MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT LARRY KELLEY

Where did the summer go? It seems like the difficult winter is a distant memory as we have enjoyed some perfect summer golfing weather the last few months. We are almost through our NEPGA premier Championships with the Senior and Section Championships already behind us. Congratulations to Richard Beberian, Jr for his victory over the largest field in the country. Richard, a NH native, was able to bring home the Championship over difficult windy conditions and spectacular course conditions. On behalf of all our Section members, we would like to thank Portsmouth Country Club and Golf Club of New England for the warm welcome that they showed all of our participants. Special thanks to PGA members, Greg Sandell, Billy Andrews and their fantastic staffs for a wonderful Championship!

Keep in mind that we have a huge tournament schedule in the next few months. The Section Assistants Championship, New England Open, Stroke Play Championship, Ireland Pro-Am, and the Las Vegas Pro-Am are some of the marquee events that our Section runs and promotes.

With Labor Day comes football, back to school, as well as swap outs of gas grills for snowblowers. Please make sure as you head into the fall and winter season that you check your MSR credits and make sure you are on track to your goal. There will be plenty of educational opportunities close to home so please don’t be scrambling for those MSR’s near the middle of June 2015.

Our NEPGA Junior Program is really moving in the right direction! We are sending four New England juniors to Augusta, GA for the Drive Chip & Putts finals. This is the second year of this great event and as time moves on I predict this will be one of the best programs that you can encourage your juniors to participate in. Our Junior League Team golf program has doubled in numbers from 2013. The professionals who have been involved have said it was the best program they have ever promoted and run. If you care about your personal employment, income, and relationship building with your members this is a program that should not be put on the back burner. The time to plan for 2015 is now!

Lastly, I will be writing you shortly regarding a by-law change that we will be presenting at our fall Section Meeting in October. This proposed by-law change will be about elections in Chapters and Sections and changing the way we have done it in the past. Stay tuned for more info on how we as a board are trying to make things easier and more efficient for all of our Section Members and also giving you a larger voice in your Section Governance.

I must also congratulate Vermont Native, Keegan Bradley for being named to the Ryder Cup’s US Team!

Have a great Fall Season and let me know how you feel about your NEPGA!

Get out & Golf,
Larry Kelley, PGA
New England Section President
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION: VOTE AT ANNUAL MEETING

The New Hampshire Chapter of the New England Section has proposed an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New England Section.

The proposed resolution is to allow for New England Section members to cast a vote for the Section Officers elections at the Section Annual Meeting or their Chapter Meeting. Click here to view the current reading of the constitution and the proposed resolution.

The proposed amendments may be amended by a majority and may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of those voting at the NEPGA Annual Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2014 at Renaissance GC.
MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MIKE HIGGINS

The September issue of the NEPGA Newsletter is our post Labor Day edition that typically recaps the very busy month of August and prepares us for the final two months of the NEPGA golf season. I say golf season because the non golf season, or the “off season” if you will, is certainly not “off” any longer, and the NEPGA is very active now in the months of November - March. But I don’t want to get ahead of myself…it’s only the first week in September!

I would like to extend a huge congratulations to Rich Berberian, Jr, PGA for his victory at the 94th New England PGA Championship, which was held at The Golf Club of New England and Portsmouth CC. A special thank you to our two host PGA Professionals, Greg Sandell, PGA and Bill Andrews, PGA. It was exciting to bring the largest Section Championship field in the country back to New Hampshire. On a future Section Championship note, I am very excited to announce that the 2015 NEPGA Championship will be conducted at Concord CC (MA) and Nashawtuc CC!

September and October are jam packed with Section and Chapter tournaments, Section and Chapter Championships, travel Pro-Am’s, Fall Meetings, Chapter Elections, Awards Banquets and educational opportunities. There are fewer days on the calendar without a New England PGA event scheduled than there are with one, so be sure to check nepga.com and your emails for what events are on the horizon.

As your Executive Director I am very fortunate to travel to National Meetings and National Conferences where I am able to meet with PGA and Section leaders from across the country. Selfishly I am always inquiring about the events and programs that other Sections conduct in an effort to always improve our product. When a PGA Member transfers into the New England Section from another Section I am always anxious to inquire how our events/programs compare to the events in the Section they just transferred from. As a Section Staff we never stop learning and never stop trying to bring increased value to the members of the New England Section.

That being said I encourage every single PGA member or apprentice to do the same thing. Strive to improve your product, whether it is an event at your club, how you conduct a lesson, how you run a board meeting, or simply that you continue educating yourself. Inquiring how your peers do it is not a bad thing, and when someone asks you how you “do that at your facility”, treat it as a compliment.

As a reminder, the current MSR cycle ends in June 2015, so please log into pgalinks.com to know just where you stand. Feel free to reach out to myself, or any of the New England PGA staff if you have any questions, comments or suggestions. I wish you the best as we welcome the fall season this month and I look forward to seeing many of you during my fall Chapter Meeting run! There are 120 days left in 2014 to make it YOUR best year ever!

Respectfully yours,
Michael Higgins
Executive Director
New England PGA

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Save the Date!
New England PGA
2014 Awards Dinner
Pleasant Valley Country Club
Saturday Evening
October 25, 2014
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The 94th New England PGA Championship presented by Club Car, Mercedes-Benz, and Omega did not disappoint. The weather in New Hampshire stayed virtually perfect throughout all three days of the tournament, the host golf courses at Golf Club of New England and Portsmouth Country Club were in fantastic shape, and the action was exciting up to the end of the tournament. A total of 64 players participated in the Final Round at the Golf Club of New England, but only one could lay claim to the Tom Mahan, Sr. Trophy as Champion of the New England PGA.

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Last year’s New England PGA Section Champion Shawn Warren, PGA of Falmouth Country Club (ME) finished tied for second place with an overall score of -2 (214). Warren, PGA shot +1 (73) in the Final Round, making three birdies which brought his tournament total to 10. He also made an eagle in the First Round at Portsmouth Country Club on Hole 11 and made 46 pars or better in the Section Championship, tied for the most in the field.

Tied with Warren, PGA in second place was a familiar face to the 2013 New England PGA Champion. 2013 Assistant’s Champion Jeff Seavey, PGA of Samoset Resort (ME), who plays as Warren’s partner at most NEPGA Pro-Pro events, also finished with -2 (214) after finishing the Final Round with a score of E (72). Seavey, PGA made 11 birdies over the course of the Section Championship, also made 46 pars or better, and had a bogey-free streak of 18 holes from Hole 6 in the Second Round to Hole 5 in the Final Round at Golf Club of New England.

In addition, 15 New England PGA Professional players qualified for the 2015 PGA Professional National Championship at the Philadelphia Cricket Club from June 21-24. They will take part in the 48th PGA PNC with almost 300 other golfers, and the top 20 finishers will earn a berth in the 2015 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisconsin from August 10-16. Ron Philo, PGA of Stowe Mountain Club (VT) had already qualified and was exempt from qualification thanks to his win at the 2006 PGA Professional National Championship at Turning Stone Resort & Casino in Verona, NY. Philo, PGA finished in the top 14 at the New England PGA Championship, so another qualifying spot was open. However, there was a two-way tie for 15th Place, so a playoff was needed to determine who qualified. Here is a list of the players who qualified for the 2015 PGA Professional National Championship and their finish in the 94th New England PGA Championship:

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*Qualified for 2015 PNC after a playoff

The average score in the Final Round at Golf Club of New England was around 77, bringing the average score over all three rounds down to about 81. The tournament average for Portsmouth Country Club, which only hosted during the first two rounds of the Section Championship, was about 79. After the Second Round at Golf Club of New England, no player ended up with an outright skin, so the $25,000 Skin Pool will go unclaimed.

A total of 189 players participated in the first two rounds of the 94th New England PGA Championship, which was the largest field in the country for the third year in-a-row among 42 PGA Section Championships, in addition to five of the past seven years.

Thank you to our presenting sponsors Club Car, Mercedes-Benz, and Omega, and our sponsors Titleist/FootJoy, Nike Golf, Mohegan Sun, The PGA Tour, and TaylorMade/adidas-Ashworth. Also thank you to our host facilities and the staffs, Portsmouth Country Club and the Golf Club of New England, and their Host Professionals, Bill Andrews, PGA of Portsmouth Country Club and Greg Sandell, PGA of the Golf Club of New England for all of their hard work and making this tournament a success.

For pictures of the event you can follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NEPGA](http://www.facebook.com/NEPGA), on Twitter @NEPGA, and on Instagram @newenglandpga. For full results, [click here](http://www.newenglandpga.com/results).
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Name: Rich Berberian Jr., PGA
Course: Windham Country Club (NH)
Victory: 94th New England PGA Championship
Score: -5 (211)

Driver: TaylorMade Burner Superfast 8.8 degrees X flex
Fairway Wood: Sldr 15 degree X flex velox shaft
Hybrid: Taylormade UDI 20 degree 3 iron S400
Irons: 3-PW Taylormade MB S400
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Ball Marker - Penny used by Berberian Jr.
It is September, after a rough Spring we are just starting to enjoy the beautiful Summer weather and now we have to start gearing up for fall. Where has this season gone? As we head to the back nine of the NEPGA Tournament schedule, we still have some important events left to play, so let’s get right to it.

The first event of the month is a Pro & I Am, Four-ball Stroke Play event, with gross & net divisions, that will be played at Turner Hill on September 2.

Next up, the final Stroke Play Series hosted by Plymouth Country Club on September 8. At the conclusion of this event, the 51 top point earners as well as the top three from the Senior Division will advance to the Stroke Play Championship at Old Sandwich Golf Club on September 30.

A couple of days later on Wednesday, September 10 we travel to Rhode Island where the always superbly conditioned Kirkbrae Country Club is our host for the New England PGA Head Professional Championship.

We return to the demanding Belmont Country Club with a strong field of Professionals and amateurs vying to become the 2014 New England Open titleholder. Defending Champion Kyle Gallo will return to defend his title September 15th through September 17th. If you are one of the players who earned an exemption into this event, please register as soon as possible so we can finalize the field.

The New England Open will be the final event on the 2014 schedule for New England PGA Professionals to earn points in the Imperial Player-of-the-Year standings. Shawn Warren, PGA, last year’s Wogan Award winner, currently sits at the top of the standings. However, with points available at the Plymouth Stroke Play Series and the Stroke Play Series Championship at Old Sandwich, as well as the New England Open, anything is possible. As Yogi would say, “Nothings over, ’til It’s over”. PGA Professionals, Troy Pare, Rich Berberian, Ed Kirby and Jeff Martin round out the top five in the chase for the coveted Player-of-the-Year title.

The final major Championship on the 2014 schedule, the National Car Rental New England Section Assistant Championship will be contested at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, MA on September 24 & 25. We extend a huge Thank You to Ledgemont, our co-hosts of last year’s New England Section Professional Championship, for allowing us to return to their wonderful facility. The 72-player field will vie for the title as well as the chance to advance to the 38th National Car Rental PGA Assistant Championship at PGA Golf Club, October 30-November 2. Jeff Seavey, PGA is the defending Champion.

Please note that for the above competition the following “Condition of the Competition” has been adopted. Further information is available at nepga.com.

Groove Policy in Effect for 2014

The PGA of America is adopting the USGA Groove Policy in 2014 for all National Championships (PNC, Sr. PNC & Assistants National Championship). Any player participating in the Section qualifiers for those events MUST use conforming grooves or be subject to DISQUALIFICATION.

The aforementioned Stroke Play Series Championship at Old Sandwich on September 30 is next. As always, big thanks to the sponsors of this year-long series of events, Yamaha, AHEAD/Dan Dempsey, Cutter & Buck/Paul Pichette, Golf Buddy/Cary Gordon and PGA Tour.

We have more events that will take place in October, including a week of Pro-Ams on the Cape, the George Wemyss Scholarship Pro-Am and the Pro-Superintendent Championship, so check out the schedule at nepga.com and as things slow down at your facilities come out and play some golf.

That’s what’s coming up, here’s what happened last month.

We start with a couple of late July events that couldn’t make it under the deadline for last month’s newsletter. Carnegie Abbey was our host for the penultimate Stroke Play Series event of 2014. The course proved a stern test, Sean McTernan at one under par 70 and Peter Weatherby at 71, were the only players able to match or better par. Thanks to our hosts Jim DiMarino, PGA and Superintendent Dean Chase for a great event.

The New England Section Senior PGA Championship returned to Okemo Valley Golf Club, and Dan Wilkins, PGA continued his dominance at the site. Wilkins who took the title at Okemo in 2012 held off a charge on the back nine by defending Champion Eddie Kirby, PGA to secure a one shot victory. It took a final round six under par 64 by Wilkins to do it, as Kirby simply wouldn’t quit, firing a five under par 65. Congratulations to all the age group winners:

- 50-54: Chip Johnson, PGA
- 55-59: John Paesani, PGA
- 60-69: Bob Giusti, PGA
- 70+: Paul Kelly, PGA

FYI-In a truly amazing performance, Paul Kelly bettered his age in both rounds.

Congrats also to Mike Baker, John Hickson, George Goich and Rick Durocher who will join Wilkins, Kirby, Johnson and Paesani in advancing to the 26th Senior PGA Professional National Championship presented by Mercedes-Benz USA, November 13-16 at PGA Golf Club. Thanks to Jim Remy, PGA and Superintendent Rod Williams for hosting another first class event.

Portsmouth Country Club and The Golf Club of New England were our hosts for the premier event on the 2014 schedule, the New England Section PGA Professional Championship.
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NEW ENGLAND DCP COMPETITORS ADVANCE TO AUGUSTA

Bethpage Green in Farmington, NY was the destination of the New England PGA Drive Chip and Putt 16 finalists to compete in the Drive Chip and Putt Regional finals Wednesday, August 27. The competitors tested their skills by hitting 3 Drives, 3 Chips and 3 Putts for a chance to compete at the National Final in Augusta on April 5, 2015. The Metropolitan Section PGA hosted the Regional Drive Chip and Putt Final and was one of just ten Sections in the country to have that opportunity. The venue was phenomenal and the Golf Channel was on hand to capture the coverage.

Headlining the 16 New England Drive Chip and Putt finalists were Connor Willett of Sandwich, MA and Alexandra Chicharro of Fall River, MA. The pair were part of 8 qualifiers from New England’s 2013 Regional to head to the National Drive Chip and Putt Final at Augusta National Golf Club in 2014. Rounding out the field for New England at the 2014 Drive Chip and Putt Regional: Emma Abramson (MA), Molly Smith (MA), Jennie Grogan (MA), Eleanor Parkerson (MA), Allison Paik (RI), Emily Nash (MA), Kristina Thimme (MA), John Hiller (MA), Noah LeClair (NH), Everett Mosher (VT), Joseph Lenane (MA), Nathan Hogan (NB), Andrew Giacchetto (MA), Carter Pearl (ME).

Competition was stiff at the Regional Final, but New England Drive Chip and Putt players held up to the test. At the end of the day New England had 4 Sub Regional Qualifiers advance through Regionals and to the Finals at Augusta National Golf Club.

Connor Willett of Sandwich, MA once again won the Boys 12-13 Division at the Regional Final and will get a second chance at a National Title in April of 2015 at Augusta National. Connor was close to the pack, but pulled away with an astounding 70 pts on the Putting Station, holing 2 of his 3 putting attempts with his 3rd finishing within 12 inches of the cup. Connor will be joined at Augusta this year by Joseph Lenane of Boston, MA who won the Boys 10-11 Overall Championship at Bethpage; Molly Smith of Tyngsboro, MA who won the Overall Championship for Girls 7-9 Division at Bethpage; John Hiller of Mattapoisett, MA who won the Overall Championship for Boys 7-9 at Bethpage.

The Drive Chip and Putt National Finals will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2015 and will be broadcast on the Golf Channel. We wish the best of luck to all of our New England Drive Chip and Putt Finalists advancing to Augusta and we thank the 1200 junior golfers who took part in the Drive Chip and Putt in New England this year!! We hope to see you and many more kids next season. Thank you to the Golf Channel, Met PGA Staff, and Drive Chip and Putt National Staff for a great event.

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2014 Fall Meeting Dates

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U.S. Kids Golf Certified Coach Seminar

Date/Time: Thursday, September 25  8:30am - 4:30pm  
Place: Harmon Golf Club in Rockland  
Cost: $195  
MSR Hours: 7 MSR credits for the day and an additional 2 MSR credits for completing the optional online certification requirements.  
Registration: Click Here to Register

Vermont Chapter: Seminar featuring Mike Bender, PGA one of America’s Top 5 Instructors & 2009 PGA Teacher of the Year

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 1, 2014  8:30am-4:00 pm  
Place: Dorset Field Club in Dorset, Vermont  
Cost: $70 (includes lunch)  
MSR Hours: 7 PGA Required MSR hours  
Registration: Limited to 75 attendees. To sign up please send a check to: Dorset Field Club - Golf Shop, Attn: Erik Sorensen, P.O. Box 368 Dorset, VT 05251. (Checks Payable to Dorset Field Club Golf Shop)

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CONGRATS, NEW MEMBER!

James Lafferty, PGA

Where are you from?  Boston, Ma.
Where did you attend college?  SDGA
What was your first job in the golf business?  Assistant Golf Professional
Where do you work?  Charter Oak Country Club
What are your career aspirations?  Head Professional or Director of Instruction

Learn more about our new members on the Newly-Elected Members page on NEPGA.com, found under Directories.

EVENING TO HONOR CHARLIE LANZETTA

Please join us for an Evening to Honor Charlie Lanzetta on Wednesday, September 10th, 2014 at Scituate Country Club, Scituate, MA. There will be hors d’oeuvres and cash bar for $40 per person from 5pm-8pm followed by hors d’oeuvres from 8pm-9pm with Awards.

Contact Jim Dee, PGA at 781.545.9768 if you can attend. We want to honor Charlie for his many years of service to Junior Golf and to his fellow Professionals. We hope you can attend.
THANK YOU, AMBASSADORS!

Thank you to the NEPGA Ambassadors that represented our Section at this year’s Deutsche Bank Championship Pro-Am!

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Christopher A. Young, PGA

CAPE COD VS RHODE ISLAND PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE GOLF PLAYOFF MATCH

Cape Cod prevailed in this matchup and will be heading to the Northeast Regionals!
It’s that time of the year again…Preparing for the hiring-season.

With the hiring season quickly approaching, and fall right around the corner, this is a great time to reflect on the contributions you made this season and seek ways to wrap up the 2014 season the best way possible. In order to finish the season on a high-note, take some time to review what qualities can make you or any of your employees shine as being the BEST. This will certainly help collect your thoughts for your upcoming Annual Review.

Planning on being active this hiring season?

If so, the Facility Relations Committee and Section volunteers are preparing for a busy off season. With the potential for several retirements, coupled with the normal job-change activity level, knowing what Section and Chapter leaders are available and willing to help is important.

NEPGA Facility Relations Co-Chairs:
Adam Hemeon, PGA (Weston Golf Club) and Zack Wyman, PGA (Vermont National CC)

PGA CareerLinks ProFile – Time To Review and Update

Since its inception in 1996, CareerLinks has assisted over 6,600 employers and is recognized as the golf industry’s primary employment referral service for management level positions such as Head Professional, Director of Golf, General Manager, etc.

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

At this time, there are 804 NEPGA Professionals in active classifications and 211 (many A-1, A-4, and A-8’s) are not active in CareerLinks for the upcoming hiring season.

If you would like to update your CareerLinks profile, please click here (you will need your username and password to access).

If you have any questions about your profile, please contact me at your convenience: mpackard@pgahq.com, 860.851.9008

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon during the Fall Meeting Run!

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Through the PGA’s partnership with Golfweek, PGA members are being provided with complimentary, annual subscriptions to Golfweek magazine. All PGA members should begin receiving their subscriptions by November.

As another part of the partnership, Golfweek Custom Media and the PGA of America will be producing a 2014 Ryder Cup Program, strictly for a U.S. audience. All PGA members will receive a free copy of this commemorative Program this month, before the 40th Ryder Cup in Scotland, Sept. 26-28.

Finally, on a related note, those PGA members who had been receiving the print version of Golf World will now receive the Golf World digital edition as they have moved to a digital-only publication.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Joanne Flynn of Windham CC Selected for Chamber’s Distinguished Businessperson Award

The Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce has recognized Joanne’s commitment to the Greater Salem business community by selecting her as the 2014 William A. Brown Distinguished Businessperson Award, the chamber’s most prestigious award. Joanne, who is the director of golf at Windham Country Club, was chosen based on her business leadership, community improvement, charitable involvement, public service, and high moral character. This award, in its 33rd year, is given in the memory of William A. Brown, who was the first to receive it. Carrying on with this great tradition, the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Platinum Sponsor, Citizens Bank, will honor Joanne and recognize other award recipients at the chamber’s annual dinner meeting on Sept. 24. Click here to read more.

Clem Lamarre Named Salesman of the Year

Congratulations to NEPGA sales rep Clem Lamarre for being named Cobra-Puma Golf’s 2014 Salesman of the Year! Click here to learn more about Clem in one of our recent Sponsor Spotlights.
The sites were spectacular and demanding and for the second year in a row a newly minted member of the New England Section proved worthy of the challenge.

Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA playing in his first New England Section PGA Professional Championship, not far from where he grew up, was too much for the rest of the stellar field to handle.

Jeff Martin, PGA took the lead after round one firing a four under par 68 at a windy and firm Portsmouth Country Club. He continued his solid play all week, eventually finishing alone in fourth.

Berberian seized the lead after round two with a solid one under par 71 at The Golf Club of New England.

Another perfect day for golf greeted the players for the third straight day.

Troy Pare, PGA was out early and applied some early pressure. Pare would become the only player in the field to break 70 at The Golf Club of New England during the Championship, his final round of three under par 69 vaulted him up the leaderboard into a solo fifth place finish.

Berberian grew up close to the two Championship sites and had the support of his family during the final round, including his dad, PGA Life Member Rich Berberian. They followed the final pairing for the entire eighteen holes and what a group it was. Berberian, Martin and defending Champion Shawn Warren, PGA were paired together for the final round and Berberian immediately let everyone know he would be the man to beat, birdieing four of his first six holes. Berberian played a wrong ball from long grass near a green side bunker on the 7th hole, turning what was would have been a par into a double bogey, but after that miscue he steadied himself and played solid golf for the next ten holes. The Golf Club of New England possesses one of the most difficult finishes anywhere and it’s 18th hole cost Berberian his second double bogey of the round, but it mattered little. All it did was reduce his margin of victory over Warren and Jeff Seavey, PGA, who tied for second place, from five strokes to three. Berberian was under par in each of his rounds the only player who could make that claim, his final total adding up to 211, five under par.

There were two other August events we need to inform you of, “The Coakley” Pro-Am at the Charles River and Woodland Country Clubs took place on Monday, August 11. The low Professionals at Charles River were Joe Rocha, PGA and Paul Parajeckas, PGA who both shot one under par 71. At Woodland, Aaron Ungvarsky, PGA and Mike Baker, PGA took it deep with five under par 67’s. Thank you to all the Professionals who came out to support this event and the continued fight to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

The NEPGA Pro Senior-Junior Championship was played at the immaculately conditioned Andover Country Club on August 26. With a perfect day of weather and greens to match, it took a bunch of birdies to cash a check; five under par was the magic number. Two teams tied at the top, our Co-Champions for 2014 are John Hickson, PGA and Jeff Seavey, PGA who matched the eight under par score returned by PGA Professionals Eddie Kirby and Bob Tramonti. Thank You to Host PGA Professional Mike Menery and Superintendent Wayne LaCroix for all their help with this event.

As we said earlier, we aren’t done yet, October can be a great month to enjoy some beautiful fall weather, as well as play some golf. So watch for the weekly “Looking FOREward” emails and check nepga.com for updates and more information on all things tournaments and we’ll be back to report on all the goings on next month.

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MARKETING RESOURCE CENTER

The PGA of America recently introduced the new PGA Marketing Resource Center, a free, easy-to-use source for building marketing plans for your facility and programs. This redesigned site expands upon the tools previously provided through PGA Pro-Motion and the Creative Resource Center:

Create More: With 140 different creative options, you can customize professionally designed materials for print, web and email. These templates will save you time! There are even materials available for immediate download that require no customization such as Get Golf Ready flyers, video ads, radio ads, and logos.

Learn: You can now attend marketing webinars covering how modern marketing tactics can best apply to the unique needs of our industry.

Collect: Coming Soon - A new feature will allow you to increase the size of your database by creating a customized data capture form (for program sign-ups, family events, etc.). You can currently sign up to be an initial tester.

Click here to browse the selection and start creating!

"Thank you, this is fantastic and just what members need to help them market themselves and facilities!"

- Brian Bain, PGA
The 2014 Cape Cod Junior Golf Association wrapped up the 18th and final event last week with tons of awards going to dozens of kids – including children of Chapter members: Yarmouthport’s PGA HP Bob Miller’s son Brady, Dennis’ PGA Teacher Sue Kaffenburgh’s daughter Kristina & CCN’s PGA HP Jimmy Campbell’s son Charlie all winning multiple times during the summer long action. Charlie’s little bro Will also checked in with a pair of victories giving the Campbell Clan (including big brother Danny) plenty to cheer about as their Mom has been battling illness for too long a time. Prayers go to them for a speedy recovery. Speaking of Chapter juniors, Kittansett’s Jack O’Donnell won the MGA Boy’s crown at Nashawtuc in July where Charlie and Will both notched top 5 finishes in their age division.

FROM YOUNG TO OLD...

Country Club of Halifax PGA HP Bob Giusti (aka the Ageless Wonder) who will be eligible for full Social Security benefits this November (turns 65 day after Thanksgiving!) posted an outstanding 69-74—143 at Okemo GC, winning his age group at the recently completed NEPGA Senior Championship, an event which Bobby has won the overall title on three occasions - (2000, 2002, 2003). Pictured left: Bob Giusti (64 yrs young!)

The Bay Clubs’ PGA Assistant John Paesani, 55, also returned tremendous play (70-71—141, T-5) punching another SR PNC ticket this fall at PGA Golf Club while Giusti would have qualified again if he submitted his national entry. Electing not to go PNC – does not diminish his repeated timeless achievements despite reports that he may have missed one fairway this year...somewhere!

Holder of his own club’s course record (61) Giusti also volunteers as a firefighter in his hometown (Halifax) and it is only a matter of time until he shoots his age in a Chapter/Section tourney. He currently sits in 4th place in the CCGPA POY Dutch Wessner points race, sponsored by 15thGolfclub.com which is currently led by another Cape legend, Bob Miller, himself 60 years of age and playing some of his best golf as well. Throw into the mix Rochester’s PGA HP Rusty Gunnarson, 61, who shot 73-75—148 at Okemo, and recognizing other Chapter senior standouts – Mark Heartfield, 55 – Al Lupis, 58 – Mark O’Brien, 53 – Jay Wick, 51 – Richie Iwaszko, 63 – Tom Rooney, 51 – Larry Demers, 58...it is undoubtedly a Chapter with competitive EXPERIENCE at all ends of the Cape!

BOTTOM LINE: Cape PGA Seniors won both the 55-59 group/Paesani and the 60-69 group/Giusti in the 2014 NEPGA Seniors Championship! Well done.

...AND IN BETWEEN...

Our normal (?) aged Chapter members acquitted themselves nicely in the NEPGA Championship held at GC of NE (New Hampshire) in late August as five time Wessner Award winner Greg Yeomans, 42, PGA HP at The Bay Club notched the 14th and final PNC spot in a playoff against another Chapter stalwart, Chris Doherty, 26, PGA Assistant at Old Sandwich as both completed 54 holes of challenging golf on 224 (+8). Yeomans rallied on day 3 with one of the tournament’s best rounds – 70, then made a crucial 15-footer on the first playoff hole to halve Chris, while securing his PNC entry on the next hole as Doherty slipped up and hit his tee shot in the hazard on the diabolical 17th hole at GC of NE, a par 3 of medium length (played at 185-ish) which produced scores from birdie 2’s to plus eight 11’s with its tiniest of targets surrounded by bad stuff! In fact, the field averaged a whopping full stroke over par for the 3 days, by far the most difficult hole on the course – including 26 doubles or higher and only 19 birdies in over 250 chances!
CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS Continued...

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

Top: Jim Sheerin, Abenaqui CC Professional and his wife, Pam, acknowledge his victory in the NHC championship at North Conway CC. Sheerin and Rich Berberian, Jr. of Windham CC, were tied after 36 holes at 134. Sheerin shot rounds of 65 and 69 while Berberian was 66-68. The pair headed down the first fairway in a playoff which Sheerin won with a birdie on the third extra hole. Rounding out the top ten finishers were: Bill Andrews, Portsmouth (140); Mitch Jefferson, Ridgewood and Jason Malcolm, Dublin Lake (141); Marc Spencer, Windham, Matt Arvanitis, Concord, and Shaun Bishop, The Oaks (142), Dan Wilkins, Laconia (143) and Jay Pollini, Farmington (144).

Left: Larry Gallagher, North Conway CC Head Professional and host of the NHC Championship, pauses on the first tee before hitting his tee shot for of all things…a train?

Right: Rich Berberian, Jr., Windham CC won the 94th NEPGA Section Championship at Golf Club of New England with a final round of 71 and a three day total of 5 under par (211). This was his first time competing in the event and he did not disappoint by shooting sixteen birdies over Portsmouth CC and Golf Club of NE. Last year’s champion Shawn Warren finished tied for second with Jeff Seavey. Other NHC finishers included: Matt Arvanitis (220); Dan Wilkins (223); Bill Andrews (227); Marc Spencer (230); Jay Pollini (231); Greg Sandell (233) and Alex Hume (233). In addition, Berberian, Arvanitis and Wilkins qualified for the 2015 PGA Professional National Championship at the Philadelphia Cricket Club from June 21-24. They will take part with almost 300 other golfers trying to earn a berth in the 2015 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisconsin.

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MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER

Message from Massachusetts PGA Sponsor Avidia Bank:

The VIP Account Package from Avidia Bank... Personalized financial services for the discriminating golf industry professional. We look forward to presenting more about this at the Massachusetts Chapter Fall Meeting on October 21st at The Haven.

SENIORS’ ASSOCIATION

The New England PGA Seniors congratulate Jim O’Leary for 50 years as Head Golf Professional at Oak Hill Country Club in Fitchburg, MA. Jim was honored by a Pro-Am Tournament and a gala dinner reception with over 600 guests. It was good to see Arthur Harris, Tony Morosco and Tony Locke among many other golf professionals and New England PGA staff.

Ray LaJoie celebrated his 80th birthday with a party at the Worcester Country Club, Worcester, MA. He and his wife Coco, along with the club leadership hosted the 39th Laurie LaJoie Tournament, a benefit for the Seven Hills Foundation of Worcester, MA. Over 50 New England PGA Professionals played in this event.

Jack Neville
NEPGA Senior Director
CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS  Continued...

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

WANNAMOISSETT’S DEVIN BECK & WOLLASTON’S ROBINSON GO MOUNTAIN CLIMBING!

Featured in a recent GolfWeek article written by New England’s old friend and scribe, Jim McCabe, both PGA Assistants Devin Beck and Erik Robinson were lauded for their massively exciting trek up Mt. Kilimanjaro earlier this year.

Beck’s unusual journey follows on the footsteps (no pun intended) on his previous cross country bike ride (2012) – both to raise needed funds for charity. The Tiverton native has made Wannamoissett and his fellow PGA Professionals proud indeed.

KIRBY LOSES…BUT WINS…REPRESENTS RHODE ISLAND IN BOTH UPCOMING PNC’s!

Alpine’s PGA HP Eddie Kirby (-7 par- 133) just missed defending his NEPGA Senior title by two shots, but still qualified for the SR PNC to be held November at The PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie. Kirby’s efforts puts him in a very select group of three section members (John Hickson & Dan Wilkins) who qualified for both the regular PNC and the Senior PNC this past August.

Awesome achievement….again Eddie! Pictured left: Kirby family

WORKING MEN RULE AT AGAWAM HUNT CLUB

A story all of us can smile about…RHODE ISLAND PGA golf professionals Troy Pare (1st place, 63-69-67—199) and Matt Doyle (3rd place, 66-67-66—200) successfully competed against New England’s best young touring professionals in the 2014 Rhode Island Open at Agawam Hunt Club just three weeks ago.

In fact, just two other NEPGA members managed to make the incredibly low 36-hole cut line (141) in arguably the strongest regional field of the year. Wannamoissett’s PGA HP Pare beat recent college grad Richy Werenski on the first playoff hole capturing the trophy and a cool 5K. Doyle, five time Q-school veteran, HP in the winter at Dye Preserve & PGA Assistant at Misquamicut missed the playoff by just one shot!

POTPOURRI...

Our Chapter once again displayed a wide array of talent in the latest NEPGA Stroke Play Series that visited the Ocean State in late July at Carnegie Abbey. Misquamicut’s PGA Assistant Peter Weatherby (2nd place 71), Kirby (T-3, 72), The Valley’s PGA HP Chad Spencer (T-8, 73) & N. Kingstown’s PGA HP John Rainone (T-8) combined to give our Chapter 4 top ten finishes! Pt. Judith’s PGA Assistant Bill Maguire along with Nick Buonanno (freshman at Middlesex HS) captured this year’s edition of the popular RIPGA Pro-1 JR Scratch held at Metacomet recently, firing a winning team score of -5 under par 65 while Maguire also took down low pro honors with his own 67, charging down the stretch with a superb 31 (-3) on the back nine.

CHAMPIONSHIP MONTH(s) are on our doorstep as the Chapter Championship, sponsored by Callaway’s Peter Guild & The PGA Tour will visit Misquamicut Sept. 23rd (Triggs PGA HP Bob Tramonti defends his title) followed by the Tri-Chapter Championship (MASS, RI & CAPE COD) at the award-winning Red Tail GC on Oct. 7th. Results from New Hampshire - Pare & Kirby both qualified for PNC scheduled for Philadelphia Cricket Club next June while Doyle nabbed the 3rd alternate spot.

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MAINE CHAPTER

August in Maine is a time for the PGA Professional to spend time taking care of business at their respective clubs. Our tournament schedule is a little on the light side. Val Halla Golf Club and host Professional Brian Bickford played host to our Pro Junior Championship. It is an event that we partner up with the Maine State Golf Association to try and promote the game together as well as put on a great event for the juniors of Maine. The team from Portland Country Club lead by PGA Professional Gerry DePhilipppo walked home with the 1st place trophy. Congratulations to the team!!! Thank you to Brian Bickford and the MSGA for your support of junior golf and help with the event.

The Chapter Assistants Championship was held at Spring Meadows Golf Club in Gray, Maine. Taking the Championship home for the third year in a row was Shawn Warren from Falmouth CC with a sizzling 4 under par 67. Shawn was 5 shots clear of second place finishers Gerry DiPhilippo from Portland CC and Matt Loubier from Waterville CC.

Shawn continued his great play out of state as well during August. A second place finish at the Rhode Island Open and a second place finish at the NEPGA Championship in NH. Joining Shawn and representing our Chapter with success at the Section Championship was Jeff Seavey (2nd place finish), John Hickson, Dave Grygiel, Bob Darling, and Mike Dugas. Great playing by our Chapter members!!!

September will be the month of the Pro Am in the Chapter. Don’t forget to sign up and entertain your members at one or all of the locations hosting events. The Southern Swing week begins at York Golf and Tennis Club on Monday, September 15. Day two will be at Cape Arundel Golf Club in Kennebunkport on Tuesday, September 16. Day three goes across town to Webhannet GC on September 17. All three will be great events and excellent golf courses to bring your members on an away game. We also will be traveling to Portland CC on Monday, September 22 for the final Pro Am of the month. Please get out before the season comes to a close and enjoy one or all of these events. September golf in Maine is almost always spectacular!!!

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VERMONT CHAPTER

On July 28th, our Pro Am at CC of Barre was rained out and rescheduled for Sept. 22nd.

On August 4th the VT Chapter Pro 3 Am Championship was held at Vermont National CC with Zack Wyman and Brian Gara as our hosts. We thank Mark Thompson with Taylor-Made and Ron Delahanty with Ogio for their sponsorship with amateur prizes. A special thanks goes to our local sponsor Dealer.com for adding $1250 to the purse and $1250 to our scholarship fund. Format was one best ball gross for 36 holes. Our 2014 Championship team with a score of 126 was the team from CC of Barre led by Roger King, PGA.

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at the Hermitage Golf Club on August 11th with hosts John Cleanthes, Mark Aeibli, and Nick Kaiser. We thank the owner of Hermitage Club for his sponsorship in paying all the professional entry fees. Net team winners had a tie between Nick Kaiser, PGA, and his Hermitage GC team and Rodney Bicknell, PGA and his team from Neshobe GC both with scores of 58. Gross team winners with a score of 66 were the Mt. Snow CC team led by Marcus Munsill, PGA. The winning Professional score was host Professional Mark Aeibli at 73 followed by Todd Trono, PGA, Williston GC with 74.

The week of August 18th, the Chapter took a break from our playing schedule and saw 18 Vermont PGA members participate in the NEPGA Championship at Portsmouth CC and Golf Club of New England.

On August 25th, our Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Dorset Field Club hosted by, Erik Sorensen, PGA. Our winning gross team was from Ralph Myhre GC led by Jim Dayton, PGA with a score of 61. Net winners ended in a tie with Vermont National CC led by Zack Wyman, PGA, Okemo Valley Golf Club led by Jim Cruickshank, PGA and Burlington CC led by Matt Havers, PGA all with a score of 57. Low Professional scores were Jim Dayton, Zack Wyman, and Host Professional Dustin Olehowski all with a score of 70.

Upcoming events include the Vermont Senior Championship at Neshobe on August 31st, a Pro Am at Green Mountain National on Sept. 2nd, Williston GC Pro Am on Sept. 8th, Quechee Pro Am on Sept. 15, and the CC of Barre Pro Am on Sept. 22nd.

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In addition, the 17th hole was host of a cruel hoax during the first two day’s $25,000 skins game (which nobody won) as Ipswich’s PGA HP Dan Dwyer holed his second shot for a par-3, after joining the long list of players depositing a first tee shot into the hazard!

Titleist’s PGA club fitting guru Karen Gray, 49, (236 T-52) played exemplary golf in making the cut as did Oyst- ter Harbors’ PGA HP Sean Edmonds, 45, (225 T-17) who barely missed the Yeomans/Doherty playoff by one shot – settling for 3rd alternate for the PNC next June in Philly. Pictured right: Karen Gray saves par on GCNE’s 15th

Sean Edmonds tees off GCNE’s 18th

Final results 2014 NEPGA CHAMPIONSHIP

DCP FINALS VISIT PINEHILLS ONCE AGAIN

Now in its second year, the national Drive, Chip & Putt sectional finals were held at Pinehills in mid-August featuring over 150 young golfers vying for spots into the Bethpage final qualifier leading to Magnolia Lane next spring.

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Congratulations to NEPGA Head Professional Matt Walsh of Warwick Country Club and his wife on the birth of their son Thomas Joseph. Thomas was born on August 9th at 12:39am weighing 9lb 1oz.

Congratulations to NEPGA Assistant Professional Justin Lawson of Dedham Country & Polo Club and his wife on the birth of their daughter Michaella Reese Lawson. Michaella was born on July 1st.

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