



## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



### NEPGA Officers



The 2012 season is in full swing. The last two winters could not have been any more different. One saw record amounts of snow and facilities opening late, while the other we hardly saw any snow and facilities never closing. Throughout the New England Section there is a renewed excitement that we have not felt in quite some time. People are playing golf!

The Section kicked off the 2012 season with the Spring Meeting at Andover Country Club on April 10th. For the very first time the NEPGA invited sales representatives and sponsors to attend the Spring Meeting and play in the first ever Sponsor Appreciation Pro-Am. For those of you that attended the Spring Meeting you were able to hear our guest speaker from the Folds of Honor Foundation, Ginger Ravella. Ginger's powerful presentation was both inspirational and extremely moving. I encourage you to watch her speech by clicking [here](#). I also encourage you to support the Folds of Honor Foundation and Patriot Golf Day.

The six NEPGA chapters, the Assistants' Association, the Seniors' Association and the Section have all conducted tournaments which have seen strong participation. Year-to-date, registration for Section events is up over ten percent! Following the New England Section Spring Meeting at Andover Country Club we had our first ever NEPGA Sponsor Appreciation Pro-Am. Twenty five teams consisting of NEPGA Professionals and sales reps played in the event and James Antonelli, PGA from Marshfield Country Club along with his partner Jamie Griffiths of TaylorMade were crowned our champions. At the conclusion of the tournament we found ourselves in a situation where none of the skins were living. The field unanimously agreed to donate the over \$800 in skin money to the Folds of Honor Foundation on behalf of the New England PGA. It was a moment that made me proud to be a part of the New England Section.

The New England Section is committed to doing its part to grow the game of golf. After conducting a Golf 2.0 Seminar in each Chapter it became quite obvious that PGA Professionals are leading this new initiative to grow the game. Player development equals employment and growth at our facilities. Reach out to your Section staff or Player Development Regional Manager Brian Bain, PGA to learn more about Golf 2.0.

It has been great to attend all nine of the New England Section's Spring Meetings and see old friends and meet new members and apprentices. There is no better Section to be a part of. I wish everyone a very successful 2012 season.

Respectfully,

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2012 NEPGA AWARD WINNERS



With 200 PGA Professionals in attendance, the 2012 NEPGA Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductee were announced at

Spring Meeting at Andover Country Club on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

Brendan Walsh, PGA Head Professional at The Country Club has been named the 2012 Golf Professional of the Year. Paul Parajeckas, PGA Head Professional at Pleasant Valley Country Club is the 2012 Hall of Fame Inductee.

Upon hearing the news from Jimmy Noris, PGA and the President of the New England PGA, Walsh said: "I am honored to be the NEPGA 2012 Golf Professional of the Year. It is a great thrill to be recognized by your peers. I am grateful for the support of The Country Club and the men and women whom I am so fortunate to work with. This is a team honor." When Parajeckas heard the news, he said: "It's a wonderful honor to be recognized in the same class, with so many great professionals from our New England P.G.A. Section."

The 2012 Junior Golf Leader Award was given to Donnie Lyons, PGA General Manager at Reedy Meadow Golf Course. Shawn Hester, PGA Teaching Professional from Charles River Country Club was named the 2012 NEPGA Teacher of the Year. The Bill Strausbaugh Award for 2012 was given to Susan Bond, PGA Head Professional from Weekapaug Golf Club. Bond is also currently the Secretary of the NEPGA. Bob Beach, PGA Head Professional from Braintree Municipal Golf Course was named for the second year in a row as the recipient of the Horton Smith Award. The 2012 Assistant Golf Professional of the Year is Tony Decker, PGA Assistant Professional from The Woodlands Club. The 2012 Merchandiser of the Year at a public facility is Chris Sleeper, PGA Director of Golf at Granite Links Golf Club. Todd Cook, PGA Head Professional at The Milton Hoosic Club is the 2012 Merchandiser of the Year Award Winner for a private facility. Ron Philo, Jr., PGA General Manager at Stowe Mountain Club is the recipient of the 2012 Merchandiser of the Year Award for a resort facility.

The recipient of the 2012 George S. Wemyss Award is Terry Frechette. This award is given annually to honor someone in the golf industry who has made an exemplary contribution through leadership and innovation to the growth of the game. Through R. J. Shepherd Company and as a representative of Ahead, Frechette has been a dedicated and long time supporter of the New England Section PGA of America.

All of the award winners will be formally honored at the NEPGA Special Awards Dinner being held this fall at Kernwood Country Club.

2012 NEPGA LAS VEGAS PRO-AM



The 2012 NEPGA Las Vegas ProAm is back for it's 12th Edition! This year participants will stay at the world famous Caesars Palace Hotel & Casino, and golf will be at the

Paute Resort's Wolf, Sun and Snow Mountain Courses. Send in your application soon and we'll see you on the strip! Click [here](#) to download the application.

MAY IS WELCOME TO GOLF MONTH



New for 2012, **Welcome to Golf Month** uses PGA Free Lesson Month as its foundation of the program to create a welcoming atmosphere to encourage new players to try golf during May.

Facilities may offer Get Golf Ready, introductory programs and clinics, Welcome to Golf Days and Bring a Friend activities and invite golfers of all abilities (beginner through avid) for fun and to make it easier to stay in the game.

**REGISTER** today to receive marketing materials to help you promote this program! By registering, your programs will be listed within the Welcome to Golf Month search on PlayGolfAmerica.com. In addition, PGA members can earn **4 MSR credits** for hosting and providing post-event results to The PGA.

*PGA/LPGA Professionals are asked to:*

Offer four hours of complimentary instruction and/or introductory programs, 10-minute free lessons, Welcome to Golf Days, Get Golf Ready clinics and more. You have the flexibility to promote what you feel is best to make golf fun and welcoming.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2012 MAY SPONSORS



## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



As I type this on April 23, 2012, I am looking out my window at the first day of any appreciable precipitation that we have seen for quite some time. Good news, we do need it, but it couldn't have come at a worse time. Bad news, the first Pro-Am on the 2012 schedule was to be played today at Thorny Lea Golf Club and as always, it was a sell-out. However, good news, thanks to the efforts of host Professional Peter Norton and the generosity of the members at Thorny Lea, we are happy to announce that we are able to reschedule this event for Monday, June 11th.

Just a reminder, if you want to get in on the NEPGA tournament action, online entries are currently available for all Section & Chapter events on the 2012 NEPGA Schedule.

Following the NEPGA Spring Meeting at Andover Country Club, the 2012 tournament season kicked off on April 10th with a revised format for the opener. NEPGA Professionals were paired with Sponsors in a four-ball stroke play competition, while also taking part in a blind draw Pro-Pro event. On the Pro-Sponsor side James Antonelli, PGA teamed with TaylorMade Rep Jamie Griffiths for an outstanding round of 64. On the Pro-Pro side, four teams fired 69's to tie for the top spot. All was fun and profitable for the winners, but the best part of the event was realized when the professional skins game resulted in all the eagles and birdies being matched. What to do with the \$880 skins pool? There wasn't a moment of doubt, make a donation on behalf of the NEPGA to the Folds of Honor Foundation. Many thanks to Mike Menery, PGA for once again hosting our opening event.

The first Championship on the NEPGA schedule, the Pro-Pro Match Play Championship will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 30th-May 2nd at Lebaron Hills Country Club. Thanks to Adams Golf and Matt Howard, the presenting sponsor for this event, in addition SkyGolf & Golf Max will join in as supporting sponsors. Greg Yeomans, PGA & Joe Cordani, PGA are the defending Champions.

That isn't all that is going on, however; the month of May is filled with Championships.

The New England Section Hudson Cup will be contested on Thursday, May 17th at the Duxbury Yacht Club. It is the first Major on the Assistants schedule; all Class A-8 members and registered Apprentices are eligible to play. This event honors our former Executive Director Susan Hudson and is sponsored by Cleveland Golf/Srixon and Mason Prange. Shawn Warren won last year's event.

Monday, May 21st is the date for the Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant Championship, which will once again be played at Bay Club at Mattapoissett. This year's event will have a revised format, the Championship is now a one-day, 18-hole event. Pleasant Valley's Paul & Jason Parajeckas have claimed the last two Pro-Assistant Championships.

One more Championship event closes out the month as we return to the site of the 2011 New England Section Professional Championship, the beautiful and challenging Pine Hills Golf Courses will test some of the best amateurs in New England, as they team with their PGA Professionals in thirty-six holes of four-ball stroke play competition. Contestants will play 18 holes on both the Nicklaus & Jones courses to determine our 2012 Champions. Scott Hickey, PGA & Dan Falcucci from Cyprian Keyes Golf Club won last year's event.

May is a busy month, besides the aforementioned Championships the season long AHEAD Stroke Play Series gets underway. These one-day individual stroke play events, with a concurrent blind draw pro-pro competition, are played at venues throughout the Section. The points earned at each event over the course of the season will decide which players will qualify to compete in the elite year-end AHEAD Championship. In addition, Wogan/Player of the Year points are awarded based on finish at each AHEAD event.

The Donald Ross designed; Charles River Country Club is our host for the first AHEAD event on Monday, May 14th. One of the finest courses in New England and two of the NEPGA's greatest friends and supporters, Terry Frechette and AHEAD combine for an event you don't want to miss.

We truly have something for everybody this month; on Monday, May 7th, we head to New Hampshire for a Pro-Am at Portsmouth Country Club, a great test of golf. Many thanks to Kathy Lynch & Ash City for once again sponsoring.

Lastly, a new event is being introduced this year, the NEPGA Round Robin Team Challenge. It would be a rather lengthy explanation to accurately describe the event in this space, so I am dedicating my Rules Corner article to this event this month, check it out on the NEPGA Section website.

That's the immediate future in the New England Section, as we move into June start watching for communications from The PGA of America containing entry information/ deadlines for the PNC, Senior Professional Championship and Assistant Championship. Remember, you MUST enter these events through The PGA of America and if you miss the deadline, we cannot help you. My suggestion, if you know you are going to participate, enter sooner, rather than later, there's always a couple of unhappy people who call the Section office the day after the deadline passes for one of these events, and like I said we'd like to help, but we **can't!**

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

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## CADDIES NEEDED FOR JR CHAMP

Experienced golfers/caddies are needed to caddie in the 2012 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship. The tournament will take place at the Golf Club of New England from July 14th - July 21st, 2012. If you're interested in caddying, please know that it is a requirement that you be available to caddie for practice rounds on Saturday and Sunday as well as Medal Rounds on Monday and Tuesday.

The schedule is as follows:

**Saturday 7/14:** Practice Rounds

**Sunday 7/15:** Practice Rounds

**Monday 7/16:** First Round Medal Play

**Tuesday 7/17:** Second Round Medal Play

(The top 64 will advance to match play.)

**Wednesday 7/18:** First Round matches

**Thursday 7/19:** Second and Third Round matches

**Friday 7/20:** Quarterfinal and Semifinal matches

**Saturday 7/21:** 36 Hole Championship Match

The fee for caddie services is \$50 per round and is payable directly from the player to the caddie.

The Golf Club of New England will also provide each caddie with a voucher good for one round of golf with three guests at the Golf Club of New England.

There will be a required on course session prior to the event in order to familiarize the caddies with the course.

We must emphasize the fact that we need experienced golfers/caddies only for this event and it is imperative that anyone who wants to participate must be available at a minimum from Saturday 7/14 through Tuesday 7/17.

You can register by going to the GCNE website ([www.golfclubofnewengland.com](http://www.golfclubofnewengland.com)) and following the link to the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship.

## 2012 BOSTON MARATHON



**Matt Moison, PGA** (pictured above to the left- #7563 at Mile 19) of Green Hill Golf Course finished this year's Boston Marathon in position 5829 overall and 920 in his division with a total time of 3:47:11. Congratulations to those NEPGA members who ran in the 2012 Boston Marathon!

## APRIL SPONSOR SPOTLIGHTS



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Click [here](#) to learn more about our featured sponsors!

## COBRA-PUMA GIRLS GOLF FAIR

The 2012 Cobra-Puma Girls Golf Fair Presented by PGA Tour Charities will be held at TPC River Highlands on May 19th and is hosted by Suzy Whaley, PGA! Click [here](#) to complete the online registration form below to secure your child's spot in the activities. This fun-filled event will include activities aimed at getting girls excited about golf!

## JR TOUR MEMBERSHIP OFFER



**PGA**  
New England Section  
Junior Tour

New to the 2012 NEPGA Jr. Tour – **FREE MEMBERSHIP!** We are offering a **FREE** membership to children ages 9-21) of PGA Professionals. To receive

the free membership, please click [here](#) to complete the application for each child and mail or fax it to the section office.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

PGA Head Professional John Tuffin of Pinehills Golf Club and his wife welcomed their newborn son, Jack Ranieri Tuffin on April 25, 2012 weighing 6 pounds 11 oz and measuring 20 inches long.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLINIC

Braintree Municipal Golf Club will host a free clinic for veterans every Thursday night from 5pm-7pm through May 17th. If you would like to volunteer to provide instruction to the veterans, please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781-843-6513 x2 or [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov). Members who volunteer will earn 2 MSR credits. The next clinic will be held this coming Thursday, April 5th. We appreciate your support!

## GOLF 2.0 MESSAGE



# GOLF 2.0

GROWING THE GAME  
Friends, Family, Fun!

### Player Development = Your Future It's Personal

We have started the process of player development at our facility and communicated our thoughts and ideas, and analyzed the process. It is now time to sit down and do the actual planning.

#### Planning Step

The third step of establishing your "Personal" Player Development program will serve as a foundation for all of your programs and allow maximum effectiveness. Planning takes all shapes and forms but there are 5 key steps you should adhere to during this process.

#### Establish a Framework

- Develop a Mission Statement of what you intend for your program.
  - ⇒ This is typically a brief statement that will guide what actions and direction your program will take.
- Have a Vision Statement.
  - ⇒ Remember, you are not planning just for the immediate time, this statement will help guide you for future programs.

#### Objectives

- Set realistic numbers that are easy to track
  - ⇒ How many programs
  - ⇒ How many participants
  - ⇒ What type of participants
    - \* Women
    - \* Seniors
    - \* Families
- As part of the Objective portion, don't hesitate to become specific as to what the desired outcome will be.
- Be SMART; Specific Meaningful Achievable Realistic Time-Oriented
  - ⇒ More female play during evening hours
  - ⇒ More students continuing on to the next level of instruction

#### Programming Functions

- This portion of the plan will detail various functions and identify what you want to accomplish. This will also establish who will be responsible and the timelines in which they will be done.
- This becomes the "Roadmap" for your programming.
  - ⇒ How do we promote this program
  - ⇒ What program is what day
  - ⇒ Who is teaching the program
  - ⇒ Where is the program location
  - ⇒ Are we prepared for everything

#### Budget

- Project Revenue to Expenses for each program
  - ⇒ Determine fees to charge
    - \* What do they include
    - \* Are they comparable to other area programs
- Determine where fees go
  - ⇒ Facility split, Instructor fees
- What hidden expenses might arise
  - ⇒ Giveaways
  - ⇒ Insurance
- Project Revenue and Expenses for the entire season

#### How to Plan

- **SWOT**; Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
  - ⇒ Build your program around your strengths
    - \* Outstanding professionals
    - \* Area demographics
    - \* Great facility
  - ⇒ Identify and address your weaknesses
    - \* Facility challenges
    - \* Smaller staff
- Communicate with facility directors what your intentions are.
  - ⇒ Work together towards the end goal
  - ⇒ Share the end result data

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions as I am here to help us as a Section and you at your facility become more effective. Let's start letting out employers know that the PGA Professional is the one that can really make a difference!

Brian Bain, PGA  
PGA Player Development Regional Manager ~ Boston

## DID YOU KNOW?

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 will be passed on to the professional starting in 2012.**

To avoid this happening to you, please click [here](#) to download the ACH Form that 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.

# CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

## CAPE COD CHAPTER



### SPRING MEETING ATTRACTS RECORD NUMBERS

Over 65 PGA members kicked off the golf season at the annual Cape Cod PGA Spring Meeting held at Sandwich Hollows GC in early April. Along with the presentation of many awards to worthy colleagues this meeting was followed by a Golf 2.0 seminar hosted by Brian Bain, PGA, Mike Packard, PGA and Mike Higgins.



Cape Professional of the Year/ Steve Demmer, Kit-tansett Club presented by Greg Yeomans, The Bay Club, Chapter President.



Dutch Wessner POY Award/ Greg Yeomans, presented by Glenn Kelly, Woods Hole GC

### JOB CHANGES/ NEWS

Congratulations to The Bay Club's Tracy Djerf for earning her full PGA status last month in Florida! Hyannisport welcomes PGA member Tim Watroba as 1st Assistant from Old Sandwich GC. White Cliffs CC welcomes PGA member Trevor England.

### CALLAWAY / Peter Guild – RETURNS AS CHAPTER TITLE SPONSOR FOR 2012



We are pleased to announce the return of Callaway Golf represented by Peter Guild as the title sponsor for the Cape Cod PGA's three major events this season: **CHAPTER**

**CHAMPIONSHIP/** New Seabury, **THE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP/** Woods Hole GC and **THE ISLAND CLASSIC/** Sankaty Head. The Chapter is grateful for this continued support from Peter and Callaway Golf.

### TAYLOR-MADE/ Jamie Griffiths – RETURNS AS WESSNER AWARD SPONSOR



Special thanks to Jamie Griffiths/ Taylor-Made Golf for his long time support of the prestigious Dutch Wessner Award, emblematic of the Cape Cod PGA's Player-of-the-Year. Jamie's loyalty and generosity in helping recognize the POY with cash prize money is phenomenal.

### TOURNAMENT NEWS

Eastward Ho! PGA Head Professional Brian Hamilton and his outstanding staff welcomed 28 teams to the first Pro-3Am of the season on a balmy mid-April day by the sea! Three Chapter members tied for top honors – firing 73's – Rochester PGA Head Professional Rusty Gunnarson, The Bay Club's PGA Head Professional Greg Yeomans & Cape Cod National's PGA Head Professional Jim Campbell.



Jim Campbell and team putt out on 18.

### UPCOMING CAPE COD CHAPTER EVENTS:

Tuesday, May 15th at Farm Neck GC/Martha's Vineyard  
**PRO I AM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Tuesday, June 12th at Willowbend Club  
**PRO PRO CHAMPIONSHIP**

The NEPGA section is visiting the Cape for three special events in the coming weeks as well: The **PRO – ASSISTANT** sponsored by Titleist/ FootJoy is now a one day event scheduled for May 21st. The **PRO I AM CHAMPIONSHIP** for the section (36 holes) is at Pinehills GC on May 29th & the **PRO OFFICER** will be played at The Vineyard Club on June 14th.

Good Luck to those Chapter members who are teeing it up in the US Open & Mass Open qualifiers in May at Pinehills and The Ridge Club respectively.

To All Chapter & Section Members: PLEASE CONSIDER PLAYING IN THE INAUGURAL TITLEIST/FOOTJOY PRO-I JUNIOR SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIP scheduled for Wed. Aug 15th at Segregansett GC in Taunton, MA. Bring your best junior and compete against the best. The junior golfer whom you invite will remember this tournament for years to come! Save your spot on BlueGolf now. Special thanks to both David Moynihan, PGA and David Woods for sponsoring this event along with the Chapters' Pro-4 Junior scheduled for Thursday, July 12th. When it comes to helping out junior golf tourneys, these representatives of Titleist and FootJoy are always eager to participate.



Thank You, gentlemen.

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## MAINE CHAPTER

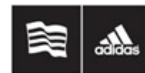


The Maine Chapter season is off to a fast and energetic start...the Spring Meeting held on April 11th had 60 members and apprentices in attendance. Many thank to Greg Ludes/Titleist, Adam Casey/Bushnell and Larry Kelley,

PGA representing Five Star Golf Cars & Utility Vehicles for partnering with us at the meeting.



The Chapter also wishes to thank Mark Thompson and Shaun Madigan proudly representing TaylorMade and Adidas Golf for their continued support of the championship.



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## MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



# PGA

New England Section  
Massachusetts Chapter

The Massachusetts Chapter just held its Spring Meeting at the Myopia Hunt Club in Hamilton, MA. The meeting focused on Golf

2.0 and the organizational structure of the Chapter. We feel that it is important to remind the professionals of our Chapter that they are the best at what they do and it is important to share ideas with each other. Programs that start out small at a facility can be shared and grown upon at a District level, then a Chapter level, and eventually move on to a Section level.

Michael Higgins reminded us that the Massachusetts Chapter is allotted \$15,000 in grant money a year for golfer development. This money will be split up \$5,000 per district. This money has been used in golf in school programs in the past. The money is budgeted for and we need to use it or we will **LOSE IT!** If you have a request for money, please submit it to your Chapter board, and we will pass the submissions on to the District Directors. These submissions need to be done ASAP.

The Chapter has started an Events Committee. Mark Aldrich, from Worcester Country Club, is the Chairperson of this committee. The goal of this committee is to organize better tournaments and other events throughout the Chapter in each district. We are currently seeking a committee member from the Eastern and Southern Districts. We are hoping that these seats will form as a feeder system to the Chapter Board.

The Events Committee is currently seeking a host facility for our scheduled tournament day of September 5th. If your facility is available please let us know. We are hoping to host Individual Professional Stableford or Stroke Play events, rather than the Pro-Am. We want to create competitive camaraderie.

The meeting was ended with "Open Your Mouth, Open Your Ears." Please share your ideas with each other. A program you are doing at your facility may be one that could work well at your neighbor's. We need to use each others knowledge and ideas to grow the game within our Chapter. Let's become the Fraternal organization that The PGA prides itself on.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The 2012 Maine Chapter Special Award winners were announced at the meeting: **Teacher of the Year** - Rob Jarvis, PGA - Bangor Municipal GC; **Assistant Professional of the Year** - Tony Decker, PGA - The Woodlands Club; **Horton Smith** - Doug Van Wickler, PGA - The Woodlands Club; **Merchandiser of the Year - Public** - Brian Enman, PGA - Bangor Municipal GC; **Merchandiser of The Year - Private** - Ken Raynor, PGA - Cape Arundel GC.



From L to R: Rob Jarvis, PGA, Tony Decker, PGA & Doug Van Wickler, PGA

The Chapter would like to recognize and thank Tom Moffat, PGA for chairing the Awards Committee and Kirk Kimball, PGA and John Hickson, PGA for serving on the committee.

Following the meeting, 22 members attended a Rules of Golf Workshop. A big thank you to Randy Hodsdon, PGA for conducting the seminar.



Tom Moffat, PGA



The first tournament of the year is the Senior-Junior Championship scheduled for Thursday, May 3rd at Spring Meadows GC. The Chapter would like to thank our partners Joe Tierney and Pete Gambardella proudly representing Callaway Golf for sponsoring the event.

The Chapter's second major of the year follows on Tuesday, May 8th at Webhannet GC. Many thanks to our partners at Shipyard Brewing for their continued support of the event.

# CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

## RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



### CRESTWOOD CC HOSTS SPRING MEETING

PGA Head Professional Bo Botelho of Crestwood CC hosted the Rhode Island PGA Spring Meeting in early April where major awards were presented with attractive plaques donated by STERLING CUT GLASS.



**Bruce Macdonald, PGA ~  
RIPGA Professional of the Year**



**Brian Owens, PGA ~  
RIPGA Player of the Year**

The 2012 Professional of the Year is Bruce MacDonald, PGA Head Professional at Lincoln GC while the Player-of-Year honors went to Brian Owens, PGA Assistant Professional at North Kingstown GC.

The meeting was honored to welcome its new Title Sponsor, Greg Sutcliffe/ Callaway Golf in attendance. Many thanks to Greg for his support of three major events this season.



### GOLF 2.0

Later in April, several Chapter professionals and members of their respective boards met with Brian Bain, PGA & Mike Packard, PGA to discuss Golf 2.0 which has attracted attention across all golf association boundaries. This initiative targeting core golfers, lapsed golfers and attracting new golfers was well received and the Rhode Island Chapter is well underway with its planning of golf "events" this season – led by President Jim DiMarino, PGA and Tournament Chair Mike Bradshaw, PGA. Details to follow, but these efforts include a new Junior Tournament along with public efforts to get the game of golf introduced to new players.

### TAYLORMADE LEDGEMONT PRO-AM OPENS SEASON

**TaylorMade** PGA GM Jack Tosone & PGA Head Professional Todd Campbell welcomed the Chapter for its first Pro-3Am of the season sponsored by Taylor-Made/Adidas/Ashworth representative Gary Rencurrel in mid April. Highlighted by a hole-in-one by Kirkbrae member Mike Laurito who was playing with Mike Bradshaw, the scoring was excellent. Both Ed Kirby, PGA Head Professional from Alpine and newly crowned player-of-the-year Brian Owens fired even par 71's to take top pro honors.

### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Thursday, May 10th – **Mohegan Sun Pro-Am** presented by Adams Golf – Pawtucket GC  
Tuesday, May 22nd – **Callaway Pro-Am** presented by CCE – Warwick CC

### WELCOME NEW SPONSORS

RIPGA Tournament Chairman Mike Bradshaw is pleased to announce the following new sponsors:

**Matt Howard/ Adams Golf**  
**Tim Stundis/ Cleveland Golf**  
**Mike Daron/ Nike Golf**

Thanks to all for supporting the Rhode Island PGA tournament schedule this season!

Mickey Herron, PGA  
NEPGA Cape Cod Ch. Tournament Operations Manager

## VERMONT CHAPTER



The VT Chapter kicks off the 2012 season with our **Spring Meeting and Sponsor Appreciation day on May 2nd** at Rutland CC. Our sponsors, media friends and allied association guests are invited to lunch and a round of golf with our Vermont professionals after our meeting. In years past, this appreciation day as been well received as a venue to meet and thank our sponsors and allied associates.

The first playing event will be a Pro Am at Neshobe GC hosted by Rodney Bicknell, PGA on Monday, May 7th. Next up on the calendar is a Pro Am at Manchester CC, hosted by Bob Stearns, PGA, on the following Monday, May 14th. The Vermont Chapter BOD welcomes participation, from our fellow professionals in other Chapters, in our Pro Am events.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



The New Hampshire Chapter began its 2012 season with a Pro Am at Green Meadow Golf Course in Hudson, NH. Despite the chilly weather conditions, 27 teams participated in the event. Individual low professional was Concord CC Assistant Pro and current Chapter Player of the Year, Matt Arvanitis who carded a four under par score of 68. He was

closely followed by 2010 Player of the Year Rich Berberian, Jr. of Hoodkroft CC with a 69. Team low gross honors went to the team from Concord CC led by Arvanitis and his amateur partners Don Steenbeke, Kevin Hobbs and Steve Johnson. The group was an amazing 11 under par gross, 62.



**Low gross foursome at the NHC initial ProAm held at Green Meadow GC is the team from Concord CC (l-r) Don Steenbeke, Kevin Hobbs, Pro Matt Arvanitis and Steve Johnson.**

The second Pro Am was held at The Oaks Golf Links in Somersworth with temperatures near 90 degrees...go figure (only in New England). Assistant Professional at Hoodkroft CC Rich Berberian, Jr. was low professional with a four under par score of 67. Two teams tied for low gross honors at 62 and they were Portsmouth CC Professional Bill Andrews, Griffin Andrews, Andrew Hebert and Rob Strand. Also in at 62 was the Lake Morey CC foursome led by Head Professional Pat Pelletier, Andy Hunnewell, Ben Hayes and Nate Choukas.

The NHC Player of the Year contest is shaping up to be a battle of the Chapter's young stars Matt Arvanitis and Rich Berberian, Jr. Each has won the award the past two years and are on course to be battling each other down to the wire. Current standings show Berberian, Jr. with 37 points, followed by Londonderry Head Pro Dan Gillis with 22 and Arvanitis with 20.

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**Rich Berberian, Jr. Hoodkroft CC Assistant Professional is the early leader in the NHC Player of the Year standings.**

## SENIORS' ASSOCIATION



**Pro Pro Results**  
Middleton GC  
April 27, 2012  
(Par 54)

### Individual Pro

57 Susan Bond, PGA Weekapaug GC \$200  
58 Steve Napoli, PGA Carnegie Abbey Club \$200  
61 Chris Costa, PGA Middleton GC \$100  
62 Jim LeBlanc, PGA Westminster GC \$100

### Team

53 Susan Bond, PGA Weekapaug GC and Steve Napoli, PGA - Carnegie Abbey Club \$300  
57 Charley Volpone, PGA and Jim LeBlanc, PGA - Westminster GC \$225  
58 Bob Jacobs, PGA - Nashawtuc CC and Mike Mullavey, PGA - Mt Pleasant GC \$225  
60 Charlie Elwood, PGA and Chris Costa, PGA - Middleton GC \$150

The updated Seniors' Association schedule is listed below. Please note, the Pro-3 Am at Wianno CC will be held on May 9th. To register for any Senior events, please call **Dennis Selvitella, PGA** at 508.410.4984.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Venue</u>           | <u>Event</u>                                     |
|-------------|------------------------|--|
| 2-May       | Tedesco CC             | Pro 1 Am   |
| 9-May       | Wianno CC              | Pro 3 Am   |
| 17-May      | Cape Cod CC            | Pro 3 Am   |
| 24-May      | Milton Hoosic Club     | Pro 3 Am   |
| 14-Jun      | Whitinsville GC        | Pro 3 Am   |
| 28-Jun      | Gannon Municipal GC    | Pro 3 Am   |
| 11-Jul      | Bradford CC            | Pro 3 Am   |
| 18-Jul      | Needham GC             | Pro 3 Am   |
| 26-Jul      | Hopkinton CC           | Pro 3 Am   |
| 1-2-Aug     | Okemo Valley GC        | NEPGA SR Championship                            |
| 22-Aug      | CC of Halifax          | Pro 3 Am   |
| TBA-Aug     | Haverhill CC           | Pro 3 Am   |
| 20-Sept     | Bass Rocks GC          | Pro 3 Am   |
| 3-Oct       | Thorny Lea GC          | Pro 3 Am   |
| 11-Oct      | Blackstone National GC | Pro 3 Am   |
| 18-Oct      | Pleasant Valley CC     | Pro 3 Am   |
| 25-Oct      | Kirkbrae CC            | Fall Meeting & Seniors' Association Championship |



**Seniors' Association Spring Meeting at Middleton GC on April 27th**



## New Apprentices

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>Class</u> | <u>Facility</u>             |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Jamie Ballard   | B-8          | Mt. Pleasant CC             |
| Timothy Cote    | B-8          | Bellevue GC                 |
| Steven Di Nino  | B-8          | Worcester CC                |
| Seth Francis    | B-8          | Spring Meadows @ Cole Farms |
| Justin Peterson | B-8          | Windham CC                  |

## New Transfers into Section

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>Class</u> | <u>Previous Section</u> |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Kevin Jean, PGA  | A-6          | South Florida           |
| Brian Kerns, PGA | A-1          | New Jersey              |

## Classification Changes

| <u>Name</u>            | <u>Class</u> | <u>Facility</u>              |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Mike Bailey, PGA       | A-6          | Stow Acres CC                |
| Allison Blomquist, PGA | A-6          | Pine Brook CC                |
| Chris Bourassa, PGA    | LMA          |                              |
| Craig Garris, PGA      | A-4          | Ballymeade CC                |
| Kenneth Hamel, PGA     | A-6          | Duston CC                    |
| Kirk Hanefeld, PGA     | A-14         | Renaissance GC               |
| Kevin Jean, PGA        | A-6          | Stow Acres CC                |
| Brian Kerns, PGA       | A-1          | Ocean Edge Resort & Club     |
| Ryan Payne, PGA        | A-1          | Ballymeade CC                |
| Joe Rocha, PGA         | A-14         | Golf Country                 |
| Timothy Tarcha, PGA    | A-8          | Robert T. Lynch Municipal GC |
| James Tobin, PGA       | A-8          | Gannon Municipal GC          |
| Jon Wood, PGA          | A-8          | Profile Club                 |
| Matt Zdon, PGA         | A-1          | Belmont CC                   |

## Employment Changes

| <u>Name</u>            | <u>Class</u> | <u>Start</u> | <u>Facility</u>              |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Drew Anderson, PGA     | B-8          | 5/1          | Sankaty Head GC              |
| Mike Bailey, PGA       | A-6          | 4/12         | Stow Acres CC                |
| Allison Blomquist, PGA | A-6          | 4/15         | Pine Brook CC                |
| William Bondaruk, PGA  | A-6          | 4/19         | Swansea CC                   |
| James Ethier, PGA      | A-14         | 4/25         | Golf Galaxy                  |
| Carl Fitz, PGA         | A-1          | 4/15         | Essex CC                     |
| Kenneth Hamel, PGA     | A-6          | 4/22         | Duston CC                    |
| Kirk Hanefeld, PGA     | A-14         | 4/16         | Renaissance GC               |
| Kevin Jean, PGA        | A-6          | 4/15         | Stow Acres CC                |
| Brian Kerns, PGA       | A-1          | 4/7          | Ocean Edge Resort & Club     |
| Joe Rocha, PGA         | A-14         | 4/15         | Golf Country                 |
| Timothy Tarcha, PGA    | A-8          | 4/19         | Robert T. Lynch Municipal GC |
| James Tobin, PGA       | A-8          | 4/25         | Gannon Municipal GC          |
| Jon Wood, PGA          | A-8          | 5/1          | Profile Club                 |

## New Quarter Century Members

| <u>Name</u>           | <u>Class</u> | <u>Facility</u>       | <u>Date</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Scott Hoisington, PGA | A-15         | Dick's Sporting Goods | 4/30        |

\*These reports reflect changes made between April 5th and April 30th.

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