 at the Casa de Campo resort in La Romana, Dominican Republic. The Casa de Campo resort is 700 acres of real estate and recreation land and is home to The Teeth of the Dog, Dye Fore and Dye Links Golf Clubs. The traditional Caribbean Pro-Am hosted by Casa de Campo resort for the past 33 years now has now added a new guest, the New England PGA.



Five Teams of New England PGA Professionals arrived in Casa de Campo for a 6 day 5 night all inclusive package that included 4 rounds of tournament golf (2 Teeth of the Dog, 1 Dye Fore, 1 Dye Links). New England PGA teams included: Black Rock Country Club, Sankaty Head Golf Club, two teams from Stowe Mountain Club and an all ladies team from Weekapaug Golf Club.

After a wonderful reception dinner hosted by Director of Golf for Casa de Campo Gilles Gagnon, the action began on the Teeth of the Dog course early Tuesday Morning. In 2014, the Teeth of the Dog ranked as the number one course in the Caribbean and 43rd in the top 100 courses, worldwide, by Golf Magazine. Pete Dye's classic Teeth of the Dog holds both challenging



golf combined with breathtaking views. The gentleman from Sankaty Head Golf Club lead by Mark Heartfield, PGA jumped out to the early lead in the gross division with a -2 (70). Meanwhile, the ladies from Weekapaug Golf Club dominated the net division with a -15 (57), good enough for a 3 stroke lead over the other New England teams heading into round 2.

Round 1 Results Teeth of the Dog

March 4, 2014

Gross

Sankaty Head GC - Heartfield	-2 (70)
Stowe Mountain Club - Philo Jr	-1 (71)
Weekapaug GC - Bond	-1 (71)
Stowe Mountain Club - Philo Sr	+1 (73)
Black Rock CC - Zadorian	+4 (76)

Net

Weekapaug GC - Bond	-15 (57)
Sankaty Head GC - Heartfield	-12 (60)
Stowe Mountain Club - Philo Jr	-12 (60)
Stowe Mountain Club - Philo Sr	-10 (62)
Black Rock CC - Zadorian	-6 (66)

Day 2 took place on the hilly Dye Fore Course. The numbers are staggering: 7,740 yards in length; 7- cliff-side holes dropping 300 feet to the Chavon River below; 40 mph gusting winds - and breathtaking 360 degree views! This cliff hanging Dye design provided a tougher test for the New England PGA Professionals, who's scores increased from round 1.

When the dust settled the team from Stowe Mountain Club lead by Ron Philo Jr, PGA would enter the final 36 holes with the lead in the Gross Division at a score of -6 (138). The Stowe Mountain Club would enter Round 3 with a 4 stroke advantage over the opening round leaders from Sankaty Head Golf Club.

Susan Bond, PGA and the ladies from Weekapaug Golf Club were able to back up their opening round -15 (57) with a second round -13 (61) for a two round total of -28 (118). The two round total is good enough for a 2 stroke lead over Philo Jr. and Stowe Mountain Club.

[Click here to view the latest updates on NEPGA.com](#)

VOLUNTEER THIS WEEKEND!

Salute Military Golf Association-Boston Winter Clinics

There is a clinic for veterans and disabled veterans on Sunday, March 9th at South Shore Country Club in Hingham, MA from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Please contact Bob Beach PGA at 781.843.6513 x2 or bbeach@braintreema.gov for more information. PGA volunteers will receive 1 MSR hour under "Growth of The Game" for each hour volunteered.

Additional Opportunities:

Putting For Autism Clinic

Every Monday through October beginning Monday, April 28th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Braintree Municipal GC. The Monday, June 2nd clinic will feature Dennis Walters from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, with the Putting For Autism Clinic following from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Free Clinics for our Veterans and Disabled Veterans

Every Saturday through October 18th beginning Saturday, April 26th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Braintree Municipal GC.

14th Annual NEPGA/Special Olympic Tournament

Held on Sunday, October 19th.

Please contact Bob Beach PGA at 781.843.6513 x2 or bbeach@braintreema.gov for more information on any of the above clinics.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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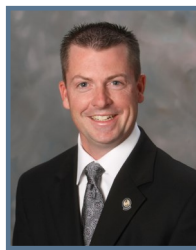
OUTSIDE THE ROPES

The NEPGA is highlighting our Section's PGA Professionals who are giving back to their communities in a feature called "Outside the Ropes". If you have a story to share that might inspire other Professionals to become involved in charitable endeavors outside of the realm of golf, contact Joan at jstu-art@pgahq.com to request a questionnaire. Click [here](#) to visit our Outside the Ropes page on NEPGA.com and see what your fellow professionals, like [Bob Beach](#), have been up to!



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL MANAGER



Make PGA Youth Programs Work for You

Youth Sports is one of the most lucrative industries in New England. You don't have to look far to see the explosion of gyms focused on developing young athletes. Here in Massachusetts, it seems that every strip mall has a martial arts studio with birthday parties and after school care. There are

buses at the nearest elementary and middle schools waiting to pick up kids after school. Why are they there? **Because youth development equals income.**

Drive, Chip & Putt (DC&P) and PGA Junior League Golf

(PGA JLG) have widespread recognition in the general public, well beyond the avid golf community. There are several common elements that separate it from traditional youth competitions. 1) Beginners are welcomed 2) There is an elevated opportunity for socializing. 3) Parents are encouraged to help. For those of you who have hosted junior golfers in PGA JLG, you have seen the camaraderie and teamwork that the scramble format encourages; if you haven't you probably still recognize the potential. DC&P is an individual competition, but it was surprising to see the laid back interactions between the golfers, especially the older girls.

For too long, PGA Professionals have worn the FREE badge too proudly when it comes to Junior Golf. Sports that can be almost free to play (basketball or soccer) charge hundreds of dollars for group training. Our sport is relatively expensive, and yet we provide instruction at a significant discount or even for free. There is absolutely nothing wrong with providing free or inexpensive introductions to golf, but at some point we must not be afraid to charge rates comparable to other sports.

So, how does this tie in with DC&P and PGA JLG? Drive Chip and Putt is a free event, but kids will want to be prepared for the experience. Create a four-week prep class with a week to work on each of the three skills and a final week where you simulate the competition for the participants. PGA JLG comes with a price of \$75 already, but this is just to cover the shirts, website, league administration, regional and national championships. Last year, PGA Professionals charged as much as \$300. They added 6 weeks of practices, training, and even hats with a special logo and name of the team. At the end of the season, have a development season, complete with scrimmages.

Remember, the end goal is to provide fun learning opportunities for your junior golfers and to make money for you and your facility. Call me if you want to discuss any other ideas for growing your instruction business while growing rounds & revenue.

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Player Development Regional Manager
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The journey to
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The **2014 DRIVE CHIP & PUTT CHAMPIONSHIP** is open to boys and girls ages 7-15* competing in separate divisions in four age categories. Local qualifying will be conducted throughout June and July.

There is no entry fee for the DRIVE CHIP & PUTT CHAMPIONSHIP

**Age determined as of April 5, 2015*

For more information or to register your junior please visit:

DRIVECHIPANDPUTT.COM

Registration Opens:

Sunday, April 6, 2014

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PGA EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT



One Final Push - 2014 Compensation Survey

Your *Compensation Information* is confidential, secure, and needed by your fellow PGA Professionals.

Calling all Chapter members! Your Chapter needs all active Members and Apprentices to participate, so if you have not completed the 2014 Survey, please do your part in helping to create the most complete database of compensation information. You can access the survey from the PGALinks Employment homepage, or by clicking [here](#).

501 PGA Professionals representing the New England Section have NOT completed this year's survey. At this time last year, the number was 431, so we're CLEARLY moving in the wrong direction!

There is still time for you to help your Chapter:

Massachusetts Chapter	230 PGA Professionals
Cape Cod Chapter	74 PGA Professionals
New Hampshire Chapter	67 PGA Professionals
Maine Chapter	55 PGA Professionals
Rhode Island Chapter	43 PGA Professionals
Vermont Chapter	32 PGA Professionals

Did You Know? According to two other golf industry Compensation Reporting surveys, average Head Golf Professional compensation should be between 8% and 11% LESS than that of the PGA of America Compensation Tool! Even though our participation rate among those polled is significantly higher!

The reality is, your owner or operator plans on getting market information impacting your personal livelihood from somewhere, it should be from a source like your Compensation Reporting Tool, with over a 70% participation rate.

Please be assured that the compensation information you provide in the survey is completely anonymous and confidential, and no one sees or has access to your personal information. Also, if you are the lead PGA Professional at your facility, please make sure that all PGA Members and Apprentices on your staff complete the survey as well. PGA Members who complete the survey by mid-March will receive 2 MSR credits (maximum 5 survey credits per MSR cycle year).

Your information is invaluable to the Facility Relations Committee and more importantly your fellow PGA Professionals.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Matt Cunningham, PGA

Where are you from? Peabody, MA

Where did you attend college? Salem
State University

What was your first job in the golf business? I worked at Norwood Country Club on the maintenance staff. I was there for 5 seasons.

Where do you work? I am the Head Professional at Black Swan Country Club in Georgetown, MA.

What are your career aspirations? My career aspirations are to be a successful PGA Professional. Grow the game through being successful at my facility, with teaching, and playing the game.



Chad Spencer, PGA

Where are you from? Exeter, Rhode Island

Where did you attend college? University of Rhode Island

What was your first job in the golf business? Starter and Ranger age 13

Where do you work? Valley Country Club

What are your career aspirations? I would love to become a head professional.

Learn more about our new members on the Newly-Elected Members page on NEPGA.com, found under Directories.

CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

CAPE COD CHAPTER



LEADERSHIP ACROSS CHAPTER

Each year different PGA Members in the Cape Cod Chapter rise to the call of service to their fellow professionals. This year many notable Cape pros reside in various leadership roles.

KEITH GAGNON – CC of New Seabury PGA Assistant Professional is President of the NEAA (New England Assistants' Association). GREG YEOMANS – The Bay Club's PGA Head Professional is Chairman of the NEPGA Tournament Committee. JAY ASKEW – The Ridge Club's PGA Head Professional & former NEAA President when working at Boston GC is the CCPGA Tournament Chairman. ROMAN GREER – Hyannis GC's PGA Head Professional is Chairman of the all-important CCJGA committee, responsible for the Chapter's tremendous Junior Golf Association, now over 400 kids strong. GLENN KELLY – Woods Holes' PGA Head Professional is the Chapters' representative on the NEPGA Executive Committee. JESSE SCHECHTMAN – Sandwich Hollows' PGA Head Professional is President of the Chapter. BOB GIUSTI – CC of Hali-fax PGA Head Professional is VP of Chapter, represents the NEPGA Senior Association on the Executive Committee.

All of these colleagues volunteer on your behalf. As new professionals constantly relocate to our Chapter and seek advice on a variety of issues, please know you can contact any on this list, and more, to begin a dialogue. With that in mind, the Chapter would like to welcome Eri Seguin as the new PGA Head Pro at The Vineyard Club.

CONGRATS

...are due for newly minted PGA membership status to Chris Gagnon, The Ridge Club. And to Sankaty Head's PGA Assistant Jake Plezcowski who went deep into the recent PGA Winter Series Match Play Championship at PGA Golf Club before succumbing in the round of 16. Jake knocked off current NEPGA Champion Shawn Warren in the prior round!

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB

The new Cape Cod Chapter QUARTER CENTURY CLUB will be holding its first official meeting immediately following the Chapters' Spring Meeting – scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at Sandwich Hollows GC – 10:30 AM. All Quarter Century members are encouraged to attend and learn about the upcoming role this newly formed club/committee will adopt as they help guide the CCJGA present five junior clinics this summer.

2014 TOURNAMENTS FEATURE LOYAL SPONSORS & NEW COMPANIES COME ABOARD

The Chapter Tournament Committee, led by Jay Askew and Jesse Schechtman is pleased to announce that this years' sponsorships represent over \$7,500 in cash and \$5,000 in product donations making our super schedule even more impressive.

Welcome back to PETER GUILD/ CALLAWAY, DAVID MOYNIHAN/TITLEIST, DAVID WOODS/FOOT-JOY, JAMIE GRIFFITHS/TAYLOR-MADE, KEITH TORTORELLA/ CCE GOLF CARS, JEFF MOORE/ BOBBY BYRNES PUBS & THE LANES BOWL & BISTRO, JEFF DIBONA/ BOBBY JONES. And, to our new partners this season: LARRY HORGAN/ HORGAN INSURANCE, MIKE MIGLIORE/CAPE AIR, DEB MANGAN/ JOFIT GOLF, BOB BROWNE/ SEMPER FINE WINES, GENE GONZALEZ/ ECCO & MAUI JIM, GEOFF PIVA/ TOURNAMENT SOLUTIONS and ALAN COSTA/ GM of MIACOMET GC.

Note: Peter Guild continues in his role as major title sponsor, leading the way with his commitment to CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP, MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP, PRO-PRO SERIES & ISLAND CLASSIC. That's four events under the Callaway umbrella...awesome!

The 2014 schedule is posted on our Chapter website: CapeCodPGA.com. Tournament registration on Bluegolf officially begins March 14.



Chapter's 2nd Pro-Am of spring visits Bayberry Hills during their week long Yarmouth Golf Days – which features huge demo day.

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RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



SPRING MEETING FEATURES STERLING CUT GLASS AWARDS

The Rhode Island PGA Chapter will present six worthy PGA Members with gorgeous awards at the upcoming Spring Meeting – **WED. APRIL 9TH / 6:00 PM – at Kirkbrae CC.** Thanks to the amazing efforts by Chapter President Dave Tiedemann, PGA Head Professional/ Shelter Harbor, Sterling Cut Glass continues to donate all six awards as they have done the past four years. Special thanks to Sterling Cut Glass' National Account Manager, Hayley Hill and local sales representative Ollie Hallet.

Recipients this year are: **PLAYER OF THE YEAR: BOB TRAMONTI**, Triggs Memorial, **MERCHANDISER OF THE YEAR: SETH FORCE**, Potowomut, **ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR: DAVE VERMILYEA**, (now w/ Fairway & Greene, formerly Newport CC), **JUNIOR GOLF LEADER OF THE YEAR: JIM CORRIGAN**, Misquamicut, **TEACHER OF THE YEAR: KYLE PHELPS**, Rhode Island CC, and **GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR: MIKE GELINAS**, Pawtucket. Congratulations to all! (Sincere apologies to Mike for last month's typo.)

Speaking of awards...**Geoff Piva & Tournament Solutions** will be donating an impressive award to this year's Chapter champion to be held at The Misquamicut Club this fall.

LOYAL PARTNERS

Deserved thanks go out to **CALLAWAY GOLF's** Peter Guild and **CCE GOLF CARS** Keith Tortorella for again sponsoring multiple events in 2014. The **CALLAWAY CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP**, scheduled for Sept. 23rd at The Misquamicut Club and the **CALLAWAY PRO-PRO** on May 14th at Newport CC will benefit from the loyal support of Guild while the **CCE PRO-3AMS** at Carnegie Abbey – May 20th and at Shelter Harbor on Oct. 14th fall under the equally loyal umbrella of Tortorella. Both of these men have sponsored multiple **RIPGA** events for the past four years. An extra thank you goes a long way: peter.guild@callawaygolf.com & ktortorella@ccegolfcars.com



69TH ANNUAL US BLIND CHAMPIONSHIPS VISIT RHODE ISLAND

Exeter GC will host the 69th edition of the US Blind Golfer Championship this coming August. Held in Oregon last year, this 36-hole event attracts sight impaired golfers from across the country. In conjunction with this year's tournament, the **RIPGA** Chapter is formulating a comprehensive clinic to be held prior to the championship – conducted by Chapter members. More details to follow in subsequent newsletters.

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FIRST PRO-3AM OF THE SEASON: WARWICK on APRIL 14TH! All Rhode Island Chapter events go live on March 14th/ BlueGolf. Kudos to Alpine's PGA Head Professional Ed Kirby who went deep into the winter PGA Match Play Championship at Florida's PGA Club eventually losing in the round of 8. Superb effort by many Chapter members bringing golf to the schools and YMCA's this winter with the use of **SNAG** equipment packages, four of which are owned by the Chapter. If any Chapter member wishes to use **SNAG** please contact anyone on the present board or myself. **US Open** local qualifier to be held at Pt. Judith on May 13th. **Rhode Island Open** slated for Agawam Hunt Club on August 4-5-6. The tremendous **NEPGA Junior Tour** visits to Rhode Island this year include: Glocester, Louisquisett, Exeter, Triggs & Wanutemotomy. Local qualifying for the national **PGA Junior Championship** will begin at N. Kingstown on April 19th.

KIRKBRAE TO HOST WELL-RECEIVED HARD GOODS ROUNDTABLE/ SEMINAR APRIL 1ST

The unique roundtable format for last years' **HARD GOODS SEMINAR** was so well received that Kirkbrae's Mike Bradshaw has planned a second successful attempt to bring together vendors and golf professionals at his club on April 1st (8:30 AM – 1:00 PM). Section professionals may register on the section website or contact M. Bradshaw at: pgapro@kirkbrae.com. The seminar fee of \$20 includes continental breakfast and lunch and offers 3 hours of continuing education. Topics include demo days, club fitting, new equipment offerings and much more. Please come prepared to participate in all roundtable discussions. Over 30 attendees exchanged ideas and dialogue last spring!

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VERMONT CHAPTER



The Vermont Chapter BOD Executive Committee met on Feb. 18th to discuss the upgrading of our website and Facebook page for the coming 2014 season.

Click [here](#) to view the Vermont Chapter event schedule.

The Vermont Chapter Spring meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2014 at Rutland CC beginning with registration at 8:00 followed by the meeting at 9:00.

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MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



We have now entered March, and we are still staring at stagnant snow and freezing temperatures with not much reprieve in sight. When it comes time

to write next month's newsletter, I hope we are staring at green grass, and enjoying warmer temperatures because the month of April will bring us plenty of playing opportunities. The Chapter is busy securing some final sites for the tournament schedule, as well as, developing scholarship opportunities for PGA apprentices, going through the process of hiring an Operations Manager, and hosting educational seminars.

Our tournament schedule is set to kick off on Tuesday, April 8th at Oakley Country Club. The format is going to be a Pro-Pro. You may sign-up as a team, or individuals may sign-up and get paired together. We will follow this event up on Monday, April 14th at Granite Links Golf Club with a Pro-Pro, 6/6/6 format. Our Spring Meeting is on Thursday, April 24th at 9AM at Myopia Hunt Club with a Pro-Pro blind draw event immediately following the meeting. Big thanks to Scott Johnson, Chris Sleeper, Bill Safrin, and all their staff for hosting our April events. Remember, we are part of the "Tri-Chapter," which means we can also participate in Rhode Island and Cape Cod Chapter events. Both of their schedules have been posted on the NEPGA website. It's never too early to start filling in your tournament calendars.

We will be offering two PGA Apprentice Scholarships this year. Any Apprentice who passed Level 2 in 2013 is eligible for a \$500 scholarship, and any newly elected PGA Member in 2013 is eligible for a \$1000 scholarship. We hope to have all the criteria and applications available in the next few weeks, with the winners to be announced at the Spring Meeting.

We continue our search for an Operations Manager. The deadline has just passed for resumes, and the Section is currently going through the hiring process. We will announce and introduce our newly acquired staff member at the Massachusetts Chapter Spring Meeting.

This past Tuesday, our Chapter hosted a PGA Junior League Golf Seminar at Foxborough Country Club. Guest speakers Todd Cook and Jim Salinetti gave a great presentation on the benefits of each facility hosting their own Junior Golf League team. In 2014, the Section looks to double the amount of teams compared to 2013. Thanks to Louis Rivers for hosting all of us.

We would like to congratulate our newly elected PGA members in 2014. They are Eric Swanson and Jason Mills (both from The Country Club), Jeffrey Pratt (Worcester Country Club), Stephen Dowling (Franklin Country Club), and Josh Brewster (Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund).

Again, we would like to thank our sponsors: ProQuip, Prize Possessions, ALINE & Avidia Bank. They continue to support us all season, and it would be great if our Golf Courses could support them whenever we get the chance. As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns please feel free to contact Todd Cook, Mark Aldrich, or Chris Young.



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MAINE CHAPTER



The Junior Golf Committee continues to meet every two weeks and we are making great strides. The Chapter along with the First Tee of Maine and the Maine State Golf Association joined forces to share resources and promote junior golf with the interest of growing the game for the future. The stakeholders are the allied organizations promoting golf in Maine. The customers are our junior golfers. Early on, we have identified three areas of concentration, Growth of the Game, Education & Instruction and Tournaments and Events. Our initial objective was to simply coordinate all offerings via a single calendar and a single information hub (Website linked to each offering in a respective area). A single source website will quickly become the "go to" website where parents can go to see all our offerings. Another objective is to look to extend our season to more than June through August. We have registered a domain www.juniorgolfmaine.com. We are currently working on loading content to the website so check back often for more updates.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Maine State Family Golf Day is Sunday, June 1st! A FUN and FREE Introductory Golf Experience brought to you by the Maine Chapter NEPGA, First Tee of Maine and Maine State Golf Association for families in Maine. More details TBA.

Tournament registration for the May Pro-Ams will start on April 1st through BlueGolf. Should you need your BG id or password, let me know and I can send it to you. No major changes for Pro-Ams this year, the cost remains the same and the limit to one amateur at 4.5 or lower index is still in effect.

May 5th – Biddeford-Saco Pro-Am
May 13th – Woodlands Pro-Am
May 20th – Prouts Neck Pro-Am
May 27th – Purpoodock Pro-Am

Our spring meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th at The Woodlands Club. The meeting will start at 9AM. We hope you will make time to attend as we have lots to share!

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NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



The NHC Board of Directors met for a second time at Pembroke Pines CC in Pembroke, NH with the primary goal of drafting a Chapter governance structure. The re-structure plan includes officers' roles, length of terms, titles and job descriptions. The board is also reviewing the Chapter's handbook of operations. Thanks to new board member Ken Hamel for spearheading this project. Board members were also introduced to the new GHP Online Golfer System which will be used for club handicap maintenance by Nancy Stewart of NHGA.

Chapter members on the move in 2014 include:
Jack Gale, Dublin Lake GC to Cyprian Keyes GC
Bill Cassell, Rochester CC to Exeter CC
Jon Ellis, Rochester CC Assistant to Rochester Head Professional
Joel Jenkins, Exeter CC to Mount Pleasant GC
Peter Egazarian, The Oaks GL to Wahconah CC
Joel St. Laurent, Manchester CC to Passaconaway CC
Ken Hamel, Duston GC to Stonebridge CC

The Chapter will conduct its annual spring meeting at Intervale CC on Thursday, October 3, 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

John Jelley, PGA member and a master professional, is shown in the picture to the right conducting an educational seminar for Chapter members at Intervale CC in February. The event was attended by 25 professionals and covered how to mark a golf course for both regular play and for tournament play. Topics included Local Rules Addendums, water hazards vs. lateral hazards, ground under repair, out of bounds, tee placements, hole locations and special situations. Also included was a look at Rule 6 as it pertains to tournament scoring, starting and pace of play. In addition to being a long-time New Hampshire Chapter member, John is the Tournament Director for the New Hampshire Golf Association (NHGA).



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SENIORS' ASSOCIATION



The New England PGA Senior Chapter Spring Meeting and Golf is scheduled for April 25, 2014 at 9 a.m. at Middleton Golf Club, Middleton, MA. The membership fee for the Senior Chapter is \$25. The membership fee is kept at a low rate in hopes that all Seniors will join the Chapter. Any golf professional who celebrates her/his 50th birthday in this calendar year is eligible to join the Senior Chapter.

The 2014 Senior Chapter Tournament Schedule is as follows:

April 25	Middleton Golf Club, Middleton, MA
May 15	Hillview Golf Course, North Reading, MA
May 25	Milton Hoosic Country Club, Canton, MA
June	Whitinsville Golf Club, Whitinsville, MA (date to be announced later)
July	Hopkinton Country Club, Hopkinton, MA (date to be announced later)
August	Country Club of Halifax, Halifax, MA (date to be announced later)
September	Bass Rocks Golf Club, Gloucester, MA (date to be announced later)
October	Thorny Lea Golf Club, Brockton, MA
	Essex County Club, Manchester, MA
	Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton, MA
	Pleasant Valley Country Club, Sutton, MA (dates to be announced later)

The NEPGA Mass Chapter is in the process of hiring an Operations Manager to assist the Mass Chapter and Assistants and Senior Chapters in operations of tournaments. At this time, please call Joe Carr (508-873-7768) or Dennis Selvitella (508-410-4984) for information regarding the Senior Chapter Spring Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Neville
NEPGA Senior Director



New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Rhett S. Bishop, PGA	A-8	Willowbend Golf & CC
Joshua Brewster, PGA	A-11	Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund
Stephen N. Dowling, PGA	A-8	Franklin CC
Jason P. Mills, PGA	A-8	The Country Club
Richard V. Molesky, PGA	A-4	Newport GC
Jeffrey M. Pratt, PGA	A-8	Worcester CC

New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Timothy J Doucette	B-8	Brae Burn CC
Robert S Mercer	B-8	Brae Burn CC

New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Award Date</u>
Matthew K. Engberg, PGA	IN	02/28/2014
Sue Kaffenburgh, PGA	A-6	02/28/2014

New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
James M. Chojnowski, PGA	A-8	Metropolitan
Ross J. Duggan, PGA	A-8	Carolinas
Darek R. Franklin, PGA	A-8	Pacific Northwest

New Half Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Charles Elwood, PGA	LM	02/28/2014

Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Todd C. Anzlovar, PGA	A-19	Cobra-Puma Golf
William C Benton	B-4	Basin Harbor Club
Anthony Decker, PGA	A-1	Purpoodock Club
Kenneth F. Hamel, PGA	A-1	Stonebridge CC
Richard W Karbowski, PGA	A-6	Dick's Sporting Goods
Paul H. Meunier, PGA	A-14	Sugarbush GC
Marcus M. Munsill II, PGA	A-6	Mount Snow CC
Ray Murtha, PGA	A-4	Crestwood CC

Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Todd C. Anzlovar, PGA	A-19	2/10	Cobra-Puma Golf
William C Benton	B-4	2/18	Basin Harbor Club
James M. Chojnowski, PGA	A-8	3/1	Framingham CC
Anthony Decker, PGA	A-1	3/1	Purpoodock Club
Darek R. Franklin, PGA	A-8	3/1	Bass Rocks GC
Kenneth F. Hamel, PGA	A-1	2/14	Stonebridge CC
Brian R. Hayes, PGA	A-8	3/17	Wellesley CC
Richard W Karbowski, PGA	A-6	1/28	Dick's Sporting Goods
Paul H. Meunier, PGA	A-14	5/1	Sugarbush GC
Ray Murtha, PGA	A-4	3/1	Crestwood CC
Jeffrey A. Wirbal, PGA	A-8	4/1	Bear Hill GC

These reports reflect changes made between
2/10/2014—3/6/2014.

NEPGA BULLETIN BOARD

Do you have a birth or wedding announcement you'd like to share with your fellow NEPGA members? Send us your special announcements for the newsletter! Please send to Joan at JStuart@pgahq.com.

NEPGA Pros:
Metrowest, MA area
Are you looking for a GREAT place to teach your students this winter? If so, click [here!](#)

To promote your upcoming club event or post an item on the Marketplace, please send the details to Joan Stuart at JStuart@pgahq.com. Ads will run for 1 month.