

MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

HOST A ONE FUND WEEKEND!

In an effort to support those affected by tragedy at the 2013 Boston Marathon, the New England PGA committed a \$10 donation for every birdie made at the Section's first event of the year to support The One Fund Boston. With the pledge made by the Section, and generous pledges made by the field, the New England PGA was able to make a donation of over \$3300 to The One Fund Boston! The Section is also collecting donations on www.nepga.com on behalf of our NEPGA Professionals.

Let's not stop there! The events of April 15, 2013 hit too close to home, and it is time for us to rise to the occasion. We can help to improve the lives of those affected by the bombing through the game of golf. The New England PGA is asking our PGA Professionals to lead the fundraising efforts and conduct a One Fund Weekend event at your facility to raise money for the victims of the Boston Marathon Tragedy.

Between now and Sunday, May 19th participating facilities are asked to conduct an event, collect funds and submit them to the New England PGA. The Section will compile the funds from all of our participating facilities and make a collaborative donation on behalf of the New England Section. You can conduct a raffle, display pledge sheets and or simply have a jar on the first tee accepting donations from all players on your One Fund Weekend. Click [HERE](#) to download a PDF version of the "Boston Strong Runners Bibs" (pictured below) that you can print and pass out to anyone that donates. Club logos can be added to the bibs and they can be displayed on golf cars to show support.

All donations collected by the New England PGA at our first Pro-Am as well as those by our facilities will be donated to the One Fund Boston. Let's make a difference in our community by giving to a great cause.

Please consider showing your support and conducting a One Fund Weekend Fundraiser at your facility. The New England PGA goal is to raise \$50,000 from the efforts of our PGA Professionals. Help us reach our goal! Please contact the Section office with any questions at 508.869.0000.



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MESSAGE FROM MIKE HIGGINS



The 2013 NEPGA season is in full swing. We came off one of the snowiest winters in New England history, which was quite the change from the previous year. There is however something a long winter can help create - the excitement to play golf! Throughout the New England Section we are experiencing a renewed excitement for the game and people are out playing golf!

The Section kicked off the 2013 season with record attendance at Andover CC for the Spring Meeting. The NEPGA invited to the Spring Meeting/Sponsor Appreciation Pro-Am those sales representatives and sponsors that support our New England PGA Professionals throughout the year. It was wonderful to spend time with our sponsors and a great time was had by all at the Pro-Am. If you attended the Spring Meeting you were fortunate to hear our guest speaker from the Folds of Honor Foundation; Wesley Bauguess. Wesley gave a very powerful presentation that was both inspirational and moving. I encourage you to support the Folds of Honor Foundation and Patriot Golf Day at your facility this September.

Each year I express how honored I am to be associated with the New England Section and our PGA Professionals, but nothing has made me more proud than the way our Section has come together to show our support for those affected by the Boston Marathon Bombings. The Section leadership not only pledged to donate \$10 for every birdie made at the first pro-am of the year to support The One Fund, but they encouraged NEPGA Professionals to lead the charge in raising money at their facilities. In less than one week NEPGA Professionals have raised over \$30,000 for The One Fund through collecting donations on the first tee, conducting fundraiser raffles, organizing tournaments, contests and one facility even contributed their entire green fee revenue for a day to The One Fund.

The NEPGA has set an early goal to raise \$50,000, but I am confident we will surpass that number. Thank you to those PGA Professionals and facilities that have already raised money, and I encourage each and every one of you to conduct a One Fund Weekend event at your facility and help us surpass our goal. One moment changed everything...now we stand together as one...one Section...one Boston...one nation. We are Boston Strong...we are NEPGA Strong.

It has been an amazing start to the 2013 season. There is NO better Section to be a part of, right here, right now. I wish everyone a very successful 2013 season.

Respectfully,

Michael Higgins
Executive Director
New England PGA

THE NEPGA IS BOSTON STRONG!

The NEPGA would like to recognize the following clubs and their head professionals and owners for hosting One Fund Boston events since the tragic events of April 15th: The Bay Club at Mattapoisett and Greg Yeomans, PGA; Crystal Lake GC (RI) and Tony DiGiorgio, PGA; Pinehills GC and John Tuffin, PGA; Warwick CC and Matthew Walsh, PGA, and Worcester CC and Allan Belden, PGA.

Every contribution will continue to help the victims of this senseless tragedy. The support of our PGA Professionals and their facilities is heartwarming.

Upcoming One Fund Fundraisers in our Section include:

Friday, May 10 at Wenham CC: There will be a tournament of foursomes and would like to have a NEPGA Professional play with each group. If you are available to play, we would love to have your support. Please contact Darin Chin-Aleong, PGA via email at dchnaleong@wenhamcountryclub.com.

Monday, May 13 at Ferncroft CC: All golfers welcome to play the Championship Course to raise funds for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings. 100% of green fees will be donated to the bombing victims. This Marathon fundraiser has inspired 5 other facilities affiliated with Affinity Management to do the same. Click [here](#) to reserve your spot for either the 8 am or 1pm shotgun start. It is \$125 per person and includes food and refreshments. Contact Phil Leiss, PGA at p.leiss@ferncroftcc.com for further information.

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NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



What's the saying, April showers bring May flowers? What does April wind and cold bring? Some less than comfortable days on the course, but we survived it and now it brings us to a month sprinkled with Championships, the return of our very popular stroke play series and one of our most popular Pro-Ams.

We travel north to New Hampshire for that Pro-Am, and with the beginning of a new month, let's hope the winds have subsided and we are treated to a warm and sunny day at the beautiful Portsmouth Country Club on Monday, May 6. Thanks in advance to our terrific sponsors, Lincoln, Mohegan Sun and Bushnell.

The following week on Tuesday, May 14, the first of five NEPGA Stroke Play events will be played at Shelter Harbor Golf Club in Rhode Island. Players begin the season long qualifying process, hoping to earn a spot in the elite 50 player field that will play for the Championship at Turner Hill in September and just a reminder, Wogan/Player of the Year points are awarded based on finish at each AHEAD event as well. Cutter & Buck come on board as a new sponsor for this series, while AHEAD and Golf Buddy return, Edel Golf will also be a contributing sponsor for this first Stroke Play Series event. FYI- The second Stroke Play series event is scheduled for the first week of June at the Golf Club of Cape Cod on Monday, June 3, so be sure to get those entries in on time.



The next two events on the May calendar offer some playing opportunities for the guys & gals who put in a lot of hours and make it all happen, the Assistant Professionals. The Hudson Cup at Duxbury Yacht Club is first on Thursday, May 16. This event honors our former Executive Director Susan Hudson. It is the first Major on the Assistants schedule, all Class A-8 members and registered Apprentices are eligible to play. Dan Dwyer, PGA is the defending Champion.

The following Monday, May 20 is the date for the Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant Championship at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett. Titleist & Foot-Joy are once again showing their support of the New England Section and its PGA Professionals and Apprentices. Always one of the best events of the year, please come out and spend some time not just competing but also enjoying some early season time together with your fellow Professionals and their

staffs. Four teams tied for the Championship last year with a score of six under par, so get those games in shape.

Finally, we close out the month of May with another extremely popular event on the schedule, the NEPGA Pro-Am Championship, sponsored by adidas-Ashworth Golf. PGA Professionals will pair up with some of the best amateurs in New England, as they compete to determine our 2013 Champions. Contested over thirty-six holes on two superb courses at the Pinehills Golf Club, the Nicklaus, and Jones layouts test all aspects of your game. The team from Marshfield Country Club took home the title last year with a score of 129, fifteen under par! Lastly, please do not forget to sign up your teams for the NEPGA Round Robin Team Challenge.

For information on any of the above-mentioned events as well as upcoming playing opportunities in June and beyond, go to nepga.com; there under tournaments you will be able to see event specific details and register for all of these, as well as the rest of the events on the 2013 NEPGA Section Tournament Schedule.

Despite the cool and windy conditions that prevailed in April, we did play some golf. Following the NEPGA Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 9, we kicked things off with a very successful Pro-Sponsor event at Andover Country Club. A big Thank You to Mike Menery, PGA and Superintendent Wayne LaCroix for hosting.

Next up were the Spring Fling Pro-Ams, Monday, April 22 at Thorny Lea Golf Club where Steve Duffy, PGA and his team managed a four under par effort in the trying conditions. Jeff Martin, PGA was the low Professional, grinding out a three over par 73. Again, we must Thank the Thorny Lea Membership for supporting our tournament program and big thanks to Host PGA Professional Peter Norton and Superintendent Jim Medeiros.

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WARREN & FAIRBANKS CROWNED PRO-PRO MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONS



Lakeville, MA—The trek from Maine was worth it. After grinding out a 66 in stroke play qualifying, and four grueling matches over three days, the duo of Shawn Warren, PGA (Nonesuch River GC) and Jim Fairbanks, PGA (Dunegrass GC) took a 4&3 victory over Eddie Kirby, PGA (Alpine CC) and John Rainone, PGA (North Kingstown GC) in style. Warren & Fairbanks were 8-under par through ten holes, helped by two eagles and four birdies. That's a great start no matter the circumstances, but when you factor in that their opponents in the 18-hole final were 5-under par through the same stretch, it lets everyone know what a special round it really was.

Warren and Fairbanks showed their mettle right from the opening bell. Despite Kirby and Rainone giving up 50-60 yards to long hitting Warren off the tee, they still came out swinging. Kirby knocked it to 5 feet on one, but before he could roll in his birdie putt, Warren was making one of his own from 15 feet. On two, Kirby again was inside of 10 feet for birdie. Warren, in trouble on his approach and playing from the hazard, played out to 12 feet

and made the left to right putt for par. When Kirby's birdie putt slid by on the high side not long after, even he knew it could be a big factor in a match of inches. Warren and Fairbanks wasted no time capitalizing, as they each birdied the par-5 third hole and Kirby just missed again from inside 10 feet. They duo would never look back.

A third Warren birdie on the par-4 fifth hole extended the lead to two up, and a Fairbanks eagle on the drivable par-4 seventh had Kirby and Rainone staggering. But there was fight left in the team from Rhode Island, as Rainone rebounded with a birdie two on the par-3 eighth. Warren, using his prodigious length, reached the uphill and into-the-wind par-5 ninth in two. Kirby, taking the road more traveled, laid up to a comfortable yardage and again hit his approach to inside ten feet. When Warren's eagle putt came up a foot short, Kirby rolled in his birdie to match and keep the deficit at 2 down. Kirby showed why he has played at the highest levels of competition, including three US Opens, with a deft wedge game and pure putting stroke.

The front nine was pure match play, with each side throwing haymakers. In all, there were ten birdies and an eagle between the foursome on the front nine. The dramatics continued on the back nine, as Warren had 140 yards into the par-5 10th and stuffed his approach to 3 feet for eagle. He calmly rolled in the putt and extended the lead back to 3 up. After holing the next four holes with pars, it was becoming merely a formality that Warren and Fairbanks would be crowned the champions. After Kirby, Rainone and Fairbanks were all in trouble on the par-5 15th, Warren showed why he was arguably the best player in the field this week as he closed out the match in smooth fashion.

It was a great three days at LeBaron Hills, with barely a cloud in the sky for the duration, and temperatures were perfect in the low 70's for much of the days. A special thank you to our hosts at LeBaron Hills, PGA Professional Tom Rooney and owner Frank Will.

A big thank you to our sponsors for their support of the first major of the season, Adams Golf, Golf Max, Golf Pride and Sky Golf!

For pictures from the event, visit our [Facebook page](#). For videos from the event, be sure to visit our [YouTube page](#).

May is majors month, with three taking place. The Pro-Assistant is being played on May 20th at The Bay Club at Mattapoissett, and the Pro-Am Championship is May 28th at Pinehills Golf Club.



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Congratulations!

2013 NEW ENGLAND PGA AWARD WINNERS

Boylston, MA — With 243 PGA Professionals in attendance, the 2013 NEPGA Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees were announced at Spring Meeting at Andover Country Club on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

Chris Carpenter, PGA Head Professional at Nashawtuc Country Club has been named the recipient of the prestigious **2013 Golf Professional of the Year**.

Upon hearing the news, Carpenter stated, "When Jimmy Norris called me on March 30th, I was caught completely off guard by the news that I had been selected to receive the Golf Professional of the Year award. It took me a couple of days before I was comfortable sharing the news with everyone. This is such a big award and I have so much more to learn. I am very appreciative of those who nominated me, my talented staff, and the committee who felt I was deserving of this honor."



Chris Carpenter, PGA

Steve Napoli, PGA General Manager at Liberty National Golf Club and Past President of the New England PGA from 1999-2001, winner of the 2003 PGA National Bill Strausbaugh Award and 1992 NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year along with **Kirk Hanefeld, PGA** who was the 2005 NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year as well as a two-time winner of the Senior PGA Professional National Championship both in 2008 and 2011 and three-time winner of the NEPGA Section Championship along with many state opens over the years are the **2013 Hall of Fame Inductees**.



Steve Napoli, PGA

The **2013 Junior Golf Leader Award** was given to **Ron Bibeau, PGA** Executive Director of The First Tee of Maine. **Kevin Rhoads, PGA** Teaching Professional from The Country Club was named the **2013 NEPGA Teacher of the Year**. The **Bill Strausbaugh Award** for 2013 was given to **Mark Heartfield, PGA** Head Professional from Sankaty Head Golf Club. **Tom Moffatt, PGA** Assistant Professional from Cape Arundel Golf Club was named as the recipient of the **Horton Smith Award**. The **2013 Assistant Golf Professional of the Year** is **Rob Jarvis, PGA** Assistant Professional from Bangor Municipal Golf Course. The **2013 Merchandiser of the Year** at a public facility is **Lou Rivers, PGA** Head Professional at Foxborough Country Club. **Barry Westall, PGA** Head Professional at Newport Country Club is the **2013 Merchandiser of the Year Award Winner** for a private facility. **Peter Doherty, PGA** Head Professional at Atkinson Resort and Country Club is the recipient of the **2013 Merchandiser of the Year Award** for a resort facility.

The recipient of the **2013 Player Development Award** (formerly known as the President's Plaque) is **Zachary Wyman, PGA** Director of Golf at Vermont National Country Club.

Bob Beach, PGA Head Professional at Braintree Municipal Golf Course is the recipient of the **2013 NEPGA Patriot Award** in recognition of the dedication that Bob has shown towards bringing the game of golf not only to veterans but also to their families through the numerous clinics he runs throughout the year. He also won this prestigious award in 2012.

The **2013 George S. Wemyss Award** has been given to **Joan Stuart**, Honorary Member of the New England PGA and also an employee of the New England PGA.

All of the 2013 Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees will be formally honored at the **NEPGA Special Awards Dinner** scheduled for later this year. The date and location will be announced shortly. Please visit www.NEPGA.com for more information when it becomes available.



Kirk Hanefeld, PGA

More pictures of our 2013 Award Winners to come in future issues of the newsletter!

Learn more about our award winners in our Award Winner Spotlight found on page 6 of this newsletter.

2013 NEW ENGLAND PGA AWARD WINNER SPOTLIGHT

GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR *Chris Carpenter, PGA*



At what age did you begin to play golf? 4 Years Old

Who taught you the game? My Father & Grandfather taught me the basics starting out. Was lucky to have a great pro, Tom Swiney, at my course growing up. He knew exactly what to say and when to say it.

Where did you go to school? University of Central Oklahoma

When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why? I probably knew much sooner than I will admit. Growing up at the local course, I always wanted to learn about the operational activities. I would say I was committed by my sophomore year in college.

Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite? Cypress Point

What other interests do you have besides the game of golf? Just spending time with my daughters is tops my list, but really enjoy catching a game at Fenway or The Garden. I have never played hockey, but I think it is the best show in town.

What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game? Still working on it.

BILL STRAUSBAUGH AWARD WINNER *Mark Heartfield, PGA*



At what age did you begin to play golf? I began playing golf at the age of 15.

Who taught you the game? I learned by myself at a local elementary school hitting balls around the school grounds. My 1st official lesson was from Paul Harney at the age of 16.

Where did you go to school? I graduated high school from Tabor Academy in Marion, MA and had the privilege of having Kittansett as our home course. I then went to Stetson University in Deland, FL and graduated in 1982 with a BBA.

When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why? I turned Professional the day I graduated from Stetson, and went on to work as the 1st Assistant at The Hyannisport Club that Summer. I loved interacting with the members, I loved to play golf and compete, and I felt like I could become a good teacher. I knew after that summer that I wanted to be a PGA Professional.

Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite? I have been fortunate to play most of the top clubs in the country, and I break it down by the best golf course and the best golfing experience. The best course I have ever played is Pebble Beach. Amazing layout, beautiful views, and good history. My favorite golfing experience was playing Augusta National on a two day trip with Sankaty Member and past CEO of GE Jack Welch, Bobby Orr (who is the nicest and most generous celebrity on the planet) and our Club Champion Jacques Wullschlegler. What an amazing treat that was for me.

What other interests do you have besides the game of golf? Other interests include spending time with my family, photography, and cheering on all 4 Boston major sports teams.

What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game? What I would love to leave as my legacy to the game would be to be a mentor to the many Assistants I have and have had over the 26 years as a Head Professional. There is nothing more thrilling to me than to see one of my staff members move on to better themselves. If I can help young people improve in any way it puts a smile on my face. I also hope that the years and dedication I have given to Sankaty Head Golf Club has helped make golf more fun and enjoyable to the fine members of Sankaty Head Golf Club. It is an amazing facility and I have been so blessed to be the Golf Professional there.

2013 SECTION, CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
Mon., May 6 th	Vermont Chapter	Rutland Country Club Click here for directions.	9am



SUBMIT ANNUAL OPERATIONS SURVEY BY MAY 15TH— EARN 2 MSR CREDITS!

The PGA Annual Operations Survey is the industry's leading source for golf operations and facility data, providing PGA Professionals with an invaluable tool to help elevate their facility's performance. Highest-ranked PGA Professionals at their facility can earn up to 2 MSR credits for completing the survey by May 15, 2013. Click [here](#) to view additional information and to complete the survey on PGALinks.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Super Saturday Clinic - PGA golf professionals and assistant golf professionals are invited to participate in a golf clinic for 40 Braintree Public School students with special needs. The Super Saturday Clinic will be held at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, May 4th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Free lunch will be included to any volunteers.

Free Clinic for Veterans/Disabled Veterans - Volunteering double header. There will also be a free clinic for veterans and disabled veterans at the Braintree Municipal on Saturday May 4th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to give instruction to our veterans and their families.

Weekly Veterans Clinics at Bedford VA Campus - Veterans clinics will begin on May 7th from 1 pm-3 pm at the Patriot Golf Course on the Bedford VA Campus. There is a need for 1-2 NEPGA professionals to help out with this program for our wounded veterans. Initially there will be weekly events on Tuesdays depending on the attendance and response we receive from the veterans who are rehabilitating at the hospital. Perhaps some of the NEPGA Professionals from local courses, Winchester CC, Oakley CC, Belmont CC, Nashawtuc CC, Concord CC, Pine Brook CC, Woodland CC, Brae Burn CC, Stow Acres, Wedgewood Pines CC, Butternut GC, etc. might be interested in helping us out on a rotating basis due to their proximity to Bedford.

Free Clinic for Veterans/Disabled Veterans - There will be a free clinic for veterans and disabled veterans at the Granite Links Golf Course in Quincy, MA on Wednesday, May 8th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with the free instruction.

Free Clinic for Veterans/Disabled Veterans/First Responders -Volunteers needed to give free lessons to veterans, disabled veterans, and first responders at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, May 11th from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm. In light of the horrific events of recent weeks, it is great to offer these lessons to our first responders!

For more information or to volunteer for any of these above events, please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781.843.6513 x2 or bbeach@braintreema.gov.

Reminder: Check out the "Community Outreach" page on NEPGA.com to see more photos like the ones to the right!

CLUBS FOR VETS



Bob Beach, PGA needs your help to provide golf clubs and bags to veterans who have served our country and put their lives on the line. If you are able to donate to Clubs for Vets, please contact Bob at 781-843-6513 or bbeach@braintreema.gov.

We would like to thank the following individuals for donating to this program: Rob Hardy, Larry Kelley, Lou Katsos, Mike Brown, Art Harris, Peter Doherty, Allan Belden, Bob Miller, Paul Parajeckas and Al Lupis, Joe Cordani Jr., Mike Wortis, Jacy Settles, and Bob Beach.

PUTTING FOR AUTISM CLINIC



The Gang. One of six lines we had going last night.



Pictured Left: Chris Westfield with his Happy Gilmore putter and Bob Beach, PGA. Pictured Right: Two of our new golfers this season, Bobby Newell (L) and Joe Rubble (R) with Bob Beach, PGA.

OUTSIDE THE ROPES

The NEPGA is introducing a new feature about the Section's PGA Professionals giving back to their communities called "Outside the Ropes". If you have a story to share that might inspire other Professionals to become involved in charitable endeavors, contact Joan at jstuart@pgahq.com to request a questionnaire. This month, we're featuring Steve Sheridan, PGA of Billerica, MA.

Steve Sheridan, PGA **A-1, Meadow Brook Golf Club**

We started a Pro-Member Tournament in 2011 at Meadow Brook to raise money for local charities. Each year we donate money to a different charity and with the help of many local businesses and the Boston Bruins, we have been able to rise over \$11k the past two seasons. The first year we donated money to the Autism Speaks Foundation and this past year, we donated money to the Make A Wish Foundation. We try to pick a charity that has ties to our club. Last year at Meadow Brook we raised over \$45k with the four member fund raising tournaments we do. Our Jimmy Fund Tournament just wrapped up their 25th annual tournament, and since that tournament has started, we have raised over \$1 million dollars including \$25k last year. We also run a Breast Cancer Tournament and does the Folds of Honor donation drive twice a year.



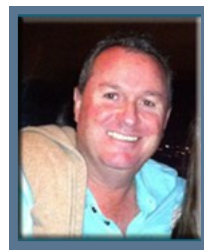
FREE JR TOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF PGA PRO'S!

We are offering FREE NEPGA Junior Tour membership (not including entry fees) to children ages 9-21 of PGA Professionals for the 2013 season! Please submit the completed application (FAX OR MAIL) for each child. Click [here](#) to download the application.

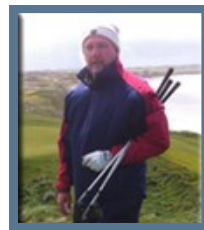
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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Newly-elected members, Robby Bruns, PGA, Ray Geffre, PGA and Brook Rodes, PGA, recently filled out our New Member Questionnaire. Continue reading to learn more about some of our newest members!

Robby Bruns, PGA

Elected into Membership: April 5, 2013

Where are you from? Fayetteville, NC

Where did you attend college? Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC

What was your first job in the golf business? Bos Landen Golf Club in Pella, Iowa

Where do you work? Shelter Harbor Golf Club in Charlestown, RI

Ray Geffre, PGA

Elected into Membership: March 15, 2013

Where are you from? Scituate, RI

Where did you attend college? I recently graduated from Penn State University in the PGA Golf Management program.

What was your first job in the golf business? My first job in the golf industry was working with Eddie Kirby at Alpine Country Club as a caddie at the age of 12, then in the Bag Room at 16.

Where do you work? I currently am working at The Farm at Cape Kidnappers in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, but will be proudly returning home to my second season at Point Judith Country Club this May.

What are your career aspirations? My career aspirations are to someday become either a Teaching Professional, or Head Golf Professional in the New England Section.

Brook Rodes, PGA

Elected into Membership: April 5, 2013

Where are you from? Traverse City, Michigan

Where did you attend college? Ferris State University

What was your first job in the golf business? My first job in the golf business was outside operations at LoehenHeath Golf Club in Williamsburg, Michigan.

Where do you work? I am currently an Assistant Golf Professional at Brae Burn Country Club in West Newton, Massachusetts.

What are your career aspirations? As of right now, I would like to explore my teaching abilities and try to learn and grow as an instructor. In the long run, I would like to work in one of the PGA section offices in Junior Golf or Player Development.

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



TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

On Wednesday, April 24, we ventured to Cape Cod and the picturesque Woods Hole Golf Club. Craig Garriss, PGA and the Ballymeade team took the Pro-Am team honors shaving seven strokes off par. The Individual Professional competition ended with a three-way tie at the top, Brendan Walsh, PGA, Matt Baran, PGA and Shawn Warren, PGA all finished at one over par 72. Thanks to Glen Kelley, PGA and Superintendent Tom Flaherty for hosting.

That is what's happening 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.

See you down the road,

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

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

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

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



CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

CAPE COD CHAPTER



CAPE COD PGA ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

Over 60 members of the Cape Cod PGA Chapter were in attendance for the annual spring meeting held at Sandwich Hollows GC featuring the distribution of awards to a very deserving group of individuals for their accomplishments in 2012.



L to R: Matt Baran-Chapter Champion, Bob Chase-Professional of Year, Steve Brown-Jr. Golf, Tracy Djerf-Asst. of Year & Greg Yeomans-Dutch Wessner/Taylor-Made Player of Year (not pictured: Tracy Mount-Teacher of Year)

Many friends and supporters of the CCPGA were also at the meeting including new sponsor of both the spring and fall meetings – Jeff DiBona – huge thanks go out to Jeff for his support!

New to the Chapter and introduced to the large crowd was Mike Serijan, our newly hired Manager of the hugely popular Cape Cod Junior Golf Association. Though just weeks on the job, Mike reported that membership registrations already exceeded 300 kids from the Cape!

ANNUAL YARMOUTH GOLF SPRING FESTIVAL WEEK FEATURES HUGE DEMO DAY

Hundreds of golfers attended a tremendous Demo Day (9 companies) organized by the golf staff for the Town of Yarmouth who incorporated this promotion into a week long schedule of fun golf activities for locals and visitors alike. Pictured to the left were two key Yarmouth men: Staffer Keith MacArthur (left) and PGA Director of Golf, Jim Armentrout.



CONGRATS TO...

Ballymeade's Craig Garriss for leading his team to victory in the Section Pro-Am held at Woods Hole, April 24th. Garriss also placed T-4 in the pro division tying The Bay Club's Greg Yeomans. Current Chapter champion and PGA Asst. at Oyster Harbors, Matt Baran tied for first place with a 72 while his team also cashed in the best 2 of 4 competition.

AND...A SHOUT OUT TO THE MANY HARD WORKING PGA A-8's IN OUR CHAPTER

Several of whom attended the spring meeting including Dick Fagan- Kittansett & Robert Foster-Pocasset (both PGA members) pictured to the right (L to R).

Hope to see you on the island, May 9th!

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MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



We had a very good turn out on a very dreary day for the Massachusetts Chapter Spring meeting at Myopia Hunt Club. Although the weather

was not kind, Bill Safrin and the staff at Myopia were with their hospitality and use of their facility so please send Bill a thank you if you have not already. Discussed in the meeting very briefly: Mentoring assistants, helping suspended assistants, Junior Golf League, starting a scholarship with some of the Mass. Chapter money, awards for Mass. Chapter professionals, tournaments, use of District Director John Fields (Belmont Country Club), filling out personal PGA profiles, using starter kits (Snag Golf, Junior TPI etc.) all of these kits can be signed out through the Section office.

As always we appreciate feedback from Mass. Chapter PGA Professionals and apprentices so please do not hesitate to e-mail me or Todd Cook or give us a call. And don't forget about the Mass. Chapter event at the new Shaker Hills in June, and the Mass. Chapter event in July at the renowned Oak Hill Country Club in Fitchburg.

Sincerely,

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Vice President/Secretary-Treasurer, Massachusetts Chapter
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RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



RHODE ISLAND AWARD WINNERS FETED AT SPRING MEETING

The highlight of the Rhode Island PGA Chapter's Spring Meeting held at Kirkbrae CC, April 10th was the presentation of 2013 awards to a very deserving group of talented individuals.

STERLING CUT GLASS



L to R: Ed Kirby-POY, Troy Pare-Merchandiser of Year, Devin Beck-Jr. Golf, Jim DiMarino-Chapter President, Bob Tramonti-Teacher of Year, Nick Maresca-Assst. of Year & Mike Bradshaw-Golf Professional of Year

In addition to these Chapter award winners, the RIPGA was extremely proud to recognize the following Section awards: Ed Kirby- Wogan Award, Brian Owens-Asst. Champion, Barry Westall-Merchandiser of Year and longtime Rhode Islander Steve Napoli was voted into the NEPGA Hall of Fame. Congratulations to all!

Attending the Spring Meeting were representatives from the Section: Mike Higgins, Mike Packard, Brian Bain & Larry Kelley who is pictured below with new sponsor Tom Jaronski – President of THE GOLF CONNECTION featuring several Pro-Ams around the globe.



Also in attendance was long-time Chapter sponsor Keith Tortorella – CCE Golf Cars who is pictured right with our very own Susan Bond – Section VP and PGA Head Professional at Weekapaug GC.



TAYLORMADE PRO-AM KICKS OFF CHAPTER SCHEDULE AT ALPINE

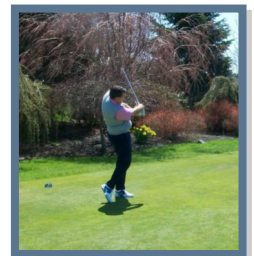
The RIPGA's season commenced to rave reviews as TaylorMade Rep Gary Rencurrel made sure that each amateur and professional playing at Alpine, April 25th was treated with unprecedented attention. Not only did Gary distribute tee gifts to every amateur, he followed up with a brand new R-I Driver for the long drive contest/ams, dozens of new LETHAL golf balls for many more proximity prizes, bought every contestant their first beverage – and donated cash to the purse....all the while conducting a huge demo day on the Alpine range. Host Professional Ed Kirby opened his 2013 campaign with a strong individual pro victory.



L to R: Ed Kirby, John DelBonis, John Rainone, GARY RENCURREL, Rich Molden, Bob Tramonti

Thanks are in order to Gary for making the opening Pro-Am so unique and special and to Tournament Chairman, Mike Bradshaw (pictured right) for his donation to the cause!

Hoping to see you all at Carnegie Abbey for another great Pro-Am, May 23rd, sponsored by both CCE & CALLAWAY. Thanks to Keith Tortorella & Peter Guild for their loyal support.



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MAINE CHAPTER



The spring meeting saw nearly 50 members and apprentices in attendance. The Chapter would like to thank our partners at Titleist, Bushnell and Five Star Golf Cars for sponsoring the event. I'm happy to report you will see all three of these sponsors throughout the year at several of our events.

2013 Chapter Award Recipients

PGA Professional of The Year: Brian Bickford (Val Halla GC)

Assistant Professional of The Year: Rob Jarvis (Bangor Municipal)

Horton Smith Award: Tom Moffatt (Cape Arundel GC)

Bill Strausbaugh Award: Matt Blasik (The Ledges GC)

Junior Golf Leader: Ron Bibeau (The First Tee of Maine)

Teacher of The Year: Anne McClure (The Woodlands Club)

Merchandiser of The Year - Private: Doug Van Wickler (The Woodlands Club)

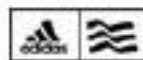
Merchandiser of The Year - Public: Gary Soule (Samoset Resort)

The Chapter is very proud to have three NEPGA Section Award winners this year...Ron Bibeau, Rob Jarvis and Tom Moffatt. You should all be very proud of your accomplishments.

Partnering with the Maine State Golf Association at last weeks Rules of Golf Workshop proved to be very successful. Jim O'Mara, PGA from Charles River CC gave a wonderful presentation. We had 22 PGA members in attendance. To say Jim is an expert on The Rules is obvious, and his anecdotal stories from the PGA Tour and major championships was very interesting to hear. Hiding in the bushes at Augusta National so you are not seen on the telecast...wow!

The TaylorMade / Adidas Golf Pro-Pro Championship is scheduled for May 7th at Webhannet. The 36-hole fourball stroke play is event is always one of the more popular events on our schedule. Players have until Saturday, May 4th to register. The low team that uses the new TaylorMade Lethal golf ball will win \$200. Many thanks to Mark Thompson and Shaun Madigan for their continued support to the Maine Chapter.

May Sponsors



Tony Decker, PGA
NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager



Congratulations to all!

SENIORS' ASSOCIATION



PGA

New England Section
Seniors' Association

The Senior Association 2013 season started off with their annual Spring Meeting on April 26th at Middleton Golf Course. Our thanks to Chris Costa, PGA for hosting the meeting along with the Pro Pro that followed. Here are the results of the Pro-Pro:

Individual Pro Gross:

Al Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC 56

Joe Carr, PGA Bedrock GC 60

Individual Pro Net:

Susan Bond, PGA Weekapaug GC 55

Bill Lodge, PGA Life Member 57

Team Pro-Pro Gross:

Susan Bond, PGA Weekapaug GC/Paul Barkhouse, PGA Woburn CC 53

Tony Grzyb, PGA Natural Golf/Jack Neville, PGA Robert T. Lynch GC 55

Mike Mullavey, PGA Mt. Pleasant GC/Jim Gunnare, PGA Woodstock GC 58

Team Pro-Pro Net:

Al Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC/Charlie Elwood, PGA Life Member 50

Jim Lane, PGA Life Member/Jim Tobin, PGA Barrie Bruce Golf School 52

Chris Costa, PGA Middleton GC/Bill Lodge, PGA Life Member 52

Joe Carr, PGA Bedrock GC/Paul Barkhouse, PGA Woburn CC 52

The next Senior Association Event is May 16th at Hillview Golf Course. This will be Pro 3Am and the entry fee is \$300. Please call Dennis Selvitella, PGA to register 508.410.4984.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



The New Hampshire Chapter has held three ProAms to date, all taking place in windy, cold conditions. However, not much has changed in the POY standings from last year as the Chapter's two young guns, Matt Arvanitis, Concord CC Assistant and Rich Berberian, Jr., Hoodcroft CC Assistant picked up where they left off in 2012. Berberian is in first with 43.5 points and Arvanitis trails him at 38.5 points. Rounding out the top five are: Dan Wilkins (30.5); Cory Mansfield (29.5) and Vince Molesky (29).

The Chapter is pleased to see some of its young assistants competing in our events and enjoying some success, namely Griffin Andrews of Portsmouth, Jason Baldini of Laconia, and Brett Smestad of The Oaks.

May events will include ProAms at Stonebridge CC on May 13; Concord CC on May 20 and Overlook GC on May 28.

The Chapter wishes Dan Gillis, former Londonderry CC Head Professional, good luck as he pursues a new position at Nabnasset Lake Country Club in Massachussets.



Top: Rich Berberian, Sr. outfitted in rain pants, mittens, hooded sweatshirt, etc. as he prepares to fight the biting elements at the chapter's ProAm at Campbell's Scottish Highlands. Good luck to Rich in his retirement years.



Bottom: Wayne Natti, (left) Head Professional at the Profile Club in Franconia, certainly enjoys playing in the chapter's ProAms...reason being is that he's usually playing with a family member or two or three. Here he's playing with son, Sam (right) at Scottish Highlands. Wayne has also competed with his brother Jon and another son, Ed.

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VERMONT CHAPTER



On April 19th, the Vermont Chapter NEPGA Section and our allied associates sponsored a meet and greet with the Vermont legislature at the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier. We set up our Chapter inflatable hitting net on the statehouse lawn and gave nearly 45 mini lessons to our state legislators, lobbyists, and legislator staff. Both the House of Representatives and the Senate officially proclaimed the day Golf in Vermont Day.

Below is a short summary of our presentation:

GOLFIN' THE GREEN MOUNTAINS

The Vermont Statehouse - April 19, 2013

A day to celebrate golf's many contributions to the State of Vermont!

Good for our economy - Generates in excess of \$110M dollars a year through tourism, employment and taxes.

Good for our society - Helps raise over \$2M for charitable contributions & various scholarship funds.

Good for the environment - Vermont leads the way in sustainable environmental maintenance practices.

Good for our community - Great access and affordability to beginner, junior, women's and senior programs. Golf is the perfect recreational activity for the entire family.

With roots that can be traced back over 120 years, golf has long been part of Vermont's rich history and will continue to thrive as long as people visit the Green Mountain State and call Vermont their home. As golf in Vermont continues to grow and bring even more visitors to our beautiful state, the value of **Golfin' The Green Mountains** is truly immeasurable.

The First Tee National School Program – One example of a true collaborative effort! The First Tee National School Program introduces the game of golf to elementary students during physical education classes. Currently in more than 5,000 elementary schools national, 76 Vermont schools have adopted this program. Growing the game at the truest "grass roots" level, the current one-time cost to bring the program into a school is \$3240 which includes the curriculum, special equipment and teacher training. Over the years the allied Vermont PGA and our allied golf associations have combined to donate 75% of each school's program cost.

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AT THE TURN

Member Updates

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Evan J. Mitchell, PGA	A-8	Wannamoissett CC

New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Robert O Churchill	A-8	Presidents GC
Brian P Dorney	A-8	Nashawtuc CC
Kevin D Wright	A-8	Eastman Golf Links

New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Award Date</u>
Glenn Kelly, PGA	A-1	3/31/2013

New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Matthew R Alwin	B-8	North Florida
Edward J Doherty II	B-8	Carolinas
Kenneth Mast, PGA	LM	North Florida
Gary M Shea	B-8	South Florida
Barbara J. Shipley, PGA	A-8	Middle Atlantic

Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Horace E. Archer, PGA	A-8	CC of Vermont
Kevin C. Bennison, PGA	A-1	Mt Anthony CC
James H. Carey, PGA	A-6	Sharon CC
Shawn E. Durocher, PGA	A-8	Cyprian Keyes GC
Michael Mitchell, PGA	A-4	Ridgemont CC
Phil D. Schuster, PGA	A-6	Rangeway Golf & Learning

Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Matthew R Alwin	B-8	4/27	Dedham Country & Polo Club
Horace E. Archer, PGA	A-8	4/20	CC of Vermont
Kevin C. Bennison, PGA	A-1	5/1	Mt Anthony CC
Benjamin F Benson	B-8	5/1	Kwiniaska GC
Keith G. Bursey	B-8	5/1	Kernwood CC
James H. Carey, PGA	A-6	5/1	Sharon CC
Kevin P Christofaro	B-8	4/5	Carnegie Abbey Club
Ernest J Cuzzocreo	B-8	5/1	Miacomet GC
Nathan G Dobbins	B-8	4/30	Milton Hoosic CC
Edward J Doherty II	B-8	4/15	Worcester CC
Shawn E. Durocher, PGA	A-8	5/1	Cyprian Keyes GC
Joe Ferreira V	B-8	5/1	The Ridge Club
David C. Finethy, PGA	A-8	5/1	Ekwanok CC
Jason C. Hurd, PGA	A-13	4/15	Augusta CC
Robert P. Jacobs, PGA	A-8	4/15	Mt Pleasant CC
Ronald W Kelton	B-8	4/16	Purpoodock Club
Adam J. Lucas, PGA	A-8	4/15	Wianno Club
Derek M. Mancieri	B-8	4/12	Point Judith CC
Michael Mitchell, PGA	A-4	4/13	Ridgemont CC
Richard F. Packish Jr., PGA	A-8	4/17	Willowbend Golf & CC
Gregg M Richbourg, PGA	A-8	4/18	Cape Cod National GC
Phil D. Schuster, PGA	A-6	4/15	Rangeway Golf & Learning
Gary M Shea	B-8	5/1	Exeter CC
Barbara J. Shipley, PGA	A-8	4/15	Belmont CC
Joshua R Upson	B-8	5/1	Sankaty Head GC

These reports reflect changes made between
4/12/2013 and 5/2/2013.

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Ever Played
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