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FRONT COVER:

Several NEPGA tournament champions have been named in recent months, including our NEPGA Professional Championship victor, Liam Friedman, PGA. Read all about the event on page 6! We also celebrated our 2017 Section Award Winners at a dinner held in late September. See photos on our Facebook page as well as page 24 of this news magazine.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Rob Jarvis, PGA



Greetings NEPGA Professionals,

I hope this message finds all of you well. As the fall of our season arrives, my presidency begins to come to a close. Past NEPGA President Steve Dem-

mer, PGA told me to make the most of my term as two years would pass like the blink of an eye. Looking back on my election in 2015, I can officially say he was correct.

I have toiled over what to present as my last message to you but only two words come to mind.

Thank you. It has been an honor like no other to serve as your President. I have always said it is the people, not the geography, that make the New England PGA the greatest Section in the country and our people have sure made this journey the highlight of my career.

I sat with a NEPGA Professional a short time ago and he asked me what my feelings were on leaving office and what I would miss the most. A very good question that is not so simple to quantify. I told him that I will certainly miss my role but one of the things that makes PGA Governance so successful is there are new individuals with fresh ideas and new energy constantly coming into the fold. Each president sincerely hopes their successor will be even better for the membership than they were and I am no different.

We have a great group of leaders, committee members, and staff members within the NEPGA and I promise you all they will continue to lead the Section to outstanding new heights. One of my favorite parts about being President has been the people I have been fortunate to work with. Our staff is second to none and has been very welcoming to me since the first day I set foot in the NEPGA offices. They work tirelessly for

us and I know they are excited to keep moving the Section in a positive and forward direction. I would be remiss if I did not mention our Executive Director Mike Higgins. It is not easy when your president resides 4 hours away from the Section headquarters. I wish I had kept track of the hours we have spent on the phone late at night discussing Section affairs. It is in the hundreds I promise you. His dedication to us is endless. Not only is he the best ED in the country, but he is OUR ED and more important than that, he is our friend.

Thanks for everything Mike and staff. The NEPGA BOD and Officers are as talented a group of PGA Professionals as you will find anywhere. They are so generous with their time and I cannot

talents is far too large to mention. I can promise you that there is no better feeling than having a PGA Member approach me at a Chapter or Section meeting and tell me all about a new program or new idea they have and how they are going to implement it. To see the excitement in their eyes and hear the passion in their voice never gets old. Many of my favorite moments had nothing to do with golf or our Section but rather normal day-to-day life. I did not expect to learn so much about people's families as a Section leader but I enjoyed every minute of it. So thank you, all of you, for sharing with me.

With my change in position also comes another PGA Member heading to the Past Presidents table. I have been lucky

to work with Larry Kelley, PGA through both years of his presidency and through mine. We have shared amazing experiences together that neither of us will ever forget. I have to admit I felt a little pressure when he slid over to that honorary chair and I took the podium that day at the Haven in 2015.

Larry has been a great

leader for our Section and has been a fantastic role model, and friend, to me for many years now. He has been there for me every step of the way. I will be sad to see him move on to other things, but am honored just the same to have served with him. Thank You Larry!

In closing I see a bright future for our Section. We have accomplished many things of late and I am very confident that we are headed in the right direction. One must always be careful though. Complacency can be the root of all evil so we must all continue to push forward together if we want to grow and prosper as a Section. I will continue, just as I promised you all two years ago, to be of service in any way possible. For the opportunity to do that, I am eternally grateful.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Jarvis, PGA
NEPGA President
Head PGA Professional
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Thank You

It has been an honor like no other to serve as your President.

thank them enough for all they have done for me over the last two years. I guarantee I have learned more from all of them than they have from me and I look forward to continue working with our current leaders and some new ones soon to arrive.

So what will I miss most? Fortunately I still get to share long car rides with future NEPGA President Ron Bibeau for the next two years so that's not it. It is the interaction with the PGA Member that I have enjoyed the most and will miss the most. I certainly plan on attending all meetings and functions, but as President you have more opportunities to engage our members and that is what I have enjoyed the most. Our membership has been so kind and supportive of me it has been overwhelming at times. I have met and spent time with professionals from all corners of our Section and that has given me an insight that very few people are fortunate enough to experience. Our membership is special. The list of

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: *Mike Higgins*



I am going to start my letter in what is technically the last month of our "season" with a couple questions. Think about each of these questions and answer to yourself honestly.

Do you play golf? How often do you play golf? Is it a couple times per week? Once per week? Once per month? Less than once per month?

I asked these questions because of an observation I made during our New England PGA Section Championship. Side note: The reason I love the NEPGA Championship is not because it is our premier event, or because it's our Section's major championship, it's because it is the one tournament a year where I get to spend time with the most PGA Professionals at one event. Plus the field is represented by players from all five states and all six chapters in the New England Section. In my pre-round conversations with PGA Professionals there was a reoccurring theme that began to surface.

Unsolicited comments were being made by our PGA Professionals about how little golf they had played this year. "This is my first round since July." "This will make my fifth round of 2017." "This is my first competitive round of the season." Shock, disbelief, disappointment and even pity were some of the emotions I was feeling from my conversations. Knowing some of the employment situations of our PGA Professionals I completely understood the challenges they are facing. Then there were others that have personally decided that playing is no longer a priority, and it almost seemed as though they were proud of how little golf they had played. A golfing martyr if you will.

Growing up in the New England PGA

(2017 is my 20th season as a full time employee) I have witnessed a shift in the priority level of playing. This shift is my own personal observation, and one that has bothered me over the last few seasons. When I started with the Section I was introduced to PGA Professionals that quickly became my idols. Legends such as Paul Barhouse, Joe Carr, Paul Parajeckas, Mike Wortis, Jeff Bailey and Bob Baldassari played every week and supported Section events. These were PGA Professionals that asked for the last starters time so they could cut greens in the morning, pull carts, get a tournament off at their facility and then come play in a Section event. Not only play in it, they would win it! Playing golf was a priority. And the amateurs they brought with them to events admired these PGA Professionals and were THRILLED to be playing with them.

I can hear some of you talking to your computer or phone now and saying "things have changed now Higgins. It is not 1997 anymore!" I know things have changed and the purpose of my comments are not to upset anyone, and they are certainly not to get anyone angry with me. Back to my observation. We focus so much on growing the game of golf by targeting our youth that we almost forget about growing the game personally. PGA Junior League, Drive, Chip and Putt,

the NEPGA Junior Tour are all wonderful programs and are vital to golf's future, but I think it is so important that PGA Professionals play and your members see you play. How can you ask your members to play more golf or encourage a junior to play when you are not playing golf yourself? I would love for NEPGA Professionals to make it a priority to play in more Section events, but that is not the purpose of my message. I just want you to make playing a priority...period. Play more golf.

I ask those of you who I had a conversation with at the Section Championship, or those of you who read this article and said "Mike is talking about me," to think long and hard about the reasons you do not play as much golf anymore. I even ask you to share those reasons with me if possible. Then I would like you to think about what you could possibly do to play a little more golf. Beat the pro on Saturdays at the club? Play in a pro-am once a month? Play with your spouse or child every Sunday afternoon? I even ask you to share with me how you plan on playing more golf if possible.

We all got into this industry because at one point we loved to play golf. I still love to play golf and I hope that deep down you still do too.

Let's all make it a priority to play more in the 2018 season.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Higgins
NEPGA Executive Director



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Nashawtuc CC Professional takes home his first ever NEPGA Section Championship

Liam Friedman, PGA (Nashawtuc CC) shot a three-under par score of 69 on Wednesday, August 23rd to finish the 97th New England PGA Section Championship with a winning three-day total of eight-under-par 208 at Renaissance GC. Friedman is now forever minted as a New England Section Champion.

Friedman opened his first round with a two-under-par 70. The newcomer from the Western New York Section started his Section Championship at Turner Hill GC on Monday, August 21st. His score at two-under was immensely impressive considering only five or six professionals finished under par.

On Tuesday, he traveled to Renaissance, eager to build on his game and make the cut. He started his day white-

hot on the front nine. He made birdie on the par-3 second hole, and also birdied five and eight. He made the turn at two-under par for the day. On the back nine, Friedman struggled heavily, making bogeys on the 11th, 12th, and 13th. But, he wouldn't let the wind push him around the course, and closed the door on the final four holes by making birdie on all of them.

"I hit it close a lot. I got off to a good start, made birdie on the second hole and caught a couple of fortunate breaks to keep the round going. Unfortunately had a tough patch in the middle and made four birdies to close the round," said Friedman.

He was set to play in the final group alongside strong players Bob Bruso,

PGA (Essex County Club) and Rich Berberian Jr., PGA (Vesper CC).

In Wednesday's final round at Renaissance, Friedman continued to shine despite some early struggles. He made bogey on the first and second holes, dropping back to three-under for the event. However, he settled in and got back to even, making birdies on four and five to make the nine-hole turn at even par. He, Berberian and Bruso were all tied at five under par for the tournament.

On the back nine, Berberian and Bruso definitely put the pressure on. Friedman jumped out to an early lead, making birdie on 10 and 11, with Berberian making bogey and Bruso par. On the 12th hole, Berberian dunked a 73-yd



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wedge shot to make eagle and move back within one shot of Friedman's lead. But, Friedman was able to close the door down the stretch with birdies on 14, 15 and 18, finishing at three-under par 69 for the day, and claiming the championship title.

Berberian threatened mightily during the back nine. On the 12th hole, he dunked a 73-ft wedge in for eagle, and was within one shot of the lead. However, a bogey on 13, and a tough break on an out-of-bounds play on 14 where he made double bogey held him back. Berberian finished one-under par for the day, five under for the tournament at 212. He finished tied for second place.

Bob Bruso, the third member of the championship group, quietly had a solid day as well. He made few mistakes, with just two bogeys on the fourth and sixth holes on the front nine, and made up for them with two birdies on 5 and 9. On the back, he made all pars and just one bogey on the 17th hole to finish at one-over on the day, four under for the event at 212.

Ron Philo Jr., PGA (Stowe Mountain Club) played in the second to last group and made a great run at the championship on Wednesday. He had great, balanced play throughout. Coming into the final round he was at three-under-par 141, and played alongside great competition in Chris Trout, PGA and Jeff Martin, PGA. He made a bogey and birdie on the second and third holes to turn at even par. On the back he birdied 10, 12, and 13 and bogeyed 15. He went low at two-under-par, but it just wasn't enough to unseat Friedman. He finished T2 at 211 for the event.

Renaissance's conditions on Wednesday were as perfect as could be, but the golf course is no cakewalk. Scores throughout the rounds at both Turner Hill and Renaissance were high and definitely tested all of the PGA Professionals to be their very best.

Friedman, alongside 12 other NEPGA Professionals, qualifies for the 2018 Professional National Championship at Bayonet and Black Horse in Monterrey, CA in June 2018. Other qualifiers are: Bob Bruso, Sean McTernan, Kirk Hanefeld, Shawn Warren, Chris Trout, Matt Doyle, Troy Pare, Eric Barlow, John Hickson, Jeff Martin, Boomer Erick, and Jeff Seavey.

With his win, Friedman also qualified for the Gosling's Run Invitational in Bermuda, the first such exemption the NEPGA has had for the event.

We'd like to thank all of our partners, presenting and supporting, in the Section Championship: Mercedes-Benz, Club Car, Omega, GolfAdvisor, Avidia Bank, Titleist/Footjoy, TaylorMade/Adidas, Mohegan Sun, and PGA Tour. Also we'd like to extend our immense thanks to both hosts of our Section Championship, Renaissance GC and Turner Hill and all of their staff who helped make the event possible.

The 2018 NEPGA Section Championship will be held at Quidnesset GC and Warwick Country Club in August.

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RESULTS

Pos	Player	Total	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Liam Friedman	-8	70	69	69	208
T2	Ron Philo	-5	70	71	70	211
T2	Rich Berberian	-5	66	74	71	211
4	Robert Bruso	-4	67	72	73	212
5	Sean McTernan	E	69	76	71	216
T6	Kirk Hanefeld	+1	71	75	71	217
T6	Shawn Warren	+1	70	74	73	217
8	Chris Trout	+2	75	69	74	218
9	Matt Doyle	+3	71	75	73	219
T10	Troy Pare	+4	74	74	72	220



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Winchester-Kernwood team Win Senior Junior at Walpole CC

Frank Dully, PGA (Kernwood CC) and Eric Barlow (Winchester CC) shot a combined seven-under par 60 to take the top spot at the New England PGA's Senior/ Junior Championship at Walpole CC in Walpole, MA on Tuesday, October 10th. The duo combined for a total of six birdies and an eagle.

The combined NEPGA pairs of one Senior PGA Professional (over 50) and one Junior PGA Professional (49 and under) came together Tuesday to share their talents in a four-ball stroke play style event.

Dully and Barlow began from the fifth hole. They had strong play on their opening and made par. After skipping the sixth hole due to course construction, they made their only error on the day on the seventh, making a bogey. From there it was smooth sailing. They made birdie on the 8th, 10th, 11th, 14th and an eagle on 15. They went on to finish at -7, 61.

The format to Tuesday's event was heavily dependent on teamwork, and helped Dully and Barlow to succeed.

"We go way back, I think I played with Eric in his first pro event many years ago. We have great chemistry playing together on the course, and Eric can putt really well. Teamwork definitely helped us out there," said Dully.

Matt Zdon, PGA and John Fields, PGA from Belmont CC were hot on Dully and Barlow's heels throughout their round. Team Belmont also had an eagle on the course and a bogey on the seventh hole. However, they couldn't convert pars to birdies as well. They made five birdies to accompany the eagle and finished in second place at -6 62.

Thank you to partners in the Senior Junior Championship and reps who came out to the event: Ollie and Dee Hallet from Antigua, Bob Marshall from Golf Life Navigators, and Brian Uvena from Mizuno Golf. Also thank you to Tom Giffin, PGA and Walpole CC for hosting this event!



RESULTS

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Frank Dully Eric Barlow	-7	61
2	Matt Zdon John Fields	-6	62
T3	Dan Gillis Gregg Richbourg	-5	63
T3	Kirk Hanefeld Liam Friedman	-5	63
T3	Chip Johnson Brendon Ray	-5	63
T6	Scott Hickey Greg Farland	-4	64
T6	Greg Sandell Don Brigham	-4	64
T6	Shawn Warren John Hickson	-4	64
T9	Todd Cook Michael Baker	-3	65
T9	Jim Fairbanks Michael Arsenault	-3	65
T9	David Grygiel Daniel Limauro	-3	65

First Hardware of Fall PHOTOS / RESULTS

Venezio takes home Head Professional Champ and Barlow takes Teaching Pro Champ



Dan VENEZIO



Eric BARLOW

Dan Venezio, PGA (Portland CC) shot a two-under par score of 69 at Granite Links GC in Quincy, MA to win the Head Professional Championship on Wednesday, October 4th. Eric Barlow, PGA shot an even-par 71 to win the Teaching Professional Championship that also took place on Wednesday.

The Head Professional/ Teaching Professional Championship takes place as separate contests but played on the same day within the full field of players. The strong winds and tough course conditions forced all of the professionals to be at their very best to win.

Venezio has played strong and had many great finishes in NEPGA events, but he just hadn't been able to end on top. Wednesday, he really brought his 'A' game to get it done. He started his campaign quickly, making a birdie on the first hole. He struggled as he closed out his front nine, making two bogeys to turn at one over.

He made another bogey on the tenth hole, but decided a change was going to be needed in order to close out the day on top.

"I hit my tee shot into the fescue on the 12th hole and had a pretty good lie, so I

was looking at it and just said you know what, I'm going to go for it. I gave it everything I had and luckily I landed it on the green. That really what was what got me going," Venezio said.

He made birdie on that 12th hole.

His momentum kept moving, making birdie on the 13th and an eagle on the 18th to close out his round as the only PGA professional under par, with a -2, score of 69.

On the Teaching Professional side, Eric Barlow, PGA (Winchester CC) had a successful day on the course as well.

Barlow started with a quick birdie on the first, but made bogeys on the second, fifth and sixth to make the turn at two-over-par. Like Venezio, he was able to close out his round strong after making a bogey on the tenth. He made birdies on the 13th, 16th, and 18th to finish at one-under-par 71; finishing first for the Teaching Professionals.

Thank you to Stephen Clancy, PGA and Granite Links Golf Club for hosting us in this great event! Also thank you to Cleveland/Srixon/ XXIO, Country Club Enterprises, Earth Networks, Par Bar, and PGA Tour for partnering in this event!



Head Pro RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Dan Venezio	-2	69
T2	Kevin Wood	+1	72
T2	Dan Gillis	+1	72
4	Scott Hickey	+2	73
5	Todd Cook	+3	74
T6	Hal Jacobs	+4	75
T6	Matt Doyle	+4	75
8	Vince Molesky	+5	76
T9	Shane Drury	+6	77
T9	Thomas Tobey	+6	77

Teaching Pro RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Eric Barlow	E	71
2	Gregg Richbourg	+3	74
T3	Kirk Hanefeld	+5	76
T3	Kevin Rhoads	+5	76
5	Brendan Barry	+12	83
6	Terry Felty	+14	85
7	Kevin Eosco	+17	88
8	Ian Willikens	+19	90

Super Greens PHOTOS / RESULTS

Teams From Hoodcroft CC, The Back Nine Club Win at Hatherly CC

The teams of Eric Soderman, PGA and Matt DiZazzo from Hoodcroft CC and Bob Giusti, PGA and Jerry Noons from the Back Nine Club shot team net scores of two-under-par 68 at Hatherly Country Club in Scituate, MA to become co-champions at the Pro-Superintendent on Monday, October 2nd.

Giusti and Noons, along with the rest of the field, battled a tough course on Monday. The winds were high and some of the pin locations were challenging, bringing out the best team work from the golfers and their superintendents.

The Back Nine Club's team had a fantastic day on the course. Starting on the seventh hole, they made a birdie on the eighth. They struggled intermittently on the back side of the course, making bogeys on 12, 15, 16, and 18. They birdied the 13th and 14th. However, coming to the end of their round on holes 1-6, they were bogey free and made three birdies. All told, they finished -2, with a 68 net score. The Hoodcroft CC team began from the first hole in the shotgun format.

They were hot out of the gate, making an eagle on the third hole, and a birdie on the fifth. They struggled a little on the way to the turn, making bogey on the seventh and eighth holes. On the back, they made one more bogey on the 12th but followed it up with an eagle on the 17th to join Giusti and Noons with a finish at -2, 68 net.

"It was tricky out there, some of the greens were really undulating, and you had to make some putts that were tough," said DiZazzo. "We were fortunate enough to be paired in the same group as the host professional and superintendent so they knew some of our shots were ok when we weren't sure," said Soderman.

Soderman and DiZazzo were also the winners in the gross division, with a score of one-over par 71.

Thank you to Chip Johnson, PGA and Hatherly Country Club for being great hosts for this event. Also thank you to partners Turfhound and Five Star Golf Cars for supporting the New England PGA in this event!



RESULTS

Pos	Team	+/-	Total
1	Soderman/DiZazzo	+1	71
T2	Giusti/Noons	+3	73
T2	O'Kelly/Vadeboncoeur	+3	73
T2	Hopley/Sadowski	+3	73
T2	Clancy/MacDonald	+3	73
T6	Santos/Cox	+4	74
T6	Colt/Gianni	+4	74
T6	Coutoumas/Calderwood	+4	74
T9	Limauro/Grady	+7	77
T9	Kienke/Misiaszek	+7	77

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Hanefeld takes home Avidia Cup Championship

Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (Salem CC) shot a 5-under-par 64 to take home the Avidia Bank Cup at The Misquamicut Club on Tuesday, September 26th. It marks the second time he's taking home the Cup since its inception in 2014.

Hanefeld carved out a banner day on the course. Beginning at fifth place in the standings, it would be exactly what he needed to do to have a chance at the Championship. He started out with consistent golf, alternating pars with birdies on the fourth, seventh, and eighth holes. He made the turn at three-under-par.

On the back, Hanefeld continued his strong play. He birdied the 10th, 11th, and 13th holes. His only mistake on the day was a bogey on the 14th, but he was able to get back to his brand of golf and keep that as his only slip. Hanefeld finished for the day with a dazzling score of 5-under-par 64.

For the win, Hanefeld was granted 2,000 points. Much like the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup, he had 1,280 reset points from his finish in the Stroke Play Series and NEPGA Chapter events. He finished with 3,280 total points, leapfrogging Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC) who finished in second for the total points race with 2,372.

"Everything just seemed to be working for me today. I was able to just relax and focus on playing my game. I made the putts I needed to and was able to do well," said Hanefeld.

Warren, the 2017 Assistants' Champion, brought his strong golf game to Rhode Island to put up a great fight for the Avidia Championship. He made a birdie on the second hole, but made two bogeys on the fifth and seventh. He went on to make three more birdies and two more bogeys to finish at even for the day with a 69. He began with 2,000 points in the Avidia Cup standings, and his T5 finish earned him 372 points. He finished in second place in the points standings with a total of 2,372.

The First Tee Tenth Tee, SCNS Sports Foods Challenge also finished up on Tuesday. The race took the individual scores, relative to par, made on the first and tenth holes at all of the Stroke Play Series Events. Dan Gillis, PGA (Nabnasset Lake GC) won the 1st Tee Challenge with a -4, and Liam Friedman, PGA (Nashawtuc CC) won the 10th Tee Challenge with a -2.

In the Omega-Wogan points race, Rich Berberian Jr, PGA (Vesper CC) was confirmed as the Omega-Wogan New England PGA Player of the Year, accumulating over 18,000 points.

Thank you to The Misquamicut Club and Matt Doyle, PGA for hosting this great event. Also a huge thank you to out season-long partners in the Stroke Play Series events: Avidia Bank, Ahead, Cutter and Buck, Bushnell, Yamaha, SCNS Sports Foods, Omega, and PGA Tour.



RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Kirk Hanefeld	-5	64
2	Frank Dully	-2	67
3	Jeff Seavey	E	69
T4	Dan Gillis	+4	73
T4	Greg Farland	+4	73
T6	John Paesani	+7	76
T6	Joe Potty	+7	76
8	John Rainone	+10	79
9	John Fields	+11	80



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A look at our latest NEPGA event winner's equipment

2017 NEPGA Section Championship Renaissance GC and Turner Hill GC

Liam Friedman, PGA

Nashawtuc Country Club

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Irons: Callaway Apex Pro

Wedges: Callaway MD3

Putter: Odyssey



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2017 NEPGA Assistants Championship

The Bay Club at Mattapoissett

Shawn Warren, PGA

Falmouth CC

In Shawn's Bag...

Driver: TaylorMade M2

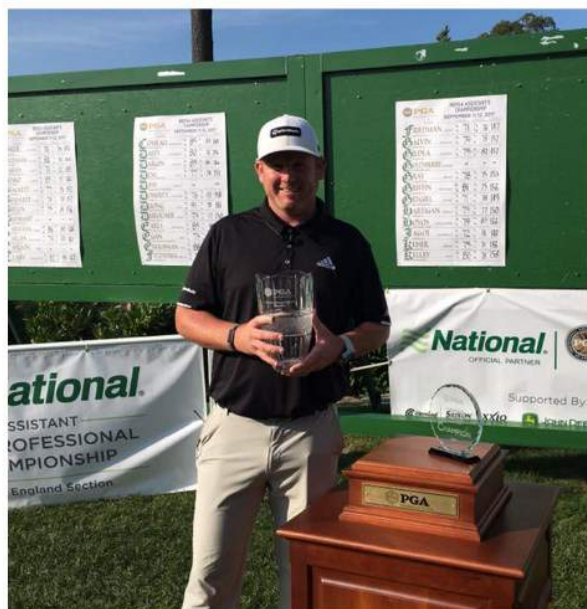
3-Wood: TaylorMade M2

3-4 Iron: TaylorMade 790

Irons: TaylorMade 750 5-PW

Wedges: TaylorMade R-Series 52, 56, 60

Putter: Taylormade Spider





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War On the Course

Warren Takes Home Assistants Title 2nd Year in a Row

PHOTOS / RESULTS

Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC) shot a second round, one-under-par 70 to finish at even par 142 to take home the 2017 Assistant's Championship at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett on September 12th. This is Shawn's second consecutive Assistant's Championship victory.

The course difficulty was a major factor on Tuesday's round, as there were only two under par scores on the day and just three in the event as a whole.

Warren struggled throughout his round but was always able to right his round. After his one-over par performance on Monday, September 11, he came out in the final round knowing he needed to play his best golf. On the front, he made birdie on the first and fifth holes, but bogeyed the fifth to make the turn at one under for the day.

He made birdie on the eleventh hole to add to a mounting lead but struggled on the back, making bogey on the 14th and 15th holes. He was able to settle back down and erase one of those mistakes with a quick birdie on the 16th. He finished at one under, 70 for the day, good enough for an even par 142 to take home the Assistants crown once again.

With a championship score of even par, the course definitely was sharing in the victory on Monday.

"I've played here a few times before and it definitely played really tough, the toughest I've ever seen. Even though there was not as much wind, the greens were fast and the pin locations were hard, I just had to persevere to win," said Warren.

The course only gave away two red numbers in the final round: Warren's -1, and an astounding five-under-par from Brenden Mitchell, PGA (The Country Club). Mitchell dominated the course on Tuesday, playing a bogey free round. He ultimately finished T7 in the field at +4 146.

Andrew Wester, the first round leader, struggled considerably Tuesday. After coming in with a three-under par round on Monday, the course got the best of him. Some costly mistakes led him to finish at +4. He finished T2 with a 143.

Additionally, the Assistant's Championship is also a national qualifier for the national Assistant's Championship in Port St. Lucie, FL in November 2017. The top five finishers qualify to move on to that



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event. Warren is exempt as the 2016 NEPGA Assistants Champion. The qualifiers are: Andrew Wester; Matt Baran, PGA; Chris Trout, PGA; Nick Lombardi, PGA, and Zach Tucker, PGA.

Thank you to The Bay Club, their staff and PGA Professional John Paesani, PGA for hosting this exciting event! Also, thank you to partners in this event: National Car Rental, John Deere, Cleveland/ Srixion/ XXIO, GolfAdvisor, and PGA Tour! Special thanks to Matt Howard and John Sullivan and other Cleveland Representatives for being at the event and helping donate clubs for the Veterans Clinic!

RESULTS

Pos	Player	R1	R2	Total
1	Shawn Warren	72	70	142
T2	Matt Baran	71	72	143
T2	Andrew Wester	68	75	143
4	Chris Trout	72	72	144
T5	Nicholas Lombardi	74	71	145
T5	Zachary Tucker	71	74	145
T7	Brenden Mitchell	80	66	146
T7	Brian Keiser	75	71	146
T7	Jeff Seavey	73	73	146
T7	Jacob Leech	72	74	146

Veterans Clinic

at the NEPGA Assistant's Championship



As part of the 2017 New England PGA Assistant's Championship at the Bay Club, the New England PGA Foundation held a clinic for military Veterans from the Home Base Foundation. Some NEPGA Professionals donated their time to teach the Vets everything from proper swing mechanics to better ball-striking tips. The clinic featured a long drive contest and a putting mini-course challenge with prizes from the NEPGA Foundation. The day was a huge success and we thank all of the NEPGA Professionals who donated their time to help out, and the Home Base Foundation for partnering with us in the activities!

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Red Baron [VIDEO](#) / [PHOTOS](#) / [RESULTS](#)

Matt Baran, PGA (Oyster Harbors Club) shot a four-under par score of 66 to win the final NEPGA Stroke Play Series event of the season at Haverhill Country Club on Monday, August 28th. (The top 54 in the Avidia Bank Cup points listing moved on to play in the Avidia Bank Cup Championship at the Misquamicut Club later in September.)

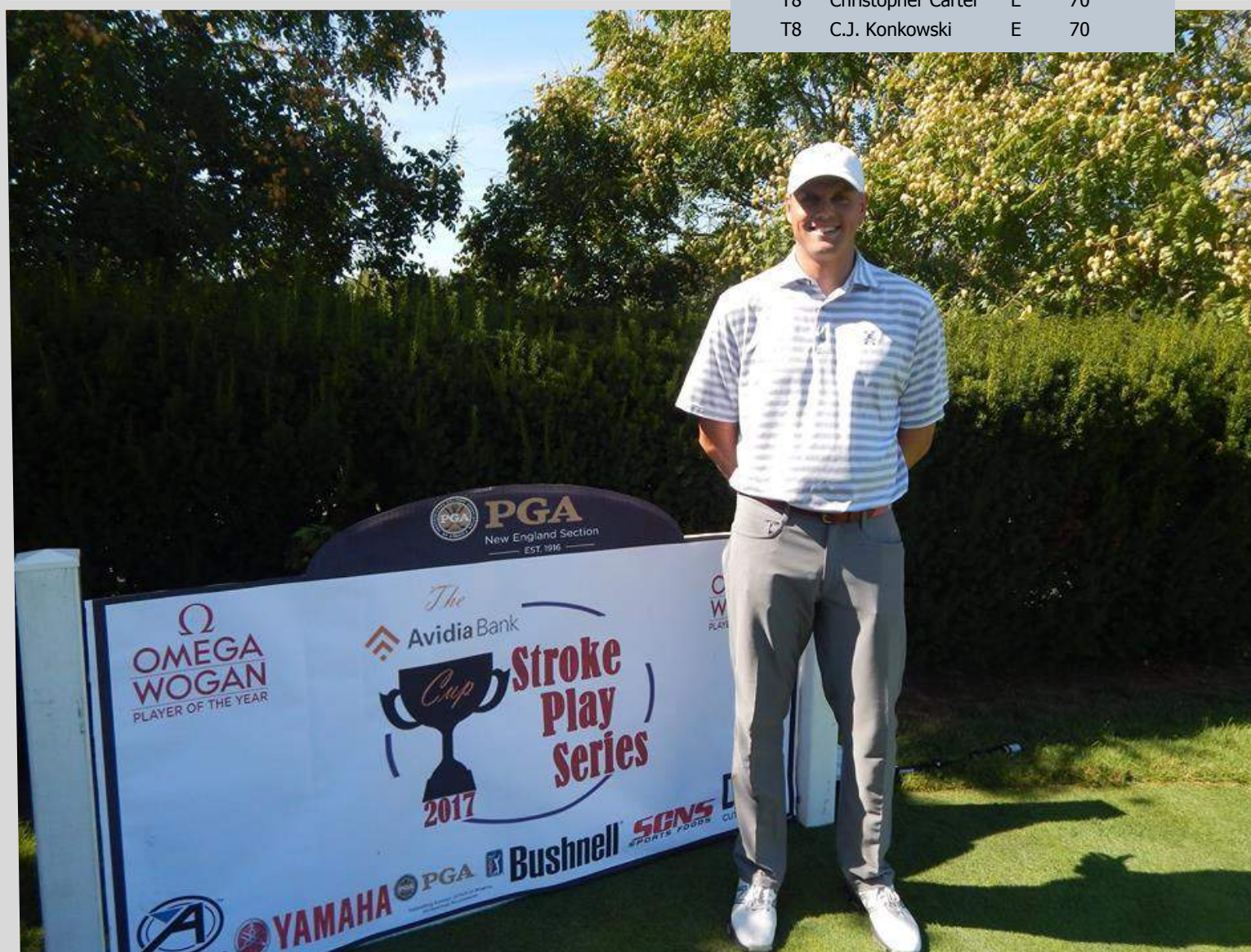
Baran started out of the gate on a tear. He made birdies on the second, fourth, eighth, and ninth holes. He made the turn with an eye-popping score of 31, four under par. On the back, Baran kept the birdie barrage moving, making two more birdies on the 12th and 14th holes. He made a couple of quick mistakes, making bogey on the 15th and 17th holes. However, his skill was unmatched and he finished in first place for the event with a four-under-par.

"On the front, I was really on, I rolled a few putts and I don't think I missed a green," said Baran, "I started to throw it away a little coming in, but I was able to hold it all together."



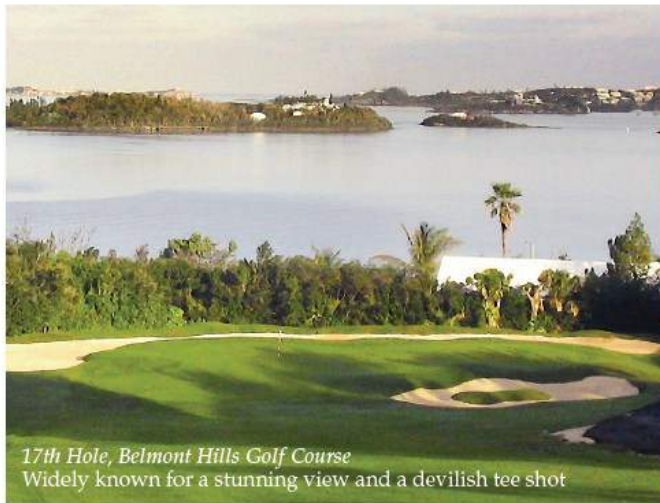
RESULTS

Pos	Player	+/-	Total
1	Matt Baran	-4	66
2	Greg Farland	-3	67
3	Dan Venezia	-2	68
T4	Rich Berberian	-1	69
T4	Robert Tramonti	-1	69
T4	Jeff Seavey	-1	69
T4	Matt Zdon	-1	69
T8	Joe Potty	E	70
T8	Christopher Carter	E	70
T8	C.J. Konkowski	E	70



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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Cape Cod Fall Fest #1 Oyster Harbors Club | October 16th

For the first of four Cape Cod fall events the NEPGA heads to the Oyster Harbors Club in Osterville!

Thank you to partners Turkish Airlines and Golf Life Navigators!

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Cape Cod Fall Fest #2 Pocasset Golf Club | October 17th

For the second Cape event, we travel to Pocasset GC in Pocasset, MA!

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Cape Cod Fall Fest #3 Eastward Ho! Country Club | October 18th

From Pocasset we travel over to Eastward Ho! in Chatham, MA!

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Cape Cod Fall Fest #4 The Wianno Club | October 19th

Finally, our last fall event brings us to the Wianno Club! We'll take in some great views of the Nantucket.

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This event is full.



NEPGA Foundation/Scholarship Pro-Ams

TPC Boston & Worcester C.C. | October 23rd

Come out to two wonderful courses for a great cause! The NEPGA Foundation/ Scholarship Pro-Am heads to TPC Boston and Worcester CC on October 23rd! It'll be a great day with tee gifts, raffles, prizes, dinner and more! Registration for this event closes October 16th!

Thank you to Tournament Solutions for their support!

At this time, TPC Boston is sold out but space is still available at Worcester Country Club! Contact the Section office if you would like to register—508.869.0000



2017 Fall Meeting Schedule

DATE	MEETING	SITE	TIME
Wednesday, October 18	New Hampshire Chapter	Intervale CC	9:00 am
Thursday, October 19	Maine Chapter	Martindale CC	TBA
Tuesday, October 24	Massachusetts Chapter	Cyprian Keyes GC	8:30 am registration, 9:30 am Meeting
Wednesday, October 25	Rhode Island Chapter	Acoaxet Club	TBA
Thursday, October 26	Cape Cod Chapter	Sandwich Hollows	9:30 am
Monday, October 30	Section Annual Meeting	Blue Hill CC	9 am registration, 10:00 am Meeting

Volunteers Needed!

The 17th Annual NEPGA/Special Olympic Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, October 22nd. We are in need of PGA Professionals 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. The 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.



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2017 New England PGA Awards Dinner



The New England PGA honored its 2017 Section Award Winners and Hall of Fame Inductees at our annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, September 30th at Nashawtuc Country Club. **Back row, left to right:** Eddie Carbone—George S. Wemyss Award, Brian Bickford, PGA—Merchandiser of the Year-Public, Mike Bradshaw, PGA—Horton Smith Award, Jim DiMarino, PGA—Bill Strausbaugh Award, Tyler Gosselin, PGA—Assistant Golf Professional of the Year, Barry Churchill, PGA—Teacher of the Year Award, Brian Diamond, PGA—Youth Player Development Award, Jim Lane, PGA—Hall of Fame Inductee. **Front row, left to right:** Kim O'Neil, PGA—Patriot Award, Drew Anderson, PGA—Merchandiser of the Year-Resort, Courtney Ogg-Mancuso (great granddaughter of Willie Ogg, Jr.—Hall of Fame Inductee), Tony Decker, PGA—Golf Professional of the Year, Todd Cook, PGA—Player Development Award, Mark Heartfield, PGA—Deacon Palmer Award and Stuart Cady, PGA—Merchandiser of the Year-Private.

Employment Notices on NEPGA.com

This is a reminder to [visit the Employment section](#) of NEPGA.com to view available opportunities in the following areas:

- Head Professionals*
- Assistants
- Golf Industry Positions
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It is always recommended that these positions are also posted on www.pga.org. If you have any questions, please call the NEPGA office at 508.869.0000.

2018 PAT Sites Needed

The New England PGA is looking for PAT sites for 2018 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 threesomes), and also the onsite fees to cover the range and

golf carts (some even include lunch between rounds). [Click here](#) to view the host site requirements.

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

Ouimet Golf Professional of the Year Awarded to Bob Green, PGA

The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund presented its first annual Ouimet Golf Professional of the Year award to long-time Tedesco Country Club professional Bob Green during the Ouimet Society NE PGA Pro Am at Wellesley CC on October 2.

The award will annually recognize a New England PGA Professional for not only their efforts and achievements in guiding the young men and women who work for them to the Francis Ouimet Scholarship, but also their ongoing mentoring through college and beyond. The recipient will be someone who works closely with The Fund and plays an important role in promoting both the scholarship to kids, their parents and also the various Ouimet programs to the club membership.

Mr. Green, who has been head professional at Tedesco for 39 years, is one of the strongest promoters of the scholarship. Over the years Bob has been serving as the Head

Golf Professional, Tedesco has had 140 Ouimet Scholars including all four of his children who worked as caddies or in the pro shop. Each fall, Bob organizes a meeting with all potential scholarship recipients and their parents to explain the benefits of being a Ouimet Scholar and offers them help on how to navigate the application process. Bob works tirelessly with Tedesco's Ouimet Chairperson, Michael Zmetrovich to ensure that all club caddies and golf employees take advantage of this scholarship opportunity. They also work together to keep the rest of the Tedesco Membership involved in mentoring process as well as the support of The Fund's critical fundraising programs, including the Bag Tag and Golf Marathon. Bob Green demonstrates how integral a role the golf professional plays in the Ouimet programs and the future of those young Ouimet Scholars.

"Frankly, I am literally speechless receiving this award. The Ouimet Scholarship has been such an

asset for the young men and women who have worked at our club over the years. They are such outstanding kids and being able to help them every year was an honor itself," said Mr. Green when informed of the award.

The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund was founded in 1949. Ouimet Scholars have served at least two years as caddies or in pro shop or course superintendent operations in Massachusetts, and many have gone on to outstanding positions of leadership in business and professional careers. Over the years The Fund has awarded nearly \$34 Million in need-based tuition assistance scholarships to 5,700 students. In 2017-2018 The Fund will award a record \$2 Million in financial awards to 345 Students. The Ouimet Fund is a 501 (c) (3) organization and is considered, "The Golf Charity of Massachusetts™."

Important Dates

Oct 16

Cape Cod Fall Festival #1
Oyster Harbors Club

Oct 17

Cape Cod Fall Festival #2
Pocasset Golf Club

Oct 18

Cape Cod Fall Festival #3
Eastward Ho! Country Club

Oct 18

NH Chapter Fall Meeting
Intervale Country Club

Oct 19

Cape Cod Fall Festival #4
The Wianno Club

Oct 19

Maine Chapter Fall Meeting
Martindale Country Club

Oct 23

NEPGA Scholarship Pro-Am
TPC Boston

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NEPGA Scholarship Pro-Am
Worcester Country Club

Oct 24

Massachusetts Fall Meeting
Cyprian Keyes Golf Club

Oct 25

RI Chapter Fall Meeting
Acoaxet Club

Oct 26

Cape Cod Chapter Fall Meeting
Sandwich Hollows

Oct 30

NEPGA Annual Meeting
Blue Hill CC



Your View From The Fairway

Blue Hill Country Club – site of NEPGA
Annual Meeting on October 30, 2017

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP NOTES: Joan Stuart

NEPGA Fall Meeting

The New England PGA Annual Meeting is going to be held at Blue Hill Country Club, 25 Pecunit Street, Canton, MA on Monday, October 30th. This is an election year, so please attend this important meeting to cast your vote (only Class A PGA Professionals in good standing are eligible to vote along with Life Member Active classification). Please note that the time for registration is at **9:00 am** with the meeting beginning at **10:00 am**. 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 and this meeting and it is worth 1 required MSR hour for each hour that it lasts. It is usually a three-hour meeting. The current MSR Period ends on June 15, 2018.

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 **2018 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 2018 Season?

All NEPGA Professionals who would like to list an Assistant Professional or Teaching Professional opening for 2018 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 or the deadline has passed. 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.

PGA NEWS



District 1 Director Report: Noel Gebauer, PGA



[Click here](#) to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of September featuring the PGA's Hall of Fame announcement, tournament summaries, Girls Junior PGA Championship news, a PGA Golf Retirement Plus announcement and more.

PGA LEAD Applications

PGA LEAD is designed to identify, mentor and progress PGA Members along a guided path into volunteer leadership roles at the Chapter, Section and National levels of the Association. The ultimate goal of PGA LEAD is to establish a deep bench of diverse PGA Members who are prepared to ascend to and through the volunteer leadership ranks of the Association. To learn more about this 2-year program, [click here](#). [Download the Application](#)

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Bay Club at Mattapoisett

NEPGA President Rob Jarvis, Section Champ Liam Friedman & NEPGA Executive Director Mike Higgins

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Junior Greats *Atkinson, NH PGA Juniors Heading to Arizona*



The PGA Junior League Team representing Atkinson, NH won the Northeast Regional PGA Junior League qualifier. The team was coached by Peter Doherty, PGA and Brian Diamond, PGA. The regional was hosted by The Atkinson Club in Atkinson, NH.

From PGA Junior League:

The Atkinson All-Stars captured the Northeast Regional at home to advance to the PGA Junior League Championship presented by National Car Rental!

The Atkinson and Suzy Whaley Golf All-Stars were off to early leads with victo-

ries against the Erie and Nassau All-Stars, respectively.

The Atkinson All-Stars pulled ahead in the Saturday afternoon session, bringing their record to 2-0. This secured their Regional victory by holding the head-to-head tiebreaker over both the Erie and Suzy Whaley Golf All-Stars.

They will now head to the finals, held at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, AZ on November 16-19 for the finals! Good Luck to the team!



Team New England Retains Remy Cup!

The sixth annual Remy Cup Matches were played Saturday, September 23rd at the beautiful Tumble Brook

Country Club in Bloomfield, Conn. Eight girls and four boys from the New England PGA Junior Tour and the Connecticut PGA Junior Tour competed in a nine hole four-ball contest, a nine hole four-some contest and an overall match contest. We, Team New England, needed nine points to hold the cup for the second year in a row.

Team Connecticut trailed 3.5 to 2.5 after the front nine four-ball contest as they looked to regain the Cup after the loss to Team New England in 2016.

Remy Cup veterans Mia Grzywinski and Emma Beaulieu won the full point for Team Connecticut. The teams of

James Imai and Andrew Giacchetto and Lauren Thibodeau and Isabell Premkumar won their four-ball match 4 UP and 3 UP respectively.

On the back nine it was all Team New England, securing four of the six four-some matches and five of the six 18-hole matches in route to a 13-5 final score victory. Three of the five Team Connecticut points came from the team of Grzywinski and Beaulieu.

The strong field consisted of and a slew of top notch players from the New England Section including Massachusetts Junior Amateur Champion Dillon Brown.

Team New England was comprised of some All-Star talent including 2017 Massachusetts Junior Amateur Championship winner Dillon Brown and 2016 winner James Imai. The Connecticut PGA team, which includes the top Play-

er of the Year point earners on the Junior Tour, had won the first three annual competitions.

Team New England's "victory" allows the Section (NEPGA) to keep the cup in possession as we look to even the series at three in 2018. Connecticut has now won three matches and lost two. The match was halved in 2015.

The competition was named in honor of Remy, past president of the PGA of America and general manager and director of golf at Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, Vt. Remy became the first PGA of America President from the New England Section. He served that role in 2009-10.

[Click here for a look at the full leader board.](#)

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CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS



Submitted by Mickey Herron, PGA, Cape Cod Chapter Tournament Manager

LEGENDS VISIT THE CAPE

The Cape Cod PGA Chapter President Jay Askew coordinated the first Legends of the LPGA Tour event to the area – and specifically to The Ridge Club, where Askew is GM. Two days later, a smaller group then visited Miacomet where PGA HP Phil Truono ran a wonderful clinic and Pro-Am tournament for many of the legends of the womens' game and Nantucket golfers.

The Ridge Club event results? It was their first time playing together, but the team of Patti Rizzo and Michele Redman won a sudden-death playoff to capture the title at the BJ's Charity Championship. Staged as an inaugural two-player team event at Cape Cod's The Ridge Club, the BJ's Charity Championship presented by P&G featured a best-ball format on the front nine and a scramble on the second nine holes. Massachusetts native Pat Bradley and Barb Mucha of Florida, playing in the final pairing, drained a 15-foot putt for birdie on the final hole to tie Rizzo and Redman for a share of the lead and force a playoff.

The Legends Tour is the official senior tour of the LPGA. The tour began in 2000 by LPGA professionals to showcase the talents of some of the greatest women golfers of all time. The Legends Tour has more than 120 members, including 14 LPGA and World Golf Hall of Fame members. Legends Tour players have over 750 combined LPGA Tour victories, including 84 major championships. In its 15 seasons, The Legends Tour has awarded more than \$13 million in prize money and helped raise over \$17 million for charity.

HALL OF FAME NEWS

Current Bay Club PGA HP John Paesani was elected to the CONNECTICUT PGA SECTION HALL-OF-FAME recently for his outstanding achievements and service to his former Section. Paesani, 58, has been a PGA Member for 31 years. He was HP at Norwich GC for 22 years before returning to the Cape Chapter. He was active in Section governance



The Cape Chapter welcomed 24 Legends Tour members (pictured above) to The Ridge Club featuring Nancy Lopez, Hollis Stacy, Pat Bradley, Jan Stephenson, Jane Blalock and Rosie Jones in mid-September who gathered for great competition and charity for our region.

and compiled a tremendous playing career winning the CT Open, the CT PGA Section Championship three times and earned four Player-of-the-Year awards in the CT Section. PI, as he is known amongst his friends and peers, earned a marketing degree at Central CT State and a Masters of Arts from UConn.

Interestingly, elected to the same CT Section HOF class this Fall was Ken Doyle, father of Matt Doyle – PGA Professional at The Misquamicut Club, RI and the 2016 NEPGA Section Champ.

CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Sandwich Hollows' PGA HP Tommy Tobey rallied from a six shot deficit to win the 2017 Cape Cod Chapter Championship firing 75-69—144, edging Cape Cod National's PGA Apprentice Zach Tucker (69-79—148) and The Bay Club's PGA GM Greg Yeomans (73-75—148) and Oyster Harbors Clubs' PGA HP Sean Edmonds who returned 74-75—149 to finish solo 4th place. Many thanks to Peter Guild/Callaway Golf, The PGA Tour, Avidia Bank and Tournament Solutions.



John Paesani



Tommy Tobey & Sean Edmonds

MA CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Jacy Settles, Massachusetts Chapter Tournament Manager

MITCHELL'S MOVES

The Country Club Assistant wins first MA Chapter Champ.

Brenden Mitchell, PGA (The Country Club) shot a three-under-par 68 on Tuesday, September 5th at Marlborough Country Club to claim the NEPGA's 2017 Massachusetts Chapter Championship. Mitchell originally finished tied for the lead, but won in the first hole of a playoff.

Mitchell was dialed in during his round on Tuesday. He started off with three consecutive birdies on the first, second, and third holes. After making two bogeys on the fourth and fifth holes, he added another birdie on the eighth to make the turn at two-under-par.

On the back, Mitchell's struggles, although slight, were paired with successes. After making bogey on the 10th and 12th holes, he made an eagle on the 13th. He followed that up with a birdie on 16 to finish with a three-under par 68 and a share of the lead.

Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (Salem CC) and Louis Rivers, PGA (Foxborough CC) also had great days on the course, finishing T1 with Mitchell at -3, 68. They headed to the 16th hole for the playoff. Mitchell came away victorious, making par while Hanefeld and Rivers both made bogey.

Tim Bishop, PGA may have finished +7, with a 78, but he had a special moment on the 18th hole, where he finished his round with an ace.

Thank you to Marlborough CC and PGA Professional Greg Farland, PGA for hosting us in this great event! Also thank you to partners in the MA Chapter Championship: Avidia Bank, Tournament Solutions, Callaway and Erin Henderson, PGA Tour.



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2017 MA CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the following 2017 MA Chapter Award Winners:

GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Lou Rivers, PGA
Foxborough CC

ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Ryan Keston, PGA
Concord CC

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Peter Norton, PGA
Blue Hill CC

YOUTH PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Shawn Durocher, PGA
Cyprian Keyes GC

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA

The New Hampshire Chapter designated the September 11th ProAm at Cochecho CC as a NEPGA Foundation fund raiser. The registration fee was increased by \$10 and that money was to be allocated to the Section's Foundation. There were 128 participants which meant that \$1,280 was raised. In addition, each professional was given a tee gift and each amateur's name was placed in a raffle box. The raffle included merchandise and money donated by the Chapter's professionals towards the purchase of items. Cochecho CC staff will be drawing names and the winning amateurs will be notified via their professional of the prize that they won. Low professional of the day was Mar Spencer of Windham CC with a 2-under par round of 68. He was followed by Ray Smith, Whip-Poor-Will GC, with a 69. Thanks to Don Groft of Yamaha for being our tournament partner.



The Chapter's ProGross Championship was held at Rochester CC and teams from Portsmouth CC and Rochester CC were tied at 64 over the par 72 layout. After a match of cards, Portsmouth was declared the champion. Making up the winning team was Portsmouth head professional Bill Andrews and his amateur partners Nick Kalil, Craig Steckowych and Don Dorow. The Rochester team was led by host professional Jon Ellis.



Despite a morning fog delay, the Lake Winnepesaukee ProAm drew 31 teams to this beautiful golf course and players were treated to a great layout and superb playing conditions. Rico Riciputi, Wentworth By The Sea assistant professional kept up his fine play in Chapter events with a 4-under par round of 68. Jon Ellis, Rochester CC was next with 70 and Ray Smith, Whip-Poor-Will was at 71. Thank you to Danny Brown of Club Car for being our tournament partner.



Leading the field of professionals at the Passaconaway ProAm was Montcalm GC head professional Cory Mansfield with a sparkling round of 5-under par 66. He was followed by Rich Berberian, Vesper GC with 67, and Danny Kish, Eastman GL and Dan Gillis, Nabnasset Lake finished at 69.

In the Player of the Year Standings, Matt Arvanitis, Southern NH University has a comfortable lead with 168.25 points. Ray Smith, Whip-Poor-Will, is in second at 137.30 points and he is followed by Rico Riciputi, Wentworth By The Sea, 123.00, Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC 115.60 and Cory Mansfield, Montcalm GC at 110.25.

The Chapter's Fall Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at Intervale CC beginning at 9:00 a.m.



RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Sean Duong, Rhode Island Chapter Operations Manager

NOTABLES AT NEPGA EVENTS

Shout outs to fellow RI PGA Professionals competing in other NEPGA Stroke Play Series Events...

Brian Owens, PGA of North Kingstown GC
T-7th finish at The Cape Club of Sharon

Chris Trout, PGA of Shelter Harbor GC
8th finish at NEPGA Section Championship

Matt Doyle, PGA of Misquamicut Club
9th finish at NEPGA Section Championship

Troy Pare, PGA of Ledgemont CC
T-10th finish at NEPGA Section Championship

Also, at the National Car Rental Assistant Championship at The Bay Club at Mattapoisett, the Rhode Island Chapter was represented with a 3rd place finish by Chris Trout of Shelter Harbor GC and a T-6th by William Maguire.

KICKING UP DUST AT KIRKBRÆ

On Tuesday, August 29, 2017, 12 teams teed it up at Kirkbrae Country Club competing in the Pro-Officer Stableford Format. While it was a shotgun start, scores were slow to trickle in to determine our eventual champions for the event. Team Kirkbrae led by Mike Bradshaw, PGA was the pace setter and finished in record time with the clubhouse leader at 77 points which did not hold up for long. There was a calm before the storm as teams came dashing in to see their scores posted and speculated on how their performance would hold up. After the dust settled, Team Shelter Harbor led by Dave Tiedemann, PGA was left standing with an impressive team points total of 98 to take the crown at the Kirkbrae Pro-Officer. Other notable finishes by David Baluik, PGA of Gloucester CC placing 2nd and Tony DiGiorgio of Crystal Lake GC placing 4th.

The Pros were not only putting up a good showing for their respective teams, but also jockeying for position in the Individual Professional Stableford competition. With many thoroughbreds in the field, Lou Rivers, PGA of Foxborough CC out foxed them all and edged out the win with 36 points. Close on the heels were Shane Drury, PGA of Swansea CC with a T-2nd and Dave Tiedemann, PGA in 4th.

Congrats to the winners and huge thanks to all the Pros for inviting their Officers to compete in this event! See you all at Quidnessett!

Kirkbrae Country Club

RHODE ISLAND PGA LES KENNEDY AWARD STANDINGS

1st	Shane Drury, Swansea CC, 33.75 Points
2nd	John Rainone, North Kingstown GC, 32.00 Points
3rd	Brian Owens, North Kingstown GC, 27.00 Points
4th	Robert Tramonti, Triggs Memorial GC, 24.75 Points
5th	Dave Tiedemann, Shelter Harbor GC, 22.00 Points
6th	Brent Amaral, Acoaxet Club, 17.00 Points
T-7th	Brendan Ray, The Carnegie Abbey Club, 15.00 Points Tony DiGiorgio, Crystal Lake GC, 15.00 Points
9th	Matt Doyle, The Misquamicut Club, 10.00 Points
T-10th	Al Vallante, Harbor Lights & CC, 9.75 Points Ed Kirby, North Kingstown GC, 9.75 Points

EQUIPMENT MATTERS

Most of us Professionals are tinkers and always looking for an edge and to improve our golf games to keep us competing at the highest level. Every player has their strengths and weaknesses –for some, maybe none. But for me, there are a couple areas of weakness but I like to mask it a touch by trying to play with a bit more control. Since I am a huge golf tech and specs geek and love the tinkering, fitting, fine tuning or whatever each one of us calls it, I sought to find something that I can call my secret weapon in the bag. The secret weapon is that one club in the bag that is a trusty rusty or old reliable. So, I have ditched my hybrid and insisted on the performance of a 3-iron (Titleist T-MB). The reason to switch was for control and confidence off the tee so that I know I'd have to make an absolutely terrible swing to miss left.

I'm interested in what your secret weapon in the bag and why. Feel free to email me at sduong@pgahq.com with your answers and a quick blurb and maybe you can see your answers here in an upcoming issue! Thanks and cheers to great golf!



VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by VT Chapter President Roger A. King, PGA

Hi fellow professionals,

Congratulations to David Bennett, CC of Vermont for winning both the Vermont Chapter Stroke Play and Match Play Championships for the second year in a row. David is our Player of the Year again for 2017.

The Northstar Fireworks Player of the year race is being dominated by David Bennett PGA, but the race for the top 5 is hotly contested. Good Luck to all the players. I want to say thanks to David and Tom Swenson from Northstar for their continued support.

Also, a huge thank you goes out to Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC and Golf ValueBook for their generous contributions to all our purses throughout the season.

Enjoy the great early fall weather,

Roger A. King, PGA



VT Senior Champion Mike Slayton and Chapter President Roger King

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

On August 18th the Pro Am was at Sugarbush GC hosted by Roger King, PGA. We thank Tom Swenson and Northstar Fireworks for their generous added purse money. Our winning team was from CC of Vermont led by Mike Slayton with a score of 126. Low professional was David Bennett, PGA, CC of Vermont with a 67.

The week of August 21st, the Vermont Chapter sent 9 Vermont PGA members to participate in the NEPGA Championship at Renaissance Club and Turner Hills.

On August 29th, our Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Dorset Field Club hosted by Patrick Berry, PGA. This was our NEPGA Foundation Fund Pro Am which each participant donating to the fund. Our winning teams were from Brattleboro CC led by Eric Sandstrum, PGA and Manchester CC led by Alex Socinski, PGA both with a score of 132. Low Professionals were Host Professional Dustin Olehowski, Paul Politano, PGA, Ralph Myhre GC, and Roger King, PGA, Sugarbush GC all with scores 71.

Our Vermont Stroke Play Championship was played September 5th-6th at Stowe CC hosted by John Murray, PGA and Sue Horton, PGA. Our sponsors included Jim Mayo with Antigua and Bushnell, Farrell Distributing, Tournament Solutions,

Avidia Bank, Vermont Golf ValueBook, and the PGA Tour. Both rounds ended up being played under very rainy conditions due to recent heavy storms. Only 27 holes could be completed over the 2 days. David Bennett, PGA, CC of Vermont is our 2017 Vermont Stroke Play Champion with a score of 107 edging David Jankowski, PGA, from the Hermitage Club by one stroke with a birdie on the last hole. Next was Sue Horton, PGA, Stowe CC and Curt Goldsberry, Quechee Club with scores of 111. Our Senior Champion was Mike Slayton, CC of Vermont with a score of 112.

On September 11th the VT Chapter held a Pro Am at Williston GC with Todd Trono, PGA, and Reece Delair as our hosts. We thank Golf ValueBook for their sponsorship with added purse money. Our winning was the team from CC of Vermont led by David Bennett, PGA with a score of 130. Low Professional was David Bennett with a 71 followed by Tom Mackey, PGA, Ekwanok CC with 73.

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Green Mountain National GC on September 18th, with Dave Soucy, PGA as our host. Team winners were led by Mike Slayton, CC of Vermont with a score of 129. Next with a score of 130 was the CC of Barre team led by John Goodchild, PGA. The winning Professional score was David Bennett,



VT Match Play Champion David Bennett and Sponsor Stuart Miller

PGA, CC of Vermont with a 68.

On September 21-22, 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 David Jankowski, PGA, the Hermitage Club, in the finals. The semi-finals also included Patrick Berry, PGA, Dorset Field Club and Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC. We thank Stuart Miller for the tee gifts for each player, added money to the purse, and a trophy for the winner.



MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Maine Chapter President Jason Hurd, PGA

Hey All,

Here is a brief summary of our Chapter Championship held at Rockland Golf Club and Samoset Resort!

Three players broke par on day one led by Shawn Warren who rattled off four birdies on the front nine igniting his round to a nice three under (67) for a one shot lead heading into round 2. One shot behind Shawn were John Hickson and Jeff Seavey who came in at two under (68), who were also competing for the Senior Champion-

ship. Rounding off our so called first page of the leaderboard was Chris Kelloway of the Ledges Golf Club and Kevin Ellis of Boothbay Harbor Golf Club who rolled into the clubhouse at even par (70).

Samoset's teaching professional Jeff Seavey was able to battle through the treacherous conditions, and propel himself to a 4 shot victory over fellow playing partner Shawn Warren. Jeff's round was as clean as can be as it consisted of an eagle, three birdies, and no bogies leading to wonderful

round of 5 under (66). Shawn and John weren't really able to get much going in their rounds however were able to grind through the conditions and finish up with rounds of even par (71) and 2 over (73) respectively. Shawn was able to finish in second place at 138 (-3) for two rounds. John Hickson at 141 even par finished in a tie with Chris Kelloway for third place.

We are gearing up for our final Pro-Am on Tuesday the 17th, as well as our Fall Meeting on Thursday the 19th!

SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Joan Stuart

The Senior Association held a Pro-3 Am at Bass Rocks Golf Club in Gloucester, MA on September 14th. The weather was perfect and the course was in pristine condition. Thank you to Host Professional, Peter Hood, PGA. **Pictured below:** Winning team (Gross) Mike McBroom, PGA of Furnace Brook GC with amateurs Adrian Troy, Jack McGee, and Gerry O'Brien.

INDIVIDUAL PRO GROSS

1. Mike McBroom, PGA Furnace Brook GC 66
2. Al Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC 74
3. Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC 79

INDIVIDUAL PRO NET

1. Todd Scarafoni, PGA Bass Rocks GC 65
2. Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC 72
3. John Theo, PGA Far Corner CC 76

TEAM GROSS

1. Mike McBroom, PGA Furnace Brook GC: amateurs: Adrian Troy, Jack McGee, Gerry O'Brien 62

TEAM NET

1. Joe Carr, PGA Bedrock GC: amateurs: Lanny Tower, Monk Paakkoen, Tom Fabrizo 58
2. (t) Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC: amateurs: John Nigro, Dave Vitto, Tim Hood 59
2. (t) Mike Mullavey, PGA Life Member: amateurs: John Moriarty, Mike Lunzi, Richard Zagarowski 59





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Social Corner



New England PGA added 40 new photos.

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We had an incredible night Saturday at Nashawtuc CC for our annual Awards Banquet! Congratulations to all of the award winners and the teams that make their work possible! #shiningstars #legendsofthefall



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"Congratulations to Kirk Hanefeld, PGA for taking home the Avidia Cup at the Misquamicut Club!"

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Past @NEPGAJRTOUR player and 2006 @PGA Girls Jr. Champ Brittany Altomare of Shrewsbury, MA will be in a playoff for @EvianChamp! #LPGAMajor



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Congratulations again Tony! A well-deserved honor!

Tony Decker @TonyDeckerPGA

So honored and humbled to have received this award from @NEPGA. Last night was an amazing... [instagram.com/p/BZuPhYIZdQ/](https://www.instagram.com/p/BZuPhYIZdQ/)



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Check out our recap from yesterday's action at The Misquamicut Club!



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 8/14/2017–10/15/2017

NEW APPRENTICES

Name	Class	Facility
Kevin M. Altham	B-8	Crestwood Country Club
Benjamin C. Bell	B-8	Old Marsh Country Club
Timothy J Corrigan	B-8	The Misquamicut Club
Joseph T Haight	B-8	Stowe Mountain Club
Peter C. Walsh	B-1	Kings Crossing Golf Club
James A West III	B-8	Nonesuch River Golf Club

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Zachary M. Mahan, PGA	A-14	Stow Acres Country Club
Turner C Meek, PGA	A-8	Wianno Club

NEW CPP CERTIFICATIONS

Name	Class	Facility	Area
Richard Gray, PGA	A-8	Manchester CC	Golf Operations

NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

Name	Class	Award Date
Michael McGoldrick, PGA	LM	9/30/2017
Lettie M. Trespasz, PGA	LMA	9/30/2017

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility	Start
Corey G McDonough	B-8	Blue Hill Country Club	9/6/2017
John Paul, PGA	A-4	Kwiniaska Golf Club	9/25/2017
Ryan S. Pepper, PGA	A-12	Boston College	8/17/2017

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Ryan S. Pepper, PGA	A-12	Boston College

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*Photos from the NEPGA Special
Olympics Tournament*





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