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Please note, the sending of this news magazine was delayed due to Hurricane Matthew's presence in Florida, home to PGA of America headquarters. Some dates and information may no longer be relevant.

FRONT COVER:

Shawn Warren, PGA won this year's NEPGA Assistant Championship and will advance to the PGA Assistant Championship being held in Port St. Lucie, FL on October 27-30, 2016 at PGA Golf Club (Wanamaker Course) along with four additional NEPGA Professionals who qualified for the national event.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Rob Jarvis, PGA



Greetings NEPGA Professionals,

As usual, it is my pleasure to address our membership in this monthly newsletter. I generally enjoy this duty as your president; however, the task

is not without its pitfalls. Once in a while I get inflicted with a little writer's block. I am not shy to admit that this month the topics were eluding me. As I sat in my office at Bangor Municipal Golf Course on the morning of the 26th of September, I leaned back in my chair and found my inspiration. Upon entering my office, you are instantly greeted with a framed black and white poster on the wall. It is of a young man in the middle of his prime as a professional golfer. There is a lone signature that rhythmically, and very legi-

our sport, get excited from the spectacular play we experience, and then compete in our own tournaments at a level that is appropriate to each individual. Players of all ages and abilities can be inspired by the talented individuals we watch each week and actually do something with that inspiration. It is pretty tough for a 40 year old, like me, to watch Tom Brady throw a football on Sunday and get excited to play in a game of my own. Short of recreational leagues, for those few who want to get beat up, the connection to Tom stops when the TV channel is changed. Golf is different. We can all play and sometimes on the exact same course we watched on the weekend.

That is where the responsibility to Arnie comes in. He moved the meter for us like no other individual has. But something had to happen to convert those members of Arnie's Army into actual golfers. Enter the PGA of America Professional. As I

you know they have visions of duplicating that same shot or wondering just how he did it. Either we simply check that person in for their daily round, or we engage them on a higher level. Maybe we suggest some equipment that might help, or maybe we steer them towards a golf lesson. If it is the pure joy of competition that they enjoy, do we have a tournament appropriate for their level to compete in? Simple and thoughtful engagement is just how Arnie did it all of those years.

The relationship of a PGA Professional and Arnold Palmer is symbiotic. Even though he has now passed, we still have the opportunity to continue his legacy. No one can create, and sustain, golfers like the grassroots PGA Professional. It is a rare occasion that any golfer will actually get to meet their inspirational player, but you can be that person for them. You can foster that desire into more

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bly, flows across the player's chest. Arnold Palmer.

The poster hangs on the wall prominently for a reason. It's a reminder. The image of the "King" stands for determination, hard work, respect, and devotion.

I was born in 1976. That is 3 years after Arnie raised his last trophy on the PGA Tour at the Bob Hope Desert Classic. Needless to say when I got interested in the game of golf, Arnold was not much of a contributing factor. It certainly is not because I do not see him as the legend he is, I am simply too young to have experienced Arnie's Army at full throttle. So why is the poster a reminder you might ask? It is a reminder of the responsibility that I have to him. That we all have to him.

Nothing impacts the sport of golf like professional tours and the players that entertain us each Sunday in their pursuit of a PGA, LPGA, or Champions Tour victory. You see, golf is unique. We can watch

said before, Arnold was not the inspirational factor for me picking up a golf club, but my mentor PGA Professional was. In fact, he was such an important figure in my life, and still is, that I completely changed my career goals and decided to pursue becoming a PGA Professional. Considering my desire to be a Marine Biologist (what a departure huh) all of my life that is a major shift. It would take some of significant impact to change my path that significantly. This one PGA Professional had the ability to do that, and so do you.

Without us, a lot of the work that folks like Arnold Palmer did to elevate the sport would not have the impact it does today. No one appreciated that more than the son of Deacon Palmer, a PGA Professional. Someone has to foster the excitement that folks like Arnie create, and that someone is us. Each week golfers walk through our pro shops on Monday morning and say things like "Did you see that shot Rory hit on the 12th yesterday?" Their eyes are wide with excitement and

rounds and more enthusiasm for the sport. You can be their "go-to" person for all things golf. Golfers want that and they are looking to you to fill that position.

And as we begin to slow down after a very long season, it is important to think of the future. When you are planning for next year, I hope you will think of all that Arnie has done for us, and all that we can do for his efforts. We hold the balance of his legacy in our hands. It is, in my opinion, our responsibility to carry on for him and lead the Army into the future.

In the words of his father, "Hit it hard, go find it and hit it hard again."

I know wherever you are you will do just that Arnie.

Respectfully,

Rob Jarvis, PGA
New England PGA President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: *Mike Higgins*



The October Newsletter? Yes it is! October is one of my favorite months of the year for both golf and non-golf reasons. The leaves begin to change colors, the temperature drops and fall is in the air. The season begins to slow down for our PGA Professionals, and our golf courses are in terrific shape. I am also excited because Tom Brady returns as our starting quarter back and the Red Sox begin their post-season run!

The late fall is also a very busy time of the year in the New England PGA. October is when the fall meeting season kicks into full swing and not only the Section, but five out of our six Chapters conduct their fall meetings this month. I will spend much time on the road, but this provides me a wonderful opportunity to travel throughout the Section and connect with Members and Apprentices whom I have not seen in a while, give a year in review from the Section, and also get a pulse on what is going on throughout New England.

October is also packed with our final events of the year. The Senior Junior Championship, Pro-Superintendent, Ireland Pro-Am, Cape Cod Fall Classic week, Mohegan Sun Pro-Am against the Met Section, as well as our Scholarship Pro-Am at TPC Boston. The Section Awards Banquet has been moved to November 5th and the Las Vegas Pro-Am has actually been pushed back a week as well and will begin on November 12th.

As you hopefully begin to slow down I encourage all NEPGA Professionals to revisit your resume, cover letter and also your career links profile. The employment season starts now in New England as more and more positions will be opening up. Assistant Professionals looking for a new assistant position, assistants looking for a head professional position, head professionals looking to change their current position, or even a head professional that wants to stay in the know to help their staff find a position, are all reasons to stay current.

I also want to encourage everyone to take the time to pay attention to the little details. Recently multiple search committees have brought to my attention some mistakes by applying PGA Professionals. One was a misspelling of the facility the PGA Professional was applying for, one person listed himself as a first assistant when he is actually a head professional, and one had the incorrect committee chair and club on his cover letter. These are simple mistakes that can be easily avoided. It certainly would be a shame to not even be considered for a position because of a simple error that could have been avoided by taking your time, or having someone else proof read it. Heck I'll volunteer to proof read any NEPGA Professionals resume!

I hope to see many of you on the fall meeting chapter tour and at our Section Annual Meeting. As always your NEPGA staff is here to help, so if there is ever anything you need from one of us, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

Michael Higgins
New England PGA Executive Director

Important Dates

OCTOBER 10-14

NEPGA Ireland Pro-Am

OCTOBER 11

NEPGA Pro-Superintendent
Wentworth by the Sea C.C.

OCTOBER 17

Cape Cod Fall Fest #1
Oyster Harbors Club

OCTOBER 18

Cape Cod Fall Fest #2
CC of New Seabury

OCTOBER 19

Cape Cod Fall Fest #3
Eastward Ho! Country Club

OCTOBER 20

Cape Cod Fall Fest #4
The Wianno Club

OCTOBER 20

Maine Ch. Fall Meeting
Augusta Country Club

OCTOBER 20

Assistants' Assn. Fall Meeting
Kernwood Country Club

OCTOBER 24

NEPGA Scholarship Pro-Am
TPC Boston

OCTOBER 25

Massachusetts Ch. Fall Meeting
The Haven Country Club

OCTOBER 26

Rhode Island Ch. Fall Meeting
Acoaxet Club

OCTOBER 27

Cape Cod Fall Meeting
Sandwich Hollows GC

OCTOBER 27

Seniors' Assn. Fall Meeting
Pleasant Valley Country Club

OCTOBER 28

New Hampshire Ch. Fall Meeting
Intervale Country Club

OCTOBER 31

NEPGA Annual Fall Meeting
Renaissance Golf Club

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Barron of the Bank

Matt Baran, PGA takes home Avidia Bank Cup

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Matt Baran, PGA (Oyster Harbors Club) shot a four-under par score of 67 at the Avidia Cup Finals at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass. Baran is also the Avidia Bank Cup Champion for the season.

As cliché as the weather is to sports, Thursday's weather was definitely a factor on the course. Throughout the day, the temperature did not rise above the high of 61. Combined with 30 mph wind gusts, the professionals definitely had a challenge. Only three players finished under par on the day: Matt Baran, PGA, David Jankowski, PGA, and Brian Owens, PGA.

Baran began the front nine holes and did not back down from the weather and course. He made birdies on the first and fifth holes, and went on to make a bogey on nine to turn at one under. On the back, Baran slipped a little and made a second bogey on the tenth. However, that was the last mistake he'd make on the day. He made four more birdies on the back nine, to finish at four under par with the winning score of 67.

The 2015 Assistant's Champion is familiar with this course and has had success at Ledgemont before: that Assistant's Championship that he won was at Ledgemont Country Club.

With the win today, Baran also takes home the Avidia Cup for accumulating the most points in the Avidia Bank standings throughout the year in Stroke Play Series events. The Top Ten point finishers in the year are also honored: Matt Baran, PGA (3,440 pts), Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (2,220), Shawn Warren, PGA (1,952), Todd Scarafoni, PGA (1,730), David Jankowski, PGA (1,504), Pete Weatherby, PGA (1,478), Dan Gillis, PGA (1,272), Jeff Seavey, PGA (1,136), Brian Owens, PGA (912), and Ed Kirby, PGA (800).

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Matt Baran	-4	67
2	David Jankowski	-3	68
3	Brian Owens	-1	70
T4	Matt Zdon	E	71
T4	Jeffrey Martin	E	71
T4	Rich Berberian	E	71
T7	Darek Franklin	+1	72
T7	John Hickson	+1	72
T7	Greg Farland	+1	72
T7	Robert Tramonti	+1	72

David Jankowski, PGA (Saint Johnsbury) also had a great day on Thursday. He went birdie-bogey on the second and third holes, to turn at even par. On the back, Jankowski made three more birdies on 11, 13 and 18 to finish in the red at three under par 68.

Thank you to yearlong sponsors of the New England PGA Stroke Play Series, Avidia Bank, Ahead, Cutter and Buck, Golf Buddy, Yamaha, and PGA Tour. Also thank you to presenting sponsor of the New England PGA's Avidia Cup finals Avidia Bank for also being at the event and providing tee gifts. The NEPGA also thanks Ledgemont Country Club and head PGA Professional Troy Pare, PGA for hosting.

Chipping at the Castle

Chip Johnson, Kirk Hanefeld take Head Pro/ Teaching Pro Champ at Renaissance

RESULTS

Chip Johnson, PGA (Hatherly GC) shot a two-under par score of 70 to take the Head Professional division at the Head Professional/Teaching Professional Championship on Tuesday at Renaissance Golf Club in Haverhill, Mass. Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (Salem CC) shot a one-over par 73 to take the Teaching Professional Championship.

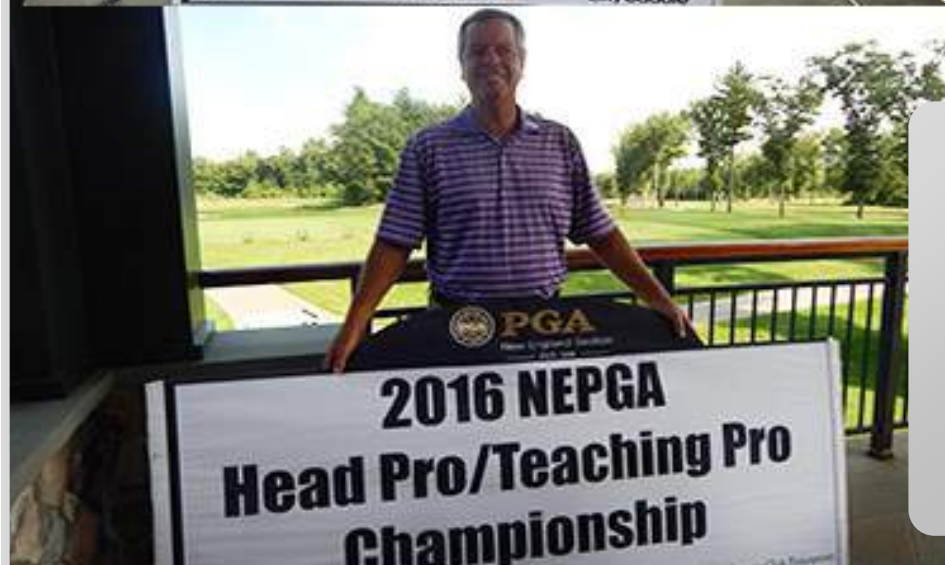
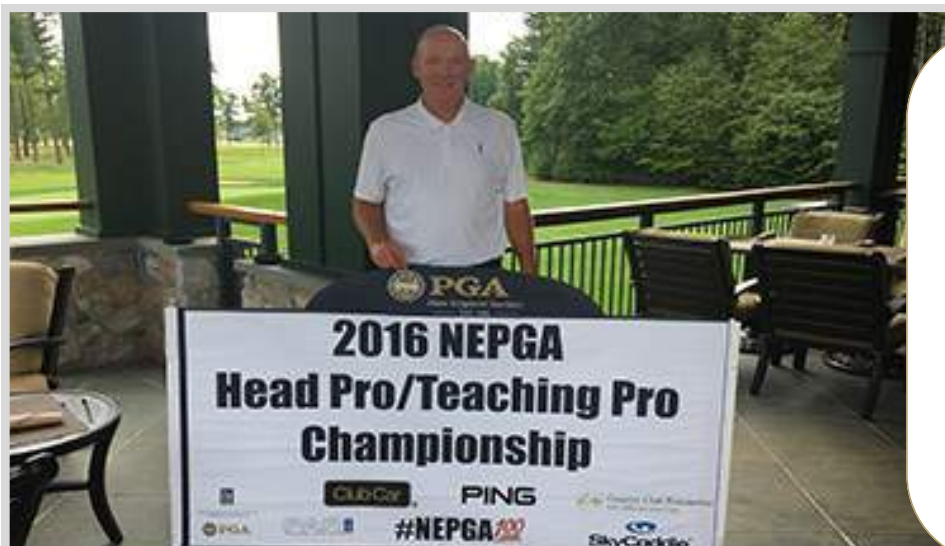
Johnson had a very strong day on a course that proved to play very tough on Tuesday. He opened his front nine with a birdie on the second hole. The Head Professional from Hatherly made three birdies on the day, but played strong, consistent golf. He only had one bogey on the day, which propelled him to the top of the leaderboard in the head professional division.

Kirk Hanefeld, PGA had a decent day on the course as well. After starting out by making a bogey on the fourth hole, he made up the addition with a birdie on six. On the back nine, Hanefeld made birdie on 14, but would finish with another bogey on 17, holding him at one over par. He finished at the top of the Teaching Professional division.

The scores throughout Tuesday show how tough the course was faring. Only two head professionals finished under par in either division: Chip Johnson, PGA and Adam Hemeon, PGA (Weston GC). Many professionals believed the rain on Monday and Monday night to be the source of the frustration. The course looked impeccable, but the pin locations and green speeds were very challenging.

Adam Hemeon, PGA (Weston GC) had a really great day on the course in the Head Professional division. His scorecard is very clean with only two birdies and one bogey. Even if this seemed or felt underwhelming to Hemeon or the field, it was a feat.

Thank you to Renaissance Golf Club and Head Professional Stuart Cady, PGA for their hospitality. Also thank you to partners in this event: Ping, Par Bar, PGA Tour, Club Car, SkyGolf and Country Club Enterprises.



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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Chip Johnson	-2	70
2	Adam Hemeon	-1	71
T3	Matt Zdon	E	72
T3	Daniel Venezio	E	72
T5	Frank Dully	+1	73
T5	Boomer Erick	+1	73
T5	Jeffrey Martin	+1	73
T5	Christopher Carter	+1	73
T9	Allan Menne	+2	74
T9	Shane Drury	+2	74



Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC) shot a tournament score of three under par 141 to win the Assistant's Championship at Spring Valley Country Club in Sharon, Mass. on Tuesday. He and four other New England PGA Section Assistant Professionals have now qualified for the national event.

Warren finished his opening round with a score of one under par 71 on Tuesday and was amongst a group of players tied for second behind Matt Baran, PGA after the first day. Coming into Wednesday's round he thought he played strong but knew a 71 wouldn't be enough to win.

"I thought I actually played pretty well yesterday, but today I had to be much more aggressive and go after it a little bit. I'm surprised with the conditions on the course that the scores weren't much higher," said Warren.

In Warren's second round he didn't get off to a great start. He made double bogey on the seventh hole, and made another bogey on the eighth. Making the turn at three over, Warren knew he needed to have a more steady approach and make some putts.

On his back nine holes, the 2011 Assis-

tant's Champion really heated up. He made an opening birdie on the tenth and went on to make four consecutive birdies on the 13th through the fifteenth holes. He made another birdie on the seventeenth to finish at two under par 70 for the second day. Warren finished at three under par 141 for the tournament.

Matt Baran, PGA (Oyster Harbors) was the round one leader and wanted to take his second round slowly, focusing on making one shot at a time. However, the strong winds caused him some trouble. He opened the round making a bogey on the fourth and seventh holes. He had a birdie on the eighth to turn at one over. On the back, he made a great birdie on the eleventh, but was ultimately held down by bogeys on the 13th, 14th, and 16th holes. Baran finished at three over for the day, and one under par for the tournament. His score of 143 was good enough to finish tied for second place.

Peter Weatherby, PGA (Hermitage GC) had a strong tournament finish as well. He turned at one under par, making birdies on the first and third holes, with a bogey on six. On the back, Weatherby had another birdie on the 10th but like Baran, couldn't keep the birdies going. He finished even par for the second day,

and tied for second with a 143 in the tournament.

The top five finishers from the NEPGA Assistant's Championship also qualified for the PGA National Assistants Championship in Port St. Lucie, FL on October 27-30th at PGA Golf Club, Wanamaker Course. Shawn Warren, PGA; Peter Weatherby, PGA; Matt Baran, PGA; Brendan Ray, PGA (Carnegie Abbey Club); and Robert Bruso, PGA (Worcester CC) have all qualified for this national event.

Thank you to Mike Powers, PGA, head professional at Spring Valley GC and his staff for hosting this event. Also thank you to event partners National Car Rental, Cleveland-Srixon, and XXIO.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pos	Player	Total	R1	R2	Total
1	Shawn Warren	-3	71	70	141
T2	Peter Weatherby	-1	71	72	143
T2	Matt Baran	-1	68	75	143
4	Brendan Ray	E	71	73	144
5	Robert Bruso	+1	74	71	145
6	Aaron Ungvasky	+2	71	75	146
T7	Eric Ledbetter	+3	76	71	147
T7	Hunter Talcott	+3	72	75	147
T7	Michael Baker	+3	71	76	147
T10	Sam Brackett	+4	77	71	148

Primetime at Plymouth PHOTOS / RESULTS

Hanefeld dominates final Stroke Play Series

Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (Salem CC) shot a five under par 64 to take the top spot at the fifth and final Stroke Play Series event at Plymouth Country Club on Monday. His score was only one off from the course record.

Hanefeld had an all around strong day on the course. After going birdie-bogey on the first and second holes respectively, he really got working, making three more birdies on the front. On the back, he made a birdie on the 11th, and went back-to-back with birdies on 15 and 16. He was then tied with the course record going into the 18th.

On the closing hole, Hanefeld hit his tee shot into the left side rough. He found his ball lying on top of a chunk of grass,

most likely left from a divot. Hanefeld couldn't move the divot piece, and hit his next shot short of the green. He made a bogey on 18 and didn't make the course record; but there's no doubting that he still had an unbelievable day.

David Jankowski, PGA (Saint Johnsbury) finished as the only other player than Hanefeld to be under par. His round could best be described as adventurous: he made seven birdies, six pars, and four bogeys and a double bogey on the day. His front nine holes proved to be more treacherous than the back, and had most of his better play on his way back into the clubhouse. His birdie on the 18th was what set his day apart from other finishers at even.

Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC), Chris Trout, PGA (Shelter Harbor GC), and John Rainone, PGA (North Kingstown GC) all finished tied for third at even par.

The top 75 point getters from individual Chapter Championships, Stroke Play Series events and/or Chapter Player of the Year point standings will move to play in the Avidia Cup Finals on September 29, 2016 at Ledgesmont Country Club.

A big thank you to yearlong Stroke Play Series Event partners Cutter and Buck, Yamaha, PGA Tour, Golf Buddy, and Ahead for their continued support. Also thank you to AJ Petrulak, PGA and his staff at Plymouth Country Club for hosting.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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1	Kirk Hanefeld	-5	64
2	David Jankowski	-1	68
T3	Shawn Warren	E	69
T3	Chris Trout	E	69
T3	John Rainone	E	69
T6	Greg Yeomans	+1	70
T6	Robert Tramonti	+1	70
T6	Todd Cook	+1	70
T6	Jeffrey Martin	+1	70
T6	Robert Bradley	+1	70



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Spring Valley CC, Sharon, Mass.

Shawn Warren, PGA

Falmouth CC



In Shawn's Bag...

Driver: Taylormade M2

3-Wood: Taylormade

Irons: Taylormade PSI Tour

Wedges: Taylormade 52°, 56°, 62°

Putter: Bettinas

2016 NEPGA Avidia Cup Finals

Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk, Mass.

Matt Baran, PGA

Oyster Harbors Club

In Matt's Bag...

Driver: Titleist 915

3-Wood: Titleist 915

Irons: Titleist 4-PW 716 MB

Wedges: Titleist 54°, 60

Putter: Scotty Cameron Futura Counter Balance





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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

NEPGA Pro-Superintendent Invitational Wentworth by the Sea Country Club | Tuesday, October 11th

Starting off an exciting fall schedule in the month of October, the New England PGA will have the Pro-Superintendent at Wentworth by the Sea Country Club in Rye, NH on Tuesday October 11th. This event is an 18-hole stroke play, alternate drive, select shot where the low net team determines the winner. Thank you to partner in this event Five Star Golf Cars, E-Z-GO and Cushman. *This event has since taken place. Results will appear in the next Full Swing news magazine.*



Cape Cod Fall Festival #1 Oyster Harbors Club | Monday, October 17th



The NEPGA next jumps into fall golf with Cape Week, starting with Fall Fest #1 at Oyster Harbors in Osterville, Mass. on October 17th. Thanks to event partners National Car Rental, Golf Life Navigators, Fisher's Island Lemonade and Boa Technology. *This event is full.*

Cape Cod Fall Festival #2 The Country Club of New Seabury - Dunes Course | Tuesday, October 18th

Cape Cod Fall Fest #2 will be at The Country Club of New Seabury- Dunes Course in Mashpee, Mass. on October 18th. Thank you to partners for this event, National Car Rental and Boa Technology. *This event is full.*



Cape Cod Fall Festival #3 Eastward Ho! Country Club | Wednesday, October 19th

Cape Cod Fall Fest #3 will be on October 19th at Eastward Ho! Country Club in Chatham, Mass. Thank you to partners in this event National Car Rental, Golf Life Navigators and Boa Technology. *This event is full.*



Cape Cod Fall Festival #4 The Wianno Club | Thursday, October 20th



Rounding out Cape week is Cape Cod Fall Fest #4 on October 20th at The Wianno Club in Osterville, Mass. Thank you to event partners National Car Rental and Boa Technology. *This event is full.*



NEPGA Scholarship Pro-Am TPC Boston | Monday, October 24th

Rounding out the NEPGA October Tournament schedule is the NEPGA Scholarship Pro-Am at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass. The format for this event is Individual Professional, 2 Best Ball of 4 with one gross and one net score added together and it cannot be the same ball. Carts, range, and lunch are included in the entry fee.



[Register Online](#)

2016 Section & Chapter Fall Meeting Schedule

DATE	MEETING	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, October 20	Maine Chapter	Augusta Country Club	9:00 am
Thursday, October 20	Assistants' Association	Kernwood Country Club	TBA
Tuesday, October 25	Massachusetts Chapter	The Haven Country Club	9:30 am
Wednesday, October 26	Rhode Island Chapter	Acoaxet Club	10:00 am followed by golf
Thursday, October 27	Cape Cod Chapter	Sandwich Hollows Golf Club	TBA
Thursday, October 27	Seniors' Association	Pleasant Valley Country Club	9:00 am followed by Champ.
Friday, October 28	New Hampshire Chapter	Intervale Country Club	9:00 am
Monday, October 31	Section Annual Meeting	Renaissance Golf Club	9:00 am registration; 10:00 am meeting

Check for updates on the [Meetings page](#) of NEPGA.com.

Peter Dalton Memorial Golf Tournament

Monday, October 17th | Tedesco C.C.

Peter Dalton passed away from a five-year battle with cancer in June 2016.

Peter was involved in golf from an early age and was a beneficiary of the Quimet Scholarship Fund.

Peter remained committed to Quimet organization during the years since his graduation from Boston College.

Friends of Peter are organizing this first annual golf event to honor Peter's commitment to golf and support the Quimet Scholarship Fund.

Visit www.ouimet.org/dalton to donate or register for the 1st Annual Memorial Golf Outing on October 17th at Tedesco CC.



Volunteers Needed to Play in NEPGA/ Special Olympics

The 16th Annual NEPGA/Special Olympic Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, October 23rd. 15 PGA Professionals are needed to teach at the clinics and play with the athletes in the tournament. This is a unique event that pairs Special Olympic athletes and their partners with PGA Professionals. The tournament is a nine-hole scramble.

Our Special Olympic athletes relish the chance to play with "real professionals". For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781-843-6513 or bbeach@braintreema.gov.





SPECIAL AWARDS

PLEASANT VALLEY C.C. SAT., NOV. 5, 2016

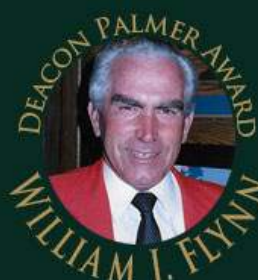
You are cordially invited to celebrate the New England PGA 2016 Award Recipients and Hall of Fame Inductees at Pleasant Valley Country Club, Sutton, Massachusetts on Saturday, November 5th.

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 \$65 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 14th.

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

Register Online



2016 NEPGA Award Winner

Spotlights



Phillip Truono, PGA
NEPGA Teacher of the Year

What age did you begin to play golf?
Age 6

Who taught you the game?
Dick Hendrickson

Where did you go to school?
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?
My junior year in college I decided teaching golf outside would be better then working at an of-fice inside.

Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?
Augusta...but I have not played it yet.

What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?
Family, fitness, and skiing

What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?
He improved the quality of peoples' lives through golf. He was a coach that grew the game, helped others, and provided positive experiences.



Gary Soule, PGA
NEPGA Merchandiser of the Year - Resort

What age did you begin to play golf?
Six

Who taught you the game?
Self taught

Where did you go to school?
K-12. Bar Harbor, Maine College Eastern Maine Community College and Husson College

When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?
Junior year in college. I liked all aspects of the business.

Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?
Shadow Creek in Las Vegas

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

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



Peiter DeVos, PGA
NEPGA Merchandiser of the Year - Public

What age did you begin to play golf?
6

Who taught you the game?
John McDonald

Where did you go to school?
Kennett High School Conway, NH. The Golf Academy of America Orlando Campus.

When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?
1991. My boss at the time suggested I pursue that profession over being a Golf Course Superintendent.

Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?
Kebo Valley Golf Club

What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?
Snowmobiling, Fishing, and most anything outdoors

What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?
I want to expose this game to as many youth as possible, so that this great game remains healthy.

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If you don't already have the NEPGA MasterCard®, watch the below video and [click here](#) to learn more about the very competitive rates, personalized local service and other benefits!



PGA Player Development Workshop

Monday, November 14th | Shaker Hills C.C.

Come join us as we explore the role that instruction and coaching plays in enhancing income, increasing job security and generating incremental rounds and revenue for PGA Professionals and their respective facilities. Our guest presenter is Bob Baldassari Jr., PGA Director of Youth Golf Development for the PGA of America. Please [click here](#) for Bob's bio.

Agenda includes:

- The importance of identifying and understanding operating analysis (Player Development Math and Revenue Scorecards)
- Implementation strategies for key revenue drivers
- Identifying the consumer life cycle (from non-golfer to avid golfer)
- Instruction as a business for creating customers, growing rounds and generating incremental revenue at the facility
- Developing and implementing instruction products that meet consumer needs

The program will run from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. All NEPGA Professionals will receive 7 PGA Education MSR Hours (required category) by attending the entire day. The cost to attend is \$45 (lunch included) and a portion of your registration fee will be allocated towards the NEPGA Jr. Tour Scholarship Program.

Register Online

Get to Know the New Members

We hope you enjoy getting to know our newly-elected members through their questionnaire answers. View all new Section members on our website, NEPGA.com.

Sean Toof, PGA

Elected September 1, 2016

Where do you work?

Assistant Golf Professional at Vermont National Country Club in South Burlington, VT

Where are you from?

Essex Junction, VT

Where did you attend college?

Troy University in Troy, AL and Lyndon State College in Lyndon, VT

What was your first job in the golf business?

As an assistant professional at Links at Lang Farm Golf Course in Essex, VT and also working for Steve Gonsalves at Gonzo's Indoor Golf in South Burlington, VT .

What are your career aspirations?

I feel I still have much to learn being an assistant at Vermont National but I definitely would like to have a head professional job somewhere down the road. I always thought that director of an association would be a fun job too.

Edward Doherty II, PGA

Elected September 1, 2016

Where do you work?

Baker Hill Golf Club

Where are you from?

Barrington, NH

Where did you attend college?

Southern New Hampshire University

What was your first job in the golf business?

River Club, Myrtle Beach SC

What are your career aspirations?

Director of Golf or Head Professional

2017 PAT Sites Needed

The New England PGA is looking for PAT sites for 2017 and would like to have at least one PAT in each state of our Section. We would also hope to have one scheduled in late May, anytime in June, July, August, and September and one in early October.

The facility determines the maximum size of the field, the tee times (players are sent out in three-somes), and also the onsite fees to cover the range and golf carts (some even include lunch between rounds).

If you have an interest or have any questions, please contact Joan Stuart at 508.869.0000 or jstuart@pgahq.com.

PAT Host Site Requirements

The following are some of the requirements of a PAT host site:

- There must be a PGA Professional at the facility in the role of Head Professional.
- The requirements have changed regarding the yardage. The yardage for men must be between 6350 to 6700 yards and for women the yardage must be 5400 to 5700 yards.
- The use of a driving range to warm up before the 36-hole competition is another important requirement for the players.



Yamaha to Sponsor 2016 Official Pro-Am at The RSM Classic



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Davis Love III

21-Time PGA TOUR Winner
Captain, 2016 U.S. Ryder Cup Team
RSM Classic Tournament Host

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The International Golf Club – Bolton, MA

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Joan Stuart



Time Change for Section Annual Meeting!

Renaissance Golf Club, Haverhill, MA
Monday, October 31, 2016
9 a.m. Registration | 10 a.m. Meeting

The New England PGA Annual Meeting is going to be held at Renaissance Golf Club, 377 Kenoza Street, Haverhill, MA on Monday, October 31st. Please note that the time for registration is now at **9:00 a.m.** with the meeting beginning at **10:00 a.m.** The agenda will be emailed to all PGA Professionals prior to the meeting and will also be posted on our website, www.nepga.com. The meeting will also be streamed live on the website. Please plan to attend this meeting. It is worth 1 required MSR credit per hour. It is usually a three hour meeting.



Headed South Soon?

Are you headed south this fall for an extended period of time? If you are, please log into www.pga.org to change your preferred address so that you receive your **2017 PGA Packet** that will contain your **lesson book** for next year.

The process is very simple. Just go to your dashboard and use the "profile" link to edit your information. Be sure to update it when you return to New England next spring.



Looking for an Assistant for the 2017 Season?

All NEPGA Professionals who would like to list an Assistant Professional or Teaching Professional opening for 2017 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 résumés, 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 at 508.869.0000.

Drive, Chip and Putt Sends Eight to Augusta National

The Regional Final concludes at The Country Club



Zachary Colon of Bolton, Mass. walked over to his mother, a big smile on his face and making the letter "W" in his hands. Neither of his parents could believe it, and were stunned.

"No Way! No Way! Are you serious? Did you really win?," asked his mother. She gave him a hug and kept her hand to her mouth as she began to cry.

Indeed he had, he was going to Augusta.

Zachary, like seven other participants from the Drive, Chip and Putt Regional Final at The Country Club, had qualified from the Boys 12-13 age division all the way through to the National Drive, Chip and Putt competition. It is held annually on the Sunday before the Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club.

The Drive, Chip and Putt competition is now in its fourth year. Its aim is to encourage younger generations of golfers to get involved with the fundamentals of the game, before taking on a round of golf. Each year more and more junior golfers between the ages of 7 and

15 are getting out and competing. All with the same hope: to qualify for the National final at Augusta, which is also broadcast by the Golf Channel.

The live broadcast is especially what piqued the interest of qualifier Kennedy Swedick (Girls 10-11) of Altamont, NY. She wasn't expecting to be watching the national final for the first time one year and be in it the very next.

"I'm so surprised that I actually made it," said Swedick. "I thought that I was going to do pretty well. I wasn't going to be very upset if I didn't make it, and just be happy that I at least made it to the Country Club."

Among the list of the others to make it to the 2017 DCP Qualifier is 12-year-old Alexa Pano (Girls 12-13). This is her third consecutive year traveling to Augusta for the Final. She's notched an impressive résumé outside of the DCP as well. Her win at the AJGA's PDQ/

Philadelphia Runner Junior at Saucon Valley makes her one of the youngest golfers in AJGA history to win an event, and she was also one of the youngest to play in the U.S Women's Amateur (at age 11) in August.

Solid putting for all competitors seemed to be a determining factor. Heading into putting, the last rotation of the Drive, Chip, and Putt, Brian Glennon (Boys 14-15) of Hingham, Mass. found himself in fifth place.

"After the chipping, I didn't feel that much pressure, because I didn't feel like I had that good of a chance but after I made my first two putts. I figured maybe I have a chance," said Glennon.

He holed out both his 6ft and 15ft putt, gaining 50 points. He then stared down his 30ft putt and decided to go for it, leaving it in the 15-point area. Those extra 65 points he added to his scorecard put him over the competition, winning by 6 points. This was especially an achievement for him, after he got a stomach bug last year, and was unable to compete at the sub-regional level.

In total, eight made it through to the National event in 2017. They are:

7-9 Division: Carlee Meilleur of Landsdowne, Ontario and Michael Bruce of Fort Fairfield, ME

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NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: *Jacy Settles*

NEPGA Junior Tour presented by



The New England PGA returned home with its first-ever Remy Cup crown, surging to a 16-2 victory over the Connecticut PGA on Sept. 10 at Plymouth Country Club.

The NEPGA won 15 of its 18 matches at the event, which features the top 12 junior golfers from both the NEPGA and Connecticut PGA, including capturing all

six foursomes matches amid impressive performances throughout the day. The Remy Cup is an 18-hole match play event split into three separate contests: Four-Ball on holes 1-9, foursomes on holes 1-10 and the overall match score.

Four NEPGA pairings swept their three matches. The duos of Elise Keane/Kaitlyn Washburn and Lauren Thibodeau/Winnie McCabe both won their respective 18-hole overall matches 4

& 3, Nate Ingram and Thomas Graham won 4 & 2, and Brandon Gillis and James Imai won 2 & 1. The team of Nick Cummings and Harry Grosso also won their overall match (1 up) while Dillon Brown and Nick Hampoian halved their overall match, winning the foursomes section (two up) and ceding the four-ball section to Connecticut's Thomas Durkin and Austin Rupp.

For a full list of results, [click here](#).

The Remy Cup was established in 2012 and is the premier junior golf competition between the NEPGA and Connecticut sections. The event is named in honor of Jim Remy, a former PGA President of America and General Manager/Director of Golf at Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, Vermont. Remy was the New England Section President from 1995-97 and is the first PGA President from the New England section.



Drive, Chip and Putt *Continued...*

10-11 Division: Kennedy Swedick of Altamont, NY and Eric Yun of Menlo Park, CA

12-13 Division: Alexa Pano of Lake Worth, FL and Zachary Colon of Bolton, Mass.

14-15 Division: Gabrielle Shieh of Carlisle, Mass. and Brian Glennon of Hingham, Mass.

For Zachary Colon and his family, this

win is going to be sweet for a long time.

"He's worked so hard, for so long. He had a tough start to the year and he just kept working through it, and practicing, and it's picked up," a very emotional Mr. Colon said. "Now we're just all in shock and so proud."

As for Zachary, all he really wanted was something simple.

"Can we go to DQ now?" he asked his mom.

"You can get anything you want," she said as she laughed at his request.

The Drive, Chip, and Putt National final will be held April 2, 2017 at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, GA and will be broadcast live on the Golf Channel.

PGA Junior League Northeast Regional



The PGA Junior League Golf team from Atkinson CC represented the New England Section at the PGA Junior League Northeast Regional Finals at Cranberry Valley GC.

The Suzy Whaley Golf team was victorious at Northeast Regional for the third year in a row. Her team will be heading to the 2016 PGA Junior League Golf Championship at Grayhawk in Scottsdale, Arizona on November 19-21, 2016. Team Atkinson was Captained by NEPGA Professional Peter Doherty.

A very special thank you to host PGA Professional Roman Greer, PGA and Cranberry Valley GC.

SCORES

Team Suzy Whaley Golf

Overall Record 3-0
Total Points 25

Other Team Records and Points:

Team Erie 1-1-1	18 points
Team Atkinson 1-2	17 points
Team Suffolk 0-2-1	12 points



News from PGA Headquarters

Scott Kmiec is transitioning from Senior Director, PGA REACH – a position he has held since February 2013 – to Senior Director, Employment.

A Rutgers University graduate, Scott previously served for 15 years as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Section, was integral to the creation of the very successful New Jersey Golf Foundation and also directed the Section's Employment efforts. While in his role directing the development of PGA REACH, Scott built an integrated business plan for the execution of the foundation's three pillars: youth, military and diversity. In addition, Scott successfully managed and elevated our partnership relations with PGA Foundation Trustees, key allied organizations as well as developed foundation marketing and fund-raising activations. Specifically, Scott achieved the following: rebranded the foundation to PGA REACH; expanded the Trustees from four to 11; acquired PGA Junior League Golf and helped grow participation from 17,000 to more than 36,000 kids; expanded PGA HOPE from 4 to 64 chapters nationwide, positively impacting the lives of 2,000 veterans and combating the unspeakable suicide rate of 22 veterans every day; created the Diversity Section Intern Program; and grew the foundation budget from under \$1 million to over \$6.4 million.

As the new Senior Director, Employment, Scott will be charged with executing several strategic priorities, including: connect with and provide value to all PGA Members; actively engage with employers; market and promote employment services and PGA Member success stories; develop tools and resources through a new digital platform (Job Finder, Career Links, dedicated micro site for employers, PGA Member App, dedicated resume building tool), and expand the employment services team to ultimately better serve and engage our PGA Members and employers. Scott will begin his transition immediately as we

search for his replacement to lead PGA REACH.

Scott Wellington has accepted our invitation to join the PGA of America in the role of Senior Director, Section Business Operations.

For the past 12 years, Scott has served as Tournament Director and Executive Director of Bay Hill Classic Inc., which includes the PGA TOUR's Arnold Palmer Invitational and Arnold Palmer Tournament Services, in Orlando.

Previously, Scott was the Executive Director of the Colorado Section (1995 to 2004) and the Director of Marketing and Tournament Director for the Southern California Section (1990 to 1995). Scott earned his Bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and Master of Sports Administration degree from Ohio University.

Scott will oversee the Section Business Operations Department, including Section administration, commercial integration and revenue programs, strategic alignment, business planning, and governance support. Scott will also facilitate all Association communication and connectivity with the Section Leaders and Executive Directors – our vitally important partners in serving our members and growing the game. Scott's first day at headquarters will be October 17th.

Chief Membership Officer, PGA New Position/Search
 This is a new position being created to help implement and execute the mission to serve PGA member and grow the game with a search process to begin immediately.

This position is critical to the evolution of the operational performance and organizational structure. The Chief Membership Officer will be a PGA professional and have a seat at the staff leadership table as an active participant in all of the Association's strategic

decisions alongside of Darrell, Kerry Haigh (Chief Championships Officer), Rhona Aime (Chief Financial Officer), Jeff Price (Chief Commercial Officer), Henry Smokler (General Counsel) and Kevin Ring (Chief Revenue Officer).

The Chief Membership Officer will oversee the following key departments of the organization and will be responsible for the overall strategic direction, leadership and management of our Membership Operations: Membership Services, Section Business Operations, Member Education and Member Employment.

PGA of America Retirement Announcements

Jeff Beaudry has announced his retirement as Western Director, PGA Employment Services following 18 years of dedicated service to the Association, effective January 1, 2017.

Dick Bradow has announced his retirement as Eastern Director, PGA Employment Services following 17 years of dedicated service to the Association, effective January 1, 2017.

District 1 Director Report:

Donnie Lyons, PGA

[Click here](#) to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of September featuring the U.S. victory at the Ryder Cup, Arnold Palmer tribute, Jack Nicklaus' 50th year as a PGA member and more!





DECISIONS, DECISIONS PART III

How to find the information we need to make a ruling, with assistance from the Decisions on the Rules of Golf book.

If you are reading this column and realize you haven't gotten around to reading the definitions or familiarizing yourself with the index, no worries. We have a long winter ahead and you can use some of that time to tackle both those tasks.

I won't tell you not to try and find the answers to the rules questions we are asking you this month, you may be able to find the answers whether you have done any reading or not. One question is actually quite simple and there is a specific definition to answer it.

The other question is not as easy, it is actually a complex one and will require you to interpret and apply what you find in the applicable decision.

If you have had the time to do some reading you will have a much better chance of finding these decisions in a timely manner.

Some people ask me, if I know the answer to a rules question, why do I think it is so important to be able to find it in the book?

The answer is simple, I want to verify for myself that I am correct and if the player wants to know why that is the ruling, that I can show it to him in black and white.

So, let's try and apply some of our new and or/improved knowledge and see if we can find answers to a couple of questions.

The questions come from actual calls I have received from some of you this summer.

Question #1

A player believes his ball has come to rest in a water hazard. He searches for about a minute but does not find his ball. He drops a ball behind the hazard under Rule 26-1 and plays it. He then finds his original ball outside the water hazard within five minutes of beginning to search for it.

What is the ruling?

There may be a couple of different decisions to consider in making the ruling. These decisions may also help you realize that there may be a few questions you may want/need to ask the player, his fellow-competitor or opponent before making your ruling.

Question #2

A competitor returns his scorecard and fails to include penalties he did not know he had incurred.

The player had too many clubs in his bag during the round but did not realize it until he was in the process of putting his clubs in the trunk of his car.

I know, you think I am making this up, but I really did receive a phone call about this very incident.

Full disclosure, I initially would have ruled differently until I looked in the book, I still was having a hard time believing what I was reading, so I called the USGA and they verified it.

Take your time with this, as I have said previously, rushing and not reading rules or decisions completely leads to mistakes being made. Remember, a couple of extra seconds spent verifying that you have all the information and have found the correct Rule/Decision is time well spent.

See if you can find the decisions that relate to these two situations, we will give you answers and a few thoughts on both next month.

Fred Couples



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CAPE COD & RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

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



Cape Cod Ch. Fall Meeting
Thurs. Oct. 27th | Sandwich Hollows GC
9:00 a.m.

Rhode Island Ch. Fall Meeting
Wed. Oct. 26th | The Acoaxet Club
9:30 a.m., followed by optional golf

Champion Matt Baran (holding crystal!) is surrounded by fellow PGA Golf Professionals who all competed in the Cape Cod Chapter Championship held on The Captains GC/Port & Starboard courses, sponsored by Callaway Golf/Peter Guild, PGA Tour, Avidia Bank and Tournament Solutions.

2016 Cape Cod Chapter Match Play Champion Gregg Richbourg (right) stands with 6x Match Play Champion Greg Yeomans prior to the finals held at The Ridge Club in mid-September. Richbourg, PGA Teaching Professional at Cape Cod National, has compiled a break-out season in Section events and

leads the CCPGA Dutch Wessner Award POY points race with 4 events remaining, a title that Yeomans has also won a record six times! The Wessner is sponsored by colleague Bradford Sherman, owner/proprietor of 15thgolfclub.com.



The top 10 at The Captains GC!

CALLAWAY GOLF				CCPGA CHAMPIONSHIP			
BARAN	71	72	143	YEOMANS	73	71	144
TOPEY	72	72	144	PAESANI	74	71	145
RICHBOURG	74	72	146	CARDWELL	74	72	146
WICK	73	74	147	ROONEY	75	72	147
BENEDETTI	75	73	148	SHERMAN	73	77	150



ABOVE: Richbourg's -4 under par effort ended Yeomans' stranglehold on the Cape's Match Play hardware, which saw our Bay Club colleague go 6-for-6 in previous finals. **BELOW:** Baran, Oyster Harbors PGA Lead Assistant won his 4th CCPGA Chapter Championship in 6 years, one shy of Chapter record (MH-5).

Pictured (L to R) competing in the RIPGA Pro-1Am Championship at Point Judith GC are Mike Haglof & Scott Hickey, PGA HP of Cyprian Keyes, alongside Jared Adams and host Pro David Marcotte, PGA. Scott Hickey, PGA and his partner Andrew Dame won the event, as Point Judith's PGA Assistant Bill Maguire and partner Bryan Couture placed 2nd.

MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Mark Aldrich, PGA, MA Chapter President

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CHAPTER NEWS

Dear Massachusetts Chapter Members,

The Massachusetts Chapter has had a great season so far. We've completed four events and have a few more on the schedule. As you may have seen in the promotional emails, the MA Chapter will be awarding \$750 to the MA Chapter Player of the Year. If you are in the Player of the Year hunt or just thinking about playing in a couple fall MA Chapter events, there's an additional reason to get out and play!

Massachusetts Chapter Election

This is an election year in the Chapter and we are looking for someone (from the Central Massachusetts area) to run for Secretary/Treasurer of the Massachusetts PGA Chapter. This is a great way to get involved, meet new people, gain insight into the Chapter and Section business as well as creating networking opportunities. The time commitment is not as stringent as some may think and the learning experience is exceedingly valuable. If you have interest please contact me (markaldrichpga@gmail.com), Lou Rivers (lourivers@pga.com), or Chris Young (cyoung@pga.com) directly and we can provide any information needed.

MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Maine Chapter President Jason Hurd, PGA

We started our fall season of golf in Maine with a visit to Rockland for our Senior Championship and Chapter Championship. Our Senior Championship was held at Rockland Golf Club, where host Professional Keenan Flanagan, PGA and the staff at Rockland GC treated the competitors to a great day. Jeff Seavey, PGA from cross town club Samoset Resort fired a 2 under par 68, for a two shot victory over second place finishers Bob Darling, PGA from Fox Ridge GC and David Grygiel, PGA from Tee' n' Tee. Thanks to Robby Brown and Country Club Enterprises/Club Car for sponsoring our Senior Championship. After golf players were treated to a steak and lobster feast by Keenan and staff. A special thank you to Keenan from all participants who truly enjoyed and appreciated all he did to make this a great event!!! Dan Limauro, PGA from The Ledges (a Mainer) experienced lobster for the first time, thanks to the plentiful display put on by Keenan. Bib and all, awesome!

 Country Club Enterprises

 Club Car

Day two we traveled across town to crown our Chapter Champion at Samoset Resort. Thanks to Gary Soule, PGA and the staff at Samoset for a spectacular day (after the fog lifted). The first round leader Jeff Seavey fired a 73 at his home course combined with the 68 to hold off a charging Shawn Warren, PGA from Falmouth CC and win by a one shot margin to cap off the two day two titles for the Rockland resident. Thank you to sponsors Avidia Bank, PGA Tour and Tournament Solutions for their support. Special thanks to Matt Cunningham, PGA from Tournament Solutions for traveling to Rockland, Maine and presenting the winning trophy to Chapter Champion Jeff Seavey.

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This year's Southern Swing consisted of two of the three courses that have been in the rotation for years. Our first of two Pro- Am's this year took us to Cape Arundel GC in Kennebunkport where the team from Dunegrass GC led by PGA Professional Jim Fairbanks and the team from Martindale led by assistant Kyle Bourassa tied for low team honors. Kyle was low professional for the day firing a 1 under par 68, one shot better than Jim Fairbanks and boss Nick Gliocos, PGA from Martindale with even par 69's. Thank you to sponsors Don Groft from Yamaha Golf Cars and Clem Lamarre from Cobra Golf for being onsite and sponsoring the event. Thank you to PGA Professional Ken Raynor for hosting.

 COBRA GOLF 

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L to R: Matt Cunningham (Tournament Solutions), Champion Jeff Seavey & Maine Chapter Operations Manager Tom Moffatt

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MAINE CHAPTER NEWS *Continued...*

Next we traveled south to York Golf and Tennis Club for a nice day. Thanks PGA Professional Kyle Page for allowing us back for yet another year. Congratulations to the team from Falmouth CC led by PGA Professional Shawn Warren for finishing ahead of the field. Shawn also was low professional firing a 3 under par 67 and finishing one shot ahead of John Hickson, PGA from Sebasco Harbor. Thanks again to Clem Lamarre from Cobra Golf for being on the first tee greeting all the players and for sponsoring the event.



The next Pro-Am, usually our third of the southern swing took us to Webhannet GC a week later. Thanks to Kirk Kimball, PGA and the staff at Webhannet for hosting. A special thanks to Clem Lamarre from Cobra for making it three days greeting players at the first tee and sponsoring. Congratulations to the team from Martindale CC lead by PGA Professional Nick Glicos for finishing first in the team event. Shawn Warren, PGA from Falmouth CC continued his stellar play finishing with another under par round of 68 taking home low professional honors.

Our last Pro Am of the month was played at Falmouth CC. Thank you to host PGA Professional Sean Barrett for having us. Congratulations to the team From Martindale CC for taking home another low team honor led by PGA Professional Nick Glicos. We had a three way tie for Low Professional honors all firing a 4 under par 68. Shawn Warren, PGA from Falmouth CC, John Hickson, PGA from Sebasco Harbor, and Malcolm Oliver (our newest Professional in the Chapter) from Bath CC all tied for top honors.



First tee in the fog with David Grygiel and eventual Chapter Championship winner, Jeff Seavey.

Upcoming Events

October 17-18: Dugas Cup, Cape Arundel GC
October 20: Chapter Fall Meeting, Augusta CC
October 24: Portland Pro-Am Re-Scheduled (10 AM Shotgun)



Webhannet Pro Am winning team from Martindale on first tee with Cobra sponsor Clem Lamarre.



Senior Champion Jeff Seavey with Robby Brown from Club Car.



Chapter Champion Jeff Seavey with Matt Cunningham from Tournament Solutions.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by NH Chapter President Ken Hamel, PGA

The New Hampshire Chapter recently made a donation to Safe Harbors on the seacoast. Safe Harbors assists in the rehabilitation and recovery of addicts. Accepting the check is Sandi Coyle, Executive Director of Granite Pathways which oversees Safe Harbors, and John Burns, Safe Harbors Director. Presenting the check is NHC President Ken Hamel along with Tim Loch, NHC Vice President and Head Professional at Cochecho CC in Dover.

Intervale Country Club was the site of the NHC Pro + 1 Am Gross and to no one's surprise, Rich Berberian was low professional with a 3-under par round of 69. Second at 1-under was Dan Wilkins of Laconia CC and Pease assistant Mike Jerram was even par 72. Berberian teamed with his amateur partner Jim Tokanel to shoot a combined score of 9-under par 63.

The Portsmouth ProAm featured 31 teams and low professional for the day was Pease assistant pro Mike Jerram with a 4-under par score of 68. Trailing Jerram in the pro pool with 3-under rounds of 69 were Eric Soderman, Hoodcroft CC and Sam Brackett, Baker Hill GC. Rico Riciputi, Wentworth By The Sea was at 70 and Todd Rollins, Laconia CC and Portsmouth CC head pro and host Bill Andrews were at 1-under par 71.

Many thanks to Don Graft of Yamaha who has stepped up in our Fall events and sponsored ProAms at Intervale CC, Portsmouth CC and Abenaki CC. Don has enjoyed his first year in the Chapter and has played in a number of events as well.

The NHC Player of the Year Point Standings as of 9/26/2016 are as follows:

Jason Malcolm, Dublin Lake 193.25
Todd Rollins, Laconia CC 181.50
C.J. Konkowski, Keene CC 166.00
Rich Berberian, Windham CC 158.75
Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC 137.50
Eric Soderman, Hoodcroft CC 137.16
Danny Kish, Eastman GL 123.08
Mitch Jefferson, Ridgewood GC 102.00
Jay Pollini, Wentworth GC 101.75
Matt Arvanitis, Lake Sunapee CC 91.25



VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Vermont Chapter President Roger A. King, PGA

Tournament Results

On September 22-23, we held our Match Play Championship at Ekwanok CC hosted by Tom Mackey, PGA. This year's Match Play Champion David Bennett, PGA, CC of Vermont defeated Host Professional Tom Mackey in the finals. The semi-finals also included Kevin Bennison, PGA, Manchester CC and Roger King, PGA, Sugarbush GC. We thank Stuart Miller (see picture with David Bennett) for the tee gifts for each player, added money to the purse, and a trophy for the winner.

Our final major of the year was our Pro Pro Championship played at CC of Vermont. We thank Larry Kelley, PGA, Five Star Golf Cars, NEPGA Section, and Todd Trono, PGA, Golf ValueBook for their generous sponsorships. The championship was conducted on September 26th prior to our Vermont Chapter Fall Meeting. This year's championship belongs to the Host Professional team of David Bennett, PGA, and Mike Slayton with a score of 65.



Vermont Chapter Fall Meeting

On September 26th, the Vermont Chapter held our 2016 Annual Fall Meeting at the CC of Vermont. We welcomed Mike Higgins, NEPGA Executive Director, Mike Packard, PGA, Employment Services and Brian Bain, Player Development Regional Manager and heard their updates on Section and National initiatives. We received Chapter committee reports from all our chairs and committee members. We elected Brian Gara, PGA, Vermont National CC to our Board of Director one year position.

Vermont Chapter Award Winners

We presented plaques and congratulated our 2016 Vermont Chapter Special Award winners:

Professional of the Year - **Eric Sandstrum**, Brattleboro CC
Player of the Year - **David Bennett**, CC of Vermont
Merchandiser of the Year- Public - **Ryan McDonald**, Northfield CC
Merchandiser of the Year- Private - **Patrick Berry**, Dorset Field Club
Teacher of the Year - **Barry Churchill**, Cedar Knoll GC
Junior Golf Leader - **Sean Toof**, Vermont National CC
Patriot Award - **Ron Philo**, Stowe Mountain Club
Horton Smith - **Brian Gara**, Vermont National CC
Bill Strausbaugh Award - **RJ Austin**, Stowe CC
Assistant Professional of the Year - **David Finethy**, Ekwanok CC

Vermont Chapter Teaching Seminar

On September 7th, the Vermont Chapter welcomed Stan Utlely to Ekwanok CC for a teaching seminar. Thirty-eight PGA Professionals attended the presentation. A special thank you goes to our education Chair, Tom Mackey, PGA, Ekwanok CC for bringing a top 100 PGA Teacher to Vermont.



ABOVE: Match Play Champion David Bennett with Sponsor Stuart Miller

CENTER: VT Chapter Professional of the Year Eric Sandstrum with Award Committee Chairs John Cleanthes (left) and Mike Bailey (right).

BELOW: VT Chapter Player of the Year David Bennett with Award Committee Chairs John Cleanthes (left) and Mike Bailey (right).

SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Joan Stuart

September Results



Pro 3-Am | Bass Rocks Golf Club | September 15th

Individual Pro Gross

1. Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake CC 73
2. Al Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC 79
3. Steve Clayton, PGA Rockport CC 85

Individual Pro Net

1. Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC 69
2. Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC 77
3. Joe Carr, PGA Bedrock GC 80

Team Gross

1. (t) Bill Lindquist, PGA Mt. Pleasant GC: Jim McMashon, Jason Howarthy, Don Spencer 67
1. (t) Mike Mullavey, PGA Life Member: Chris Gentile, John Moriarty, Rich Zegarowski 67
3. (t) Chris Costa, PGA Middleton GC: Chris Nelson, Jim Mckenzie, Larry McDonough 68
3. (t) Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC: Wayne Kent, Brett Downer, Fran Cusick 68

Team Net

1. Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC: Gary Bean, Jack Kelly, Tim Hoop 60
2. Bill Lodge, PGA Bradford CC: Bill Delorfano, Mike Oterio, Frank Freitas 61
3. Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake CC: Anne Windhol, Kristin Rydzewski, Deb Nawoichiki 63



Pro 3-Am | Needham Golf Club | September 28th

Individual Pro Gross

1. Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake CC 72
2. Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC 79

Individual Pro Net

1. Bill Lindquist, PGA Mt. Pleasant GC 71
2. Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC 73

Team Gross

1. Al Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC: Artie Fosse, Tom Carroll, Paul Canlino 67

Team Net

1. Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC: George Burke, Doug Salamone, Rick Walsh 58
2. Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake CC: Jim Boormeester, Tom Corcoran, Rick Smith 61

October Events

October 27, 2016 | Pleasant Valley Country Club

Don't forget to attend the Seniors' Association Fall Meeting on October 27th at Pleasant Valley Country Club at 9:00 am. Be involved in your Seniors' Association and bring suggestions for the 2017 Tournament Schedule. New ideas and new formats for next year might increase membership in the Seniors' Association! The Seniors' Association Championship will take place right after the meeting. You must be a member of the Seniors' Association (\$25) in order to play. You can pay your dues on site before teeing off. For more information, please contact Dennis Selvella, PGA (508.410.4984) or Joe Carr, PGA (508.873.7768).

ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Assistants' Association President Eric Zadorian, PGA

Congratulations to Shawn Warren (Falmouth CC) for winning the 2016 New England PGA Assistant Championship that was held at Spring Valley on September 13th & 14th. Also, congratulations to Peter Weatherby (Hermitage GC), Matt Baran (Oyster Harbors Club), Brendon Ray (Carnegie Abbey Club), and Rob Bruso (Worcester CC) who will be joining Warren at the national PGA Assistant Championship

later this month in Florida. Best of luck to all!

The Assistants' Association Fall Meeting and Golf will take place on Thursday, October 20th at Kernwood Country Club. MSR points will be available to all PGA members in attendance. Please register online at nepgaassistants.com today!



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 9/8/2016 - 10/10/2016

NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Susan L. Bond, PGA	A-20	Straight Down Clothing Company
Bob McGraw, PGA	A-1	Eagle Mountain House & GC
Bert C. Prenaveau, PGA	LM	
Anthony J. Zdunko, PGA	A-1	Hoodkroft Country Club

NEW HALF CENTURY MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Richard Harris, PGA	A-9	Penobscot Valley Country Club
Joe C. McKinney Jr., PGA	LM	

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Justin D Barkley	B-14	Canterbury Woods CC
Christopher E. Gagnon, PGA	A-1	Brookside Club
Brandon J. Hitti, PGA	A-1	Woodland Greens Golf Club

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Start	Facility
Justin D Barkley	B-14	9/9/16	Canterbury Woods CC
Christopher E. Gagnon, PGA	A-1	9/13/16	Brookside Club
Brandon J. Hitti, PGA	A-1	1/1/17	Woodland Greens GC

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