

# NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT JIMMY NORIS



Dear Membership,

It has been an exciting year for the NEPGA in so many ways. We have seen record numbers in the Junior Tour, as it grew 150 members compared to 2011. We also had over 90 events and we had increased participation in our events across the board. The New England Series, the Premier Amateur Tour in New England, also made great strides in 2012, increasing the amount of members, event participation, and again offering the best courses throughout New England. We are providing playing opportunities for amateur golfers, growing the game and enhancing the golf experience for all. This is in line with our Mission Statement and the new Golf 2.0 initiatives of The PGA of America.

Tournament participation at the Chapter and the Section level has increased significantly in 2012. We were very fortunate to get such an early start to the golf season and our players came out ready to get a head start on the season. This certainly helped tournament participation numbers and gave us some momentum going into the summer months. We are also very fortunate to have the commitment from our sponsors increase in 2012. Therefore we were able to increase our tournament purses.

As a Section we have been so fortunate over the last eight years to have such great leadership at the national level in our very own Jim Remy. The officers and I, as well as the board, would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim for his dedication and commitment to our Section and to The PGA of America. Through his tenure Jim was always there for each and every one of us. We are so fortunate to be able to call him our friend and fellow Golf Professional. We are all very proud of him as he has been a great role model to all of us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Professionals at the Chapter and Section level who hosted events in 2012. Our events depend on the venues that we offer and they were outstanding this year. Our events are truly elevated to another level with the support of our partners and sponsors. I would like to thank all of our sponsors for their commitment and support of the New England PGA.

I would like to thank all of my committee chairs and their entire committees for all of their efforts in 2012. We are so fortunate to have so many committed individuals serving our membership. I would also like to thank my fellow officers and board members for their tireless efforts and commitment in promoting and growing the game throughout New England.

I would be very remised if I didn't take this opportunity to thank Mike Higgins and the entire NEPGA staff for their tireless efforts and flawless commitment in every aspect of our entire operation. I have the distinct pleasure of working very close with all of them and they are very dedicated and no task is too big or too small.

As year one as your President is coming to a close it has been a pleasure serving all of you. Thank you for your confidence and support and trust in me as your leader. As I believe the future is very bright for the NEPGA, our success is dependent on the commitment of our PGA members. Please stay involved and continue to make the NEPGA the finest Section in the country.

I would like to wish you and your families a strong finish to the season's end, a happy healthy holiday season and a very prosperous 2013.

Jimmy Noris, PGA  
President, New England PGA



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[CC Chapter President's Report – Greg Yeomans, PGA](#)

[ME Chapter President's Report – Nick Glicos, PGA](#)

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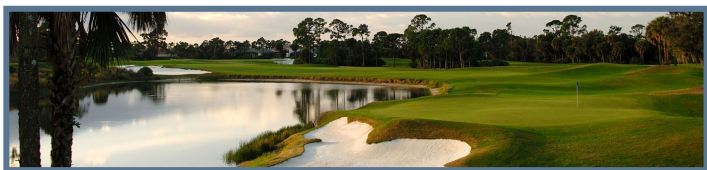
[RI Chapter President's Report – Jim Dimarino, PGA](#)

[VT Chapter President's Report – Josh Olney, PGA](#)

## HURRICANE SANDY

The NEPGA Section hopes that all our members, apprentices and facilities came through the storm without any significant losses. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those people that were hit hard by the storm. If we can be of any help, please call the Section office at 508.869.0000.

## NEPGA WINTER PRO-PRO



The NEPGA will return to the PGA Golf Club - Wanamaker Course in Port St. Lucie for the 2013 Winter Pro-Pro. The date will be Sunday, January 27th, which is the day after the PGA Merchandise Show ends. There will be a mid-morning tee time start.

Entry is \$300 per team, which may be comprised of NEPGA Members or Apprentices in good standing - OR - a NEPGA Member or Apprentice in good standing along with a PGA Member or Apprentice in good standing from another Section.

Golf, Cart, Range, Lunch and Purse will be included in the entry fee. Registration for the event will open in the next few weeks, but it's never too early to start getting your team together! We hope to see you in the Florida sun!

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## MESSAGE FROM DONNIE LYONS



Dear New England PGA Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your vote and above all, your confidence in me to represent PGA members from New England, Northeast New York, and Connecticut Sections for 3 years at the National level. I totally enjoyed the experience of attending all of the chapter meetings, revisiting old friends, and making new friends. Both Jim Tobin and I were happy to allow the entire membership an easier local access to have their vote and voice be heard. I am almost assured this election had more NEPGA members cast their vote than any other election in section history.

I just want to share a word or two about my friend, Past NEPGA President Jim Tobin. As many of you know, Jim and I traveled to all of the chapter meetings together. First of all, that tells you what type of guy he is. During those six trips, I further realized just what a dedicated PGA member Jim is. He has, and I am sure he will continue to work hard to make every PGA member's job and life better. He is the consummate Professional.

Over the next year I will shadow present District I Director, Suzy Whaley and will become more knowledgeable of National issues. I totally look forward to serving as your National voice on The PGA of America's Board of Directors 2014 – 2016.

Thank you again for the opportunity to continue to serve you. Please do not be afraid to reach out to me about any issues.

Donnie Lyons, PGA

## MESSAGE FROM JIM TOBIN



Fellow NEPGA members:

I want to thank you for your interest and your support as I pursued the National District Director position.

Even though I wasn't successful in the election I feel as though I gained so much. By contacting more than 300 fellow NEPGA members via telephone or personal visits I heard your thoughts and listened to what was important to you as PGA member. I learned how aware and concerned you are about our profession and the connection between the National PGA and you as a member.

I encourage you to maintain this interest and express your thoughts and opinions. You have much to gain by being as active and involved as your time allows.

I wish Don Lyons all the best as our District Director. The campaign encompassing chapter, annual meeting presentations and member interaction was invaluable.

Sincerely,

Jim Tobin, PGA

## 2013 AWARD NOMINATION FORMS



The NEPGA is currently accepting nominations for the 2013 Section awards. The online award nomination forms were emailed to NEPGA

members on Thursday, November 1st. The Section is asking for members in good standing to complete and submit the form(s) by December 15, 2012. If you need to have the award nomination forms emailed to you again, please contact Joan at the Section office, [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com).

Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in the special awards nomination process!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Free Golf Lessons for Children of the Active Military

Volunteers needed to give free golf lessons to children of active military at Braintree Municipal Golf course on Saturday, November 3rd from 10:00am to 1:00pm. There will be free lessons for veterans and disabled veterans on the same day at Braintree from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. To volunteer or for more information please contact Bob Beach at 781-843-6513x2. or [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov). Helping Bob with this event will earn 3 MSR hours in Growth of the Game category.

### Free Golf Lessons for Veterans/Disabled Veterans

Volunteers are needed to give free golf lessons for veterans and disabled veterans on Tuesday, November 6th and Tuesday November 13th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course. To volunteer or for more information please contact Bob Beach at [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov) or 781-843-6513X2.

### Free Golf Lessons for Veterans/Disabled Veterans

Volunteers are needed to give free golf lessons for veterans and disabled veterans on Sunday, November 11th at Cedar Hill Golf Course in Stoughton from 10:00am till 11:00am and at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course from 1:00pm till 4:00pm. To volunteer or for more information please contact Bob Beach at [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov) or 781-843-6513X2.

Visit the "Community Outreach" page on NEPGA.com found under "About Us" to view new volunteer opportunities.

## 2013 PAT SITES NEEDED

The Section is looking for potential PAT sites for 2013. 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](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com) or 508.869.0000. The process of selecting the venues for 2013 will not be finalized until mid-December.

## 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, 2012. 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.

## 2013 GOLFPASS COURSE OFFERINGS



The 2013 New England PGA GolfPass is looking for new and returning golf courses for our 2013 GolfPass. New for 2013, we would like to also list golf instruction, ranges, pro shop merchandise and course restaurant discounts. Sales of the GolfPass support our NEPGA Foundation with proceeds used to promote the growing NEPGA Junior Tour Programs, Community Outreach Programs and Growth of the Game Programs. For further information, please contact Joan Stuart at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com) or call 508.869.0000.

## GIANFERANTE INDUCTED INTO PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY HOF

Congratulations to Dave Gianferante, PGA who was inducted into the 2012 Pfeiffer University Hall of Fame. Dave played soccer at Pfeiffer and was NIAA All District with 42 career goals. He was also on the Pfeiffer golf team.



## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



The arrival of November, unfortunately, signals the end of the 2012 season for New England PGA Section events. Before we completely shut it down though, we head to Las Vegas for the eleventh consecutive year and our largest field ever, forty-six teams, will be making the trip west.

October was a busy month as we wrapped up a great 2012 season. We started at the challenging Belmont Country Club for the AHEAD Stroke Play Championship. The top fifty point earners from the season long AHEAD Stroke Play Series were there and when it was all over Ron Philo, PGA was crowned as the 2012 Champion. Philo ground out a steady round of two under par 70 to edge Pat Pelletier and Jake Pleczkowski, PGA by a single stroke. The trio of Rusty Gunnarson, PGA, John Hickson, PGA and Dan Wilkins, PGA was two more strokes back. Thanks to PGA Professional John Fields and Superintendent Michael Rose for hosting and AHEAD's Terry Frechette and Dan Dempsey, as well as Cary Gordon from Golf Buddy, for their yearlong support of this extremely popular series.

The rescheduled NEPGA Pro-Senior Club Member Championship sponsored by Callaway Golf at Kirkbrae Country Club was next on the schedule. Bill Andrews, PGA and his Portsmouth Country Club crew were up to the task posting a seven under par team gross score to claim the 2012 Championship while John Rainone, PGA and his North Kingstown team went deep posting an eleven under par 60 on the net side. Todd Cook, PGA was the low professional cruising to a four stroke victory, firing a six under par 65. Thanks to PGA Professional Mike Bradshaw and Superintendent Mark Richard for their hospitality.

Next up, we were on to Marblehead and a Pro-Am at Tedesco Country Club. The Windham Country Club team lead by PGA Professional Marc Spencer edged the host club team by a single stroke. Todd Cook continued his strong play, matching Mike Menery, PGA for low pro honors at one under par. Thanks to Bob Green, PGA and to Superintendent Peter Hasak and crew for all their help in hosting.

The Club Car Pro-Superintendent Championship returned to Red Tail Golf Club, and although the day was a cool one, it didn't deter the Pro-Super duos from enjoying a great day. Ed Kirby, PGA (this guy wins everything) and Superintendent Scott Grabrielson from Alpine Country Club conquered the challenging select drive, alternate shot format, to post a gross score of one over par 73, edging out three other teams for the 2012 title. The Crown Point Country Club team of Todd Nalette, PGA and Superintendent Brian Bartlett took care of things on the net side finishing with a five under par score of 67. Thanks to our friends from Country Club Enterprises and Club Car for sponsoring and Jim Pavlik, PGA and Superintendent Shawn Spear for hosting.

I said it last month but I need to say it again, the Superintendents are the people I deal with all season while prepping for

our Championships. Without their knowledge and the tireless work and attention to detail by them, and their staffs, our events would not be possible. They are some of the best people I have the pleasure of meeting and working with on a daily basis. They continue to make me look good and I truly appreciate it.

We crossed the bridges to Cape Cod for the Fall Festival Pro-Ams on Thursday and Friday, October 18 & 19. The first stop, Eastward Ho!, where the squad from the Milton Hoosic Club emerged victorious, they were paced by their professional, Todd Cook, who continued his strong late season play, finishing with a one under par 70 to also capture low pro honors.

The next day the Golf Club at Cape Cod served as our host and the team from the Franklin Country Club, lead by PGA Professional Anthony Maki, certainly enjoyed themselves. They not only won, but they did it in style; their thirteen under par total was five shots clear of their closest pursuers. Scott Hickey, PGA was the low scorer in the individual pro competition finishing at one under par. Thanks to PGA Professionals Brian Hamilton and Doug Errhalt respectively for hosting.

Three of our most important events were next, the George Wemyss NEPGA Scholarship Fund Pro-Ams held at three different sites over two days. On Monday, October 22, TPC-Boston, the host course for the PGA Tour Play-offs Deutsche Bank Championship and Worcester Country Club, the site of the first Ryder Cup ever played, were our hosts. At TPC-Boston, Jon Ellis, PGA and his group endured a brutal commute from Maine, but they made it, and when they finally got out of the car and onto the course, they had a much smoother ride, cruising to a five shot victory. Blake Robertson, PGA was the low professional scorer, posting an even par round of 72.

The same day at Worcester Country Club, Brian Smith, PGA from Nashawtuc Country Club lead his team to a two stroke victory, while Graham Cunningham, PGA was the low professional scorer at three over par.

The following day we visited a former host of the Walker Cup matches, and a perennial member of the Top 100 courses in America, The Kittansett Club. Playing conditions at Kittansett can change from minute to minute, let alone hour to hour or day to day. I have the feeling Mr. Wemyss may have been looking down on this beautiful piece of real estate and decided to reward everyone for coming out and showing their support. A near perfect day of light winds and pristine course conditions made it a day to remember. Especially for teams from Kernwood Country Club, lead by Frank Dully, PGA and PGA Professional Steve Clancy's squad from Granite Links Golf Club. They battled to the very end, with Kernwood emerging as the winner by a single stroke, posting an eleven under par total of 131.

It goes without saying how important these three tournaments are and we want to say Thank You to all of you who put teams together and came out to show your support of the NEPGA's

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# NEPGA TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT CALENDAR - 2013

DATE	EVENT	2013 SITE
Sunday, 1/27/2013	NEPGA Winter Pro-Pro	Port St. Lucie
Tuesday, 4/9/2013	NEPGA Spring Meeting	Andover
Tuesday, 4/9/2013	NEPGA Spring Sponsor Appreciation Day	Andover
Monday, 4/22/2013	NEPGA ProAm	Thorny Lea
Wednesday, 4/24/2013	NEPGA ProAm	TBA
Mon., 4/29 - Wed., 5/1/2013	NEPGA ProPro Match Play	LeBaron Hills
Monday, 5/6/2013	NEPGA Pro-Am	Portsmouth
Tuesday, 5/14/2013	Ahead Stroke Play #1	Shelter Harbor
Thursday, 5/16/2013	NEPGA Hudson Cup	Duxbury Yacht Club
Monday, 5/20/2013	Acushnet Pro-Assistant	Bay Club
Tuesday, 5/28/2013	NEPGA ProAm Championship	Pinehills Golf Club
Week of June 3-7, 2013	Ahead Stroke Play #2	TBA
Sunday, 6/2/2013	Haverhill Pro-Member	Haverhill Country Club
<b>Tue., 6/11 - Thu., 6/13/2013</b>	<b>MASS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>Woodland Golf Club</b>
Thursday, 6/13/2013	NEPGA Pro-Officer	TBA
<b>Thu., 6/13 - Sun., 6/16/2013</b>	<b>US Open Championship</b>	<b>Merion Golf Club</b>
<b>Mon., 6/17 - Wed., 6/19/2013</b>	<b>VERMONT OPEN</b>	<b>Lake Morey CC</b>
<b>Sun., 6/23 - Wed., 6/26/2013</b>	<b>PGA Professional National Championship</b>	<b>Sunriver Resort</b>
Tuesday, 6/25/2013	NEPGA Pro+IAm	TBA
Wed., 6/26 - Thu., 6/27/2013	NEPGA Junior Championship	TBA
<b>TBA</b>	<b>MASS SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Monday, 7/1/2013	NEPGA ProPro Stroke Play	Mount Pleasant CC
Sunday, 7/7/2013	Needham Pro-Member	Needham CC
Week of July 8-12, 2013	Ahead Stroke Play #3	Spring Valley
Thursday, 7/18/2013	NEPGA ProLady	Kernwood
Monday, July 22, 2013	NEPGA Pro-Junior	Hopkinton
<b>Mon., 7/22 - Tue., 7/23/2013</b>	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE OPEN</b>	<b>Stonebridge CC</b>
<b>Sun., 7/28 - Tue., 7/30/2013</b>	<b>MAINE OPEN</b>	<b>Augusta CC</b>
Wed., 7/31 - Thu., 8/1/2013	NEPGA Senior Championship	TBA
Week of August 5-9, 2013	Ahead Stroke Play #4	TBA
<b>Tue., 8/13 - Thu., 8/15/2013</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND OPEN</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Mon., 8/19/2013 - Wed., 8/21/2013	NEPGA Championship	Wannamoisett & Ledgemont CC
Monday, 8/26/2013	Coakley Pro-Am	Charles River CC & Woodland GC
Wednesday, 8/28/2013	NEPGA Senior/Junior	TBA
Tuesday, 9/3/2013	Ahead Stroke Play #5	TBA
Monday, 9/9/2013	NEPGA Pro-Senior Championship	TBA
Mon., 9/9/2013 - Wed., 9/11/2013	New England Open	Belmont CC
TBA (September)	IGOE Pro-Member	Wellesley
Wed., 9/18/2013 - Thurs., 9/19/2013	NEPGA Assistant Championship	TBA
Tuesday, 9/24/2013	Head Professional Championship	Misquamicut GC
Monday, 9/30/2013	Ahead Stroke Play Championship	Turner Hill GC
Tuesday, 10/1/2013	NEPGA Pro-Superintendent	TBA
Thursday, 10/3/2013	NEPGA North Shore ProAm #1	Ferncroft
Friday, 10/4/2013	NEPGA North Shore ProAm #2	TBA
	Senior Professional National Championship	TBA
Thursday, 10/17/2013	NEPGA Cape Cod ProAm #1	Eastward Ho!
Friday, 10/18/2013	NEPGA Cape Cod ProAm #2	TBA
Monday, 10/21/2013	Scholarship Pro-Am	TPC Boston
Friday, 10/25/2013	Fall Meeting & Awards Banquet	TBA
<b>Thu., 10/31 - Sun., 11/3/2013</b>	<b>PGA Assistant Professional Championship</b>	<b>PGA Golf Club</b>
Sun., 11/3 - Thu., 11/7/2013	Las Vegas Pro-Am	TBA/Palute



# Congratulations 2012 NEPGA Award Winners!



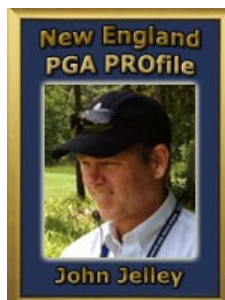
## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The New England PGA Section office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 21st and we will reopen on Monday, November 26th.

Happy Thanksgiving to You & Your Families!



## NEPGA NOVEMBER PROFILE



PROfile: **John Jelley, PGA**

Year turned Pro: 1985

Facility: New Hampshire Golf Association

Click [here](#) to view entire PROfile.



## SAVE THE DATE!



# PGA

The 2013 PGA Teaching & Coaching Summit is scheduled for Mon.-Tues., Jan. 21-22 in the Chapin Theater at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. The Summit is being held the week of the 2013 PGA Merchandise Show. Click [here](#) to learn more about this year's Summit and to register for the event on PGALinks.com.

The 60th PGA Merchandise Show will take place at the Orange County Convention Center on Thurs.-Sat., Jan. 24-26 with Demo Day & Instructional Workshops being held on Wed., Jan. 23rd. Click [here](#) to learn about the new changes in education during Show week. To register for the 2013 PGA Merchandise, click [here](#).

## PGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



# PGA

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

beginning Thursday, 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, 2013, 5:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

In addition, click [here](#) to view tips for searching for available scholarships as well as tips for filling out scholarship applications. Click [here](#) to view additional web sites to help you with your search for scholarships.

## PGA WINTER CHAMPS SCHEDULE



# PGA

WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2013 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 3-4, 2013

Senior Stroke Play Championship - January 8-9, 2013

Senior-Junior Team Championship - January 14-17, 2013

Women's Stroke Play Championship - January 28-30, 2013

Stroke Play Championship - January 28-31, 2013

Match Play Championship - February 4-8, 2013



# PGA

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## GOLF RANGE MAGAZINE

The new fall/winter issue of GR: Golf Range Magazine is now available online. It is a FREE digital magazine compliments of the Golf Range Association of America and The PGA of America. Click [here](#) to view the latest issue. Featured stories and videos include:

- How Cool Is This? Bill Murray and Justin Timberlake practice their "Happy Gilmore" tee shots
- Next on the Lesson Tee: Olympic Rings to Golf Swings - Michael Phelps on "The Haney Project" in 2013
- Practice Tips from the Pros - Rory McIlroy
- Range Routines - Practice Like You Play
- Tips for Women by Women - Don't Hesitate to Compete
- Clubfitting - Do Your Wedges Fit Your Game?



## TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

Scholarship program. Huge thanks to our PGA Member hosts, David Corrado, Allan Belden and Steve Demmer, for making these truly special venues available to us.

The Section administered portion of the NEPGA schedule was scheduled to end with the playing of the inaugural New England PGA Round Robin Chapter Challenge Championship at Turner Hill Golf & Racquet Club on Tuesday, October 30. Twenty-four teams qualified and were ready to decide the Championship; however, hurricane Sandy had other ideas. Thankfully, much of our area was spared significant damage from her, and we will try to find a date and time to determine the winner of this event. If you are one of the lucky twenty-four who are eligible, look for more information regarding this event from the NEPGA tournament staff.

As we mentioned earlier, we are headed west for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Las Vegas Pro-Am. Hope you are able to join us, sorry if you can't be there, it's one of my favorite places and one of our most popular events. Maybe next year?

Speaking of next year, keep an eye out for emails or visit nepga.com for updates and information on the 2013 season. We'll take a break from this column for a few months, but we will return, and start getting you ready to do it all over again next year.

Best Wishes for a great finish to 2012, enjoy some much deserved time with family and friends during the upcoming holiday season.

See you down the road,

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# NEPGA/Special Olympics Tournament





# CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

## CAPE COD CHAPTER



As over 60 Chapter professionals stood in applause, State Representative David Vieira (Falmouth & Bourne) presented a proclamation of gratitude and congratulations to John & Peg Flynn who have directed the CAPE COD JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION to immense success for the past 20 years.

### JOHN & PEG FLYNN FETED AT FALL MEETING



With over 400 junior golfing members enjoying 14 events each summer the CCJGA has been operated under the Chapter umbrella spearheaded by many PGA Professionals – led by Bob Chase & Kevan Evangelista (Quashnet Valley), Mark O'Brien (Captains), Joe McNulty (Cranberry Valley) and many other colleagues who have volunteered annually conducting clinics and assisting the Flynn's in managing junior tournaments across the Chapter. The Flynn's were also presented with Red Sox tickets, a Broadway show weekend in NYC and a plaque from the Chapter. Many professionals in the audience who "came up through the CCJGA" spoke eloquently about how under the Flynn's guidance they learned life skills which still held importance as they entered the golf business.



### NEW BOARD ELECTED AT FALL MEETING HELD AT SANDWICH HOLLOWES GC

The 2013 Cape Cod PGA Board of Directors are as follows: President/ Greg Yeomans – The Bay Club, VP & Secretary/ Bob Giusti – CC of Halifax, Education/ Dan Caverly – Willowbend, Junior Golf Chairman/ Roman Greer – Hyannis & Tournament Chairman/ Jesse Schechtman – Sandwich Hollows.

### 2012 SPONSORS...THANK YOU ALL

Much gratitude is extended to our 2012 sponsors: PETER GUILD, JAMIE GRIFFITHS, KEITH TORTORELLA, DAVE MOYNIHAN, DAVE WOODS, CARY GORDON, JEFF MOORE. Collectively, you made our season incredibly successful as tournament participation increased 19% from 2011!

### YEOMANS CAPTURES MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP & PLAYER OF THE YEAR!

The final Chapter major of the season, the Cape Cod PGA Match Play Championship, sponsored by Peter Guild/ Callaway Golf was contested at the impeccable Woods Hole GC overlooking Professional Greg Yeomans – winning 1-up over Rochester's PGA Head Pro Rusty Gunnarson, the defending champion.



Yeomans, flanked by Callaway's Peter Guild defeated Hyannis' Dave Donnellan in round 1.

Yeoman's October wins at the Wianno Pro-Am and the Match Play vaulted him into an insurmountable lead in the TAYLOR-MADE DUTCH WESSNER PLAYER OF THE YEAR points race for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Special thanks to Jamie Griffiths for his support of our annual player of the year race awarding cash prizes to the top five at the end of the season.

The Chapter Championship, played at CC of New Seabury, saw Matt Baran, PGA Assistant Pro – Oyster Harbors successfully defend his title in late September.

HUGE THANKS TO ALL THE GOLF PROFESSIONALS WHO HOSTED CHAPTER EVENTS, NE AM SERIES EVENTS, SECTION EVENTS & JUNIOR GOLF EVENTS IN 2012.



Craig Garriss the Sailor

Have a great fall & winter,

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## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

### MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER *Continued...*



The season has finally begun to officially show signs that the end is near for 2012. That being said, let me encourage everybody to get a quick jump on the things that we intend to implement in our businesses in 2013. The best message perhaps, is to make sure you stay current and the only way to stay current in our industry is to try to get ahead. The following is a list of the upcoming educational opportunities that have been set up within the MA Chapter by the Education Committee and Chairman Brendan Walsh, PGA:

#### Teaching Cracker Barrel

Featuring Tom Cavicchi (1995 NEPGA Teacher of Year, Sean Hester (2002 & 2012 NEPGA Teacher of Year) & Kevin Walker (A Golf Magazine Top 100 Instructor in America from 1996-2008, as well as a Golf Digest Top 100 Club Fitter in 2010). Learn from the Section's best instructors in an open forum.

Date- Tues., Nov. 13 - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location - Harmon Club

Fee - \$25.00 (refreshments will be served)

Registration - Click [HERE](#) to register.

#### Trackman & Sam Putt Lab Seminar

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Stephen Doyle, PGA. The two hottest teaching/fitting tools in the business. TrackMan is the choice for swing and ball flight analysis for golf instructors, club fitters, and players. The precision, reliability and ease of use of TrackMan are leading the launch monitor industry. SAM PuttLab is an analysis and training system based on accurate ultrasound measurements. It analyzes the 28 most important parameters of your putting stroke and displays the results in easy to understand graphic reports.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - AimPoint – John Hobbins (AimPoint Certified Instructor). AimPoint Technologies is a company focused on the science of predictive putt technology, green reading instruction, and player performance analysis, with the goal of improving golf performance and educating golfers in a quick and efficient manner. They have developed the Emmy-winning and patented AimPoint technology which can accurately predict optimum putting parameters and putt trajectories from any point on a green to any other point. This technology has been used regularly on the Golf Channel since 2007 and won the George Wensel Award for Technical Achievement at the 2007 Sports Emmy Awards.

Date - Thurs., Nov. 15 – 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location – The Country Club – Stables Building

Fee - \$40.00 – (will include lunch and refreshments)

Registration - Click [HERE](#) to register. Limited to 25 people

#### Teaching with Technology

Brian O'Hearn is the manager of GolfTEC in Danvers, MA. He has been a PGA Member for 24 years and has taught over

20,000 lessons. GolfTEC gives one out of every four lessons in the United States, and is at the cutting edge of teaching technology including a patented motion sensor system (that measures shoulder and hip tilt, turn, bend, up/down, side to side and forward and back motion), video feedback, web-lesson reinforcement, video based practice, and precision matched clubs.

Date - Mon., Nov. 19 – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location - GolfTEC Danvers

Fee - \$15.00

Registration - Click [HERE](#) to register. Limited to 12 people

#### Combining Teaching with Fitness

David DuPriest opened FitGolf Performance Center in Wilmington, MA in January, 2012. He is TPI Certified (Level 3) in both Golf Fitness and Junior Coaching. He has also attended both the 2010 World Golf Fitness Summit and 2012 National FitGolf Conference. David holds a BS in Exercise Physiology from UMass Lowell.

Date - Wed., Nov. 28 – 5:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

Location – FitGolf - Wilmington, MA

Registration - Click [HERE](#) to register.

#### Designing and Delivering Junior Golf Instruction

Chris Carpenter (Head Professional, Nashawtuc CC - 2011 NEPGA Jr. Golf Leader) & Graham Cunningham (Head Professional, Framingham CC) will share their experience and success in putting together a dynamic Junior Program.

Date - Tues., Dec. 4 – 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Location – Bosse Sports Golf Dome

Registration - Click [HERE](#) to register.

All NEPGA member and apprentices are welcome to attend the Massachusetts Chapter seminars. For more details on these great educational opportunities or to sign up, make sure to go to NEPGA.com soon. All upcoming education opportunities can be found on NEPGA.com under Programs.

Congratulations to all of the 2012 NEPGA Award Winners. The list was well represented by Massachusetts professionals at the recent Awards Dinner at Kernwood Country Club and the opportunity to nominate your peers for 2013 awards is now upon us. One great means of having your candidate gain acknowledgement by the Awards Committee at the Sectional Level is to also nominate them for the same recognition at the Chapter level. As a Chapter, we are currently taking nominations for all of the categories that you see at the Sectional Level and will close the process for our Massachusetts awards on November 30th. Please see NEPGA.com for the awards criteria and forward your nominees ASAP to Todd Cook, PGA at [toddcookgolfmhc@verizon.net](mailto:toddcookgolfmhc@verizon.net).

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### RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



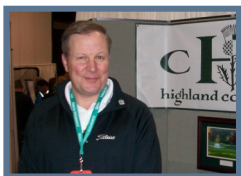
#### KIRBY COLLECTS TRIFECTA HARDWARE

By all accounts, 2012 was one tremendous year for Alpine's PGA Head Professional Eddie Kirby. Not only has he successfully navigated stage I of the Senior Tour Q school (finals in mid Nov.) but he has earned the WOGAN AWARD, the NEPGA CHAMPIONSHIP crown, and the RHODE ISLAND PGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR award and won his first RIPGA Chapter Championship for good measure! Life does begin at 50!



As for the Wogan Award, emblematic of the best player in the Section for the entire season, Kirby edged Kirk Hanefeld and Jeff Martin, who placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. And former Wogan winner Troy Pare checked in at 6th place in 2012 as well. Placing 2nd in the Chapter player of the year race to Kirby was up and coming Brent Amaral – PGA Head Professional at the Acoaxet Club. We would like to join in supporting Kirby's Q school efforts with all the members of Alpine and the entire Rhode Island golf community. His 8th place finish in a field of over 60 – shooting 288 earned him a spot in the final stage on Nov. 13th-16th. And, not to be outdone, we must again congratulate N. Kingstown's Brian Owens for his outstanding championship win in the New England Assistants' Association tourney at Tedesco in late September.

#### CHAPMAN ENTERS QUARTER CENTURY CLUB



Highlands' PGA Head Professional Drew Chapman was recently cited for his 25 years as a member of the PGA Quarter Century Club. Congrats to our colleague and friend.

#### FALL MEETING REVIEW

Mike Bradshaw, PGA Head Professional at Kirkbrae CC welcomed over 40 fellow pros to the annual fall meeting which was preceded by the inaugural Pro-Assistant sponsored by Mike Daron/ Nike Golf. The Chapter is proud of its Section representation for 2013 as Susan Bond and Troy Pare will continue to work on behalf of the RI chapter in their respective capacities. It was also recently announced that Bond, the PGA Head Professional at Weekapaug GC won the prestigious BILL STRAUSBAUGH AWARD from the NEPGA – for her tireless work and commitment to mentoring and club relations.

#### GRATITUDE

Simply put, the success of the RIPGA's 2012 tournament activity could not have happened without the support of the follow-

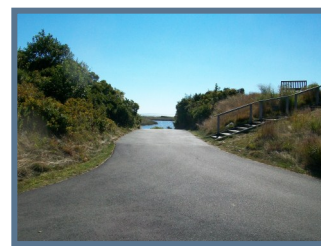
ing: GREG SUTCLIFFE/ CALLAWAY GOLF, KEITH TORTORELLA/ CCE GOLF CARS, MIKE DARON/ NIKE GOLF, MATT HOWARD/ ADAMS GOLF, GARY RENCURREL/ TAYLOR-MADE GOLF, PETER BUTT/ FOOTJOY, DAVID MOYNIHAN/ TITLEIST, AND STERLING CUT GLASS for donating our award plaques last spring.

...And to those fellow pros who hosted events in 2012: BO BOTELHO, JACK TOSONE, TODD CAMPBELL, JIM DIMARINO, GARY DORSI, RON RAPOSA, STEVE DIEMOZ, NORM ALBERIGO, MARK WARRENER, JIM CORRIGAN, BRENT AMARAL, DAVE TIEDEMANN, MIKE BRADSHAW & MIKE GELINAS. Thank You All!!!

#### 2013 SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP VISITS CHAPTER!

It has been recently announced by Section Executive Director Mike Higgins that the 2013 NEPGA Championship will be contested at Wannamoisett & Ledgemont next August. What a quinella!

Have a healthy holiday season to all,



To the Misquamicut ocean holes!

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### SENIORS' ASSOCIATION



**PGA**  
New England Section  
Seniors' Association

Congratulations to Paul Parajeckas, PGA Head Professional at Pleasant Valley Country Club for being named the NEPGA Senior Player of the Year for 2012!

The schedule for 2013 will be published on the website sometime in March. The 2013 Senior Championship will be played July 31 and August 1. The venue will be announced once it has been confirmed.

Results from the Senior Association Championship held at Kirkbrae Country Club on October 25th:

Overall Champion: Paul Parajeckas, PGA Pleasant Valley CC \$500

50 - 59

Gross: 1. Rick Karbowski, PGA Auburn Driving Range \$225

2. Al Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC \$125

Net: 1. Lou Katsos, PGA Blue Hill Country Club \$225

2. Eddie Whalley, PGA Reedy Meadow GC \$125

Click [here](#) to view the complete results on NEPGA.com

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### MAINE CHAPTER



As the calendar turned to October, the Maine Chapter season stayed in high gear with several events.

The Robert Dugas Cup Matches took place October 2-3 at Cape Arundel GC. The two-day event had 16 professionals participate in a Ryder Cup style event. The event is played every other year which creates some great camaraderie and storytelling over the two days. On Tuesday night, the players were treated to a fabulous steak and lobster dinner at the Arundel Yacht Club. The "appetizer" featured a ride on PGA Host Professional Ken Raynor's boat for some of the competitors and a ride which they will not soon forget. We owe a big thank you to "The Raynor Team" for doing all the cooking for the players on Tuesday night.



Our Annual Meeting was held on October 10th at Martindale CC. We had 43 members and apprentices in attendance. The members were excited with the opportunity to participate in the vote for the District I Director election between Donnie Lyons and Jim Tobin. Donnie and Jim fielded a handful of question from the floor just prior to the vote.

The Chapter also had a vote for the District Director to the NEPGA Board of Directors. Ron Bibeau, PGA (Executive Director - The First Tee of Maine) defeated Matt Blasik, PGA (A-I The Ledges GC) in a very close vote.

An election was then held for three vacant Director Positions on the Maine Chapter Board. Rob Jarvis, (A-8 Bangor Municipal) was re-elected for another three-year term. Brian Bickford (A-I Val Halla GC) and Matt Blasik (A-I The Ledges GC) were also voted in as Directors.

The Chapter would like to recognize Jon Ellis, PGA Head Professional at Sanford CC and his many years of service to the Maine Chapter. Jon served as a Director before being elected to serve as our District Director in 2006 and has been an active Board of Director since that time. Jon's near perfect attendance at meetings, input and thorough communication will be sadly missed.

We also owe a big thank you to Matt Blasik for his two years as a District Director. Matt stepped up two years ago to fill the vacated seat on the NEPGA Board. Matt was appointed to

the position by the Board in 2010. We will miss Matt's voice to the NEPGA Section, the Section's loss however is the Chapter's gain and we look forward to Matt's input and insight on the Chapter Board.

Following the meeting, the Pro-Assistant Championship was held. 12 teams competed in the 18-hole fourball competition. Sanford CC finished on top... Jon Ellis and Jerney Goulet played some great golf shooting a 4-under par round of 67 in some tough weather conditions.



Our tournament season came to a close on Monday, October 15th with the Ledges Pro-Am. Bob Darling, Jr. won low professional honors with an even par round of 72. Brett Smestad and his team from the The Oaks Golf Links won low gross honors with a 64. Many thanks to PGA Head Professional Matt Blasik and his first class staff at The Ledges for putting on a first class event and for coordinating the luncheon that followed the round.

#### John Hickson – Maine Chapter E-Z-GO Player of the Year

Congratulations to John Hickson for earning the E-Z-GO Player of the year. John racked up 526.50 E-Z-GO points throughout the season. Click [here](#) to view the complete standings. E-Z-GO points can be earned at all Maine Chapter events, as well as the NEPGA Championship and the PGA Professional National Championship. The Chapter owes a HUGE THANK YOU to our partners at E-Z-GO and Five Star Golf Cars for sponsoring many of our programs and tournaments here in Maine. I think I can speak for the Chapter when I say Matt McDonald, Larry Kelley, and Steve Rand – "You gentlemen are first class!!!"



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## WE NEED YOU...

The Chapter is in need for help with some of our committees. If anyone has a few hours to give, the Chapter is currently looking for professionals to serve on the Scholarship, Awards and Junior Golf Committees. Please reach out to Tony Decker at [tdecker@pgahq.com](mailto:tdecker@pgahq.com) or Chapter President Nick Glicos at [nglicos@martindalecc.com](mailto:nglicos@martindalecc.com) if you would like to help.

Tony Decker, PGA  
NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager



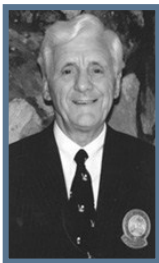
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### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



Members of the New Hampshire Chapter were saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Clark, Sr., PGA and Master Golf Professional in October. Joe was a driving force behind the formation of the New Hampshire Chapter and was the organization's first executive director. He was a renowned instructor with a keen

interest in golf's mental side and was named NEPGA Teacher of the Year in 1999 and Golf Digest ranked him the top teacher in New Hampshire from 2000-2007. Joe also was the developer and longtime owner of Highland Links Colony & Golf Club, a nine-hole, par-3 layout and residential development in Holderness where he also lived. Joe had been a respected faculty member at Plymouth State (College) University for several decades and was inducted twice into the PSU Hall of Fame. The Chapter expresses its condolences to his wife of sixty years, Deloris (Dell) Clark and to his two sons, Joe Clark, Jr. and Glenn Clark.



The NHC had its Fall Meeting at Laconia CC and three new members were elected to the Chapter's board of directors: Matt Arvanitis of Concord CC, Alex Hume of Hanover CC and Tim Loch of Cochecho CC. They are replacing outgoing members Todd Rollins, Pudge Pearson and Mark Ashton. The board thanks the retiring members for their dedication and service during their terms.

Recipients of the Chapter's annual awards were: **Teacher of the Year:** Rich Berberian, Sr., of Hoodcroft CC; **Bill**

**Strausbaugh Award:** Joanne Flynn of Windham CC; **Junior Golf Leader:** Vince Molesky of Newport CC; **Professional of the Year:** Larry Gallagher of North Conway CC and **Player of the Year:** Matt Arvanitis of Concord CC. The Chapter also honored longtime assistant Ian Meserve of North Conway CC with an honorary Chapter membership. The meeting was sponsored by Rob Hardy of Hardy Golf Sales and Mark Thompson of TaylorMade.



**Matt Arvanitis**

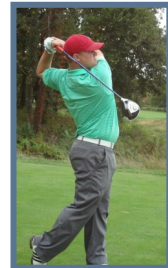
The Chapter had a very successful season, thanks in part to an early beginning and great weather. Each week we had strong participation and very competitive fields. Congratulations to the following championship winners:

**Pro-Lady Championship:** Co-winners, Bill Andrews, Portsmouth CC and Ken Hamel, Crotched Mountain

**Pro-Senior Championship:** John Wollen, Nashua CC

**Pro-Pro Championship:** Co-winners: Dan Wilkins, Five Star Golf Cars and Matt Thibeault, Intervale CC; Jim Sheerin, Abenaki CC and Marc Spencer, Windham CC

**Pro-Gross Championship:** Dan Wilkins, Five Star Golf Cars  
**Chapter Championship:** Rich Berberian, Jr., Hoodcroft CC



**Larry Gallagher**

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### VERMONT CHAPTER



The Vermont Awards Committee has selected the following Chapter members for the special awards for the 2012 season. We congratulate all on their outstanding contributions to the Vermont Chapter.

**Merchandiser of the Year, Public**  
Matt Hibbert, Lake St. Catherine CC

**Merchandiser of the Year, Resort**  
Paul Meunier, Basin Harbor Club

**Merchandiser of the Year, Private**  
Erik Sorensen, Dorset Field Club

**Teacher of the Year**  
Zack Wyman, Vermont National

**Junior Golf Leader**  
Josh Young, St. Johnsbury CC

**Assistant of the Year**  
Chris Daly, Ralph Myhre GC

**Bill Strausbaugh Award**  
Rodney Bicknell, Neshobe GC

**Professional of the Year**  
Roger King, CC of Barre

**Player of the Year**  
Pat Pelletier, Lake Morey Resort

On October 15th, we played our traditional final event of the year, the Jeff Hadley Cup. The Ryder Cup format split Chapter members from the North and South. A resounding victory was secured by the North team. Congratulations to the victors.

On October 17th, the Vermont Chapter welcomed Michael Breed, PGA Teacher of the Year 2012, to Dorset Field Club for his presentation of a teaching seminar. Michael entertained over 40 PGA Professionals, sponsors and media representatives with his informative and enlightening presentation. A special thank you goes out to Erik Sorensen, PGA, Dorset Field Club for taking the lead in bringing his friend Michael to Vermont. Erik secured the following sponsors: Titleist, Donald Ross, Sky Caddie and Peter Millar. We thank all the sponsors for their generous contribution in bringing the Golf Fix host to our Chapter.

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## AT THE TURN

Member Updates

### New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Warren Ballam, PGA	A-8	Sterling National CC
James Turner, PGA	A-1	Sky Meadow CC

### New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Mark Anderson	B-8	Meadow Brook GC
Griffin Andrews	B-8	Portsmouth CC
Donald P. Baldassare	B-8	TPC of Boston
Matthew Bradbury	B-1	Crotched Mt. GC & Resort
Ryan Jones	B-8	Hanover CC/Dartmouth College
Meghan Mahoney	B-6	Miacomet GC
Scott Sands	B-8	Mt Pleasant CC
Cabot Woodsom	B-8	Bald Peak CC

\*These reports reflect changes made between  
October 1, 2012 - November 1, 2012.

### Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Michael Brown, PGA	A-20	10/15	Turner Hill GC
Rick DePamphilis, PGA	A-6	11/1	Paradise Golf Prac & Teaching

### Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Bill Allen, PGA	A-14	Pembroke CC
Michael Brown, PGA	A-20	Turner Hill GC

### New Half Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
William Gilroy, PGA	LM	10/31

### New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Al Lupis, PGA	LM	10/31

## NEPGA BULLETIN BOARD

#### Turkey Shoot

#### Skins Game

Swansea CC

Sat., Nov. 3rd

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#### Cyprian Keyes GC

#### 12th Annual Pro+1

Monday, Nov. 12th  
10AM Shotgun Start

[Click here for details!](#)

#### Klotzy's Pro-Pro

#### Scramble

Marlborough CC

November 6th

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#### Position Available:

1st Assistant

2013 Season

Pleasant Valley CC

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