



## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT LARRY KELLEY



It is with great honor that I take over the reign of the NEPGA as your new President! Since the election at Cyprian Keyes I have been overwhelmed with an outpouring of support for my next two years as YOUR President. With the help of social media and our own NEPGA website the news has traveled quickly that we have a new slate of officers in what we all believe to be the best Section in the country. We have a great group of dedicated officers and board members from all over the Section ready to get to work and make a difference. We are in great hands with Mike Higgins as our Executive Director leading our Section Staff. From our strong tournament program, amateur series, and wildly successful junior tour the possibilities are endless for every level of golfer in the New England Section.

As we all get ready for the winter season and the pace slows down, we are actually gearing up at the Section level for all the planning and change ahead. A few of the items that we will be taking a hard look at include the following: Long term planning and goal setting; Financial budgets and investments; NEPGA Foundation start-up; Home site Investigation & relocation; Current Section Election Process; Increasing of Chapter Development Funding; Committee Restructuring Meeting; and Governance Schedule.

With the winter season also comes an opportunity to re-charge. Take this opportunity to do things to enhance your life and career. It could be education to advance your position at your facility, spending quality time with your loved ones and friends, or heading for warmer weather to play golf or sit on the beach. I am taking my own advice as I write this letter from 35,000 feet on Southwest #705 heading to Las Vegas and joining 42 other NEPGA Members and their pro-am partners for a great week of golf and fun Vegas Style! If you haven't played in this marquee event please gather a group and join us in 2014 as the fun never stops in the city that never sleeps. The golf courses are great, too.

Later in the month our NEPGA delegation will be heading out to San Diego for the PGA's 98th Annual Meeting to conduct the business of the Association. We will have the pleasure of hearing from former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and attend the award ceremony of Lee Trevino receiving a lifetime achievement award from our Association. We will also be there to witness the PGA National Patriot Golf Award being given to our own Bob Beach. In addition to these highlights we will be discussing and voting on two resolutions that are going in front of the delegation. One of these resolutions is being brought to the floor by The NEPGA. This will truly be an exciting time for our Section on the national stage. For more information on the two resolutions please go to [PGAlinks.com](http://PGAlinks.com) and take the poll. If you have strong feelings on either resolution let me know how you feel.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate Susan Bond, PGA and Ron Bibeau, PGA for their election to Vice President and Secretary of the NEPGA. We enjoyed a great election process as all the officers and candidates participated and attended every Chapter meeting and spoke about their platform and the message that they will be bringing to the Section. While Troy Pare, PGA was unsuccessful in his bid for Secretary he remains on the Section board and will continue to advocate for his Chapter and all our Section members. Troy is a passionate golf professional and a large contributor at the Section level.

I want to also congratulate and welcome two new District Directors to our board. Tim Loch, PGA from Cochecho CC in New Hampshire and Rob Jarvis, PGA from Bangor Municipal GC in Maine. These two golf professionals will be working hard to enhance our image and make a positive impact for all of our Section members.

I would like to publicly take a moment to thank Steve Demmer, PGA, NEPGA Past President, for all of his hard work over the last nine years working for each of us at the board level and as an officer. Steve was nicknamed the "Transition President" as he oversaw the successful development of the investment fund relationship with the Willing Group and also was the President who hired our current executive director. Great leadership at certain times impacts us all and sometimes we don't know it until well on down the road. Thank you Steve for all that you have done. We will continue to lean on you as a Past President for all that you offer.

Lastly, I want to thank our current Honorary President, Jimmy Noris, PGA for his last two years of service as our President. Jimmy has graced the office of President with a soft spoken type of leadership that everyone respects. He is thoughtful, caring, and enjoys the respect of the entire board and staff. Jimmy presided over the NEPGA as President during our most successful time for event participation, program enhancement, and financially we have never ever been stronger. Jimmy has not only been a mentor to me during our time together, he has also become a great friend. I have enjoyed getting to know his First Lady Elaine and watched them become grandparents for the first time. Thank you Jimmy for the gift of your time as you led us as our President over the last two years.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone again for all the support you have shown me and rest assured I will do my very best to represent each and every one of you regardless of where you live and work. I am available anytime and welcome comments, criticism, and well wishes.

Sincerely,

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New England Section

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## NEPGA NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS



From L to R: Swearing in of the New NEPGA Officers and Senior Director by Ann Marie Tobin: Jack Neville, PGA Senior Director; Ron Bibeau, PGA NEPGA Secretary; Larry Kelley, PGA NEPGA President; Susan Bond, PGA NEPGA Vice President

## 2013 FALL MEETING REPORTS

Please click the following links to read letters from the Section officers, Chapter representatives and Section Executive Director.

[President's Report - Jimmy Noris, PGA](#)  
[Vice President's Report - Larry Kelley, PGA](#)  
[Secretary's Report - Susan Bond, PGA](#)  
[CC Chapter Report - Glenn Kelly, PGA](#)  
[ME Chapter Report - Ron Bibeau, PGA](#)  
[MA Chapter Report - Todd Cook, PGA](#)  
[NH Chapter Report - Alex Kirk, PGA](#)  
[RI Chapter Report - Troy Pare, PGA](#)  
[VT Chapter Report - Zack Wyman, PGA](#)  
[Executive Director Report - Mike Higgins](#)

## 2014 AWARD NOMINATION FORMS

The NEPGA is currently accepting nominations for the 2014 Section awards. The Section is asking for members in good standing to complete and submit the nomination form(s) by December 16, 2013. The online forms were emailed to NEPGA members on October 29th. If you need 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!

PGA ANNUAL MEETING  
RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY NEPGA

The following proposed resolution was submitted by the New England PGA for the 97th PGA Annual Meeting on November 20-24, 2013 in San Diego, CA:

**Resolution 2: Section Dues Allocation**

*Allow the modification of Section dues for individuals who are billed on May 1st in one Section but have transferred into another Section prior to the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1st). Annual Section dues and fees are currently billed based on the Section affiliation as of May 1st and are not adjusted for any subsequent Section change. The New England Section is proposing that Section dues be adjusted for any Member or Apprentice who has a Section change between May 1st and June 30th, resulting in dues being paid to the Section where the Member or Apprentice is employed as of June 30th.*

Click [here](#) to read the complete resolution on PGALinks.com.

New Changes for 2014:  
PGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PGA

The PGA Financial Assistance Scholarship application will go live on the homepage of [PGALinks.com](http://PGALinks.com) beginning on Friday, November 15th, with a submission deadline of Monday, March 17th. Graduating high school seniors and college students who are the children or grandchildren of PGA members are encouraged to apply. Click [here](#) to view more information.

**Please note the two new changes for 2014!** 20% of funding will take in to account financial need, please see details in Financial Need Section of application AND beginning with 2014 graduating high school seniors (incoming Freshman in Fall of 2014) the total number of scholarships a student can receive will be limited to 2 total scholarships over the 4 years of undergraduate college attendance.

**Scholarship Resources:**

[Click here to view Scholarship Search Tips](#)

[Click here to view Additional Scholarships](#)

# THANK YOU TO OUR 2013 NOVEMBER SPONSOR



## SEAVEY TIES FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> IN PGA ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to Jeff Seavey, PGA assistant professional at the Samoset Resort Golf Club for finishing at 2-under-par 286 at the 37th National Car Rental PGA Assistant Championship presented by Cobra Puma Golf in a tie for third place. Another

NEPGA member with a notable finish is Shawn Warren, PGA assistant professional at Dunegrass Golf Club and Nonesuch River Golf Club, who tied for 12<sup>th</sup>. The tournament was held at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL on October 31 - November 1. Click [here](#) to view the complete results.

## PGA WINTER CHAMPS SCHEDULE



The 2014 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 on PGALinks.com.

### Schedule:

Quarter Century Championship - January 8-9, 2014  
Senior Stroke Play Championship - January 13-15, 2014  
Senior-Junior Team Championship - January 27-30, 2014  
Women's Stroke Play Championship - February 3-5, 2014  
Stroke Play Championship - February 3-6, 2014  
Match Play Championship - February 10-14, 2014

## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA VICE PRESIDENT



Dear New England PGA Member,

I would like to say, Thank You for the continued support that you give to me.

At the New England Section Annual Meeting, I was elected to be the Vice President of the New England PGA. As I said in the Chapter meetings I will have the checkbook and will work with President Kelley, Secretary Bibeau, and the board of directors to keep the New England PGA financially strong.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time. Finances are the main duties of the Vice President but in my eyes that is just a portion of my time, the total well being of the membership is always my concern.

Have a wonderful off season with your family and friends. I will see you at the Show and/or one of our winter Pro Ams.

Sincerely,

Susan Bond  
NEPGA Vice President

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES *Learn from the Best and Earn MSRs!*

### **NEPGA Leadership Summit with NEPGA Award Winners & Champions**

[Click here for details](#)

**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2013

**Place:** Cyprian Keyes Golf Club

**Time:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Cost:** \$50 (includes program, coffee, continental breakfast and lunch)

**MSR Hours:** 6 PGA Education MSR hours

**Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Mock Interviews: An Opportunity To Experience a Live Interview Similar to a Head Pro Selection Process**

*First Come, First Serve!*

**Date:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013

**Place:** The Country Club

**Time:** One Hour Sessions In Front of a Committee: 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm

**Cost:** \$25

**MSR Hours:** 1 PGA Education MSR hour

**Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Teaching & Fitting Seminar with Brian O'Hearn, PGA**

[Click here for details](#)

**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2013

**Place:** GolfTec - 1 Wheeler Rd, Burlington, MA

**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Cost:** \$30

**MSR Hours:** 3 PGA Education MSR hours

**Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Cracker Barrel #2 with Tom Cavicchi, PGA**

**Date:** Monday, December 9, 2013

**Place:** The Harmon Club, 168 Concord Street, Rockland, MA 02370

**Time:** 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

**Cost:** \$25

**MSR Hours:** 4 PGA Education MSR hours

**Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)

### **Mock Interviews: An Opportunity To Experience a Live Interview Similar to a Head Pro Selection Process**

*First Come, First Serve!*

**Date:** Thursday, December 12, 2013

**Place:** Belmont Country Club

**Time:** One Hour Sessions In Front of a Committee: 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm

**Cost:** \$25

**MSR Hours:** 1 PGA Education MSR hour

**Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)





# PGA

New England Section

## *Winter Pro - Pro*

*Reunion Resort - Orlando, FL*

*January 25, 2014*

*\$300 per Team*

*Sign Up at [www.nepga.com](http://www.nepga.com)*



*2013 NEPGA Winter Pro - Pro Champions  
Shawn Warren, PGA and Jeff Seavey, PGA*



## GOLF FOR ALL CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS



*Left: Bob Beach, PGA and Susan Bond, PGA along with Fred Corcoran, Ken Carson, and Jerry Donovan and Anni-ka Sorenstam at the Golf For All Clinic which was held for Veterans at Reunion Club in Orlando, FL on Friday, November 1st. This was part of the CVS-Caremark Veterans' Appreciation Day.*

*The Golf For All Clinic, featuring Bob Beach, Susan Bond, Ken Carson, Jerry Donovan, included brief inspirational comments from Ken and Jerry, a Paragolfer demonstration, and instruction by Bob and Susan.*

## Casa de Campo Pro-Am

Dominican Republic March 3-8, 2014



The New England PGA invites you to take in the breathtaking scenery and world class golf of the Dominican Republic this March by playing in our Casa de Campo Pro-Am. Click [here](#) to view the package details and everything in store for you during your five night visit featuring unlimited food, golf and drinks. In addition, any professional bringing three couples (amateur and spouse) may bring his spouse for FREE!

For more information, please contact Ben Vandal at the NEPGA office, [bvandal@pgahq.com](mailto:bvandal@pgahq.com) or 508-869-0000.

## VOLUNTEER FOR THE VETERANS!

There will be free clinics for veterans and disabled veterans at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, November 9th and Saturday, November 16th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. There will also be a free clinic for veterans and disabled veterans on Monday, November 11th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course. There will be free greens fees for all veterans and disabled veterans at the clinic on November 11th as well. If you can volunteer, please contact Bob Beach, PGA 781.843.6513 x2.



2010 Veterans Day Clinic



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## 2014 PAT SITES NEEDED

The Section is looking for potential PAT sites for 2014. Ideally, we would like to have at 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 2014 will not be finalized until mid-December.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Click Here to View Current Opportunities on NEPGA.com*

## 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 2014 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, 2013. 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.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The New England PGA Section office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27th and we will reopen on Monday, December 2nd.

Happy Thanksgiving to You & Your Families!





## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PGA EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT



**What Lies Ahead** - How are you planning to improve your operation for 2014?

What vantage point do you use to move forward? The Rear View Mirror, your Headlights or a Travel Advisor who tells you what's ahead? As a PGA professional, you are the ambassador for the game of golf at your facility and must demonstrate leadership. Your ability to plan for the future and present this information to the decision makers should be a critical step during your facility's planning for next season. It is no secret that the golf business has changed along with the lifestyles and our culture. Planning for the future is a necessity and how you as a PGA Professional view it, should be the difference.

### 1. Rear View

Leaders that depend upon the rear view use data and experience for their decision making. Why? Because that's what they know, it's fact. It's data. It's what has happened in the past. It's a mistake to confuse data with what is ahead. The past only shows where you've been, not where you are going.

Many clubs are still trying to operate the facility like years past. Members or customers lifestyles have changed and the facilities must change with the times. Sometimes the greatest barrier to future success is past success.

### 2. The Headlights – What's Immediately Ahead

Leaders that rely on what is immediately ahead for their organization identify their customer's needs and their business chal-

lenges for their decision making. However, this is like focusing on where your headlights shine. Your low beam headlights illuminate about 100-160 feet ahead of you. Most good drivers can see about 12-15 seconds ahead of them. When stuck in traffic, drivers can see about one block ahead of them.

But is that enough? Does that view provide enough information to lead an organization into the future or just 12-15 seconds or a quarter of a mile ahead? As a leader, you must visualize into the future and create a long range plan on what your membership or customer base will be like 2 years, or 5 years down the road.

### 3. The Travel Advisor – Looking Into the Future

These leaders look to futurists and trendsetters when making decisions for short and long range plans. How will the culture and demographics in my area change? How much growth in the area is expected? What type of golfers and customers will we be attracting and how do we accommodate? How should we alter our amenities?

Our world is changing fast, and our golf business is changing just as fast. You need to be the trail blazer for your facility.

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*Greetings from...*

 **PGA**  
New England Section

**HAMMOCK BEACH**  
**PRO-AM**

*January 25-28, 2014*  
*Palm Coast, Florida*

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# CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

## CAPE COD CHAPTER



### FALL MEETING PRODUCES NEW BOARD FOR CAPE CHAPTER

With attendance again topping 50 Chapter professionals, the Cape Cod PGA elected a new board for the coming two years at the annual fall meeting sponsored by Jeff DiBona/ Fairway & Greene. Sandwich Hollows PGA Head Professional and former Tournament Chairman Jesse Schechtman was elected the new President. Schechtman, a Mississippi State PGM grad, has worked at CC of Halifax and Eastward Ho! prior to settling in as SHGC leader. Halifax's PGA Head Professional Bob Giusti was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer while The Ridge Club's PGA Head Professional Jay Askew and 15thgolfclub.com's PGA proprietor Brad Sherman will share the duties as Tournament Chairmen and Sponsor Relations.



Just a week prior to this meeting, Schechtman assembled a fine group of chapter members who were all invited to play in the new Southport GC Pro-Member in Mashpee (pictured above). It was the first time playing there for many and it should be reported that our new President took low pro honors over this talented field!

### YEOMANS WIN RECORD 5TH CONSECUTIVE DUTCH WESSNER AWARD

The Cape Chapter honored long-time member, and now deceased Dutch Wessner with an award in his name beginning in the mid-80's. No player had won 5 consecutive titles until The Bay Club's PGA Head Professional Greg Yeomans earned another Player-of-the-Year trophy this year after a stellar fall, winning his 6th Match Play Championship (see photo with runner-up Askew), and winning his own Fall Finale Pro-Am at The Bay Club. The Wessner Award is sponsored each year by Taylor-Made & Jamie Griffiths whose generosity allows the Chapter to award prize money to the top 5 players after the 18 event season concludes. Following Yeomans were: John Paesani, Rusty Gunnarson, Jay Askew & Bob Miller.



To top off a superb fall campaign, Yeomans won the George Jacobson Achievement Award from the NEIGA (New England Intercollegiate Golf Association) at their October 27th banquet for his outstanding collegiate career at UConn captaining the Men's Golf Team in addition to playing for the Huskie Men's basketball team his senior year alongside Ray Allen, Donnie Marshall, et. al.



He was presented this prestigious award by Chapter Tournament Manager and Bentley University Golf Coach Mick Herron in front of 37 collegiate golf teams on the Cape for the largest college tournament in the nation, hosted by former Chapter president Mark O'Brien, PGA Head Professional at The Captains GC and PGA Assistant Steve Knowles.

Interestingly, at the same banquet, NEPGA intern and Endicott College golf team captain, Nick Erlichman was awarded the Guy Tedesco Award in front of his peers. This outstanding honor along with Yeomans' citation and Herron's NEIGA presidency completed an NEPGA trifecta as over 200 collegiate golfers from all over New England looked on.



Please visit the chapters' website, [www.capecodpga.com](http://www.capecodpga.com), for more October tournament reviews and photos as well as information on the phenomenally successful Cape Cod Junior Golf Association, now boasting over 400 members this past summer.



*Only 160 days till the Masters!*

I wish all a very healthy, happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

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## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

### MAINE CHAPTER



The Maine Chapter Annual Meeting took place on Thursday, October 3rd at Martindale CC. Nearly 50 Members and Apprentices were in attendance. It was a very positive meeting as the Chapter and Section had a great year. We heard some great reports from our various committees along with Mike Higgins, Michael Packard and Brian Bain. Larry Kelley, Susan Bond, Ron Bibeau and Troy Pare were also in attendance and each presented a short speech.

We elected two new officers...Doug Van Wickler, (A-4 at The Woodlands Club) was elected President and Rob Jarvis (A-8 at Bangor Municipal) was elected Secretary. Jim Fairbanks (A-1 at Dunegrass CC) and Tom Moffatt (A-8 at Cape Arundel GC) were elected as Board of Directors. The Chapter would like to thank outgoing President Nick Glicos (A-4 at Martindale CC) for his eight years of service to the Chapter. We also want to thank Ben Morey (A-1 at Spring Meadows GC) for his six years of service to the Chapter as a Board of Director.

Following the Annual Meeting, the Pro-Assistant Championship took place. A perfect fall day and some great course conditions led to fine good scoring. Congratulations to Jack Kelly & Dave Grygiel for winning the Championship.



#### Pro-Assistant Championship ~ Martindale CC

Jack Kelly & Dave Grygiel	31-34--65 -6
Nick Glicos & Paul Piveronas	32-34--66 -5
Michael Worroll & Tim Desmarais	32-36--68 -3
Jim Fairbanks & Zach Steele	35-34--69 -2
Chad Hopkins & Evan Griffith	35-37--72 +1
Doug Van Wickler & Tony Decker	37-36--73 +2
Matt Blasik & Ben Benson	35-39--74 +3
Brian Enman & Rob Jarvis	39-37--76 +5
Chris Twombly & Andrew Sikula	40-36--76 +5

#### Maine Chapter NEPGA Pro-Pro Match Play Championship Dunegrass CC ~ October 8-9

##### Quarter-Finals

Ben Morey & Scott Mann defeated Gregg Baker & Nick Glicos **1 up**  
John Hickson & Bob Darling defeated Sean Barrett & Chad Hopkins **1 up 20 holes**  
Tim Desmarais & Evan Griffith defeated Dave Grygiel & Scott Mayer **1 up**

Jim Fairbanks & Zach Steele defeated Bob Mathews & Peter Matthews **3&2**

##### Semi-Finals

John Hickson & Bob Darling defeated Ben Morey & Scott Mann **3&2**

Jim Fairbanks & Zach Steele defeated Tim Desmarais & Evan Griffith **1 up 19 holes**

##### Finals

John Hickson & Bob Darling defeated Jim Fairbanks & Zach Steele **6&5**

##### Consolation Match

Nick Glicos & Gregg Baker defeated Dave Grygiel & Scott Mayer **3&1**



John & Bob

#### SHAWN WARREN – 2013 MAINE CHAPTER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

With wins at the State of Maine Championship, Chapter Championship and New England PGA Section Champion, mix in 4 low professional honors at various Pro-Ams and you will find yourself at the top of the Maine Chapter E-Z-GO Player of the Year Points Standings. That is where Shawn Warren finds himself at the end of a great season of golf in Maine and throughout New England. Congratulations Shawn! Shawn earned 471.00 E-Z-GO points, more than 55 points ahead of John Hickson. Click [here](#) to view the complete results.

The Chapter would like to once again thank our partner at **Five Star Golf Cars & Utility Vehicles** proudly representing **E-Z-GO** and **Cushman** vehicles. **Larry Kelley, PGA, Matt McDonald** and **Steve Rand** stepped up once again this year as a major sponsor. It is with great hope, that you take a moment and extend a sincere thank you to them for their support all season long: [larry@fivestargolfcars.com](mailto:larry@fivestargolfcars.com); [matt@fivestargolfcars.com](mailto:matt@fivestargolfcars.com); [steve@fivestargolfcars.com](mailto:steve@fivestargolfcars.com)

The Chapter was proud and very excited to see Ron Bibeau win the election for Secretary and become the first officer of the New England PGA from Maine! Way to go Ron!!!

The 2014 Tournament Schedule is nearly complete, it is our hope to have our schedule completed by Thanksgiving. Look for some announcements of venues and dates in the next newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything we can do to help you or your facility. I hope you all enjoy a little down time.

Tony Decker, PGA  
NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager

## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

### RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



#### TRAMONTI CAPTURES CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP & PLAYER OF YEAR !



*Rhode Island Champ Bob Tramonti*

There was little doubt that 2013 was already a great playing year for Triggs' PGA Teaching Professional Bob Tramonti prior to the Chapter Championship, hosted by Agawam Hunt Club's PGA HP & putting guru Norm Alberigo, sponsored by Callaway Golf's Peter Guild, but the straight-hitting marksman topped off his stellar season with a winning 66-74 effort edging hard charging Matt Doyle's 73-68, The Misquamicut Club, by one shot. Carnegie Abbey's PGA Assistant Brendan Ray finished a solid 3rd firing 143 in the 36-hole one day affair. Tramonti's big win followed low pro honors at the Pawtucket Pro-Am one week earlier sponsored by Matt Howard representing Cleveland/ Srixon where he returned a -1 under par 68 to beat Whitinsville's PGA Head Pro Chris Hulme by two shots.



*Left: Callaway's Chuck Holmes-PGA (L) and Peter Guild (R) flanked by Gary Dorsi, PGA prior to the Chapter Championship at Agawam Hunt Club. Tramonti's victory also sealed RIPGA 2013 Player-of-Year Title by a mere 5 points over N. Kingstown's PGA Head Pro John Rainone in the season-long race.*

*Right: Agawam's 18th green*



#### NEW CHAPTER BOARD ELECTED AT FALL MEETING

Members of the Chapter congregated at The Kirbrae CC for the annual fall meeting and elected Shelter Harbor's PGA Head Professional Dave Tiedemann to a two year term as the new President. Elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer was Kirkbrae's PGA Head Pro Mike Bradshaw who organized a superb hard goods preview with several vendors prior to the meeting. Completing the new slate of Chapter leaders will be Acoaxet's PGA Head Pro Brent Amaral as Tournament Chairman.

#### TRI-CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY RHODE ISLAND'S BRIAN OWENS

In the second year of this newly created championship, members of the MASS, CAPE COD & RHODE ISLAND Chapters were hosted by Halifax's PGA HP Bob Giusti (who placed 5th against these young guns) for a wonderful day of camaraderie and competition with the eventual champion emerging from Rhode Island, Brian Owens, PGA Assistant at N. Kingstown, who fired a -2 under par 70 beating MASS Chapter's James Antonelli (Marshfield PGA HP) by two shots. Sponsored in part by the Lincoln-Mercury promotions Section-wide this season, this championship rotates amongst the three Chapters yearly and looks to be a solid addition to the schedule for years to come.



*2013 Champ Brian Owens*

#### SHELTER HARBOR HOSTS UNIQUE SEASON ENDING PRO-AM IN STYLE

Welcoming 25 foursomes to his fabulous Shelter Harbor GC, PGA Head Pro Dave Tiedemann notched his first victory of the season, posting 36 points (Stableford format) edging his PGA Assistant Robbie Bruns and Alpine's PGA HP Eddie Kirby by one slim point. This highly successful season-ending Pro-Am was sponsored by The Haversham Restaurant, who not only provided added cash to the purse but fed all 100 golfers after the event in The Haversham House, located just down the street from Shelter and close by to the Misquamicut Club and Weekapaug CC, in Westerly, RI.



It was a fine day for all Shelter Harbor folks as Bruns' team won the Team Stableford nipping Tiedemann's team who tied with Brian Owen's team for runner-up honors.

I wish all a happy, healthy Thanksgiving with family & friends.

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*Haversham owner Jay Beausoleil (L) played with Shelter's PGA Assistant Michael Robinson (2nd from left) and team in October's season ending Pro-Am.*



## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

### VERMONT CHAPTER



On October 7th, the Vermont Chapter played our traditional final event of the year, the Jeff Hadley Cup contested at the CC of Barre, hosted by Roger King, PGA. The President's Cup format consisted of teams led by Chapter President Dave Pfannenstien, PGA and Chapter Vice President Roger King, PGA. A close fought victory was secured by President Pfannenstien's team. Congratulations to the victors.



King's Team



Pfannenstien's Team

The Vermont Chapter members wish to congratulate the recently elected NEPGA Section Officers: Larry Kelley, Susan Bond, and Ron Bibeau. Our Section is in good hands for the coming years.

The Chapter BOD and committees will be meeting over the next few weeks to firm up the 2014 playing schedule and Chapter budgets. District Director Zack Wyman and Chapter President Dave Pfannenstien will be attending the Section Planning session in December.

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### MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



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Well the season has come to an end and the Red Sox are World Series champions once again, really no big deal. As a Chapter we had a very

good year both financially and tournament wise, we were able to play some of the more revered courses in New England including Myopia Hunt Club, Granite Links Golf Club, Oak Hill, Worcester Country Club and Essex County Club. If you have not already and you have a moment please send a quick thank you to all of our host courses this year, because as we all know it is difficult to give our course up during the season with all of us having to accommodate many member needs.

The Chapter would also like to recognize once again the following people who have earned their PGA Membership during the 2013 season: Donald Baldassare, Brendan Barry, Patrick Beahn, Mollie Boney, Chris Cerven, Joseph DiSanto, Jeffrey Friel, Patrick Hohman, Jamie Kerepka, Brooke Rodes, Grace Schory, Kaitlyn Sharpless, Jonathan Tamburro, Adam Trottier, Peter Cole, Jeffrey Day, Peter Hulbert, Andrew Jordan, James Latraverse, and Michael West, this is a tremendous accomplishment and we wish you all the best in your careers.

The Chapter would also like to recognize all of the Chapter tournament winners for the 2013 season: Frank Dully/Rick Durocher (Granite Links), Todd Cook/Jeff Czerwinski (Myopia Hunt Club), Rick Karbowski (Oak Hill), Dave Dionne (Worcester Country Club-Chapter Championship), and Todd Cook/Dave Dionne (Essex County Club) again great job to all and a special congratulatory remark to Dave Dionne the Massachusetts Chapter Champion of 2013.

The fall meeting at Essex County Club went very well with ideas and suggestions for the Chapter moving forward i.e. scholarship awards, Chapter awards, Chapter money use, and tournament scheduling and tournament ideas, and the reciprocity of the tri-Chapters, the meeting was constructive and useful and as always we are looking for everyone to voice their opinions and ideas.

The 2014 season looks very promising for the Chapter with upcoming educational opportunities during the off season and into the spring as well as a tournament schedule that is in the works (we have secured a few events and sites for next year already). And a huge thank you to ProQuip as a Chapter sponsor, this company has been very good to our chapter so please thank them at any time.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Florida at the PGA show or elsewhere during the winter, again if you have any concerns or questions please contact me, Todd Cook or Chris Young. Have a great winter.

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## CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



At the NHC Fall Meeting, year-end awards were given out to the following recipients:

**Professional of the Year:** Rich Thibeault, Concord CC

**Teacher of the Year:** Joe St. Laurent, Manchester CC

**Junior Golf Leader:** Mike Ryan, Derryfield CC

**Bill Strausbaugh Award:** John Jelley, New Hampshire Golf association

The chapter would like to acknowledge and thank its 2013 sponsors:

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*Left: Matt Arvanitis, Concord CC, Assistant Professional, was named NHC Player of the Year based on the final point standings. Arvanitis edged out Rich Berberian, Jr., of Windham CC by a mere 9 points and Dan Wilkins of Laconia CC by an 11 point margin.*

*Middle Top: Dan Wilkins, PGA, and incoming NHC President presents a plaque to outgoing president Alex Kirk, PGA, of Hanover CC in honor of his service and dedication to the chapter.*

*Middle Bottom: Mike Higgins, NEPGA Executive Director, addresses the gathering of NHC professionals at the chapter's Fall Meeting of Members at Laconia CC.*

*Right: Brian Bain, PGA, Player Development Consultant, makes a presentation to chapter members at the NHC Fall Meeting.*

### SENIORS' ASSOCIATION



The NEPGA Seniors' Association had a successful 2013 season. Many thanks to Joan Stuart for her assistance to the Seniors' Association and to Joe Carr, Paul Barkhouse, and Dennis Selvitella for their leadership and efforts in securing venues for eleven Seniors' Association tournaments. The Seniors are grateful to the host professionals who always made us feel welcome.

The NEPGA Senior Championship was held at Woodstock Country Club, Woodstock, VT. The winner was Ed Kirby of Alpine Country Club, Cranston, RI. The Seniors thank Terry Frechette for his many years of sponsoring this Championship.

The NEPGA Senior Associations' Championship was held at Mt. Pleasant Country Club, Boylston, MA. Rick Karbowski, Auburn Driving Range, Auburn, MA won the Association Championship.

Congratulations to all our champions. The Seniors enjoyed a long season of good golf and camaraderie and are looking forward to the 2014 season.

Jack Neville  
NEPGA Senior Director





## New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Brian S Fleckles	B-8	Hyannisport Club
Daniel J. Grenier	B-8	Nonesuch River Golf Club
Kristen M Macdonald	B-8	Thomson Country Club
Jacob T Schakat	B-8	Candia Woods Golf Links

## New Half Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Richard E. Curtis, PGA	LM	10/31/2013
Jim O'Leary, PGA	A-I	10/31/2013

## Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Gregory A. Wright, PGA	A-15	Golfsmith

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