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## FRONT COVER:

The New England PGA held its annual Section Awards Dinner recently to celebrate the 2016 Special Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees. Zach Wyman, PGA (pictured in the bottom right corner) was selected as this year's NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year. Read more on page 12.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Rob Jarvis, PGA



Greetings NEPGA Professionals,

Well the time has come. The November newsletter traditionally signifies the end, or close to, of the golf season. Our centennial year has certainly been one to remember and I am

so proud to have been your president through it. This last two weeks have been a very positive one in our Section. Between Chapter meetings, the NEPGA Annual Meeting, the Section Awards & Hall of Fame Ceremony, and the PGA of America Annual Meeting, we have had much to celebrate.

## Chapter Meetings

I was fortunate to be in attendance at a few Chapter meetings this fall. Our Chapters are stronger than ever and I was very pleased to hear positive things from many PGA Professionals on what is currently happening and their plans for the future. There were several elections occurring this fall in our Chapters and it was great to see some golf professionals get involved for the first time. I was also excited to witness some Chapter awards ceremonies. There is nothing better than getting your first Chapter award and being recognized by your peers. Congratulations to all the Chapter award winners and our new Chapter officials. Further recognition is due to those that have served us in the past and are moving on to new and exciting things!

## NEPGA Annual Meeting

The NEPGA Annual Meeting did not disappoint. The Renaissance Club was a fantastic venue and we thank Stuart Cady, PGA for hosting. Without elections this year, the meeting was geared toward informing our PGA Professionals on how things went in their Section this season. There was a lot of positivity in the room as our Section staff provided the audience with the details regarding our successes in tournament participation, sponsor support, increased play in the NEPGA Amateur Series, and a great season on the NEPGA Junior Tour. The officers not only gave their respective reports, but gave the membership a glimpse into our vision for the 2017 season. In just a few weeks we will all converge on Atkinson Resort for our annual planning session to get the ball rolling. The NEPGA never sleeps!

The Annual Meeting was also an emotional one. We said goodbye to three outgoing District Directors and our National District Director (more to come on that). Todd

Cook, PGA; Tim Loch, PGA and Jack Neville, PGA had a profound impact on our Section board of directors and they will be missed for sure. Their dedication to our NEPGA Professionals was evident each time we set foot in the board room and I am honored to have served with these individuals for the last three years. I would also like to welcome Rob Hardy, PGA; Lou Rivers, PGA, and Dan Gillis, PGA to the board room. These individuals will serve the Section representing the New Hampshire Chapter, the Massachusetts Chapter, and the Seniors' Association respectively. I look forward to getting to work with these individuals on your behalf and I know they will have some great ideas on how to improve our Section and impact even more NEPGA Professionals.

## Awards & Hall of Fame Ceremony

The NEPGA Awards and Hall of Fame Ceremony was nothing short of spectacular. We returned to Pleasant Valley Country Club this year and their entire staff should be recognized by making this most important night more special than ever. Paul Parajeckas, PGA was a gracious host as always and I can't thank him enough for the attention given to these award winners and their families.

There is no more special evening than this. Being able to present our NEPGA Professionals with their Section award plaque is my favorite duty as president. However, I have come to enjoy the little details about our professionals' lives that they share in their acceptance speeches even more. For instance, did you know that newly-inducted Hall of Famer Jack Gale, PGA played little league baseball with Hall of Famer Paul Parajeckas, PGA? Their friendship has lasted all of these years and they have both come to be legends in our Section as well as on the national stage.

If you have not attended one of these ceremonies, you are truly missing out on a great experience. Any of our NEPGA Professionals are able to attend and I promise you will not regret taking the time to come and witness history in your Section. I know I will never miss one as long as time permits.

## PGA Annual Meeting

The PGA of America's Annual Meeting was held recently in New York City. In 1916, thirty five golf professionals founded the PGA of America in the Big Apple and it was very inspiring to return to the city in which our forefathers had a vision for our great association. Annual meetings are always a great event to attend, but this year had

even more excitement. Our host hotel was only city blocks away from Trump Tower on election night and I promise you that was an interesting experience. Larry Kelley, PGA; Allan Belden, PGA; Mike Higgins; myself and several family members were able to witness this, let's call it, interesting election night.

The United States Presidential Election was not the only one in town that week. On Friday, November 11, Jim Richerson, PGA was elected as our national secretary. Jim is a great golf professional and I know he will serve us all with total dedication. Rick Murphy, PGA and Russ Libby, PGA should also be recognized for running great campaigns alongside Jim and we all appreciate their passion for our Association. The delegates also elected Suzy Whaley, PGA as our new Vice President and Paul Levy, PGA as our new Association President. These two professionals, along with Jim Richerson, PGA and Honorary President Derek Sprague, PGA will do a great job representing us on the national stage.

Along with the excitement, we honored two New England PGA Professionals. Donnie Lyons, PGA has served as our National District Director over the last three years. Donnie has been a very active national board member and has always had District 1's best interest at heart. Mr. Lyons has been serving PGA Professionals for decades and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his efforts. Noel Gebauer, PGA from the NENY section will now lead District 1 and judging by our early conversations, he will perform his duties with excellence. We all look forward to working with him!

Lastly, NEPGA representatives were in attendance to witness Joanne Flynn, PGA accept the Deacon Palmer Award on behalf of her father, William Flynn, PGA. Mr. Flynn meant so much to NEPGA Professionals over his legendary career. He was a pioneer, and innovator, a tireless promoter of the sport, and a proud father. Of all of the awards given, I feel this was the most special. Even though Mr. Flynn is not with us anymore, there is no doubt his memory lives on in his daughter. Joanne is a shining example of a PGA Professional and it was moving to see her receive this award on her father's behalf.

In closing, it was a great few weeks for the NEPGA and PGA of America. I was proud to represent all of us and I thank you again for the opportunity to do just that. Please enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday with your families and friends. We have all earned it!

Respectfully,

Rob Jarvis, PGA  
New England PGA President

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: *Mike Higgins*



Every November the New England PGA season comes to a close and we use the down time to step back and reflect on the season and try and catch our breath. This fall was very active and November included a significant amount of travel for your Section leadership and staff. Many of our Section facilities have already closed their doors for 2016, but many continue to go strong with the warm fall weather.

Earlier in the month the New England Section celebrated our Award Winners at the Annual Awards Banquet at Pleasant Valley CC in Sutton, MA. This was such a wonderful evening that highlighted our very deserving award winners and their family, but it also served as an inspiration for everyone in attendance. I always leave the Awards Banquet inspired by the best of the best in our Section, which makes me want to be better at my job, and to improve what we offer our PGA Professionals. I would like to once again congratulate all the 2016 Award winners and Hall of Fame inductees. If you have never attended this evening please make every effort for next year, I promise you will be as inspired as I am.

November always includes our Section's final travel Pro-Am of the season – The NEPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am. Thirty seven teams made the journey west this year and congratulations to Mark Spencer, PGA and his team on their 2016 victory. We enjoyed four days with temperatures in the high 70's, no wind, and just perfect golfing conditions.

Following the Awards Banquet and prior to the Las Vegas Pro-Am your Section Officers and I traveled to New York City to represent the New England Section at the 100th Annual Meeting of the PGA of America. For me this week is always an uplifting few days that excite me to bring back new ideas to New England and make what we do just a little bit better. It was also wonderful to celebrate the Association's centennial and be a part of the election process. There were three very talented PGA Professionals running for National Secretary and Jim Richardson, PGA was elected in New York and I am sure will do a wonderful job for the Association.

One evening in New York I engaged in a conversation with a gentleman who was in town on business. He asked me what kind of business I was in and I replied "I am in the golf business, but at the end of the day, the people business." PGA Professionals are in the people business, who just so happen to conduct and play in tournaments, teach the game, grow the game, merchandise, and run successful operations that all revolve around the game of golf.

The success of our industry is reliant upon the people in our business. How we treat our customers, how we service our members and what kind of experience we create at our facilities, impacts their lives and ultimately your business. Your Section Staff understands that we are in the people business and I hope you see this in the events and programs that we conduct. We promise to continue that philosophy in all of what we do.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every NEPGA Member and Apprentice for their support and dedication to their Chapter and Section in 2016. Our membership is the backbone of the New England PGA and we truly have one of the best Sections in the country.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday and please reach out to your Section Staff if there is ever anything we can do to help you.

Respectfully,

Michael Higgins  
New England PGA Executive Director

## Important Dates

### NOVEMBER 16

PGA Financial Assistance Fund  
Scholarship Application is  
Available

### NOVEMBER 24-25

NEPGA Office Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday

### DECEMBER 16

NEPGA Section Award  
Nominations Due

2016 NEPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am

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# *Introducing the* **New England PGA Centennial Belt**



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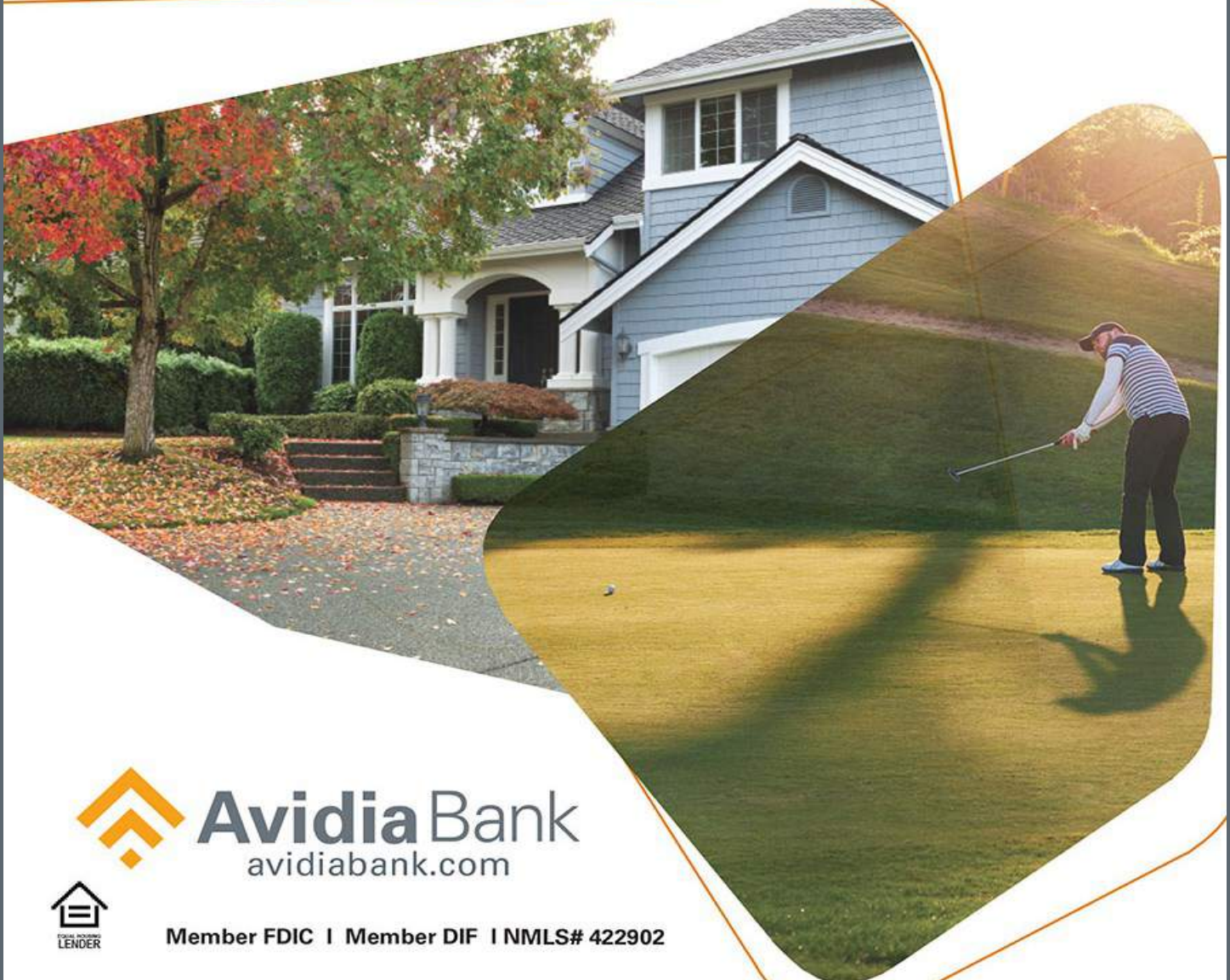
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# Warren Shines on National Stage

NEPGA Assistant's Champion finishes T2 in Event [RESULTS](#)



Shawn Warren, PGA shot a six under score of 282 for the tournament to finish tied for second place at the National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship at PGA Golf Club, Wanamaker Course, in Port St. Lucie, FL on Sunday, October 30th. He finished only one stroke back from the champion Ben Pollard, PGA (Deepdale Golf Club).

Warren had an impressive run in the four-day event. In the opening round, he fired a one-under par 71. This trend would continue upwards with each passing round, as he kept gaining spots on the leaderboard. His consistent play made him the only player in the tournament to break par in each round. His fourth round score of three under par pushed him from sixth place to a tied for second finish at 282.

Brendan Ray, PGA (Carnegie Abbey Club) and Peter Weatherby, PGA (Hermitage GC) made the cut to play in the final round and had great finishes as well. Ray finished T51 and had a tournament score of 10 over par, 298. Weatherby finished not far behind, at T59 with a score of 12 over par, 300.

Robert Bruso, PGA (Worcester CC), one of the newest New England PGA Section members, also made an appearance in the Assistant Championship. However, he did not make the cut.

With his finish, Shawn Warren, PGA is now exempt into the 2017 National Assistant PGA Professional Championship.

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# Pro-Super Shootout *Returning Champions at the Top*

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Anthony Maki, PGA and Mike Luccini from Franklin Country Club shot a three over par score of 73 in the gross division to take the championship spot at the Pro-Superintendent Invitational at Wentworth by the Sea Country Club in Rye, NH on Tuesday, October 11th. They are now two-time champions after winning the event both last year and this year.

Maki and Luccini got off to a slow start on their front nine. They made three bogeys on the first, fifth, and sixth holes. After an extra birdie on seven, they made the turn at two over par. On the back, they ran into some trouble, making four bogeys on the tenth, eleventh, fifteenth, and seventeenth holes. With a couple of key birdies and an eagle, the duo finished with the top score of three over 73.

Tuesday brought some great fall weather as the breeze off of the water only amplified the chill in the air. Wentworth is definitely not an easy course by any standard, and it showed. Many of the

fairways run right alongside one another, separated only by trees. This meant that the players had to be careful with their tee shots, as an errant ball may very well end up in a different fairway, with a tough shot back through the trees. Champions Maki and Luccini found success by working to make sure they had a perfect line for their second shot.

Hal Jacobs, PGA and Todd Sauer from the Haven Country Club had a great day on the course as well. After only making a bogey on the front nine, Jacobs and Sauer began to play more aggressively on the back nine. They made a birdie on the eleventh, and a double bogey on the twelfth. They had four birdies in total on the back nine and finished first in the net division at one over par 71.

The format of select drive, alternate shot was an aiding factor in play as well. Professionals who are used to making their own shot and getting into a playing rhythm had to adjust to rely on a partner. This meant that partners were

equally as responsible for their ending score.

Thank you to partners in this event Five Star Golf Cars, E-Z-GO and Cushman for supporting the New England PGA and for the tee gifts for all of the professionals and superintendents. Also, thank you to Gordon Swennes, PGA and his staff at Wentworth by the Sea Country Club for hosting this fun event.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Franklin CC	+3	73
2	Turner Hill GC	+4	74
3	Atkinson Resort & CC	+5	75
T4	Blue Hill CC	+6	76
T4	Marlborough CC	+6	76
T4	The Ledges GC	+6	76
T4	Trull Brook GC	+6	76
8	Granite Links GC	+7	77
9	The Haven CC	+8	78
10	Franklin CC	+9	79





# Smashua in Nashua *Jacobs, Lane take Senior/ Junior Crown*

[VIDEO](#) / [PHOTOS](#) / [RESULTS](#)

David Lane, PGA (Hopkinton CC) and Hal Jacobs, PGA (The Haven CC) shot a combined score of nine under par 62 to take the top spot at the New England PGA Senior/Junior Championship at Nashua Country Club in Nashua, NH on Tuesday, October 4th.

Fall golf brought out the best in this pair for the team competition. Their front nine was relatively slow compared to their back nine play. On the front side, Lane and Jacobs made three birdies on the first, second, and fifth holes. However they really shined on the back. They made six birdies and they were all in a row from 10 to 15. These nine birdies on the day allowed the duo to finish with a nine under par score of 62, and the first place finish.

Lane and Jacobs' back nine was good enough alone to finish with a score of 29, with par at 35.

Following closely behind the top team were the three teams of Bill Andrews, PGA and Rich Berberian Jr., PGA; John O'Connor, PGA and Christopher Carter, PGA; and John Hickson, PGA and Eric Barlow, PGA whom all shot five-under par scores of 66 to finish tied for second place.

Eric Barlow, PGA (Winchester CC) along with his partner John Hickson, PGA (Sebasco Harbor GC) had a remarkable day on the course as well. On the 378-yard, par 4, 12th hole, Barlow rocked his tee shot about 300 yards. His chip shot from a ridge bounced once on the green and rolled into the cup. Barlow made an eagle on the hole.

The NEPGA was glad to recognize the retirement of Dick Dichard, PGA from his 33 years at Nashua Country Club.



Dichard played alongside Justin Lawson, PGA (Nashua CC) in the Senior/Junior. They finished T25 with a score of two-over par 73.

Thank you to Nashua Country Club and Justin Lawson, PGA for hosting this event and having the New England PGA for the day. Also, thank you to partners in this event Mizuno and Antigua.



## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	David Lane Hal Jacobs	-9	62
T2	Bill Andrews Rich Berberian	-5	66
T2	Christopher Carter John O'Connor	-5	66
T2	John Hickson Eric Barlow	-5	66
T5	Don Brigham Greg Sandell	-4	67
T5	Jim Fairbanks Michael Arsenault	-4	67
T5	John Fields Matt Zdon	-4	67
T5	John Rainone David Jankowski	-4	67
T5	Al Vallante Shane Drury	-4	67
T10	Rick Durocher Shawn Durocher	-3	68





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# 2016

## New England PGA Award Winners



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The 2016 NEPGA Special Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees were honored at our Section's Awards Dinner on November 5th at Pleasant Valley Country Club.

### Back Row, L to R

**Mike Bradshaw, PGA**, Horton Smith Award; **Matt Closter, PGA**, Assistant Golf Professional of the Year; **Phil Truono, PGA**, Teacher of the Year; **Zach Wyman, PGA**, Golf Professional of the Year; **Joanne Flynn, PGA**, on behalf of **William J. Flynn, PGA**, Deacon Palmer Award; **Roman Greer, PGA**, Youth Player Development Award; and **Peter DeVos, PGA**, Merchandiser of the Year Public Facility

### Front Row, L to R

**Rick Johnson, PGA**, Player Development Award; **Jim Tobin, PGA**, Patriot Award; **Arthur Harris, PGA**, NEPGA Hall of Fame Inductee; **Jack Gale, PGA**, NEPGA Hall of Fame Inductee; **Gary Larrabee**, George S. Wemyss Award; and **Gary Soule, PGA**, Merchandiser of the Year Resort Facility

### Not pictured

**Brendan Walsh, PGA**, Bill Strausbaugh Award; **James Antonelli, PGA**, Merchandiser of the Year Private Facility; and **Rich Berberian Jr., PGA**, Player of the Year



**WATCH:** Golf Professional of the Year



**WATCH:** Hall of Fame Inductees



## 2017 NEPGA Award Nomination Forms

The NEPGA is currently accepting nominations for the 2017 Section Special Awards. We hope you will participate in our Special Awards process by nominating your fellow PGA members and friends of the NEPGA for a Section award.

We ask that members in good standing complete and submit the online nomination form(s) **by Friday, December 16, 2016**. The online forms were emailed to NEPGA members on November 9th. 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!

## Annual Holiday Scholarship Appeal

With the holiday season approaching, the NEPGA 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. 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 fundraising: 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 2017 events on your calendar as soon as the dates are published and make plans to participate.

During this holiday season, we ask that each NEPGA Member make a tax deductible donation to the fund, preferably by December 31, 2016. Any amount you can contribute will be most welcomed and appreciated. You will receive a personal letter acknowledging your contribution for income tax purposes.

Visit our [Scholarship Fund page](#) on NEPGA.com to see our progress as we work to reach our goal of \$6,000 in contributions this year! We'll be lighting our holiday appeal candles along the way to mark our donation milestones.

Donate Online

Or [click here](#) to download the Donation Form



## Bill Flynn, PGA Honored at 100th PGA Annual Meeting

Joanne Flynn, PGA accepted the PGA of America's Deacon Palmer Award in honor of her father, William J. Flynn, PGA, at the 100th PGA Annual Meeting in New York City on the evening of November 9th. [Click here](#) to watch the Deacon Palmer segment of the awards ceremony.

The 2016 Deacon Palmer Award was awarded posthumously to William "Bill" Flynn of Windham (New Hampshire) Country Club. This award honors a PGA Professional who displays outstanding integrity, character and leadership, in the effort to overcome a major obstacle in their life. The recipient is an unsung hero at their facility and in their community, who served to inspire, empower and assist others, both inside and outside the game. [Click here](#) to read Bill's story.



## 2017 PAT Sites Needed

The New England PGA is looking for PAT sites for 2017 and would like to have at least one PAT in each state of our Section. We would also hope to have one scheduled in late May, anytime in June, July, August, and September and one in early October.

The facility determines the maximum size of the field, the tee times (players are sent out in three-somes), and also the onsite fees to cover the range and golf carts (some even include lunch between rounds).

If you have an interest or have any questions, please contact Joan Stuart at 508.869.0000 or [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com).

## PAT Host Site Requirements

The following are some of the requirements of a PAT host site:

- There must be a PGA Professional at the facility in the role of Head Professional.
- The requirements have changed regarding the yardage. The yardage for men must be between 6350 to 6700 yards and for women the yardage must be 5400 to 5700 yards.
- The use of a driving range to warm up before the 36-hole competition is another important requirement for the players.

## 16th Annual NEPGA Special Olympics Tournament



The highlights of this year's tournament held on October 23rd was Susan Bond, PGA and Ron Philo, PGA leaving the snow in Stowe, Vermont to play in the wind at Braintree Municipal Golf Course.

Tom Waters, PGA of Essex Country Club has played in the tournament more times than any NEPGA member.

Chris Eskierski, Jimmy Brunone, Griffin Bushell, and Mike Plansky from the Bentley Golf Team were a welcome addition to the tournament.

Many thanks to NEPGA member and Bentley University Golf Coach Mick Herron for helping our tournament.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered this year!

View the slideshow at the bottom of our [Community Outreach page](#) to see more photos from the event.



# EDUCATION

## UPCOMING SEMINARS

*Education opportunities are open to all NEPGA members.*

### NEPGA Wage & Hour Laws and Career Wellness Seminar

**Date/Time:** Thursday, December 1, 2016 9:00am-3:00pm

**Location:** Willowbend Golf & Country Club

**Cost:** \$25

**MSR Hours:** 6 PGA Education MSR Credits

**Deadline:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016

[Register Here](#)

### Certified Professional Program Certification Seminars

The New England Section is excited to present an excellent opportunity for Section members to further their education and gain Certified Professional designation in one of two areas: **Golf Operations** and **Player Development**.

Each of these two-day seminars will cover all course aspects of each certification, leaving attendees to only fulfill the project and/or test requirements upon completion to become certified in their select path.

These seminars will be led by members of the national PGA Education staff. On-site fees per two-day seminar will be \$90 per person, which covers food for both days as well as site fees. All attendees will also have to pay the \$350 online library access fee at PGA.org---this fee allows access to the course library for one year and is only payable once, allowing a professional to pursue multiple designations for the one price. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Each seminar is worth between 25-30 PGA MSR credits.

Each event is limited to the first 30 participants ONLY.

#### Golf Operations Certification Seminar

**Date:** T-W, Dec. 13-14, 2016

**Time:** 8:30am-4:30pm

**Location:** Harmon Golf Club

**Deadline:** Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016

[Register Here](#)

#### Player Development Certification Seminar

**Date:** Th-F, December 15-16, 2016

**Time:** 8:30am-4:30pm

**Location:** Harmon Golf Club

**Deadline:** Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016

[Register Here](#)

#### Requirements of the Certified Professional Program include:

- Select your career path.
- Complete all assigned reading and course work. The courses to complete will be listed once a career path is selected.
- Submit a paper that summarizes the impact and enhanced performance gained on the job as a result of your training and development.
- Pass a test or complete a project that focuses around learning outcomes that support the certification of your choice.
- All PGA members will be able to complete the 2.0 Certified Program, except for class F members. Class F members may purchase the CPP library and complete courses, but cannot become Certified until after transfer out of Class F.

**Note:** The project option is available only to professionals who have been a PGA member for eight or more years.

[Click Here to Read More about the Program on PGA.org](#)





## NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP NOTES: *Joan Stuart*

*From the PGA of America's "Membership Matters" November Edition*



**PGA**  
Merchandise Show

### 2017 PGA Merchandise Show

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#### PGA Teaching & Coaching Summit

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#### PGA Show Demo Day & Instructional Workshops

Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
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**DETAILS**

#### PGA Show Days & Education Conference

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Orange County Convention Center

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### Headed South for the Winter?

If you are headed outside of the section for the winter months, please update your preferred address through [www.pga.org](http://www.pga.org). You can insert this as a temporary address with the start and end date noted as you fill out the online Member Change Form. Updating your address will guarantee that you will receive your 2016 Lesson Book and other mailings from PGA of America at your winter address. You can also call the section office 508.869.0000 with this information and we will be happy to take care of it for you.

### Looking for an Assistant for the 2017 Season?

All NEPGA Professionals who would like to list an Assistant Professional or Teaching Professional opening for 2017 on [www.nepga.com](http://www.nepga.com) can email the information on those openings to Joan Stuart at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com) and it will be posted under our website's Employment Tab until that position is filled. Please include a brief description of the position, the deadline for résumés, the dates of employment and contact information. It is always recommended that these positions are also posted on [www.pga.org](http://www.pga.org). Also, if you need help for outside operations or are looking for a position for yourself, we can also list those for you. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the NEPGA office at 508.869.0000.



## 2017 PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Application

The 2017 PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program application is now available online. Graduating high school seniors and college students who are the children or grandchildren of PGA members in good standing can apply on [PGA.org](http://PGA.org) to be considered for financial support for college.

**The deadline date for submitting the online application is March 1, 2017.** The applicant will have until March 18, 2017 to submit their transcript, scores and supporting documents.

The program is an academic based scholarship program that takes into account the specific criteria depending on the class level of the student. (See criteria in box to the right). In addition, financial need will be taken into consideration.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Application Requirements](#)
- [Scholarship Tips](#)
- [More Scholarships](#)

Access Application

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applications must be submitted online at PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program by 5:00 p.m. EST on March 1, 2017.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4 (unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale) is required.
- Students must submit via mail a sealed official transcript for the first semester of the current school year.
- Please be aware of your spring break times from school as school offices may be closed.
- If you are applying for financial need also submit the first page of your Student Aid Report (SAR).
- All application materials (including transcripts, test scores, EFC scores, etc.) must be IN HAND at PGA Headquarters by March 18, 2017. Postmarked materials will not be accepted past the deadline.
- Criteria for High School Seniors
  - ~ Cumulative GPA
  - ~ SAT/ACT Test Scores
  - ~ Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Score from SAR report, if applicable
- Criteria for Current College Students
  - ~ Cumulative GPA
  - ~ Most recently completed semester GPA

## 2017 PGA Winter Championships Schedule

The PGA Winter Championships is a six-event series for PGA members played in January and February at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL. Registration is now open! To register, call 1.800.474.2776 or [click here](#) to view more information and register on PGA.org.

**Quarter Century Championship** Jan. 4-5, 2017

**Senior Stroke Play Championship** Jan. 9-11, 2017

**Senior-Junior Team Championship** Jan. 16-19, 2017

**NEW! Four-ball Stableford Team Championship** Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 2017

**Women's Stroke Play Championship** Feb. 6-8, 2017

**Stroke Play Championship** Feb. 6-9, 2017

## District 1 Director Report:

*Donnie Lyons, PGA*

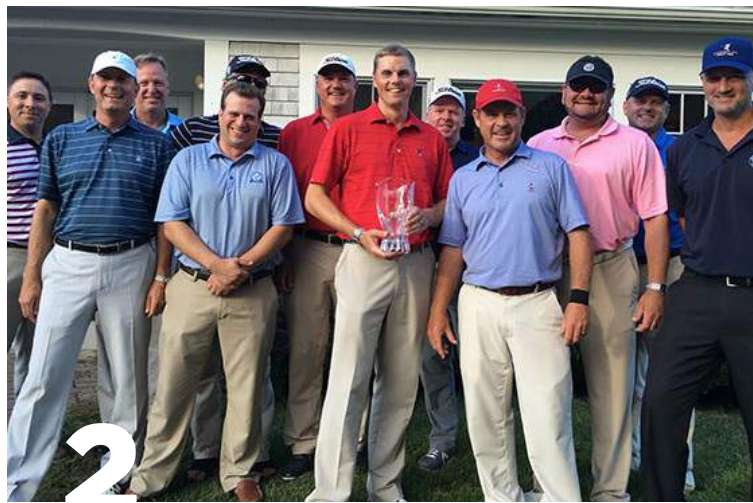
[Click here](#) to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of October featuring the National Car Rental PGA Assistant Championship, GolfTEC's complimentary lessons available with a donation to PGA REACH and a review of this past year's PGA Financial Assistance Fund program.





# CAPE COD & RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

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



## CHAPTER CHAMPIONS: Matt x 2

**1.** The 2016 Rhode Island Chapter Championship was played at Carnegie Abbey Club, won by Matt Doyle (Misquamicut) who captured the NEPGA Championship just weeks earlier at Pinehills.

**2.** The 2016 Cape Cod Chapter Championship was played at The Captains GC, won by Matt Baran (Oyster Harbors) who won the NEPGA Avidia Cup Finals the week before at Ledge-mont. It was Baran's 4th Chapter title in 6 years.

## PLAYERS OF YEAR: New Champs!

**3.** Shelter Harbors' PGA HP Dave Tiedemann won the 2016 Les Kennedy Player-of-Year Award, sponsored by David Moynihan. Finishing 2nd through 5th: Brian Owens (N. Kingstown), Bob Tramonti (Triggs), Matt Doyle & John Rairone (N. Kingstown).

**4.** Cape Cod National GC's PGA Teaching Professional Gregg Richbourg won the 2016 Dutch Wessner Award, sponsored by 15thgolfclub.com/Bradford Sherman. Finishing 2nd thru 5th: Baran, Greg Yeomans (The Bay Club), Bob Miller (The Golf Club of Yarmouthport) & Bob Giusti (The Back Nine Club).



## SPONSOR EXTRAORDI-NAIRE: Peter Guild

**5.** Callaway Golf, represented by long-time partner, supporter, friend Peter Guild, was title sponsor for both the Rhode Island & Cape Cod Chapters for the 6th consecutive year!

## THANK YOU PLAYERS!

**6.** This Tournament Manager is grateful to the 110 golf professionals (RI-45, CC-60) who played in at least one 2016 tournament. In addition, sincere appreciation to the 20 Massachusetts Chapter (and NH) colleagues who ventured south for competition during the season!



# MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Chris Young, PGA, MA Chapter President

While the Massachusetts Chapter had a successful 2016 campaign, specific efforts will continue in order to popularize the events and gatherings that we host as a Chapter. As we look forward to next season, we welcome fresh ideas and new energy that will help us create playing, educational & outreach opportunities for our fellow Massachusetts professionals. Also, marketing our own and advancing the brand of the Massachusetts Chapter PGA Professional will remain a primary goal of the Chapter.

52 Members and Apprentices were in attendance at the MA Chapter Fall Meeting at The Haven Country Club on October 25. Thank you to Hal Jacobs and The Haven for their continued support of the MA Chapter and the NEPGA Section. Highlights from the Fall Meeting and the 2016 season are as follows:

## Thank you for your service:

**Mark Aldrich, PGA** – Worcester Country Club – MA Chapter President – 2014-2016

**Todd Cook, PGA** – The Milton-Hoosic Club – NEPGA Director Southern Massachusetts – 2010-2016

## Newly Elected Chapter Governance (all terms 2 years):

President – **Chris Young, PGA** – Thomson Country Club

Vice President – **Lou Rivers, PGA** – Foxborough Country Club

Secretary – **Shawn Durocher, PGA** – Cyprian Keyes Golf Club

## Newly Elected NEPGA Director (term of 3 years):

MA Chapter Southern District Director – NEPGA Board of Directors – **Lou Rivers, PGA**

## MA Chapter Operations Manager – Jacy Settles

Thank you and congratulations to **Jacy Settles** of the NEPGA Staff who succeeded in his role as both the MA Chapter Operations Manager and as Director of Junior Golf Operations of the Section. Jacy's work for the Chapter has been well highlighted in the Chapter's web page where he has provided great coverage of all of our happenings. We could not have run the Chapter as effectively without him.

## Congratulations 2016 MA Chapter Award Winners:

Professional of the Year – **Jim Salinetti, PGA** – Winchester CC

Assistant Professional of the Year – **Jim Chojnowski, PGA** – Framingham CC

Teacher of the Year – **Eric Barlow, PGA** – Winchester CC

Junior Golf Leader – **Steven Field, PGA** – Black Rock CC

Player of the Year – **Eric Barlow, PGA** – Winchester CC

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Cook, PGA

NEPGA District Director – Southern Massachusetts



## Eric Barlow Claims Massachusetts Chapter Individual Stableford at Thomson C.C.

*Victory earns Barlow the title of Massachusetts Chapter Player of the Year*

Eric Barlow, PGA Director of Instruction at Winchester Country Club in Winchester, MA won the New England PGA Massachusetts Chapter Individual Stableford event at Thomson Country Club on November 7th. Eric recorded 38 points and finished two points clear of Scott Hickey, PGA Director of Golf at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston, MA .

Eric had a steady round as he had eight pars (2pts each) and one birdie (4pts) on the front nine. On the back nine he continued to pile on the points as he had seven pars (2pts each), two bogeys (1pt) and a birdie (4pts). Scott Hickey was the leader in the clubhouse until Barlow turned his card in. Still, Hickey had a fantastic round as he had 10 pars (2pts each), three birdies (4pts), three bogeys (1pt) and just one double bogey (0pts) .

On another note, Eric Barlow's win secured his title of Massachusetts Chapter Player of the Year as he finished with 98.75 points just above Dave Dionne, PGA (Beverly Golf & Tennis Club) who had 95 points. Not only does Barlow claim the prestigious title of Player of the Year, he's also awarded \$750 for such an achievement.

It was a storybook ending for this year's Massachusetts Chapter Tournament season. Thank you to all host professionals, players and NEPGA Staff for your support. Have a wonderful offseason!



# MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Maine Chapter President Jason Hurd, PGA

The Maine Chapter wrapped up the season with the Fall meeting held at The Augusta County Club. We would like to thank all of our sponsors for a great season and look forward to 2017. The Maine Chapter Board of Directors will be finalizing the 2017 Tournament Schedule very soon along with many other items to keep us busy this off-season.

Congratulations to Peiter DeVos for being elected to the Board of Directors at the Fall meeting.

We would like to congratulate our very own Shawn Warren for his spectacular play at the National Assistant Championship. Great job, Shawn!

## NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by NH Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA

The New Hampshire Chapter conducted its Fall Meeting of Members at Intervale Country Club and over 60 members were in attendance. The meeting included an election of officers and the following will serve on the 2017 board of directors:

**Tim Loch, PGA**, Cochecho CC  
**Scott Devito, PGA**, Pease GC  
**Jay Pollini, PGA**, Wentworth GC  
**Kristy Gleason, PGA**, Kingswood GC  
**Joanne Flynn, PGA**, Windham CC  
**Rob Hardy, PGA**, Mizuno USA

Loch will serve as the Chapter's president and Devito as the vice president. In addition, Hardy will be the Chapter's district director and Ken Hamel, outgoing president will serve as president emeritus. The Chapter expresses its gratitude to outgoing members, Vince Molesky, Alex Kirk and Matt Arvanitis for their service and dedication.

The Chapter presented its year-end awards:

Professional of the Year: **Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA**, Windham CC

Player of the Year: **Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA**, Windham CC

Teacher of the Year: **Bob McGraw, PGA**, Eagle Mountain

Youth Player Development Award: **Craig McLaughlin, PGA**, Candia Woods GC

Bill Strausbaugh Award: **Ken Hamel, PGA**, Stonebridge CC

Patriot Award: **Nashua CC**



Rob Jarvis, NEPGA President, addresses New Hampshire Chapter members at their Fall Meeting.



**L :** Ken Hamel (left), outgoing NHC President, accepts the Bill Strausbaugh Award from Tim Loch (right) incoming NHC President. **R:** Ken Hamel (left) presents the Chapter's Professional of the Year Award to Rich Berberian, Jr. (right).



Newly elected NHC board members (L-R) Rob Hardy, Tim Loch, Ken Hamel, Scott Devito, Kristy Gleason and Jay Pollini. Joanne Flynn was not available.



Joanne Flynn, Windham CC, is shown accepting the prestigious PGA's Deacon Palmer Award in honor of her father Bill Flynn at the 100<sup>th</sup> PGA Annual Meeting in New York City. The award is named after Arnold Palmer's father who overcame personal obstacles to succeed as a PGA professional.

# VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Vermont Chapter President Roger A. King, PGA

Hi all,

I hope this finds you winding down after one of the best summers I can recall. This summer marked my 20th year as a Class "A" PGA member and I couldn't be more proud. The VTPGA had a successful 2016 campaign and are already busy planning 2017. I want to thank the members who participated in our great events as well as all my committee members who spend their free time making our organization better.

Finally, a big thank you to Dave Christy, PGA who is the backbone of our Chapter. Thanks for all your hard work!!

Have a great rest of the fall,

Roger A. King, PGA

## Special Recognition

The Vermont Chapter BOD would like to extend a special recognition to Kim O'Neil, PGA, Newport CC for his generous work in organizing golf clinics for the veterans from the White River VA. Kim was assisted by the following VTPGA Members for the summer long clinics: Dave Pfannenstien, PGA, VPGA, Barry Churchill, PGA, Cedar Knoll GC, Josh Olney, PGA, Orleans CC, Dave Jankowski, PGA, St. Johnsbury CC, and Doug Ruttle, PGA, Jay Peak Resort. With instructional help from NH Chapter members and a visit by Bob Beach, PGA, these clinics were a huge success and plans for a program expansion for 2017 have already begun.



Veterans Hospital Clinic



Kim O'Neil with Veterans Clinic

## Tournament Results

The last Vermont Chapter Pro Am for 2016 was at Okemo Valley Golf Club on October 3rd. Jim Remy, PGA, Mike SantaMaria, PGA, and Mark Senecal, PGA served as our hosts. We also enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner after completion of play. We used the ever popular modified Stableford scoring format. Gross team winners ended in a two-way tie with Kevin Bennison's, PGA, Manchester CC team and Mike Slayton's CC of Vermont teams both with a score of 51. The net team winners were led by Mark Senecal, Okemo Valley GC, with a score of 74. Our best Individual Professional score went to David Bennett, PGA, CC of Vermont, with 44 points. In second place was Alex Socinski, PGA, at Manchester CC with 41 points.

On October 5th, the Vermont Chapter played our traditional final event of the year the Jeff Hadley Cup contested at Green Mountain National GC, hosted by Dave Soucy, PGA. The President's Cup format consisted of teams led by Chapter President Roger King, PGA and Chapter Vice President Greg Nelson, PGA. Victory was secured by Vice President Nelson's team by a one point margin with the deciding putt on the last hole by Host Professional Soucy. Congratulations to the winning team.

The VTBOD and Tournament Committee have completed the task of setting up the 2017 schedule. Our Spring Meeting and Sponsor Appreciation day will be April 24, 2017 at Rutland CC.



# SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Joan Stuart

## November Results



### Seniors' Association Championship Pleasant Valley Country Club | November 1, 2016

#### Gross

1	Rick Karbowski, PGA - Auburn DR	70
T2	Dan Gillis, PGA - Nabnasset Lake CC	74
T2	Paul Parajeckas, PGA - Pleasant Valley CC	74
3	Brad Durin, PGA - Maynard GC	75

#### Net

1	Bill Lindquist, PGA - Mt. Pleasant CC	70
2	Scott Allen, PGA - George Wright GC	71
3	Jim Remy, PGA - Okemo Valley GC	73
4	Harry Rose, PGA - Needham CC	74

## Section News

Congratulations to Dan Gillis, PGA Head Professional at Nabnasset Lake Country Club, for being elected the new Senior Director on the NEPGA Board of Directors.

## Tentative 2017 Senior Association Schedule *(Dates to be announced)*

### APRIL

Middleton GC

### MAY

Hillview CC or Gannon GC  
Milton Hoosic

### JUNE

George Wright GC

### JULY

Tatnuck CC

### AUGUST

Woodstock CC (Senior  
Championship)

### SEPTEMBER

Bass Rocks GC  
Mt Pleasant GC

### OCTOBER

Pleasant Valley CC  
Kirkbrae CC

## Happy Thanksgiving

from the NEPGA Seniors' Association

## NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: Jacy Settles

NEPGA Junior Tour presented by



I hope this finds you well. As the season winds down don't forget about doing something nice for your staff. As I plan to get my summer interns together during Thanksgiving Break it will be a great time for funny stories to be shared, gain feedback about the intern experience, and opinions of how to improve the NEPGA Jr Tour.

Every year I am always eager to have this event as it provides what I previously mentioned, but most importantly it allows me to display my appreciation to the team for all their hard work for the summer.

Considering how busy we all are throughout the golf season, it is very easy to forget to show your thanks & appreciation for a job well done. I urge you not to forget all the hard work your staff has given you and please show your appreciation in some fashion. Doing such only makes your employees want to return year after year and motivates them to continue to be dependable and reliable.

So as your golf season comes to a close and some of your staff leaves until next year, don't forget all the extra effort that was given by your staff to support you. Show them your appreciation.

Fred Couples



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**Register to volunteer at [2017USSeniorOpen.com](http://2017USSeniorOpen.com).**



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# Social Corner



**“Congratulations  
to our 2016 NEPGA  
Award Winners!  
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**“Amongst all of the  
PGA National Award  
Winners, our own  
Joanne Flynn, PGA  
accepts the Deacon  
Palmer Award on behalf  
of her father William  
Flynn, PGA**



# MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 10/11/2016 & 11/17/2016

## NEW APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Jonathan K Boyle	B-8	Brookline Golf Course
Ryan S Gooden	B-8	Mt Washington Hotel GC
Cameron D Martin	B-8	Mt Pleasant Golf Club

## CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Michael G. Bemis, PGA	A-1	Myopia Hunt Club
Ronald P. Bibeau, PGA	A-1	Dunegrass Golf Club
Mike Robichaud, PGA	LMA	

## FIRST TIME TRANSFERS INTO SECTION

Name	Class	Facility
Patrick J. Boucher, PGA	A-13	Potomac Shores Golf Club

## EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Start	Facility
Ronald P. Bibeau, PGA	A-1	11/1	Dunegrass Golf Club
Edward J. Doherty II, PGA	A-8	11/4	Oak Hill Country Club

*In our next issue...*

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New England Section



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