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(Top I to r) A Panel discussion featuring Noel Gebauer, PGA, Jim Richerson, PGA and Ron Bibeau, PGA at the NEPGA Annual Meeting at Renaissance GC in Haverhill, MA.

(Bottom left) Rob Jarvis, PGA swears in new District Directors Mark Aldrich, PGA and Dave Donnellan, PGA.

(Right) Chapter leadership looks on during the Fall Meeting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Ron Bibeau, PGA



As Fall arrives and the end of the golf season is upon us, this time of the year always reminds me of how lucky I am to be a PGA Member and the relationships I have gained from being a part of The New England Section.

The fall season means it is Chapter Meeting time, and I have been very fortunate to be in attendance at a lot

of the Chapter meetings around the section throughout my tenure as an Officer on the Section Board of Directors. It brings me great joy to see my fellow PGA brothers and sisters at meetings and hear the concerns of each member. I have made many life-long friendships during my career and this time of the year allows me the opportunity to reconnect with many of you after our very active and busy summer.

Attendance at meetings is not required but it certainly gives us all a chance to reconnect and hear what is going on in our respective chapters as well as the Section. To give everyone the BIG PICTURE of what is going on in the Section has been my message and will be at all of our meetings.

Our Section is in great hands with an engaged Board of Directors and a dedicated staff. This time of year allows us to take a good look at what has transpired over the past 10 months, and also start to look forward and plan for not only the next year, but also the next 5-10 years to ensure the stability and financial success for all PGA members in the New England Section. I am extremely proud of the work that has been done on your behalf to ensure the well-being of our Section for many years to come.

Your Section is one of the most respected and largest in the country. Our forward thinking and planning always has our PGA Professionals in mind with every decision. Leave it to New England to lead the charge...

For Example:

NEPGA Avidia Bank MasterCard - Several sections have and use our card and several more will be signing on, and the NEPGA Foundation receives a percentage of every dollar spent.

NEPGA University Online Learning Platform - No other Sections are doing this, soon our members will be able to watch Section curated videos for MSR credits.

NEPGA Foundation making great strides - There are other section Foundations, but I am proud of the work Honorary President Jarvis is doing and it will only get bigger and better under his leadership!

Home-site – The NEPGA Board & Staff strive to have a home-site we and all NEPGA Members can be proud of... there is some big news coming!

Annual Planning Session – 2019 edition will take place in December this year and we always come out of the session with new plans and ideas to make the section better for our PGA Members.

The National PGA Meeting is in Palm Springs California this year and the Officers, Mike Higgins and I will all be in attendance. We are submitting a resolution change at the meeting - a change in the timing for submission of resolutions. Currently a resolution has to be submitted to the national office of The PGA by July 15 (what are we all doing in the middle of July, working right!?) so we would like to change the date to September 1, giving Sections more time to submit a resolution. This is more of a house keeping item, but certainly important to Sections and the power of the Member.

Cherish the friendships you have made as a PGA Member. Even if you haven't spoken to a fellow member in a while, don't forget the bond you have through the game of golf

It is also an election year, and Suzy Whaley will make history as our first female President. The election for Secretary will be interesting with four candidates in the running: John Lindert from Michigan whom the NEPGA is supporting, Rick Murphy from South Carolina, Jim Dorman from Louisiana and Tom Wildenhaus from South Florida. It should be exciting to see who will join the PGA leadership team in Palm Springs. You can rest assured that every decision we make has the NEPGA member in mind, which is why we chose to support John Lindert.

In closing my message for the month is: cherish the friendships you have made as a PGA Member. Even if you haven't spoken to a fellow member in a while, don't forget the bond you have through the game of golf and the greatest association in sports, the PGA of America. Use the Fall season to reconnect and start looking towards 2019 and beyond!

Respectfully Submitted, Ron Bibeau, PGA NEPGA President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Mike Higgins



Good things come to those that wait... or at least that is the saying. I believe good things come to those that work hard, but also it comes to those that spend time to focusing on what

you can control in your life. Wasting time on things that are out of your control is only going to slow down your progress and hinder your success.

Anyone who has viewed the PGA Badge ad knows about the many hats PGA Professionals wear throughout their careers. Many of the positions in the golf business have a lot of moving parts and spending your time and energy on what you can control, is so very important. Many people spend too much time focusing on things outside of their control and whether they realize it or not, they can actually enjoy complete control by focusing on the things in our lives that they have the ability to control.

When I am often asked the difference between a PGA Tour Professional and a PGA of America Professional, I describe it by moving around the word "Professional." The athletes you see on TV are Professional Golfers and the hardworking folks in the business of golf are Golf Professionals.

Though both truly are professionals in their own right, I feel that PGA Professionals have complete and total control over their level of professionalism. When I work with a PGA Associate or PGA member on their career we always talk about professionalism. Your level of professionalism is 100% in your control. It does not matter what your colleagues are doing, what a fellow professionals are doing at their facility, and it certainly doesn't matter what your students or customers are doing. It really shouldn't make a difference what industry a person is in, or what position they hold. Whether you are in the bag room or the General Manager of a 54 hole facility, YOU decide the level of professionalism that you will exhibit at ALL times.

We are not able to choose who is in our family, but we most certainly can choose our friends and associates. We have complete control over the people outside of our family circle that we allow into our lives. It is said that we are a compilation of the five people we spend most of our time with, so it is imperative that we choose our friends wisely. If we choose to associate with negative people and spend most of our time pointing out what is wrong with a situation instead of what is positive, we will inherently become a negative person.

If we choose to spend large amounts of our time with people who lack integrity, then we will lack integrity. If we find ourselves surrounded by people who don't play golf, we are going to play less golf. If we are surrounded by lazy people, we ourselves are going to become lazy. We can consistently swim upstream in our environment, but we are fooling ourselves that things will simply "change" on their own. It is very important for us to control the people we allow in our

lives or we may find that the people in our lives will control us. Whether we want them to or not.

Attitude is also so very important. It does not

matter where you live, it does not matter your lifestyle, and it will not matter what circumstances and obstacles you face, just like professionalism, your attitude is and always will up to you. It is your choice how you act and it is YOU that has complete and total control over your attitude from the second you wake up, to the second you go to sleep.

The author of the book "Man's Search for Meaning" Viktor Frankl was a neurologist, psychiatrist as well as a Holocaust survivor, and he wrote that our choice of attitude is the last of the human freedoms. I believe that the point he was attempting to make is that in his opinion, all freedoms can be taken away from us, with the exception of our attitudes. Our choice to have a positive attitude can never be taken away from us.

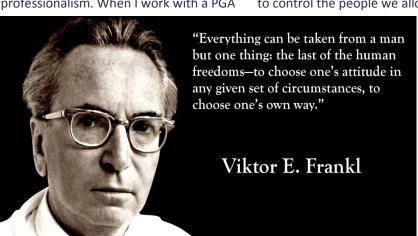
I am sure many readers might disagree with Frankl's opinion that your attitude is a human freedom, but very few of us with disagree whatever difficult situation we may find ourselves in, it more than likely is not worse than being imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp. If Frankl could control his attitude in one of the worst environments of all time, then you and I can certainly make every effort to control our attitude no matter how difficult our situations can be.

There are so many things that in our industry we have very little control over. "Very little" is the key phrase there. So I think spending our time focusing on what we can control, such as our professionalism and our attitudes are important paths to our ultimate success.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the talented NEPGA Staff if we can ever be of service.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Higgins Executive Director









Letter from the Editor

To the best PGA Professionals in the country,

When I first came to the New England PGA as an intern in Marketing and Communications in the summer of 2015, I really had no idea what to expect. I knew the particulars of the job and what it would entail, but, how in the world was a girl from Long Island going to fare amongst the nearly 1,100 PGA Members? Would I even remember all of their names?



It's been a little over three

years since my cold first day at The Bay Club at Mattapoisett for the Pro-Assistant Championship, and I've gotten to know many of you. I've seen some of the best golf shots up close and personal, and I've seen some that I'm sure some of you wished I hadn't. Regardless, I've always appreciated the smiles and waves, goofy faces when you photobomb pictures and videos, or hellos as I drove around the golf course to capture you all in action. It's all been so much fun for me to watch the sport that I love as a job.

I hope you've all enjoyed some of the work I've done, whether it's this news magazine, some pictures with your amateurs at an event, or some of the video recaps I produced. Maybe, you've even enjoyed some of the countless emails I sent out (Probably not though).

Even the best things must come to an end unfortunately, and at the end of this month I'll be departing the NEPGA to work in Marketing and Communications at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass. While I'm incredibly excited to start a new chapter, part of me knows that I'll miss all of you PGA members and getting to interact with each and every one of you.

I owe you all a huge thank you: thank you for accepting all of my interviews and questions, letting me follow you around on the golf course even when it might be hard to, sticking around to let me interview you when you might win an event, and for forgiving me when I accidentally let up on the break on the golf cart in your backswing, or run over you golf ball in the edge of the fairway (still really sorry about that one, Frank).

It's really been a pleasure to get to know all of you, and be at all of the New England PGA events. (Who knows, maybe I'll show up to say hi at a couple of them). But, I'd love to keep in touch, feel free to find me online on social media or by email: Kristen.garrone@gmail.com

And one more for old time's sake: For the New England PGA,

I'm Kristen Garrone.

Down the Cape

NEPGA Celebrates the Fall with Pro-Ams



Fall Back

Warren & Falmouth CC Pick Up Cape Week Where They Left Off

Shawn Warren, PGA seems to enjoy Cape Cod. Perhaps it's the ocean breeze, or perhaps the fact that his home club 5 hours north shares a name with a nearby Cape Cod tourist town, but whatever it is he seems to bring his A game to this part of New England for our Cape Cod Fall Festival ProAm's.

Warren and his team bested the next closest team by two shots, firing a 16under par 128 in the 2 Best Ball of 4, Gross + Net format to win the first leg of the Fall Festival week. CC of Halifax, led by Head Professional Steve Colt came in two shots back at 14-under 130, and Wollaston GC led by Jeff Martin, PGA was third another two shots back at 132 -12. Three other teams rounded out the top five at 10-under par 134. The team format is always a fun one for the Professionals and amateurs, needing two players in every hole to count a score makes it a bit more demanding than a one best ball format. On a course like Oyster Harbors with lightning fast greens, shots can add up around the putting surfaces, so players are taking extra care with their short game shots to stay in it for their

teammates.

On the Professional side we saw some very strong play, with seven of the 22 eligible Professionals firing a score of par or better, and it took 1-under par to cash in the contest. Eric Barlow, PGA of Winchester CC took last cash with a score of 71, while

Stephen Colt of Halifax has 2-under 70 powered by an eagle on the 2ndhole. Four Professionals fired 3under par 69 to capture low Pro honors, including Warren, Martin, Scott Hickey, PGA of Cyprian Keyes GC and Brett Smestad, PGA of Rochester CC. It was a great day of golf on one of the great Donald Ross layouts in New England.

Our partners for the Cape Cod Fall Festival, Lincoln Motors and Goslings were on-site running Hole in One contests and handing out some nice gifts to our players to enhance the event. Thank you for each for their presence this week. Additionally, thank you to Sean Edmonds, PGA and the staff at Oyster Harbors Club including Doug Mayo the General Manager, and Ryan Chase the Superintendent.

players took care of business on their starting hole with four pars, the group went on a great stretch of play through the middle part of the front-9. In this 2 Best Ball of 4, Gross + Net format, the team had a double-eagle on the 3rd, a birdie on 4, and added another birdie on the challenging 5th. Ultimately, the Salem squad fired a 9-under par 135 to take home first on the day. Congrats to Kevin Wood and his amateur partners

Andy Nekeroski, Jonathan Nekoroski,

and Brian Nowak.

Wood and his partners just clipped two teams nipping at their heels by a shot, firing an 8-under par 136 in the 2 Best Ball of 4, Gross + Net format to take home the second piece of the Fall Festival week. Rochester Country Club and City Golf Boston, led by Brett Smested & Pat French, both finished just short with those scores of 136. Blackstone National (Bruso), Cyprian Keyes (Hickey), and Blackstone National (Stephens) rounded out the top of the field, all firing great rounds of 7-under par 137. Course conditions were exceptional, and the weather cooperated once again as the field was greeted with tons of sun, and temps rising up into the mid-50's. Now, the field turns their attention to the highlytauted Eastward Ho! Country Club for Day 3!

Salem Squad

Wood& Salem CC Take Day 2 of Cape Week

Kevin Wood, PGA and his Salem Country Club team always enjoy their week on Cape Cod. This year, that may be the case even more so. Starting on the 18th, the Salem CC team saw the beautiful New Seabury track almost in its intended order. After all four









Two for the Price of One

Blackstone & Rochester Go Low



On what was a typical October day on the Cape, players were greeted with both loads of sunshine, and tons of wind. Gusts up to 40mph made the playing conditions even tougher on the already challenging Eastward Ho! layout. Even with playing conditions being extremely difficult, both Blackstone National (Stephens) & Rochester Country Club (Smestad) fired impressive rounds of 5-under par 137. With Blackstone's first shot of the day being the tee ball on the extremely challenging 210-yard par 3, it was game on out of the gate. Professional Matt Stephens threw in an eagle of his own on the par-5 17th, and it was off and running for the Blackstone boys. Great play from Stephens and his Amateurs (Anderson/Beckwith/ Holmes) combined to match the best round of the day.

It was equally important to start fast for the Northerners out of Rochester. Right out of the gate, they were faced with the 18th, a long par-4 playing dead into the wind making it even more difficult. Three back nine birdies from Professional Brett Smestad matched with some superb play from his amateurs Troy Joncas, Stacy

Levesque, and Matt Nekoroski, all blended together for an impressive

team win on day three.

Blackstone
National &
Rochester CC
had plenty of
great play right
behind them.
Vesper CC
(Turner) turned
in a sub-4 138,
and both Salem
CC (Hanefeld)
and Falmouth
CC (Warren)
played well,
firing 3-under

139. Course conditions were exceptional, and the weather cooperated once again as the field was greeted with tons of sun, and temps rising up into the mid-50's. As Thursday rolls around the corner, temps will drop, and winds will pick up as the field turns their attention to Wianno Club for the final leg of Cape Week

Win(d) at Wianno

CC of Halifax Wins Final Leg of Cape Week

While late season golf isn't always the most pleasant down on the Cape, high temps in the mid-40's and wind gusts of near 50 mph are far from the norm. That's what the field of 24 teams faced when they put the peg in the ground Thursday morning. Before rounds, players can usually be found getting a few swings in at the range, or grinding away on the putting green. Today, the popular spot was crowded around the fireplace in the center of the Wianno clubhouse. Even with the extraordinary mid-October weather, multiple teams played exceptionally way throughout the day. None better than the team from Country Club of Halifax, led by

Stephen Colt, PGA. The amateurs of Geoff Osborne, Casey Gresh, and Jack Reardon all played well, and completed the well-played front nine holes from Colt. Steve was able to birdie 3 of his first 7 holes, and was even par for the 1-9 stretch. The team was steady throughout, shooting a front nine 67, and a back nine 66 for a round of 7-under par 133.

CC of Halifax got the win three clear of the rest of the field, as two teams finished tied second with scores of 4-under par 136. Blackstone National (Pat Beahn, PGA) & Brookline Golf Course (Tom Ellis, PGA) both played great rounds, but quite opposite rounds at the same time. Blackstone was even-keel throughout, firing 67 on the front nine and 69 on the back. On the other hand, Brookline went high on the back nine (73), but took it super low on the back with a 63 (-7).

Multiple thank yous are in order at the conclusion of our Cape Cod Fall Fest. Our partners from Gosling's Rum and Lincoln Motorcars helped put on a fantastic show this week, and headed some fantastic prizes during player's rounds. Also, all four fantastic facilities who welcomes the Cape Cod Fall Fest with open arms, and rolled out the red carpet for our Professionals and their amateurs. Oyster Harbors (Sean Edmonds, PGA), New Seabury (Jim Clay, PGA), Eastward Ho! (Brian Hamilton, PGA), & Wianno Club (Eric Steindel, PGA) were all outstanding tracks that were enjoyed thoroughly over the course of the week.





Royal Treatment

NEPGA visits the UK for a Walk Amongst Golf History



For the past five years, the New England PGA has run a ProAm across the pond, visiting some of the finest links and parkland courses in Europe and Great Britain, where some of the world's most famous golf championships have taken place. While the previous four versions took place in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, the 2018 version had a new spin on it and visited two countries along the way.

Dubbed "The Open's ProAm", 10 teams from around New England embarked on a six-round odyssey on the west coast of Scotland & England which featured five former or current Open Championship courses. These courses hosted a total of 61 Open Championships, as well as many Ryder Cups, Senior and Women's Open's, and major European amateur events. The trip was truly a walk in the footsteps of the game's greatest players and championships.

We started our week just south of Glasgow, Scotland with the only course on our trip that hadn't hosted an Open Championship, Dundonald Links. It did, however, host the 2017 Scottish Open and is a great new layout joining the famous links courses in the area. We

were met by traditional Scottish weather, with driving rain and wind that made it difficult to play! But most of the group powered through fresh off an overnight flight. Following golf we traveled to Turnberry where we would stay for the next two nights.

The Turnberry Ailsa course did not disappoint, despite some more driving rains throughout the day. The host of four Open Championships provided some of the most striking views of the trip, with Ailsa Craig and the Turnberry Lighthouse in plain view throughout the course. Many players remarked it was one of the best courses they had ever played anywhere in the world! On Tuesday, we traveled to the town of Prestwick and Prestwick Golf Club, the 'Birthplace of the Open Championship', that hosted the first 12 editions of golf's oldest major. There we saw

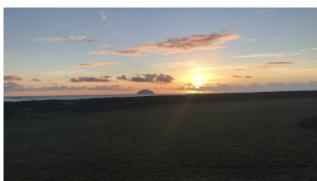
oldest major. There we saw where the first tee shot in major championship golf was struck, and played the oldest hole in major championship golf, the 17th Hole "Alps" which is still intact from its 1851 origins. It was a time capsule for the Open Championship, featuring the original Champion Belt last

presented to Young Tom Morris.

Following play at Prestwick, we boarded our coach transports and headed 4 hours south to Southport, England. This seaside town just west of major cities Liverpool and Manchester had a quaint feel with tree lined streets and many shops and restaurants. Southport is home to some fantastic golf courses, and is less than an hour to many others. Our first stop was Royal Birkdale which last hosted the Open in 2017. We had our best day of weather with temperatures in the low 70's and abundant sunshine. The course was phenomenal and a true test of championship golf.

As we neared the end of our week, two other Royals were on deck. Royal Lytham & St. Anne's had a golf museum in their clubhouse, featuring a club from their 11 Open Champions, most recently Ernie Els in 2013. We finished our week at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, where Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods won their most recent Open Championships. We also crowned a champion at Royal Liverpool, as the team of Jesper Froejkaer, Matt Kunish and Jim Langer captured the title by three shots after the five-round competition. Following play we returned to our hotel in Southport for a farewell cocktail party, and began dreaming of the next great golf trip we would embark on.

A special thanks to our NEPGA Partners Celtic Golf for their help in organizing this great trip. For more pictures, check out our Facebook and Instagram pages!









It's Always Sunny in October

New Seabury GC team wins Pro-Super in perfect weather

-Rumford, RI

Jim Clay, PGA and Scott Nickerson (a) (New Seabury GC) shot a combined score of one-over-par 70 in the gross division at the NEPGA Pro-Superintendent on Tuesday. The duo took on the challenging Donald Ross design, using their combined golf course knowledge and experience.

Clay and Nickerson began their winning day on the 15th hole in the shotgun start. Tuesday's format of select drive-alternate shot fostered the element of teamwork amongst the groups on the course and made small mistakes on the course less impactful overall.

The New Seabury team did not get off to a great start, making a bogey on the 17th, 1st and 2nd holes before their first birdie of the day on the 3rd. They turned their game around from there on out, minimizing bogeys to two and making birdies on the 7th, 10th, and 11th. All told the team finished at just +1, which is a feat on the challenging course.

Vesper CC, led by Rich Berberian Jr, PGA and Willem Geldenhuys, finished +2, 71 and tied for second with Strawberry Valley GC's Beth O'Kelley, PGA and Rene Vadeboncoeur. Berberian Jr's team was held down by a tough double-bogey on the par-three, 16th hole. O'Kelley and her partner also had a great round of golf, but a couple of three putts kept them in second place.

Thank you to our great partners in this event: Five Star Golf Cars, Ez-Go and Cushman and Turfhound Golf Mats for partnering and being at this great event. Also thank you to Andy Ingham and Matt McDonald from Five Star for being at the event to showcase some great products! Also a big thanks to Norm Alberigo, PGA and Agawam Hunt for hosting



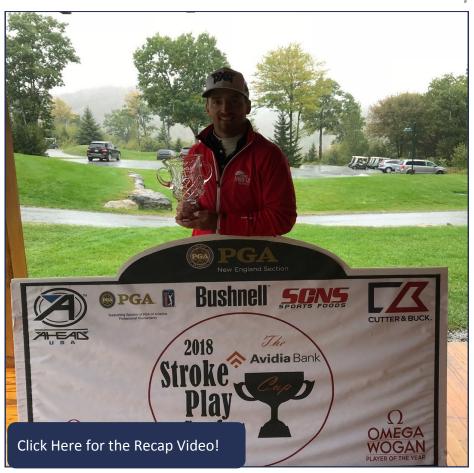


Team RESULTS (Gross)

Pos	Team	+/-Total	
1	New Seabury on Cape Cod	+1	70
T2	Granite Links Golf Club	+2	71
T2	Vesper Country Club	+2	71
T2	Strawberry Valley Golf Course	+2	71
T5	Segregansett Country Club	+4	73
T5	Nabnasset Lake Country Club	+4	73
T5	Haven Country Club	+4	73
T8	Hoodkroft Country Club	+5	74
T8	The Atkinson Resort	+5	74

Up and Down

Friedman Dominates Rain and Cold to Win Avidia Cup Finals



Liam Friedman, PGA (Nashawtuc CC) persevered through tough wind and rain to shoot a winning score of fourunder-par 68 at Montcalm Golf Club in the NEPGA Avidia Cup Finals on Tuesday. The Avidia Cup Finals takes the top 54 finishers from all of the NEPGA's stroke play events and awards the winner as the player with the most aggregate points.

Frozen was the best way to describe every player who walked into the clubhouse at Montcalm following their round. It was hard not to be, considering the 50 degree temperature and rainy conditions plaguing Enfield, NH.

Friedman wasn't immune to the temperatures, but channeled his energies fully towards the task at hand: being the best golfer on the course. He got off to a great start, making a birdie on the mammoth 374 yard par-4 first hole. He had a less than stellar rest of his front nine, making two more bogies

on the fourth and sixth holes to turn through nine at one-over-par.

As the rain really began to pick up on the back nine, Friedman's game rose to the occasion. He started from the tenth hole with three straight birdies and holed out on the 15th to make an eagle. A 31 (-5) on his back nine was really what propelled him to success. He finished with a total score of 68 (-4),

just edging out David Jankowski, PGA (Orleans GC) who shot 69 (-3).

Even in tough conditions. Friedman found some joy in the round.

"I just kept my nose to the grindstone really, and tried to keep the ball in the fairway, hit it close,

and make some putts. I had a lot fall on the back nine that really helped, but it was a lot of fun out there to play," said Friedman.

Jankowski hit the ball well on Tuesday as well. Much like Friedman, he came out strong, making three birdies on the front nine holes, on four, six, and nine. With only one bogey on the front, he made the turn at two-under-par.

However, his back nine didn't quite match the final nine holes that Friedman played. He had an eagle on the 12th, and birdied 14 as well, but finished just one stroke short on the day of Friedman and finished fourth in the Avidia Cup.

As the final event in the Stroke Play Series, the overall Avidia Cup standings are reset prior to the day's Championship round, Friedman just happened to play well enough both on Tuesday and throughout the Stroke Play Series Season to finish as both the day's and Avidia Cup Champion.

Thank you to Avidia Bank for their season long partnership in the Stroke Play Series Events and the Avidia Cup Finals. Also thank you to Ahead, Cutter and Buck, Bushnell, SCNS Sports Foods, and PGA Tour. Also thank you to Montcalm Golf Club and host PGA Professional Cory Mansfield, PGA!

RESULTS

Pos		Relation to Par S	core
1	Liam Friedman	-4	68
2	David Jankowski	-3	69
T3	Cory Mansfield	E	72
T3	Mike Haas-Zanghi	E	72
T3	Kirk Hanefeld	E	72
T6	John Paesani	1	73
T6	John Hickson	1	73
T6	Rick Karbowski	1	73
T6	Brendon Ray	1	73
T6	Nicholas Jagoe	1	73







Points Season

NEPGA Point Winners Announced for 2018

The NEPGA season might be starting to wind down, but the Section's point races are just beginning. The Section has three major opportunities for Professionals to participate in events other than just golf on the course.

The SCNS Sports Foods 1st Tee/ 10th Tee Challenge takes a snapshot of the Avidia Bank Stroke Play Series that's beyond scores in individual events. It takes a Professional's score in relation to par on the first and tenth holes only. At the end of the Stroke Play Series, scores from the first holes and tenth holes are then aggregated and the lowest PGA Professional from either contest is crowned champion. Congratulations to Bob

Bruso, PGA on his win in the 10th tee Challenge, and congratulations to Liam Friedman, PGA, Kirk Hanefeld, PGA, Dave Dionne, PGA, and Jeff Martin, PGA on winning the 1st Tee Challenge!



50N5 SPORTS FOODS



In the 'Race to the Avidia Cup", PGA Professionals whom participate in any of the Stroke Play Series events accumulate points for high finishes. The top 54 point finishers after the five Stroke Play Series events participated in the Avidia Cup Finals on October 2nd at Montcalm GC in Enfield, NH. After shooting a four-under-par 68, Liam Friedman, PGA was crowned as the Avidia Cup Champion.

The OMEGA-Wogan Player of the Year tallies points based on New England PGA Member finishes in New England Section, State and National events throughout the year. At the end of the season, the NEPGA Professional with the most points is declared the OMEGA-Wogan Player of the Year. The award's



namesake, Eugene "Skip" Wogan, was an accomplished New England Section player as well as one of the founders of the PGA of America while serving as the Section's first President. Skip was also active on a national level with the PGA of America's Board of Directors. Over the past five years, Shawn Warren, PGA and Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA have won it three and two year respectively. This season, Sean Warren locked down the title with 12,367 points! Congratulations Shawn

Went Fishing

Wentworth puts up a great test for Head Pro-Teaching Pro Championship

Rico Riciputi, PGA (Wentworth by the Sea CC) finished with a 71 (+1) and won a playoff to take home the crown at the NEPGA Teaching Professional Championship. Tom Tobey, PGA (Sandwich Hollows GC) was crowned the Head Professional Champion, finishing with a 69 (-1) and was the only player under par.

The weather was dicey at best heading into the day. The morning groups hit their tee shots without a drop of rain to fall, but as the day progressed, the weather got only worse. The afternoon groups surely had a much tougher time facing down the quirks of Wentworth's layout, wind gusts, and occasional downpour.

The Teaching Professional contest began and concluded first. As a host PGA Professional, Riciputi had home field advantage on the course, but still struggled with his fellow Professionals. From the start, Riciputi made bogey on the mammoth 450+ yard par 5 hole. But, he wouldn't be too down for too long.

The second hole is one he'll remember forever, as he put the best swing he had on the ball, to knock it in the hole for his very first hole-in-one.

"It's really cool because I got to do it at my home course and in front of my members too, it just means so much more to do it here than anywhere else really," said Riciputi.

The rest of his round was filled with solid golf, navigating the narrow fairways that Wentworth has to offer. After turning through nine holes at even, he made two birdies on the 11th and 13th holes. But, even he wasn't without some struggles on the course, and made an 8 on the 14th. He salvaged some of it with a final birdie on the 18th, and finished with a one-over-par 71.

Riciputi, Eric Barlow, PGA (Winchester CC), Rick Karbowski, PGA (Auburn Driving Range) all finished tied in the top



spot at 71 and headed to a playoff on the first hole. After two perfect shots, Riciputi holed a 25ft birdie putt to win as Karbowski and Barlow made par. It's his first win in the Teaching Professional Championship.

All of the Professionals in the Head Professional division teed off in the later part of the day, and had some of the worse weather as well. But, nevertheless they persevered to put up some good performances. Tobey was one of the earlier head professionals to tee off and had a great day on the course. He made two bogeys on the fifth and seventh holes, but jumped back to even with two birdies on the eighth and ninth to turn even with par.

On the back, Tobey continued his birdie train and made three more on the 11th, 15th, and 16th. Even with two bogeys on the 17th and 18th, he still finished at one-under-par 69. He was the only professional on the day under par.

"It's an awesome feeling, I had surgery about a few months ago and had to take some time off from playing but I finally feel good and am playing again, and it's just so great to win this event after all of that," said Tobey.

Thank you to PRG Accessories and Clem Lamarre for tee gifts for all of our PGA professionals and PGA Tour for their support. Also, thank you to Wentworth by the Sea and Gordon Swennes, PGA for hosting this great event.

RESULTS

Pos	Head Pro		Score
1	Thomas Tobey	-1	69
2	John Hickson	2	72
T3	Frank Dully	3	73
T3	Rick LeBeau	3	73
T3	Greg Farland	3	73
T3	John Fields	3	73
T3	Matthew Bradbury	3	73
T3	David Wilson	3	73
Pos	Teaching Pro		Score
1	Rico Riciputi (p)	1	71
T2	Eric Barlow	1	71
T2	Rick Karbowski	1	71





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Florence's Folly

Assistant's Championship Day Rained out, Bruso Crowned Champ.

Bob Bruso, PGA (Blackstone National) shot an opening round 70 (-2) at Renaissance Golf Club in Haverhill to lead the Assistant's Championship on Monday. He was the only player in the round to shoot an under par score and would later be crowned champion as the final round of the Assistant's Championship was rained out.

Bruso's opening day was highlighted by consistent performance. After a few pars, he made two birdies on the fourth and fifth holes, but bogeyed the sixth. He made the turn at one-under-par. On the back, he got off to some early trouble with a bogey on the tenth. However, he avenged his mistake by making a birdie on the challenging par-4 12th hole and on the 14th. He came into the clubhouse with a stretch of pars to finish at 70.

The rest of the field did not fare as well on the course. Brian Silva's first design, the Renaissance GC gave some PGA Professionals more of a challenge than they expected. Even though most players had competed in the 2017 NEPGA Section Championship held between Turner Hill GC and Renaissance and had experienced the course before, Monday's scoring average was an 81 (+9). Even with a field as talented as the one Quidnessett and Warwick CC, he finished T9. The last time he in New England, the golf course came out on top to hold scores on the higher side.

C.J. Konkowski, PGA (Keene GC) put up a strong performance on Monday as well. The Assistant PGA Professional hit the ball well and made two birdies on the first and second holes to jump out to a two-under-par start. He hit the ball so well that the combined distance between his first two putts was about five feet.

Konkowski picked up a bogey on eight to make the turn at oneunder par. He made another bogey on 13, but corrected his error with a comeback birdie on 14. However, an extra bogey on the back kept him from finishing even with Bruso, and he finished even at 72 and in sole possession of second place.

Four PGA Professionals finished at 73 (+1: Zac Temple, PGA (Hanover CC), Peter Ruymann, PGA (Sunday River GC), Jake Leech, PGA (Tedesco CC), and Liam Friedman, PGA (Nashawtuc GC).



The remnants of Hurricane Florence were too strong for the last NEPGA Championship event of the year to continue. Constant overnight heavy rains rendered the course unplayable, as several areas in Northern Mass, and Southern New Hampshire received over four and a half inches of rain.

This marks Bruso's first championship victory in the New England PGA. In this year's Section Championship at played in the 2016 Assistant's Championship at The Cape Club of Sharon, he finished fifth.

"It's been an awesome year, I've thought I've played pretty well. in the past I've had a hard time finishing tournaments and finishing rounds when was new to the section and now playing more and understanding how to finish a round and control my game that's really helped me, so to win a couple of big tournaments shows me I'm getting better at that," said Bruso.

Bruso, along with C.J. Konkowski, PGA; Zack Temple, PGA; Liam Friedman, PGA; Jake Leech, PGA; and Brian Owens, PGA have qualified and will play in the National Car Rental Assistant's Championship at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL in November.

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Education Update

From Mike Bradshaw, PGA NEPGA Education Chair



Hello Fellow NEPGA Professionals!!

It's been an excellent season for golf thus far in New England and I hope everyone is having a safe and successful season.

As you probably already know, we entered into a new Member Service Requirement (MSR) cycle as of June 16th that runs through June 15, 2021. As a quick review, 54 MSRs are required by the end of the cycle to maintain one's PGA membership. Of these, at least 36 of the MSRs must come from the "PGA-Required" Category.

three segments (Remember—at least 36 of your MSRs MUST come from this Category). category):

- PGA Meetings and Education (National, Section and/or Chapter meetings, PGA-approved education, and approved allied association National Meetings and education)
- Player Development (promotion, conducting and reporting of Player Development Programs; e.g. PGA

Junior League, Get Golf Ready, PGA Hope clinics, etc.)

Professional Standards and Data **New for this cycle** (completion and submission of National surveys such as the Compensation Survey, Facility Operations Survey, revenue Scorecard, etc.)

The total category consists of five segments

- Service to the PGA/Industry
- **Golf Coach**
- **PGA Tournament Participation**
- Attending the PGA Merchandise Show
- Publishing a Media-Related Article

Also, Members who have attained a combination of years of active membership and age which adds up to 90 or more before the start of the current cycle (June 16, 2018) will only be required to earn 12 MSR credits from the Meeting/Education/Player The PGA-Required category consists of Development/Professional Standards and Data category (PGA Required

> Here in the NEPGA we have a renewed commitment to our member education with the NEPGA University. Currently "out for Summer", the University provides a comprehensive educational platform at events throughout the Section for our members. Our five pillars (Merchandising, Instruction, Personal Wellness, Golf Operations and Career

Development) are the guide in the construction and implementation of the University's schedule.

Plus, coming this Fall, the "U" will go digital with its' own on-line video channel. Our Section staff has been hard at work since this past winter recording all of our events with the intention of being able to share them with the entire membership. Just viewing the video may not get you MSRs, but will definitely give you some information and knowledge that you can use at your facility. Plus, we are exploring the ability to add an on-line assessment at the end of each video segment which will allow for members to earn MSRs from the PGA-required category for each video and assessment passed.

I know that the 2021 deadline is guite a bit away at this point, but it's NEVER too early to get started bettering yourself and your brand at your facility. I urge each and every one of you to explore the Education and MSR information available online at both NEPGA.com and PGA.org.

Have a great rest of the season and I hope to see you soon!!!

Sincerely,

Mike Bradshaw, PGA **NEPGA Secratary**

Fall Meeting

NEPGA Annual Meeting Unites PGA Professionals Before Winter Offseason



Panel speakers (I to r): Noel Gebauer, PGA, Jim Richerson, PGA, and Rob Bibeau, PGA PGA of America Secretary , Jim Richerson, PGA attended the NEPGA Fall meeting to be part of a special town hall with NEPGA's District 1 Director: Noel Gebauer, PGA and NEPGA President Ron Bibeau, PGA. Richerson covered a wide range of topics such as the PGA of America move to Texas, and changing education requirements for PGA apprentices and members.





(left) Glenn Kelly, PGA accepts a plaque from Ron Bibeau, PGA honoring his time and accomplishments as the Cape Cod Chapter Director.

(right) Brian Bickford, PGA (Val Halla GC) accepts his plaque as the outgoing Maine Chapter Director.











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(I to r) NEPGA's Honorary President Rob Jarvis, PGA swears in Mark Aldrich, PGA (Worcester CC) and Dave Donnellan, PGA (Hyannis Golf Club)

Aldrich and Donnellan take the NEPGA oath to serve the Section as given by Honorary President Jarvis. They replace outgoing Chapter Directors from Massachusetts and Cape Cod in Scott Hickey, PGA (Cyprian Keyes GC) and Glenn Kelly, PGA. Doug Van Wickler, PGA (Woodlands GC) (not pictured) will also be taking over as Maine Chapter Director.



The room at Renaissance GC was nearly filled for the NEPGA Fall Annual Meeting. It was a highly anticipated day filled with spirited discussion and updates from the New England Section



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ctober Tournament News As the October Tournament Season comes to a close, we're looking ahead to a wonderful

tournament season for November! Here's what we have planned:

NEPGA Las Vegas Pro-am

The NEPGA will travel for it's last two events of the year, beginning wit the Vegas Pro-Am! November 12-14, the NEPGA will be traveling to top-notch courses off of the Vegas strip: Shadow Creek, Siena GC, and Southern Highlands. This event has been so wildly popular this year, that it is completely sold out! Thank you to our partners in this event!





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Gosling's International Invitational



The NEPGA will travel to beautiful Bermuda on Novemebr 26-30 to help run the Gosling's Invitational with Partner Gosling's Rum. After a long hard year, this event is a great way to relax and enjoy the tropical sun! This even has been so popular it has sold out!

Click for more information

Important Dates

November 5-9

PGA of America Annual Meeting

November 5

Mass. Chapter Individual Stableford

November 12

Mass Chapter Pro-Pro at Blue Hill

November 12-14

NEPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am

November 26-30

Gosling's Rum Invitational

November 27

NEPGA Golf Club Fitting Forum

December 13-14

NEPGA Certified Professional Seminar







Meet the Members

Meet some of the NEPGA's Newest Members

Todd Prescott, PGA Elected in October 2018



Where are you from? Hampton Falls, NH

Where did you attend college?

What was your first job in the golf business? I worked at Old Marsh Country Club

Where do you currently work? I'm currently working at Cochecho Country Club in Dover, New Hampshire

What are your career aspirations? I would like to be a teaching Professional







The Milton Hoosic Club, Canton, MA

Sean Duong, PGA Elected in October 2018



Where are you from? Sudbury, MA

Where did you attend college? University of Massachusetts at Amherst

What was your first job in the golf business? I was a Golf Club Inventory Associate at 3Balls.com Golf

Where do you currently work? I'm currently working at The Milton Hoosic Club and am the Rhode Island Chapter Manager at the New England PGA

What are your career aspirations? I would like to continue to do what I love, which is working in golf!

Fore the Job

PGA PGA

NEPGA Endorses John Lindert for PGA of America Secretary

The New England PGA recently announced its Section support for John Lindert, PGA for the position of National Secretary.

The announcement comes after a lengthy interview process by the board of each candidate.

John is the Director of Golf at Country Club of Lansing, a Member of the Michigan PGA Section, and is the District 5 Director on the PGA Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the NEPGA and Executive Committee went through a rigorous process which included phone conversations with each candidate, conference calls as well as attending the super-regional meetings in Atlanta, GA where the four candidates presented and

met with Section leadership.

After many conversations it was decided at the July NEPGA board meeting the section would support John.

He was selected for his experience and passion for the PGA brand, and we felt he was a genuine Professional and has the best interests of the PGA Professional in mind.

Section leaders in New England feel very passionately about the responsibility to make decisions that affect change on the national level, and are very eager to see the results of the election.

All of the profiles for the candidates are available online on PGA.org, or by clicking the button.



Click for information on all of the candidates











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Foundation Pro-Am

NEPGA Raises Thousands in Scholarship Pro-Am

The New England PGA's annual Foundation Scholarship Pro-Am was another success in 2018.

The George Weymss NEPGA Scholarship Pro-Am featured nearly 30 teams at TPC Boston in Norton, MA. It was a perfect Fall day with all teams looking to support the NEPGA Foundation through a fun day of raffles, on-course competitions, and of course, golf.

On the playing side of the action, Framingham Country Club's team led by PJ Breton, PGA took home a first place finish at 136 (-8) in the two best ball of 4 competition which combined gross and net scores.



Click to hear John Lawrence from Tournament Solutions on the "Fore the Foundation" partnership

John Lawrence from partner Tournament Solutions was on hand during the day to further support the event. Tournament Solutions is a longtime supporter of the NEPGA Section, and in 2018 ran a program called "Fore the Foundation." The initiative



donated 10% of all orders made by NEPGA Professionals during the 2018 season to the NEPGA Foundation.

Following golf there was a scholarship dinner to announce the success of the Foundation's first year, and to thank all of the teams who came out to the event. Lawrence presented the NEPGA Foundation with a check for \$5,554.43, signifying Tournament Solutions' donation to the Foundation from their "Fore the Foundation" initiative during the 2018 golf season.

Additionally, Tournament Solutions ran a contest within the "Fore the Foundation" initiative to see which golf club could raise the most money.

Worcester Country Club won the contest, and Mark Aldrich, PGA and his team were awarded with a free entry into the event and a commemorative pin flag.

Thank you to Mark Nowsielski, PGA and TPC Boston for hosting this event again in 2018! Also Thank you to partners Tournament Solutions, Oakley, and Lincoln for their support.





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dates of employment, and contact information. It is always recommended that these positions are also posted on 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.

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You and your immediate family members can contact SupportLinc at any time, day or night, and speak directly to a licensed MAP counselor. The experienced SupportLinc counselor will collect some general information about you and will talk to you about the nature of your issue. This process is called an "intake". Once the intake conversation is completed, the counselor will schedule an in-person appointment with a nearby clinician who best fits the need that was identified during the intake.

You can call SupportLinc toll-free at 866-4PGAMAP (474-2627). You will be immediately connected to a licensed SupportLinc counselor who can provide you with assistance. SupportLinc is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you are logged into PGA.org, you can access the Member Assistance Program website directly through the Benefits & Tools area. Login information is not required.

A \$5 line item charge is included in the FY2018/2019 annual dues invoices. The Member Assistance Program is a result of Resolution 3, which was passed at the 2017 PGA Annual Meeting last fall.











PGA NEWS

A Note from PGA Career Consultant Mike Packard, PGA





To my fellow PGA Professionals,

I am writing this letter to inform you that after careful consideration, I have decided to resign as your Career Consultant effective November 30, 2018. After almost 11 years of serving professionals and facilities in the northeast I truly have cherished the opportunity I have had working for the PGA of America and supporting my Sections.

You have all welcomed me and supported various programs over the years, opened the door to your personal and professional lives with hope that I could aid or assist in some way, I will never forget that.

I have met lifelong friends in this role and I know many of those relationships will continue.

I do have plans to continue giving back to PGA Professionals in an exciting new role and I look forward to seeing many of you down the road in the very near future. My passion and dedication to help others in this wonderful industry will not change simply because my job title has.

Without question, my time as your Consultant has been made easier over the years because the PGA of America has always provided the resources needed to help us all succeed, which I'm sure will continue. Our leadership does have your best interest in mind and I'm confident a talented individual will begin to serve all of you almost immediately when my time has ended.

There are so many of you that have helped me to become a better person, father, husband and PGA Professional. Please know that I am forever indebted to many of you and I hope that I can continue to support you in any way you may need.

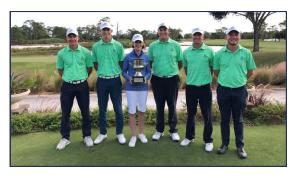
I wish all the very best to each and every fellow PGA Professional.

Michael Packard, PGA mpackard@pga.com 860.593.3338

FGCU Takes Jones Cup

The team from Florida Gulf Coast University won the 2018 Jones Cup, a golf tournament featuring PGA Professional Golf Management programs across the country.

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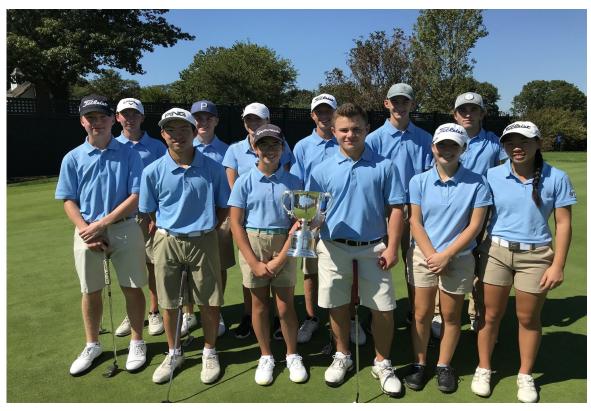
District 1 Director Report: Noel Gebauer, PGA



Click here to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of October featuring information on the PGA Golf Management University Scholarship, the "PGA Journeys" campaign, the PGA's Social Responsibility report and much more!

Remy Cup Juniors

Top NEPGA Juniors Notch Consecutive Win over Connecticut Section Juniors



From left (Titleist hat & front row) Conner Willett, James Imai, Victoria Veator, Cooper Griffin, Emily Nash, Allison Paik
From left (Callaway Hat & back row) Will Campbell, Christian Emmerich, Tate Hadges, Max Hutter, Dan Brooks, Nate Ingram

The seventh annual Remy Cup Matches were played on Sunday, September 18th at the beautiful Rhode Island Country Club in Barrington, RI. Eight girls and four boys from the New England PGA Junior Tour and the Connecticut PGA Junior Tour competed in a nine-hole four-ball contest, a nine-hole foursome contest, and an overall match contest. Team NEPGA, needed nine points to hold the cup for the third year in a row.

Team CTPGA and Team NEPGA were tied 3pts to 3pts after the front nine Four-Ball contest. However, on the back nine it was all Team NEPGA, securing eight points on the way to an 11-7 final score and victory. The field was especially talented, and consisted of a slew of top notch players from the New England Section including Massachusetts Junior Amateur Champion James Imai, Bay State Cup Invitational Boys & Girls Champions Christian Emmerich and Allison Paik, and New England Jr. PGA Champion Emily Nash.

Team New England's victory allows the NEPGA Section to keep the cup in their possession as they evened the series at three wins a piece with the Connecticut Section (overall status 3-3-1). Connecticut has now won three matches and lost three. The match was halved in 2015.

Click here for a look at the full leader board. Click HERE for more Pictures

The competition was named in honor of Remy, past president of the PGA of America and General Manager and Director of Golf at Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, VT. Remy became the first PGA of America President from the New England Section, sitting on the PGA of America board from 2009-10. Team NEPGA's win is dually as special as it was Jim's birthday on Sunday.

Thank you to Rhode Island Country Club for hosting this great event!









Gearing up Juniors for Fall

NEPGA Junior Tour Items for sale to Benefit Foundation



The New England PGA Junior Tour has begun a new partnership with Ink'd Stores to sell Junior Tour merchandise to those in New England and beyond. Junior Tour logo items will be available on their new web store. All proceeds from the store are donated back to the NEPGA Foundation.

All Junior Tour merchandise will be available online only through Ink'd Stores. Some of the items include a backpack, t-shirts, a beanie cap, and sweatshirts. While only a select amount of items are available now, the Junior Tour will expand the offering in the new future.

Jay Sapovits, president of Ink'd is especially excited about the partnership.

"The NEPGA Jr Tour focuses on the right aspects of junior golf, sportsmanship and integrity. It also is a remarkable display of courage for young competitors. With the effort junior golfers take to grow their games, I believe they will wear this logo proudly among their friends. That is a group of individuals I want to be supportive (of)," said Sapovits.

To locate the Junior Tour online store, go to https://stores.inksoft.com/nepga ir tour/shop/home

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2018 NEPGA Scholarship Recipients Announced!

Congratulations to the 2018 NEPGA Foundation Wemyss Scholarship **Recipients!**

Freshman Students (incoming September 2018)

Sara Bishop: Mount Holyoke College William Farland: UMass Amherst Addison Kennamer: University of NH Tyler Mann: UMass Lowell

Samantha Marcotte: University of V Madison McBroom: UMass Boston Alison Tzianabos: Clark University

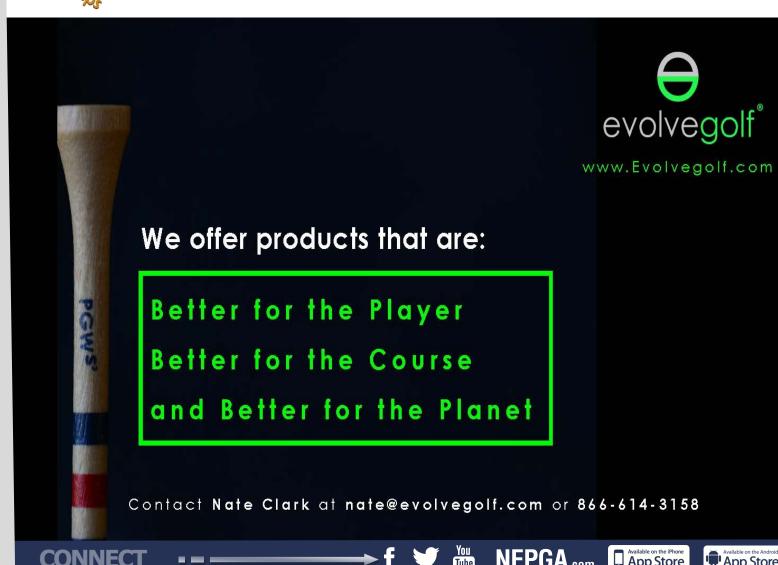


College Students

Elisabeth Boshka: Messiah College Christopher Decker: University of Maine Olivia Durocher: Worcester State University

Matthew Emmi: University of Tampa Victoria Giffin: UMass Amherst Morgan Griffin: Middlebury College **Bienard** Hardy: Champlain College Julianne Hester: St. Joseph's University Leia McBroom: Florida Gulf Coast University

Adam Moore: Endicott College













CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Cape Chapter Manager Mickey Herron, PGA

Island Classic



Four of the 104 players teed off the fabulously renovated Sankaty Head GC/ Hole #1 in the 31st Annual Island Classic held Oct. 10 & 11 enjoying Indian Summer-like warm conditions for most of the event. This entire classic course had taken a hiatus from hosting while completing their comprehensive changes (now par 71) as Miacomet GC had hosted the past two years. The 36-hole Pro-Am was won by the team from Hyannis GC led by Dave Donnellan, PGA and his terrific partners Matt Hills (who fired 67-65 on his own ball), Chris Towle & brother Will D. Next year's edition will feature one round at each Sankaty Head and Miacomet, continuing the tradition of this being one of the best 2-day team events anywhere!





(I to r): Chris Gagnon, PGA Head Professional at The Brookside Club joined by John Shields, course owner Richard McCarthy & course Superintendent Joe Deely, GCSAA



CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS Continued...

Submitted by Cape Chapter Manager Mickey Herron, PGA

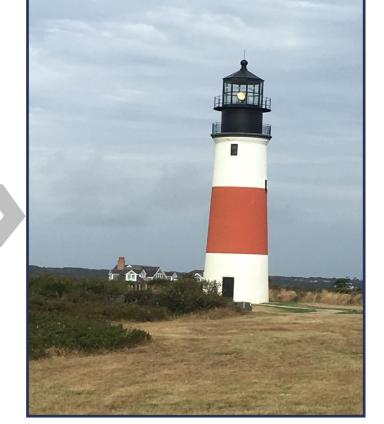
Tournament News



(I to r): Mike Fitzgerald, Jim McEvoy, Dana Savoie & Ryan Payne, PGA Head Professional at The Cape Club



The Sankaty Head Lighthouse stands behind Sankaty Head Golf Club in Siasconset, MA on the beautiful island of Nantucket.











SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Senior Association President Joe Carr, PGA



Bass Rocks Golf Club September 13, 2018

The Senior Association held a Pro-3 Am at Bass Rocks Golf Club in Gloucester, MA on September 13th. The Senior Association Professionals and their amateur teams had a wonderful day playing this great venue and the course was in its usual pristine condition. Thank you to Host Professional, Peter Hood, PGA for a day to remember!

Results

Individual Pro Gross:

1 Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnassett Lake CC
2 Dave Dionne, PGA Beverly Golf & Tennis Club
3 Al Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC
80

Individual Pro Net:

1 Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC 78
2 Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC 73
3 Bill Lodge, PGA Life Member 75

Team Gross:

1 Dave Dionne, PGA Beverly Golf & Tennis Club - E. Gjerde - J. Henehan - T. Bille 66
2 Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnassett Lake CC - D. Ahern - G. Rodgers - K. McLaughlin 68
3 Chris Costa, PGA Middleton GC - C. Nelson - J. McKenize - A. Lindsey 69

Team Net:

1 Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC - P. Shorthose - R.

Corbert - T. Hood 58

2 Jack Sullivan, PGA Bass Rocks GC - T. Andrew - F.

Sablone - D. McSheffrey 61

t3 Joe Carr, PGA Bedrock GC - Lanny Tower - Al Rugg
Doug Farmer 63

t3 Bill Lodge, PGA Life Member - M. Otero - F. Freitas
D. Valente 63

t3 Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC - L. Hasenfus - M.

Dunn - J. Harvey 63



SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS Continued...

Submitted by Senior Association President Joe Carr, PGA





(left): Peter Hood, PGA watches the play on the course

(right): Needham Golf Club team with Harry Rose, PGA. They won the Team Net. Also pictured are P. Shorthose, R. Corbert, and T. Hood

Watch for highlights from the 2018 Senior Association Championship played at Pleasant Valley CC on October 11th in the November Full Swing Magazine!

MA CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by MA Chapter President, Chris Young, PGA

Barlow and Park win Fall Chapter Meeting & Pro-Pro

Eric Barlow, PGA (Winchester CC) and Seul-Ki Park, PGA (Winchester CC) shot a combined five-under par 67 to win the 2018 NEPGA Massachusetts Chapter Fall Pro-Pro on Tuesday at The Haven CC in Boylston, MA.

The high-powered duo featured consistent strength throughout the event, despite rain and some hail on the course. Their stellar performance featured six birdies, eleven pars and only one bogey on the day. Barlow and Park finished only one shot clear of Chris Kasheta, PGA (Red Tail GC) & Jim Pavlik, PGA (Red Tail GC) as who shot a four under par 68.

The Fall Meeting which took place prior to the Pro-Pro provided the Chapter with new leadership as the following were elected into office:

Lou Rivers, PGA - President

Shawn Durocher, PGA - Vice-President

David Sibley, PGA – Secretary

Mark Aldrich, PGA – District Director (Central MA)

A special thanks to host PGA Professionals, Hal Jacobs, PGA; Bryan Fitzpatrick and Matt Bamforth (Superintendent) for having the course in phenomenal shape.

The remaining fall tournament schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 5—Individual Stableford at Thomson CC

Monday, November 12—Pro-Pro at Blue Hill CC











MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by ME Chapter President Tony Decker, PGA

This may be the most beautiful season in Maine because of the changing leaves, but it also brings cold and rain. Despite the nasty stretch of weather we were able to get in our last two Pro-Ams of the season, albeit with very small fields. But we're Mainers, so what if it's 45 degrees and raining, we still play golf, as winter isn't very far away.

On October 16th the Maine Chapter held their annual fall meeting at Purpoodock Club. The



turnout was lower than usual but those in attendance garnered much information about the Chapter and Section affairs.



At the Chapter level there were reports from President, Tony Decker, PGA; various committee chairs and Operations Manager, Don Doyon.

Section oriented reports were presented by Mike Higgins, NEPGA Executive Director; NEPGA President Ron Bibeau, PGA; NEPGA Foundation President, Rob Jarvis, PGA; Don Doyon, NEPGA Maine Junior Tour; Mike Packard, PGA Career Services and Brian Bain, PGA Player Development and PGA Junior League.

Following the presentations, Chapter elections were held to fill open positions.

Elected to the Maine District Director position was Doug Van Wickler, PGA,

Woodlands Club. Also elected to Chapter Director positions were Don Roberts, PGA,

Waterville CC, and Dan Venezio, PGA, Portland CC.

During Open Forum there was some lively discussion concerning the Chapter's tournament schedule and the lack of participation. A survey was created and will be

distributed to all the membership in hopes of gathering information and ideas from those members who play and those who don't.

Our Chapter meeting also included the Pro-Assistant Championship. Four-Ball stroke play. We had a tie at -2 under so we had Co-Champions Congratulations to Dan Limauro, PGA and Chris Kelloway from The Ledges GC and John Hickson, PGA and Henry Fall from Bath GC.

The Maine Chapter wishes to thank all the sponsors who made are events possible and we hope everyone has a great off-season and Happy Holidays.



NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA



Alex Kirk, PGA Teaching a lesson at NH Golf Day

On September 13th, New Hampshire Chapter professionals were on hand at the state house in Concord, NH to give instructions to attendees at the New Hampshire Golf Day. The event, co-hosted by the New Hampshire Golf Association; NH Golf Course Superintendent's Association, National Golf Course Owners Association; the New England PGA-New Hampshire Chapter and the First Tee was to celebrate the game of golf and to demonstrate to state legislators the financial impact that the golfing industry has on the economy of the state.

Tony Loch (PGA) father of Cochecho CC head professional Tim Loch and one of the founding fathers of the New Hampshire Chapter will be among the first class of honorees to be inducted in to the New Hampshire Golf Hall of Fame. Tony served as head professional at Portsmouth Country Club and is a former director of the New England PGA and the New Hampshire Chapter Board of Directors and was a winner of more than 100 pro ams in his illustrious career. The Hall of Fame was established in 2018 to recognize individuals whose contributions have made a positive impact on the game of golf in the Granite State. The New Hampshire Chapter is a partner with the New Hampshire Golf Association in this endeavor.

Congratulations to New Hampshire Chapter professionals C.J. Konkowski of Keene CC and Zac Temple of Hanover CC for qualifying for the Assistant PGA Professional National Championship at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida in November. Danny Kish of Atkinson CC shares an alternate spot for the event.



The newly renovated Nashua CC hosted an NHC ProAm on September 17th. Low professionals for the day were Matthew Bradbury and Jay Pollini with 2 under rounds of 69. Rich Ingraham, Jason Malcom and Allison Mitzel were also under par with scores of 70.

Passaconaway CC was the scene of the September 4th ProAm. Jon Ellis was the Low Professional for the day with a 5 under par round of 66. Other pros breaking par were CJ Konkowski (68), Tom Smith (69) and Eric Soderman, Zac Temple and Danny Kish at 1 under 70.



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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS (cont.)

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA

The NHC Fall Meeting of Members was held at Intervale CC with elections taking place.

Results of the elections are as follows:

President: Scott Devito (PGA) 2 yr term until 2020 Fall

Meeting

Vice President: Cory Mansfield (PGA) 2 yr term until 2020

Secretary: Tim Riese (PGA) 2 yr term until 2020

Delegate at Large: Alex Kirk (PGA) 2 yr term until 2020 Delegate at Large: Phil Davis (PGA) 1 yr term until 2019

Year end chapter awards were given out to the following:

Bill Strausbaugh-Scott Devito (PGA)

Junior Leader of the Year-Phil Davis (PGA)

Teacher of the Year-Alex Kirk (PGA)

NHC Professional of the Year-Peter Doherty (PGA)

NHC Player of the Year-Matthew Bradbury (PGA)

VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Vermont Chapter President, Brian Gara, PGA



Wire to Wire

David Jankowski from Orleans CC shot back to back 71s to win the 2018 Vermont Chapter stroke play championship at Stowe CC. He made a very important eagle at the Par 5 11th hole to hold off a charging David Bennett by one stroke. Todd Trono rounded out the top three finishing with a two day total of 152. The champion in the senior division was John Paul from Kwiniaska GC with a two day total of 154.

The Vermont Match Play Championship was once again hosted at Ekwanok CC on September 19th and 20th. It was a fabulous two days of golf with Kevin Bennison from Manchester CC making a big right to left 30 foot putt on their18th hole defeating the defending champion David Bennett (CC of Vermont) one up. Kevin and his father Chuck are pictured below.

Michael Slayton and Sue Horton used five birdies to lock up the final Vermont major of the year Monday at the Country Club of Vermont shooting a round of three under 69 (best ball format). The teams of David Jankowski/Josh Olney and John Goodchild/John Paul tied for second place both ending with scores of 71. A very special thanks goes to Golf Value Book and Five Star Golf Cars&Utility Vehicles for sponsoring the event and making it a great experience for everyone.



RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by RI Chapter President Tony DiGiorgio, PGA

Doyle Does it!

Welcoming in the legends of the Fall on what started out to be a beautiful sunny day for 36 holes of Championship golf to crown the 2018 Rhode Island **PGA Chapter** Champion. Carnegie Abbey by the water provided the



good ol' bait and switch with the weather quickly changing to a breezy and cloudy afternoon. Quickly navigating around the golf course to try and stay ahead of the evolving tough conditions. The winds pushed the players in after Round 1 and we have Brendon Ray, PGA and Matt Doyle, PGA tied at 1-under 70. Alone in third shooting a 2-over 73 Thomas Mally, PGA, Brian Owens, PGA and John Rainone, PGA in the hunt at 4-over 75, and rounding the top 6 spots is Shane Drury, PGA with a 6 -over 77.

Staying tuned as the field has returned to the golf course for Round 2 amidst looming talk about potential rain. As the day progressed and groups started to finish up their final test of 18 holes, of which, would lead to a fantastic finish. With a couple groups in, the clubhouse leader is Brendan Ray, PGA bettering his Round 1 score by shooting a Round 2 score of 2-under 69. The score lived for a good while as the rest of the groups seemed to be a tad bit off the blistering pace set by the earlier groups. A couple of players succumbed to what the golf course presented; except for one player. That one player was Mat Doyle, PGA who came in relaxed and seemed like he was just simply operating on all cylinders, fired a 4-under 67 in Round 2 to hoist the crown as the 2018 Rhode Island PGA Chapter Champion! Congrats Matt Doyle, PGA, you are the RI PGA Chapter Champion!

Congratulations to all the players in the field that participated to make the Chapter Championship completive, thank you to Carnegie Abbey, the Host Professional Ed Kirby, PGA, the supremely helpful staff, and last but not least the sponsors and partners that collaborate to make this all possible - thank you PGA Tour, Avidia Bank, MBC Marketing – Lincoln.



Matt Doyle, PGA (The Misquamicut Club), RI Chapter Champion







ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Assistant's Association President, Brendon Ray, PGA

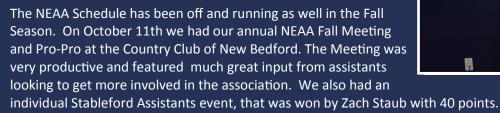


We would like to congratulate Bob Bruso, PGA for winning the NEPGA Assistants Championship on September 17th and 18th at Renaissance in Haverhill, MA. Bob and the rest of the Assistants battled through some tough weather, and even though the second day of the event was cancelled, there were still many great performances, and Bob was certainly one of them.

We are happy to report a record field of 100 players in this year's Championship, the largest NEPGA Assistants Championship field in memory, and the second biggest Assistants Championship in the country for 2018 (second only to the Metropolitan Section). This outstanding level of participation gives the NEPGA the opportunity to send

the strongest possible representatives to the National Car Rental PGA Assistants Championship in November at PGA Golf Club. Congratulations to Bob Bruso, CJ Konkowski,

Zach Temple, Jake Leech, Liam Friedman, and Brian Owens on qualifying for the National event!



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Lastly, we as a Board work very hard to secure sponsorship for our events each year. This year we had a very exciting opportunity to partner with Sentio putters. This fairly new company however needs help from local NEPGA pros to help promote their product. We ask that any and all help from our Association would be much appreciated. We want to thank Sentio Putters for being a sponsor for this year and we look forward to a new relationship with this fantastic company.

We wish everyone a happy fall and look forward to seeing you all out and about on the course.

Thank you to all players and all sponsors to date for a great 2018 season to date! Respectfully Submitted,

NEAA Board



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 9/1-10/12

Newly Elected Members

Name	Club	Classification
Jonathan C. High, PGA	Nantucket Golf Club	A-8
Denis G. Moleres, PGA	Nantucket Golf Club	A-8
Todd W. Prescott, PGA	Cochecho Country Club	A-8
Kyle J. Schroeder, PGA	Cohasset Golf Club	A-8

New Associates

Name	Club	Classification
Michael E. Gunderson	Charles River Country Club	B-8
Christopher R. Young	Ould Newbury Golf Club	B-8

Employment Changes

Name	Club	Classification
Jon N. Ellis, PGA	The Golf Club of New England	A-8
Matthew J. Conroy, PGA	Mount Snow Golf Club	A-4











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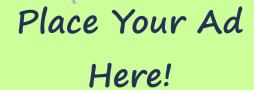
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