



2012 NEPGA Award Winners

## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT JIM NORIS, PGA



To all New England Section members and apprentices:

My first year serving as your President will come to an end in a few weeks, and I would like to express how much of an honor and privilege it has been to serve you all and our great Association. The New England Section continues to be revered of as one of leading Sections in the country.

The Officers, Board of Directors and your Section Staff have worked tirelessly to honor and hold dear the traditions of New England, but also strive to be current and at the forefront of the industry. Our Section is in great shape financially, tournament participation at the Chapter and Section level is strong, and we head into the off season completing one of the most successful years in a long time.

I would like to congratulate all of our 2012 Award Winners and Tournament Champions. I would like to thank all of our Sponsors, host professionals and host facilities for allowing us to conduct our events at such a high level. I would like to thank my fellow Officers and Board of Directors for their time and dedication to not only our Section, but to each and every New England PGA Professional. And lastly, on behalf of the entire membership, I would like to thank our NEPGA Staff for their efforts and hard work this year. A job well done!

As the 2012 season comes to a close, let us all use the "slow" time to reflect on our year, spend some time with our families and plan for a successful 2013.

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

Yours truly,

Jimmy Noris, PGA  
President, New England PGA



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 Kernwood Country Club on Friday, October 26th. The evening's festivities will commence with registration from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (kindly arrive no later than 6:30 PM) along with a cocktail reception (cash bar) from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM followed by dinner and honor presentations from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

Tickets to attend the banquet are \$85 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](mailto: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 MIKE HIGGINS



It is hard to believe that October is here. The leaves are changing colors, the Red Sox have officially locked up last place in the AL East, the Patriots are playing football and hopefully New England PGA Professionals will be able to get their heads above water. October is a very active time in the New England Section. There are five Chapter Fall Meetings, two Association Fall Meetings and

the Section Annual Meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to travel the Section and connect with Members and Apprentices throughout the Section, give a year in review, get a pulse on what is going on throughout New England and also wish everyone well as their seasons come to an end.

October also includes the AHEAD Stroke Play Series Championship, the Pro-Senior and Pro-Superintendents Championships, 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, the NEPGA Round Robin Championship, we are preparing for the 46 teams in the Las Vegas Pro-Am, and our Section's three largest scholarship fundraiser pro-am's are held at Worcester CC, TPC Boston and The Kittansett Club. Wow, was all that said in one breath? Also in October PGA Professionals, friends and family will gather at the NEPGA Awards Banquet on October 26<sup>th</sup> to applaud the PGA Professionals who have excelled in their area of expertise and to honor our 2012 Hall of Fame inductee.

We always stress that this time of year is when the employment season starts to heat up. Be sure to update your Career Links Profiles and be informed about new job opportunities. Can your résumé be updated with any new accomplishments or changes in 2012? We are very fortunate to have Employ-

ment Consultant Michael Packard, PGA 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 résumé or job interview preparation, compensation comparisons, and even contract negotiations. The Section also reminds Head Professionals that the Employment Tab on [www.NEPGA.com](http://www.NEPGA.com) is a great place to post any assistant professional openings at your facility. Simply contact the Section office if you would like any help with a posting.

The New England PGA will be electing the next District I Director to represent the Connecticut, Northeastern New York and New England PGA Sections on the National Board of Directors. NEPGA Professionals will have the opportunity for the first time to cast a vote for the District Director at your Chapter Meeting or at the Section Meeting. This is the opportunity for every member to be heard. The District I Director candidates, Don Lyons, PGA and Jim Tobin, PGA will be making the rounds throughout October to visit with each Chapter. Please try to attend your Chapter Fall Meetings and meet the candidates, but more importantly make every effort possible to be present at Kernwood CC on Friday, October 26 and listen to the candidates at the Section Fall Meeting. Your vote is so important, so make it count!

Stay strong through what is typically the last full month of the golf season in New England. We are approaching the finish line and I wish you the best 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

## 2012 FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

*Click on the meeting name for driving directions to the club.*

**NEPGA Section:** Fri., Oct. 26; Kernwood CC; 11am

**Cape Cod Chapter:** Thur., Oct. 25; Sandwich Hollows GC, The Bayview Room; 9am-11am

**ME Chapter:** Wed., Oct. 10; Martindale CC; 9am; Pro-Assistant Championship follows the meeting

**MA Chapter:** Tues., Oct. 16; Marlborough CC; 10am

**NH Chapter:** Thurs., Oct. 18; Laconia CC; 9am

**RI Chapter:** Tues., Oct. 16; Kirkbrae CC; 6pm

**Assistants' Association:** Thurs., Oct. 25; Kernwood CC; 8am

**Seniors' Association:** Thurs. Oct. 25; Kirkbrae CC; 9am; in conjunction with the Seniors' Association Championship

## VOTE FOR DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR!

Be sure to vote for District I Director at your Chapter's Fall Meeting or at the Section's Annual Meeting (see schedule on left of the page). The District I Director represents the Connecticut, New England and Northeastern NY Sections. The candidates are Donnie Lyons, PGA of Reedy Meadow GC and Jim Tobin, PGA of Gannon Municipal GC. Click [here](#) to read letters from the candidates in our September newsletter. Vote this Fall and make your voice heard! We appreciate your participation.



Donnie Lyons, PGA



Jim Tobin, PGA

## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



October, we are truly in the home stretch of our tournament season. The days keep getting shorter, the temperatures cooler, but we are not done yet, and there is still some business to be taken care of before we put 2012 to bed.

The AHEAD Stroke Play Championship is our first event on this month's schedule, on Tuesday, October 2 the top fifty point earners from the season-long AHEAD Stroke Play Series will gather at the Belmont Country Club to decide the 2012 Champion. 2011 Champion Matt Arvanitis is one of those fifty qualifiers and will return to defend his title. Thanks to PGA Professional John Fields for hosting.

We tried to start September with the NEPGA Pro-Senior Club Member Championship sponsored by Callaway Golf at Kirkbrae Country Club on Tuesday, September 4, but... Mother Nature had other ideas. Thanks to PGA Professional Mike Bradshaw we will have another opportunity to play this terrific venue. The event has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 3. It is open to any NEPGA Professional and three of his club members, who are over the age of fifty, on the day of the event. We hope you can join us.

A busy first week of October continues as we visit the challenging Tedesco Country Club for a Pro-Am on Thursday, October 4. Tedesco was our host in September for the National Car Rental New England PGA Assistant Championship sponsored by Cobra Puma Golf. It proved quite a test for this Championship and was in superb condition. Thanks to Bob Green, PGA and to Superintendent Peter Hasak and crew for all their hard work hosting these events.

An event that is especially important to me, the New England PGA Club Car Pro-Superintendent Championship returns to Red Tail Golf Club on Tuesday, October 9. The Superintendents are the people I deal with all season while prepping for our Championships. Without their knowledge and the tireless work and attention to detail by them, and their staffs, our events would not be possible. They are some of the best people I have the pleasure of meeting and working with on a daily basis. They continue to make me look good and I truly appreciate it. Thanks to our friends from Country Club Enterprises and Club Car for sponsoring and Jim Pavlik, PGA and Superintendent Pat Lange for again, serving as our hosts.

We head across the bridges to Cape Cod for Fall Festival Pro-Ams on Thursday and Friday, October 18 & 19. Hope for a calm day on the 18th as we visit the scenic and (especially on those windy days) intimidating Eastward Ho! Country Club, followed the next day with a stop at another terrific venue, the Golf Club at Cape Cod. Thanks to PGA Professionals Brian Hamilton and Doug Errhalt respectively for hosting.

Finally, the New England portion of the schedule comes to an end with three of our most important events. (I have heard there is some type of Pro-Am activity being conducted by the

NEPGA in some small desert town out west in November, but I digress.)

The George Wemyss NEPGA Scholarship Pro-Ams held at three different sites over two days serve as the close to our 2012 tournament season, and what a finish it is.

On Monday, October 22, the host course for the PGA TOUR's Deutsche Bank Championship, TPC Boston and Worcester Country Club, the site of the first Ryder Cup ever played, will be our hosts. The following day we visit a former host of the Walker Cup matches, and a perennial member of the Top 100 courses in America, The Kittansett Club. Hey, if you're going to shut it down until 2013, you might as well go out in style. Best of all, it not only gives you and your amateurs a chance to play some of the premier courses in our Section, but you also are helping to support the NEPGA's Scholarship program. A win, win proposition. Thanks to our PGA Member hosts, David Corrado, Allan Belden and Steve Demmer for making these truly special venues available to us.

So what happened during a very busy September? Let's take a quick look back, and remember you can always see all the detailed results on the [nepga.com](http://nepga.com) website, just click on tournaments and results.

The New England Open returned to the schedule with a full field of 120 players. The players navigated their way around the superbly conditioned and demanding Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, and after thirty-six holes, PGA Professional Rob Corcoran from Melbourne, Florida emerged the victor. He needed a second round 65 to do it and narrowly edge out first round leader and current New England Section Professional Champion Ed Kirby, PGA by a single stroke. NEPGA apprentice Rich Berberian was another shot back, along with Andrew Giuliani. Thanks to Cobra Puma Golf for stepping up to sponsor this event. Living up to its open designation, professionals and amateurs from all over New England and as far away as Las Vegas, Nevada competed. Special Thanks to the owners, the Frem family, as well as PGA Professionals Scott Hickey and John O'Hara for hosting us and kudos to Superintendent Dick Zepp and his staff for getting the golf course into truly Championship condition.

Watch for an announcement in the coming months concerning the 2013 New England Open. Our goal is to restore this event to its major Championship status in New England and beyond and this year was a great start toward that goal.

The final AHEAD Stroke Play of 2012 took place on September 17, and what a finale it was with the Donald Ross-designed Plymouth Country Club serving as our host. This was the final opportunity to secure a spot for the AHEAD Championship at Belmont Country Club, on October 2. Boomer Erick, PGA was up to the challenge, his three under par 66 lead the field, while PGA Professionals Jeff Martin and Jake Pleczkowski were one shot back over the superbly conditioned layout. Thank you to A.J. Petrulak, PGA and Superintendent Ben Whiting and crew for hosting.

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# THANK YOU TO OUR 2012 OCTOBER SPONSORS



## 2013 P.A.T SITES NEEDED

The Section is looking for potential PAT sites for 2013. Ideally, we would like to have a least one PAT in every state in our Section. Click [here](#) to view the course requirements.

If your facility is interested, please contact Joan Stuart at the Section office at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com) or 508.869.0000. The process of selecting the venues for 2013 will not be finalized until mid-December.

## 2013 GOLFPASS COURSE OFFERINGS

The 2013 New England PGA GolfPass is looking for new and returning golf courses for our 2013 GolfPass. New for 2013, we would like to also list golf instruction, ranges, pro shop merchandise and course restaurant discounts. Sales of the GolfPass support our NEPGA Foundation with proceeds used to promote the growing NEPGA Junior Tour Programs, Community Outreach Programs and Growth of the Game Programs. For further information, please contact Joan Stuart at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com) or call 508.869.0000.

## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA SECRETARY SUSAN BOND, PGA



Hello Everyone,

Where did the summer go? I hope all of you had a successful summer and will end the year in the same manner.

I would like to thank the following people for their support at the NEPGA 100 Hole Marathon on September 5th: Steve Napoli, David

Moynihan, Devin Beck, Allan Belden, Harry Rose, Rich Hasenfus, Dave McAdams and Beth O'Kelly. We had a great day



all had the speech that Ginger gave to us at the Spring Meeting on our minds.

despite all the rain and wind, some sun and more rain. Together we raised over \$11,000. Let's make this even bigger next year. The entire time we were out there playing I know we



From there Larry Kelley, Zack Wyman, and I (pictured left) went to The PGA of America's Fall Conference of Leaders in Minnesota. If you have

been to Minnesota, you are well aware of the Mall of America. For those of you who know me, it was amazing that I even made it to the meeting. We were directly across the street and I highly recommend shopping, (I meant stopping by). The meeting was another chance for each delegate from the 41 Sections to meet with the 7 candidates running for National

Secretary. We also learned what will be occurring at the Association's National Meeting in Baltimore from November 8-10. As you have heard from me and other board members, these meetings are very informative and give you a greater sense of pride in our Association. All I can say is "Get Involved!"

At a previous PGA conference I met a fellow PGA Professional Jay Meyerhoff who is the leader in the Minnesota Section with his dedication to the Special Olympics. He created a Bad Pants Open Golf Event, that consists of a morning round with the athletes, and an afternoon pro-am. The athletes were so excited for the day and it is an event I would like our Section to conduct in 2013. I would like professionals who are interested in assisting me with this event to please contact me. This is Jay's baby, but I want to help him take this to a national stage.



**L: Susan Bond and Paul Kelley; R: Minnesota PGA President Paul Kelley with Katie Timmers (a national and world champion) and her mom.**

In closing, I want to congratulate all the winners of events in 2012 and all the newly-elected PGA Professionals since my last letter. I want to wish the best of luck to District One Director candidates Jim Tobin and Don Lyons throughout their campaign and election. Remember to attend your Fall Chapter Meeting and be sure to be at your Section Meeting on Friday, October 26 at Kernwood CC.

Sincerely and Roll Tide,

Susan Bond, NEPGA Secretary

## CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR SEMINAR

U.S. Kids Golf will be presenting its Certified Instructor day-long seminar at Brae Burn Country Club on Wed., October 17th. PGA Members in attendance will earn 7 MSR credits for the day and an additional 2 MSR credits for completing the optional online certification requirements. Participating in a U.S. Kids Golf Certified Seminar enhances the instructor's knowledge of all aspects of youth golf. This program aligns directly with Golf 2.0 initiatives in terms of introduction to the game and player development. Click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to register.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### NEPGA/Special Olympics Tournament

PGA Professionals and assistant professionals are wanted to play in the 12th annual NEPGA/Special Olympic Tournament on Sunday, October 21st at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course. The tournament is a nine hole scramble and tee times run from 11:00am till 4:00pm. Each Special Olympic athlete has a coach or partner. Playing in this tournament is an easy and fun way to get involved with the Special Olympics. The athletes get a big thrill out of playing with real pro's. For more information or to play in the tournament, please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781-843-6513x2 or [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov).



### Veterans Clinics

Volunteers are needed to give free golf lessons to veterans and disabled veterans for Fall golf clinics at Braintree Municipal Golf Course. The clinics will run for six weeks on Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm. Please contact Bob Beach at [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov) or 781-843-6513x2 to volunteer or for more information.

### Special Needs Clinics

Braintree Municipal GC will host a special needs clinic every Monday night from 5:30-7:30 until the NEPGA/Special Olympic Tournament on October 14th. In addition, Putting for Autism clinics will be held on alternating Mondays. Volunteers are needed to help with the instruction. PGA members who volunteer from 5:30-7:30 will earn 2 MSR credits. Bob Beach will be available to help train and guide any volunteers in working with people with different abilities. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Bob Beach at 781-843-6513 or email [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov).

Visit the "Community Outreach" page on NEPGA.com found under "About Us" to view new volunteer opportunities.

## PGA BEST PRACTICE: TEACHING

*Submitted by Bob Beach, PGA*

### Visit Local Hospitals to Grow the Game



*Bob Beach on the importance of visiting local hospitals to grow the game:*

I am fortunate to be a PGA Professional at a municipal golf course that is located near some of our country's best hospitals. This winter I visited Children's Hospital and Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. I donated some PGA hats to the

children's cancer ward. Before I left the hospitals, I asked if they would be interested in any golf clinics for any of their patients. This inquiry has led to four different growing the game opportunities. The New England PGA Section was invited by Children's Hospital to a health fair where our PGA Professionals gave free golf lessons to patients and their families. The fair was a success, and a second event has been planned. I was also able to set up a golf wellness program with Beth Israel Hospital. The program consisted of a four-week instructional program for people with Parkinson's disease. The final opportunity came from Beth Israel Hospital as well. It was a referral to a patient with Alzheimer's disease. This patient was an avid golfer who was anxious to get back on the golf course. I have become his coach or partner and I have enjoyed taking him out on the golf course. He looks forward to getting out on the golf course whenever we can.

*Bob Beach on the business impact of visiting local hospitals to grow the game:*

New England PGA Professionals were busy giving lessons for the three hours of the health fair hoping to create some new golfers. We had more than 40 young people visit the New England PGA Section booth for free lessons. I have learned that many patients think of golf as a way of getting their lives back. I feel we, as PGA Professionals, are privileged to be able to help them in this small way. The experience, rewarding and fulfilling for both parties involved, impacts lives immediately and gives all of the patients a positive activity where their energy can be focused.

**Reminder:** The **NEPGA/Special Olympics Tournament** is coming up on Sunday, October 21st at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course. For more information or to play in the tournament, please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781-843-6513x2 or [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov).



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## NEPGA JUNIORS COMPETE IN INAUGURAL JIM REMY CUP

On Saturday, September 15, the New England PGA and Kirkbrae Country Club (Lincoln, RI) hosted the Inaugural Jim Remy Cup. The Jim Remy Cup is a Ryder Cup style event in which 12 NEPGA juniors compete against 12 Connecticut PGA juniors. The format is 18 holes of team match play consisting of two different formats - "foursome (alternate shot)" and "four ball".

Both teams played well, however, the Connecticut PGA juniors came out on top, defeating the NEPGA juniors 4pts to 2pts and were awarded the inaugural Jim Remy Cup. The NEPGA staff is certainly proud of the way the NEPGA juniors represented the Section and the Jr. Tour.

The venues alternate between the New England PGA & Connecticut PGA every year, so the Connecticut PGA will play host to the Jim Remy Cup for 2013. Go Team NEPGA!

A special thank you goes to Mike Bradshaw, PGA and Kirkbrae Country Club for being such wonderful hosts for the Jim Remy Cup.



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## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

We look forward to seeing the fifty top point earners at Belmont for the finale of this extremely popular series. This season saw the highest levels of participation ever for the five events that are spread throughout the Section.

Thank you all for coming out and participating, and please take a minute to drop a note of thanks to Cary Gordon from Golf Buddy, Dan Dempsey from AHEAD and especially "The Man" himself, Terry Frechette, who is responsible for making this whole thing possible. His life long commitment to the NEPGA, our tournament program and Section events, is something we should all be thankful for. Let me personally, take this opportunity to say, Thanks "T", for being a friend to me, and for all you have done, and continue to do, for the New England Section.

The Tedesco Country Club once again served as our host for the New England PGA Assistant Championship, sponsored by National Car Rental and presented by Cobra Puma Golf. We managed to dodge a bullet fired by Mother Nature, and after a slight delay and some yeoman work by Superintendent Peter Hasak and his staff we were off and running for round one. PGA Professionals Todd Anzlovar and Brian Owens grabbed the first round lead with two under par 68's.

As the second round progressed the always demanding Tedesco layout refused to give up any low rounds and it became obvious, it was going to be the player who could stay steady and grind out pars who would emerge the 2012 Champion. Brian Owens proved to be that player, as other players fell back, Owens gutted out par after par, and when he holed his final putt for par on eighteen his one over par second round of 72 had proved to be enough to earn him a four shot victory and a trip Florida in November for the national Championship. Jeff Seavey, PGA and Chad Spencer tied for second,

Greg Dobbins, Hal Jacobs, PGA and Dan Dwyer, PGA were another shot back and also punched their ticket to Florida in November. Thanks to PGA Professional Bob Green and Superintendent Peter Hasak for hosting and a special Thanks to everyone from Cobra Puma Golf for being on-site and making "Orange Thursday" happen!

Last on the calendar in September, but far from least, was the NEPGA Head Professional Championship sponsored by TaylorMade/Adidas, and contested at the beautiful Abenaki Country Club. It took John Fields, PGA a little too long to navigate his way to the course, he was assessed a two-stroke penalty for his tardy arrival, but he was clearly on the fast track for the rest of the day. All Fields did was rack up eight birdies on his way to a round of 68, and a two-stroke victory. PGA Professionals Mike Dugas, Dan Gillis and Frank Dully all were at two-under par 70, to finish in a tie for second. Thanks to our hosts PGA Professional Jim Sheerin, and one of the best in the business, Superintendent Pat Kelley.

As we cryptically mentioned earlier, we are headed west in November for our 11th annual Las Vegas Pro-Am. If you are joining us, get ready to have some fun, and if you can't be there, we'll report on the goings on next month...the golf goings on anyway, that's all I am allowed to report on from LV, you know the deal, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!"

Keep an eye on the weekly "Mixed Bag" emails and at [nepga.com](http://nepga.com) for updates and information, and we'll be back with the final edition of tournament news for 2012 next month.

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# NEPGA Awards Banquet

Friday, October 26th at Kernwood Country Club

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## 2012 NEW ENGLAND PGA AWARD WINNERS SPOTLIGHT

### 2012 NEPGA Horton Smith Award Winner / 2012 NEPGA Patriot Award Winner Bob Beach, PGA Braintree Municipal Golf Course



*At what age did you begin to play golf?* I started playing golf at age 13.

*Who taught you the game?* I learned the game in the caddy yard at Oakley CC in Watertown, MA.

*Where did you go to school?* I graduated From Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont in 1975.

*When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?* I decided when I was a student at Watertown High School that I wanted to become a PGA golf professional. I enjoyed my years of caddying so much at Oakley CC that I wanted to stay in golf. I also looked up to Oakley CC head golf professional Paul Donahue who was an early mentor.

*Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?* Merion Golf Club in Philadelphia is my favorite golf course that I have played.

*What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?* I learned to play the saxophone as an adult and I love jazz music.

*What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?* I try to volunteer as much as I can and help as many people as I can.



### 2012 Merchandiser of the Year-Public Chris Sleeper, PGA Granite Links Golf Club



*At what age did you begin to play golf?* I began playing golf at age 10.

*Who taught you the game?* I was taught how to play by Bob Beach.

*When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?* I decided I wanted to become a PGA Professional my junior year of college. At the time I was a Physical Therapy major in college and my college advisor told me I needed to focus more on PT or change majors and go play golf. I still thank that advisor every day!

*Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?* The greatest course I have ever played is Cypress Point.

*What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?* I enjoy traveling with my family and fishing.

*What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?* I hope when I retire that people remember me as a PGA Professional who always made their golf experience more enjoyable.



# CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

## CAPE COD CHAPTER



### OYSTER HARBORS' MATT BARAN REPEATS AS CALLAWAY CAPE COD PGA CHAMPION



Falmouth, MA ~ Sept. 27th, 2012: When PGA Assistant Pro Matt Baran, Oyster Harbors, finished 27 holes in this years edition of the Callaway Cape Cod PGA chapter championship – he didn't give him-

self much chance of defending his crown earned last year on the same two courses, New Seabury's Ocean and Dunes. Little did he know, or his playing competitors that he would birdie five holes on the incoming 9 vaulting him to a two-shot victory over the very talented Jake Pleczkowski and 30 other fellow golf professionals from the region.



Baran's 31 on the final nine led to a +1 total: 75-68, 30 coveted points in the Dutch Wessner Award race sponsored by Taylor-Made and the first place check of \$800. Pleczkowski, Sankaty Head's PGA assistant took home \$650 for his runner-up effort easily outdistancing himself over three colleagues who tied for 3rd place: Tom

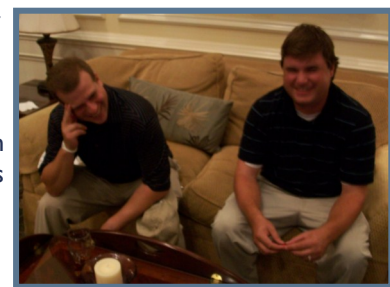
Baran wins 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive Cape crown!  
Rooney, Tom Tobey and host PGA assistant Brian Hayes.

Both courses played harder than last year where Baran's 69-69 138 won the trophy as many fine players fell victim to swirling winds and testing hole positions. Everyone remarked how perfect the conditions were from tee to green. Host PGA Head Professional Brendan Reilly welcomed his fellow pros along with his outstanding staff, notably Chris Tufts who has filled in admirably since Head Superintendent Scott Nickerson is healing from recent knee surgery.



Callaway's Peter Guild (L) with Cape Cod PGA President Greg Yeomans, The Bay Club, prior to the championship at NEW SEABURY

Baran was in fine form after placing 2nd in the Event Man Fall Classic at The Ridge Club in late August. He has now moved into 6th place in the Wessner points with Ballymeade's Craig Garris still holding a slim .37 margin over three time winner Greg Yeomans.



Jesse Schectman & Brad Sherman totaled 342 strokes today!!!

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### The Top Ten:

1	Matthew Baran	Oyster Harbors Club	75-68--143	+1	\$800.00
2	Jake Pleczkowski	Sankaty Head	73-72--145	+3	\$650.00
T3	Brad Wheatley	Cape Cod National GC	71-77--148	+6	\$466.67
T3	Thomas Rooney	LeBaron Hills CC	75-73--148	+6	\$466.67
T3	Thomas Tobey	Bay Pointe	76-72--148	+6	\$466.67
6	Brian Hayes	CC of New Seabury	78-72--150	+8	\$350.00
T7	Christopher Doherty	Old Sandwich GC	75-77--152	+10	\$250.00
T7	Tim Watroba	Hyannisport Club	74-78--152	+10	\$250.00
T7	John Paesani	Bay Club at Mattapoisett	76-76--152	+10	\$250.00
10	Michael Haberl	Hyannisport Club	78-76--154	+12	\$25.00



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

### MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER



October is a big month for the MA Chapter. There are several playing opportunities on the calendar and there is much business to be addressed at the Fall Meeting, which will take place at Marlboro Country Club on Tuesday, October 16th (10am Meeting, Pro-Pro to follow). Most importantly, the business meeting will address the various politics and subsequently prepare our Chapter, Section & District for a successful 2013 and beyond. We look forward to seeing a large crowd at Marlboro and hope that all of our fellow professionals will consider getting personally involved in those political opportunities. While some may not be ready to get personally involved, all PGA Members who attend the meeting will have the opportunity to vote for who they will best represent them at these various levels of governance.

This year, Suzy Whalley will be replaced as the PGA District I Director. Two individuals have submitted papers and will be on the ballot to represent New England, Northeast New York and Connecticut Sections at the National Level. Both Don Lyons, PGA and Jim Tobin, PGA are consummate professionals from Massachusetts and are prepared to dedicate themselves to the arduous task of making our individual voices heard across the PGA. Each of these candidates will have the opportunity to speak at the Chapter meeting. Following their speeches, all PGA Members in attendance, who will not be attending the Section Meeting, will be able to cast a vote for either of the candidates.

At the NEPGA level, Chris Carpenter, PGA will be leaving an open seat on the Board of Directors after serving a full term as the District Director from Eastern Massachusetts. Thus far, John Fields, PGA of Belmont Country Club has expressed interest in running for this open position. More nominees may join this race at any time prior to the Chapter meeting, at which time candidates will have the opportunity to speak and voting will take place.

The Chapter positions will also change in 2013. The term of President, Ben Egan is coming to a close and is to be filled by any PGA Member from the Eastern MA District, the position of Vice President to a PGA Member from Southern MA and the Secretary to a PGA Member from Central MA. Any member from those corresponding Districts may run for these positions and should declare their intent before the Chapter meeting so that voting may be arranged. Currently, Mark Klotz, PGA of Marlboro Country Club, Todd Cook, PGA of The Milton-Hoosic Club and Mark Aldrich, PGA of Worcester Country Club have declared their intent to run for each of the three positions respectively.

Lastly, this year's Chapter Awards will be announced at the Fall Meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Nominees for the Massachusetts awards will be taken in writing through October 15<sup>th</sup> at

5pm. Professionals wishing to nominate a candidate for an awards may do so by emailing a brief statement of why they consider their nominee to be worthy of any of the following: Professional, Teacher, Merchandiser (Private, Public & Resort), Junior Golf Leader and Assistant of the Year.

#### Upcoming Events:

Fri., October 12: \*MA Chapter Stableford – Sandy Burr GC

Mon., October 15: \*MA Chapter Championship – Vesper CC

Tues., October 16: MA Chapter Fall Meeting (10am) & Pro-Pro – Marlborough CC

Mon., October 29: \*1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tri-Chapter Championship – Marshfield CC

*\*Sponsored by Peter Dalton, ProQuip USA*

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### SENIORS' ASSOCIATION



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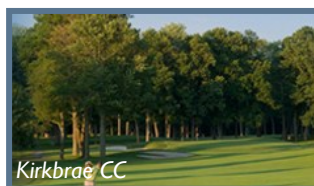
New England Section  
Seniors' Association

Welcome to our newly appointed Senior Director, Jack Neville, PGA. As everyone knows, Jack is a member of

the NEPGA Hall of Fame (inducted in 2008) and also Past President (1993 - 1995). Jack has won just about every Award that the Section bestows on the best of its PGA Professionals. He has also served the Section on many committees over the years. We look forward to having Jack as our representative on the Board of Directors.



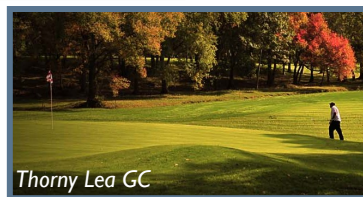
Don't forget to sign up for the remaining Seniors' Association events! October Pro-Am's will start with Blackstone National GC on October 11th. This Pro 3 Am will be followed by Thorny Lea GC on October 17th. The year ends with the Fall Seniors' Association Meeting at Kirkbrae CC on October 25th at 9:00 am. After the meeting, the Seniors' Association Championship will take place. Please call Dennis Selvitella, PGA at 508.410.4984 to register for these remaining events.



Kirkbrae CC



Blackstone National GC



Thorny Lea GC

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### RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



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New England Section  
Rhode Island Chapter

#### CHAPTER OF CHAMPIONS

The Rhode Island Chapter came within a whisker of taking down all three NEPGA major individual titles in 2012 after N. Kingstown's Brian Owens captured the NEAA crown at Tedesco last week in fine fashion. Owens' win, coupled with Eddie Kirby's Section Championship victory help put two trophies in the Ocean State this fall, while Montaup's Steve Diemoz just missed winning the Section Senior Championship in Vermont last August, placing second. (Kirby's near miss in the NE Open must be mentioned, too!) Huge congratulations to a pair of very fine RI golfing CHAMPIONS: Ed Kirby & Brian Owens.

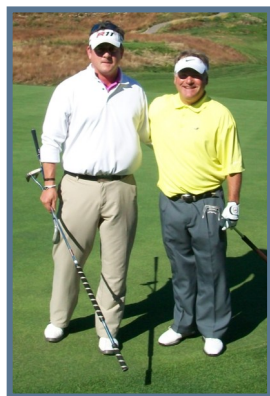


**2012 NEAA  
Champion,  
Brian Owens**



While the Section Championship held great interest for Rhode Island PGA pros, there was a little matter of this year's Chapter Championship to settle as the area's finest were once again invited to play one of the most iconic venues our Section has to offer – The Misquamicut Club, hard by the sea in Westerly, RI.

This 36-hole one day affair was blessed with perfect weather as host PGA Head Pro Jim Corrigan rolled out the red carpet to his colleagues, one of whom took charge of the event from the outset...as reigning Section Champion Kirby got it to -4 after a mere 10 holes playing alongside the affable John Del Bonis, PGA/Quidnesset, and finished the opening round with a four-under par 65 to take a 5 shot lead over Acoaxet's Brent Amaral's, PGA, equally solid 68. In fact, Kirby birdied 5 of 7 holes in the middle of his round which in reality played a major role in winning his first ever Chapter Championship.



**Kirby shoots 65-71**

Amaral closed the gap by one shot after 27 holes with birdies on 6,8,& 9 turning in 34 but bogeys on 10 & 11 were Brent's eventual downfall. Kirby, himself, was battling stomach problems and gutted the final 9 holes out with a two-over par 71 and total of 138, edging Amaral by three in the end.

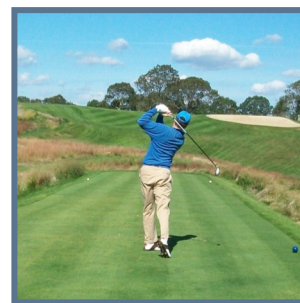


**Brent places 2nd**

Many thanks to Jim Corrigan and his outstanding staff for an excellent day of golf and camaraderie.

The Chapter is pleased to announce that Misquamicut has offered to host the exciting new PRO -I JR SCRATCH event to the shores of Westerly next summer, an event which took off this summer for the first time at Segregan-sett. Hosted by the Rhode Island Chapter, all Section teams are welcome to enter.

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**Corrigan on 18**



### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



The New Hampshire Player of the Year is coming down to the last three events of the season and Concord CC Pro Matt Arvanitis holds a slim lead (233.25) over Bill Andrews of Portsmouth CC (221.50). They are closely followed by Rich Berberian, Jr. of Hoodcroft CC.

The NHC ProAm at Rochester CC was won by the host club featuring Pro Bill Cassell and his amateurs Warren Buzzell, Glenn Cyr and Kevin Strong. The foursome carded an 18-under par score of 125 in the 1 BB Gross and 1 BB Net Combined format. The low professional for the day was veteran professional Jim Sheerin of Abenaki CC with a 71. The event featured a hole-in-one by Betsy Knights of Hanover CC who aced the the par 3, 108 yard, 7th hole with a nine iron. Witnessing the milestone was her fiancé Alex Kirk, Hanover CC head professional.

The NHC ProGross Championship, sponsored by Hardy Golf Sales, was held at Portsmouth CC and the winning team was from Laconia CC led by pro Dan Wilkins and his amateurs Bill Duggan, Tom Dore and Jim Murray. For the second week in a row, another hole-in-one was scored as Duggan aced the par 3, 16th hole, 167 yards with a seven iron.

Remaining pro-am events include: Abenaki CC on October 1st; Bald Peak on October 9th and Nashua CC on October 15th.

The annual Fall Meeting of members will be held at 9:00 a.m. at Laconia CC on October 18th.

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### MAINE CHAPTER



#### Shawn Warren – Maine Chapter Assistant Champion

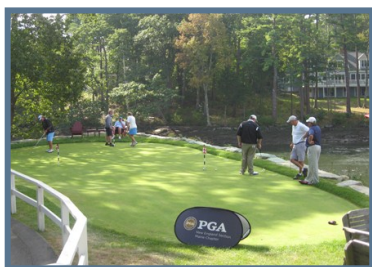
Shawn Warren fired a two under par round of 70 on the Tomahawk Course at Natanis to win the Assistant Championship on August 30. Shawn got off to a quick start with birdies on the first three holes. With another birdie on #5, it looked as though Shawn was going to go very low but Tomahawk proved to be a great test for the competitors. The greens were absolutely perfect one competitor stated to me during his round. Jeff Seavey finished second with a 75.

The Chapter would like to thank Tim Miller and our partners at Cobra/Puma Golf for sponsoring the event with some added money.



Natanis GC and Maine Assistant Champion Shawn Warren

#### SOUTHERN SWING SUCCESS!



The Southern Swing concluded on Thursday, September 20 at York Golf & Tennis with 28 teams competing. It is always a treat to play Cape Arundel, Webhannet and York. We had nearly 90 teams compete over the three days in

York County. We had 17 professionals play all three days, a record! We had teams from Carrabassett Valley to Bar Harbor to Cape Cod compete during our "swing" through York County.

John Hickson won the three day professional pool with an even par score of 210. Peter Hatfield was low senior professional with a three day total of +13 in the point quota format.

A HUGE thank you to host professionals Ken Raynor (A-I, Cape Arundel), Kirk Kimball (A-I, Webhannet) and Kyle Page (A-I York) for their help and hospitality all week. All three courses were in wonderful shape, the setup was terrific and the weather cooperated which is always a bonus.

The Chapter would like to thank our partners at PING and Yamaha Golf Cars represented by Bryan Saylor and Jeff Wildey respectively for their support this week.

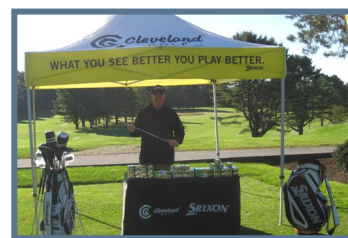
Dave Mazzeo, Don Roberts and Jim Fairbanks were the winners of the PING 4 Series bags.

The Pro-Am Championship trophy is now on display at the Samoset Resort.

Congratulations to the Samoset Team comprised of Jeff Seavey, Butch Allen, Ricky Jones and Robert Griffin for winning the Pro-Am Championship at Portland CC on Monday, September 24 with a 7-under par round of 133. Outstanding course and weather conditions led to some fine scoring by a number of teams. Portland CC always provides a fair and challenging test for Maine's best players and that was proved once again with four professionals shooting even par...Jon Ellis, Jeff Seavey, Allan Menne and Shawn Warren. The average professional score was 78.38.



The Chapter would like to thank our partners at SHIP-YARD Brewing and John Carey proudly representing Cleveland Golf/Srixon for sponsoring our final major of 2012.



John Carey

The 39 competing teams was our largest field to date.

Our Pro-Am season continued the following day on Tuesday, September 25 at the beautiful Woodlands Club. 28 teams enjoyed some wonderful course conditions. Jeff Seavey, PGA Assistant professional at the Samoset Resort continued his season long good play with a 67 to win low professional honors. The Chapter wishes to thank Brent Skinner and our partners at Mizuno for donating outerwear for prizes.

The Annual Meeting takes place at Martindale Country Club on October 10th. Following the meeting, the Pro-Assistant Championship is scheduled.

#### September Sponsors



Tony Decker, PGA  
NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager

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### VERMONT CHAPTER



#### Vermont Chapter Fall Meeting

On September 24th, the Vermont Chapter held our 2012 Annual Fall Meeting at the CC of Vermont. We welcomed NEPGA Executive Director Mike Higgins and PGA Employment Consultant Mike Packard, PGA and heard their updates on Section and National initiatives. We

received Chapter committee reports from all our chairs and committee members.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the introduction and plaque presentations to our newest Class A members Chris Colucci, PGA, Vermont National CC and Jeff Gentes, PGA, Burlington CC. Each intro and plaque was presented to them from their coworkers Zack Wyman, PGA and John Paul, PGA.

We elected Chapter directors Rodney Bicknell, PGA, Neshobe GC to a one year term and Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC as our District Director to the New England Section.

The Vermont Chapter is proud to be the first Chapter in the nation to conduct a vote for a District Director to serve on the National Board of Directors. We heard platform speeches from District I Director candidates Donnie Lyons, PGA and Jim Tobin, PGA. Voting by 45 Vermont Chapter Class A Members was conducted and sealed ballots were sent to the NEPGA office for future tabulation.

#### Tournament Results

On September 4th the VT Chapter held a Pro Am at Green Mountain National with Dave Soucy, PGA as our host. We thank Scott Griffin and Divots Sportwear for their sponsorship and providing shirts to all professionals. Our gross winners were Dave Jankowski and his team from Jay Peak GC with a score of 64. Net winners were Pat Pelletier and his Lake Morey CC team with a score of 59. Low professionals were Dave Jankowski with 69 followed by Pat Pelletier with 72.

On September 6th, we held another major championship with our Senior Championship at Neshobe GC hosted by Rodney Bicknell, PGA. This year's Senior championship was claimed by host professional Rodney Bicknell with a score of 72 followed by Jim Dayton, PGA, Ralph Myhre GC with 74 and Dave Soucy, PGA, Green Mountain National GC with 75.

On September 10th the VT Chapter held a Pro Am at Sugarbush GC with RJ Austin, PGA as our host. We thank Brian Murphy and Titleist for their sponsorship and providing tee gifts and CTP prizes. We would also like to thank Ron Delehanty and Donald Ross Clothing for providing sweaters to all the professionals. Our gross winners were visiting professional Danny Caverly, PGA and his team with a score of 64. Net winners were Josh Olney and his CC of Vermont team with a score of 57. Low professionals were Pat Pelletier, Lake Morey CC with 67 followed by RJ Ziats, PGA, Sugarbush GC and Rodney Bicknell, PGA, Neshobe GC with scores of 69.

The VT Chapter conducted our Pro 3 Am Championship at the CC of Vermont on September 17th with Josh Olney, PGA as our host. We thank our sponsors Tim Miller and Cobra/Puma for their donation of hybrids and Puma shirts to our winning teams. Our champions for 2012, after a two hole playoff, were led by Colin O'Brien, CC of Barre with a 36-hole score of 127. Also at 127 was the team from Lake Morey CC led by Pat Pelletier.

On September 20th-21st, we held our Match Play Championship at Ekwanok CC hosted by John Lombardy, PGA. This year's Match Play Champion Roger King, PGA, CC of Barre defeated Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC in the finals. The semi finals also included Dave Jankowski, Jay Peak GC and Jeff Gentes, PGA, Burlington CC. We thank Stuart Miller and Straight Down for the vests for each player and added money to the purse.

Our final major of the year was our Pro Pro Championship played at CC of Vermont with Josh Olney, PGA as host. The championship was conducted on September 24th prior to our Vermont Chapter Fall Meeting. This year's champions from Lake Morey CC were partners Justin Bonnett, PGA and Pat Pelletier with a better ball score of 70. There was a tie for second with scores of 71 between host professional Josh Olney and Dave Jankowski, Jay Peak GC and partners Rodney Bicknell, PGA, Neshobe GC and Jim Dayton, PGA, Ralph Myhre GC.

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## New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Shaun Webb, PGA	A-6	Blue Hill CC
David Wilson, PGA	A-8	The Country Club

## New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Robert Bruso	B-8	Blackstone National GC
Rik Lynch	B-8	Shining Rock GC
Lucas Rainone	B-8	Baker Hill GC
Kevin Walker	B-1	Wentworth Resort GC

## New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>
Richard Allen, PGA	A-1	George Wright GC	9/30
Drew Chapman, PGA	A-1	Highland CC	9/30
Lawrence Coletti, PGA	A-6	Robert T. Lynch Municipal GC	9/30
Brad Faxon, PGA	A-3	PGA TOUR	9/30
Peter Norton, PGA	A-1	Thorny Lea GC	9/30

## Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Todd Dugan, PGA	A-14	9/20	Golf Town - Northborough
Nick Siudela, PGA	A-14	9/5	CityGolf Walpole
Will Starkweather, PGA	A-8	9/258	Renaissance GC
Noah Tapley, PGA	A-6	9/7	Noah Tapley Golf
Daniel Wilkins, PGA	A-1	9/17	Laconia CC

## Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Todd Dugan, PGA	A-14	Golf Town - Northborough
Nick Siudela, PGA	A-14	CityGolf Walpole
Noah Tapley, PGA	A-6	Noah Tapley Golf
Daniel Wilkins, PGA	A-1	Laconia CC

## New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Travis Geiger, PGA	A-6	South Florida
Nick Siudela, PGA	A-14	Gateway

\*These reports reflect changes made between September 4th and September 30th.

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