



NOVEMBER '11 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November in New England officially ends the tournament season in our Section and we begin the planning phase of our operations. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful turnout we had at our Section's Fall Meeting at Black Rock CC. We had 235 NEPGA Members and Apprentices attend the meeting and we had 75 people tune in on our live internet feed. It was terrific to see over 1/3 of our membership either attend the meeting or watch it in online. We all witnessed a very historic election in our Section's history. I want to congratulate Jim Noris of Dedham Country & Polo Club as he becomes the new President, Larry Kelley of Five Star Golf Cars for being elected the new Vice President and to Susan Bond of Weekapaug GC as she is our new Secretary. I am very excited to work with our new officers as we move into 2012.

I can reassure the membership that the Officers, District Directors and your Section Staff are very excited about where the New England PGA is headed. We have a Fall Planning Session scheduled for this month where we will be discussing where the Section is and where we plan to go.

The unfortunate October Nor'easter which hit on the 29th was the night of our 2011 Awards Banquet and caused us to postpone the evening's festivities. We are in communication with all of the award winners to find a date to reschedule the banquet. As soon as we determine the date, we will be sure to let the membership know.

I would like to formally thank all of the professionals and their facilities that hosted a Section, Chapter, Junior Tour or Amateur Series event. We have one of the best tournament programs in the country and we could not produce the quality of these events without your support. I would like to also thank all of the companies and representatives that sponsored the New England PGA. We have such wonderful support from our sponsors and each one has helped us to elevate our tournament program to a nationally recognized level. We will be listing all of our sponsors in the December Newsletter, so please join me in sending a thank you note or be sure to acknowledge our sponsors whenever you are able. It truly goes a long way.

2011 was a very exciting year for the New England Section Staff. We put together a "Dream Team" and I was honored to work with each and every member of our team. I want to thank our entire staff for the long hours, their commitment to the New England PGA membership and for always giving their all. Thank you to Joan Stuart, Ron Green, Dave McAdams, Jacy Settles, Tony Decker, Dave Christy, Frank Swierz and Mickey Herron. I enjoyed working with you all this year and I am looking forward to working together in 2012.

I hope you all are able to enjoy a little down time during this offseason. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and please reach out to any of the staff this winter if we can be of assistance.

Respectfully,

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NEPGA DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Please join us in congratulating the following recently-elected District Directors:

Cape Cod: Glenn Kelly, PGA of Woods Hole GC
MA Chapter - Central MA: Joe Carr, PGA of Bedrock GC
MA Chapter - Southern MA: Todd Cook, PGA of Milton Hoosic Club

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NEPGA SPRING TRAVEL PRO-AM



Join us in the Caribbean for the 2012 NEPGA Spring Travel Pro-Am! Trade in the white snow of New England for the white sand beaches of Barbados this March.

The Spring Travel Pro-Am is open to all NEPGA Members & Apprentices. This trip is complimentary for the professional including the flight. Please contact the Section office with any questions. Click here to learn more about this new event! For additional event details, please click here to visit the Travel Pro-Am web site.

2012 AWARD NOMINATION FORMS



PGA

New England Section

The NEPGA will soon be accepting nominations for the 2012 Section awards. The online award nomination forms will be emailed to

NEPGA members early this month. The Section is asking for members in good standing to complete and submit the form(s) by December 12, 2011. Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in the special awards nomination process!

2012 GOLFPASS FACILITIES

The NEPGA GolfPass needs facilities for 2012! We hope that your facility might be interested in being part of this program. Proceeds from the sale of the GolfPass will go to the NEPGA Foundation and will be used for the growth of the game programs run by the section.

If you would like to be part of the NEPGA GolfPass Facility Listing, please click here to fill out the NEPGA GolfPass facility form and return it to the NEPGA office (fax 508.869.0009) or by email to jstuart@pgahq.com.

Thank you so much to the following facilities who have generously agreed to be listed on the NEPGA GolfPass:

Maine: Fox Ridge Golf Club and Bob Darling, PGA
Massachusetts: CC of Halifax and Bob Giusti, PGA; Holden Hills CC and Jeff Bailey, PGA; Reedy Meadow GC and Donnie Lyons, PGA; and Winchendon School GC and Tom Borden, PGA
NH: Hooper GC and Ronald Rosko, PGA
VT: Lake Morey CC and Bill Ross, PGA; Ralph Myhre GC and Jim Dayton, PGA; Montague GC and Paul Meunier, PGA; Sugarbush Resort GC and R J Austin, PGA; and Woodstock Inn & Resort and CC and Jim Gunnare, PGA

PGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



PGA

The application for the PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program will be available on the homepage of PGALinks.com

beginning Tuesday, November 15th. After submitting the application, you must send an "official" transcript from your school to Linda Bennington, Grant & Scholarship Specialist at: PGA Foundation, 100 Avenue of the Champions, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418. The online application deadline date and receipt of the transcript is March 15, 2012, 5:00 p.m. Click here for more information.

2012 PAT SITES NEEDED

The Section is looking for potential PAT sites for 2012. Ideally, we would like to have a least one PAT in every state in our Section. Click here to view the course requirements. If your facility is interested, please contact Joan Stuart at the Section office at jstuart@pgahq.com or 508.869.0000. The process of selecting the venues for 2012 will not be finalized until mid-December.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2011 NOVEMBER SPONSOR



NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS

“October means we have entered the wonderful Fall season in New England, the crisp clear air allows for some of the best days of the year for enjoying outdoor activities.”

WHOA! Did I really write that? Shame on me, talk about the curse of the Bambino, maybe this was the curse of the Greeno. I will keep all thoughts and weather predictions to myself in the future. October was a tough month for outdoor activities; even so, after some schedule tweaking, player cooperation and perseverance, we managed to sneak in a few events. Not quite as many as originally scheduled but...

The AHEAD Series Championship was the first event on the October schedule. Not so fast, Mother Nature said, while quickly transforming Turner Hill Golf Club into Turner Hill Yacht Club, you could have done some boating in the 17th fairway. I honestly have never seen it rain as hard, for as long as it did, on my ride from Boston to Ipswich on the morning of October 4. Roads became impassable and golf courses became unplayable. Event #1 rescheduled to October 25th.

The weather was much better on the 25th, a little cool and windy, but NO RAIN! Dan Arvanitis emerged victorious, claiming the 2011 AHEAD Series Championship with a stellar three under par 69. Bob Tramonti also played a terrific round finishing two strokes back at one under par.

Huge thanks to Turner Hill, Host PGA Professional George Goich and Superintendent John Sadowski and their staffs for making it all possible. Turner Hill has been a great supporter of the NEPGA, allowing us to host many of our events there. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their hospitality and always being so accommodating.

The AHEAD Series Championship was the last chance to earn Wogan points in 2011 and decided the NEPGA Player of the Year. Points leader John Hickson, PGA was not in the field at Turner Hill, but when Jeff Martin, PGA and Ron Philo, PGA were unable to better the aforementioned Arvanitis' score, Hickson's lead proved to be enough and he claimed the Wogan Award as the 2011 NEPGA Player of the Year.

Next up the Pro-Am at Tedesco Country Club on October 6, guess what, cancelled, course under water, rescheduled event #2. Unfortunately, as often happens when dates change, field size suffers, and the Tedesco Pro-Am was eventually cancelled. Thanks to host professional, Bob Green, PGA and Superintendent Peter Hasak for all the effort they put in to try and make it happen.

We did manage to play some golf at Ipswich Country Club the next day and the team from Windham Country Club lead by PGA Professional Marc Spencer emerged victorious with a score of 133, a comfortable five-stroke margin. Spencer and Frank Dully, PGA tied for low professional honors firing even par 72. Thanks go to Travis Hall, PGA and Superintendent Greg Tower for hosting.

The following week we headed south across the bridge to Cape Cod and The Ridge Club, where the team from the

Country Club of Halifax lead by Bob Giusti, PGA took advantage of a rain (there's that word again) softened layout to fire a remarkable 14 under 128. It was just enough to eke out a one shot victory over Webb Heintzelman, PGA and this Turner Hill squad.

Heintzelman, in a very rare tournament appearance these days, showed he still has it, firing a tremendous three under par 68 on his own ball to take home low pro honors. John Boniface, PGA and Superintendent Michael Dube were our hosts.

We weren't as lucky at the Golf Club of Cape Cod as another deluge rendered the course unplayable and the event had to be cancelled.

One more very special event, the NEPGA Scholarship Pro-Am took place at two of the Sections most notable venues. The Myopia Hunt Club and TPC Boston were our hosts. At Myopia the team from Sky Meadow Country Club in New Hampshire led by PGA Professional Rich Ingraham were our winners; Ron Philo, PGA was the low professional at plus one. At TPC Boston, Waterville Country Club with PGA Professional Don Roberts leading the way took home the prize. Host PGA Professional David Corrado blitzed the field with a 66!

The real winners however are all the students who will receive financial assistance to continue their education thanks to the George Wemyss Scholarship Fund.

Thank you to all the Professionals who brought teams to this event, as well as the host facilities. Special thanks to PGA Professionals Bill Safrin & Daniel Venezia at Myopia and Brad Williams & David Corrado at TPC. Also thanks to Superintendents extraordinaire David Heroian & Tom Brodeur, both courses received rave reviews.

As you are reading this, I am out west in a little town in the Nevada desert. We are conducting the 11th annual NEPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am with over 40 teams in attendance. Thanks to 5 Star Golf and Larry Kelley, PGA for their continued sponsorship.

As we enter the off-season, we will be taking a little break from the monthly Tournament News column, but we'll be back with occasional updates as we make our way through the long, cold days of winter. We have already had our fall Tournament Committee meeting, and are starting work on making some changes that should make 2012 an even better year for the NEPGA Tournament Program.

Best wishes for a great turkey day and a relaxing holiday season. Enjoy your time with family and friends and then get ready to come out and play some golf in 2012.

Please continue to check out the NEPGA website for updates and information on all things tournaments, see you down the road.

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GEORGE S. WEMYSS SCHOLARSHIP FUND HOLIDAY APPEAL



George S. Wemyss

With the holiday season approaching, the NEPGA George S. Wemyss Scholarship Fund Committee is holding its annual Holiday Appeal asking for your help and support. Since 1985, children and grandchildren of New England PGA members have been awarded college scholarships through this Fund. Today, faced with ever increasing tuition costs, more and more of our members are in need of financial assistance in order for their children to attend college. At the same time, we have experienced large increases in the number of applicants over the last few years. The Fund is in need of donations if it is to continue to help deserving students reach their academic goals.

The Fund has two main venues for fund raising, the annual Scholarship Pro-Am's and individual donations. If you participated in one of this year's Scholarship Pro-Am's, please accept our heartfelt thanks. We hope everyone will put the 2012 events on your calendar as soon as the dates are published and make plans to participate. Perhaps you could plan now to build the entry fee into your club budget for next year.

During this holiday season, we ask that each New England PGA member make a tax deductible donation to the fund, preferably by December 31, 2011. With these tough economic times, any amount you can contribute will be most welcomed and appreciated. Please click [here](#) to submit your donation online. You will receive a personal letter acknowledging your contribution for income tax purposes.

On behalf of the entire Scholarship Committee and all the NEPGA students we will assist, please accept our sincere thanks for your valuable support.

NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Coming up in our 2011 December/Holiday Newsletter...look for the 2012 tentative tournament schedule, a recap of the NEPGA Annual Meeting, information on the re-scheduled 2011 Awards Banquet (postponed due to weather) and articles from our newly elected officers. Also to come, additional pictures of the NEPGA Annual Meeting's live stream (see right).

The newsletter is scheduled to be sent on December 15th.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM REMY!

Honorary President of The PGA of America and NEPGA Member Jim Remy was recently inducted into the PGA Professional Hall of Fame at a ceremony held at the PGA Museum of Golf in Port St. Lucie, FL on November 2nd.



NEPGA Members (L to R): Honorary President Steve Demmer, PGA; Mike Higgins, Executive Director; Dave Pfannenstien, PGA, Executive Director Vermont Golf Association; Jack Gale, PGA and NEPGA Past President; Susan Bond, PGA, and our Secretary/Treasurer; Jim Remy, PGA and PGA of America's Honorary President; Larry Kelley, PGA, and our Vice President; Jack Neville, PGA and NEPGA Hall of Fame Member and Past President; Brian Bain, PGA and current PGA of America President's Plaque Award Winner; and Steve Napoli, PGA and NEPGA Past President.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to give free short game lessons to veterans on November 11th at Cedar Hill Golf Course in Stoughton, Mass. from 11:00am till noon. Volunteers also needed to give free full swing lessons to veterans on November 11th from 1:00pm till 4:00pm at Braintree Municipal Golf Course. Cedar Hill GC and Braintree Municipal GC are offering free greens fees to veterans on November 11th.

Please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781.843.6513 x2 or golf-shop@braintreegolf.com to volunteer or for more information.

PGA WINTER CHAMPS SCHEDULE



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WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2012 PGA Winter Championships are held at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL in January and February. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Schedule:

Quarter Century Championship - January 4-5, 2012
Senior Stroke Play Championship - January 9-11, 2012
Senior-Junior Team Championship - January 16-19, 2012
Women's Stroke Play Championship - January 30 - February 1, 2012
Stroke Play Championship - January 30 - February 2, 2012
Match Play Championship - February 6-12, 2012

CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

CAPE COD CHAPTER

Quarter Century Club Welcomes 3 Cape Cod Pro's

The PGA of America recently recognized three Cape Cod Chapter members to the PGA Quarter Century Club: **Steve Knowles**- The Captains GC, **Mark Heartfield** - Sankaty Head GC (pictured right) and **John Boniface**- The Ridge Club. Congratulations to all.



New PGA Member News

The CC of New Seabury's PGA assistant pro **Brian Hayes** recently earned full membership into The PGA of America. Congratulations, Brian!

Chapter Member Gives Back...in a Big Way!



Mark Kitchen, a PGA professional and owner of The Broken Tee Virtual Golf Club, is using his seasonal grand opening weekend to raise money for Home for Our Troops. All money generated by equipment rentals from

Nov. 11-13 will be donated to the Taunton-based nonprofit that builds specially adapted houses for soldiers returning home with severe injuries.

It was a memorable week for Kitchen, 43, who recorded his first hole-in-one on The Bay Club's 14th hole in the final event of the chapter season last week. Better than a "virtual" ace any day!

Season End Tournament Awards Recap

Cape Cod PGA Player of the Year/Dutch Wessner Award:

1. Greg Yeomans, The Bay Club
2. Tom Tobey, Bay Pointe CC
3. Joe Cordani, CC of New Bedford
4. Rusty Gunnarson, Rochester GC
5. Matt Baran, Oyster Harbors Club

Wogan/Section award:

Chapter members who finished in the top 30 this year were Brad Wheatley-11th- Cape Cod National, Tom Tobey-14th, and Bob Miller-28th – The Club of Yarmouthport.

NEAA Player of the Year Award: Wheatley placed 6th for the year while Baran checked in at 33rd.



Yeomans wins 3rd consecutive WESSNER AWARD, gracing the fairways of New Seabury this fall.

Match Play Championship: Rusty's Revenge

Rusty Gunnarson won the 2011 Cape Cod PGA match play championship by beating Brad Wheatley in the finals at Oyster Harbors Club in late October. It was Gunnarson's fifth trip to the finals.



Right: Gunnarson (left) defeats Wheatley in 2011 Cape Cod Match Play Champ./Oyster Harbors

Section Executive Committee Welcomes Kelly

Woods Hole PGA Head Professional **Glenn Kelly** has been elected to serve a three year term as the Cape Cod Chapter's representative on the section executive committee. Kelly, a former Cape Cod PGA president & tournament chairman has assumed his new role & duties immediately.

2011 Cape Cod Chapter Award Winners

Congratulations to the recently selected 2011 Cape Cod Chapter Award Winners!

Professional of the Year - Steve Demmer - The Kittansett Club
Teacher of the Year – Jeff Halunen - Pocasset GC
Assistant of the Year – Keith Gagnon - New Seabury Cape Cod
Junior Golf Leader – Dave Donnellan - Hyannis GC

Happy Holidays to all!

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ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION

The NEAA is pleased to announce Matt Closter, PGA of Weston Golf Club as the new NEAA Treasurer and Keith Gagnon, PGA of The Club at New Seabury as the new Officer at Large. The elections were held at the recent NEAA Fall Meeting on October 27th at Kernwood Country Club.

The current NEAA Board is as follows:

President: Scott Reilly, The Country Club
Vice President: Steve Bramlett, Kernwood CC
Secretary: Stuart Cady, Weston GC
Past President: Justin Lawson, Dedham Country and Polo Club
Treasurer: Matt Closter, Weston GC
Officer at Large: Keith Gagnon, The Country Club at New Seabury

CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

Chapter Elects New Board

The Rhode Island chapter of the NEPGA is proud to announce a new slate of board members elected by the membership at the mid-October meeting hosted by Pawtucket CC/ PGA Head Professional, **Mike Gelinas**.

PRESIDENT: Jim DiMarino - Warwick CC
SECRETARY/TREASURER/VP: Dave Tiedemann - Shelter Harbor GC
TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN/VP: Mike Bradshaw - Kirkbrae CC

The chapter would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the outgoing board: **Mark Warrener** – Segregansett, **Ed Kirby-Alpine** and **John DelBonis** - Quidnessett.

The chapter would also like to thank the following PGA professionals for hosting events in 2011: **Dave Tiedemann**-Shelter Harbor, **Steve Napoli** - Carnegie Abbey Club, **Troy Pare** - Wannamoisett Club, **John Del Bonis**- Quidnessett CC, **Brent Amaral** - Acoaxet Club and **Jim Corrigan** - Misquamicut Club.

Huge congratulations to the RIPGA's Weekapaug's PGA Head Professional **Susan Bond** for her recent election to serve as the new NEPGA Secretary-Treasurer for the next two years. Wannamoisett's Troy Pare will continue to serve as the chapter representative on the executive committee.

Latest Tournament Happenings!

N. Kingstown's PGA Professional **Brian Owens** teamed with Trigg's PGA Professional **Bob Tramonti** in winning the NEAA Pro-Pro Match Play Championship at Kittansett in late October.

Tramonti followed this success with a solid 2nd place at the rescheduled Ahead Stroke Play finals held at Turner Hill a week later.

Both of the final two events on the chapter schedule were rained out.

End of Season Awards!

Rhode Island PGA Chapter Player of the Year: Brian Owens (averaged 72.3 in all chapter events)

Wogan / NEPGA Section Player of the Year: 2nd place/ Jeff Martin (pictured right). Chapter members placing in top 30 of Wogan: Troy Pare-5, Ed Kirby-16, Brian Owens-22 and Brent Amaral-27.



NEAA Player of the Year: 2nd place/ Jeff Martin. Chapter members placing in top 15 of NEAA: Tramonti-4, Owens-7, Brendan Ray-8 and Bill Maguire-13.

Happy Holidays to all:

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

The New Hampshire Chapter finished the year with three events in October with a fourth, the very popular Pro-Am at Abenaqui CC in Rye Beach cancelled due to unplayable conditions. On October 7th, the chapter conducted a Pro-Pro tournament at Concord CC which was won by Geoff Williams, Scottish

Highlands head professional and Jay Pollini, Farmington CC, head professional as the pair combined for a 3-under par score of 67. The duo edged out Wayne Natti and Bill Andrews and Dan Gillis and Steve Poremba who finished with 68's.



Participants in the annual NHC Pro-Pro Tournament held at Intervale CC were (l-r) Paul Barkhouse, Joe Carr, Dick Dichard and Dave Lane.

On October 11th, the chapter conducted a Pro-Am at the Bald Peak Colony Club. Wayne Natti of the Profile Club was low professional with a 2-under par score of 70. However, the host team of Paul Tessier, Bald Peak head professional and his amateur partners Phil Chaffee, Richard Sherman and Tim Melanson won the Best Ball, Net and Gross Combined, with a sparkling 127.

The final event of the season was held at Baker Hill Golf Club on October 17th and low professionals were Lake Sunapee CC Assistant Professional Matt Arvanitis and Windham CC professional Marc Spencer who shot 4-under par rounds of 68. The team event was won by the group from Montcalm Golf Club including head professional Cory Mansfield and his amateur partners.

The NHC held its annual Fall Meeting of Members on October 20th at Laconia CC. Among the agenda items were election of two new board members, Dan Wilkins of Laconia CC and Ian Willikens of Derryfield CC. Incoming president will be Alex Kirk of Hanover CC and Laconia CC's Todd Rollins will become vice president. Barry Pearson of Dick's Sporting Goods returns as the chapter's tournament director. In addition, the following awards were handed out:

NHC Player of the Year: Matt Arvanitis
NHC Bill Strausbaugh Award: Barry Pearson
NHC Teacher of the Year: Corey Phillips
NHC Junior Golf Leadership Award: Kevin McDowell
NHC Professional of the Year: Dan Wilkins

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CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

MAINE CHAPTER

The Maine Chapter Fall meeting was held at Martindale CC on October 12. It was well attended with over 55 PGA Professionals and Apprentices present. Elections were held for President - Nick Glicos was re-elected, Secretary Treasurer - Doug VanWickler was re-elected, Board of Directors - Gregg Baker was re-elected.

Following the Annual Meeting, the Pro-Assistant Championship was won by Nick Glicos and Jace Pearson. The last time Nick and his assistant Jace teamed up, they won the Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship in May by four strokes. On this day, they won the Pro-Assistant Championship by 5 strokes! Their round consisted of 7 birdies (including birdies on 3 of the first 4 holes).



**Pro-Assistant Champions
Nick Glicos and Jace Pearson**

Maine Chapter Player of the Year



For the second straight year, John Hickson is the Maine Chapter Player of The Year. John has won this award three of the last four years. John earned 358.50 Club Car points for the season. A look inside the numbers...

John posted 13 rounds in Maine Chapter events this year.

* Scoring average: 72.1

* An amazing +14 in relation to par. That includes 9 pro-am rounds and 4 individual championship rounds.

* Factor in his three rounds at the NEPGA Championship at Pinehills,

where he won his second NEPGA title, and those numbers actually improve! Great playing John on a fantastic year!

The Maine Chapter would like to thank our partners at Club Car & Country Club Enterprises for their continued commitment to the Maine Chapter. Their support and generosity play a pivotal role in the success of our programs here in Maine.

Pro-Pro Match Play Championship

Congratulations to John Hickson and Bob Darling, Jr. for their win at the Pro-Pro Match Play Championship. John & Bob defeated Nick Glicos & Gregg Baker 4&3 in the finals. The first two rounds of the tournament were postponed a day due to inclement weather and the finals were played on October 18th at Fox Ridge GC.

John & Bob grabbed an early 1 up lead and it was back and forth for much of the front nine until John made a birdie on

the par 5 9th hole to take a 1 up lead. The lead grew to two after #11, after birdies on #14 by Darling and #15 by John, they had secured the Chapters final major for 2011. John & Bob each earned \$550 for the win.



**Pro-Pro Match Play Champions
Bob Darling and John Hickson**

The 2012 Tournament Schedule is nearly complete. We will have it

posted on our website once it is finalized. The Chapter is once again working closely with the Section and all our allied associations in an effort to minimize scheduling conflicts.

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VERMONT CHAPTER

The Vermont Chapter wrapped up the 2011 playing season with a few rescheduled events in the month of October.

Rodney Bicknell, PGA at Neshobe Golf Club was crowned the Player of the Year! This was a hard fought season with Rodney playing well all season long. Congratulations to Rodney!

Horace Archer, PGA at Orleans Country Club was crowned our Chapter Senior champion at Neshobe GC on Oct. 3rd. This is the first time we have held this event and we thank Rodney Bicknell for getting behind this event and making it happen.

John Lombardy, PGA from Ekwanok Country Club won his fifth Match Play Championship this year. Congratulations to John and special thanks to Stuart Miller for his sponsorship.

We completed a storm related rescheduled Pro-Am at Dorset Field Club on October 11th. We thank Erik Sorensen, PGA for working hard to make this event a go.

On October 17th, we played our Jeff Hadley Cup event with our Senior Chapter members claiming victory over the junior team. We thank Vermont National and Zack Wyman, PGA for hosting this great event. Jeff Hadley was a longtime VT Chapter member and former NEPGA POY who passed from ALS.

Chapter Special Award nominee names and forms have been sent to our Awards Committee for selection this week.

Kudos to the many Chapter members who traveled to Black Rock CC in Hingham, MA on October 28th for the NEPGA Annual Meeting and elections. Congratulations to all the new officers and nominees, especially our own NEPGA Vice President Larry Kelley, PGA.

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New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Phill Davis Jr., PGA	A-8	Manchester CC

New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
David Jankowski	B-1	Jay Peak GC
Patrick Pelletier	B-8	Lake Morey Inn & CC

New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>
Debbie Hall, PGA	A-6	Natural Golf Corp.	10/31

Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Jeffrey Monteleone, PGA	A-4	Renaissance GC
David Pfannenstein, PGA	A-11	VT Golf Association
Don Small, PGA	LM	

Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
David Pfannenstein, PGA	A-11	10/24	VT Golf Association

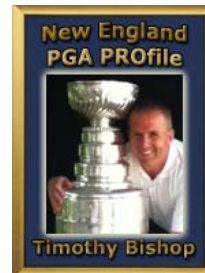
*These reports reflect changes made between October 3, 2011 and November 2, 2011.

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS...



NEPGA Tournament Director Dave McAdams made some new friends in Vegas. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 2011 Las Vegas Pro-Am!

NEPGA NOVEMBER PROFILE



PROfile: **Timothy Bishop, PGA**
Year turned Pro: 1990
Facility: Petersham CC
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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS



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