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#### **FRONT COVER:**

At the NEPGA Annual Meeting held at Blue Hill Country Club, our membership elected the next slate of NEPGA Section Officers. Read more on page 14 of this News Magazine!

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Ron Bibeau, PGA



It is with a special sense of pride and excitement that I write this letter; my first as President of the New England Section. I first would like to congratulate our newly elected officers, Allan Belden, PGA (VP) and Mike Bradshaw, PGA (Secretary). The New England Section membership should feel at ease with these gentlemen in their respective positions.

I would also like to extend my most heartfelt thank you to our new Honorary President Rob Jarvis, PGA and Larry Kelley, PGA our outgoing Honorary President for their hard work and dedication to the New England Section and our membership. Thank you gentleman from the bottom of my heart for all your efforts, and the position our Section is in would not be possible without your guidance and support.

The last 10 years of my career have been spent working as an advocate of the New England PGA Member. First as a board member of the Maine Chapter, then as the District Director from Maine, next I was elected as your secretary in 2013, Vice President in 2015

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and it has been an honor and privilege to serve. As I reflect on the last ten years it gives me such a sense of pride to know that the membership of the NEPGA has entrusted me with making decisions that guide a Section that we are all so very proud to be involved with.

To be elected by my fellow NEPGA Professionals as the 37th President of the New England Section PGA is a culmination of all the years of service and a job I will take very seriously. With this position comes great responsibility that I accept with open arms and I am committed to working on your behalf.

The incorporation of our foundation and the numerous emails and phone calls I have received about what our membership wants and needs, will surely make my two-year tenure go by in a flash. I can assure every member of our great Section that all of the decisions that the board makes will have every member in mind. I have great enthusiasm for our Section and its professionals and I am very excited about continuing where Honorary President Jarvis left off.

The officers and I recently attended the 101st PGA Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. Meeting and reconnecting with new and old friends is always exciting, and rest assured your

leadership has a voice that is heard on the national stage. We were also fortunate to have a great dinner with all of the Sections in District 1 (New England, Connecticut and NE New York). The room was filled with current and past National Officers as well as leadership from each Section. When I think about the passion and enthusiasm each District 1 leader has for the PGA of America and PGA Professionals, it makes me proud to serve and honored to be a leader in our Section.

Committee work is essential to the makeup of our Section and it will be at the forefront of my Presidency. I am currently in the process of naming Committee Chairs and I will ask them to fill their committees with inspired and passionate PGA members. An invitation will be extended to all committee members to our annual Planning Session in December (Dates and times will be emailed to committee members).

Executive Director Mike Higgins and the staff of the NEPGA

are the best asset of

our organization. The passion they have for our members and our Section is the reason behind our success. I look forward to working closely with each of them and continue our steady growth and cement the NEPGA as the best Section in the

country.

I am very approachable and accessible and genuinely hope to hear from as many of you as possible. If you have issues to address, email is the best way to establish initial communication. We have a lot to look forward to in the coming year. Just a small word of warning: if you do call plan on being on the phone for awhile because I like to talk and am very passionate about PGA member issues.

The greatest thing that I am thankful for this year is my family. My wife Julie, my two daughters (Jessica and Michelle) and my three grandchildren (Blake, Margo and Simon) are my greatest joys in life and I hope you all get or give an extra kiss or hug this year and relish every moment you spend with your loved ones, I know I certainly WILL!!!

I would like to extend best wishes from myself and my family to all of our members and apprentices for a safe and Happy Holiday season!!!

Yours in Service,

Ron Bibeau, PGA President, New England Section of the PGA

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Mike Higgins



The tournament season in New England has come to an end and the Section transitions our focus to planning and organizing for 2018. The leadership has just returned from Austin, Texas for

the PGA of America Annual Meeting and your team is energized and excited. This is always a wonderful opportunity to connect with Section leaders from across the country as well as learn about the focus from the National office.

I always look forward to this time of year because not only do we plan and prepare for the upcoming season, but we also reflect on the accomplishments (if any) of the goals that were set in the previous year. In many of my messages I discuss growing the New England Section at an aggressive yet manageable pace. Much like at your own facility, or in life for that matter, we are laying brick after brick not to simply grow the Section, but rather construct a strong foundation that will be able to support the needs and demands of our membership. As many of us try and lay the bricks at our own facilities or in our personal lives, we can be sometimes confronted with distractions.

I heard a story recently about hitting legend and former Boston Red Sox slugger Ted Williams. One of the greatest hitters of all time, Williams was a master of the strike zone. He was so comfortable at the plate, and so comfortable with his strike zone that he knew his personal percentage of successfully making contact with the ball was based on its location in his strike zone. When a reporter mentioned to Williams that if he were to take more swings at balls outside of the strike zone his opportunity for more hits would increase. He said, "that may be so, but I will be outside my comfort zone and swinging at pitches outside my strike zone would decrease my success." I think we would all agree his philosophy of hitting worked pretty well as he is the last major leaguer to have a batting average over 400.

Swinging at pitches outside the strike zone were distractions to Williams. We all need to identify our own strike zone and not be distracted by the low and away pitches in life that keep us from getting on base. Let's look at our Facebook feeds as an example. We are inundated with news and stories that have nothing to do with our own lives. They are many times simply distractions that have nothing to do with our own lives or business and are completely outside our strike zone. We may hear

about a shark attack on a surfer in Australia, but that doesn't mean we should go to the beach on Cape Cod. We may hear about hail damage on apples in Massachusetts, but that shouldn't keep us from enjoying a slice of pie on Thanksgiving.

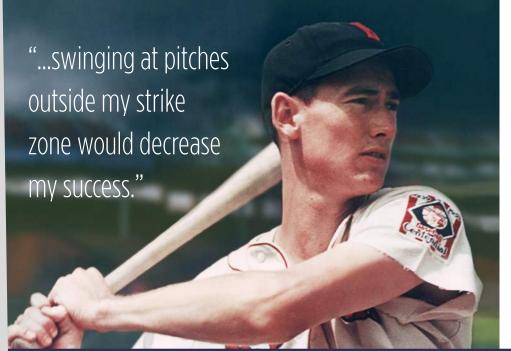
Distractions take us further and further away from our goals and even though every day we are tempted to swing at balls outside the strike zone, we need to remain focused on what matters most. I know that as the Executive Director I have certain responsibilities to the membership and the Section. I am continually facing pitchers that are throwing distractions my way hoping I take a swing at it. When I face these pitches I reflect upon Williams' philosophy and remained focused on mastering my strike zone to increase my percentage for success. This makes me better at my job and ultimately better at serving the New England Section membership.

Many of you have the best batting average at your facility and might even be a future hall of famer. I hope you remain focused on your family, your operation, your team and not get distracted by all of the distractions outside of your strike zone. So when you face Nolan Ryan wait for that heater down the middle and swing away, your percentage of success will increase, and who knows, maybe you'll hit a walk off home run to win the game!

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and as always, please reach out to any member of the NEPGA team if we can ever be of assistance.

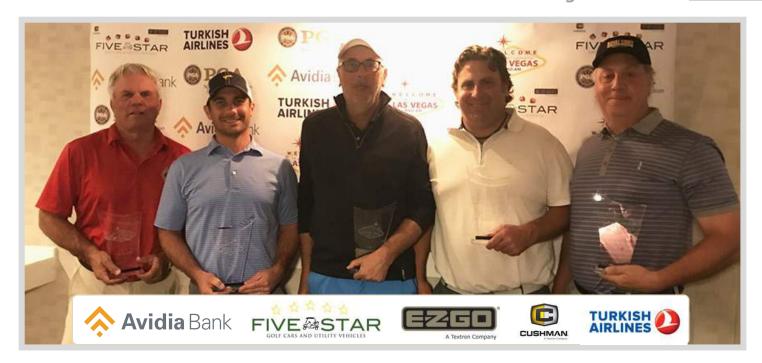
Respectfully,

Michael J. Higgins NEPGA Executive Director









Marc Spencer, PGA, Ken Black, Mike Leary, Tim Acquaviva and Jim Patierno combined for a third round 21-under par performance at Royal Links GC, bringing their total for the NEPGA Vegas Pro-Am to 58-under par, 372. They won the event and are taking home the Vegas Pro-Am trophy for the first time.

In their prior two rounds in Las Vegas, Spencer's team, like much of the field, were posting phenomenal scores. The top of the leaderboard was a tight race, with the top two teams only one stroke apart. Andover CC led by Daniel Taylor, PGA trailed Windham by one stroke with their two-round score total of 36-underpar, 250.

The two groups were in the same course rotation as well so scoring came down to play on the third and final day at Royal Links GC.

Windham CC continued their blistering birdie pace from the very start of Wednesday's round. They made birdies on the first and second holes, and an eagle on the fourth. Through their front nine, they had a stunning 13-under-par 59.

Their back nine left the door open. The team made its first bogey in the event on a challenging tenth hole. The 406 yard par-4 only saw 6 birdies and 1 eagle on the day and 17 bogeys from the 42 team field. Spencer and his team finished with 6 eagles, 7 birdies and the one bogey on Wednesday, with a third-round score of

21-under par, 123; Bringing their total to 58-under-par, 372.

Rico Riciputi, PGA and his team from Wentworth by the Sea CC of Bruce Atkins, Gerard Quirk, Daniel Fujimoto, and Philip Gils were capable of making a strike at the top spot. They were in the opposite rotation from Windham and Andover CC, playing their first round at Royal Links, then moving to Southern Highlands, and finishing at TPC Las Vegas.

Royal Links saw Wentworth's first and only bogey of the round, as the group opened with four eagles and eight birdies. They began the tournament 15-under par, 129. Moving on to Southern Highlands, the team caught fire, carding what would be their lowest round of the event with 6 eagles, 8 birdies, and no bogeys, finishing with 20-under par, 124.

Heading into the third round, Wentworth was sitting in third place behind Andover and Windham. They played great golf, but ultimately came up short, finishing the day at 16-underpar, 126; 51-under par 379 for the event. They finished in sole possession of second place.

Daniel Taylor, PGA and Andover CC were in second place heading into their final round at Royal Links GC on Wednesday. Their consistent, strong play was a help, but they couldn't go as low as some other teams. They finished with a third round score of 11-under par 133, and a final score of 47-under par 383. They ended their stay in Vegas tied for third place.

Thank you to all of our partners in this fun event: Avidia Bank, Five Star Golf Cars, E-Z-GO and Cushman, and Turkish Airlines for their support! Also thank you to our host facilities: TPC Las Vegas, Royal Links, and Southern Highlands for hosting this great event! We hope to see you all next year in Vegas!

#### RESULTS

Pos	Team	Total	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Windham CC (Spencer)	-58	124	125	123	372
2	Wentworth by the Sea (Riciputi)	-51	129	124	126	379
T3	Andover CC (Taylor)	-47	123	127	133	383
T3	Sky Meadow CC (Ingraham)	-47	123	131	129	383
T5	TPC Boston (Presutti)	-43	127	129	131	387
T5	Old Marsh GC (Durfee)	-43	126	132	129	387
7	Ould Newbury GC (Margeson)	-42	131	127	130	388
T8	Belmont CC (Fields)	-41	130	125	134	389
T8	Rhode Island CC (Phelps)	-41	134	124	131	389
T10	TPC Boston (Ledbetter)	-35	130	136	129	395



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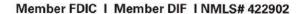
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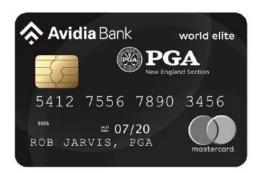


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# Hats Off NEPGA raises almost \$17,000 for Foundation Scholarships

#### **RESULTS: Worcester & TPC Boston**

The New England PGA raised more than \$15,000 through two Pro-Am events on October 23rd. The team from Vesper CC won at TPC Boston at -11, and the team from Hoodkroft CC won at Worcester CC at -5.

The two events took place on the same day, as separate events with a common goal. All proceeds from golf and the raffles go to providing scholarships to families of NEPGA Professionals through the New England PGA Foundation. Amongst the raffled items were foursomes at top golf courses including Vesper CC, Ipswich CC, and Old Marsh in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

For the golf it was a competitive day on the courses. At Worcester, Eric Soderman, PGA (Hoodkroft) and his team of Ryan Curtin, Brian Nadeau, and Bill Gallien shot a team score of five-under-par in the 2 best ball of 4 style of play. They struggled on the front nine, making three bogeys and a double-bogey. While they battled back to make four birdies on the front, they eliminated all mistakes on the back, with four birdies and an eagle on the eleventh.

Some 47 miles away in Norton, MA teams were also battling it out on the course at TPC Boston. The team of Rich Berberian Jr, PGA, Jimmy Tokanel, Joel Silverwatch, and Peter Mullett from Vesper CC shot an 11-under par. On their front nine, they had consistent play making three birdies and an eagle on the fifth hole with no bogeys. They struggled a little on the back, making their only bogeys on the day on the 11th, 12th, and 18th holes with two eagles and two birdies.

The group at Worcester CC raised nearly \$7,000 for the foundation and the group at TPC Boston also garnered around \$10,000.

Thanks to all of the PGA Professionals who came out to the events and supporting the NEPGA Scholarships and Foundation! Thank you to Tournament Solutions for partnering in this event! And, thank you to Worcester CC and TPC Boston for hosting us!



#### RESULTS: TPC Boston

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Vesper (Berberian)	-11	133
2	The Ledges	-10	134
3	Brattleboro (Sandstrum)	-7	137
4	Sky Meadow (Turner)	-6	138
T5	Montaup (Chase)	-5	139
T5	Nabnasset Lake (Gillis)	-5	139
T5	Ould Newbury (Margeson)	-5	139
T8	Black Swan (Goich)	-4	140
T8	George Wright (Spitz)	-4	140
T10	Whitinsville (Griffith)	-3	141

#### **RESULTS: Worcester CC**

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Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Hoodkroft CC (Soderman)	-5	135
2	Needham CC (Hasenfus)	-4	136
3	Gannon GC (Sibley)	-2	138
T4	Cyprian Keyes GC (S. Durocher)	-1	139
T4	Keene CC (Pearson)	-1	139
6	Ferncroft CC (Franey)	Е	140
T7	Ferncroft CC (Leiss)	+1	141
T7	Ipswich CC (Myers)	+1	141
T9	Kirkbrae CC (Bohac)	+2	142
T9	Needham CC (Rose)	+2	142



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# Free Fallin' Dully, Thorny Lea capture day 1 of Cape Cod Fall Festival

### **RESULTS**

The 2017 Cape Cod Fall Festival has been ever present on the minds of NEPGA Professionals and many of their members from the start of the golf season. This year's lineup of courses was strong as ever, and when registration opened in early August, you got lucky to be one of the 30 teams that registered for the event as three of four sold out in less than seven minutes! For those lucky teams that got in, now the waiting was the hardest part.

Kicking off the week in its traditional spot was Oyster Harbors Club, the classic Donald Ross layout on the island of Osterville. Known for its outstanding greens and pure conditions, there's always something in the air when players cross over the bridge and past the famous windmill. In this instance, a crisp fall breeze and some light showers greeted the field and let everyone know it would be a challenging day ahead.

One of the great things about Oyster Harbors is that there is no out of bounds, and the saying goes "find it on the island, play it on the island", a refreshing thought as players head out in to the great wide open. Rolling hills and fescue grasses were awaiting the players, a nice compliment to the greens which were running around 12 on the stimpmeter, but the Professionals and amateurs in the field wouldn't back down and a lot of solid golf was played. On the Professional side, none better than Frank Dully, PGA of Kernwood Country Club who used an eagle on the 2nd hole to propel him to a 1under par total 71, good for a one-shot victory over host Professional Matt Baran, PGA and Pat Beahn, PGA of Blackstone National. A full breakdown of the Professional scoreboard can be found here.

On the team side we had another closely contested competition in the 2 Best Ball of 4, Gross + Net format. 29 talented teams representing every state in New England played some outstanding golf, but none better than the crew from Thorny Lea in Brockton, MA. At the start of the day there was a buzz about one of the players in the field – a player who spent the week prior running down a dream of winning a USGA Championship and qualifying for the 2018 Masters and US Open in the pro-



cess. Matt Parziale, the amateur standout from Thorny Lea joined forces with his dad Vic, longtime NEPGA friend Steve Aicardi and their PGA Professional Tim Watroba to fire a 13-under par 131, good for a one-shot victory over the team from Falmouth CC led by Shawn Warren. Parziale, who captured the US Mid-Amateur Championship at Capital City Club in Atlanta last Friday, was fresh off a 30+ hour shift for the Brockton Fire Department and birdied two of his first three holes to jumpstart his team's day. Watroba and the young Parziale made three gross birdies each, but it was Vic Parziale who threw in four of his own and was the difference maker for the team. Full team scores can be found here.

While only one team was victorious, even the losers were satisfied after a fun day of golf and camaraderie. Our partners from Golf Life Navigators and Turkish Airlines supported the event and GLN representative Bob Marshall was on-site to greet the players and promote their one-of-a-kind services that help people find the perfect golf and real estate in Florida. A big thank you for their support of the entire Cape Cod Fall Festival, and also a thank you to Oyster Harbors staff and membership for welcoming our event once again.





#### **RESULTS: Professional**

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Frank Dully	-1	71
T2	Matt Baran	Е	72
T2	Patrick Beahn	Е	72
4	Eric Barlow	+2	74
T5	Sean Edmonds	+3	75
T5	David Jankowski	+3	75
T5	Bob Miller	+3	75
T5	Shawn Warren	+3	75
T9	Jim Fairbanks	+4	76
T9	Todd Cook	+4	76

#### **RESULTS: Team**

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Thorny Lea (Watroba)	-13	131
2	Falmouth (Warren)	-12	132
T3	Kernwood (Dully)	-10	134
T3	Blackstone National (Beahn)	-10	134
T3	Kings Way (Miller)	-10	134
6	North Kingstown (Rainone)	-9	135
T7	Franklin (Maki)	-7	137
T7	Brattleboro (Sandstrum)	-7	137
T9	Milton-Hoosic (Cook)	-6	138
T9	Hermitage (Jankowski)	-6	138

# Poking the Bear RESULTS

# Sky Meadow Team Takes down Cape Cod Fall Fest #2 at Pocasset

Rich Ingraham, PGA (Sky Meadow) and his team of Dean Emerson, Mike Bushnell, and Rick Moreau shot a combined 13-under-par score of 64 on October 17th at Pocasset Golf Club to take the top spot in the Cape Cod Fall Festival #2 event. Ingraham also finished tied for first with David Jankowski in the individual professional category.

Pocasset sits in Bourne, MA just off of the Cod Canal where the turning leaves line immaculately kept fairways. The Donald Ross designed course was built as a hideaway in 1916 and has been totally restored over the past five years. The rolling natural grounds and pristine atmosphere provides a challenge for amateurs and professionals of all levels.

Teams set out to take on this landscape on Tuesday and many teams were very successful. Ingraham and his Sky Mead-

ow team began on the tenth hole, where able to enjoy the landscape regardless of they notched a quick birdie to start the day. Their only mistake came on an 11th hole bogey, but the rest of the team's round more than made up for it. In all, they made four eagles and five birdies finishing at 13-under on the round.

Even without the help of his team, Ingraham had a strong day of play on the course. He made five birdies and two bogeys, finishing tied for first at threeunder-par 66. Also tied at the top of the leaderboard was Jankowski, whose team from The Hermitage Club finished T3 at seven-under-par 63. Jankowski finished his individual round with a bogey free three-under par, but lost in a card off to Ingraham.

It was truly another perfect day of fall golf in New England and all players were

their score. Thank you to our partners from Golf Life Navigators and Turkish Airlines who supported the event and GLN representative Bob Marshall was onsite to greet the players and promote their one-of-a-kind services that help people find the perfect golf and real estate in Florida. A big thank you for their support of the entire Cape Cod Fall Festival, and also a thank you to Pocasset GC staff and membership for welcoming our event once again.







### **RESULTS: Professional**

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Rich Ingraham	-3	66
2	David Jankowski	-3	66
3	Shawn Warren	-1	68
4	Eric Barlow	+1	70
5	Webb Heintzelman	+2	71
T6	Frank Dully	+3	72
T6	Dan Gillis	+3	72
T6	Scott Hickey	+3	72
9	Todd Cook	+4	73
T10	James Antonelli	+5	74

#### **RESULTS: Team**

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Sky Meadow (Ingraham)	-13	125
2	Marshfield (Vozzella)	-9	129
T3	Cyprian Keyes (Hickey)	-7	131
T3	Falmouth (Warren)	-7	131
T3	Hermitage (Jankowski)	-7	131
T6	Haven (Jacobs)	-5	133
T6	Marshfield (Antonelli)	-5	133
8	Kings Way (Miller)	-4	134
T9	Back Nine Club (Giusti)	-3	135
T9	Blackstone National (Beahn)	-3	135







# Knock Knock RESULTS

Warren & Falmouth CC Clean Up in Chatham



After two days of golf on classic New England layouts in Oyster Harbors and Pocasset, the third day provided more of the same at the spectacular Eastward Ho! Country Club on Pleasant Bay in Chatham, MA. The short yet challenging layout rolls through uncommon seaside hills, with stunning views of water from at least 14 holes. The course, always in terrific condition, lived up to its billing once again for the 28 teams from around New England that came to enjoy the third of four Cape Cod Fall Festival ProAm's.

A pattern had begun to form over the first two days — while there were different winners on the Professional and Team contests, Falmouth Country Club and Shawn Warren were knocking on the door each day. Finishing runner up in the team contest on day one and T3 on day two, along with Shawn finishing T5 in the Procontest on day one and 3rd on day two, it seemed like it was only a matter of time until they each found their way to the top of the leader-board. On Wednesday at Eastward Ho!, both came to fruition.

Warren and his team of Shawn McCurdy, Pat Bucklin and Alex Markakis blitzed the field by firing 16 -under par to capture the victory by six shots over the John Rainone led team from North Kingstown GC. They used seven team eagles in the 2 Best Ball of 4, Gross + Net contest to dismantle the 6,400 yard course. Their six shot margin of victory is the largest of the week thus far in what have otherwise been very closely contested affairs. For full team scores, click here.

On the Professional side, Warren used seven birdies to offset two bogies and double and fire a 3-under par 65, good for a 3 shot victory over John Rainone. Frank Dully, PGA of Kernwood CC and David Jankowski, PGA of Hermitage Club were two shots back of Rainone in joint third. For full Professional results, click here.

Our partners Golf Life Navigators and Turkish Airlines once again supported the event, and representative Bob Marshall was on-site to greet the players as they came through the first hole. Special thank you to host PGA Professional Brian Hamilton for graciously hosting our teams once again, as it's always a treat to visit this special golf course each fall.





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T5	Webb Heintzelman	+3	71
T5	Louis Rivers	+3	71
T8	Sean Edmonds	+4	72
T8	Dana Smith	+4	72
T10	Patrick Beahn	+6	74

#### **RESULTS: Team**

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Falmouth (Warren)	-16	120
2	North Kingstown (Rainone)	-10	126
3	Back Nine Club (Giusti)	-8	128
4	Weston (Zadorian)	-7	129
T5	Bradford (Murphy)	-6	130
T5	Turner Hill (Heintzelman)	-6	130
T7	Harmon Club (Cavicchi)	-4	132
T7	Kernwood (Dully)	-4	132
T7	Oyster Harbors (Edmonds)	-4	132
T7	Presidents (Smith)	-4	132

# Back Where We Started RESULTS

Dully & Falmouth finish Cape Week in Style

The 2017 New England PGA Cape Cod Fall Festival began the week at Oyster Harbors Club in Osterville, and after a tour-de-course at some of the finest facilities on Cape Cod, it returned to Osterville to finish up the week at Wianno Club, the picturesque layout just around the corner from where the week started. One would be hard pressed to find a better area than Osterville in all of New England, with two fantastic golf courses, beaches, boating and quaint charm not easily found most places.

Our NEPGA Professionals and their teams seem to take a liking to the area, many of whom spend four days on Cape Cod with their members each fall. When registration opens for each event, it is a mad dash to secure one of the coveted spots in each event, and one can understand why after playing a course like Wianno. Course Superintendent David Johnson, the President of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of New England, had the course in outstanding condition, perhaps the best we have experienced all year. Renowned course architect Gil Hanse has been spending time at Wianno helping to restore original 1916 designs and tweak the course to enhance the playing experience for visitors. Their collaborative efforts had all players raving about their experience and itching to come back.

Frank Dully, PGA of Kernwood Country Club finished the week off how he started it, capturing the elusive Osterville Double by firing a 2-under par 68 at Wianno to go along with his low Pro victory Monday at Oyster Harbors. Known for his steady play and deft touch around the greens, he used five birdies including three in a row on the back nine to win by four shots over Dan Gillis, PGA of Nabnasset Lake. By shooting 3-under par in Osterville, Dully finished the week with a 2-over par aggregate total which was equaled only by Shawn Warren. For full Professional scores, click here.

On the team side, Falmouth CC led by Shawn Warren, PGA came alive in the second half of the week and captured back to back team titles, finishing off the week with a 10-under par performance to win by three shots over the Dan Gillis led team from Nabnasset Lake. When asked what got his team over

the hump, Warren remarked that adding amateur Alex Markakis to the team for Wednesday and Thursday inspired his team. Full team scores are available here.

We couldn't have experienced such a great week without our gracious hosts. A special thank you to Sean Edmonds, PGA (Oyster Harbors), Jeff Halunen, PGA (Pocasset), Brian Hamilton, PGA (Eastward Ho!) and Eric Steindel, PGA (Wianno) along with the staff and members at each course who showed the NEPGA and our players outstanding hospitality each day! Additionally, our partners Golf Life Navigators and Turkish Airlines provided great support to the events and we couldn't have had such a great week without them. The countdown to Cape Cod Fall Festival 2018 is on!

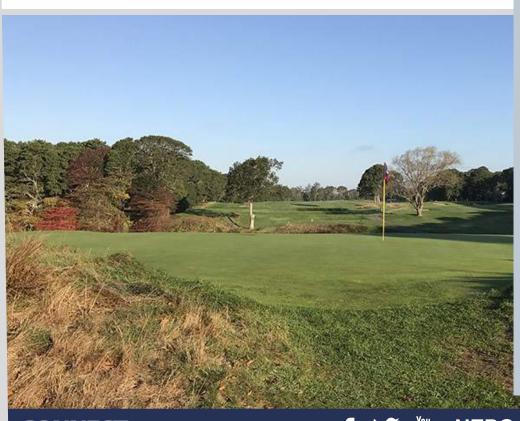






Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Frank Dully	-2	68
2	Dan Gillis	+2	72
3	Shawn Warren	+3	73
T4	David Jankowski	+5	75
T4	Webb Heintzelman	+5	75
T6	Jeffrey Monteleone	+6	76
T6	John Rainone	+6	76
T6	Louis Rivers	+6	76
T9	Rick Durocher	+7	77
T9	James Antonelli	+7	77
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RESULTS: Team				
Pos	Team	+/-	Total	
1	Falmouth (Warren)	-10	130	
2	Nabnasset Lake (Gillis)	-7	133	
3	Foxborough (Rivers)	-6	134	
T4	Turner Hill (Heintzelman)	-5	135	
T4	Durfee/Clark/Fraher/Barnes	-5	135	
6	Kernwood (Dully)	-4	136	
T7	Harmon Club (Cavicchi)	-3	137	
T7	Blackstone National (Beahn)	-3	137	
9	Back Nine Club (Giusti)	-2	138	
10	North Kingstown (Rainone)	-1	139	







# Message from Ron Green, NEPGA Director of Rules & Championships 2017 marks Ron's last season with the NEPGA



In the end, a lot depends on fate...

When I became an apprentice in the New England Section back in 1973 (Ouch, I am getting old) I don't believe I could have

ever imagined that forty-five years later I would be writing a farewell note as part of the New England PGA Staff.

It all started thanks to George Weymss, whom I met totally by chance (fate) at a golf show in Boston, and who found me a job as an assistant golf professional at Leo J. Martin Memorial in Weston, MA. My next stroke of luck AKA fate (yes, I have become a big believer in "fate" or being in the right place at the right time, over these last forty-five years) came when Andy Froude, PGA asked me to come work for him at Charles River Country Club. After a few years Andy gave me the opportunity to organize and administer the majority of the member tournaments at Charles River, I came to realize it was the part of my job that I enjoyed the most.

During that same period (fate) there was a high school kid who was a caddie at Charles River, he was pretty sharp, as well as being a little crazy (the reason we got along so well), and when we needed extra help in the golf shop, the bag room, or wherever, we would ask him to help us out. After he graduated from high school he would go on to UMass and the University of Texas, but he would still come back in the summer months and help us whenever we needed him. We became friends over those years and stayed in contact with each other.

Then one day my phone rang and it was this same person asking me if I knew anything about a Tournament Operations position that the New England PGA had posted. I did know a little bit (very little really) about what was going on and I shared the little knowledge I had. He took it from there and within a short period of time Ed Carbone was hired by the New England PGA. When we were both at Charles River Eddie had helped me run several of the member events and now he

asked me if I would be willing to help him get things organized for the upcoming season of NEPGA Section events. That was in 1993, I remained at Charles River and thanks to the patience and understanding of Andy Froude I was able to split my time between CRCC and helping out at Section events for the next two years. In 1995 it was time to expand Eddie's responsibilities and a position was going to be created to replace him, somehow, some way Eddie convinced Executive Director Susan Hudson, and the Section Officers, President Jack Neville, PGA and Secretary Jim Remy, PGA, that I was the right person for that job. The rest as they say is history.

Without all the people mentioned above, along with many, many others too numerous to mention I would not have had the opportunity to discover what I really wanted to do with my career. Working for the New England Section and for all of you over the last twenty-five years has been a life changing experience. I truly believe it is what I was meant to do.

My dad told me when I was hired for my first job, "If you work hard and do a good job, you'll have a successful career." There were times when I questioned that, but that was my fault, because for a long time I didn't know what I really wanted for a job or career.

I never was a person who thought what I did for work would define me as a person, but the opportunity to work with and for you did just that and I want to say Thank You to all of you for making the last twenty-five years such a great experience. Not everyday was fun, or went exactly as I had planned or hoped it would, but doing it in New England, my home for my entire life and for the only Section that I have ever been a part of made it truly special.

FYI—I dislike and try not to use the word retire. To me retirement says I am done, giving up, I no longer need or want to do anything useful. I don't want that to be the way I spend my time. So I hope to still be around a little bit, helping out at some events if needed, maybe even trying to play golf again, occasionally at least, I have a lot of other things I like to do to. And it will be nice to actually have

more time to spend with Rhonda and the rest of our families. I think that may be what we all miss out on the most working in this industry. We have some weird schedules and long hours. When is the last time you had a summer (the best time in New England) vacation? I'm about to break a forty-five year streak and I am really happy about that.

But at the same time I will miss getting up early and finding my way to courses and events all over New England. It felt like a three ring circus without a ring master at times, but the opportunity to meet and become friends with the people I worked with over the years, especially Honorary NEPGA Member John Miller who helped me so much in my first fifteen years or so as well as all the Superintendents I have been able to hang out with and learn from.

The NEPGA Staff, Mike, Higgy to me, who I probably have spent more time with than anyone except Rhonda over the last twenty-two years, Joan, Jacy, Dave, Kristen and Chris who all work their butts off and made my job easy, they are all THE BEST. And then there is Max, I am leaving you in good hands, Max is the person who will be taking over the majority (and more) of my duties, he is someone who reminds me, of me. (Luckily for you just the good parts of me.) He likes doing the dirty work, painting hazards, pounding stakes as much as the fun part of the job, trying to figure out how to test you guys with a course set-up that is not only fair but challenging. I have worked with him for the last six months, he survived that torture and showed me just how much he really wants and enjoys the work and he is going to do a great job. If we are lucky he will want to do it for us as long as I

Thank you to all of you for making my job so easy and fulfilling over these last twenty-five years, I could not have had better people AKA friends to work with and for.

I love you guys.

The End (Sort of I hope)

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# Fall Success NEPGA Annual Meeting Brings Changes

The New England PGA's Annual Fall Meeting was a success this week. Attendees took hold at Blue Hill Country Club in Canton, MA as strong winds and driving rain pounded much of New England on Sunday and Monday. Many in attendance at Monday's meeting had mentioned not having power in their areas. Even Blue Hill CC would have lost power during the meeting, but the NEPGA business was safe, thanks to a back up generator.

President Rob Jarvis led the meeting which included information about financials, membership, and governance changes. Longtime Director of Rules and Competitions, Ron Green, PGA, was honored as he retires from the NEPGA after 25 years of service.



The elections in the end of the meeting brought some changes to the New England PGA's board of Directors. Vice President Ron Bibeau, PGA was elected to the Presidency; Rob Jarvis, PGA, became the Honorary President; Secretary Allan Belden, PGA was elected to the Vice President position; and Mike Bradshaw, PGA was elected to Secretary.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Annual Meeting. We hope all of our PGA Professionals, partners, and friends have a wonderful and relaxing offseason! Pictures from the meeting are available <a href="here">here</a>. Click here to view the full Annual Meeting video.

# Message from Dave Christy, VT Chapter Operations Manager Dave says farewell after 16 seasons



I would like to thank all the NE Professionals who have helped make my position as Vermont's Operation Manager so enjoyable. Although I

spent most of my time in my home state of Vermont, I had the opportunity to meet many of you on the first tee at the NEPGA Championship, NEPGA Senior Championship, and the NE Open. Being one of the "older guys", I knew most of the Seniors at Woodstock and Okemo Valley and catching up was always nice. The other events gave me an opportunity to meet many of our young Professionals in the Section. I must say that the NEPGA Section will be in good hands for many years to come. I found the young Professionals most impressive both in their playing ability and professionalism.

I also need to the thank the entire past

and present NEPGA staff for their tireless help and guidance through the years.

Once again , thank you all for the past 16 seasons.

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# The Joy of Giving!

With the 2017 holiday season approaching, the NEPGA Scholarship Fund Committee is holding its annual Holiday Appeal asking for your help and support. Since 1985 through the generosity of New England PGA Professionals and friends of the Section, children and grandchildren of New England PGA members have been awarded college scholarships through this Fund. We were able to give over \$15,500 in scholarships this past 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, 2017. Any amount you can contribute will be most welcomed and appreciated. You may make your donation online by <a href="clicking here">clicking here</a>. You can also send a check made out to: The New England PGA Foundation and mail it to P.O. Box 743, Boylston, MA 01505. You will receive a confirmation letter that will acknowledge your donation for income tax purposes whether you donate online or send in a check. If paying by check, please <a href="click here">click here</a> and send this form.

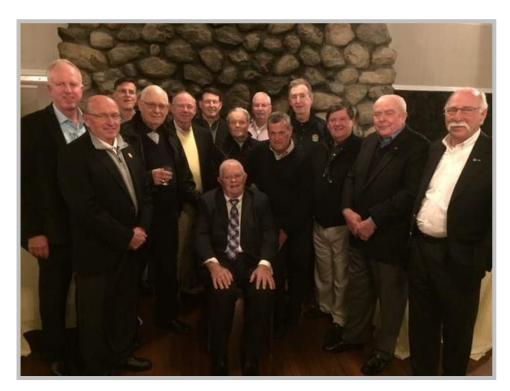
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# **Paul Barkhouse Retires**



Best wishes to NEPGA Professional Paul Barkhouse as he enters into retirement! Paul is the current PGA Head Professional at Woburn C.C. in Woburn, MA.

# **Important Dates**

# Nov 16

PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Application Available

Nov 23-24

NEPGA Office closed for Thanksgiving

Nov 30

**NEPGA Award Applications Due** 

# Host a PAT in 2018

The New England PGA is looking for PAT sites for 2018 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 threesomes), and also the onsite fees to cover the range and golf carts (some even include lunch between rounds). Click here to view the host site requirements.

If you have an interest or have any questions, please contact Joan Stuart at 508.869.0000 or <a href="mailto:istuart@pgahq.com">istuart@pgahq.com</a>.

## **Award Nominees**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Special Awards process by nominating a worth candidate for our 2018 Section Awards! The winners will be announced in December.

<u>Click here</u> to view our final list of nominees in each award category.

Award applications were emailed to the nominees on November 14th. Applications are due November 30th!

# NEPGA Special Olympics Tournament by Bob Beach, PGA



Thank you to the following PGA golf professionals who volunteered and helped coach Special Olympic athletes out on the golf course for three hours on Sunday, October 22, 2017: Tom Waters, PGA; Keith Barber, PGA; Mark Nelson, PGA; Jack Neville, PGA; Kevin Jean, PGA: Rick Veitch, PGA: Tim Tierney, PGA; John Geraci, PGA; Tom Cavicchi, PGA; Dana Smith, PGA; Larry Demers, PGA; Pam Kerrigan, LPGA; Chip Johnson, PGA: Ed Whalley, PGA; Todd Prescott, Steve Clancy, PGA; assistant golf professional Julian Scarboroug, and Bob Beach, PGA. These Professionals gave their time, expertise, and talents to the wonderful special Olympians who participated in the seventeenth NEPGA Special Olympics Golf Tournament. The Bentley University golf team had six players who also participated. They were a huge help.

Highlights of this year's tournament include Chip Johnson and his wife Pamela Kerrigan helping Special Olympic athletes out on the golf course again this year. Their daughter Jillian also volunteered. Pamela Kerrigan's mother Marian plays in the tournament every year as well and is our best volunteer at Braintree's Accessible Golf Clinics on Monday's at Braintree Municipal Golf

Course. Tom Waters PGA, of Essex Country Club, and Steve Clancy of Granite Links Golf Club have played in the tournament more times than any other NEPGA members. Keith Barber of Pine Brook Country Club, Mark Nelson of Pine Brook Country Club, and Tim Tierney of Weston Golf Club are also longtime supporters of the tournament who always go above and beyond in helping the athletes. Chris Eskierski, Griffin Bushell, Logan French, Aman Ailani, Ellis Yoder, and Mike Plansky from the Bentley Golf Team were back again to volunteer. The Bentley guys always make our tournament better. Many thanks to NEPGA member and Bentley University golf coach Mick Herron for sending his team. Many thanks as well to my friend Jack Neville PGA, who played in the tournament again this year, and has been one of my mentors with the Special Olympics.

# **Volunteer with GOLF FOR ALL**

GOLF FOR ALL needs volunteers to help a PGA professional and GFA staff to conduct two weekly indoor golf clinics for autistic adults. The clinics will be held at the Newton Lower Falls Community Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning November 29 and 30th. This is a continuation of a highly successful and innovative series of clinics held at Leo J Martin Memorial over the past two summers.

If interested, please contact: Fred Corcoran at (617) 462-9899 or frdcorcoran@yahoo.com, or Gisele Marquis at (857) 231-6992 or gisele22@myfairpoint.net.



# **Veterans Day Clinic**

On Veterans Day, Bob Beach, PGA, Chip Johnson, PGA, Rick Johnson, PGA and Allan Belden, PGA lent a hand to some Veterans for a free clinic on a frosty but fun day at Braintree Municipal Golf Club. The PGA Professionals offered free lessons and helped with everything from proper ball position, to best swing techniques! One pillar of the New England PGA Foundation is centered on enriching lives of military Veterans through the game of golf, and we couldn't think of a better day than Veterans Day for it. Thank you to the men and women who protect our country, and thank you to our PGA Professionals who came out to make a difference!







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# EDUCATION UPCOMING SEMINARS

ation opportunities are open to all NEPGA members.

# NEPGA Teaching Cracker Barrel

**DATE/TIME:** Monday, November 27th 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

**COST:** Free!

**MSR HOURS:** 3 PGA Education MSR Credits

**DEADLINE:** November 24, 2017



**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, November 29th 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Kirkbrae Country Club (197 Old River Rd Lincoln, RI 02865)

**COST:** \$20 per person, includes lunch after the workshop

**MSR HOURS:** 2 PGA Education MSR Credits

**OVERVIEW:** This is the first workshop in a series of 4 workshops. Learn how to utilize the USGA Tournament Management Program (aka Golf Genius) as your tournament software. Each workshop focuses on a different aspect of the software, with the actual construction of an event as part each session—make sure you bring your laptop or tablet! Each event will be conducted by a team consisting of a RIGA staff member and a PGA Professional in an interactive setting. **Click here** to register for the other workshops.

**DEADLINE:** November 27, 2017

# NEPGA Merchandising Workshop

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, December 6th 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Foxborough Country Club (33 Walnut Street, Foxborough, MA 02035)

**COST:** \$30 per person

**MSR HOURS:** 4 PGA Education MSR Credits

**OVERVIEW:** Explore additional opportunities for sales that await you in your golf shop. Industry experts will share their philosophies and ideas with you to help you grow your business. Sponsored by FootJoy, Martin/ Fennec Golf and Titleist. Continental Breakfast and Lunch included. Click here to view the agenda and list of presenters.

**DEADLINE:** December 4, 2017





Register Here



# NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP NOTES: Joan Stuart

# **PGA MERCHANDISE SHOW**

You're invited to connect with fellow Golf Industry and PGA Professionals at the 2018 PGA Merchandise Show. This event is the MAJOR of Golf Business to experience a full line-up of leading brands, new products, education sessions & events. You may be able to receive up to 40 MSR hours by attending the Show, Demo Day, workshops, and educational opportunities. The current MSR period is ending on June 15, 2018. Please check your MSR status on www.pga.org. Thank you!

This is your opportunity to network, learn, and celebrate you, the PGA Professional. To learn more and register for free, visit <a href="https://www.pgashow.com">www.pgashow.com</a>.

# PGA Show Demo Day & Instructional Workshops

Tues, January 23, 2018 Orange County National Golf Center

# **PGA Show Days & Education Conference**

Wed- Fri, January 24-26, 2018 Orange County Convention Center

# **HEADING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?**

If you are headed outside of the section for the winter months, please update your preferred address through <a href="www.pga.org">www.pga.org</a>. 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 2018 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 PROFESSIONAL?

All NEPGA Professionals who would like to list an Assistant Professional or Teaching Professional opening for 2018 on <a href="www.nepga.com">www.nepga.com</a> can email the information on those openings to Joan Stuart at <a href="jstuart@pgahq.com">jstuart@pgahq.com</a> and it will posted under our website's Employment Tab until that position is filled. Please include a brief description of the position, the deadline for resumes, the dates of employment, and contact information. It is always recommended that these positions are also posted on <a href="www.pga.org">www.pga.org</a>. 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, 508.869.0000.

# ACH PAYMENTS FOR WINNINGS

Before the 2018 Tournament Season, again a reminder about the advantages of receiving your purse winnings as a direct deposit either into your checking or savings account.

- Why wait to receive your money?
- Why risk the possibility that the check may get lost in the mail?
- Why wait for the check to be sent or forwarded to a new address?
- Why have a stop payment fee deducted from your check when the Section has to stop payment because you never received the check?

The simple solution is to have the money deposited directly into your account. Please <u>click</u> here for the ACH Payment Form and follow the instructions on the form. If you need any guidance, please call the Section office or email <u>jstuart@pgahq.com</u>.











# NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: Jacy Settles

NEPGA Junior Tour presented by











# 2017 NEPGA Junior Tour Player Awards

The NEPGA Junior Tour officially concluded its 2017 season at the NEPGA Jr Tour Awards & College Seminar on Sunday, November 5 at Winchester CC. The event was a wonderful combination of celebration for great accomplishments and furthering education. A special Thank you to Mickey Herron, PGA (Bentley University - Head Coach - Men's Golf), Jason Malcolm, PGA (Merrimack College - Head Coach - Women's Golf) and Frank Driscoll (St. Anselm College - Head Coach - Men's Golf). Thank you to Host Professional Jim Salinetti, PGA and Winchester CC. Congratulations to the following winners:

Jim Beane Sportsmanship Award: Nate Ingram Jim Beane Sportsmanship Award: Eleanor Parkerson Girls 13 & under Player of the Year: Victoria Veator Boys 11 & Under Player of the Year: Riley Reardon Boys 12-13 Player of the Year: Ryan Chang

Boys 14-15 Player of the Year: **Teddy Freking** Girls 14-18 Player of the Year: Sydney DiGuilio Boys 16-18 Player of the Year: Jason Temel Boys Elite Tour Player of the Year: Mac Lee Girls Elite Tour Player of the Year: Isabelle Premkumar



## SECTION NEWS Continued...

# **NEPGA Centennial Book Correction**

Correction: The PGA of America was born on April 10, 1916, in the former Hotel Martinique in New York City, not January 17 of that year, as was written on Page 1 of the NEPGA Centennial history book: The First 100 Years - 1916-2016.

Author Gary Larrabee regrets the error.

For clarification, as author Bob Denney, PGA of America historian, wrote in the April 2016 PGA Magazine Centennial issue, the organizing luncheon on January 17, in Wanamaker's Store in New York City, was hosted by members of Wanamaker's Taplow Club, chiefly Tom McNamara of Brookline, Massachusetts.



# **PGA Scholarship Application**

The 2018 PGA Scholarship application is now available!

Established in 1986, the program provides college scholarships for children and grandchildren of PGA Members. It encourages and promotes the attainment of higher educational goals for the children and grandchildren of PGA Members, based on evidence of a high level of academic achievement during high school or college. Scholarships totaling \$411,000 were awarded to 183 students for the 2017-18 school year.

Click here to view the Scholarship FAQs.

# View Application

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Nov. 16, 2017** - Access the PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship application <a href="here">here</a>.

**March 1, 2018 -** Deadline date for submitting scholarship application.

**March 19, 2018 -** Deadline date for receiving the supporting documents.

**May 2018 -** The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship recipients will be announced and notified.

**July 2018** – The scholarship checks will be mailed out.

**Aug. 2018** – Deadline date for photo submission.

**Oct. 2018** – The PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship recipients will be on PGA.org and in PGA Magazine.

**Nov. 2018** - PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship application will be available.

# District 1 Director Report: Noel Gebauer, PGA



Click here to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of October featuring information on the Golf Relief & Assistance Fund, scholarship news, the Inaugural Levy Cup Matches and more from the PGA.

# **PGA Winter Championships**

Registration for the 2018 PGA Winter Championship is open to eligible members and apprentices. Click here for information on eligibility, entry fees and prize money on PGA.org. Register online or call (800) 474-2776 to enter. All deadlines are at 5:00 pm ET.

Quarter Century Championship Jan. 4-5, 2018

Deadline: Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017

REGISTER HERE - Groups A-3 (ages: under 50 – 64) REGISTER HERE - Groups 4-9 (ages: 65 and older)

Senior Stroke Play Championship Jan. 7-8, 2018

Deadline: Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017

REGISTER HERE - Groups 1 & 2 (ages: 50–59) REGISTER HERE - Groups 3-9 (ages: 65 and older)

Senior-Junior Team Championship Jan. 14-17, 2018

Deadline: Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018

**REGISTER HERE** 

Note: A list of players looking for partners will be posted

at pgatournaments.com.

Four-Ball Stableford Team Champ. Jan. 28-30, 2018

Deadline: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018

**REGISTER HERE** 

**Women's Stroke Play Championship** Feb. 4-6, 2018 Deadline Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018

**REGISTER HERE** 

**Stroke Play Championship** Feb. 4-6, 2017

Deadline: Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018

**REGISTER HERE** 

## **PGA Tournament Series**

Registration is now open for the 2017 PGA Tournament Series presented by GolfAdvisor.com held at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL. Six competitive events have been scheduled for November/December with \$11,500 sponsor dollars added to each event's purse. These 2-day events, open to PGA Members and Apprentices, are a great way for players to compete against other PGA Professionals, take home a piece of the \$37,500 purse and possibly accumulate national player of the year points in the process. The entry fee is \$365 for each event. Click here for more information on PGA.org. Click on the dates below to register online.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1—Register by Nov. 22, 12 noon

Dec. 4-5—Register by Nov. 28, 5 p.m.

Dec. 7-8—Register by Dec. 1, 5 p.m.

Dec. 11-12—Register by Dec. 5, 5 p.m.

Dec. 14-15—Register by Dec. 8, 5 p.m.

Dec. 18-19—Register by Dec. 12, 5 p.m.







# **Carr Golf Announces Winners of Inaugural Donald Ross Invitational Tournament**

Commemorative Event Held on Scotland's Renowned Royal Dornoch Golf Club

(DUBLIN, Ireland) – Carr Golf – Ireland and Scotland's premier provider of unforgettable golf vacations – announces the winners of its inaugural Donald Ross Invitational Tournament held Oct. 8-12.

The two-person team competition was contested over three rounds on Scotland's renowned Royal Dornoch Golf Club, rated No. 5 by Golf Digest in its "World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses." The team of Tom Scarbrough and Sean Tobin, playing out of Florida's Country Club of Orlando, won the "Weekly Best Stableford" with 115 cumulative points.

Nikki Christie (Carnoustie Golf Links) and Gareth Hall (Royal Dornoch Golf Club), both representing the host country, captured the "Weekly Best Gross" division with rounds of 74, 76 and 72 for a total of 212 (12 overpar).

In addition to Dornoch, the field enjoyed a pre-tournament practice round at nearby Brora Golf Club, home of the James Braid Golfing Society.

Highlighted by four consecutive days of

clear blue skies and comfortable 60-degree weather, the one-of-a-kind golf pilgrimage to Dornoch also featured four nights' luxury accommodations, welcome reception and dinner, daily breakfast and lunch, whisky tasting, premium gift bags and souvenirs, airport transfers, local transportation, and concierge service both pre-trip and during the event.

Other significant highlights included an audience with noted golf course architecture writer Bradley Klein, author of "Discovering Donald Ross" and winner of the Donald Ross Award, and a gala dinner and entertainment at the Royal Golf Hotel. Photos of the event may be found <a href="here">here</a>.

"It was a thrill to host this joyous occasion at Royal Dornoch as it celebrates the genius and memory of Donald Ross on the course where he learned to love the game," says Marty Carr, executive chairman of Carr Golf. "Due to the incredible inaugural success, we look forward to announcing exciting details on our plans for 2018 as we now have another signature event for our guests and clients on our annual calendar."

Born in the town of Dornoch in 1872, Ross immigrated to America in 1899 and became known as the "Father of U.S. Golf Course Architecture." His world-class designs include Pinehurst No. 2, Aronimink Golf Club, East Lake Golf Club, Seminole Golf Club, Oak Hill Country Club, Inverness Club and Oakland Hills Country Club. Over 100 U.S. national championships have been played on his courses.

Ross developed his passion for golf playing Royal Dornoch as a boy. Acclaimed as one of the finest links-style layouts in the world, its superb routing and use of raised putting surfaces was a major influence on his roughly 400 design projects. He was a founding member and first president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and admitted to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1977.

For more information on the Donald Ross Invitational Tournament email enquiries@carrgolf.com, visit www.carrgolf.com or call 1.855.617.5701 (U.S. toll free) or +353.1.822 6662.

#### **About Carr Golf Travel**

For nearly three decades, Ireland-based Carr Golf Travel has built its impeccable reputation on creating the ultimate golf escapes to exceptional courses in Ireland and Scotland like Ballybunion, Royal County Down, Royal Portrush, Water-ville, The Old Course at St. Andrews, and Turnberry. Deeply passionate about the game's history and traditions, the family-owned company creates, plans and implements customized and unique itineraries that include tee times, luxury accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, fine dining, caddies and anything else needed for stress-free, unforgettable golf vacations and memories.

Joe Carr, the company's late founder, was one of Ireland's greatest golf heroes with over 40 championship victories including three British Amateur titles. He was the recipient of the Bobby Jones Award (1961), Walter Hagen Award (1967), and played in three Masters Tournaments at Augusta National. In 1991 he was the first Irishman to be honored with Captaincy of the Royal & Ancient and in 2007 he was the first Irishman to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Today, Joe's son, Marty, operates the business as executive chairman. His brother Roddy is also actively involved. Named winner of Golf Digest's Editors' Choice Award for "Best Tour Operator" in 2016 and 2017, Carr Golf Travel hosts numerous prestigious annual events including the World Invitational Father & Son Tournament, Invitational Father & Daughter Tournament, Donald Ross Invitational and a number of Invitational Links Pro-Am tournaments in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland's southwest. Moreover, the company is at the forefront of corporate event implementation, as well as developing itineraries built around the Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup, College football and NFL games in London.

## CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Mickey Herron, PGA, Cape Cod Chapter Tournament Manager

Amateurs Bill Van Stratum & Mike Walker (left) battled Jay Askew (outgoing Chapter President) and Eric Steindel (far right) (newly elected President) in the 30th edition of the CAPE COD CUP, won this year by the Amateur Side 11-10! The record now stands – AMS 15/ PROS 13/ 2 years tied. (The Askew/Steindel side won 2.5-.5 in the Nassau 4-Ball Match Play format.)

Enjoying a glorious seaside June day off were 58 golf professionals vying for top honors in the Cape's Summer PRO-PRO held at the incomparable Hyannisport Club in part sponsored by Baxters Boathouse on the Hyannis Inner Harbor connected to Lewis Bay. Enjoying post lobster sandwiches at Baxters are: (L to R) Joe McNulty (OBF), Ben Egan (Bay Club), Ryan Payne (Cape Club), Sean Edmonds (Oyster Harbors), Jesse Schechtman (Hyannis), Mike McBroom (Furnace Brook), Eric Steindel (Wianno), Mike Sullivan (Charles River) and Kelly LaDow (Wianno). Three teams fired 68 in the 4-ball stroke play competition tying for 1st - Steindel & LaDow, Rick Durocher (Cyprian Keyes) & Andrew Wester (Winchester) and the twosome of Dana Smith (Presidents) & Dave Dionne (Beverly GC). Callaway Golf/ Peter Guild and Dan Dempsey presented this tournament.





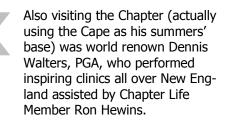
Our dear leader, Cape Cod District Director Glenn Kelly, PGA HP at The Woods Hole GC, has agreed to represent the Chapter for one more year on the NEPGA Board of Directors! Background: view from adjacent to 18th hole - Is this the coolest short game area or what? Thank you, Glenn.

The LPGA Legends Tour visited the Chapter twice in 2017 – holding an impressive PRO-AM and Individual format at The Ridge Club followed by an island PRO-AM at Miacomet GC on Nantucket.

Among the notables pictured here are HOF'ers Nancy Lopez, Jan Stephenson, Janie Blalock.

# Year in Review in Photos







Prior to the 2017 Island Classic this fall (the premiere 36-hole Pro-Am in New England) the Chapter was thrilled to play a 9-hole Team Scramble at the venerable SCONSET GC on the outskirts of Siaconset on Nantucket. In all, seven teams walked the historical grounds of this 1894 links layout now operated by the Nantucket Land Bank/Alan Costa & Phil Truono.



For the 25th and final time host pro David Moore, PGA welcomed the Chapter Pro-4 Junior to his Squirrel Run GC in S. Plymouth. The 2018 version will be held at Bob Millers' Kings Way GC.

Some of the pros pictured with their kids are: Miller, Gregg Richbourg, Chip & Pam Johnson, Tracy Djerf, Greg Yeomans, Moore, Joe McNulty, Nick Wiseman and fellow PGA Member David Moynihan who along with Dave Woods has sponsored this event from its inception, including all the food and prizes! A sincere THANK YOU to our three DAVIDS!



# **CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS** Continued...

# CAPE COD CHAPTER 2018 AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Cape Cod Chapter of the NEPGA is proud to announce the following for 2018:

**MARK HEARTFIELD** (Sankaty Head PGA HP) The Gary Philbrick Professional of the Year Award

**SCOTT TRETHEWEY** (Bay Pointe PGA HP) The Dutch Wessner Player of Year Award (sponsored by 15thgolfclub.com)

**DAN CAVERLY** (Willowbend PGA TP) Teacher of the Year Award

**PAT FANNON** (Blue Rock PGA HP) Junior Golf Leader Award

**KELLY LADOW** (Wianno Club PGA ASST) Assistant of the Year Award

## **2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED**

#### **PRESIDENT**

Eric Steindel, The Wianno Club

#### **VP/SEC-TREASURER**

Matt Baran, The Oyster Harbors Club

#### **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

Ben Egan, The Bay Club & Brandon Roseth, Ocean Edge Resort

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN**

Tracy Djerf, The Bay Club

#### JUNIOR GOLF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Jim Campbell, Cape Cod National GC

# **2017 MAJOR TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**

#### **CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

Tom Tobey, Sandwich Hollows GC

#### **MATCH PLAY CHAMPION**

Scott Trethewey, Bay Pointe Club

#### ISLAND CLASSIC CHAMPION

Phil Truono, Miacomet GC

### MA CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Jacy Settles, Massachusetts Chapter Tournament Manager

### **RIVERS WINS!**

Racing the rain was the mindset of today's round, however Lou Rivers, PGA Head Golf Professional at Foxborough Country Club in Foxborough, MA, not only raced the rain but raced to the top of the field as he won the New England PGA Massachusetts Chapter Individual Stableford event on November 6th at Thomson Country Club. Lou recorded 42 points and finished one point clear of Kirk Hanefeld, PGA Director of Instruction at Salem Country Club in Salem, MA.



Although Rivers had two bogeys (1 point each), he had a stellar round as he had ten pars (2pts each) and five birdies (4pts each). Kirk Hanefeld, PGA was the leader in the club house until Rivers turned his card in. Still, Hanefeld had a fantastic round as he had 11 pars (2pts each), four birdies (4pts) and three bogeys (1pt). Thank you to host professionals, Chris Young, PGA, Kristen MacDonald, PGA and Mike Gillis, PGA for a wonderful warm November day!

### **ZDON & GILLIS GO LOW!**



Although it was cold and rainy, the NEPGA Massachusetts Chapter tournament season came to end with some great play and camaraderie. Congratulations to the team of Matt Zdon, PGA (Belmont CC) and Dan Gillis, PGA (Nabnasset Lake CC) on winning the 2017 NEPGA Massachusetts Chapter

Fall Pro-Pro at Blue Hill CC on Monday, November 13th. Zdon, Head Golf Professional at Belmont CC, and Gillis, Head Golf Professional at Nabnasset Lake CC, made only one bogey followed by five birdies to shoot a stellar four-under par 68 to win the event by three strokes. Finishing second at 4-under par were the teams of Kristen MacDonald, PGA (Thomson CC) & Mike Gillis, PGA (Thomson CC) and Brendon Ray (Carnegie Abbey Club) & Jake Leech, PGA (Charles River CC). A special thanks to host PGA Professionals, Ian Kelley, PGA and Steve Field, PGA at Blue Hill CC. To view the entire leader board, please, click here.

On another note, Lou Rivers, PGA (Foxborough CC) is the 2017 MA Chapter Player of the Year – Congratulations, Lou!

Thank you to all host professionals, sponsors and to all MA Chapter Professionals for a wonderful tournament season. Have a great holiday season!









## MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Maine Chapter President Jason Hurd, PGA

Hey All,

Well its looking like the 2017 season is over, as we have started to see snow flying. The Maine Chapter, wants to thank all its members as well as any New England Section members who were able to make it up and participate in an event this season. Overall the season was a great success; there were only two events we cancelled due to poor weather. The schedule for the 2018 season is about 90% complete, and we are in full gear getting prepared for the 2018 season.

Again thanks to everyone for the help this year!

# News from the web...

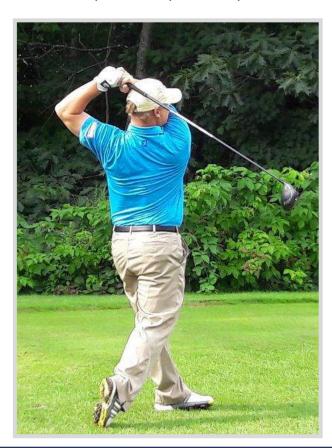
Congratulations to Gary Rees of the Maine Chapter on his recent induction into the Dexter High School Hall of Fame!

Congratulations on your induction to the Dexter High School Hall of Fame as a great golf coach! 3 state championship titles at Dexter H.S., 6 at Greely H.S., 344 winning matches with an 87% winning percentage as a coach. Way to go dad! \* Toni Lynn Rees.



### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA



The NHC Player of the Year based on tournament points was Matt Arvanitis, Southern New Hampshire University, who edged out Ray Smith, Whip-Poor-Will head professional, and Cory Mansfield, head professional at Montcalm GC.

The Chapter scheduled 24 tournaments with two cancelled due to bad weather. Chapter Pro-Ams were well attended with an average of 30 teams per event.

The Chapter would like to recognize and thank our 2017 sponsors: Martignetti Liquors, Yamaha, Five Star Golf Cars, Club Car, Cleveland/ Srixon, Titleist, Bridgestone Golf, Avidia Bank, PGA Tour, PXG, Mohegan Sun, Callaway and Under Armour.















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### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA

The chapter conducted its Fall Meeting of members at Intervale CC on October 16, 2017 with over 60 professionals and guests in attendance. Presentations were made by NEPGA President Rob Jarvis, NEPGA **Executive Director Mike Higgins** as well as Michael Packard and Brian Bain. With Section elections on the horizon, attendees also heard from candidates Ron Bibeau, Allan Belden and Mike Bradshaw. Three professionals were elected to the NHC Board of Directors to serve one -year terms and they included Joanne Flynn (Windham CC), Cory Mansfield (Montcalm GC) and Alex Kirk (Hanover CC).



# **NHC Board of Governance for 2018**

#### **President**

Tim Loch, Cochecho CC Head Professional

#### **Vice President**

Scott Devito, Pease GC Director of Golf

#### **District Director**

Rob Hardy, PGA

#### **At-Large Director**

Joanne Flynn, Windham CC Head Professional

#### **At-Large Director**

Alex Kirk, Hanover CC Head Professional

#### **At-Large Director**

Cory Mansfield, Montcalm GC Head Professional

#### **Past President**

Ken Hamel, Stonebridge CC Head Professional

# **NHC Year End Awards**

#### **Professional of the Year**

Mike Ryan, Derryfield CC Head Professional

#### **Bill Strausbaugh Award**

Tim Loch, Cochecho CC Head Professional

#### **Teacher of the Year**

Rich Thibeault, Concord CC Head Professional

#### **Junior Leader**

Chris Mowers, Nippo Lake GC Head Professional

# **Tournament Champions**

Congratulations to the following professionals for winning the chapter's major championships:

#### **Pro-Senior Championship**

Griffin Andrews, Portsmouth CC, and team

#### **Pro-Lady Championship**

Jim Gunnare, Portsmouth CC, and team

#### **Pro-Gross Championship**

Bill Andrews, Portsmouth CC, and team

#### **Pro-Pro Championship**

Matt Arvanitis, SNHU and Jason Malcolm, Nashua CC

In keeping with the chapter's philosophy of being involved in New Hampshire communities, the Chapter presented a check for \$2000 to the Pelham Community Coalition on behalf of the NEPGA Foundation. The Coalition is a group of individuals seeking to inform, empower and activate members of the Pelham community regarding substance abuse within the town and especially among its youth.

The Chapter sends a sincere "thank you" to NH PGA Professionals who hosted an event this year.







## RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Sean Duong, Rhode Island Chapter Operations Manager

# Pleased to Welcome the Rhode Island Chapter Officers

Hats off! We are please to announce the following member professionals of the Rhode Island PGA Chapter to their Board positions for the 2018 Season!

#### **President**

Tony DiGiorgio, PGA of Crystal Lake GC

Secretary/Treasurer

Shane Drury, PGA of Swansea CC

**NEPGA Section Secretary** 

Michael Bradshaw, PGA of Kirkbrae CC

Thank you to these gentlemen for their continued service to the Chapter and working to make the events a successful place for competition, friendship, and camaraderie! Looking forward to an amazing 2018! Cheers!

# **RI Chapter Fall Meeting**

Congratulations to the following Chapter members on their accomplishment during the 2017 season!

**Professional of the Year** 

Mike Bradshaw, PGA of Kirkbrae CC

**Teacher of the Year** 

Shane Drury, PGA of Swansea CC

Merchandiser of the Year

Brad McCluski, PGA of Wannamoisett CC

**Junior Golf Leader** 

John Rainone, PGA of North Kingstown Municipal GC Assistant Professional of the Year

William Maguire, PGA of Point Judith CC

**Partner of the Year** 

Peter Butt of FootJoy

**Player of the Year** 

John Rainone, PGA of North Kingstown Municipal GC

# **Worth Waiting at Warwick**

We could not have asked for a better day on a course that was in pristine condition for The Rhode Island PGA Chapter Championship. This year's Championship was contested over 36 holes of individual stroke play at an immaculate Warwick Country Club. The course setup was challenging and geared to engage the Rhode Island Professionals on their pursuit for the Chapter Championship Title. As the morning sun attempted to warm up a very brisk Fall sleeping in kind of day, 18 RIPGA Professionals geared up for the challenge.

Rising to the top, after turning in is card for 74 - 70 Total 144 and waiting over an hour for the final group, William Maguire, PGA of Point Judith CC stood as the 2017 RI Chapter Champion!

# Thank You to All of Our Sponsors and Partners

Join me in thanking all of these generous supporters of the Rhode Island Chapter events and championships:

Dan and Melissa Dempsey, David Vermilyea, Peter Guild and Callaway, PGA Tour, Avidia Bank, Jay Beausoliel and The Haversham, David Moynihan and Titleist, Sterling Cut Glass, Rob Touchette, and Matt Howard.









# **Upcoming RI Chapter Events**

Thank you to all of the following host professionals and their clubs for graciously opening the doors to their course for the 2017 Rhode Island Chapter events:

Mike Gelinas, PGA and Pawtucket CC CJ Talbert, PGA and Metacomet CC Brent Amaral, PGA and Acoaxet Club Michael Bradshaw, PGA and Kirkbrae CC John Del Bonis, PGA and Quidnesset CC Matt Walsh, PGA and Warwick CC Dave Tiedemann, PGA and Shelter Harbor GC

We look forward to the 2018 season and returning to some of these fine clubs and will be looking for venues to showcase other great courses in the state of Rhode Island! Thanks for a great season!

If your club is interested in hosting a RI Chapter event, please reach out to Sean Duong at <a href="mailto:sduong@pgahq.com">sduong@pgahq.com</a> or 617-529-5114. Thank you and hope to gain your support of the Chapter!

# Rhode Island PGA Les Kennedy Award Final Standings

Congratulations to John Rainone, PGA finishing atop the leaderboard for the Les Kennedy Player of the Year Award! Thanks to all of the other professionals for a well and hard fought season! Thanks for your participation and support of the 2017 season! A huge thanks to Dave Moynihan and Titleist for supporting the Les Kennedy Player of the Year Awards!

1st	John Rainone	Swansea CC	62.00 Points
2nd	Robert Tramonti	North Kingstown GC	53.75 Points
3rd	Shane Drury	North Kingstown GC	42.25 Points
4th	Brian Owens	Triggs Memorial GC	45.00 Points
5th	Brendan Ray	The Carnegie Abbey Club	42.00 Points
6th	William Maguire	Point Judith CC	37.00 Points
7th	Brent Amaral	Acoaxet Club	34.50 Points
8th	Dave Tiedemann	Shelter Harbor GC	24.00 Points
9th	Tony DiGiorgio C	rystal Lake GC	18.00 Points
10th	Paul White	Fall River CC	17.00 Points



## VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by VT Chapter President Roger A. King, PGA





## **Tournament Results**

Our final major of the year was our Pro Pro Championship played at CC of Vermont. We thank Larry Kelley, PGA, Five Star Golf Cars, NEPGA Section, and Todd Trono, PGA, Golf ValueBook for their generous sponsorships. The championship was conducted on September 25th prior to our Vermont Chapter Fall Meeting. This year's championship belongs to the team of Paul Politano,

> PGA, Ralph Myhre GC and Patrick Berry, PGA, Dorset Field Club with a score of 68.



The last Vermont Chapter Pro Am for 2017 was at Okemo Valley Golf Club on October 32nd. 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 Stableford scoring format. Gross team winners were led by John Goodchild, PGA, and his team from CC of Barre with a score of 48. The net team winners were led by Paul Politano, PGA, Ralph Myhre GC, with a score of 65. Our top Individual Professional score was a tie between David Jankowski, PGA, Hermitage Club and Kevin Bennison, PGA, Manchester CC both 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 Hadley Cup format consisted of teams led by Chapter President Brian Gara, PGA and Past President Roger King, PGA. The Ryder Cup format ended in a tie after 27 hole and 3 matches.

# **Vermont Chapter Fall Meeting**

On September 25th, the Vermont Chapter held our 2017 Annual Fall Meeting at the CC of Vermont. We welcomed Mike Higgins, NEPGA Executive Director, and Brian Bain, Regional League Manager, and heard their updates on Section and National initiatives. We received Chapter committee reports from all our chairs and committee members. We held our Chapter elections and the following Professionals were elected:

#### President

Brian Gara, PGA, Vermont National CC

#### **Vice President**

David Bennett, PGA, CC of Vermont

#### Two Year Director

Patrick Berry, PGA, Dorset Field Club

#### **One Year Director**

Dan Ruane, PGA, CC of Vermont,

# **Vermont Chapter Award Winners**

We presented plaques and congratulated our 2017 Vermont Chapter Special Award winner (pictured on the next page):

# **Merchandiser of the Year Public**

John Goodchild, CC of Barre

#### **Merchandiser of the Year Private**

Matthew Conroy, Mount Snow CC

#### **Youth Development**

Sue Horton, Stowe Mountain Club

#### **Teacher of the Year**

Bob Prange, Burlington Country Club

#### **Bill Strausbaugh Award**

Larry Kelley, Five Star Golf Cars

### **Assistant of the Year**

John Socinski, Manchester CC

#### Player of the Year

David Bennett, CC of Vermont

#### **Professional of the Year**

Brian Gara, Vermont National CC











## SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Joan Stuart

The Senior Association held its Fall Meeting at Pleasant Valley CC in Sutton, MA on October 12th. Immediately following the meeting, the Association teed it up for the final Senior Tournament – the 2017 Senior Association Championship. Gary Dorsi, PGA Green Valley CC shot 76 in the Gross Division which was one shot better than Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake CC. In the Net Division, Jim Remy, PGA Okemo Valley GC shot 73 which was one shot better than Brad Durrin, PGA Maynard GC.

Visit our website <a href="www.nepga.com">www.nepga.com</a> early next year for a tentative schedule for the 2018 Senior Association events. Happy Thanksgiving!

# Results: 2017 Senior Association Champ. October 12, 2017 at Pleasant Valley CC

#### **Gross:**

- 1 Gary Dorsi, PGA Green Valley CC -76 \$300
- 2 Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake CC 77 \$200
- 3 Bill Lindquist, PGA Mt. Pleasant GC 79 \$100

#### Net:

- 1 Jim Remy, PGA Okemo Valley GC 73 \$300
- 2 Brad Durin, PGA Maynard GC 74 \$200
- 3 Al Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC 78 \$100

#### Age 50 - 59

#### Gross:

1 Scott Allen, PGA George Wright GC - 84 \$100

#### Net:

1 Ed Whalley, PGA King Rail Reserve GC - 91 \$100

### Age 60 - 69

#### **Gross:**

1 Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC - 85 \$100









- 1. Eddie Whalley/Brad Durrin/Gary Dorsi/Rich Hasenfus
- 2. Paul Parajeckas/Dan Gillis/Bill Lindquist/Al Santos
- 3. Andy Froude/Mike Mullavey/Jim Gunnare/John Theo
- 4. Scott Allen/Jack Neville/ Harry Rose/Jim Remy

#### Net:

1 Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC - 82 \$100 2 Jim Gunnare, PGA Portsmouth CC - 91 \$75

#### Age 70 +

#### **Gross:**

1 John Theo, PGA Far Corner CC - 85 \$100

#### Net:

- 1 Jack Neville, PGA Life Member 82/ \$100
- 2 Mike Mullavey, PGA Life Member 86/ \$75

# **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

Changes reported between 10/16/2017—11/21/2017

#### **NEW APPRENTICES**

Name	Class	Facility
Jared J. Adams	B-8	Point Judith Country Club
Corey S. Armstrong	B-8	The Hermitage Golf Club
Kyle M. Hlywa	B-8	Dedham Country & Polo Club

#### **CLASSIFICATION CHANGES**

Name	Ciass	lacinty
Mark W.R. Hall, PGA	A-1	Penobscot Valley Country Club

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Name	Class	Facility
John R. Cozza, PGA	A-20	Titleist
Nicholas P. Erlichman, PGA	A-8	The Misquamicut Club
Christopher D. McCue, PGA	A-8	Essex County Club

#### **NEW CPP CERTIFICATIONS**

Name	Class	Facility	Area
Jo-Anna R. Krupa, PGA	A-8	Charles River CC	General Management
Steve Sheridan, PGA	A-1	Meadow Brook GC	Instruction

#### **NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS**

Name	Class	Award Date
Kevin B. Cullen, PGA	LMA	10/31/2017









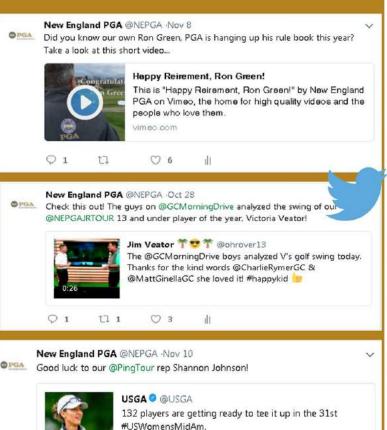




# Social Corner

New England PGA added 13 new photos.

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newenglandpga Braintree Municipal Golf Course

newenglandpga On Veterans Day yesterday, Bob Beach, PGA. Chip Johnson, PGA and Allan Belden, PGA lent a hand to some veterans for a free clinic on a frosty but fun day! Thank you to the men and women who protect our country, and thank you to our PGA professionals who taught some lessons! us #veteransday #nepgafoundation



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