





New England Open Details 2016 Section Championships

Martin & Pare Make History Again at LeBaron

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FRONT COVER:

Jeff Martin, PGA & Troy Pare, PGA won their second consecutive and fifth overall Pro-Pro Match Play Championship! This year's event was held at LeBaron Hills Country Club on April 25-27.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Rob Jarvis, PGA



Greetings Fellow NEPGA Professionals,

Spring has finally sprung and I hope that everyone is getting off to a good start this season. The first few weeks of each season are exciting for all of us, but can also be trying as well. With limited staff and enthusiastic golfers come even longer days for our professionals. Rest assured that in no time reinforcements will be here for all of

us and hopefully we can take a nice deep breath and play some golf!

Pro-Pro Match Play History

Our centennial year has already become one for the record books. As if the PGA of America and the NEPGA turning 100 years old was not enough, Troy Pare, PGA and his partner Jeff Martin, PGA have become the first players in NEPGA history to win the Pro-Pro Match Play Championship 5 times! Apparently there is something magical about LeBaron Hills for these two fine champions. Bob Darling, PGA and John Hickson, PGA should be commended for their efforts to end Troy and Jeff's reign over this championship. They turned in a bold effort and my guess is they will be gunning for Mr. Martin and Mr. Pare next year.

Special thanks goes to Sandy Jablonski of Bobby Jones, Ollie and Dee Hallet of Imperial Headwear & Golf Max, Jim Lynch of Prize Possessions and the PGA Tour for supporting this historic championship.

Centennial Video

Speaking of history...if you have not done so yet, make sure to click over to the <u>NEPGA.com</u> and view the fantastic Centennial Video posted to our front page. This historic take on our section's first 100 years is a wonderful journey through the decades and is filled with great photographs of our section's forefathers, most legendary players and



dedicated staff members that have all made the NEPGA the best section in the PGA of America.

It is very inspiring and also quite emotional. So many men and women have dedicated their lives to building this section and they are all showcased in this one collaboration. I have watched it at least 5 times now and each time I walk away more proud to serve as your president and follow in the footsteps of the innovators, champions and leaders of the last 100 years.

Hartford Super Regional

In late April the three candidates for Secretary of the PGA of America traveled to Hartford, CT to meet with section officers and staff. Current PGA of America Secretary Suzy Whaley, PGA and Tom Brawley from PGA National were on hand to moderate this fine event and help educate us more about the candidates so we may make an informed decision at the Annual Meeting in New York this fall. In attendance with myself were NEPGA Vice President Ron Bibeau, PGA, NEPGA Secretary Allan Belden, PGA and Executive Director Mike Higgins. Russ Libby, PGA, Jim Richerson, PGA, and Rick Murphy, PGA should be commended for their efforts in running quality campaigns. All three of these PGA Professionals are passionate, driven and very well versed in the issues facing the PGA Professional today. Running for national office is a full time job in its own right and it was amazing to see how they all balance their everyday lives in order to help make our association bigger and better.

Tournament Time

As I previously mentioned, the NEPGA tournament season has kicked off. Tournament play is vital to the success of our section and its members. Participation was very good last year, but I think we can do even better. Let's all set a goal to play in at least one more tournament this year. Whether it is a section championship or a chapter pro am, if we all play in just one more event, we can grow participation by 1,000 rounds! All of the NEPGA and Chapter events are posted online so visit the website and mark your calendars. Also, don't forget to download the NEPGA App and follow all of the scores from our events.

This is sure shaping up to be a special season. If there is anything I can do for you please do not hesitate to contact me. It is my pleasure to serve as your president and I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Rob Jarvis, PGA New England PGA President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Mike Higgins



Progress. If you were one of the many New England PGA Professionals or Section Partners at the Spring meeting at Andover CC on April 12th, you heard that word mentioned quite a bit. Progress in your own facility, progress at your own job, or even progress in yourself personally. The New England PGA certainly has seen some major progress over the last 100 years. I personally love progress and I always enjoy looking at where we were, just to see how far we have come. Being a part of the centennial process has been a wonderful experience for me. I have traveled down memory lane and viewed old pictures, old

documents and old tournament results. It was great to see our NEPGA Legends in their youth, and also learn how their dedication so many years ago, molded the New England PGA into the success we see today.

We have been working very closely with NEPGA Centennial book author Gary Larabee to complete our book, and our deadline is on target to have these in hand by the fall meetings. We have also been working closely with each chapter to designate a Chapter Pro-Am as a Centennial Pro-Am, which we will try and enhance and make just a bit more special. Be on the look-out for the Centennial Pro-Am in your Chapter!

The deadlines for the three major NEPGA Championships have all changed. The PGA of America has allowed us to extend the registration deadlines for the NEPGA Section Championship, the Seniors Championship as well as the Assistants Championship. These deadlines will be closer to the dates of the events and will hopefully allow for better planning. Please remember that registration will not be accepted after the deadline, so be sure to not to miss one of our major's in our Centennial Season!

For me, the May Issue of our Newsletter always signifies the start of the golf season at the New England PGA. The weather warms up a bit, all our Chapters are now off and running, and the Section transitions from seminars, employment and meetings to tournaments. It is also when I am able to have more interaction with New England PGA Professionals. I have, and always will try to attend as many tournaments as possible, because this is a great opportunity to interact with 40, 50 even 100 PGA Professionals in one day. There is always a conversation about employment, a discussion about an event or simply how things are going at your facility. I hope if there is ever anything I can help you with, please pull me aside at an event, or simply give me a call at the Section office. I am happy to help in any way I can.

Have a terrific spring and a successful season.

Respectfully,

Michael Higgins New England PGA Executive Director

Important Dates

MAY 9 NEPGA Stroke Play #1 Black Rock Country Club

MAY 12 NEPGA Hudson Cup Duxbury Yacht Club

MAY 16 Tame the Tigers Pro-Am The International

MAY 18 Registration Opens for NEPGA Assistant Championship

MAY 23 NEPGA Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant Bay Club at Mattapoisett

MAY 25

Registration Opens for NEPGA Professional Championship

MAY 31

NEPGA Pro-Am Championship Pinehills Golf Club

MAY 31 Deadline to Submit PGA Annual Operations Survey

JUNE 1 Registration Opens for NEPGA Senior Professional Championship

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New England PGA Centennial Belt



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And Still... Pare & Martin Make History Again at LeBaron

It's been quite a while since Jeff Martin, PGA and Troy Pare, PGA have lost at LeBaron Hills. In fact, you have to go back to 2014 in the Semi-Finals to find it, where Brian Owens, PGA and Bob Tramonti, PGA beat them 1 Up before losing in the Finals to Frank Dully, PGA and Steve Bramlett, PGA. Since then Martin and Pare have shot a combined 16-under in stroke play qualifying, their average start in match play is the 1.5 seed, and their average margin of victory in match play is 2 & 1, not including their first round byes.

It is safe to say they enjoy LeBaron Hills, with a 45% win percentage since it moved there in 2006. Victories in 2007, 2010, 2012 and 2015 put them in elite company, as only a few players in the 30year history had ever won it four times, and none with the same partner. A win this year would put Jeff and Troy in rarified air, as no team or Professional had ever won this Championship five times, and only two teams had won the event multiple times in a row (Kirk Hanefeld, PGA & Bob Green, PGA '99-'01 and Dave Lane, PGA & Webb Heintzelman, PGA '96 -'97). All that stood between them were two PGA Professionals from Maine who happen to have a Pro-Pro Match Play Title of their own, plus more Wogan Player of the Year Awards and Section Championships combined than Martin & Pare.

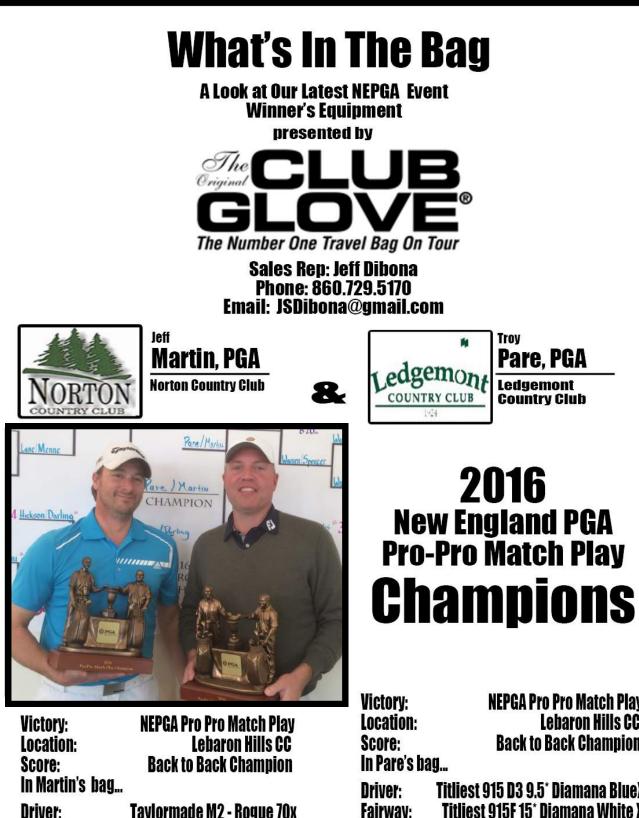
As good as Monday's weather was, compared to how bad Tuesday's weather was, Wednesday topped them both. Chilly temperatures greeted players but was countered with sunny skies. The Semi-Final matches were first up, a change from prior years due to Tuesday's weather delay. In the first match of the day, Hickey & Farland battled with Darling & Hickson, but ultimately were defeated 2 Up. In the second match, Martin & Pare had their hands full with Arvanitis & Berberian. After jumping out to a 2 Up lead at the turn, Martin & Pare let the New Hampshire duo back in and they were able to force extra holes. As they did in the Finals in 2015, when faced with extra holes Martin & Pare seemed to find another gear, and Pare calmly rolled in a 50' birdie putt to close out the match. When asked about the putt to clinch the match, Pare said "I was just telling Jeff how we had lost holes to long putts, now it's our turn to make one". And so he did.

The Finals match was a rematch of a 2012 Quarterfinal match which saw Martin & Pare advance in 20 Holes, which had Hickson & Darling hoping for a different result this time around. The match started slow with halved pars on the first two holes. After the formalities, the par-5 third hole got things going as Martin made eagle to give he and Pare a 1up lead. It would be a lead they would not give up. As Hickson & Darling struggled to find momentum, Martin & Pare continued to feed off each other and pour in birdies, playing the front nine in 4-under par which was good for a 4 Up lead.

With victory in sight and an early afternoon off, Hickson & Darling had other plans and started the back nine with three consecutive birdies to close their gap to 3 down through 12 holes. Another birdie on the par-4 14th narrowed the deficit to two with four to play, and the Maine Professionals were gaining. But as great match players do, Martin & Pare had been here before and knew they needed to make a move to squash their opponents momentum. With another birdie opportunity at the par-5 15th, Pare took it into his own hands and did one better, making an eagle three to restore the lead to 3 up with 3 to play. A win on the par-4 16th sealed the 4 & 2 victory, and kicked off the next 100 years of the New England Section right where they left off the last 100. All in all it was a great match, with Martin & Pare shooting 8-under best ball and Hickson & Darling shooting 5-under with the usual concessions.

Once again a special thank you to our outstanding partners: Sandy Jablonski & Bobby Jones, Jim Lynch & Prize Possessions, and Ollie & Dee Hallet from Golf-Max & Imperial Headwear, along with the PGA TOUR for their support. Also, a special thank you to LeBaron Hills and owner Frank Will, and PGA Professionals Tom Rooney and Lou Katsos for their hospitality.





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GREENSIDE: Ron Green, PGA



I speak for everyone on the NEPGA Staff when I say we hope you can find the time to come out and play some golf this year. We know how busy everybody is these days and we truly appreciate your support of our tournament program and the sponsors who enhance it.

Entries are available at <u>NEPGA.com</u> for all events on the 2016 NEPGA Schedule.

Please keep your eyes open for notifications from PGA of America with deadlines for entering the New England Section Professional Championship, New England Section Senior Professional Championship and New England Section Assistant Championship. Filing your entry on time is critical for these events, do it sooner rather than later to avoid missing out. Further details on all of these events as well as entry information is available at <u>NEPGA.com</u>, just click on the "Tournament" tab.

Keep reading to see what's on the schedule for May, as we move down the road this season we have many more playing opportunities to offer you.

To stay current with all the important dates, formats, etc. we ask you to keep reading the weekly section emails as well as checking us out on Facebook and Twitter.

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Note: The NEPGA Pro-Am at Portsmouth CC scheduled for May 2nd was canceled due to weather.

NEPGA Stroke Play #1 Black Rock Country Club | Monday, May 9th

The 5-event NEPGA Stroke Play Series is back and our first stop is at Black Rock Country Club on Monday, May 9, as always a blind draw Pro-Pro competition is included in the entry fee for each event. Thank you to PGA Professional Mark Gammons and Superintendent Chuck Welch for hosting.

The NEPGA Stroke Play Series will also continue to serve as part of the qualifying component for the The Avidia Cup.







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NEPGA Hudson Cup Duxbury Yacht Club | Thursday, May 12



May also offers opportunities for our hard working Assistant Professionals to get out and play some golf.

The Hudson Cup returns to the Duxbury Yacht Club on Thursday, May 12, this event is named in honor of former Executive Director Susan Hudson, someone who always made the time and effort to help and support the assistant professional.

Randy Grills, PGA and Superintendent Peter Lanman are our hosts.



NEPGA Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant

Bay Club at Mattapoisett | Monday, May 23

On Monday, May 23, the NEPGA Acushnet Pro-Assistant Championship returns to the Bay Club Mattapoisett.

We realize you are all busy and your shops have been open and running since early March, but please try and make the time to come out and play with your staff while competing against your peers.



NEPGA Pro-Am Championship Pinehills Golf Club | Tuesday, May 31st



Finally, the NEPGA Pro-Am Championship, sponsored by Cobra Puma Golf returns to The Pinehills on Tuesday, May 31. Team up with one of your best amateur players for thirty-six (36) holes of golf on two superb courses.

This is also a great opportunity to get an early season look at the two courses that will be hosting the Centennial edition of the New England Section Professional Championship on August 22 - 24.

Many Thanks to everyone at Pinehills for all they do for the NEPGA and especially Host Professional John Tuffin and Superintendent Joe Felicetti.



2016 Championship Information

The NEPGA Centennial Season is upon us and so too are Major Championships. Historically, the New England Section has had the largest fields in the country. This year is a little different than years past and the window of opportunity to register is designed to increase participation of our members and decrease the amount of withdrawals. We hope you are able to play this year and look forward to seeing you throughout our Centennial Season.







REGISTRATION

You may register for the following events on <u>PGA.org</u> or by calling the PGA at (800) 474-2776 beginning on the dates mentioned below. *See NEPGA Senior Champ. exception

NEPGA Professional Championship

Pinehills GC, Plymouth, MA August 22-24, 2016 *Entry opens May 25, 2016* Fee: \$300 Deadline: August 3, 2016

NEPGA Senior Professional Championship

Okemo Valley GC, Ludlow, VT August 3-4, 2016 *Entry opens June 1, 2016* Fee \$300 Deadline: July 13, 2016

*Please Note: This is a national event qualifier for the 2016 Senior PGA Professional Championship being held in November in Port St. Lucie, FL. Anyone **NOT** attempting to qualify for the national event may <u>click here</u> to register for the NEPGA Senior Championship and pay the \$160 entry fee.

NEPGA Assistant Professional Championship

Spring Valley CC, Sharon, MA September 13-14, 2016 *Entry opens May 18, 2016* Fee: \$175 Deadline: August 24, 2016

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NEWS FROM THE PGA OF AMERICA





The PGA Annual Operations Survey is now available on PGA.org. The survey is currently available for the highestranked PGA Professional at each facility, or to any other golf professional with proxy rights for their facility. We encourage you to complete the survey as it allows you to compare your top-line revenues and expenses against other "like" green grass and off-course facilities and also serves as a value guide during the budgeting process. Additionally, data from this survey is used to support state and national economic impact studies which are vital to telling the story about golf's impact on the economy.

Information gathered through this service is strictly confidential to individual facility management and is presented in aggregate with other facilities for reporting purposes. Members will automatically receive up to two MSR credits upon completion of the survey if submitted by the deadline of May 31st.

To improve your survey experience, many areas have been streamlined to ensure that you only answers questions that are relevant to the operational areas you manage. In addition, there is a downloadable version of the survey on the Annual Operations Survey landing page that you can use as a worksheet to simplify your online experience and save time.

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Access the Drive, Chip & Putt Instruction Playbook

The Drive, Chip and Putt Instruction Playbook was created to help PGA Professionals leverage the successful Drive, Chip and Putt Championship to create and retain new golfers at their facility. This playbook will aid you in the creation and implementation of youth clinics with a Drive, Chip and Putt twist with the ultimate goals of increasing youth activity at your facility, creating revenue for your instruction business and driving awareness of the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship. <u>Click here</u> to view the playbook on PGA.org.

District 1 Director Report: Donnie Lyons, PGA



<u>Click here</u> to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of April featuring the PGA Junior League Golf Championship site announcement, Drive, Chip & Putt Championship highlights, a Get Golf Ready program update and more.



MAY MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Joan Stuart



Membership Dues – Important Information!

Dues invoices are released to <u>PGA.org</u> and everyone with an email address should have received an email notification

last week advising them that they can view, print and/or pay the FY2016/2017 dues online. *Those with an email address will not receive a printed invoice.*

For those individuals whose employer pays their dues, they should log onto <u>PGA.org</u> to print an invoice to submit to their employer for payment processing. Please encourage anyone who pays by check to have their member/apprentice number included in the "Note" portion of the check and/or on the check stub.

DUES PROXY OPTION: Also, new this year is the ability for members and apprentices 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.

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The due date for this invoice is June 30, 2016 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 <u>PGA.org</u> is the preferred method.

ACH Payments for Purse Winnings

This is worth repeating! As we begin the Centennial 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?

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NEPGA Through the Years

Susan Hudson: A Woman Shall Lead Them

After making history with the hiring of Wemyss in 1970, the Section added a new chapter with the naming of assistant executive director Susan Hudson as executive director in 1990. Rules guru Edward "Buddy" Young continued a memorable tenure as tournament director.

In the first major restructuring of the Section's administrative operations since Wemyss arrived, Jack Bates expanded his role as on-site tournament support and head of sponsor relations, Brenda Hutchinson was promoted to executive secretary and Lori Cassola became secretary/receptionist.

"This was an attempt to slice up the operational pie to make certain everyone could do his/her very best job while also smoothly meshing all these varied talents," Hudson said at the time. "It was successful."

The year 1991 was a noteworthy time as well because of the six men who became new Section officers. Among them, Kurt Sokolowski was the new president, future president Jack Neville became secretary-treasurer and future presidents Don Lyons and Jim Remy became vice-presidents, Remy later becoming the Section's first member to be elected National President.

Hudson's appointment came twelve years after she joined the Section as Wemyss's executive secretary. "I never imagined January 8, 1979 would be the start of a thirty-year career with the NEPGA," she recalled. "George and I made a great team. He often described me to others as his right arm. George initially seemed strict and gruff, but that was just a front. He had a heart of gold and carried a passion for the Section I will always remember. His job was to bring the NEPGA up to a standard of professional business practices not yet attained and he succeeded."

Hudson might not have become a part of NEPGA history had she not met her future husband, Bruce, a Peabody, Massachusetts native, in Turkey, where Bruce was serving in the Air Force and Susan was living with her parents, since her dad had a civilian job with the same branch of the military. Susan and Bruce married the day after Bruce was discharged and soon relocated to Bruce's native North Shore.

Hudson noted the inestimable value provided by Wemyss's wife Dee, who worked side by side with her husband wherever the job took him, from tournaments to local and national meetings to merchandise shows. "Dee was as devoted to the NEPGA as George, and that's saying a great deal. I never saw a married couple who loved their jobs working alongside each other more."

The NEPGA staff received a major boost when Edward "Eddie" Carbone came on board in 1993 as the new director of operations and Ron Green, a PGA professional, was named tournament manager.

"Times were changing," Hudson noted, "but we'd had terrific people in place all along anyway. From Buddy Young and John Miller (40 years with the NEPGA) our key rules people, to long-time starter Al Raymond and back to Miller, who produced our yearbook for many, many years.

"Fact is Eddie provided an energy we'd never had before and our tournament schedule and sponsorship took off under his leadership."

The Section was progressing nicely under the new-era staff, while the man who made it all possible, the foundation builder, was in retirement in Florida with wife Dee. George fell seriously ill in early 1993 and on his seventy-fifth birthday, March 27, died from an aneurism.

"Everyone in the NEPGA family took George's death hard," Hudson remembered. "We all felt a terrible loss, but at the same time knew we must carry on and keep improving the NEPGA in every way we could in honor of George."

The Section offices relocated later that



same year to Hillview Country Club in North Reading. The NEPGA continued growing. Carbone instituted an intern program and established the Junior Golf program.

"We expanded membership services," Hudson said. "Club relations and office operations flourished."

When Cyprian Keyes Country Club owner Bob Frem offered to provide comfortable space for a new NEPGA home office in 1998, Hudson accepted. At the same time, Carbone was promoted to executive director and Hudson became program director, allowing her to work out of her home in Manchester By-the-Sea, Massachusetts. She performed those duties for twelve years before retiring the end of 2008, but not before receiving the George S. Wemyss Award in 1996 and becoming an honorary life member of the NEPGA in 2005.

Hudson's contributions to the Section were recognized long before that, in fact, when the tournament committee established the Hudson Cup tournament for PGA apprentices in 1987. It continues its annual run to this day.

"I've been honored to work for the NEPGA all those years," Hudson said. "The recognition I've received has been a bonus. To think I never was able to swing a golf club, but golf has always been my favorite spectator sport."

CAPE COD & RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Mickey Herron, PGA, Cape Cod & Rhode Island Chapter Tournament Manager



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2016 RIPGA Award Winners (Left to Right): Moynihan, Amaral, Robinson, Ray, Marcotte, Del Bonis.

Additionally, M. Bradshaw earned the NEPGA Horton Smith Award

The Rhode Island PGA Chapter congratulates its 2016 Chapter Award Winners:

RIPGA Golf Professional of the Year - **Brent Amaral** RIPGA Teacher of the Year - **Dave Marcotte** RIPGA Merchandiser of the Year - **John Del Bonis** RIPGA Youth Player Development Award - **Mike Bradshaw**

RIPGA Assistant of the Year - **Michael Robinson** RIPGA Partner of the Year - **David Moynihan** RIPGA Les Kennedy Player of the Year - **Brendon Ray**

The Cape Cod PGA Chapter congratulates its 2016 Chapter Award Winners:

CCPGA Gary Philbrick Golf Professional of the Year - **Bob Giusti** CCPGA Assistant/Apprentice of the Year - **Zack Sweet** CCPGA Teacher of the Year - Andrea Johnson CCPGA Junior Leader of the Year—Roman Greer

2016 CCPGA Award Winners (Left to Right): Giusti, Johnson A., Miller, Johnson, R. (not pictured: Sweet, Greer, Truono)

Additionally, R. Greer earned the NEPGA Junior Golf Development Award, Phil Truono won the Section Teacher of the Year Award, Rick Johnson won the Player Development Award.



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Exemplary Partners (a monthly feature in 2016)

Part I



The Rhode Island Chapter will open its 2016 schedule at Ledgemont – May 18th – for the CALLAWAY PRO-PRO SERIES sponsored by longtime loyal partner Peter Guild who also supports the next PRO PRO SERIES event at Hyannisport – June 15th. Spots are precious, register now! Peter adds \$1,000 to each PRO PRO purse while also contributing \$1,500 to each Chapter's Championships. Simply, he is OUR Presenting Partner!

Peter Guild

Part II

For the 6th consecutive year Mr. Jeff Moore, proprietor of The Lanes Bowl & Bistro (Mashpee Commons) and all three Bobby Byrnes Pubs on the Cape not only has sponsored two tournaments per year, but hosted the 2nd Annual CCPGA Bowling League over the winter months comprised of PRO led teams representing 10 clubs across the Cape!

Competitive Congrats

To: Ledgemont's PGA HP Troy Pare whom, along with partner Jeff Martin, PGA HP at Norton CC, captured their 5th PRO PRO MATCH PLAY TITLE at LeBaron Hills in late April. Awesome!

To: Cape Cod National's PGA Assistant Gregg Richbourg who parlayed his 4th career ace into a stunning 3-shot victory over a good CCPGA field at Pocasset GC, firing 69 to win going away. It was Gregg's 2nd competitive hole-in-one, this one on the diabolical uphill 15th hole playing "only" 146 yards. He hit 7-iron and it "never left the flag", according to one of Gregg's partners. That hole is so severely uphill that the entire foursome spent several minutes looking for his ball before checking the hole, bringing up an interesting rule – ONCE THE BALL IS HOLED, all other rules are irrelevant...golfers may look for 10 minutes and still not incur a penalty if the ball is holed (except unduly delaying play!)



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MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Maine Chapter President Jason Hurd, PGA

The 2016 Golf Season in Maine is off to a great start. After a mild winter, the month of April was good to the golfing population. Several of our courses have had earlier openings than usual and all was well until Mother Nature decided to dump a few inches of the white powder and interrupt our great start. The interruption was good timing in that our Chapter Spring Meeting was about to happen. The Woodlands Club in Falmouth played host to our meeting and several professionals took time out from their busy schedules to join us in the official kickstart to our season. A special thank you goes out to the Sponsors in attendance. We appreciate your support. Greg Ludes from Titleist, Bryan Saylor from FootJoy, Larry



Kelly and Matt McDonald from Five Star Golf Cars, Don Groft from Yamaha and Jim Lynch from Prize Possessions. Thank you for joining us!

Congratulations to all the Chapter Award Winners that were announced at the Spring Meeting! Our Chapter has a great deal of talented golf professionals and the recipients are all deserving of the recognition. Our top honor given to the **Golf Professional of the Year** was presented to **Tony Decker**, **PGA** from the Purpoodock Club. Congratulations!

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Other award winners include:

Player of the Year (2015) Bob Darling, PGA, Fox Ridge GC

Bill Strausbaugh Award Doug Van Wickler, PGA, Woodlands Club

Horton Smith Award Ron Bibeau, PGA, First Tee of Maine

Deacon Palmer Award Abby Spector, PGA, Riverside GC Teacher of the Year Scott Mayer, PGA, Nonesuch GC

Assistant Golf Professional of the Year Tom Moffatt, PGA, Cape Arundel GC

Merchandiser of the Year {Private} Chris Twombly, PGA, Prouts Neck CC

Merchandiser of the Year {Public} Peiter DeVos, PGA, Kebo Valley GC

Merchandiser of the Year {Resort} Gary Soule, PGA, Samoset Resort Player Development Award Brian Bickford, PGA, Val Halla GC

Youth Player Development Award Abby Spector, PGA, Riverside GC

Congratulations to all and a <u>SPECIAL</u> <u>RECOGNITION</u> to the two NEPGA SEC-TION AWARD WINNERS as well. **Gary Soule, PGA** from Samoset Resort and **Peiter DeVos, PGA** from Kebo Valley GC were announced as Section **Award Winners for Merchandisers of the Year**.



Tournament news has not begun in the Chapter at this point but that does not mean the Maine Chapter Members are not playing. Kudos to John Hickson and Bob Darling for their stellar play in reaching the finals of the Pro-Pro Match Play Championship contested at LeBaron Hills in Massachusetts. The Maine Team has had success in this event in past years including taking home the 2005 Championship. Go seniors!!!

Upcoming Events: *Mark your calendars and come join us* Tuesday, May 17- Pro-Pro Stroke Play at Webhannet GC Tuesday, May 24- Pro Am at Prouts Neck GC Tuesday, May 31- Pro Am at Purpoodock Club

Reminder to ALL the Host Pro's of Chapter Pro Ams, you have the option to choose the format to play at your facility. Choose from $\{1\}$ 2 Best Ball of 4 (1 G + 1 N); $\{2\}$ 1 Best Ball of 4 (Gross + Net); $\{3\}$ Team Aggregate Stableford.

Junior Golf Maine is a joint effort between the Maine Chapter, The First Tee of Maine, and the Maine State Golf Association to promote junior golf in Maine. This year our efforts were focused on growing the game with the Kidabaloo Events in Bangor and Portland. If success is measured in numbers, we nailed it. We introduced the game to some 5000+ kids at both locations combined. Thank you to Brian Bickford, PGA and the Chapter PGA Professionals who donated their time to help us promote the Game!

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by NH Chapter President Ken Hamel, PGA

The Chapter has announced the purchase of some SNAG equipment that will be housed at Beaver Meadow Golf Course in Concord. It is available to members on a first-come, firstserved basis. The equipment helps children learn the basic skills like running, jumping, skipping, throwing and catching. Atkinson CC also has SNAG in storage.

The Chapter also has announced that the board has proposed a plan to draw down excess funds by contributing money to worthwhile projects and charities. The plan is to donate \$10,000 annually to five worthy causes in \$2,000 lots.

Confirmed targets so far are:

The Webster House in Manchester which provides housing to troubled youths who are unable to live at home for some period of time.

Jen's Friends Cancer Foundation in the Mount Washington Valley who provides supplemental financial assistance and other resources to cancer patients and their families.

The Pease Greeters Mission at the Pease International Airport which welcomes troops passing through on their way to or from Afghanistan or Iraq, or any other conflicts in any part of the world.

Prouty benefitting cancer research and patient services at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center.

The New Hampshire Chapter has been busy this off season conducting a number of education seminars including the

following:

New TTP Guidelines Junior League Golf Seminar Titleist 2016 Club Fitting Workshop Sam Putt Lab Seminar

The Chapter held its annual spring meeting of members on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at Intervale Country Club. Over 50 members were in attendance and witnessed presentations from NEPGA President Rob Jarvis, NEPGA Executive Director Mike Higgins, Michael Packard, PGA and from Chapter President Ken Hamel, Vice President Tim Loch and Tournament Manager Frank Swierz.

The first two pro-ams are in the books and the results are: At The Oaks pro-am, four pros were tied for low professional at 1-over par: Cory Mansfield, Montcalm; Danny Kish, Eastman; Rich Berberian, Windham and Matt Arvanitis, Southern NH University.

At Laconia CC, Windham CC Teaching Pro Marc Spencer shot a 6-under par score of 66 to blitz the professional field. Host Pro Todd Rollins was second at 1-under par 71. Tied for third place with even par rounds of 72 were Mitch Jefferson, Ridgewood CC and Jason Malcolm, Dublin Lake Golf Club.

Martignetti Companies has signed on once again to be the title sponsor of the chapter's pro-ams. This year's brand is Hudson Whiskey.



(Top Left) Rob Jarvis, NEPGA President, welcomes spring meeting attendees at Intervale CC.

(Bottom Left) Steve Poremba, PGA, of Derryfield CC demonstrates the Sam Putt Lab method to seminar attendees at Intervale CC.

(Top Right) Ken Hamel, NHC President, addresses the spring meeting of members.

(Bottom Right) Ken Hamel, NHC President, and Mike Higgins, NEPGA Executive Director, discuss the agenda prior to the annual spring meeting.



VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Vermont Chapter President Roger A. King, PGA

Happy Spring! The VT Chapter is ramping up for what is going to be a great, busy summer. We started by hosting Vermont Golf Day at the Vermont State House. Our District Director, Dave Soucy, organized this great event. It entails a morning breakfast, followed by a quick stop in the legislative chambers, and finally some face time on the state house lawn, talking to and giving lessons to the legislators from around the state. I want to thank Dave Christy, PGA, Dave Pfannenstein, PGA, Dave Soucy, PGA, Jim Ironside, PGA, Steve Roger, PGA, and representatives from the VGA, VSWGA, and GCSSA for attending. It is a great way to keep our needs on the forefront of their minds.



We hosted our Spring Meeting and Pro Pro on May 2nd at Rutland C.C. I would like to thank Greg Nelson PGA for hosting this event yet again this year. Also I would like to thank Jim Mayo and his companies for sponsoring the meeting. Following the meeting was a pro pro and sponsor appreciation lunch and golf event. We gladly invited many of our tournament sponsors to join us. It is a great way to say thanks for their support.

A huge congrats to a Zack Wyman, PGA for being named NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year. Zack is nothing but a consummate professional in all ways. I have had the pleasure of being his partner in many events and consider him to be a huge influence on me personally and professionally.



Finally, I want to thank Dave Christy, PGA for his great work as our Operations Manager. Also my BOD Greg Nelson, PGA, Brian Gara, PGA, Matt Havers, PGA and Dave Pfannenstein, PGA as well as all the great PGA Professionals who serve and donate their time at the committee levels.

ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Assistants' Association President Eric Zadorian, PGA

The Assistants' Association kicked off on Wednesday, April 20th at Carnegie Abbey with our Spring Meeting, Pro-Pro Golf Event, and Head Professional Round Table event. Thank you to host Head Professional, Jim DiMarino and the Carnegie Abbey Club for hosting us. A variety of topics were covered during the meeting including our 2016 Tournament Schedule, Educational seminar topics, and NEPGA happenings. PGA Employment Consultant, Michael Packard, PGA, was in attendance and hosted a discussion on the value of the PGA Professional and how he believes the industry will evolve in the next five years. A special thank you to Michael

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for taking the time out of his busy schedule to join us at Carnegie Abbey!

Following golf, the Assistants' Association hosted a Head Professional round table discussion with Jim DiMarino, PGA; John Rainone, PGA Head Professional at North Kingstown Municipal Golf Course; and Dana Smith PGA Head Professional at President's Golf Course. The head professionals discussed their previous work experiences within the golf industry as well as techniques related to hiring staff, presenting new ideas to their membership, and merchandising philosophies. Thank you to Jim, Dana,

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and John for taking the time to discuss these topics with us.

Become a member of the Assistants' Association today by signing up on our website, <u>www.nepgaassistants.com</u>. Membership dues have been lowered to \$30 and includes great playing opportunities, educational seminars, and most importantly, networking opportunities with your fellow Assistants!

The NEAA Board of Directors looks forward to seeing our fellow Assistant Professionals at an event this Spring!

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SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Seniors' Association President Dennis Selvitella, PGA

The Seniors' Association Spring Meeting was held at Middleton Golf Course on Friday, April 29th with the Annual Blind Draw Pro-Pro afterwards. Please see the results and pictures from the event.

Coming up is a Pro-3 Am at Milton Hoosic Club on Thursday, May 26th. If you would like to play, please contact Dennis Selvitella, PGA at 508.410.4984 or Joe Carr, PGA at 508.873.7768.

If you have any suggestions or new ideas for the Seniors, please feel free to contact either Dennis or Joe. This is your Association and we would like to see great participation in the upcoming season.

The date for the Needham Pro-3 Am event is Wednesday, September 28th.

RESULTS:

NEPGA Senior Spring Meeting Pro/Pro Middleton GC | April 29, 2016

Individual Pro Gross

1. Brad Durrin, PGA Chelmsford CC 56 \$150

Individual Pro Net

- 1. Billy Lodge, PGA Life Member 52 \$150
- 2. (t) Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC 53 \$87.50
- 2. (t) Jim LeBlanc, PGA Life Member 53 \$87.50

Team Gross

1. Mark Klotz, PGA Kettle Brook GC; Ken Bielski, PGA Mink Meadows GC; Billy Lodge, PGA Life Member 51 \$100 each

Team Net

1. (t) Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC; Steve Clayton, PGA Rockport CC; Malcolm Negoshian, PGA Oak Hill CC 46 \$90 each

1. (t) Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC; Brad Durrin, PGA Chelmsford CC; Jim LeBlanc, PGA Life Member 46 \$90 each





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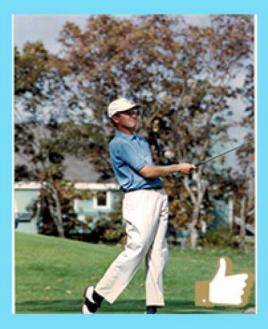




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@NEPGA: Here's a little #FBF video edition, watch and see if you can spot any NEPGA legends! #NEPGA <u>100</u>

https://vimeo.com/162881363 100 years goes by quick! Thanks to Rod Stewart for the vocals!



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 4/6/2016-5/8/2016

NEW APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Anthony S Bacigalupo	B-8	Pine Brook Country Club
Evan L Cravener	B-8	Wannamoisett Country Club
Bryan R Fitzpatrick	B-8	The Haven Country Club
Edward A Kristenson	B-8	Cape Cod Country Club
Jared C. McSoley	B-8	Potowomut Golf Club
Allison L Mitzel	B-8	Laconia Country Club
Mark P Peters	B-8	Dorset Field Club
Benjamin C Stone	B-8	Laconia Country Club

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Matt D. Arvanitis, PGA	A-6	Lake Sunapee Country Club
Don Brigham, PGA	A-8	The Golf Club of New England
Drew J Burkhard	B-6	Kwiniaska Golf Club
David V. Burrell, PGA	A-14	Basin Harbor Club
Arthur W. Carlson, PGA	A-8	The Milton Hoosic Club
Michael C. Giles, PGA	A-20	Country Club Enterprises
Jeremy M. Goulet, PGA	A-6	Dutch Elm Golf Course
Robb W. Herron, PGA	A-1	Northport Golf Club
Scott E. Mann, PGA	A-4	Norway Country Club
Nicklaus J Oaklund	B-8	Sakonnet Golf Club
Kyle E. Olson, PGA	A-8	Sakonnet Golf Club
John Paesani, PGA	A-1	The Bay Club
Robert H. Prange, PGA	A-14	Burlington Country Club
Merico A. Riciputi, PGA	A-14	Wentworth By The Sea CC
Graham A Shearer	B-1	Mt Anthony Country Club
Abigail L. Spector, PGA	A-14	Riverside Golf Course
John F. Sullivan Jr., PGA	A-1	Whip Poor Will Golf Club

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Name	Class	Facility
Kyle P Bourassa	B-8	Martindale Country Club
Don Brigham, PGA	A-8	The Golf Club of New England
Drew J Burkhard	B-6	Kwiniaska Golf Club
Randolph L Clark	B-8	Waterville Country Club
Landon W. Decker, PGA	A-8	Ekwanok Country Club
Kyle J. Hess, PGA	A-8	Essex County Club
Kyle E. Olson, PGA	A-8	Sakonnet Golf Club
Merico A. Riciputi, PGA	A-14	Wentworth By The Sea CC
Matthew C Thornton	B-8	Belmont Country Club
Erik D Treon	B-8	Black Swan Country Club

NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

Name

Class Facility Arty L. Gendreau, PGA A-6 Mike M. Harbour, PGA

Bill Pappas Golf School Mike Harbour Indoor Golf Center

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name

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Class Start Facility A-6 5/6 Lake Sunapee Country Club B-8 4/15 Belmont Country Club A-8 4/15 Miacomet Golf Club A-13 5/2 Country Club of Vermont B-8 4/15 Martindale Country Club 4/25 The Golf Club of New England A-8 4/18 Oyster Harbors Club A-8 B-6 4/25 Kwiniaska Golf Club A-14 4/25 Basin Harbor Club A-8 4/30 The Milton Hoosic Club B-8 4/30 Waterville Country Club 3/21 Pine Brook Country Club B-8 A-8 4/29 Ekwanok Country Club A-20 4/25 Country Club Enterprises A-6 5/1 Dutch Elm Golf Course B-8 5/1 Stowe Mountain Club A-1 4/15 Northport Golf Club A-8 4/14 Essex County Club 4/15 Windham Country Club A-6 A-4 4/15 Norway Country Club Kwiniaska Golf Club A-6 5/1 B-8 5/1 Sakonnet Golf Club A-8 5/1 Sakonnet Golf Club A-8 4/15 Woods Hole Golf Club A-14 4/26 Burlington Country Club A-14 4/20 Wentworth By The Sea CC B-1 4/6 Mt Anthony Country Club A-14 4/10 Riverside Golf Course A-1 4/25 Whip Poor Will Golf Club A-14 4/21 Bellevue Golf Club 4/15 Belmont Country Club B-8 B-8 4/11 Black Swan Country Club

What's Coming Up in our next issue...

Results from our May Events

DBC Pro-Am Ambassador Information

A-6 Donald C. Roberts, PGA A-1 Waterville Country Club



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