

OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT STEVE DEMMER

To all NEPGA members and apprentices as my term as President comes to an end in a few weeks I would like to say thank you as it has been a honor and privilege to serve you and the association. We have had some great moments and not so great moments over the last two years but I must say I truly believe our section is in great shape as we deal with the economy and the impact it has had and will have over the next several years. As I step into the role of Honorary President at our annual meeting on October 28th where we will elect three new officers, a new era will begin for our section and I look forward to continue to help these newly elected officials lead our section to even greater heights.

I will close with one last statement that all professionals should sit down with their chairmen or owners and get a yearly written review. No one is going to protect you except yourself when things start to change at your club. Your ability to pull out that yearly review along with your WRITTEN contracts is what is going to make the difference to you and your family.

If I can be of assistance to anyone please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fairways and Greens to all,

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The NEPGA Awards Banquet serves as the Section's premier annual dinner event. We look forward to paying tribute to the Association's most accomplished members and those individuals who have made notable contributions to the NEPGA and golf in New England. Click [here](#) to view the formal invitation which includes the list of this year's winners.

This year's banquet will take place at Black Rock Country Club on Saturday, October 29th. The evening's festivities will commence with registration from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (kindly arrive no later than 5:30 PM) along with a cocktail reception (cash bar) from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM followed by dinner and honor presentations from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

Tickets to attend the banquet are \$75 each for adults, and \$25 each for children under the age of twelve. Parties of 10 or 12 will have their own table by request only. You will not receive tickets through the mail; instead please check in at registration for your seat(s) or table assignment. We are able to accommodate special dietary needs including a vegetarian entrée and children's entrée upon request prior to the event. Attire is dressy outfits for women; coat and tie for men.

Click [here](#) to register online, or you may register by contacting Joan Stuart at the Section office at 508-869-0000 or jstuart@pgahq.com. We ask that the award winners please call the Section office to register.



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MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MICHAEL HIGGINS

I'm sorry, did someone say October Newsletter? The month of October always signifies one of my favorite times of the year. Leaves change colors; Patriots are playing football an post-season baseball starts up. (I wish I was saying Red Sox post-season baseball, but...) Well, it is also one of my favorite times of the year in the New England PGA. October is when the Section and most Chapters hold their fall meetings. With New England being such a large geographic area, this is a wonderful opportunity for me to travel throughout the Section and connect with Members and Apprentices whom I have not seen in a while, give a year in review from the Section, get a pulse on what is going on throughout New England and wish everyone well as their season comes to an end.

Well, before we can say our goodbyes to the 2011 season we have a jammed packed month. There are 5 chapter meetings, the Seniors' and Assistants' Association also have their fall meetings and at the NEPGA Section Fall Meeting we will be electing three new officers. The AHEAD Stroke Play Series Championship takes place in October. The New England Section takes on the MET and CT Sections in the Mohegan Sun Championship, there is the Northeast Pro-Am Week, the Cape Cod Fall Classic, we are preparing for the Las Vegas Pro-Am, and our Section's two largest scholarship fundraiser pro-am's are held at the Myopia Hunt Club and TPC Boston. This month we will gather at the NEPGA Awards Banquet to applaud the PGA Professionals who have excelled in their area of expertise and to honor our 2011 Hall of Fame inductees.

October is also the time when the employment season starts to heat up. Be sure to update your CareerLinks Profiles and be informed about new job opportunities, and now is also a

good time to update your resume with any new accomplishments or changes in 2011. We are very fortunate to have PGA Employment Consultant Michael Packard available to us here in New England. Michael is not only here to assist our facilities in their process to hire a PGA Professional, but he is very accessible for NEPGA Members and Apprentices to assist with their resume or job interview preparation, compensation comparisons, and even contract negotiations. Please be sure to reach out to either Michael or myself with any questions or concerns regarding employment.

I am very excited to be a part of the New England PGA during our transition to a three officer structure. I have been fortunate to work very closely with each candidate as they are all current NEPGA Board Members, and I am very impressed with the passion and dedication each of them has for their Section. Please try to attend your chapter fall meetings and meet the candidates, but more importantly make every effort possible to be present at Black Rock CC on Friday, October 28 and listen to all of the candidates at the Section Fall Meeting. Your vote is so important, so make it count!

This is the time of the year when we are all starting to see the light at the end of our season's tunnel. Stay strong through the finish line and I wish you the best you as you hopefully wind down. Please reach out to me if there is ever anything I can do, and I hope to see you soon.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Higgins
Executive Director
New England PGA

BAIN WINS PGA NATIONAL AWARD



Congratulations to Brian Bain, PGA head professional at Robert T. Lynch Municipal Golf Course in Brookline, Mass., who is the recipient of the **2011 President's Plaque**. The PGA National Award winners will be recognized at The PGA of America Awards, Jan. 26, 2012, during the 59th PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Fla. Click [here](#) to read more about his accomplishment.

NEPGA FALL MEETING/ELECTIONS

Please plan to attend the 2011 NEPGA Fall Meeting on Friday, October 28, 2011 at 9:00 AM at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, MA and be a part of history as the Section elects its new Board of Director/Officers including the additional chair of Vice President. Be sure to read the messages from the candidates on pages 5-7 of the newsletter.

Office of President:

Jimmy Noris, Dedham Country & Polo Club

Office of Vice President:

Chris Carpenter, Nashawtuc Country Club
Larry Kelley, Five Star Golf Cars

Officer of Secretary/Treasurer:

Brian Bain, Robert T. Lynch Municipal
Susan Bond, Weekapaug GC

Click [here](#) to register for the meeting. Remember, it is very important that we have a strong representation from our Section Members at the Fall meeting to show our support.

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NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS

We start the Tournament News this month by recapping the Pro Senior-Junior Championship that was conducted at Pleasant Valley Country Club on the last day of August. Two teams tied for the Championship, Ron Philo, PGA and Jim Noris, PGA deadlocked with Tom Rooney, PGA and Rusty Gunnarson, PGA at 64. Three other teams trailed the Co-Champions by a single shot, the teams comprised of Steve Demmer, PGA and Rick Karbowski, PGA; John Hickson, PGA and Bob Darling, PGA as well as Troy Pare, PGA and Steve Napoli, PGA who all fired seven under par 65's.

Special thanks to PGA Professional Paul Parajeckas and Superintendent Donnie D'Errico who pulled off a minor miracle by getting the golf course ready for play just days after Hurricane Irene paid a visit to New England. Thanks as well to Mizuno's Matt Mikan and Brent Skinner as well as Antigua and Jeff Dibona for sponsoring.

We also want to recap the fifth and final AHEAD Series event contested at the wonderful Purpoodock Club in Cape Elizabeth, ME. Dan Wilkins, PGA was the low scorer with a brilliant three under par 68, while PGA Professionals Tom Cavicchi and Todd Cook each fired 69. R.J. Ziats, PGA, Dan Gillis, PGA and Shawn Warren all finished at one under par 70.

A big thank you to Mike Worroll, PGA and Superintendent Darius Ianpour for hosting, and as always, our sponsors, AHEAD's Terry Frechette and Golf Buddy's Cary Gordon.

Purpoodock was the final opportunity to earn one of the 36 spots available in the AHEAD Series Championship. The AHEAD Championship is the first event on the October schedule and will be contested at The Golf Club at Turner Hill on October 4. Check out the final AHEAD Series standings on the NEPGA website (look under Tournaments & Player of the Year Points) to see the 36 players who will compete to determine the AHEAD Series Champion.

Additionally, the 36-hole AHEAD Championship is the last chance to earn Wogan points in 2011 and will decide the NEPGA Player of the Year. John Hickson, PGA currently leads the Wogan race, but will not be in the field at Turner Hill. Jeff Martin, PGA and Ron Philo, PGA are both competing, and with a victory can surpass Hickson's total and claim the Player of the Year title.

October means we have entered the wonderful Fall season in New England, the crisp clear air allows for some of the best days of the year for enjoying outdoor activities.

This month also means Pro-Am events return to the NEPGA Section schedule and we kick things off with two Northeast Pro-Ams. We are privileged to be returning to two of the finest courses in the greater Boston area, the historic Tedesco Country Club on October 6 and the following day we return to one of our past favorites, Ipswich Country Club.

The following week we head south to Cape Cod, the Golf Club of Cape Cod on October 13, followed by the Ridge Club on October 14 will serve as our hosts. Both feature out-

standing facilities and terrific layouts that are always in pristine condition.

We hope you can come out and join us for one or all of these Pro-Ams. They are a great opportunity for you to get in some competitive golf while also entertaining your members.

But wait, we still have time for one more day of golf this season, a very special day, too. Monday, October 24 provides you with the opportunity to treat your friends, family and members to a day of golf at either the Myopia Hunt Club, one of the true classic courses in this country, or TPC Boston, steadily creating its own place in history, serving as host for a PGA Tour Play-off event every labor day. Whichever one you choose, you can't go wrong, please put a group together and come out and play, and remember you will also be helping to support the NEPGA George Wemys Scholarship Fund.

That's just about a wrap for the 2011 NEPGA tournament schedule, although I have heard there is a pro-am, a little west of here, that will take place November 7-9 in some little town in the Nevada desert? If they need my help, I guess I'll have to go. The week in Vegas is one where I honestly can say, "I love my job!" Although that joy can sometimes be tempered by an abnormal number of 7's being thrown at the wrong time.

Seriously though, I'd like to say you'll receive a full report on what happens out west, but you know the saying, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" so we'll have to see! One thing I can tell you, we owe a huge thank you to Five Star Golf and Larry Kelley, PGA who will be returning as our sponsor in 2011.

Before I close, I also want to tell you what happened in September, and it was a lot.

The Callaway Golf New England Section Assistant Championship returned to Tedesco CC on September 21-22. Shawn Warren continued a year of stellar play by taking the title firing rounds of 71-67 for a slim one-stroke victory over Bret Gracey, PGA. Jacob Leech, PGA, and Jeff Seavey, PGA tied for 3rd, followed by Jay Askew, PGA and Greg Sandell, PGA. The top five scorers advance to the 35th Callaway Golf PGA Assistant Championship to be contested November 3-6 on the Wanamaker Course at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL. Due to a prior scheduling commitment Seavey will not be able to play in the national event, so, Askew and Sandell were saved the stress of a play-off for the final spot. Good luck to all the qualifiers who advance to represent the New England Section in Florida. A special thanks to Bob Green, PGA and Superintendent Peter Hasak who were our hosts.

The TaylorMade Head Professional Championship was next on the schedule, hosted by Granite Links Golf Club. The exclusive field was treated to magnificent views of the Boston skyline, summer-like weather and immaculate, yet challenging, course conditions and putting surfaces on the Milton and Quincy nines. Yet no matter how challenging the course and how difficult the set-up, someone always finds a way to get the job done. David Corrado, PGA made one of his rare playing

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appearances and he made the most of it, firing a three under par 68 to take home the title. David made five birdies and would need every one of them to secure a one shot victory over Rusty Gunnarson, PGA and George Goich, PGA, while Ron Philo, PGA and Todd Cook, PGA were another shot back at one under, rounding out the top five. Chris Sleeper, PGA, Stephen Clancy, PGA and Superintendent Brad MacDonald were our very gracious hosts.

Last but certainly not least, the Pro-Superintendent Championship closed out the month of September at Red Tail Golf Club. Congratulations to our 2011 Co-Champions Nate Hopley, PGA and John Sadowski of Turner Hill GC and Zack Wyman, PGA and David Evans from Vermont National CC and a special thank you to our sponsor Club Car and Country Club Enterprises for their continued support.

Please continue to check out the weekly "Mixed Bag" emails and the NEPGA website for updates and more information on all things tournaments, see you next month.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Members are needed to play and volunteer at the **11th Annual NEPGA/Special Olympics** Tournament at Braintree Municipal Golf Course on Sunday, October 23rd. It is a nine hole scramble. Tee times are between 11AM and 4PM. A NEPGA golf professional or assistant professional will be part of each foursome.

Volunteers are needed for a second **Golf Fore Military Kids** at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00am till noon. Massachusetts National Guard Family Programs is offering golf instruction clinic for military dependents between the ages of 10 and 17.

Northeast Accessible Golf Association is offering a **Veterans Appreciation Day** on Saturday, October 15th from 1:00 till 4:00 at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course. Free golf lessons will be given to veterans and their families. An adaptive golf cart will be available to help veterans with a physical challenge.

Please call Bob Beach at 781-843-6513 or email him at golfshop@braintreegolf.com to sign up or for more information.

PGA SPORTS ACADEMY

Through the PGA Sports Academy, the PGA is pursuing a more standardized approach to growing junior golf participation and having PGA Professionals at the forefront in delivering this experience. The objective is to develop core golfers who will have pathways to continue to play golf socially or competitively based on each individual's desires.

Currently, the curriculum for the PGA Sports Academy is a work in progress that incorporates five core elements that offer a phased approach to overall mental and physical youth development. Click [here](#) to promote your junior programs and become a host site for the PGA Sports Academy!

2011 FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

Section, Chapter & Association

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
Wed., Oct 12	Maine Ch.	Martindale CC	9AM
Th., Oct 13	Ri. Ch.	Pawtucket CC	11AM
Mon., Oct. 17	Cape Cod Ch.	The GC of CC	9AM
Tues., Oct. 18	Seniors	Kirkbrae CC	Following Golf
Th., Oct. 20	MA Ch.	Worcester CC	2PM, Following Golf (9AM)
Th., Oct. 20	NH Ch.	Laconia CC	9AM
Th., Oct. 27	Asst Assoc	Kernwood CC	Following Golf
Fri., Oct. 28	Section	Black Rock CC	9AM

*The Vermont Chapter Fall Meeting took place on September 19, 2011 at the Country Club of Vermont.

PASSING OF LOU JARVIS, PGA

The NEPGA Section reports with great sadness the passing of Lou Jarvis, PGA. Lou was elected into Membership on June 1, 1990 as an Assistant Professional at Stratton Mountain Country Club. Before becoming Life Member Retired, he was the Head Professional at Catamount Golf Club from April 2008 until June 1, 2010. He also worked at Mt. Anthony Country Club, Practice Tee Driving Range, Airport Driving Range, Essex Country Club, Williston Driving Range, and Essex Country Club. We will send out information on the funeral arrangements and calling hours once the details have been announced.

RALLY FOR THE CURE GOLF CLINIC



On Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 4:30pm, Stephen Clancy, PGA Head Professional at Granite Links Golf Club will host a golf clinic for all skill levels to benefit Rally for the Cure.

-Men & Women are encouraged to participate (\$20 to participate in which all proceeds will be donated to Rally for the Cure).

-Participants will receive a Goody Bag as well as a chance to win prizes.

-Participants will receive a free one year subscription to a Conde Nast magazine.

-Cash or Check is accepted. Please make checks payable to Rally for the Cure.

Click [here](#) to view the application. Applications must be received by Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

Rally for the Cure® is a grassroots program designed to spread awareness about breast health and breast cancer through volunteered organized golf, events. In partnership with Susan G. Komen for the Cure,® Rally empowers people to generate support for the fight against breast cancer in their community through an activity they are passionate about.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CANDIDATES

James Noris, PGA Office of President



It is with great pleasure and humility that I announce my candidacy for the President of the New England Section of the PGA of America. Combining my professional experiences and prior service to the New England PGA, I understand the needs of the entire membership and staff and will lead our section to the best of my abilities.

As the President, I will focus on several areas of opportunity. I will continue the work of Past Presidents to strengthen the committees that shape and run all of the programs and initiatives critical to growing the game. During these difficult economic times, job security and creation, will also be a top priority during my term. I feel that our Professionals are the best in the country and we should pursue every employment opportunity for our members. Creating an appetite for education to allow our professionals to fine tune their skill sets with the ever changing duties and responsibilities of our jobs, is also a passion of mine. With the many entities of the New England Section, I strongly believe it is important to bring Chapters and Associations together to work more efficiently as a group and provide a higher quality of service to our members.

These are just a few of the many areas that I will continue to work hard at in an effort to make the New England Section of the PGA the best. I will always welcome new ideas or concerns that any members and apprentices would like to share, please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you or any of your staff.

I look forward to sharing more of my ideas and goals for the New England PGA at the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 28th at Black Rock Country Club. Please come to the meeting and listen to all of the candidates for office. Hear what each candidate has to say. Exercise your privilege and responsibility to choose the best candidate to lead the section for the next two years. Be a part of the process, come to the meeting, and make your vote count!

Respectfully,
James Noris

Chris Carpenter, PGA Office of Vice President



Dear Fellow Professionals:

Pursuing the Vice President position for the NEPGA has been a very rewarding experience. The process of "campaigning" has added a few events and meetings to my schedule and allowed me to meet many passionate and talented professionals. This alone has been worth the time and effort I have spent pursuing my goal of becoming Vice President.

In 2005, I relocated from Texas to become the Golf Professional at Nashawtuc Country Club in Concord, MA. I was active at both the chapter and section levels in the Northern Texas PGA and knew that I would eventually participate in

chapter or section leadership here in New England. After a few years getting comfortable at Nashawtuc and exploring New England with my family, I began to look for ways to become involved.

That opportunity presented itself in 2010 when I was appointed as the MA District Director to the Section Board. Since then, I have been an active participant on the Board and have chaired the Section's Junior Golf Committee. In addition to my service on the Board, I have continued to host numerous Section activities and events each year. In 2011 alone, Nashawtuc hosted the Pro-Scratch, Pro-Junior, Junior Tour and Amateur Tour events in support of our Section.

I am encouraged by the current direction of the NEPGA and the numerous opportunities ahead of us. Mike Higgins and his staff have been the catalyst for much of our progress over the past year and the section is poised to regain its position of national prominence. Each of our Committees is focused and actively developing strategic solutions to improve the value each member receives from our Section. It is a great time to be involved at any level and I look forward to possibly serving as the next Vice President.

You can be confident that I will represent the members of the NEPGA in an equal, professional and transparent manner in every situation. I am committed to moving our Section forward without losing sight of our mission to serve the members of the NEPGA. I encourage you to attend the annual meeting on October 28th at Black Rock Country Club and cast your vote in this important election.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chris Carpenter
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Larry Kelley, PGA Office of Vice President



Age: 43
Family: Wife Sandi - Daughter Paige 10 & Hope 8
From: Ludlow, VT
Works: Five Star Golf Cars & E-Z-GO

Background – In 1992, I started in the golf business working for Dave Pfannenstien, PGA at Crown Point Country Club in Springfield, VT. I also taught for Jim Remy, PGA at his golf school in Killington, VT when I was an apprentice. During the winter months I traveled to Hobe Sound Golf Club and worked with my wife Sandi in the golf shop. We both transitioned to my first Head Professional position at St Johnsbury CC in 1996. At the time I was the youngest PGA Head Professional in VT. In 1999, I was offered the Head Professional position at Belmont Country Club working for John Fields, PGA and worked there in Belmont until we had our first child in 2001. My wife Sandi worked for Jeff Phillips, PGA at Wellesley CC for our entire time in the Boston area. It was then that I was offered a position working for Cleveland Golf in VT, NH, & ME. I was excited to have an opportunity to move back to VT and raise our children and be close to

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both our families. The best part is that I could keep my PGA membership, still work in this great industry, and support my family by being involved in a sport I love. As many of you know, I now own my own golf car distributorship and love the fact that I am able to be so involved with our Section, Chapter and Association. My background is diverse with 50% of my golf experience coming at the green grass level, teaching, playing, and running tournaments just like you. The last 50% has been spent serving our PGA Professionals and golf courses throughout our Section and Chapters, while being a trusted advisor or consultant. It doesn't matter whether it is golf equipment, golf cars, or advice on how to operate a golf club, I have the knowledge base to help.

Experience – With my background I worked for some really strong golf professionals who encouraged me by example to get involved. I remember driving to the Section meeting at Hillview GC as an apprentice to see Jim Remy, PGA get elected to NEPGA position of Sec / Treasurer. I also remember working the shop at Crown Point when Dave Pfannenstern, PGA came back from our VT Chapter Meeting holding the award for Professional of the Year. To be able to work with and for two great professionals was inspiring and motivated me. This was my introduction to our Chapter & Section. I knew from those days I wanted to be involved and help make our association better by being involved.

In Vermont I was the Education Chairman before my move to Boston. When we started the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter I volunteered to be the Education Chairman again and was responsible for offering programs that had an impact and were informative. I also met a lot of NEPGA members who have now become good friends. In addition, I have been on and chaired the NEPGA Facility Relations Committee, the NEPGA Education Committee, The VT Golf Association Scholarship Committee, The VT PGA Scholarship Committee, and have been on the NEPGA Board of Directors for two terms. I have also received two regional sales awards from the companies I represented as territory manager. I have been awarded the Horton Smith Award for the E. MA Chapter and the VT Chapter three times as well as the NEPGA Section. I have also been awarded the Strausbaugh Award for the VT Chapter and the NEPGA Section. In addition I have been elected in Ludlow, VT as Ludlow Electric Commissioner overseeing multi-million dollar budgets and contracts with power companies that serve Vermont.

Represent – As NEPGA Vice President I will represent all members regardless of where you work or live. If you work at a private golf club, daily fee, driving range or work off course or non-green grass, I will represent you. I have always thought about the PGA member in any board decision or employment matter and how it would affect him or her. I am not afraid to think outside the box and ask questions to make sure we are all headed down the right path.

Why I am running for VP of the NEPGA:

Employment – This item has always been a hot button item for me. We have so many talented Professionals in our Section and these difficult times require us to be more aggressive in promoting our brand. I think that the PGA does a great job in getting us info and making the tools available to us, but we can't rely on them alone. If I am elected I would like to be proactive in our approach with clubs that don't have PGA

Professionals at their facilities or are thinking that they can't afford one. I want to educate them so they know that they can't afford to NOT have a PGA member running the ship. By reaching out to these clubs on a consistent basis and building relationships with these clubs I think we will be able to place members into these clubs and let them build the employment. By being a better golf professional & manager I think we can create employment opportunities and enhance the positions that we currently have, while not forgetting our core strengths of playing and teaching. This will not be easy but with hard work and face-to-face contact, it can happen!

Educating & Mentoring – Without these we don't have the Employment part. Our golf professionals are coming out of the PGM and the Apprentice Program better trained and with more knowledge than many of us ever had. Regardless, the PGA asks that we continue to obtain MSR credits. As we know, these are called Member Service Requirements for a reason. The idea is that everyone has a base line of knowledge or experience. My goal is to go beyond these base requirements and make sure we offer relevant programs that increase our knowledge in marketing, growing membership, accounting, teaching, and complete golf operations.

Growing the Game – I have a Passion for growing the game – First Tee National School Program in VT has over 70 elementary schools and colleges enrolled and we are reaching over 14,000 elementary children in VT. Reaching out to our youngsters is the best way to get to where we need to be in this industry. I didn't do this alone as this happened in VT over a four year period with the help of all the allied golf associations including the Superintendents, Women's Golf Association, and Men's Golf Association. I am fortunate that my father is also the Vermont Golf Association President so it has been a lot of fun working with the VGA hand in hand to make growing the game fun and effective. In these difficult times growing the game is only going to happen if we all work together. The NEPGA can't do it alone but we can lead the charge. I ask that you attend the Section meeting on October 28th and I ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

Brain Bain, PGA Office of Secretary/Treasurer



Dear fellow members,

I just want to take a minute to introduce myself and tell you a little about my background.

Currently I am finishing my ninth season as the Head Golf Professional at the Robert T. Lynch Municipal Golf Course in Brookline, MA where I was fortunate to work with Jack Neville, PGA. Before that I was down in Rhode Island for twelve years. I was at Agawam Hunt for ten years where I got to work with Paul Butler, PGA and Norm Alberigo, PGA and then two years at Louisquissett Golf Club as Head Golf Professional. So I bring a well balanced perspective to you having worked at both private and public facilities.

I also have been giving back to the association since I was an apprentice and look forward to continuing that service. I have served as President of both the Southern MA Chapter and also MA Chapter. Also I have served on the following Section Committees: Junior Golf, Facility Relations, Tournament, and

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Growth of the Game. Currently I am a District Director representing the MA Chapter on the Section Board, Chairperson of the Section Growth of the Game Committee and serving my second term as a member of the PGA Junior Golf Committee. I have been awarded the 2006, 2009 & 2010 New England Section President's Plaque, 2008 New England Section Junior Golf Leader and 2011 National PGA President's Plaque.

We are living in unprecedented times and with that the game of golf has seen the numbers of both golfers and rounds decline. With that being said more pressure is being put on all of us to do more. With Golf 2.0 the allied associations are looking at us the PGA Professional to right the ship. We need to be the MVP's at our facilities and in our communities. The days of opening the door and turning on the lights are over. We need to think outside the box and get out there and bring this great game we all have a passion for to others!

The three areas that I feel are most important to our association is education, employment and growth of the game. I believe they all go hand in hand. We need to continue to educate ourselves and strive to always be better. We also must continue to always be creating new golfers whether we are at private or public facilities. If we do both continue to educate and grow the game then there will be plenty of demand for PGA Professionals and there will be plenty of jobs.

This is an exciting time for the game of golf as we look to the future. The PGA Centennial is in 2016, as well as golf will make its Olympic debut. I have a strong passion to serve the New England Section, a forward looking vision and a desire to serve. At the end of the day this is your association, I want to hear from you and what your concerns are. Please feel free to email me at baingoldpga@yahoo.com or call me on my cell 508-254-0657.

It is up to us, the PGA Professional, to move the needle! I ask for your support and vote on October 28th at our Section Meeting.

Very respectfully,

Brian Bain, PGA

Susan Bond, PGA Office of Secretary/Treasurer



My name is Susan Bond, I will be on the ballot this fall running for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the New England PGA. I encourage you to attend the fall meeting and I would like to explain why you should vote for me.

During the season I have been giving out ball markers with the saying "It is not what you get, it is what you Give...". I am committed to giving the membership of the New England PGA my time, energy, and passion for the game of golf. I have served on the New England PGA Boards for both the section and chapters for nine years and I wish to use the experience I have gained to help continue the wonderful traditions of our Association. As many of you know, I run marathons, so "going the distance" is something I'm accustomed to. I have the support of my membership at the Weekapaug Golf Club, and my family, as they know that as the Secretary- Treasurer I will be

giving a great deal of my time to represent, all of you, the members of the New England PGA.

My Qualifications:

- I am a twenty year member of The PGA of America.
- The last nine years, have prepared me for this role, having been Secretary, Vice President, President, District Director for the Rhode Island Chapter, Chairman of the NEPGA Growth of the Game Committee, I am currently, Chairman of the Communications Committee, member of the section Tournament Committee, District Director for the Senior Chapter, on the board of the Northeast Accessible Golf Association and member of The PGA of America's Player Development Committee.
- 1983 Graduate of the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Advertising. Captain of the women's golf team and All Southeastern Conference Team member.
- Since graduating, I have spent 27 years as a green grass golf professional, I have worked at some of the finest clubs in New England, Wentworth by the Sea Golf Club, Wellesley Country Club and currently the Weekapaug Golf Club where I have made valuable contacts and built lasting relationships that I can use to help grow the awareness of this Section within the golf and business communities. I am a regular participant in pro-ams, section championships and have consistently made my club available to pro-members and the New England Women's Open.

My promise to you: Is to dedicate my efforts as an officer of the New England PGA to the advancement of each and every PGA member but not limited to:

- Employment Relations - Working to ensure we routinely work with professionals, employers and potential employers to maximize our value and therefore our compensation.
- Education - I will work to ensure the Section and Chapters, provide you with relevant and timely opportunities to achieve your recertification and that the recertification means something to your employers and potential employers. We have a vast amount of expertise and talent, in this Section, so it is important to have cracker barrels, teaching summits, on a more frequent basis, so that we can always continue to advance our brand and knowledge.
- Membership - Working with this committee to make sure we have Mentors, representing all the different categories of golf professionals from the Young Gun entering the business to the Hall of Fame professional.

I, thank you for your consideration in voting for me, I have always been available to the New England PGA and I will continue to be there for each and everyone of you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cslbond@aol.com or at the club 401-322-7870.

Susan Bond, PGA



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CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

CAPE COD CHAPTER

CAPE COD CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RESULTS

Place	Name	Club Affiliation	Rnd. 1	Rnd. 2	Total	Overall +/-	Purse
1	Matthew Baran	Oyster Harbors Club	69	69	138	-4	\$900.00
2	Thomas Tobey	Bay Pointe	68	70	138	-4	\$740.00
3	David Donnellan	Hyannis	66	74	140	-2	\$640.00
T4	Joe Cordani	CC of New Bedford	66	75	141	-1	\$505.00
	Greg Yeomans	Bay Club at Mattapoisett	69	72	141	-1	\$505.00
T6	Tracy Djerf	Bay Club at Mattapoisett	71	75	146	4	\$350.00
	Brian Hayes	CC of New Seabury	73	73	146	4	\$350.00
	Brad Wheatley	Cape Cod National GC	75	71	146	4	\$350.00
T9	Bob Giusti	CC of Halifax	73	74	147	5	\$240.00
	Bradford Sherman	PGA Member	71	76	147	5	\$240.00
11	Brendan Reilly	CC of New Seabury	72	76	148	6	
12	Bob Miller	GC at Yarmouthport	74	75	149	7	
T13	Jesse Schechtman	Sandwich Hollows GC	76	74	150	8	\$50.00
	Scott Masse	The GC at Cape Cod	81	69	150	8	\$150.00
	Thomas Rooney	LeBaron Hills CC	75	75	150	8	
T16	Michael Haberl	Hyannisport Club	74	77	151	9	
	Frankie Martinez	The Wianno Club	75	76	151	9	
	Phillip Truono	Miacomet	73	78	151	9	
	Craig Garris	Ballymeade CC	74	77	151	9	
T20	A. J. Petrulak	Plymouth	77	75	152	10	
	Mark O'Brien	The Captains Golf Course	78	74	152	10	\$50.00
	John Macurdy	The GC at Cape Cod	76	76	152	10	
23	Stephen Hosack	Cape Cod National GC	76	77	153	11	
24	Rusty Gunnarson	Rochester GC	76	78	154	12	
T25	Eric Zadorian	Pinehills GC	78	78	156	14	
	Kevan Evangelista	Quashnet Valley	78	78	156	14	
27	Jim Campbell	Cape Cod National GC	79	78	157	15	
T28	Douglas Errhalt	The GC at Cape Cod	82	78	160	18	
	Paul Rudeen	Ocean Edge	79	81	160	18	



Matt Baran, Oyster Harbors receiving his winning trophy.



The threesome of Bob Miller of The club of Yarmouthport, Phil Truono of Miacomet and Baran.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

The NHC held its second ProPro event of the season at Intervale CC on Sept. 12 and the winning team was Jim Sheerin of Abeniqui CC and Marc Spencer of Windham CC. The two-some combined for a 10 under par score of 98 in the three 9-hole formats.

The ProGross Championship was held at Portsmouth CC on Sept. 26th and was won by the foursome from Derryfield CC headed by assistant pro Ian Willikens and his amateur partners Patrick Mahan, David Sherborne and Tom Mareno. The team shot an 8-under par score of 64 to edge three foursomes who finished at 65.

Rounding out the NHC schedule: October 3- ProAm @ Abeniqui CC; October 7- ProPro @ Concord CC; October 11- ProAm @ Bald Peak Colony Club; October 17- ProAm @ Baker Hill

The chapter's Fall Board Meeting is at Laconia CC on Thursday, October 20 at 9AM.

The NHC Board of Directors express their condolences to Brian Doyle, PGA, Head Professional at Green Meadow and his family on the passing of his father, James.

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The foursome of (L to R) Tony Zducko, host pro Matt Thibeault, Rich Berberian and Wayne Natti take a minute to have photo taken prior to teeing off at Intervale CC NHC ProPro tournament.

CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP



PGA Head Professional Jim Corrigan once again hosted the Rhode Island Chapter for their annual championship at the scenic Misquamicut Club, Westerly, RI on Sept. 27th in this 36-hole affair.

Played in early morning fog most of the first round, PGA Head Professional Troy Pare of Wannamoisett Club coupled three birdies and an eagle enroute to a sizzling 5-under par 64 to take a three stroke lead over defending champion Jeff Martin, PGA Assistant, Pt. Judith after 18 holes. Pare's pedestrian even par 69 in the afternoon round gave him a 4 shot victory over 24 other chapter members.



Troy Pare, PGA

The Top Ten:

- 64-69 - 133 Troy Pare – Wannamoisett
- 69-68 - 137 Brent Amaral - Acoaxet
- 67-70 - 137 Jeff Martin - Pt. Judith
- 71-69 - 140 Drew Anderson - Misquamicut
- 71-70 - 141 Ed Kirby - Alpine
- 72-70 - 142 Bill Maguire - Pt. Judith
- 71-72 - 143 Jim Corrigan - Misquamicut
- 73-70 - 143 Brian Owens - N. Kingstown
- 73-72 - 145 Justin Ream - Shelter Harbor
- 74-71 - 145 Rick Finlayson - CountryView

TAYLORMADE HEAD PRO CHAMP/SECTION EVENTS

RIPGA chapter members who acquitted themselves at Granite Links recently were: Shane Drury, Swansea/ T-8 / 72...Kirby/ T-11/ 73...Pare/T-14/74...Amaral/T-23/76...John Rainone, N. Kingstown/T-26/ 77.

SENIOR-JUNIOR/SECTION EVENTS

Pare & Carnegie Abbey's PGA Director of Golf Steve Napoli fired a 7-under par 65 placing them 3rd in a strong field competing for the section's annual Sr./Jr. Championship at Pleasant Valley GC in late August. One other RIPGA team cashed in this event: Shelter Harbor's tandem of PGA Head Professional Dave Tiedemann & PGA Instructor Charlie Moore placed T-11 with a fine score of 69.

ASSISTANTS CORNER

RIPGA PGA assistant professionals continue to lead the section in recent events around New England. Five locals placed in the top 18 at the annual Assistant's Championship held at Tedesco recently. By virtue of his 7th place showing, Owens is an alternate for the National Asst. Championship coming up.

72-71 - 143	7th	Brian Owens - N. Kingstown
74-70 - 144	8th	Jeff Martin - Pt. Judith
72-73 - 145	T-10th	Brendon Ray - Warwick
74-72 - 146	T-15th	Bill Maguire - Pt. Judith
74-73 - 147	T-18th	Bob Tramonti - Triggs

In an Assistant's 4-Ball earlier in September, Martin, paired with longtime friend Jeff Seavey from Maine, fired a blistering 8-under par 62 in winning this event held at Presidents GC in Quincy, MA.

Franklin CC hosted the assistants one week later where locals Bill Maguire & Bob Tramonti both shot even par 70's to finish T-2 while Brendon Ray's 75 was good for 4th.

The Assistants' **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** race shows RIPGA pros residing in 4 of the top 8 from across the entire section! Led by Martin/ 3rd...Tramonti/ 4th...Owens/ 7th... & Ray/ 8th...the chapter should take pride in this achievement by these assistant pros.

RIPGA CHAPTER POY POINTS: (2 events remain)

1	Brian H. Owens, North Kingstown GC	53.50
2	Troy S. Pare, Wannamoisett CC	48.00
3	Ed T. Kirby, Alpine GC	43.50
4	Brent J. Amaral, Acoaxet Club	41.00
5	John J. Rainone, North Kingstown GC	37.50
6	Rick Finlayson, Country View CC	35.50
7	Robert D. Tramonti, Triggs Municipal GC	33.50
8	Paul R. White, Fall River CC	24.00
9	Jeffrey W. Martin, Point Judith CC	23.00
10	Dave G. Tiedemann, Shelter Harbor GC	19.50

UPCOMING EVENTS

The RIPGA will have its annual fall meeting – Thursday, Oct. 13th in the Pawtucket GC clubhouse beginning promptly at 11:00 AM. Election of officers will be the main item on the agenda where a great PRO-PRO will follow the meeting.

The final event of the 2011 season may be the best as Warwick CC hosts the Pro-I Am Scratch tourney to its fine sea-side links on Thursday, Oct. 20th. The chapter would like to invite all other chapters to participate in this event. Please contact Tournament Manager, Mickey Herron for entry info.

Two weeks later, several chapter members will be jetting to Vegas where a separate Rhode Island team pool will be organized by yours truly. There is still room for a few more entries: contact ED Mike Higgins for Vegas entry info. It is a super trip played on fantastic golf courses in the desert.

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CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

MAINE CHAPTER

September was certainly a busy month in Maine...

The Southern Swing kicked off at Cape Arundel with 33 teams competing. Shawn Warren won low professional honors with a 66. We traveled across the river to Webhannet on Wednesday where Nick Glicos won low professional honors with a 71 to finish ahead of the other 24 professionals.

Portland CC was sold out with 38 teams, congratulations to Tim Desmarais and Jeff Seavey for sharing low professional honors with 66's. We then took our show to the The Woodlands Club where 22 teams were treated to some great conditions, Jeff Seavey thought so...he carded a brilliant 4-under par round of 68.

The Country Club Enterprises Player of The Year Standings as of September 23:

Bob Darling, Jr.	340.50
John Hickson	317.50
Jeff Seavey	285.16
Shawn Warren	284.16
Tim Desmarais	243.50
Mike Dugas	236.99
David Grygiel	220.50
Don Roberts	220.00
Nick Glicos	216.46
Jace Pearson	186.30

The Annual Fall Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 at Martindale CC. We will be electing a new slate of officers and one board position. If you are interested in serving on the Chapter Board, please contact Tony Decker for more information. The incoming President will also be assembling new committees for the 2012 season. Please take a moment and consider giving something back to the Chapter.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, October 3rd - York Pro-Am (Tee times 8:00-12:00)
Tuesday, October 11 - Brunswick Pro-Am (9:00 shotgun start)
Wednesday, October 12 - Pro-Assistant Championship - Martindale CC (following the Annual Meeting)

Our October Partners



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VERMONT CHAPTER

September proved to be a devastating time in Vermont following the arrival of Hurricane Irene. Although all of our golf events were cancelled and rescheduled for later in the fall, golf seemed so incidental compared to the losses sustained to our courses, roads, bridges, and sadly our citizens. We have most of the roads open at this time but it is still quite a struggle to get around and travel to some parts of our state. Many in our VT golf community have lost revenue and business has been interrupted. That being said we have seen many of our own golf professionals step up and offer discounts to other clubs that have been affected. This is the part that makes us all proud to be PGA Golf Professionals.

Our Scholarship Fund Pro AM, originally scheduled to be played at hurricane-ravaged Quechee Club, was successfully moved to Sugarbush GC. Through the tireless efforts of Dave Pfannenstein, Dan Russell, and RJ Austin, we were able to conduct the event and raise nearly \$5000 on very short notice. The VT Chapter has placed a much greater emphasis on our own scholarship fund and since that time we have seen it grow by 10K this year and our goal for next year is 15K in addition to the 40K that we now have.

We did hold our Level Wear / E-Z-GO Pro Pro Championship on Sept. 19th at Country Club of Vermont. Winners this year were Jim Gunnare, PGA, Woodstock CC and Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC. Many thanks to Josh Olney and CC of VT for all their support as the course and day were perfect.

Following our Pro Pro, the Vermont Chapter held our Fall Meeting with 54 attendees present for lunch and committee reports. Vermont Chapter members heard from Section nominees Chris Carpenter, Larry Kelley, Brian Bain, and Susan Bond. Chapter elections were also held and a new slate of officers and leaders stepping up to serve.

VT CHAPTER Officers & Directors:

Josh Olney - CC of VT - President
Dave Pfannenstein - Sugarbush Resort - Sec/Tres
Roger King - CC of Barre - 2 year BOD Term
Rodney Bicknell - Neshobe Golf Club - 1 year BOD Term
Dave Soucy - Green Mountain National - Honorary Past President

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MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER

The time of the Massachusetts Chapter Fall Meeting being held at Worcester Country Club on Thursday, October 20th has been changed to 2PM. The meeting will follow golf which starts at 9AM.

CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS *Continued...*

SENIORS' ASSOCIATION

The NEPGA Senior Association tournament schedule is undergoing some changes...

The Pro Am at Thorny Lea on October 5th is now a designated qualifier for the Mohegan Sun tournament. The Thorny Lea format will be 1 best ball gross and 1 best ball net total of the two scores. Winning team goes to Mohegan Sun on Tuesday, October 11th.

In an effort to allow seniors to attend the NH Chapter Fall Meeting and the MA Chapter Fall Meeting, both on October 20th, the Senior Association Championship at Kirkbrae Country Club will be played on October 18th, and the Pleasant Valley Pro Am will be rescheduled to a date as yet undetermined.

NEPGA SR Chapter schedule:

5 Oct-Thorny Lea
13 Oct- Blackstone National
TBD- Pleasant Valley
18 Oct- Kirkbrae

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ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION

The Assistants' Association is looking forward to the continuation of the Fall Series after a successful and exciting Assistants Championship at Tedesco won by Shawn Warren with a score of 2 under par.

The NEAA is proud to bring the Pro-Pro Match Play Championship to Wollaston and Kittansett. Wollaston will be the host site for the qualifying round and first round of matches and Kittansett will be hosting the semi-finals and finals.

Once again, Kernwood will be the host site for the Fall Series Championship presented by TaylorMade and the Fall Meeting on October 27th. Please refer to the Association's website for more details on the meeting, NEAA Board elections and details on the remaining tournament schedule.

Also, as a reminder, if you qualify, don't forget to apply for the Apprentice Scholarship by September 30, 2011. The application and further details can be found on the Association's website in the Apprentice Corner.

Thank you to all of our members and sponsors for continuing to make the 2011 season a success.

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GROWING THE GAME!



Ben Egan, PGA



Wachusett Mountain
Ski Area in Princeton, MA
September 24-25, 2011



Shawn Durocher, PGA



Marcia Melone, PGA



John Kan, PGA



Rick Durocher, PGA

Visit the Community Outreach page of NEPGA.com (found under About Us) to view more photos of members growing the game throughout New England.



New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Chris Hixenbaugh, PGA	A-19	Acushnet Company
Dustin Ribolini, PGA	A-8	Stowe CC
Andrew Walkley, PGA	A-8	Eastward Ho! CC

New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Ryan Crowley	B-8	Nippo Lake GC
Bryan Kelly	B-8	Wollaston GC
Brad Leighton	B-8	Val Halla Golf & Recreation Ctr
Jason Lichty	B-8	Pine Brook CC
Robert Marsters	B-8	Pinehills GC
Sam Murdough Jr	B-8	White Mountain CC
Adam Packard	B-8	Portland CC
Nathan Robbins	B-8	Oakley CC

*These reports reflect changes made between August 30, 2011 and October 2, 2011.

Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Paul Ballard, PGA	A-4	Franklin CC
Anthony Maki, PGA	A-1	Franklin CC
Anthony Zdunko, PGA	A-15	Dick's Sporting Goods

Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Anthony Zdunko, PGA	A-15	9/19	Dick's Sporting Goods

New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>
Christopher Angis, PGA	A-6	Biddeford Sace CC	9/30
John Boniface, PGA	MP	The Ridge Club	9/30
Mark Heartfield, PGA	A-1	Sankaty Head GC	9/30
Steve Knowles, PGA	A-1	Captains Club	9/30
Peter Matthews, PGA	A-1	Western View GC, Inc	9/30
Michael Medeiros, PGA	A-4	Ocean Edge Resort & Club	9/30
Mike Pry, PGA	A-15	Dick's Sporting Goods	8/31
Jody Shaw, PGA	A-24	Ballymeade Development Corp.	8/31

19TH HOLE

SEPTEMBER BIRTHS



Olivia Cameron, the first grand baby for John Theo, PGA and his wife, Mary was born on Saturday, September 3rd weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches long. Maria and Rob Cameron are the proud parents of Olivia.



Max Gale is the new grandson and first grandchild of Jack Gale, PGA and Mary Gale. He is also the great nephew of Joe Carr, PGA. Max weighed 8 lbs 11 oz and was 21 1/2 inches tall at birth. Dan and Luci Gale are the proud parents.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Justin Lawson, PGA who recently got married on Saturday, October 1st on Nantucket Island.

Comments or Suggestions?

We'd love to hear from you about our newsletter!
Please email JStuart@pgahq.com.