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2015 Candidates for NEPGA officers: Allan Belden, PGA (Candidate for Section Secretary), Ron Bibeau, PGA (Candidate for Section Vice President), Susan Bond, PGA (Candidate for Section President) and Rob Jarvis, PGA (Candidate for Section President).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Larry Kelley, PGA



We have always been taught to give it all you can and never give up no matter how difficult things may seem. I struggled with my 24th and final message as President of the New England PGA. In the past I searched for things to write that I hoped were important to our members. Most of my letters were informational and a few (I

hope) were inspirational. The one thing I counted on was that some of you were reading about the quality people all PGA Members are and the amount of quality programming and tournaments we put forth for your benefit, growth, and personal development. We have the best PGA Section in the Association! We have an unbelievable diversity in our own membership (more chapters than any other Section) and that in my opinion makes us stronger and leaders in our profession all over our region. The New England PGA is the **true face** of golf in New England and that makes me unbelievably proud.

Let me list a few NEPGA accomplishments that stand out over the last few years.

- Passed NEPGA Constitution by-law change to allow voting for Section Officers in the Chapters and give a voice to every PGA Section Member no matter where they work or live
- We continue to have the most participants in the Section Championship in our Association – ranked #1 in five out of last seven years nationally
- Chapter relations and communication have become stronger due to understanding the Chapter / Section relationship and how it impacts our PGA Members
- Improved sponsor relations and increased sponsor dollars for Professional purses & Education Offerings
- Professional Audit of all our Section and Chapter finances as well as continue our Association with the Willing Group for our investment account
- No PGA Member dues increase for last decade
- Strong Junior Golf Programming that continues to meet and exceed expectations of Juniors and Parents
- Promotion of Massachusetts Golf Day and working with the Allied Golf Associations to make New England Golf an economic driver in our region
- Drive, Chip, & Putt program increased from 5 to 13 events
- Junior Golf League Program has exploded to over 180 teams Section wide
- Chapter Meetings and Section Championships have had strong NEPGA Section Officer Presence

The list is just an example of the success that we all have had together as a group. We are also fortunate to have such a wonderful professional staff that keeps our interests in mind and a true leader in Mike Higgins who comes to work each and every day working hard for EVERY PGA member. Mike Higgins is always thinking Win / Win and continues to be proactive on our behalf with a continual eye on our future. I want to publicly thank Mike for being a true friend and wonderful guide on this journey. We are lucky to have you.

We are not done! There are many new horizons to climb and challenges ahead. Finding a new home for our Section office and Hall of Fame is still on the list. Continuing to build our Scholarship Fund to benefit our own children and grandchildren is always a priority and continues to be. We will never forget employment and education as your Board of Directors and Officers know they are the true priority when it comes to our Membership. Lastly, our NEPGA Foundation will be one of our future cornerstones that will make our Members and Section stronger.

For the last two years I have been so proud to be YOUR President. To be involved at the highest level has brought me many new friends from all over New England. Additionally, I have been able to engage with other PGA Professionals from all over the country and formed many new relationships through this great game and our profession.

In closing, I would like to thank Dave Pfannenstien, PGA for believing in me enough to hire me into this business almost 25 years ago. Dave just finished his second term as the Vermont Chapter PGA President and has been a great friend, mentor, and his leadership abilities are genuine

and true. I can't thank him enough for all his encouragement and mentorship over the years.

Thank You to all my fellow PGA Section Members for making the last four years so wonderful! I leave you all with my favorite quote from Calvin Coolidge our 30th President, who was born in VT and was also the Governor of Massachusetts.

"Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

Get Out & Play,

Larry Kelley, PGA
President
New England PGA



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

Michael Higgins



October in the New England PGA is a very exciting month, and debatably the busiest. What makes October exciting is the opportunity to interact with so many PGA Professionals.

There are 5 Chapter Meetings this month, as well as Fall Meetings for the Assistants' Association and the Seniors' Association. We also will be very active with the remaining Chapter Championships, the Cape Cod Fall Classic, preparing for the Ireland Pro-Am and the Vegas Pro-Am, as well as our Stroke Play Series Finale to determine the first Avidia Cup Champion!

2015 is also an election year in the New England Section. In my five years as Executive Director and my previous 15 years in the tournament department I have witnessed quite a few Section elections. I have experienced record breaking attendance at Black Rock in 2011 when the first Secretary and Vice President of the New England PGA were elected. I also witnessed a light attendance in 2013 which only saw 120 Section members vote. (There are over 850 eligible voting members in the Section.) In 2015 with the addition of Voting in the Chapters it is conceivable that over half the membership in the Section will be able to cast a vote and have their voice heard. Be sure to attend your chapter meeting ([click here](#) for the list of Fall Meetings) or the Section Annual Meeting on October 26, 2015 at The Haven CC and vote! Your vote is so important, so make it count!

The membership is very fortunate because the volunteers that are running for office are the best of the best. Each candidate is passionate about their association, committed to the New England PGA and dedicated to serving their fellow PGA Professional. The future of the New England PGA is bright, and I wish the best of luck to all of the candidates during the "fall run" of campaigning, speaking and voting.

This October will also see a changing of the guard in some of the District Director positions on the Board. It has been a pleasure to work with Troy Pare, PGA from Rhode Island, Zack Wyman, PGA from Vermont and Rob Jarvis, PGA from Maine. Thank you all for your service and I will be sure to tell the incoming Directors that they have some pretty big shoes to fill. October 26th will also be the final day that Honorary President, Jimmy Noris, PGA will be an officer of the Section. Jimmy guided the Section through one of our more difficult times, and helped to right the ship which now has the Section enjoying very prosperous times. Jimmy has been a great leader for the Section and he certainly will be missed in the Board room. On behalf of a grateful Section...Thanks Jimmy!

October is also the time of year when the employment season becomes more active. There has already been a bit of movement and of course the rumors start to fly. I can not stress enough how important it is to have your Career Links Profile updated and active, so that you will be informed about new job opportunities. Keep your résumé current with your new accomplishments or changes and please reach out to either Employment Consultant Michael Packard, PGA or myself for any assistance. The Section also reminds Head Professionals that the Employment Tab on 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.

Remain focused through the last full month of the golf in the New England PGA. We are approaching the finish line and I wish you all 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,

Michael Higgins
Executive Director
New England PGA

Important Dates

OCTOBER 5

NEPGA Avidia Cup Finals
Weston Golf Club

OCTOBER 8

Maine Chapter Fall Meeting
Martindale Country Club

OCTOBER 8

MA Chapter Championship
Marshfield Country Club

OCTOBER 8

RI Chapter Championship
Sakonnet Golf Club

OCTOBER 12-16

Ireland Pro-Am
Ballybunion - Old Course; Killarney
G&FC; Old Head GL; Tralee GC;
Waterville GL

OCTOBER 13

Cape Cod Fall Fest #1
Oyster Harbors Club

OCTOBER 14

Cape Cod Fall Fest #2
Eastward Ho! Country Club

OCTOBER 15

Cape Cod Fall Fest #3
The Wianno Club

OCTOBER 15

Assistants' Association Fall Meeting
Kernwood Country Club

OCTOBER 15

Seniors' Association Fall Meeting
Pleasant Valley Country Club

OCTOBER 19

NEPGA Scholarship Pro-Am
TPC Boston

OCTOBER 20

NEPGA Scholarship Pro-Am
Black Rock Country Club

OCTOBER 20

Cape Cod Chapter Fall Meeting
Hyannis Golf Club

OCTOBER 21

Rhode Island Chapter Fall Meeting
Shelter Harbor Golf Club

OCTOBER 21

Massachusetts Chapter Fall Meeting
The Haven Country Club

OCTOBER 22

New Hampshire Chapter Fall Meeting
Laconia Country Club

OCTOBER 22

Cape Cod Chapter Championship
Hyannis Golf Club

OCTOBER 26

NEPGA Section Fall Meeting
The Haven Country Club

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NEPGA Officer Candidates

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Breaking News... The New England PGA has just learned that Zack Wyman, PGA has had to withdraw from consideration for the office of New England PGA Secretary.



Candidate for Office of
SECRETARY

Allan Belden, PGA

Head Golf Professional
Worcester Country Club
Former MA Chapter District Director



Candidate for Office of
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JoFit and Barrington Gifts
Current NEPGA Vice President



Rob Jarvis, PGA

Assistant Professional
Bangor Municipal Golf Course
Maine Chapter District Director

VOTING

2015 Election voting will take place at all Chapter Meetings as well as the Section Fall Meeting on October 26th at The Haven CC in Boylston, MA. Please remember that PGA Professionals may only vote once for each Officer Election.

VT CHAPTER

Mon., Sept. 28 2pm
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ME CHAPTER

Thurs., Oct. 8 9am
Martindale CC
Pro-Assistant to follow

ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION

Thurs., Oct. 15 8 am
Kernwood CC
Fall Series Final to follow

SENIORS' ASSOCIATION

Thurs., Oct. 15 9 am
Pleasant Valley CC
Senior Champ to follow

CAPE COD CHAPTER

Tues., Oct. 20 8:30 am
Hyannis GC

RI CHAPTER

Wed., Oct. 21 9 am
Shelter Harbor GC
Golf to follow

MA CHAPTER

Wed., Oct. 21 3:30 pm
The Haven CC
Pro-Pro 9 am

NH CHAPTER

Thurs., Oct. 22 9 am
Laconia CC

NEPGA SECTION

Mon., Oct. 26 9 am
(Registration - 8 am)
The Haven CC



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GREENSIDE: Ron Green, PGA



Here we go again, it's October, the month that ends with ghouls and goblins running rampant through the streets, will it be a trick or will they receive treats?

It is also the final month for New England PGA Section events and we have some great venues to finish with, your early treat.

The following events will wrap things up for us in 2015, so unless you are bringing a group to a little Pro

-Am event we are conducting out west in November, I may not see you on the course again until next year. If that is the case, I hope you have a great holiday season filled with family and friends, have a chance to rest up a little over the winter, and don't have too much snow to shovel.

We'll be back with Tournament News, and attempt to do this all over again, in 2016.

See you down the road,

~ Greenie

Avidia Bank Cup Weston Golf Club | October 5



The first event is a new addition to the NEPGA schedule, the inaugural Avidia Cup brought 75 of the top players in our Section together for a one-day shoot-out for the Avidia Cup. Congratulations to Kirk Hanefeld, PGA of Stow Acres CC for winning our first Avidia Cup! See the event recap on page 12 of this news magazine. A huge Thank You to our sponsor Avidia Bank for their year-long support of our events leading up to this great finale at Weston Golf Club on Monday, October 5. Thanks as well to our hosts PGA Professional Adam Hemeon and Superintendent Matt DeAvila.



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PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Cape Cod Fall Festival Pro Ams

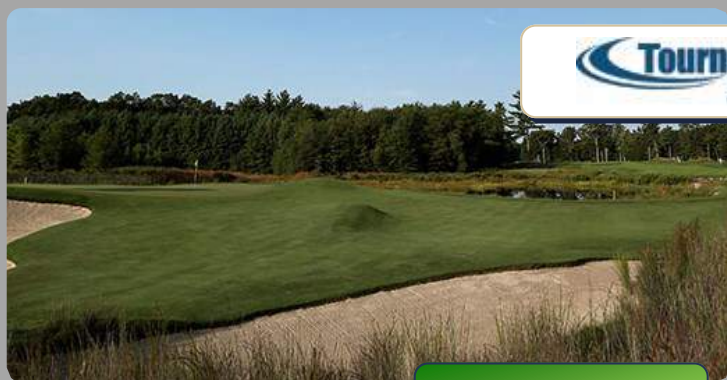
Next up, three events "over the bridge" on beautiful Cape Cod, the Cape Cod Fall Festival Pro-Ams, October 13-15 at Oyster Harbors Club, Eastward Ho! and The Wianno Club. National Car Rental is the presenting sponsor of these events, with teams consisting of a New England PGA Professional and 3 Amateurs. The format for each is 2 Best Balls of the Four, One Gross and One Net score combined (can not be the same ball) to determine the team score. 10 AM shotgun starts are scheduled for Oyster Harbors and Eastward Ho! while Wianno will be an 11:30 AM shotgun. Sean Edmonds, PGA, Superintendent Ryan Chase, Brian Hamilton, PGA, Superintendent Frank Hancock and Eric Steindel, PGA and Superintendent David Johnson are our respective hosts. We say Thank You to one and all. **Registration for these events is now closed.**



Oyster Harbors Club | Oct. 13 Eastward Ho! CC | Oct. 14 The Wianno Club | Oct. 15

NEPGA Scholarship Pro Ams

October 19 & 20 are very important dates on the New England PGA calendar. They are the dates for the New England PGA Scholarship Pro-Am's, this year held at TPC – Boston and Black Rock Country Club. The monies raised from these events are used to provide educational funding for NEPGA family members. Bring a group on Monday and play TPC - Boston, the course that hosts one of the marquee events on the PGA Tour Playoff schedule, the Deutsche Bank Championship, or venture to Hingham on Tuesday and experience the magnificent Black Rock Country Club, the site of this year's Massachusetts Open Championship. The format is 2 Best Balls of the Four, One Gross and One Net score combined (can not be the same ball) to determine the team score, an 11 AM shotgun start is scheduled for both venues. Thank you to our presenting sponsor Tournament Solutions for their support of these very important events. Huge thanks to our host PGA Professionals, Mark Nowosielski and Mark Gammons as well as Superintendents Tom Brodeur and Chuck Welch.



TPC Boston | Oct. 19

[Register](#)



Black Rock CC | Oct. 20

[Register](#)

OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year Standings

Final Standings

- 1. Shawn Warren, Falmouth CC - 18,379.09 points**
- 2. Rich Berberian, Windham CC - 16,812.50 points**
- 3. Jeff Martin, Norton CC - 12,878.25 points**
- 4. Kirk Hanefeld, Stow Acres CC - 11,994.72 points**
- 5. Eddie Kirby, Point Judith CC - 9,007.33 points**

[click here for full standings](#)

Avidia Bank Cup Standings

Final Standings

- 1. Kirk Hanefeld, Stow Acres CC - 2,800 points**
- 2. Rich Berberian, Windham CC - 2,435 points**
- 3. Eddie Kirby, Point Judith CC - 2,384 points**
- 4. Jeff Martin, Norton CC - 2,010 points**
- 5. Shawn Warren, Falmouth CC - 1,730 points**

[click here for full standings](#)



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Hanefeld Captures Inaugural Avidia Bank Cup

Two time New England PGA Player of the Year and 2015 Senior Champion Kirk Hanefeld, PGA of Stow Acres CC captured the inaugural Avidia Cup sponsored by Avidia Bank, which culminated today at Weston Golf Club in Weston, MA. Hanefeld used a solid performance throughout the season to position himself in the Top-5 entering the Avidia Cup Finals, and his 3-under par 69 was good enough for solo second place and a grand total of 2,800 points, to overtake regular season points leader Rich Berberian, PGA of Windham Country Club.

Berberian fired a 1-under par 71 as he had visions of stealing the OMEGA Player of the Year title from Shawn Warren, PGA of Falmouth CC. Playing alongside Berberian, Warren stumbled to a 1-over par 73, leaving the race in the hands of the other 46 competitors. Berberian needed a win and for Warren to finish outside of the Top-19, but once Dave Dionne, PGA of Beverly Golf & Tennis posted a 2-under par 70, Berberian's hopes were dashed and Warren collected his third consecutive OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year Award by 1,566 points over Berberian, joining Jeff Martin, PGA of Norton CC, Ron Philo, PGA of Stowe Mountain Club, Dana Quigley, Charlie Volpone, PGA and Bob Crowley as the only New England PGA Professionals to accomplish that feat. Both Warren and Berberian were speeding out of town to catch flights, as both are

competing in the first stage of Web.com Tour Qualifying School in Lakeland, Florida this week.

Speaking of players that have won multiple OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year Awards, Kirk Hanefeld has put together quite a season, regardless of the age of his competitors. And similar to his counterpart on the PGA TOUR Jordan Speith, Kirk put himself in position and was able to seal the deal at the season's final Stroke Play. After accumulating points in a steady manner throughout the season, Hanefeld saved his best for last. Just 12 days ago he fired a 5-under 65 at Webhannet to win the final regular season Stroke Play, moving him into the third position on the season-long points race. Trailing Berberian who won Stroke Play #3 at Montcalm, and Martin, who captured the first Stroke Play at Renaissance, and ahead of Warren and Greg Pieczynski, PGA of Weston who won Stroke Play #4, these fab five controlled their own destiny and could capture the Avidia Cup with a win.

A former OMEGA Wogan Award winner had other plans, as Eddie Kirby, PGA of Point Judith CC, sitting in the 11th spot on the points list, came out firing. Birdies on his first two holes set the tone, and a 3-under par back nine were good enough for a 5-under par 67 and a two shot victory. Playing in the second to last group, Kirby had to play the

waiting game with some established Professionals yet to finish. In order to capture the Avidia Cup, Kirby would need some help from the leaders, but would come up just short in the end thanks to Berberian and Hanefeld's play.

Similar to his performance at Webhannet in September, Hanefeld turned a good round into a great one with a flourish of birdies over his closing holes. The veteran played his final five holes in 3-under, good enough for second place among the field on qualifiers determined throughout the season's five Stroke Play events. This victory capped off a successful season for Hanefeld, as he captured the Senior Championship and Senior/Junior Championship in August, Stroke Play #5 at Webhannet in

September, and finally the Avidia Cup in October. It all adds up to a 4th place finish in the OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year list, and the title of 2015 Avidia Cup Champion.

A special thank you to our partners at Avidia Bank, as well as Stroke Play Series partners Ahead, Cutter & Buck, Golf Buddy, Yamaha and PGA TOUR for the support throughout the season. Also a big thank you to Weston Golf Club and our host sites throughout the season!

For full results from the tournament [click here](#).

For Final Avidia Cup Standings, [click here](#).

Thorn In Their Sides

Franklin and Trull Brook Teams Capture Pro-Superintendent

Golf Professionals and Course Superintendents have a unique relationship, often times like ships passing in the night amidst the hustle and bustle of the activities at their respective clubs. So when the fall comes and things quiet down just a bit at the clubs, they get the opportunity to team up in a different way than they usually do – by playing 18 holes of Select Drive, Alternate Shot against many other teams from around New England. Much like the grind of the New England golf season, this format can test the patience of any team, and that is what makes it all the more rewarding when the round is done. For the teams from Franklin CC and Trull Brook CC, this was certainly the case.

Franklin's Anthony Maki, PGA and Mike Luccini, GCSAA along with Trull Brook's Allen Santos, PGA and Jeremy Cox, GCSAA, fired 1-over par 71's in the difficult format, good for a one-shot victory in the gross division. The team from Franklin managed three birdies and four bogeys, a steady round playing one's own ball. Trull Brook also made three birdies, but it was their final hole that stung the most as they made a double bogey from

115 yards on the par-4 7th hole, a disappointing finish to a spectacular round of golf. A bogey would have given them the solo victory, but instead they would share the title.

Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton, MA is one of New England's finest conditioned courses, and host PGA Professional Peter Norton and Superintendent Jim Medeiros, GCSAA rolled out the green carpet for the 26 teams in attendance. The 6,400 yard Par 70 course is a favorite of local golfers, and the skies were perfect making for an outstanding day.

A special thank you to longtime event sponsors Five Star Golf Cars, EZ-GO and Cushman, and local representatives Larry Kelley, PGA, Matt McDonald, Doug Hopper, Steve Rand and Tim Russell for their unwavering support of New England PGA Professionals and Superintendents.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
T1	Franklin CC	+1	71
T1	Santos/Cox	+1	71
3	Strawberry Valley GC	+2	72
4	Turner Hill GC	+4	74
T5	Marlborough CC	+5	75
T5	Atkinson Resort	+5	75
T7	Marlborough CC	+6	76
T7	Mink Meadows GC	+6	76
T7	Bellevue GC	+6	76
T10	Pine Oaks CC	+7	77

For full results, please [click here](#).

Double Brook

Farland and Kirby capture Head Pro & Teaching Pro Titles

Greg Farland, PGA of Marlborough Country Club and Eddie Kirby, PGA of Point Judith CC accomplished a feat never done before in New England Section history. The two veteran Professionals won separate Championships on the same day at the same course, as the Head Professional/Teaching Professional Championship was contested at Pine Brook Country Club, the 6,400 yard par 70 layout.

Competing against 43 fellow Head Professionals from around New England, Farland played a very steady round of golf, with three birdies and two bogeys for a 1-under par 69, good for a three shot victory over John Rainone, PGA of North Kingstown GC and Boomer Erick, PGA of Boston Golf Club.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Greg Farland	-1	69
T2	John Rainone	+2	72
T2	Boomer Erick	+2	72
T4	Hal Jacobs	+3	73
T4	Frank Dully	+3	73
6	Robert Bradley	+4	74
T7	Michael Menery	+5	75
T7	Zachary Wyman	+5	75
T7	Dan Gillis	+5	75
T7	Craig Knight	+5	75

For full results, please [click here](#).

three birdies and two bogeys for a 1-under par 69, good for a three shot victory

over John Rainone, PGA of North Kingstown GC and Boomer Erick, PGA of Boston Golf Club.

In the Teaching Professional Championship, Eddie Kirby fired the low round of the day, a 2-under par 68 to beat Kirk Hanefeld, PGA of Stow Acres by a shot. Kirby's round was highlighted by three birdies on the back nine, including back to back birdies on 11 and 12. Hanefeld made four birdies to offset three bogey's. 17 Teaching Professionals teed it up in the inaugural Championship.

A big thank you to Pine Brook and Keith Barber, PGA for hosting, as well as our sponsors and representatives on site from Cobra Puma Golf (Clem Lamarre & Deb Mangan), Orange Whip (Josh Suzio), Sky Golf (Ron Delahanty) and GolfMD's.

Putting the "Win" in Windham

Berberian and Ruggiero Team for Another Victory

The duo of Rich Berberian, PGA of Windham Country Club and Chris Ruggiero have made quite a duo the past couple of years. Ruggiero is Berberian's caddie and has been on the bag for his back to back Section Championship victories, a calming influence during the stress of Championship golf. This time around however, Ruggiero brought his clubs along and the duo from Windham CC in New Hampshire added another victory to the mantle, this time at scenic Turner Hill Golf Club.

They found themselves up against some familiar foes, as Shawn Warren, PGA of Falmouth CC and his frequent caddie Shawn McCurdy teamed up and kept pace with a 4-under par 32 on the front, second only to Berberian and Ruggiero who had it 5-under through that stretch. Berberian and Ruggiero would tack on another two birdies on the back nine to bring their total for the day to seven, offset by one bogey and good for a 6-under par 66.

Warren and McCurdy could only muster an even par 36 on the back, good for a 4-under par 68 to join Kevin Murphy, PGA and Nick Maccario of Bradford CC and Tom O'Rourke, PGA and Alex Stimson of Cummaquid GC in a tie for second. Tom Cavicchi, PGA and Jack Bohman of Harmon Club and Jim Sheerin, PGA and Kevin Williams of Abenauqui rounded out the Top-5 with 3-under par 69's.

A special thank you to Jim and Kevin Lynch and Prize Possessions for sponsoring the event, and to Nate Hopley, PGA, John Sadowski, GCSAA and Turner Hill for hosting again this year!



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Berberian/Ruggiero	-6	66
T2	Warren/McCurdy	-4	68
T2	O'Rourke/Stimpson	-4	68
T2	Murphy/Maccario	-4	68
T5	Cavicchi/Bohman	-3	69
T5	Sheerin/Williams	-3	69
T7	Ray/Leopold	-2	70
T7	Cahill/Fickert	-2	70
T7	Tramonti/Breiner	-2	70
T7	Carter/Hemme	-2	70

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Stow Acres CC



Driver: Titleist 915 D2, 9.5 deg.

Woods: Callaway XHot 4 Wood

Hybrid: Titleist 915 HD 21 & 24 deg.

Irons: Titleist 716 AP1, 5-9 iron

Wedges: Titleist Vokey SM5, 50, 56 & 60 deg.

Putter: Scotty Cameron Select Newport 2

Ball: Titleist ProV1x

Head Professional Champion Greg Farland, PGA - Marlborough CC



Driver: Titleist 915 D3, 9.5 deg. X Flex

Woods: Titleist 915 3 Wood

Hybrid: Titleist 915H 19 deg.

Irons: Titleist 914 AP2 S300

Wedges: Titleist SM5 54 & 58 deg.

Putter: Odyssey 2-Ball

Ball: Titleist ProV1x

Trinket: Always mark with a penny heads up.

Teaching Professional Champ. & Stroke Play Finals Winner Eddie Kirby, PGA - Point Judith CC



Driver: Nike VR Pro

Woods: Nike Vapor Pro 3 wood

Hybrid: Nike Vapor Pro 19 deg.

Irons: Nike VR Pro Combo 3-PW

Wedges: Nike VR Pro 52 & 56 deg.

Putter: Taylormade Rossa 37"

Ball: Nike Platinum

Home Sweet Home

Driscoll returns to New England, Captures Title at Quechee

James Driscoll of Brookline, MA has captured the 2015 New England Open title with a score of 10-under par 134, besting Ryan Zylstra of Richmond, VA by four shots, and Rich Berberian, PGA of Windham, NH by five. After firing an opening round of 4-under par 68 which left him one shot back of Berberian and Zylstra, Driscoll played flawless golf in the final round and carded a 6-under par 66 which included a back nine 5-under par 31. Driscoll, the longtime PGA TOUR and Web.com TOUR player who dominated amateur golf in New England throughout the 90's, also captured the New England Amateur at Quechee 20 years ago, and is now two for two at the riverside course in central Vermont.

Driscoll takes home the \$8,000 first place check, and heads to the second stage of Web.com Q School later this fall with a needed confidence boost after finishing 115 on the Web.com TOUR money list this season.

While Driscoll has had a successful career for himself on the best Professional golf tours in the United States, he found himself trailing after one round, playing catch up to an unknown (to New Englanders) Professional from Virginia, and a rising young PGA Professional who has dominated the New England golf scene like Driscoll did many moons ago, who also got his own taste of Tour life earlier this summer at the US Open. While the popular question among many players this week was "Is that THE James Driscoll?", round one proved that a victory would not be handed to him just because of his past successes against the best players in the world. There was a crop of veteran Professionals, young and old, looking to capture their first New England Open title as well.

Early on in round two, Driscoll faced his first bit of adversity that would determine if he would be in position to win come the back nine.. After matching birdies with Rich Berberian on the par-5 second and fifth holes, he found himself still one shot behind. Fellow competitor Zylstra had a more adventurous scorecard with a bogey-birdie-eagle stretch on holes three through five, and also found himself 2-under through six and tied with Berberian. Two Zylstra bogeys on seven and eight and a Driscoll bogey on the eighth gave Berberian a two show lead, and he was firmly in the driver's seat, however there were still nine holes to play.

As all great champions do, Driscoll continued to grind despite being behind, and calmly began his back nine with a routine birdie on the drivable par-4 10th hole to cut his deficit in half, coupled with a Berberian bogey on the 10th and the New England Open turned into a dogfight. No stranger to winning on the Professional stage, Berberian rebounded on 11 with a birdie and regained the lead, but the 12th holed proved to be the turning point of the Championship. On the 195 yard par-3, Berberian hit his worst shot of the Championship and found himself up against a property fence, dangerously close to being out of bounds. With no relief options, he was forced to chip out and suffered a double-bogey, dropping him back to even for the day. Zylstra managed to steady himself after an erratic front nine, and opened the back nine with four straight pars to stay in the thick of things. But it was shaping up to be Driscoll's day, and he found an extra gear that most in the field knew he had.

With a major thunderstorm band rolling through Vermont and dark clouds descending on the property, Driscoll hit the gas like a storm chaser and rattled off four birdies in his last five holes to turn a tightly contested tournament into a rout. Zylstra rallied with two late birdies but it was ultimately too little, too late, and Berberian could never rebound from the double and closed with six straight pars to finish five back. Shawn Warren, PGA of Falmouth, ME shot 2-under par 70 with a triple bogey and secured a top-five finish alongside Chris Fitzpatrick of Wellesley, MA who shot 68-73 for a 3-under par total. James Smith of Middlebury, CT had a 4-under par 68 to grab a tie for sixth at 142 along



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Player	Total	R1	R2	Total
1	James Driscoll Wellesley, MA	-10	68	66	134
2	Ryan Zylstra Richmond, VA	-6	67	71	138
3	Rich Berberian Derry, NH	-5	67	72	139
T4	Shawn Warren Cape Elizabeth, ME	-3	71	70	141
T4	Chris Fitzpatrick Wellesley, MA	-3	68	73	141
T6	James Smith Middlebury, CT	-2	74	68	142
T6	Braden Shattuck Aston, PA	-2	69	73	142
T8	Mack Duke Camden, ME	-1	71	72	143
T8	Jesse Larson Mendon, VT	-1	70	73	143
T8	Michael Carbone Brewster, MA	-1	70	73	143

For full results, please [click here](#).

with Brian Shattuck of Aston, PA. Mack Duke, of Camden, ME, 2014 Champion Jesse Larson of Mendon, VT and Michael Carbone of Brewster, MA rounded out the top 10 and the players who shot under par for 36 holes. Vermont's Garren Poirier overtook defending Low Amateur Mike Martel with a two round total of 1-over par 145.

Following the trophy ceremony, Driscoll explained to local reporters how competing on the Web.com can weigh on your mentally, as week in and out you need to shoot 65 to keep up, which can be tough to do after years of competing on the PGA TOUR, where limiting mistakes is just as important as making a bunch of birdies. This week in Vermont, Driscoll was able to do both of those things as he takes the first step towards regaining his Web.com Tour status and continuing his solid career alongside the best players in the world.

A special thanks to our host Professional Steve Rogers, PGA, Superintendent Ken Lallier, GCSAA and all of the staff at Quechee for graciously welcoming some of the bright stars in the local golf landscape to their facility. Also a special thanks to our event sponsors Yamaha, Lincoln Motors, Mohegan Sun Resort & Casino and PGA TOUR.

To see more photos, view our [Facebook album](#).



A Sterling Duo

Pare & Hanefeld Capture Senior/Junior Crown

The duo of Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (pictured right) of Stow Acres and Troy Pare, PGA (pictured left) of The Preserve teamed to form one of the more formidable Pro-Pro partnerships in the near 50 year history of the event. Not since the years of Paul Harney and Paul Barkhouse in the 70's and 80's have two of the most decorated PGA Professionals in the New England Section teamed up in the Senior/Junior and won. That happened today as Hanefeld and Pare fired a 7-under par 64 to capture the title at Sterling National, besting 32 other teams for their first victory as a team in their first try.



Despite their vast experience and dominance of New England PGA tournaments over the years, their margin was slim among the talented field comprised of teams of two, with one Professional over 50, and one Professional under 50. They played a steady round of golf that included seven birdie and no bogeys, shooting 3-under par 33 on the front side, and a 4-under par 31 on the back, buoyed by birdies on 16-18. This run was crucial to capturing the victory, as defending champions Eddie Kirby, PGA of Point Judith CC and Bob Tramonti, PGA of Triggs Municipal and the new team of Tim Bishop, PGA of Tatnuck and Colin Beaupre, PGA of Winchester were putting together flawless rounds of their own.

Like Hanefeld and Pare, Kirby and Tramonti were bogey free for the tournament, but lacked that one extra birdie to get them over the hump to successfully defend their title. Beaupre and Bishop combined for 8 birdies on the day, tied for the most in the tournament, but suffered back to back bogeys on holes four and five to also finish a shot behind. Six other teams found themselves tied for 4th at 5-under par 66.

A special thank you to Sterling National Country Club and host Professional Chris Hulme, PGA for hosting the event, and to Mizuno Golf & Matt Mikan/Rob Hardy and Antigua & Ollie & Dee Hallett for supporting the event!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Troy Pare Kirk Hanefeld	-7	64
T2	Robert Tramonti Ed Kirby	-6	65
T2	Timothy Bishop Colin Beaupre	-6	65
T4	Jeff Seavey John Hickson	-5	66
T4	Jim Corrigan Matt Doyle	-5	66
T4	Al Vallante Shane Drury	-5	66
T4	Frank Dully Rick Durocher	-5	66
T4	Daniel Wilkins Todd Rollins	-5	66
T4	Shawn Hester James Burke	-5	66
10	John O'Connor Rich Berberian	-4	67

For full results, please [click here](#).

Augusta Bound



The Drive, Chip & Putt Championship has become a part of the Masters Tournament each April, alongside the azaleas and Magnolia Lane and the start of a new golf season for many, especially those in the northeast where winters bite makes one long for a glimpse of the rolling fairways and towering pines of Augusta National Golf Club.

For eight young golfers, this upcoming winter may drag just that much longer, as they await their chance to step foot on the hallowed grounds among the best and brightest in the world to compete in the National Drive, Chip & Putt Finals, held the Sunday before the Masters in 2016. These eight youngsters punched their ticket on some hallowed ground a little closer to home; The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, host to some of the greatest golf competitions in history, most notably the 1913 US Open when 20-year old amateur Francis Ouimet beat British Professionals Harry Vardon & Ted Ray to kick off the American Golf boom, and more recently the 1999 Ryder Cup, site of the United States historic comeback on Sunday.

Ironically, none of the competitors at The Country Club on September 13th had even been born at the time of the 1999 Ryder Cup, and instead were trying to make their own history on part of The Country Club's Primrose





course, which uses multiple holes in combination with the regular course to make the Championship Layout featured in such major competitions as the US Open, Amateur and Ryder Cup.

Throughout the season, competitors ranged from ages 7 to 15 spread across four divisions. In total there were 313 Drive, Chip & Putt events, held in all 50 states. Ultimately, the field is narrowed down to the top 80 qualifiers, or 1 per age group from 10 Regional Qualifying sites across the country. Under cloudy skies with precipitation throughout the day, 4 boys and 4 girls took their final step towards Augusta.

Two New England natives were among the eight that advanced, with Gianna Papa of Foster, Rhode Island winning the Girls 7-9 Division, and Michael Thorbjornsen of Wellesley, MA winning the Boys 14-15. They were joined by Jack St. Ledger of Little Falls, NJ (Boys 7-9), Nicole Criscone of Clifton Park, NY (Girls 10-11), Sam O'Hara of New York, NY (Boys 10-11), Tiya Chowdary of Belle Mead, NJ (Girls 12-13), Michael DiRienzo of Southbury, CT (Boys 12-13) and Kyra Cox of South Salem, NY (Girls 14-15). Congratulations to all competitors on a great season and best of luck to those who qualified.



Thank you to Brendan Walsh, PGA, General Manager David Chag and all of the staff, as well as the membership at The Country Club for graciously hosting this competition and giving the competitors and their families the experience of a lifetime.

For full results, visit www.drivechipandputt.com.



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SPECIAL AWARDS DINNER

The Haven Country Club | Sat., November 7, 2015

You are cordially invited to celebrate the New England PGA 2015 Award Recipients and Hall of Fame Inductees at The Haven Country Club, Boylston, Massachusetts on Saturday, November 7th.

Please join us as we induct Donnie Lyons, PGA and Jim Sheerin, PGA into the NEPGA Hall of Fame and honor Allan Belden, PGA as the Golf Professional of the Year. The entire list of 2015 Award Recipients can be found on NEPGA.com.

A Cocktail Reception will begin at 4:30 pm. Dinner and presentation of Awards will begin promptly at 5:30 pm. Attire is dressy outfits for women and a sport coat/suit and tie for men.

Tickets are \$85 each for adults and \$20 each for children under 12 years of age. You may purchase tickets online or submit a paper Reservation Form by the deadline of Friday, October 23rd.

Please contact Joan Stuart, 508.869.0000 or jstuart@pgahq.com, if you have any questions or to purchase your tickets over the phone.

Register Online or **Download Reservation Form**

[View 2015 Award Recipients](#) | [View Directions to The Haven Country Club](#)

NEPGA 2015 Award Winner *Spotlight*

NEPGA MERCHANDISER OF THE YEAR ~ PUBLIC

John Tuffin, PGA

At what age did you begin to play golf?

JT) 11

Who taught you the game?

JT) Several great professionals, Allan Menne & Joe Catalano in particular.

Where did you go to school?

JT) Northeastern University

When did you decide to become a PGA Professional & why?

JT) After I graduated from college. I love the game of golf and love the idea of being around it my entire life.

Of all the courses you have played, which one is your favorite?

JT) Winged Foot or Merion

What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?

JT) Spending time with my Daughter Lilly and son Jack. Working out.

What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?

JT) I helped promote this great game and hopefully made it more enjoyable for the people I came in contact with.



2016 NEPGA Award Nominations

Active members in good standing with the Section will soon be able to submit nominations for the 2016 NEPGA Special Awards. Please be on the lookout for an email later in October with links to the online nomination forms. Start thinking about which deserving NEPGA members you'll be nominating for the next slate of award winners!

EMPLOYMENT MESSAGE: Michael Packard, PGA



Fall has arrived, and so, too, has the Hiring Season.

Thoughts for Fall...

With the arrival of fall, many PGA Professionals will be faced with contract negotiations, performance evaluations, and possible thoughts about a job change.

With this in mind, ask yourself the following questions

Do I know how my employer measures my performance?

How did I improve my facility's operational or financial performance in the past year?

Is my current job meeting my expectations?

Is my career where I would like it to be?

Do I need to improve my skills for my current job or for future opportunities?

If my dream job suddenly came along, would I be ready to go after it?

about your current job and career situation:

If you don't already have a regular evaluation process in place, ask your employer to give you an annual or semi-annual performance review. With regularly scheduled reviews, you can find out if you are meeting your employer's expectations, learn what areas and skills you

need to improve, and address job and performance issues before it's too late.

If there are areas where you need to improve your skills or knowledge, develop a self-improvement plan. This can include the PGA Certified Professional Program, education programs at the PGA Merchandise Show, PGA Section and Chapter seminars, local college classes, online education, or your peer network.

If you have some issues with your current job arrangement, work with your employer and try to find solutions to resolve your major concerns. If you feel there is no resolution possible, then it may be time to begin formulating a plan to search for another position where you can achieve your career goals.

If you have any questions about how best to communicate your specific contributions to your employer during the 2015 golf season, or need some action steps to pursue your next opportunity, please reach out OR you can contact your closest Facility Relations Chair for assistance.

New England Section PGA Facility Relations Co-Chairs:

Adam Hemeon, PGA & Zack Wyman, PGA
Weston Golf Club Vermont National Country Club

PGA CareerLinks ProFile – Time To Review and Update

Since its inception in 1996, CareerLinks has assisted over 6,800 employers and is recognized as the golf industry's primary employment referral service for management level positions such as Head Professional, Director of Golf, General Manager, etc.

While New England PGA Professionals are fortunate to view all New England Section employment opportunities on the member-only side of the NEPGA website, there are many additional opportunities in neighboring Sections that may be of interest.

At this time, there are 777 NEPGA Professionals in active classifications and 180 (many A-1, A-4, and A-8's) are not active in CareerLinks for the upcoming hiring season.

If you would like to update your CareerLinks profile, [click here](#) (you will need your PGA.org username and password to access).

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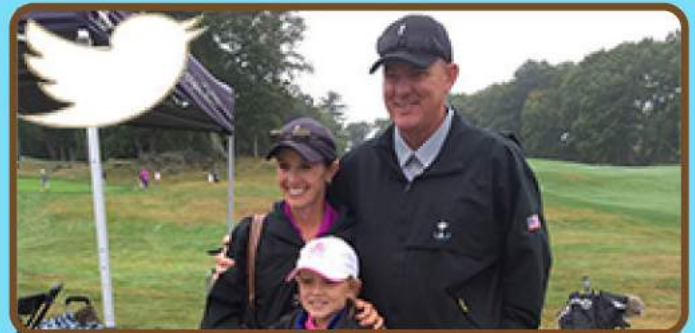
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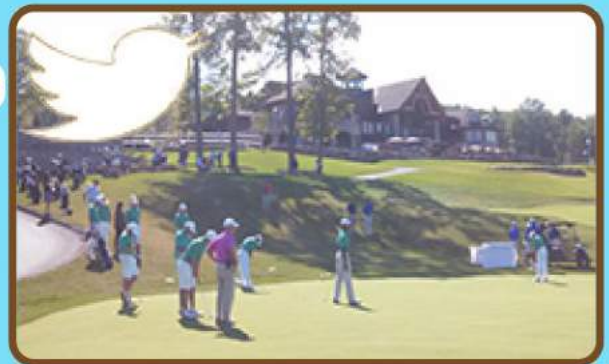


"@Golfweek: "For 9-year-old Massachusetts girl, Drive, Chip & Putt provides spark for game"



"NEPGA - Thank you to The Country Club for hosting and congratulations to all competitors and those who are Augusta bound!"

"@ RussHeldGolf: Warmups at GreatHorse for Remy Cup Match teams from @ConnecticutPGA and @NEPGA"



"@newenglandpga - Top 33 Professionals will cash a check, paying homage to #33 Larry Legend! #2015NEOpen"

NEPGA Through the Years

In anticipation of the publishing of "The First 100 Years of the New England PGA, 1916-2016," we begin this month a series of short vignettes looking back on the Section's unique history.

Charlie Burgess: The Father of the New England PGA

Charles M. Burgess's odyssey from Montrose, Scotland, to Auburndale, Massachusetts, where he became a top-ranked PGA professional at Woodland Golf Club, teacher to three United States Amateur champions and the founding father of the New England PGA, was hardly pre-ordained.

Burgess, after a short-lived professional soccer career playing for the Millwall Athletic Club of London, returned to his native Scotland, to Montrose, in 1903 to pursue a career in professional golf. He learned to play the game as a caddy at Montrose and honed a reputation as a fine amateur player. But he had opted to make "football" his initial professional pursuit. Now it was time to put "Plan B" into action.

As the summer season of 1904 passed, Burgess joined several other Scottish professionals elected to full membership in the new British Professional Golfers' Association, which was comprised of club pros from the Scottish, English, Welsh and Irish regional associations.

Inside the PGA Tour Video with Mark Nowosielski



The PGA Tour has been highlighting the Host PGA Professional at each Tour stop this year. Click the above video to see the feature on TPC Boston's PGA Head Professional Mark Nowosielski which aired on Inside the PGA Tour on Golf Channel in September.

Special Olympics Tournament

Approximately 10-15 additional PGA Golf Professionals and Assistant Golf Professionals are needed to play in the 15th Annual NEPGA/Special Olympic Tournament at Braintree Municipal G.C. on Sunday, October 18th. The tournament is a unique event that pairs Special Olympic athletes and their partners with PGA Golf Professionals. The tournament is a nine-hole scramble. Our Special Olympic athletes relish the chance to play with "real professionals". To sign up or for more information, please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781-843-6513 or bbeach@braintreema.gov.

PGA Best Practices by Bob Beach, PGA *Tournament & Outings*



Bob Beach on the importance of hosting Special Olympics golf leagues...

Our weekly clinics for people with special needs at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course have grown to over 100 people. We recently formed a league for our Special Olympics athletes that would enable them to get out on the golf course and play more often. We have five teams of eight players. The teams play three-hole matches for a flag, similar to the PGA Junior League Golf format. Each player has a unified partner (a person who helps the Special Olympics athlete out on the golf course) and also competes. The teams play one another in heated competitions, which really helps them get excited about golf and prepare for the New England PGA Section / Special Olympics tournament here at the Braintree Municipal Golf Course at the end of the season. The teams also compete against each other each week in various skills, such as driving, pitching and putting. In addition, we have set up matches with other courses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island as traveling events.

Bob Beach on the business impact of hosting Special Olympics golf leagues...

On average we see 40-60, or roughly 50 percent, of our participants coming back to practice on their own. Our program is offered at no cost, as we've had several donations from generous individuals in our town. Each Special Olympics athlete has a unified partner to play with. We have found that many times this unified partner or coach is a lapsed golfer. This lapsed golfer often times has a new perspective of the game and will continue to utilize our facility and drive revenue. They see the spirit of the game and how golf can be more fun.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: *Jacy Settles*



*NEPGA Junior Tour
presented by*



Dear NEPGA Professionals,

By the time you read this article, the New England PGA Junior Tour will have completed over 103 junior tour events for the 2015 season!!! That being said, I offer my most sincere Thanks and appreciation all host sites of the NEPGA Junior Tour and those Professionals who acted as volunteer Rules officials. Additionally, I'd like to thank every NEPGA Professional as you all have an instrumental part in growing the game- whether it be hosting a Drive, Chip & Putt, PGA Junior Golf League team, or even just spreading the word of junior golf, it is all very much appreciated from

the NEPGA Junior Golf Department.

On another note, I've recently been contacted by a number of New England PGA Professionals that have been approached by Junior Golf organizations or Junior Tours. Junior golf is very strong in New England and many of these organizations/tours are trying to expand into New England. The New England PGA Junior Tour has relationships with many of these organizations and if you are ever approached by one of them and would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me as I am happy to offer my input.

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Where do you currently reside?

JS) Greenville, SC

What is your hometown?

JS) Meriden, CT

What previous jobs have you held?

JS) This is my first official job out of college.

What is your career low round, and on what course?

JS) 67 – Hunter Memorial Golf Course- Meriden, CT

What was your greatest moment playing golf?

JS) Winning my first junior tournament over the 2 time reigning champ.

What is your favorite golf course?

JS) Friar's Head in Riverhead, NY. Friar's Head is just an unbelievably beautiful, challenging, and pristine golf course that is very unique. The front 9 and back 9 are very different, but both are superb and provide scenic views and great golf holes. It is unlike most golf courses you will visit. There is no signage or distant markers on the course, your caddy knows every yardage by heart (no rangefinders), you feel like you're miles from everything else, and none of the holes are handicapped because the hardest hole isn't the same every day, it depends on the weather. It is a beautifully simplistic approach and a course whose goal is to stick to the traditional ways of golf.

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the rest of our
Q & A with
Josh**



Your View From The Fairway

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP NOTES: *Joan Stuart*

New ACH Payment Process for Direct Deposits for Purse Winnings

With many of our PGA Professionals and apprentices headed to warmer climates within the next few months, a reminder about receiving your tournament winnings by direct deposit into your checking or savings account. Why risk having your check forwarded to your winter address or being held by the post office until your return? With direct deposit, the money is deposited into your account no matter where you are and it takes only 48 hours after the purse is processed.

There is a new process for signing up for direct deposits due to the risk of security breaches that are so common these days. The PGA of America recognizes this danger and is now requesting the ACH Form and a voided check to be mailed to them and not faxed or emailed to lessen the risk. Please [click here](#) for the new ACH Form along with the mailing instructions. As a reminder this form should be mailed to:

PGA of America Finance Dept
300 Avenue of the Champions, Ste 205
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
Attn: Purchasing Department

Headed South for the Winter?

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

Looking for an Assistant for the 2016 Season?

All NEPGA Professionals who would like to list an Assistant Professional or Teaching Professional opening for 2016 on www.nepga.com can email the information on those openings to Joan Stuart at jstuart@pgahq.com and it will be posted under our website's Employment Tab until that position is filled. Please include a brief description of the position, the deadline for resumes, the dates of employment, and contact information. It is always recommended that these positions are also posted on www.pga.org. Also, if you need help for outside operations or are looking for a position for yourself, we can also list those for you. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the NEPGA office 508.869.0000.



EDUCATION

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Education opportunities are open to all NEPGA members.

PGA Player Development Workshop

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Andover Country Club, Andover, MA

Details: [Click here](#) to view seminar details

Cost: \$50 (includes lunch)

MSR Hours: 7 PGA Required Education MSR Credits

Deadline: Wednesday, October 21

[Register Here](#)

Summit Golf Brands Merchandising Seminar

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Winchester Country Club, Arlington, MA

Details: [Click here](#) to view seminar details

Cost: Free

MSR Hours: 2 PGA Required Education MSR Credits

RSVP to David Vermilyea at
davidvermilyea@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE PGA OF AMERICA



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Complimentary Videos

Complimentary online educational videos are still available for viewing on PGA.org. [Click here](#) to view the 9 videos recorded in the Member Business Center during the 2015 PGA Merchandise Show. All you need to do is watch a video and successfully complete an assessment at its conclusion. Receive 2 PGA Required MSR Credits per video watched and assessment completed.

District 1 Director Report: Donnie Lyons, PGA



[Click here](#) to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of September including PGA Junior League Golf news, roster of the juniors competing in the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship and scholarship award winners.

CAPE COD & RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

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

Representing 260 PGA Golf Professionals...

N. Kingstown's John Rainone Continues Hot Play

N. Kingstown Golf Club is one of the busiest public facilities on the south coast of Rhode Island, headed by PGA HP John Rainone, responsible for the success of the club for well over a decade. Meanwhile, this year he has taken his playing to a new level, illustrated by his recent T-2 in the section Head Pro Championship at Pinebrook – good for another large check (\$1,100). This fine play was coming off the heels of his WIN in the Rhode Island Chapter's Pro-Officer/Senior at Kirkbrae two weeks earlier (70) and his very solid performance in the section championship two weeks before that. (70-73-76)...earning him a T-23 in the field of 170 fellow professionals. This lefty is one of the favorites for RIPGA's Chapter Championship at Sakkonet next week – sponsored by Callaway/ Peter Guild, the PGA Tour and Avidia Bank.



John Rainone, PGA

BallyMeade...now named The Cape Club

In what can only be described as a "massive renovation project", the much maligned 25-yr-old Ballymeade Golf Club, now name The Cape Club, is nearly completed. PGA HP Ryan Payne has been involved in all phases of his new facility, targeted for a mid-2016 opening. Best of luck from the entire chapter!



Ballymeade/Cape Club's 1st hole gets new look!

Awards for Two of the Cape's Finest!

The NEPGA Annual Awards banquet, Nov. 7th at The Haven, will have a Cape Chapter flavor as Pinehills PGA HP **John Tuffin** and Halifax PGA HP **Bob Giusti** receive recognition for their outstanding work. Tuffin won the Merchandiser of Year Award (public) while Giusti was honored with the prestigious Patriot Award. Both do so much more to make the Cape Chapter a tremendous region to work. Tickets to attend the banquet can be obtained through Joan Stuart at the Section office.



LEFT: Longtime Cape legendary pro Bob Chase (2nd from left) pictured with his Pro-Senior partners: (L-R) Bill Weston , Fred Walker & Ed Fletcher who now lives in FL, and a former Mass Am Champ., RIGHT: The Brookside Club was represented by (L-R) Tom Donovan, Gerald Schofield (dad), Chad Schofield, PGA and Don Ward.

Meeting/Election Time!

Both the Rhode Island & Cape Chapters will elect new chapter board members next month – and for the first time be able to vote for section nominees during each chapter meeting: RIPGA at Shelter Harbor on Oct. 21st – 9:00 AM (followed by a 9-hole cash game on the fabulous SH par-3 course) ...CCPGA at Hyannis GC on Oct. 20th – 8:30 AM.

The Wessner & The Kennedy

Player of the year races in both chapters are incredibly tight – no doubt decided after results from Chapter Championships coming up shortly. RIPGA's Les Kennedy Award, sponsored by Dave Moynihan (Titleist) recognizes overall great play during the season and is currently led by Triggs PGA HP Bob Tramonti while Chad Schofield is on top of the Wessner, sponsored by fellow PGA pro Brad Sherman who is the proprietor of 15thgolfclub.com, a company which many colleagues use to liquidate excess inventory and other related projects. Both chapters award cash prizes to the top 5 at the end of the year.



LEFT: Hyannisport's Tim Watroba – PGA (left) says "good-bye & thanks" to outgoing Chapter President Jesse Schechtman –PGA , who is finishing his first year at the helm at Hyannis GC., RIGHT: Thank You David! Shelter Harbor's PGA HP Dave Tiedemann steps down after two outstanding years as RIPGA Chapter President .

Award Winning Pro Retires...

Richie Iwaszko – Pocasset GC, Bourne, MA

Known for so many positive things, including his dry wit, candor, progressive thinking and loyalty to both his members and colleagues, Pocasset's PGA HP Richie Iwaszko is finally hanging up the cleats at age 61. The club threw him a big party on Sept. 26th honoring his work ethic and friendship along with successfully guiding the club through its transition from public to private status many years ago. Richie won so many awards in his long career, too many to mention, but ably served as Head Pro at Otis, Quashnet Valley and Pocasset since the late 70's and on dozens of chapter & section committees. His legacy will simply be – Respected.



The baton is officially passed: Jeff Halunen, PGA (L) takes over Pocasset HP duties from retiring Richie Iwaszko, PGA.

MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Mark Aldrich, PGA, Massachusetts Chapter President

The Chapter fall meeting is Wednesday, October 21 at The Haven Country Club with a morning Pro-Pro shotgun. The meeting this year is in the P.M. because of the Section election cycle and the candidates running for Secretary will be at the Rhode Island Chapter meeting campaigning in the morning. On the election ballot this year is Massachusetts Chapter PGA Professional Allan Belden. We as a chapter and as a professional have an obligation to vote for the next Secretary of the NEPGA, so it is important to attend the meeting and vote.

Also at the fall meeting we have arraigned from Canavan & Reid (A Leadership, Executive and Career Coaching Firm), James Wilson to speak. *Jim Wilson Bio:* Jim Wilson is a leadership, executive, and career coach with more than 30 years of corporate experience with Citibank and Fidelity Investments. He holds a BA in Psychology from Manhattan College and an MBA from The Wharton School.

Jim is certified in leadership coaching from the Georgetown Institute for Transformational Leadership and the

International Coach Federation.

Jim has held senior positions in human resources and coached many executives during his career. He has managed diverse groups of human resources professionals both domestically and internationally, including in Ireland, Spain, France, Africa, and Great Britain.

This fall we are asking for \$5.00 donations to go towards our Massachusetts Chapter food drive. The money collected will be distributed to three food banks that make up the geographic region of the Massachusetts PGA Chapter. You can send the \$5.00 to the Section office or you can make a donation at the Chapter Championship. This is a way to help out people less fortunate during a time when they may need some help and the \$5.00 goes a long way for a food bank and how they distribute and buy food (to a food bank \$5.00=\$25.00). Thank you in advance for your contributions.



NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Frank Swierz, New Hampshire Chapter Tournament Manager

The New Hampshire Chapter is enjoying a banner year as far as attendance goes. With 14 pro-ams in the book, weekly participation is averaging 30 teams (120 players) per event and that pace will continue as Rochester (Sept. 21) and Portsmouth (Sept. 28) always reflect full fields.

Results for all the Chapter's championship events:

Chapter Championship (North Conway CC)

Rich Berberian, Jr., Windham CC, Champion
Jim Sheerin, Abenaki CC, Senior Champion

Pro Gross Championship (Bretwood GC)

Mitch Jefferson, Ridgewood CC
Amateurs: Jim Cilley, Bobby Williams, Dan Doyle

Pro Lady Championship (Mount Washington Resort)

Vince Molesky, Newport GC
Amateurs: Tracy Molesky, Paige Gauthier, Elizabeth Licht

Pro Senior Championship (Pease GC)

Bill Andrews, Portsmouth CC
Amateurs: Don Dorow, Steve Cronin, Scott Hatch

Pro Pro Championship (Montcalm GC)

Matt Arvanitis, Southern NH University
Chris Durocher, Lake Sunapee CC

With 4 events left on the schedule, Matt Arvanitis, Southern NH University, holds a slim lead over Rich Berberian, Jr. of Windham CC in the NHC POY points standing. Berberian closed the gap on Arvanitis with his win in the Section

Championship and placing in the NE Open. Arvanitis is at 186, Berberian 171.25. Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC is third at 131.17, Danny Kish, Eastman GL 120.57 and Ray Smith, Nashua CC rounds out the top five with 115.69.

The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

Oct. 5...Abenaki Pro Am
Oct. 13...Bald Peak Pro Am
Oct. 19...Nashua Pro Am

The Chapter held a board meeting at Intervale CC on Sept. 29 and Mike Higgins, NEPGA Executive Director was on hand to discuss the Chapter re-organization plan.

The Fall Board Meeting will be held at Laconia CC on Thursday, October 22 at 9:00 a.m.



Matt Thibeault (L), Intervale CC Head Professional, welcomes Dick Dichard, Nashua CC, to the Chapter's pro-pro tournament. Thibeault hosted his fellow pros in a "Devil's Arcade" format. 20 Professionals participated with Ken Hamel & Cory Mansfield taking 1st at 9-under score of 63.



MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Tom Moffatt, PGA, Maine Chapter Operations Manager

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 5—The Woodlands Pro AM

Thursday, October 8—Fall Meeting at Martindale CC with Pro Assistant Championship following meeting

Tuesday, October 13—Biddeford Saco Pro AM
(Rescheduled Final Chapter event of the year)

The past month in the Maine Chapter consisted of the usual great September weather and top notch facilities to host our events. We started the month with our Pro Senior Championship hosted by PGA Professional Dan Limauro and The Ledges Golf Club. The conditions were excellent and the host team led by PGA Assistant Professional Brett Smestad showed that local knowledge was a key factor by finishing atop the leaderboard. The event was sponsored by Cary Gordon and Prato Sunglasses along with Golf Buddy. Cary was on hand to present all professionals with a nice pair of lenses and allowed players to test the Golf Buddy range finders and GPS devices. Thank you to Cary, for your support of the Maine Chapter. Also, thank you to the Ledges for hosting.

Next we stayed in Southern Maine for the Southern Swing. Three days of Pro AMs. Tuesday we were at Cape Arundel Golf Club in Kennebunkport for the first of three in a row. PGA Professional Nick Glicos from Martindale CC fired a low round of 68 and the team from The Meadows led by Chad Hopkins fired a team best 14 under par, 4 better than their closest competitor. Congrats! Host PGA Professional Ken Raynor teamed up with John Hickson, PGA in The Pro-Pro Blind Draw event to shoot 66 and finish ahead of the field. Thank you to Cape Arundel for allowing us the opportunity to host day 1.



Day 2 we stayed in the town of Kennebunkport and visited Webhannet Golf Club. Thank you to Host Professional Kirk Kimball and staff for providing a perfect day. The Southern Swing was sponsored by Clem Lamarre and Cobra golf and Clem was on hand at Webhannet to greet the players. Thank you to Clem, for your time and support. PGA Professionals Shawn Warren and Brett Smestad fired low rounds of 71 and the Team from the Meadows made it two in a row.

Day 3 took us to The York Golf and Tennis Club where host PGA Professional Kyle Page and his staff provided another great venue to conclude our Southern Swing. Thank you! Brett Smestad continued his fine play and finished atop the leader board with a low round 72. PGA Professional Dave Grygiel and his team finished 1st in the team event with a 7 under par round 133. Again thank you to our Sponsor Cobra Golf and Clem Lamarre!



Our most popular Pro Am of the season was held at Portland Country Club where Lincoln was on hand as our top sponsor, providing par 3 contests, hats and gift cards to the Amateur players. Thank you for your support! Thank you to Host PGA Professional John Boswell and the Portland Country Club for allowing us to come back year after year. Shawn Warren, PGA Professional from Falmouth CC was low pro with a nice 1 under par 69, while another Sean from Falmouth took home the top team prize. PGA Professional Sean Barrett and his team finished four shots ahead of the field. Congrats to the cross town Falmouth players.



To all the PGA Professionals that participated this past month, thank you! Your participation helps the success of our events.

Pro Senior Champions from The Ledges Golf Club flanked by pictures of the event sponsors.





VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Dave Christy, PGA, Vermont Chapter Tournament Manager



On August 31st, our chapter conducted a Pro Am at Dorset Field Club hosted by Erik Sorensen, PGA. Paul Jones and Club Car sponsored a Pro Pro contest. Our winning gross team was from Neshobe GC led by Rodney Bicknell, PGA with a score of 3. Net winners were led by Barry Churchill, PGA, and his team from Cedar Knoll GC with a 56. Low Professional scores were Rodney Bicknell and Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC both with a score of 70.

Net winners resulted in a tie between Neshobe GC led by Rodney Bicknell, PGA, and Northfield CC led by Ryan McDonald, PGA, both with scores of 61. Low Professional was Tom Mackey with a 74.

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at the Hermitage Golf Club on August 11th with John Cleanthes, Mark Aebli, and Nick Kaiser as our hosts. We thank the owner of Hermitage Club for his sponsorship in adding money to the pro purse. Gross team winners were Rodney Bicknell, PGA and his team from Neshobe GC with a score of 67. The net team winners with a score of 61 were the host Hermitage Golf Club team led by Mark Aebli, PGA. The winning Professional score was host Professional Mark Aebli at 76 followed by RJ Austin, PGA, Sugarbush GC with 77.



On September 6th, we held Senior Championship at Neshobe GC hosted by Rodney Bicknell, PGA. This year's sponsor was Todd Trono and Golf ValueBook with added money to the purse. Our 2015 Senior Championship was claimed by our host Rodney Bicknell in a playoff with Mark Aebli, PGA, Hermitage Club and Dave Soucy, PGA, Green Mountain National GC all tied at 72.



On September 14th the VT Chapter held a Pro Am at Williston GC with Todd Trono, PGA, and John Goodchild, PGA, as our hosts. We thank Golf ValueBook for their sponsorship along with Paul Jones and Club Car with purse money for a blind draw Pro Pro. Our gross winners were the team from Ekwanok CC led by Tom Mackey, PGA, with a score of 67.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VT Match Play Championship, Ekwanok CC, Sept. 24-25th
VT Pro Pro Championship, CC of Barre, Sept. 28th 9:00
VT Chapter Fall Meeting, CC of Barre, Sept. 28th 2:00
Jim McLean Teaching Seminar, Dorset Field Club, Sept. 30th
Final VT Pro Am, Okemo Valley GC, Oct. 5th
Jeff Hadley Cup, CC of Barre, Oct. 7th

SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Joe Carr, PGA

Pictured right is the beautiful Bass Rocks Golf Club. The Seniors' Association held a sold-out Pro Am there on September 17th. Thank you to Host Professional, Peter Hood, PGA. Results are listed below:



LEFT: Pro Pro at Essex Country Club on October 13th
RIGHT: Fall Meeting at Pleasant Valley CC on Oct. 15th at 9 am with Seniors' Association Champ. afterwards.

Individual Pro

Gross:

1. Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake GC 68
2. Al Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC 77
3. Chris Costa, PGA Middleton GC 79

Net:

1. Rick Finlayson, PGA Country View GC 72
2. Bill Lodge, PGA Life Member 74
3. Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC 75

Team Gross:

- T1. Nabnasset Lake GC with Dan Gillis, PGA and amateurs K. Milton, S. Jacques, J Boormeester 66
- T1. Middleton GC with Chris Costa, PGA and amateurs A. Lindsay, C. Nelson, J. McKenzie 66
- T3. Bedrock GC with Tom Shaw, PGA and amateurs L. Tower, T. Fobrizio, M. Marks 68
- T3. Far Corner GC with John Theo, PGA and amateurs T. Desmond, F. Fritsen, D. Curtis 68

Team Net:

1. Bedrock GC with Joe Carr, PGA and amateurs A. Rugg, R. Larson, M. Paakkonen 57
2. Life Member Bill Lodge, PGA and amateurs F. Freitas, M. Otero, A. Perry 59
3. Trull Brook GC with Al Santos, PGA and amateurs J. Santos, M. Dickie, C. Dickie 61

Membership Dues are \$25 and the Seniors' Association is open to any PGA Professional in good standing who will turn 50 years of age in 2015. For more information and to register for the October events, please contact Joe Carr, PGA 508.873.7768 or Dennis Selvitella, PGA 508.410.4984.



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Name	Class	Facility
Brian M Cawley	B-8	Haverhill Golf & CC
Joshua H Helm	B-8	Agawam Hunt Club
Jeffrey M. Park	B-1	Owl's Nest Golf Club
Derek J Phillipe	B-8	Country Club of Halifax
Charles D Wheeler	B-13	Owl's Nest Golf Club

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Start	Facility
Edward J Doherty II	B-8	10/5	Baker Hill Golf Club
Jim Falco, PGA	A-8	9/11	Brookline Golf Course
Michael A Gilbert	B-8	9/1	The Oaks Golf Links
Donald E Groft III, PGA	A-20	9/1	Yamaha Golf Cars
Patrick K. Hohman, PGA	A-6	9/21	GolfTEC - Avon
Todd C. Lytle, PGA	A-1	10/1	Point Sebago Golf Course

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Chad C. Halvonik, PGA	A-8	Sankaty Head GC
Lucas J. Heller, PGA	A-8	The Country Club
Nick J. Marcoaldi, PGA	A-8	Brae Burn CC
Donald R. McCabe, PGA	A-8	The Country Club

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
David A. Bartasuis, PGA	LM	
Jim Falco, PGA	A-8	Brookline Golf Course
Donald E Groft III, PGA	A-20	Yamaha Golf Cars
Patrick K. Hohman, PGA	A-6	GolfTEC - Avon
Todd C. Lytle, PGA	A-1	Point Sebago Golf Course

FIRST TIME TRANSFERS INTO SECTION

Name	Class	Previous Section
Todd C. Lytle, PGA	A-1	North Florida

NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

Name	Class	Award Date
Chester Nowak, PGA	A-1	8/31
Michael R. Worroll, PGA	A-6	8/31

What's Coming Up in our November issue...

Section and Chapter Election Results

NEPGA Annual Meeting Recap

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