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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Ron Bibeau, PGA



Hello all NEPGA Members and Associates,  
As the summer slowly gets here I know everyone is busy with their day to day tasks at the club.

It is no different in my world, but we all need to take a breath and enjoy the time we have with our families and friends. While we probably do not have much time to do this, cherish every moment and remember

why we do what we do.

I know you have heard me talk about family time and time again, but this time of the year is when we have to remind ourselves of that very thing. WHY do I subject myself to long hours, time away from my family and friends, the frustration of complaining guests and members and the thankless job that we do every day? You all know my why, but I implore you to think about it every day .

My 'why' also reminds me of a conversation I had with a fellow Golf Professional. We were discussing how we impact our members, guests and especially our students. He told me a story about giving lessons to a certain member at his club. Following a series of lessons his students' wife brought a huge basket of goodies, wine, cheese, crackers and over \$500 in gift certificates to the pro. This PGA Professional was completely taken back by this very generous gesture, and asked "why are you giving me this, I have already been compensated for the lessons?" Her reply is a perfect example of how impactful PGA Professionals can be. She said, "Before my husband started working with you he would come home from golf and be in a miserable mood. Since he started taking lessons from you, he has been happy and content with his game and I have my husband back! Please accept this small token of my appreciation."

This story hits home with me because we never truly know the impact we can have on our students and this shows another WHY!!

The NEPGA Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, May 19 and was a huge success again this year. It was held at Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln, RI, and their entire staff should be recognized for making a special evening for our Section's best just a little more special. Mike Bradshaw, PGA, NEPGA Secretary was a gracious host and I can not thank him enough for the attention given to these award winners and their families. There is not a better evening than this, and one of the greatest honors I have as your President is the opportunity to call each Section Award Winner to inform them that they are an award winner in the New England Section! Then, to be able to present them with their award at the Banquet is a true honor for me.

If you have not had a chance to attend one of these ceremonies, you are truly missing out on a great experience. Any of our

NEPGA Professionals are able to attend and I promise you will not regret taking the time to come and witness history in your



Section.

PGA Junior League teams are in place, practicing and matches either start soon or are in full swing. I know it is a big part of everyone's junior program and a huge thank you to Brian Bain for his tireless work in making the New England Section #1 in the country with teams and players.

The tournament season has begun and I would like to send a huge thank you to the entire NEPGA staff for making our tournaments such a success! The New England Section has some of the most talented players in the country, and this month 14 NEPGA Professionals will make the trip to California to represent our Section in the PGA Professional Championship. I want to wish them all the very best of luck. We will all be watching and cheering them on.

Our Foundation has received several applications for grants and I am pleased to announce we have distributed significant funds to some very worthy programs being held here in our section. Honorary President Jarvis has worked hard with the Foundation Committee to review all of the applications and attempted to fund as many programs as possible in 2018. There will be four PGA Hope (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) programs in the New England Section this summer, fully funded by our NEPGA Foundation. New England PGA Professionals are improving lives through the game of golf, and I look forward to sharing some of the impactful stories from our programs this summer.

As I close my message to you, I ask you all to take a breath and realize the impact we have and the reasons WHY we do what we do. I wish you a successful season and please reach out to me if I can ever be of assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Bibeau, PGA



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Mike Higgins



The NEPGA season is here and our team is going in 100 different directions. Section and Chapter events are in full swing, the Junior Tour has begun, our New England Series is off and running, Drive, Chip and Putt

qualifiers are filling up, and our Foundation programs are about to roll out for 2018. No one understands better than I do that it is the same for our NEPGA Professionals at your facilities. In my conversations with NEPGA Professionals this spring a recurring theme began to surface. I am hearing that many of our Professionals are overwhelmed; juggling multiple balls in the air, and are being asked to do more with less.

We are all being pulled in so many directions that it is crucial for each of us to learn how to maximize our productivity. In my research to help our Professionals I realized that this is a critical life skill! It determines how well we perform at our jobs, and it allows us to consistently check off the most intimidating items on our to-do lists. (Intimidating could also be a nice way of saying "things we don't like to do") And most importantly, productivity is one of the most essential skills for success—no matter what your goals may be.

Productivity isn't about how much you are able to accomplish. If you're productive, it means that you **consistently get important things done each day**. So, productivity is actually a measure of efficiency. Of course, being productive is easier said than done. Unless you use the right strategies!

## Pareto's Law

Have you ever heard of Pareto's Law? Vilfredo Pareto was a famous Italian economist who was popularized by the 80/20 principle, or Pareto's Law. It's also known as the "*law of the vital few*" as it shows that 80% of the effects come from 20% of the causes. This applies to nearly all aspects of life, including:

- 80% of your results come from 20% of your efforts.
- 80% of a company's growth comes from 20% of their marketing efforts.

- 80% of your fitness progress comes from 20% of your exercises.
- While the ratio may change slightly, the concept always holds true: most of your results come from a small portion of your efforts.

To apply this concept, breakdown your daily tasks. Identify which of your tasks are producing the most results and which tasks provide the fewest results. Once you figure this out, this is where the magic happens.

Shift your focus to the tasks that matter most and eliminate (or reduce) those that just burn time. This, in turn, can skyrocket your productivity and success. Are there tasks that are keeping you locked inside your office instead of greeting your membership when they arrive in the shop? Do committee meetings and conference calls keep you from walking the range to engage your members and guests?

I personally find myself struggling with this at times. If you are also having trouble with this one, ask yourself this: **If I only had 2 hours a day to work, what would I do?** That will certainly help you identify what is most important to you, your staff and your operation.

## Eat Your Frog

A French writer by the name of Nicolas Chamfort famously said that if you eat a live frog first thing each morning, you can go through the day knowing that you have already faced the worst thing that will probably happen.

Of course, you don't need to eat a frog to maximize your productivity. Rather, the "frog" represents your biggest and most important task for the day.

This is the task that can have the greatest impact on your day. It's often the goal that triggers procrastination.

When you "eat your frog" first thing in the morning, it sets your day up for productivity. **Everything you do following your most daunting task will naturally seem easier**, giving your day momentum.

## The Ivy Lee Method

The Ivy Lee method expands upon the

practice of "eating your frog", but the key distinction is that it sets the stage for success the day before.

Although it's quite simple, the Ivy Lee Method can be an incredible tool for productivity. Here's how it's done:

- At the end of your work day, spend 15 minutes identifying 5 or 6 important tasks you must get done the next day.
- Write down your 5 or 6 items, from most important to least important.
- When you start your day, concentrate on **only the first task** (this is your frog).
- Work until the first task is completed, then move on to the next task.
- If you have any uncompleted tasks at the end of your day, add them to the next day's list.

## Find an Outlet to Manage Stress

Anyone can work hard when they are motivated. But what about when you're facing a "roadblock" such as a huge challenge, boredom or crushing stress?

We all need an outlet for our "roadblocks" and this can come in many forms. Exercise, a walk on the beach, meditation, even playing a round of golf can be the secret to bringing your productivity to new heights. A daily outlet practice helps improve your **willpower**, reduce stress levels and train you to **live in the moment**. This is important for your productivity for several reasons.

Your level of productivity can have a huge impact on your life. Master it, and you can be unstoppable in your career and life goals. Pass it off as unimportant, and you may look back in a few years with some regrets.

So remember - being productive doesn't simply mean you get more done. It means you consistently complete tasks that are truly important. When you realize your productivity, you will get a glimpse of your true potential.

If either I or any of our talented NEPGA staff can assist you in being more productive, please add calling one of us to your to-do list!

Respectfully,  
Michael J. Higgins



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# Powering Past Pinehills

## Three teams win title at Pro-Am Championship

PLYMOUTH, MA— Pinehills Golf Course, host of the 2018 New England Pro-Am Championship, showed its true beauty Tuesday, May 29th. With the weather hitting high 70s on the south shore, it could not have been a better day to play 36 Holes of Championship golf.

76 PGA Professionals paired with either an amateur member from their facility or a family member, came to compete on two Par-72 Championship courses. The Jones Course and The Nicklaus Course welcomed some great golf post Memorial Day. 37 of the pairings were able to card an under-par combined score. See full leader board here.

Tim Watroba, PGA (Thorny Lea) and reigning U.S. Mid-Amateur Champion Matt Parziale shot an opening round 63 (-9) on the Nicklaus Course. This pairing followed their 63 (-9) with a 70 (-2) on The Jones Course, carding a final score of 133 (-11).

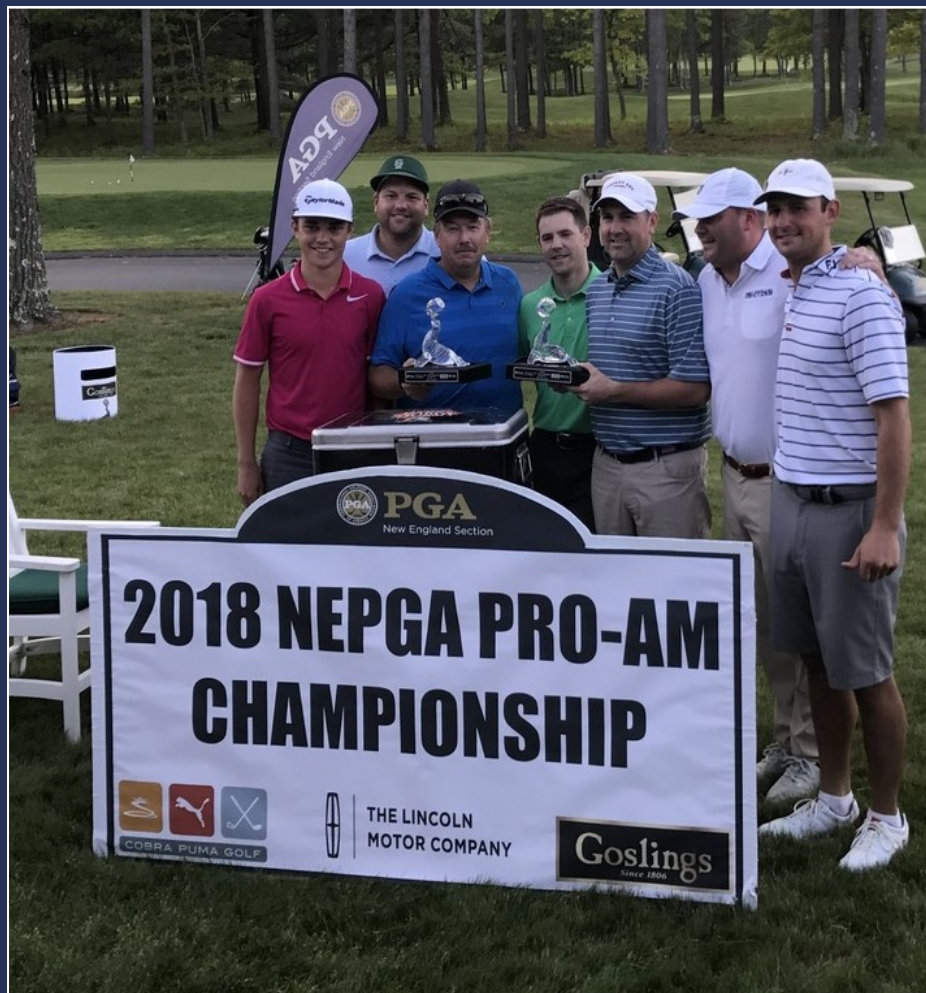
The Thorny Lea group did not stand alone at the top of the leader board. Dan Venezio, PGA (Portland CC) and Curt Jordan (a), as well as Jeff Seavey, PGA (Samoset Resort) and Cole Anderson (a) matched the 133 (-11). The pairings from Portland CC and Samoset Resort carded a 66 (-6) round 1 and a 67 (-5) round 2.

Tri-Champions were crowned at this year's Pro-Am Championship. 2017 Defending Champions Rich Berberian, PGA (Vesper CC) and Chris Ruggiero (a) placed 4th with a 134 (-10). Pairings from Bradford CC and Ledge mont CC entered the clubhouse with a 135 (-9).

Every player took a swing at the 'Acing their Way to Bermuda' contest on the par-3 4th hole (Jones Course) to win a trip to Bermuda. Thanks to our Presenting Partner Gosling's Rum for making this offer all possible, as well as hosting a cocktail party following play on the patio featuring their signature Dark N' Stormy drink.

Thank you to our supporting sponsors Cobra Puma Golf for showcasing some signature gear and The Lincoln Motor Company for bringing out a 2018 Navigator and tempting the competitors to ace the par-3 3rd (Nicklaus Course) for a chance to win a 2-year lease.

After a long day of golf, all the competitors were able to unwind and socialize on the back patio with the complementary cocktails



from Gosling's, KanJam, and some reggae tunes.

A huge thank you to Pinehills GC, John Tuffin, PGA and his staff for hosting this phenomenal day. A specific shout out to Robby Thompson of Gosling's Rum, and Clem Lamarre of Cobra Puma Golf for their support throughout the day.



Click on the Picture for the recap video!



# Stroke Play Starts at Shelter

*Venezio and Martin card 67s to tie for first Stroke Play crown*



CHARLESTOWN, RI - Dan Venezio, PGA (Portland CC) and Jeff Martin, PGA (Wollaston GC) each carded a score of 67 (-4) to finish tied for the top spot at Shelter Harbor Golf Club on Tuesday. It was the opening event in the Stroke Play Series Calendar.

Venezio was looking to get back in the swing of things heading into Tuesday, admitting he hadn't gotten to play very much this season. If he was out of practice, it certainly didn't show, as he made five birdies on the front side of the Hurdzan and Fry designed course. On the back, he had a couple of missteps, making a double-bogey on 11 and bogey on 17; but he was able to regain some lost ground with two more birdies on 12 and 15. All things considered, he finished with a 67 (-4) and tied for first.

"I didn't expect it, I was honestly using it as a tune up," said Venezio. "I really came out

today just looking to have a fun day on the golf course and get to see a great golf course and I surprised myself, I just had it today."

Martin too found success on the course, but couldn't break par as often as Venezio. On the front side, he made eight straight pars, and finally notched a birdie on the ninth. On the back, he made an eagle on the par-5, 12th hole after hitting a towering tee shot. He followed it up with more clean play: another birdie on 13 and more pars. Martin didn't make a bogey on the day, and finished with a clean four-under-par (67).

The next and second Stroke Play Series Event is on June 26th at Blue Hill GC in Canton, Mass. Registration closes June 19th! PGA Professionals can register [here](#)

Thank you to all of the season-long Stroke Play Series event partners: Avidia Bank, Ahead, Cutter and Buck, Bushnell, SCNS Sports Foods, and PGA Tour for their support

## RESULTS

Pos	Player	
T1	Jeffrey Martin Wollaston GC	-4
T1	Dan Venezio Portland CC	-4
T3	Matt Zdon Belmont	-3
T3	Frank Dully Kernwood CC	-3
T3	Shawn Warren Falmouth CC	-3
	Rick Durocher Cyprian Keyes GC	-2
T6	Kirk Hanefeld Salem CC	-2
T8	Brendon Ray Point Judith CC	-1
T8	Christopher Carter Hillview	-1

# History at the Hudson

*Bob Bruso Wins back-to-back Assistant's Hudson Cup*

Duxbury, Mass.

Duxbury Yacht Club was once again host to the Hudson Cup. Thursday May, 17th as 48 competitors showed up to give this beautiful south shore course a go. Conditions were not ideal to start the day, with temperatures in the low 50s and light rain until 11am. Despite the rain competitors spoke highly of the course.

Bob Bruso, 2017 champion was looking to continue his success at Duxbury Yacht Club. "I love this golf course; I always play pretty well here" said Bruso before his 8:50am tee time.

Bruso showed why he loves this track by firing another 68 (-4). Clearly a fan of the long ball, Bruso played the par-5s 4 under par, with an eagle on 8. Michael Farrell would not let Bruso defend the cup easily however, matching his 68 with 6 birdies including one on 18 to secure the playoff.

The playoff was far from routine, as Farrell and Bruso battled for eight long and historic holes, as the longest known playoff in Hudson Cup history. The first seven holes rotated from 1 to 18 tee before moving on to the 2nd hole due to member play. After seven consecutive pars from both competitors Bruso holed a 12-foot birdie putt on the 2nd hole to claim the title once again.

Both Farrell and Bruso showed nothing but sportsmanship throughout all 8 holes, congratulating each other on a day of golf they will never forget. You can watch the full playoff through a series of Facebook Live videos on our Facebook page!

Daniel Hemme posted a notable 71 (-1) and six other competitors carded an even par 72. For full results,click here.



Monday the 21st we head to Mattapoisett, MA for the Acushnet Golf Pro-Asst. at the Bay Club. We are extremely grateful for Head PGA Professional Randy Grills and the rest of the Yacht Club staff for hosting such a great event. A huge thank you to our partners, Runi & Lauren Kleinas of Event-Man Tournament Software and Jeff DiBona and Turtleson Apparel for supporting this great event.

## RESULTS

Pos	Player	
1	Robert Bruso (p)	-4
2	Michael Farrell	-4
3	Daniel Hemme	-1
T4	Michael Chase	E
T4	Danny Kish	E
T4	Daniel Van Heest	E
T4	Brian Moskevich	E
T4	Shawn Warren	E
T4	Gregory MacKay	E



# Boomin' At the Bay Club

## Boston GC Captures Acushnet Pro-Assistant Championship

Mattapoisett, MA

The Bay Club in Mattapoisett, MA was host to the Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant Championship Monday, May 21st. This Par-71 Championship golf course saw some excellent golf as 24 pairings shot under par on a picture perfect day for golf.

Following 2017, this year's event featured an additional 10 teams from around New England, with each Chapter in the Section represented. PGA Professionals from 56 different facilities teamed up with simple goals in mind – play golf, have fun and enjoy the day before the heat is turned up on the season. Competitors were greeted by representatives from our partner representatives with gifts like new Titleist balls and FootJoy apparel.

After the morning wave, 66 (-5) was initially the score to beat, but that didn't last long as the host Professionals from The Bay Club defended their turf carding a pair of 65s (-6). General Manager Greg Yeomans, PGA shot 67 on his own ball and was helped by his teammates John Paesani & Tracy Djerf along the way. Matt Zdon, PGA & Jeff Atkinson of Belmont CC and Pat Beahn, PGA & Bob Bruso, PGA of Blackstone National GC were able to match, with 65s of their own late in the day.

As the final groups entered the clubhouse toward 6:00PM, Boomer Erick and Mike Farrell of Boston GC were holding all the cards. Firing a 9-under (62), no pairing was a match for these Hingham, MA natives, who played perfect golf and pitched in matching 31's respectively on the front and back nine.

Erick and Farrell kept their feet on the gas the entire round, carding 4 birdies on the front 9 holes followed by 5 on the back to take home the title. See complete results here.

The weather could not have been better, cloudless skies with temperatures reaching the mid-70's. The atmosphere at The Bay Club was outstanding, all the competitors raved about the conditions and enjoyed a putting contest post round with over \$1,000 up for grabs. As the event concluded competitors gathered on the putting green for some friendly competition, and bragging rights and some small sums were claimed by few until next year's festivities. To view photos, videos, and other content be sure to check out our Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

A huge thank you to General Manager Greg Yeomans, Head

Professional Ben Egan, and the entire Bay Club staff and membership for being incredible hosts. We greatly appreciate all the support from our partners Titleist and FootJoy. Following this memorable event, the NEPGA heads off the Pinehills in Plymouth, MA for the Pro-Am Championship Tuesday, May 29th.



## RESULTS

Pos.	Players	
1	Erick/Farrell	-9
T2	Beahn/Bruso	-6
T2	Yeomans/Djerf	-6
T2	Yeomans/Paesani	-6
T2	Zdon/Atkinson	-6
T6	Hemeon/Keiser	-5
T6	Maguire/Mally	-5
T6	Rooney/White	-5
T6	Erick/Claus	-5
T6	Warren/Barrett	-5



# The Awards Banquet in Pictures



← Peter Doherty, PGA from Atkinson Golf and Country Club and his family pose for a picture before the banquet at Kirkbrae begins. Peter was awarded the Player Development Award for his great dedication to the game of golf at Atkinson.

President Ron Bibeau, PGA poses with Larry Kelley, PGA and his plaque at Kirkbrae Country Club. Larry was named the New England Section's PGA Professional of the Year for 2018. Larry is the Co-Owner of Five Star Golf Cars and EZ-GO, and has held many NEPGA board positions such as Vice President, President, District Director and Honorary President. →



← The Awards Banquet was held in the South Ballroom at Kirkbrae Country Club and had great attendance from family members and PGA Members alike

Representatives from Five Star Golf Cars and EZ-GO came to support one of their own, Larry Kelley, PGA as he was receiving the biggest awards of the evening →





After announcing the Awards Winners, the honoree would come up to the stage and collect their plaque. For the final three awards for the Bill Strasbaugh Award, Deacon Palmer award and Professional of the year Award, the honorees got their plaques and sat down with Emcee Jim Remy, PGA for a special fireside chat interview.

Here, Adam Hemeon, the Bill Strasbaugh Award recipient sits beside Jim Remy to talk about his philosophy on helping Assistants find employment and grow in their careers.



Larry Kelley, PGA embraces Ron Bibeau, PGA after announcing him as the 2018 Professional of the Year, while the crowd applauds in a standing ovation.

Larry's long tenure as a board member and his many accomplishments made him one of the most well-known NEPGA Professionals.

All of the Award winners pose for a group picture at the end of the night





# The Doctor is in...

*Thoughts from Tournament Director,  
Max Doctoroff, PGA*



## May Tournament News

As the May Tournament Season comes to a close, we're looking ahead to a wonderful tournament season for June! Here's what we have planned:

### The New England Open: The Quechee Club, June 5-6

The New England Open returns to Quechee, VT for 2018. After a rainout in 2017, we're hoping for perfect weather from the Green Mountain State! Some of the best amateur talent from across New England and the country are competing for the opportunity to write their name on New England golf history. Sign up for a chance at the crown! Thank you to partners Turkish Airlines, Mohegan Sun, PGA TOUR and Lincoln for their support!



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### NEPGA Pro– Senior: Carnegie Abbey, June 18th

Next, the NEPGA heads to Portsmouth, RI for the Pro-Senior at the Carnegie Abbey Club! This seaside course always proves to be a great challenge for all competitors and will be a great day! Thank you to partners Lincoln, Mohegan Sun and Carnegie Abbey for hosting us!



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### NEPGA Pro– Officer: Wellesley CC, June 20th

The Pro-Officer has traveled to the International in Bolton in 2016, to the Vineyard Club on Martha's Vineyard in 2017, and touches down in Wellesley for 2018. Thank you to partners Gosling's Rum, Earth Networks, Tournament Solutions, Five Star Golf Cars, and Adidas for their support!

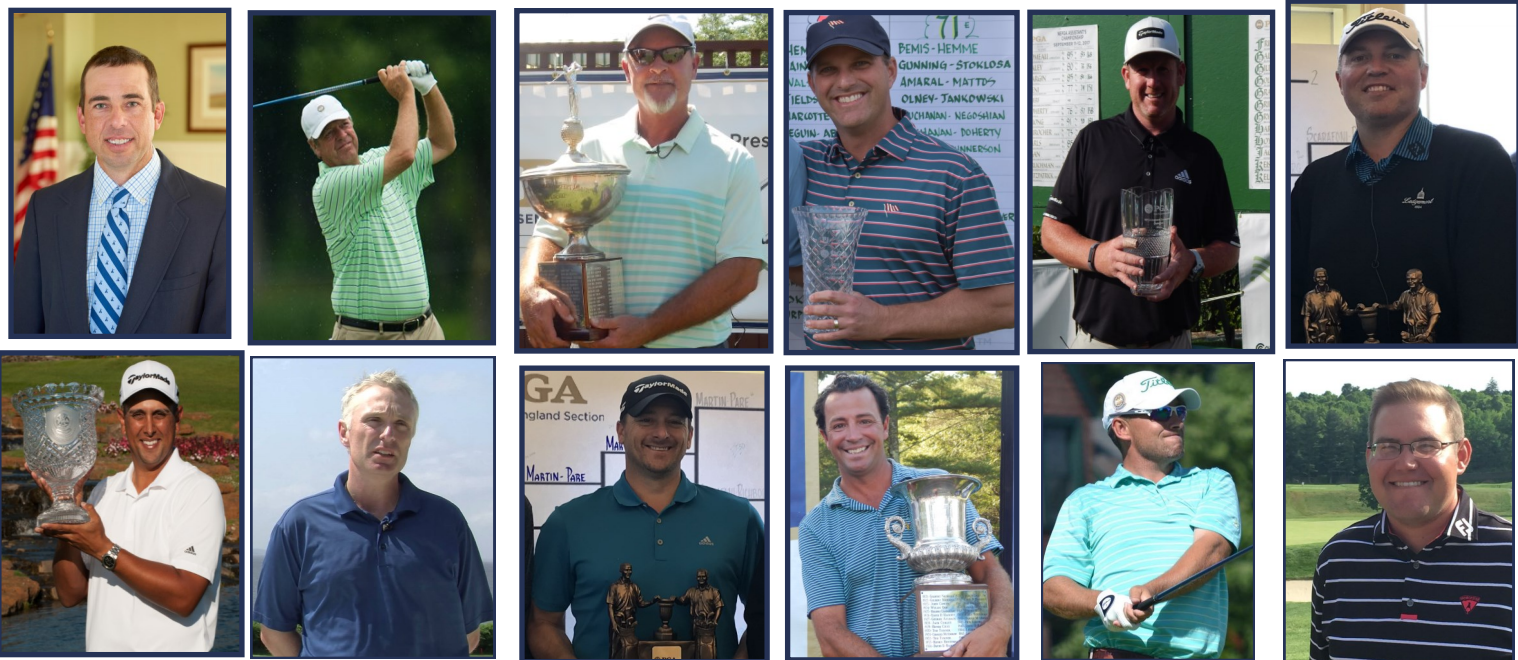
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**Good Luck to our NEPGA Professionals!**

Top row (l to r) Eric Barlow, PGA (Winchester CC), Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (Salem CC) John Hickson, PGA (Bath CC), Boomer Erick, PGA (Boston GC), Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC), Troy Pare, PGA (Ledgemont CC)

Middle row: Rich Berberian Jr., PGA (Vesper CC), Sean McTernan, PGA (Brae Burn CC), Jeff Martin, PGA (Wollaston GC) Matt Doyle, PGA (The Misquamicut Club) Matt Zdon, PGA (Belmont CC), Bob Bruso, PGA (Blackstone Nat'l)

Bottom Row: Liam Friedman, PGA (Nashawtuc CC), Jeff Seavey, PGA (Samoset Resort GC)



# Welcome to the NEPGA

## Meet the NEPGA's Newest Members

We hope you enjoy getting to know our newly-elected members through their questionnaire answers.

### Important Dates

June 6

Registration opens for the NEPGA Section Championship at Quidnesset GC and Warwick CC

June 18

Pro- Senior at the Carnegie Abbey Club

June 20

NEPGA Pro- Officer at Wellesley CC

June 26

Stroke Play Series Event #2 at Blue Hill Country Club

July 9

NEPGA Pro+1 Am at the Cape Club of Sharon

July 16

Stroke Play Series #3 Manchester CC

July 19

Pro- Lady at Kernwood CC

July 23

Pro-Pro Stroke Play at the Haven CC

July 30-31

Senior Championship at Okemo GC

### Seul-KI Park, PGA

Elected on March 1, 2018



Where are you from? [Wilmette, IL](#)

Where did you attend college? [The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#)

What was your first job in the golf business? [I was an assistant golf professional.](#)

Where do you currently work? [Winchester Country Club](#)

What are your career aspirations? [My big picture goal is to become a Head Teaching Professional.](#)

### Mark Komives, PGA

Elected on March 1, 2018



Where are you from? [Lecanto, FL](#)

Where did you attend college? [I was a PGM Student at Campbell University](#)

What was your first job in the golf business? [I worked as outside operations staff at Keith Hills Golf Club at Campbell University](#)

Where do you currently work? [Winchester CC](#)

What are your career aspirations? [I would like to fulfill my goal of becoming a successful director of instruction and junior golf expert in the business!](#)



# Dell Technologies: Volunteer!

*NEPGA is looking for volunteers to walk with groups at TPC Boston*



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN TO WALK INSIDE THE ROPES WITH THE BEST OF THE BEST PGA TOUR PLAYERS AT THE DELL TECHNOLOGIES CHAMPIONSHIP PRO-AM!

This year has been an exciting year so far on the PGA Tour with Justin Thomas on top of the FEDEXCUP Leaderboard as of May 9<sup>th</sup>. Right behind Thomas is Jason Day having won the Wells Fargo Championship along with the Farmers' Insurance Open. Thomas and Day along with the other top 100 points leaders in the FedEx Cup Race after the first FedEx Cup Playoff, will be competing at the TPC Boston in Norton to move on to the next Playoff Event.

With the Dell Technologies Championship just about three months away on **Thursday, August 30th**, we are in need of Ambassadors for both the morning and afternoon waves. There is also available the chance to walk both waves if you are interested. The morning wave is from 6:50 am to 8:50 am. The afternoon wave is from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

This is always an enjoyable day to go inside the ropes with PGA Tour Professionals and their amateurs acting as Ambassadors of the PGA of America and assisting the amateur players with course management and pace of play.

As an Ambassador, you will receive a logo'd golf shirt along with credentials and a VIP parking pass to use at the Pro Am on Thursday, August 30th.

You will receive 1 MSR credit for each hour that you are on the course. This is under the "Growth of the Game" category. If you have any questions, please call the NEPGA office at 508.869.0000.

To register, please [click here](#).



# EDUCATION

## School's Out For Summer

-Lincoln, RI,

The New England PGA and partners True Spec Golf and PXG (Parsons Xtreme Golf) conducted a Club Fitting Symposium today at Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln, RI as part of the NEPGA University curriculum, which is wrapping up its spring offerings as the season gets underway. 25 PGA Professionals were in attendance to educate themselves on the current methodology and technology behind club fitting, with the information coming from the fitting experts at True Spec Golf and PXG in a custom and interactive classroom setting.



Tim Briand, the Director of Fitting & Sales for True Spec Golf led off the day with a tremendous review of the importance of club fitting and all of the tools at PGA Professional's disposal to properly fit their members and students. Following the presentation, everyone moved outdoors for three live fittings with some members from Kirkbrae as the test subjects. The fittings focused on drivers, wedges and irons, and the True Spec Mobile Fitting unit and PXG showcased their array of club head and shaft options, in addition to lie & loft check and club bending capabilities. Jason Parajeckas, PXG fitter for New England joined the team from True Spec to put on a collaborative fitting for the three golfers, and helped make almost immediate improvements to the shot quality for each. In all, it was a fantastic day of learning for everyone in attendance, so thanks to the presenters and Mike Bradshaw & Kirkbrae for hosting. To view the full driver and wedge fitting videos, visit our Facebook page.

Established in 2018, NEPGA U. is a re-brand of the New England PGA education curriculum for Members and Apprentices of the New England Section. The purpose of NEPGA U. and our Education Committee is to provide an inclusive, Section-wide platform which facilitates the development and inspires the growth of the New England PGA Professional by focusing on but not limited to the following five pillars: Instruction, Merchandising, Personal Wellness, Golf Operations and Career Development.







## 2018 NEPGA PGA Jr. League Teams!

Thanks to all of you that have registered for 2018 PGA Jr. League. The NEPGA is once again leading the charge across the country in registered facilities. If your facility is not listed below and you want to join the fun, please email or call me at [bbain@pegahq.com](mailto:bbain@pegahq.com) (617)820-4411.

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## MAY MEMBERSHIP NOTES: *Joan Stuart*

### PGA MEMBERSHIP DUES



This fiscal year's invoice includes a \$5 line item charge the new Member Assistance Program (MAP). Resolution 3

which was passed at the November 2017 PGA Annual Meeting, puts into place a Member Assistance Program; much like an Employee Assistance Program which offers access to licensed health professionals, short-term counseling, legal and financial consultation, dependent care referrals and technology-based resources to assist in every aspect of life. The program becomes effective as of July 1, 2018 and the cost was established at \$5 per year with the PGA Member and Associate bearing the cost which is in line with the PGA Bylaw requiring professionals to carry mandatory life and liability insurance at their cost. The FY2019 annual dues invoices will reflect the \$5 charge for this program. The PGA Member Assistance Program (MAP) which becomes effective July 1, 2018 will be managed by SupportLinc. More information will be distributed as it becomes available.

Everyone with an Email address received an email notification the week of May 1, 2018

advising them that they can view, print and/or pay the FY2019 dues online. Those with an Email address will not receive a printed invoice the week of May 1, 2018.

For those individuals whose employer pays their dues, they should log onto PGA.org to print an invoice, or use the Proxy option below to submit to their employer for payment processing. **Anyone who pays by check should have his/her member/associate number included in the "Note" portion of the check and/or on the check stub.**

DUES PROXY OPTION Continuing this year is the ability for members and associates to Assign a Dues Proxy ... giving access to one other individual (such as employer, supervisor or agent) to pay dues on his/her behalf. This process was developed as a one to one relationship so each individual will need to assign their own proxy, if so desired.

ACH ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION In addition, there is also an online ACH Payment (Automated Clearing House) option – an online Bank authorization to issue a payment to the PGA for dues from either a checking or savings account. The Member/Associate will need to input the Name on their Account, Account Number, and the Bank Routing Number. The bank will then generate a transaction.

**The due date for this invoice is June 30, 2018 to avoid suspension and late fee assessment.**

**IMPORTANT - - > Payments by check should be mailed to: PO Box 31089, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-1089. Although payment by check is acceptable, paying by credit/debit card via PGA.org is the preferred method.**

Keep in mind that members and associates are billed based upon your classification and Section affiliation as of May 1, 2018. Dues adjustments will be processed for any Change Forms received starting April 23rd and will be based upon the effective date of the change.

### MSR PERIOD

The end of the current MSR Period is right around the corner, June 15th. Please be sure to check on your MSR hours by logging into [www.pga.org](http://www.pga.org).

The complimentary videos from the 2018 Merchandise Show are available and worth 2 MSR Education hours after you watch each one and successfully complete an assessment at the end of each video. There are also 2018 PGA Town Hall videos that are worth 1 PGA Meeting MSR hour.



### PGA Facility Operations Scorecard

Through your continued support, we are able to host the PGA Facility Operations Scorecard (formerly known as the PGA Annual Operations Survey) to help provide our PGA Professionals with **key statistics and benchmarking capabilities to support management** of golf and club operations. This email is intended to seek your help in recruiting PGA Professional participation so that we in turn can provide comprehensive facility data that is reflective of the marketplace.

Sporting a **new, streamlined design**, the scorecard is geared towards making data more efficient and relevant to each PGA Professional filling out the scorecard, where questions are **more aligned with revenue and expense topics that are important** to PGA Professionals and their facility.

A soft launch of the scorecard **goes live early tomorrow morning** to those members that have already completed the 2018 PGA Compensation Survey. We ask that you leverage your communications to **encourage PGA Professionals in your Section** to complete this survey **before June 4th**.

**New this year**, PGA Professionals have the opportunity to earn up to three (3) MSR credits depending on the level of detail they wish to provide by completing the scorecard with valid, usable data by the deadline. **MSR credit is automatically applied** upon completion of the scorecard.

The scorecard is **currently available for the highest-ranked PGA Professional** at each facility. Please direct PGA Professionals to the following page at PGA.org to participate: <http://apps.pga.org/professionals/apps/memberinfo/performancecetrak/facops.cfm>

For review prior to completing the scorecard online, there is a **downloadable version** on the Facility Operations Scorecard landing page. As a reminder, **all survey responses are treated confidentially** with results continuing to be shared in an aggregated format and not by an individual facility.

We truly appreciate your assistance with this and look forward to receiving data from PGA Professionals in your Section.



### District 1 Director Report: Noel Gebauer, PGA



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

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS, CONT.

### ACH PAYMENTS

This is worth repeating! Did you change your bank account over the winter months? If you did, a new ACH Form and voided check needs to be sent via email to the office. As we begin the 2017 Tournament Season, again a reminder about the

advantages of receiving your purse winnings as a direct deposit either into your checking or savings account. Why wait to receive your money? Why risk the possibility that the check may get lost in the mail? Why wait for the check to be sent or forwarded to a new address? Why have a stop payment fee deducted from your check when the Section has to stop payment because you never received the check? 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 508.869.0000 or email [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com).



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## 2018 NEPGA Junior Tour: Grow the Game

Dear NEPGA Professionals,

The Jr. Tour has become one of the top regional junior tours in the country, but we need your help to ensure that the tour continues to grow. If you have junior golf members or customers at your facility, please help us spread the word! Please see the information below or visit [www.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com) to learn more. We encourage you to:

- Send out an email blast to your membership, customers and students (see wording below)
- Showcase the Jr. Tour on your club or personal website that includes a link to the new NEPGA Jr Tour site, <http://www.nepgajuniortour.com/>
- Highlight the Jr. Tour's benefits in your monthly newsletter
- Enthusiastically talk to parents and junior golfers about the Jr. Tour

We also ask that you encourage your more experienced and advanced junior golfers to participate in the NEPGA Elite Tour/2 day events. The tour is designed to provide junior golfers (ages 12-18) in New England top-level competition in a local setting. All of our Elite Tour & two day events are submitted to National Junior Golf Scoreboard. This allows participating junior golfers the chance to accumulate points, earn national recognition and provides them with the resources and experience needed to continue competitive golf beyond the junior years.

The Jr. Tour wouldn't be possible without your support. We thank all those who host an event, volunteer to be a rules official and encourage your junior golfers to play in tournaments. The NEPGA staff has put in countless hours to create a fun and competitive environment for juniors of all ages and abilities. Please help us promote the 2018 season by spreading the word!

### **Tour Description (feel free to include in newsletters, email blasts & websites):**

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

Thank You,

Jacy Settles

NEPGA Director of Junior Golf



# Junior Tour Store

*NEPGA Junior Tour Items for sale to Benefit Foundation*

The New England PGA Junior Tour has begun a new partnership with Ink'd Stores to sell Junior Tour merchandise to those in New England and beyond. Junior Tour logo items will be available on their new web store. All proceeds from the store are donated back to the NEPGA Foundation.

All Junior Tour merchandise will be available online only through Ink'd Stores. Some of the items include a backpack, t-shirts, a beanie cap, and sweatshirts. While only a select amount of items are available now, the Junior Tour will expand the offering in the new future.

Jay Sapovits, president of Ink'd is especially excited about the partnership.

"The NEPGA Jr Tour focuses on the right aspects of junior golf, sportsmanship and integrity. It also is a remarkable display of courage for young competitors. With the effort junior golfers take to grow their games, I believe they will wear this logo proudly among their friends. That is a group of individuals I want to be supportive (of)," said Sapovits.

To locate the Junior Tour online store, go to [https://stores.inksoft.com/nepga\\_jr\\_tour/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/nepga_jr_tour/shop/home)

## About Ink'd

Ink'd is a retail store in Mansfield Crossing, straight across from LL Bean. A full-service apparel and promotional company, Ink'd offers eco-friendly screen printing, embroider and direct to garment printing all on-site for guests to



experience. Ink'd has no minimum order size on apparel and offers a see, feel and touch environment, as well as expertise in all aspects of corporate, team and local marketing. Ink'd is open Monday-Saturday 10a-7p and can be reached at 508-339-0126 or online at [www.inkdstores.com](http://www.inkdstores.com)







## Growth of the Game Opportunities

*From Bob Beach, PGA*

### **Clinics for Veterans and wounded Vets at the Brockton VA**

Fridays 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>; May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>; June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Putting For Autism Clinics at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course**

Mondays 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>; May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>; and June 4<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>

### **ARC of the South Shore Clinic at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course**

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am until 12:00 pm

### **Perkins School for the Blind Clinic at MGA Links in Norton, MA**

Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm

### **National Amputee Golf Association First Swing Clinic at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course**

Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm

### **Helping Hands Field Day Golf Clinic at the Bridge Center**

470 Pine Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324

Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm

### **Jimmy Fund Family Picnic at Nobel Greenough School, Dedham, MA**

Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1200 pm until 5:00 pm

PGA Professionals and assistant professionals are needed to give free golf instruction to young cancer patients and their families

### **Carroll Center for the Blind Clinic at MGA Links in Norton, MA**

Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm

### **Special Olympics State Golf Tournament**

Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm

NEPGA Golf Professionals run the Skills Competition at the State Games

### **Eighty Plus Club Veterans Clinics at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course**

Sundays 11:00 am until noon

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>; May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>; and June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>.



To volunteer for these Growth of the Game opportunities or for more information please contact Bob Beach, PGA at [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov) or 781.853.7258. Both PGA Professionals and apprentices are welcome to bring your expertise to help teach the game of golf to these golfers with different abilities.



## Cold & Wet Start to Tournament Season

Other worldly April weather caused havoc across all outdoor activities in New England – including the CCPGA tournament schedule! The first Pro-Am at Cummaquid GC was cancelled while the following Pro-3Am at Pocasset GC was reduced to walking only after heavy rains the night before.



Host club Pocasset GC entered the Spring Opener led by PGA Head Professional Jeff Halunen. Pictured above (l to r) – Dennis Coyne, Halunen, Tom Donovan & Peter Martino. In all, 11 teams took the challenge of walking only but thankfully saw the elusive Sun during the competition.



Teacher-of-the-Year Rick Coleman, PGA New Seabury finished T-3 low pro - as his colleague David Finethy, PGA led the other NS team to the team victory. The Chapter wishes David well as he tackles a new assignment at Stowe GC, VT. Low Pro at Pocasset was Tom Rooney PGA LeBaron Hills whose even-par 72 bested the field by 4 shots! 'Roon' takes the early lead in the Dutch Wessner POY Award points race sponsored by 15thgolfclub.com (Brad Sherman, PGA) which pays the top five finishers at the end of the year.

# CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS Continued...

Submitted by Cape Chapter President Eric Steindel, PGA

## Cape Tournament News

A total of 15 Chapter Members teed it up at LeBaron Hills for the Section Pro-Pro Match Play Championship

LeBaron is the host of the 2018 Cape Cod Championship on August 29<sup>th</sup>!

The team of Gregg Richbourg PGA Cape Cod National & John Paesani PGA The Bay Club were the leading local

team at the new Section Pro-Am played at Old Barnstable Fairgrounds hosted by Merry Holway, PGA



LeBaron Hills Golf Club



Miacomet CC

The Chapter visits Nantucket for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Miacomet Spring Invitational on June 6 – a few spots remain as of this newsletter (& outside chapters are invited). Miacomet is sponsored by longtime loyal sponsors CCE/ Keith Tortorella & Cape Air who have donated 4 RT tickets to be awarded to the winning team. (Hyannis to Nantucket and back)



The Callaway Pro-Pro presented by Baxter's Boathouse – played at Hyannisport GC is nearly sold out. Each year, 64 golf professionals team up for this amazing day of golf and seaside luncheon at the famous Baxter's just down the shoreline.





## Welcome New Sponsor !



The CCPGA is pleased to announce the arrival of new sponsor FIVE-STAR GOLF CARS to the schedule – augmenting the purse for The Wianno Club's Pro-3Am on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Huge

thanks to Larry Kelley and Alex Stimpson for their valuable support of the Chapter activities!

## SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Senior Association President Joe Carr, PGA



**Red Tail Golf Club, Devens, MA**

**Site of the Senior Association Pro 3 Am on May 14<sup>th</sup>**

## April Results

On Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> the Senior Association kicked-off the 2018 Tournament Season with their Spring Meeting at Middleton Golf Course which was followed by their Annual Spring Pro-Pro.

### Individual Pro Gross

1. Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake CC \$125
2. Brad Durrin, PGA Maynard CC \$100
3. Chris Costa, PGA Middleton GC \$ 50

### Individual Pro Net

1. Mike Mullavey, PGA Life Member \$125
2. Allen Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC \$100
- T3. Rod Van Guilder, PGA Rod's Golf Improvement Ctr \$50
- T3. Malcolm Negoshian, Jr, PGA Oak Hill CC \$50

### Team Gross

1. Tom Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake CC; Bill Lodge, PGA Life Member; Jim Remy, PGA Okemo Valley GC \$125 each

# SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS Continued...

Submitted by Senior Association President Joe Carr, PGA

## Team Net

1. Jim Lane, PGA Life Member; Rod Van Guilder, PGA Rod's Golf Improvement Center; Mike Mullavey, PGA Life Member \$125 each

## Senior Association Tournament Schedule

June 19	George Wright GC Pro 3 Am
July 11	Gannon Muni GC Pro 3 Am
July 30 & 31	NEPGA Senior Championship Okemo Valley GC
August 6	Tatnuck CC Pro 3 Am
September 13	Bass Rocks GC Pro 3 Am
September 26	Needham GC Pro 3 Am
October 17	Mt. Pleasant GC Pro 1 Am
October	Pleasant Valley CC (date to be announced)
	Senior Fall Meeting and Senior Association Championship

Membership Dues are \$25 and the Senior Association is open to any PGA Professional in good standing who will turn 50 years of age in 2018. For more information, please contact Joe Carr, PGA 508.873.7768 or Dennis Selvitella, PGA 508.410.4984.



## MA CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by MA Chapter President, Chris Young, PGA

The MA Chapter Spring Meeting was held at Four Oaks CC in Dracut, MA on April 19. Unfortunately, golf was cancelled due to snow, however the meeting itself was a success as we had 30 MA Chapter members in attendance. Attendees were educated on True Spec Golf as Tim Briand, True Spec's Director of Fitting and Sales, was the guest speaker. A special thanks to Tony Martinho, PGA & Mary Wilkinson, PGA for hosting the event!

Shawn Durocher, PGA of Cyprian Keyes GC taught lessons to children from Worcester's Why Me? And Sherry's House on Wednesday, and presented them with a check from the NEPGA Foundation for \$1,000. The Why Me? and Sherry's House is an organization that supports families who have a child with pediatric cancer.

Thank you to Shawn Durocher, PGA and Cyprian Keyes for donating their time and resources! Also, thank you to Rebecca Kuczarski and the Why Me? and Sherry's House for partnering with our Foundation!

On another note, the MA Chapter Foundation Pro+3Am at Foxborough CC has been rescheduled to Monday, July 30, 2018.



The 2018 Massachusetts Chapter Schedule is complete and is as follows:

- Oct 1– Foxborough CC – MA Chapter Pro+3Am
- Oct 4. Chapter Championship- Indian Ridge CC
- Oct 23- The Haven CC - Fall meeting & Pro Pro
- Nov 5 – Thomson CC – Individual Stableford
- Nov 12 – Blue Hill CC – Pro- Pro



# MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by ME Chapter President Tony Decker, PGA



The 2018 Maine Chapter Spring Meeting was held on April 17th at the Woodlands Club in Falmouth. About 45 PGA professionals attended. The agenda included presentations from Chapter President Tony Decker, PGA, Operations Manager Don Doyon, NEPGA Section President Ron Bibeau, PGA and Rob Jarvis, PGA, president of the NEPGA Foundation.

Attendees also heard from District Director, Brian Bickford, PGA as well as reports from various committees: Doug Van Wickler, PGA (Awards); Scott Mayer, PGA (Education); Brian Bickford, PGA (Junior); Dan Limauro, PGA (Scholarship) and Peiter DeVos, PGA (Tournament).



Rounding out the presentations were: Career Consultant Mike Packard, PGA; Brian Bain, PGA (PGA Junior League) and Dave McAdams, NEPGA Director of Operations.

As part of the opening festivities, special guest Brandy Cain, from the Travis Mills Foundation, was presented a \$1,000 check from the NEPGA Foundation.

A State of the Industry – Round Table educational seminar was held after lunch.

Thanks go to the sponsors who were present at the meeting: John Carey, representing Cleveland, Srixon and XXIO; Matt McDonald from Five Star Golf Cars; Greg Ludes, Titleist and Jim Lynch from Prize Possessions. Without these partners our tournament schedule and programs could not exist.

For a complete recap of the meeting [go here](#).

Our first Pro-Am of the season is in the books and although the field was small, Dunegrass Golf Club host PGA professional Ron Bibeau and staff made sure everyone had a great day. Matt Ussery from Bridgestone Golf was there showcasing one of the fastest growing golf ball lines in the country. For complete results [click here](#).



Next on our schedule is the Maine Pro-Pro Stoke Play Championship at Webhannet Golf Club on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Webhannet Golf Club, founded in 1899 is always on everyone's "must play" list. The course nestles through the quaint Kennebunk Beach neighborhood of historic homes and seaside cottages. Set one block in from the sparkling Atlantic, the ocean air refreshes and defines this classic Maine course. This two-man best ball format event will feature our partners from Titleist and Footjoy.



The May schedule concludes with our second Pro-Am at perennial favorite, Prouts Neck Country Club on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Wayne Stiles design has blue grass fairways and bent grass greens and is one of New England's best golfing secrets. Sponsored by Cleveland, Srixon and XXIO this event will be our first scholarship fundraiser of the season. The additional cost is a mere \$10 per player, but the proceeds go a long way in support of the Maine Chapter Scholarship Fund. Chris Twombly and his staff always make us feel welcome at this stunning coastal gem.

# NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA



Chris Mowers (r), PGA, Head Professional at Nippo Lake GC, receives his plaque in honor of being named the Junior Leader of the Year from NHC Tournament Manager Frank Swierz.



Craig McLaughlin (c) Head Professional at The Oaks welcomes fellow pros Jon Ellis (l) of Rochester CC and Shaun Bishop (r) of Candia Woods to the first NHC ProAm of the year. Low professional for the event was Mitch Jefferson, of Ridgewood Country Club with a one over par round of 72. There was a three-way tie for second place at 74 and included C.J. Konkowski of Keene CC, Cory Mansfield of Montcalm GC and Rich Ingraham of Sky Meadow CC.

NHC professionals and their amateur partners returned to Manchester CC for the second proam of the year after a lengthy absence. Low professional for the day was Sky Meadow Head Professional Rich Ingraham with a two under par round of 69. He was followed by Manchester CC Assitant Professional Brian Moskevich with a 71. Moskevich and his amateur partners won the team division with an 11-under par round of 60.

The month of May finds the chapter proams at Wentworth By The Sea, Concord CC and Beaver Meadow GC.

Leading the NHC Player of the Year standings after two events is Rich Ingraham of Sky Meadow with 35 points. Next are Mitch Jefferson with 28.5, and C.J. Konkowski and Dan Wilkins at 23.5.





# RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Rhode Island Chapter President, Tony DiGiorgio, PGA

## Adelson Atop All Assistants

On Thursday, May 3, Assistant Golf Professionals from New England PGA Section gathered at Marshfield Country Club for the Spring Meeting and to get more aware of the happenings within the Section and the Assistants Association.

It was a fine day for some stableford style golf on fun solid course with slick greens where 31 players stormed the course to kick off the Spring Season. Fellow Rhode



Island Professionals in the field were Michael Chase, PGA and Brendon Ray, PGA from Point Judith, Peter Walsh, PGA from Kings Crossing, and atop them all was Nate

Adelson, PGA of Warwick Country Club. The leaderboard was plastered with the typical names one would expect to see contending. In posting 42 points, Nate prevailed as the scorecards came rifling in and inching closer to topple his clubhouse lead. After the dust had settled, Nate Adelson, PGA stood posting with Dave McAdams for a picture which meant one thing...Nate had won the Assistants Spring Meeting Stableford event. Please join in congratulating Nate on the victory!

Special thanks to James Antonelli, PGA, host professional his staff, and Marshfield Country Club for their hospitality and generosity. Also, a special thanks to Vineyard Vines and Sentio for their partnership and sponsorship of the Assistants Association.

## 2018 Golf Rounds Down... Let's Get Those Numbers Up!

According to the National Golf Foundation, rounds were down 8.5% in February and 7.2% Year To Date 2018. Where we are located in the Northeast, it stated rounds were down 19.1% which was weather related. It was a considerable rough and soggy Spring leading into golf season but I think we can get those numbers up by doing our part. Let's get the people playing more golf! It doesn't have to be 18 or even 9. If we get them out for even just 3 holes

or even to just practice, this could spark overall statistics and even boost your numbers at the club you are working. It is a service industry and we can only sell to something to somebody. The product is a game and is meant to be fun. I challenge the professionals in the Section and Chapters to increase golf participation by getting them out playing, taking amateurs to various events in the Section, Chapters, and beyond. This game is too good a game for life to let it pass by without being good to the game!

## 2018 Schedule & Upcoming Tournaments

Registrations are open for the following events!

JUNE 12, 2018 RI PRO AM – METACOMET

JUNE 18, 2018 NEPGA PRO SENIOR – CARNEGIE ABBEY

JUNE 19, 2018 RI PRO PRO – FALL RIVER



Pawtucket CC— May 8, 2018



Metacomet CC—June 5, 2018

# VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by VT Chapter President Brian Gara, PGA



The Vermont Chapter season kicked off April 30, 2018 at Rutland Country Club. The chapter meeting was highlighted by the presidents report given by Vermont Chapter President Brian Gara, the special guests from the New England section office Mike Higgins and Michael Packard, and the presentation of the 2017 playing awards. A special thanks goes to Jim Mayo for once again sponsoring the event which he has done year after year.

The award winners are pictured below presented by Dan Ruane and Patrick Berry.



Vermont National CC  
PGA Pro-Am Team Champions



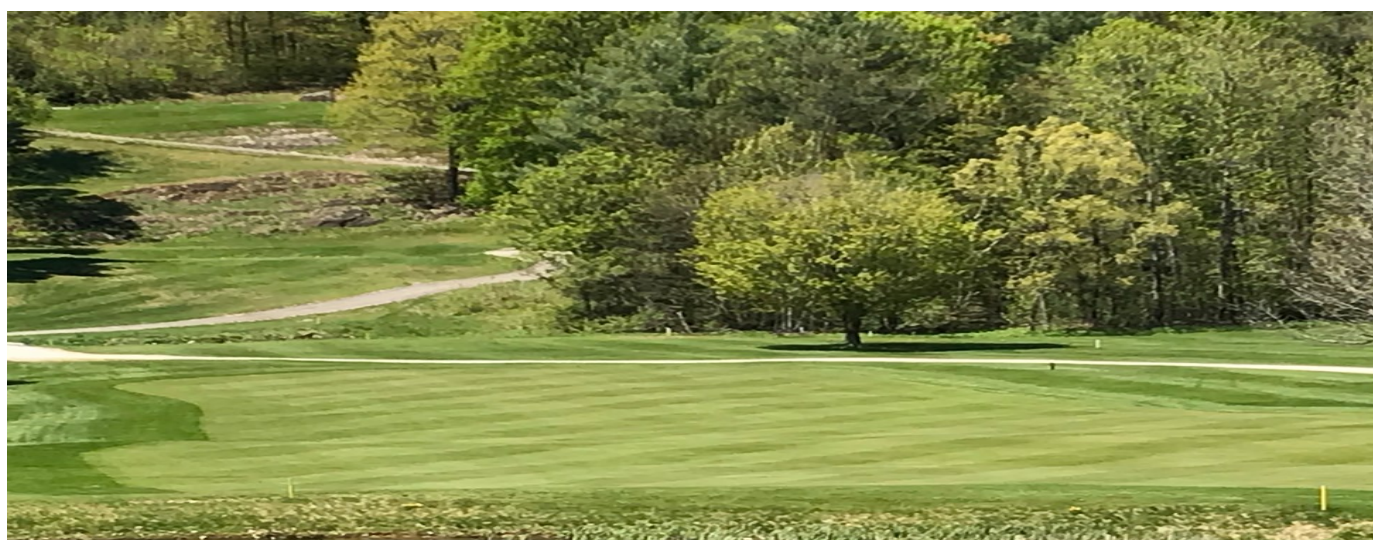
Rodney Bicknell, PGA  
Pro-Senior Gross Champions



Sean Toof, PGA  
Pro-3AM Champions



Libby Smith, PGA  
Pro-Junior Gross Champions



## Vermont Chapter Spring Meeting

The Vermont Chapter pro-am schedule opened up at Neshobe Golf Club on Monday May 14, 2018. Dorset Field Club won the team event posting a score of 129 and Tom Mackey took the individual professional purse posting a 73. For complete Vermont Chapter pro-am results please visit [vermontpga.com](http://vermontpga.com) or <https://nepga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/nepga18/schedule/2018vt/index.htm>

The upcoming Vermont Chapter Pro-Am Schedule is:

- May 29, 2018- Country Club of Vermont
- June 4, 2018- Manchester Country Club
- June 11, 2018- Burlington Country Club
- June 18, 2018(pro lady)- Stowe Mountain Club
- June 25, 2018- Quechee

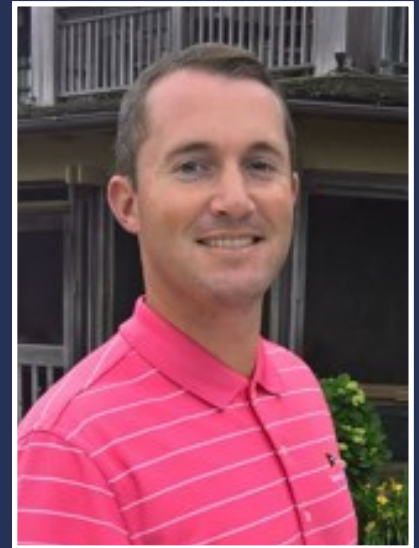




# ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Assistants' Association President Brendon Ray, PGA

The New England Assistant's Association started off the 2018 season with the Spring Opening Meeting at Marshfield Country Club on Thursday, May 3rd. A big thank you to host PGA Professional, James Antonelli and the rest of the staff at Marshfield for once again hosting a great event to kick off our tournament schedule. With temperatures reaching well into the 80's, all participants finally enjoyed some nice weather this spring. After it was all said and done, Nate Adelson from Warwick Country Club put together a solid round and finished in first place alone with 42 stableford points.



Following golf the 2018 NEAA Spring Meeting commenced. A full recap of the upcoming season was discussed while everyone enjoyed a nice lunch provided



*Marshfield CC*

by the Marshfield Country Club staff coordinated by General Manager, Dan Hall. A big thank you to our sponsors for the event as well. Vineyard Vines, represented by Chip Hayes, supplied each player with a fantastic shirt for the day and our new sponsor, Sentio Putters, was their prior to play to showcase their product. Overall the day was a huge success and we thank all the participants for coming out and joining us.

After the meeting was over, the ever popular draw party was held to determine the 32 seeds for the Sentio Individual Match Play Championship. This is a yearlong event where each match is played at a site agreed upon by both players before certain deadlines. We want to thank Sentio Putters for being the sole sponsors for this event this year and we look forward to a new relationship with this fantastic company. A big thank you to Jim Varney and Kip Hargraves for their support of the NEAA this season and beyond.

A few weeks later was the 2018 Hudson Cup held at Duxbury Yacht Club. A big thank you to Randy Grills and his staff at Duxbury for once again being a gracious host. Also thank you to Jeff DiBona for the awesome Turtleson shirt he provided to each player and to Rooney Kleinas with Event Man for both sponsoring the event. Another year and another win at Duxbury for Bobby Bruso from Blackstone National. This year it took a little longer than usual as he edged Mike Farrell from Boston Golf Club on the 8<sup>th</sup> playoff hole to claim the title.



Thank you to all players and all sponsors to date for a great start to the 2018 season!

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between April—May 2018

## CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Kevin C. Jean, PGA	A-8	Alpine Country Club
Daniel J. Kish	B-8	Atkinson Resort & CC
Edward J. Dobbins, PGA	A-1	Atlantic CC
Chuck Yaeger, PGA	A-8	Bald Peak Colony Club
Henry C. Fall	B-8	Bath Golf Club
Peter J. Collins, PGA	A-6	Beverly Golf & Tennis Club
Daniel J. Colton, PGA	A-8	Black Rock Country Club
Robert P. Bruso, PGA	A-8	Blackstone National GC
Kyle E. Olson, PGA	A-6	Boothbay Harbor CC
Kelly J. Violette, PGA	A-8	Brae Burn Country Club
Craig S. Coombes, PGA	A-1	Braintree Municipal GC
Nicholas A Kenis	B-8	Brookline Golf Course
Patrick A. McDole, PGA	A-8	Brookline Golf Course
Elizabeth Smith, PGA	A-14	Burlington Country Club
Brennan G Earls	B-8	Burlington Country Club
Michael T Gravelese	B-8	Butter Brook Golf Club
Timothy P. Mooney, PGA	A-8	Cape Cod National GC
Brandon M. Violette, PGA	A-8	Carnegie Abbey Club
Daniel R. Lehmann, PGA	A-4	Catamount Club
John R. Simmons, PGA	A-1	Cranston Country Club
Richard J. Gray, PGA	A-6	Crotched Mountain GC
Brian R. O'Hearn, PGA	A-6	Dilisio Brothers Golf Range
Andrew B Simons	B-8	Dorset Field Club
John A. Kade, PGA	A-8	Eastward Ho! CC
Drew P. Anderson, PGA	A-8	Ekwanok Country Club
Peter T. Weatherby	B-8	Ekwanok Country Club
Matthew W DeGiorgio	B-6	GolfRite Performance Ctr
David W. Brasington	B-8	Granite Links Golf Club
Kevin T. Eosco, PGA	A-6	Harwich Port Golf Club
Allison L Mitzel	B-8	Laconia Country Club
Kim R. O'Neil, PGA	A-8	Manchester Country Club
Justin M. Waters	B-8	Marlborough Country Club
Gregg E. Baker, PGA	A-1	Martindale Country Club
Eric J. McInerney, PGA	A-2	McGolf Driving Range
Joseph M. Dingleline, PGA	A-6	Montague Golf Club
Steven C. Rogers, PGA	A-1	Mountain View Country Club
Cameron D Martin	B-8	Mt Pleasant Golf Club
Thomas R. Gillis, PGA	A-8	Nabnasset Lake Country Club
Thomas M. Hughes, PGA	A-8	Nashua Country Club
Brandon J. Hitti, PGA	A-6	Newport National Golf Club
Daniel R. Hritz, PGA	A-8	Ocean Edge Resort & GC
Nick C. Funk, PGA	A-8	Old Sandwich Golf Club
David J. Jankowski, PGA	A-8	Orleans Country Club
Brian J. Caravana Jr., PGA	A-8	Pocasset Golf Club
Brendon S. Ray, PGA	A-8	Point Judith Country Club
Rhett S. Bishop, PGA	A-1	Renaissance Golf Club
Randolph L Clark	B-8	Renaissance Golf Club

Name	Class	Facility
Reed J. Besch, PGA	A-8	Rhode Island Country Club
Nicholas S. Johnston, PGA	A-8	Sakonnet Golf Club
Ashton W. Benn	B-8	Samoset Resort Golf Club
Mark A. Heartfield, PGA	A-4	Sankaty Head Golf Club
Dieter M. Wiedmayer, PGA	A-1	Sankaty Head Golf Club
Jeffrey A. Peabody, PGA	A-1	Sebasco Harbor Resort
Daire Kullar, PGA	A-8	Shelter Harbor Golf Club
Devin P Bibeau	B-8	Sterling National CC
Stuart F. Cady, PGA	A-20	Stitch Golf, Inc.
David J. Roux, PGA	A-6	Stow Acres CC
Duncan A. Tinling, PGA	A-6	Stratton Golf Schl
Jim F. Gunnare, PGA	A-1	Tater Hill Golf Club
Michael S. McGillicuddy, PGA	A-13	Tedesco Country Club
Jacob J. Leech, PGA	A-8	Tedesco Country Club
John Paesani, PGA	A-8	The Bay Club At Mattapoisett
Michael S. Daron, PGA	A-1	The Cape Club of Sharon
Sara B. Dickson, PGA	A-8	The Country Club
David V. Burrell, PGA	A-6	The Essex Family Fun Ctr.
James H. McMullan, PGA	A-8	The Kittansett Club
John T. Stoklosa, PGA	A-8	The Kittansett Club
Malcolm P Oliver	B-8	The Misquamicut Club
Alexandra L Michielini	B-8	The Quechee Club
Zachary N. Staub, PGA	A-8	The Ridge Club
Casey L. Cox, PGA	A-1	The Woodlands Club
Michael J. Abate, PGA	A-8	Vineyard Golf Club
Cameron D Martin	B-8	Vineyard Golf Club
David A. Johnson, PGA	A-1	Wachusett Country Club
Thomas V Mally	B-8	Wanumetonomy GC
Charles E. White, PGA	A-8	Weston Golf Club
Seul-Ki Park, PGA	A-8	Winchester Country Club
Mark A. Komives, PGA	A-8	Winchester Country Club
Scott D. MacArthur, PGA	A-8	Wollaston Golf Club

## New Associates

Name	Facility	Class
Patrick M. Bigelow	Dedham Country & Polo	B-8
Cory R. Briney	The Links At Lang Farm	B-1
Henry C. Fall	Bath Golf Club	B-8
Clinton O. Goodwin	Sky Meadow CC	B-8
Stephen R. Gregoire	Brae Burn CC	B-8
Justin M. Waters	Marlborough CC	B-8

## NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

Name	Facility	Class
Keith V. Barber, PGA	Pine Brook Country Club	A-1
Robert T. Citrano Jr., PGA	Easton Country Club	A-6
Karen H. Gray, PGA	Titleist	A-20
Michael J. Haberl, PGA		A-1
Daniel Wilkins, PGA	Laconia Country Club	A-6
Chuck Yaeger, PGA	Bald Peak Colony Club	A-8





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