MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe that I am already writing to you all in the September Newsletter. Memorial Day through Labor Day is considered by many as the unofficial beginning and end of summer, but that is not quite the case here in New England. Sure it may slow down a little bit at our facilities after September 5th, but many of us will keep on going straight through October.

Mother Nature has made it interesting for the Northeast so far in 2011. We have seen record amounts of rain, weeks of what seemed to be never-ending heat, tornados, earthquakes and most recently a hurricane. Some of our New England facilities have been hit quite hard from these natural occurrences. Many of our friends in Vermont have been considerably impacted by Hurricane Irene. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who has been affected. The PGA of America has a disaster relief program that is available for PGA Members. There is a link on PGAlinks.com that explains the resources that are available: http://www.pgalinks.com/professionals/index.cfm?ctc=2065.

Since the last NEPGA Newsletter we have crowned two new Section Champions. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Rick Karbowski, PGA for winning the NEPGA Section Senior Championship and John Hickson, PGA for being crowned our new NEPGA Section Champion. Both events saw some fabulous participation and wonderful golf. Rick and John had very exciting victories and along with the other PNC qualifiers, they will represent the New England Section quite well at the National Championships. Thank you so much to our Championship host professionals, Jim Remy, Okemo Valley GC and John Tuffin, Pinehills GC. We are looking forward to this month’s final major, the NEPGA Assistant Championship at Tedesco CC on September 21.

New England PGA Professionals will once again volunteer their time and act as ambassadors at the Deutsche Bank Championship Pro-Am on Thursday, September 1st. Thank you to everyone who is able to walk with a group. The PGA Tour, the staff at the DBC and the amateurs all value the New England Section’s involvement.

As the leaves change and we welcome fall to New England, I wish you all the best as the finish line approaches. Please reach out to me if there is ever anything I can do, and I hope to see you soon.

Respectfully yours,
Michael Higgins
Executive Director
New England PGA

NEPGA OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY

The NEPGA Section office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 6th.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday weekend!

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NEPGA FALL MEETING/ELECTIONS
The New England PGA will be changing the organization of the Board of Director/Officers this October at the 2011 NEPGA Fall Meeting on Friday, October 28, 2011 at 9:00 AM at Black Rock Country Club in Hingham, MA.

The New England PGA will be aligning with The PGA of America and our chapters by changing the composition of the Officers to make an additional chair for a Vice President. The Officers shall be the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer who shall serve a term, and the immediate past president will remain on the Board of Directors.

The deadline for candidates to submit their petitions was August 10, 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the five New England PGA members that submitted petitions and will be listed on the ballot at the annual meeting.

Office of President:
Jimmy Noris, Dedham Country & Polo Club

Office of Vice President:
Chris Carpenter, Nashawtuc Country Club
Larry Kelley, Owner Five Star Golf Cars

Officer of Secretary/Treasurer:
Brian Bain, Robert T. Lynch Municipal
Susan Bond, Weekapaug GC

This is an exciting time for the New England PGA. The candidates will be campaigning throughout the summer and fall, and it is very important that we have a strong representation from our Section Members at the Fall meeting to show our support. Please be sure to clear your schedule on Friday, October 28, 2011 and attend the NEPGA Fall Meeting at Black Rock CC.

REGISTER FOR PATRIOT GOLF DAY!
Patriot Golf Day will be held over Labor Day weekend, September 2-5, 2011. Golfers will be asked to donate a minimum of $1 to raise funds to benefit the Folds of Honor Foundation which provides post secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation. If you are interested in joining our mission to empower the lives of deserving military families with educational opportunities, then please become a participating facility in 2011!!

We are very happy to announce that Section participation is up from last year but we still need more facilities to sign up! Click here to register on PlayGolfAmerica.com.

PGA Professionals who host an event and submit funds to the Folds of Honor Foundation will receive TWO MSR Credits.

FREE ENTRY TO DBC FOR MEMBERS
The 2011 Deutsche Bank Championship is here! Complimentary access to the tournament is available for Class A PGA members and accompanying immediate family (spouse, children and PGA member’s parents). PGA members only; this offer is not extended to apprentices. You must show your membership card and Photo I.D. each day. Go to Main Gate to pick up daily ticket. For ticket information call (904) 285-3700. If you have misplaced your membership card, please contact The PGA of America’s Membership Department at 1-800-474-2776 to obtain a new one.

VOLUNTEER AT DBC WITH T-GOLF LLC
For the second year in a row T-Golf LLC has been invited to participate at the Fed Ex Deutsche Bank Championship. Throughout the tournament T-Golf representatives will be giving live interactive demonstrations and lessons with fans at the “Kids Village” and “Military Outpost”. We use portable nets, limited flight balls and our results are amazing.

All PGA members are welcome to stop by these locations at their convenience to find out why Golf Digest wrote that, “T-Golf will revolutionize how young people learn to play golf.” Golf Range Magazine also stated that, “With all the talk among golf industry pundits about making the game easier to attract new players, T-Golf of San Clemente, CA is doing something about it.”

Please feel free to drop by the tournament locations at your convenience to have some fun, learn about T-Golf and perhaps even demonstrate your teaching expertise by giving a few lessons. When you arrive just ask to speak with Chris MacDonald, CEO of T-Golf LLC.

We look forward to seeing you at the tournament. In the meantime, you may visit us at www.tgolf.com.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2011 SEPTEMBER SPONSORS
We have to start the Tournament News this month by recapping the most important event on our schedule.

The New England Section PGA Professional Championship was contested August 22-24 at Pine Hills Golf Club and was presented by Club Car, Mercedes-Benz and OMEGA and supported by Titleist/FootJoy, Callaway Golf, Nike Golf, Taylor-Made-adidas Golf/Ashworth and the PGA Tour. One hundred seventy-eight players entered, after playing 18 holes on both the Jones & Nicklaus courses the cut was made to the low (60) sixty scorers and ties for the final round on Nicklaus. John Hickson, PGA began the final round of the Championship in sole possession of the lead, but facing the most difficult weather conditions and course set-up of the week, it took every bit of his talent as well as a couple of extra holes, for him to claim his second NEPGA title. Ron Philo, PGA played brilliantly, his final hole of regulation birdie forced a play-off. A play-off that would finally end on the second extra hole with Hickson holing a short par putt for his victory. Allie Blomquist, PGA actually held the lead after her 16th hole of the final round after holing out from off the green for an eagle. She would eventually finish in a tie for third with Jeff Martin, PGA. Recently crowned NEPGA Seniors Champion, Rick Karbowski rounded out the top five.

The golf played was fantastic, but it was no match for the hospitality and course conditions provided by our host venue The Pinehills. A huge Thank You goes out to Pine Hills, our host Professional John Tuffin, PGA and Superintendent Joe Felicetti.

While the above mentioned event is our proudest moment in 2011, it is with great deal of regret and a hard dose of reality that we have to announce that there will not be a New England Open contested this year. The reality is that to conduct a viable Championship you not only need a worthy facility, but also a reasonable level of entries to support an event of this magnitude. We certainly had the cooperation and effort from the facility, Mount Washington and its staff worked tirelessly with us to try to keep the event alive. In the end, the number of entries received simply didn’t translate to a Championship worthy of carrying the New England PGA name. We need to continue to run events that involve players other than just PGA members and apprentices, but we need the support of those players as well as our membership. It would not have been a fiscally responsible decision to proceed this year with event. The NEPGA Tournament Committee made the tough, but correct, call in canceling this year’s event. We will be spending a great deal of time this fall at the Tournament Committee meeting discussing what we need to do to move forward and return the New England Open to its rightful place as a premier event on the New England golf schedule in 2012 and beyond.

On a much more positive note, the fifth and final AHEAD Series event takes place this month as we venture north to Cape Elizabeth, Maine and the Purpoodock Club on September 14. The event marks the last opportunity to secure a spot among the elite 36 players who will qualify for the year-end 36-hole AHEAD Series Championship to be played at Turner Hill Golf Club on October 4. Check out the point standings on the NEPGA website (look under Tournaments & Player of the Year Points) and remember it is possible a win or even a top (5) five finish could still qualify you for the Series Championship. Thank you to Mike Worrall, PGA for hosting and as always, our sponsors are AHEAD’s Terry Frechette and Golf Buddy’s Cary Gordon.

The Callaway Golf New England Section Assistants Championship returns to Tedesco Country Club this year on September 21-22. Bob Green, PGA and Superintendent Peter Hasak serve as hosts. In addition to the title, spots in the 35th Callaway Golf PGA Assistant Championship to be contested November 3-6 on the Wanamaker Course at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida are up for grabs.

The TaylorMade Head Professional Championship is next on the schedule, September 26. The event will be contested this year at “The Beauty and The Beast”, Granite Links Golf Club, where the scenic views of the Boston skyline must be quickly put out of mind and full attention given to the demanding golf course that lies ahead. The exclusive field of New England PGA Head Professionals will be competing for the title captured last year by Tom Tobey, PGA. Chris Sleeper, PGA and Superintendent Brad MacDonald are hosting.

Last but certainly not least the Pro-Superintendent Championship rounds out the month of September at Red Tail Golf Club. The Superintendents are our friends, they make me look good at all of our events with all the hard work, and hours put forth, getting their courses ready for our events. My challenge (and it is one, with the select drive, alternate shot format) to all my fellow Professionals is to, please, bring your Superintendent out and play. It’s a great way to further that very important relationship we all should have at our facilities. My man, Jim Pavlik, PGA and Superintendent Patrick Lange are our gracious hosts. Take it easy on your peers, Patrick!

Wow! September is a busy month isn’t it? We hope you have the opportunity to join us at some of these events.

Fall in New England, some of the best days of the year come in October, things, hopefully, have slowed down a little at your facilities, and you can find a day or two to come out and play some golf.

If you are one of the elite (36) thirty-six to qualify for the AHEAD Series Championship, we will see you at Turner Hill on October 4.

If you are up for a more laid back, but still competitive experience to share with your club members, Northeast Pro-Ams at Tedesco Country Club on October 6 and Ipswich Country Club on October 7 are a great opportunity for some fall golf.

The following week we head south to Cape Cod, where the Ridge Club, October 13 and the Golf Club of Cape Cod, October 14 will host Pro-Ams.

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TOURNAMENT NEWS continued...

The end of the month offers up two of the best venues that you can play in New England, all while helping support the NEPGA George Wemyss Scholarship Fund. The Myopia Hunt Club, what more needs to be said, and TPC Boston, steadily creating its own bit of history as host to the PGA Tour Play-offs. You can bring your members to either of these magnificent facilities on Monday, October 24.

I can’t help myself here, I have to confess, by about the middle of October my mind sometimes wanders... to sports books, bouncing dice and the sites and sounds of the strip. The Las Vegas Pro-Am, now in its second decade of existence, is our one and only, last, but far from least tournament for 2011. This is Higgy’s baby, he was the driving force to get it off the ground, and he has grown it from a handful of teams to a year-end, two course filling, desert bash. It’s a great time, I can attest to that as I have been at all of them. If you have the chance, join us some year, you won’t regret it. The dates this year are November 7-9; check out NEPGA.com for details.

For what happened at some of last months events, read on:

Okemo Valley Golf Club once again hosted a memorable New England Section Senior Professional Championship. Last year’s event featured a three way battle coming down the stretch. This year Jim Sheerin, PGA and Rick Karbowski, PGA battled it out trying to stay in front of earlier finisher Dan Wilkins. In the end, Karbowski prevailed, winning his first Section Senior title, besting past Champion Sheerin by just one stroke while Wilkins finished two back. Jim Remy, PGA, Honorary President of The PGA of America and Superintendent Rod Williams served as our gracious hosts. In addition to Karbowski and Sheerin, Peter Norton, PGA, Mark Aebli, PGA, David Lane, PGA, David Grygiel, PGA and Steve Diemoz, PGA all qualified for the Southworth Senior PGA Professional National Championship, presented by Mercedes-Benz, in Virginia later this year. Again, we say Thank You to Terry Frechette for his support as the long time sponsor of the NEPGA Seniors Championship. “T”, we all appreciate what you do for the New England Section.

The NEPGA Pro Senior-Junior was also conducted at Pleasant Valley Country Club in August. We will recognize the Champions of this event next month as well. Thanks to PGA Professional Paul Parajeckas and Superintendent Donnie D’Errico for hosting and to Antigua and Jeff Dibona as well as Mizuno’s Brent Skinner and Matt Mikian for sponsoring.

We can’t say good-bye to August without saying Thanks to host professionals Jim O’Marra, PGA and Ted Griffin, PGA for hosting the Joey Coakley Memorial Pro-Am at Charles River Country Club and Woodland Golf Club. Despite difficult weather conditions everything was on schedule and the event once again raised countless dollars used for funding the continuing research in the battle to find a cure for cystic fibrosis.

Please continue to check the weekly “Mixed Bag” emails and the NEPGA.com for updates and all things tournaments.

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FOLDS OF HONOR GOLF MARATHON

On Wednesday September 7, members of the NEPGA will be playing 100 holes at the Weekapaug Golf Club to raise money for the Folds of Honor Foundation. If you would like to join the team or donate to this 100 hole marathon please click here. For further information you may contact Susan Bond - cslcbond@aol.com or 401-322-7870.

NEPGA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2011 New England PGA scholarship winners!

2011 George S. Wemyss Scholarship Winners:

Meghan Gillis, Tufts University; Megan Corrigan, Chaun Michael Medeiros; Sara Bicknell, New College of Florida; Christine Milne, University of South Florida; Shannon Philo; Anne Beach, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Meghan Bickford, Methodist University; Haley Young, Bryant University; Hayden Leith, Plymouth State University; Kylie-Rae Dodd, Framingham State University; Courtney Bailey, Bentley University; Stephanie Katsos, Northeastern University; Joanna Katsos, Northeastern University; Jason Harris, Johnson & Wales North Miami; Allison Wilkins, Jacksonville University; Amanda Pendleton, Rochester Institute of Technology; Hannah Green, College of William & Mary; Chelsea Gillies, University of Maine; Jared Ghioto, Framingham State University, Trent Larrabee, Suffolk University; Laura Ruttle, Keene State College; Elizabeth Deshaies; Benjamin Deshaies, Colby-Sawyer College; Abigail Harris, Tulane University; Robert Guss, Berklee College of Music; Patrick Gilis, Rochester Institute of Technology; Michael Mullavey Jr, Emory University; Heather Niven, University of Delaware; Daniel Goodwin, College of William & Mary; Courtney Tosone, Bryant University; MacKenzie Hamilton, Smith College; Jonathan Harris, US Merchant Marine Academy; Andrew Wilkins, Florida Gulf Coast University; Ashley Estes, Clemson University; Ashley Williams, University of New Hampshire; Sarah Sterns, Keene State College and Charles Estes Jr, Nazareth College.

2011 Tom Murphy Scholarship Award Winner:

Haley Young, Bryant University

2011 Ted O’Rourke Scholarship Winner:

Courtney Bailey, Bentley University

Update Your PGA CareerLinks Profile

This is a reminder to update your PGA CareerLinks Profile in order to remain active in the CareerLinks system. Keeping an updated profile is necessary in order to ensure you are being sent every possible employment opportunity and that employers are receiving accurate information on their potential candidates.
The delicate art of selling your contributions, from the employer's perspective...

By far, the most challenging skill set to master in your employment tool kit is self-promotion. Our industry is experiencing an unprecedented time where PGA Professionals are being asked to do more with less. Add to this demand, a sport and business that require PGA Professionals to constantly think of and serve others. This precarious combination can easily cause the constant good deeds and valuable contributions made to our employers, to simply go unnoticed.

Last fall, during my tour of Section and Chapter meetings in the northeast, an alarming statistic surfaced which caused great concern. In front of every audience I posed the question, Who either receives or requests an annual performance evaluation? Shockingly, less than ten percent of any audience raised their hand. Today, PGA Professionals are working harder and smarter, and focusing on all facets of the sport with a new sense of enthusiasm unparalleled to years past. And yet, little time is taken to reflect and communicate this value to owners and operators.

The most common concern about self-promoting is walking the fine line between strengthening professional image and coming across as arrogant or conceded. Another area of concern is confidence. Many PGA Professionals are aware of the value they bring to the facility but did not believe the gamble of reinforcing achieved or surpassed goals is worth the risk of looking vain to the owner, general manager or golf chair. Self-promotion is not only crucial to the success of a PGA Professional, it is crucial to the success of the facility as well. As the golf pundit of a facility, self-assurance and leadership qualities are a must. If you cannot convince people around you that you are the expert, then no one will follow your lead and your patrons can just as easily find what they’re looking for down the street, on-line, or in a book. However, if you can harness the confidence needed to self-promote, your patrons will believe in you, trust in your leadership, resulting in business for you and your facility.

In an effort to better understand the delicate art of selling value, and how PGA Professionals can sharpen their self-promotion skills, owners and operators were asked, How would you want to be approached by your PGA Professional to discuss their contributions to the facility?

Communication
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“A random conversation about general matters produces genuine and honest results because no one has had time to prepare.”

Show your value through work
Employers know that employees have strengths and weaknesses, so trying to be something you’re not or attempt to show a skill set you do not possess is easily visible. If self-promoting is not a strength, let your work demonstrate your value and show how much you care about your position, and your facility. By taking pride in the game, your work, and the facility, your mentality shifts from being an employee to being an owner. Think and act like you own the business.

“Good golf courses need leaders who are up to date on the business, community, and the industry of golf. A good golf course needs a PGA Professional who believes in the big picture.”

Pictures are worth a thousand words
In the hectic business of seasonal golf, short term memory loss is unavoidable. How can anyone possibly remember what value you added in the first week of the season? Collect, record, and document your contributions and present them in a proactive manner. Don’t wait to be asked what you are bringing to the table.

“PGA Professionals spend hours preparing a portfolio when trying to get a job, but spend little time actually documenting their contributions when they have the job.”

There is nothing more exciting in the employment world than hearing about a new job offer. Don’t let the thrill of the hunt for a job subside, try to bring that excitement into every day on the job and present your excitement to your employer.

Here are some simple, yet important recommendations to follow:
- Communicate both good and bad information, this shows honesty and integrity
- Remember that individual achievements improve team performance
- Add value to the business – what are you doing to move yourself and your facility forward?

Over the last several years, our industry has changed quickly and constantly. Clearly, our employers have stated that the PGA Professional is the expert of the game, and is positioned to be the leader of the game. Master the art of self-promotion and find the confidence to lead your facility. It is imperative to communicate the basic goodwill you bring day in and day out. Take the time to approach your employer; after all, they are waiting to listen.
Quarter Century Club Welcomes...

Congratulations to Jane Frost, PGA Director of Instruction at Sandwich Hollows GC and Ron Hewins, PGA Head Professional at Bass River GC who have been recognized for their 25 years of service as a PGA member.

Cape Cod Junior Golf Association

CCJGA Director John Flynn awarded $500 college scholarships to an incredibly talented 15 high school seniors who have been members of the association for several years in many cases. The final event of the summer season, the Tournament of Champions, was hosted by The Golf Club of Cape Cod in late August, sponsored by the Caron/Woods Charity Classic. Thank you Jason and Carrie for all your support of junior golf on Cape Cod.

NEPGA Section Championship Recap

CC PGA members represented our chapter well in the Section Championship hosted by our own Pinehills GC PGA Head Professional John Tuffin whose leadership and hospitality was a constant theme throughout the 54-hole championship event. Thank You John and his outstanding staff. The golf course was magnificent and the facilities were equally impressive. Head Superintendent Joe Felicetti and his staff prepared both the Nicklaus and Jones courses each day with attention to detail and a real sense of pride making all of us in the golf business very proud to have the Section Championship held in our chapter receive such rave reviews from the contestants all week long. Congratulations John & Joe!!!

The ageless Bob Miller, PGA Head professional from The Club of Yarmouthport was the lone qualifier for next year's Professional National Championship (PNC) to be held on Monterey Peninsula, CA after placing T-8 in the field of over 170 contestants. Here is a recap of our chapter members who made the cut (+10) 154.

T-8 76-72-75 222 $2,245 Bob Miller - The Club of Yarmouthport
T-19 79-70-77 226 $855 Steve Hanlon - The Brookside Club
T-28 76-75-75 226 $624 Tom Tobey - Bay Pointe
T-37 78-76-75 229 $500 Tom Rooney - LeBaron Hills
T-37 76-74-79 229 $500 Greg Yeomans - The Bay Club
T-40 74-71-85 230 $447 Steve Demmer - Kiattanett Club
T-40 78-70-82 230 $447 Rusty Gunnarson - Rochester
57 78-73-84 235 $350 Jay Wick - Old Sandwich
58 78-75-83 236 $350 Brendan Reilly - CC of New Seabury

NEPGA Seniors Championship Recap

The aforementioned Bob Miller led a contingent of seven chapter members to the beautiful Okemo Resort, Vermont for the 2011 Section Seniors Championship in early August. Though none qualified for the national Seniors Championship this year, all acquitted themselves well:

T-17 75-71 146 +4 Bob Miller
T-19 75-72 147 +5 Larry Demers - Kittansett Club
T-19 75-72 147 +5 Rusty Gunnarson
T-23 77-72 149 +7 Bob Giusti - Halifax (3 time former champion!)

Also competed: Jim Armentrout – Bayberry Hills, Jim Knowles-Highland Links, John Scheffler – Ocean Edge.

Dutch Wessner POY Awards Recap

Sponsored by Jamie Griffiths/TaylorMade Golf

1 Greg L. Yeomans - Bay Club at Mattapoisett 66.50
2 Rusty Gunnarson - Rochester Golf Club 53.00
3 Thomas S. Tobey - Bay Pointe Country Club 44.50
4 Kevan M. Evangelista - Quashnet Valley Country Club 43.50
5 Craig Garris - Ballymeade Country Club 39.50
6 Joe Cordani - Country Club of New Bedford 36.00
7 Steven L. Demmer - The Kittansett Club 35.00
8 Bob E. Giusti - Country Club of Halifax 33.50
9 Thomas E. Rooney - LeBaron Hills Country Club 26.00
10 Joe S. Ferreira V - White Cliffs Country Club 25.50
11 Bob Miller - The Golf Club at Yarmouthport 24.50
12 Bradford B. Sherman - 1STHGolfcom.com 20.50
13 Dennis P. Hoye - Cranberry Valley Golf Course 19.00
14 Jesse D. Schechtman - Sandwich Hollows Golf Club 18.00
15 Brendan J. Reilly - Country Club of New Seabury 14.50
16 Matthew P. Baran - Oyster Harbors Club 14.00
17 Al Lupis - PGA Life Member 13.00
18 Brad M. Wheatley - Cape Cod National Golf Club 11.00
19 Scott A. Masse - The Golf Club at Cape Cod 10.50
20 Matt S. Lombard - Mink Meadows Golf Course 10.00

Prato Sponsors Two Events!

Prato Sunglasses, represented by Cary Gordon and Mike Benning, sponsored two chapter Pro-Ams in August – at Ballymeade and at The Golf Club of Cape Cod. All contestants, pros and amateurs, were treated to complimentary sunglasses and logo cases at the Ballymeade Pro-3Am which was won by New Bedford’s PGA Head Professional Joe Cordani. Prato product was also used as prizes to 6 teams who won respective proximity prizes at The GCCC Pro-Am won by Bay Pointe’s PGA Head Professional Tom Tobey who fired a 1-under par 71.

Ahead Championship Qualifying Points Standings

Several chapter members are vying for the coveted invitation to the year ending Ahead Championship to be held at Turner Hill on October 4th, with one event remaining to move up into the top 36. Here is a snapshot of our chapter members’ points in this race to the North Shore! Good Luck to all!

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Upcoming Cape Cod Chapter Events

W/TH Sept. 14/15: Pro-2am-Member, Sankaty Head GC Sponsored by Callaway/Peter Guild
Wed Sept. 21: Pro-3Senior Championship, Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds
Thu Sept. 29: Chapter Championship, New Seabury (36 holes) Sponsored by Callaway/Peter Guild
Thu Oct. 6: Cape Cod Cup, Hyannisport Sponsored by Ollie Hallet/Page & Tuttle
Mon Oct 17: Fall Chapter Meeting, The Golf Club of Cape Cod (9 am)
T/W Oct. 18/19: Chapter Match Play, Oyster Harbors
Tue Oct. 25: Pro-3Am, Wannio
Tue Nov: Pro-3Am, The Bay Club Sponsored by Hammock Beach Resort

Section Events on the Cape this fall:
Thu Oct. 13: Pro-3Am, The Ridge Club
Fri Oct. 14: Pro-3Am, The Golf Club of Cape Cod

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CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS Continued...

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

Rhode Island Open Recap

Wannamoisett’s PGA Head Professional Troy Pare led a contingent of Rhode Island golf professionals who competed in the 2011 Rhode Island Open hosted by Kirkbrae CC’s PGA Professional Mike Bradshaw and his outstanding staff. The +2 cut (73) was one of the lowest in recent memory. The following RIPGA members played all three rounds.

T-4 71-72-76 219 (-3) Troy Pare - Wannamoisett
T-18 70-72-72 214 (+1) Brendon Ray - Warwick
T-27 72-72-72 216 (+3) Eddie Kirby - Alpine
47 73-74-74 221 (+14) Justin Ream - Shelter Harbor (apprentice)
48 72-75-81 228 (+15) Bill Maguire - Pt. Judith

Note: Pare, Ray, Kirby & Maguire captured the added RIPGA money to the overall purse.

Rhode Island Open Recap

Montaup’s PGA Head Professional Steve Diemoz placed 8th in the 2011 Section Senior Championship held at Okemo Valley in early August which qualified him for the National Professional Senior Championship this October (top 11 go to nationals). Diemoz fired an impressive 72-70-142 to finish 9 strokes back of eventual champion Rick Korbowski whose 9-under par 133 vaulted him to victory. Also playing this section championship from Rhode Island were: Al Vallante, Charlie Moore, Tony DiGiorgio, Susan Bond & Steve Napoli. Congratulations, Steve!!

NEPGA Championship Recap

Seven RIPGA members made the cut (+10) at Pinehills last week in the Section Championship. Martin and Pare both qualified for the Professional National Championship (PNC) to be held next June on Monterrey Peninsula, CA. The final two PNC spots were determined in a 3 for 2 playoff at +8, as Brent Amaral is 3rd alternate after finishing just one stroke out of this playoff for 10th and 11th place!

Congrats to Maine’s John Hickson who beat Vermont’s Ron Philo in a playoff for the win both finishing 2 strokes clear of Martin.

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T-3 72-71-73 216 E $4,350 Jeff Martin - Pt. Judith
6 78-72-69 219 +3 $2,960 Troy Pare - Wannamoisett
15 75-77-73 225 +9 $1,240 Brendan Amaral - Acoaxet
T-19 76-72-78 226 +10 $855 Ed Kirby - Alpine
T-19 74-73-79 226 +10 $855 Brian Owens - N. Kingstown
T-40 78-73-79 230 +14 $466 Dave Tiedeman - Shelter Harbor
T-52 76-76-81 233 +17 $350 Jim Corrigan - Misquamicut

Note: Pare, Ray, Kirby & Maguire captured the added RIPGA money to the overall purse.

Player of the Year Updates

So many of our chapter members are well placed in a number of season ending point races. Here is a snapshot of all the interesting categories: Best of luck the rest of the way!

THE WOGAN – Section Player of Year
1. Jeff Martin - Pt. Judith 19 Brent Amaral - Acoaxet
2. Troy Pare - Wannamoisett 17 Brian Owens - N. Kingstown
3. Ed Kirby - Alpine

RIPGA Chapter Player of Year
1. Brian Owens - N. Kingstown
2. John Rainone - N. Kingstown
3. Bob Tramonti - Triggs
4. Rick Finlayson - CountryView
5. Ed Kirby - Alpine
6. Paul White - Fall River
7. Brent Amaral - Acoaxet
8. Brad Gardner - Metacomet
9. Dave Tiedeman - Shelter Harbor
10. Troy Pare - Wannamoisett

NEAA Player of Year
3 Jeff Martin - Pt. Judith
4 Bob Tramonti - Triggs
8 Brendon Ray - Warwick
9 Brian Owens - N. Kingstown
15 Bill Maguire - Pt. Judith

Ahead Championship Qualifying Points
1 Jeff Martin - Pt. Judith (222 point lead after playing in just 2 of 4 Ahead events)
6 Troy Pare - Wannamoisett
17 Bob Tramonti - Triggs
21 Brendon Ray - Warwick
24 Brian Owens - N. Kingstown
33 Bill Maguire - Pt. Judith
35 Ed Kirby - Alpine
37 Brent Amaral - Acoaxet
44 John Rainone - N. Kingstown
49 Shane Drury - Swansea
59 Susan Bond - Weekapaug
60 Al Vallante - Atlantic

Note: After final Ahead event at Purpoodok CC, Portland, ME on Sept. 14th, the top 36 qualify for the Ahead Finals scheduled for Oct. 4th at Turner Hill!

Upcoming Chapter Events

Tuesday, Sept. 20: Pro-3Am, Acoaxet 12:30 SG
Tuesday, Sept. 27: Chapter Championship, Misquamicut 36 holes/ tee-times
Thursday, Oct. 13: Pro-Pro Championship, Pawtucket 12:30 SG (chapter meeting prior to Pro-Pro – 11:00 AM)
Thursday, Oct. 20: Pro-1Am Scratch Champ, Warwick  Tee-times/ 10 AM

To all chapter members: please sign up now for these great events!

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

The NH Chapter Championship was held at North Conway CC on August 15-16 and was won by Matt Arvantis, Lake Sunapee CC assistant professional who carded a 36-hole score of 144. Three pros were tied for second at 146: Jim Sheerin, Abenaqui CC head professional; Marc Spencer, Windham CC; and Todd Rollins, Laconia CC head professional. Greg Sandell of Golf Club of New England was fifth with a score of 147. Sheerin was declared the Senior Champion for the ninth time in his career. The event was played in miserable weather as steady rain persisted throughout the two-day event.

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Waterville CC dominates the Pro-Lady Championship at Springbrook GC

A total team effort....
Don Roberts 66
Ann Probert 70
Deb Gardner 71
Sharon Precece 79

Don Roberts and Waterville CC won the Pro-Lady Championship with a 15 under par total of 129. Kudos to Don for also winning low professional honors with his 66.

The Chapter would like to thank Joe Tierney and our partners at Callaway Golf for supporting the event. Joe distributed shirts to all the professionals. The ladies also enjoyed their tee gift from Scentsy.

Mark Your Calendars...
Starting September 1st professionals can register for the Southern Swing Pro-Am Series as well as the Portland Pro-Am and Woodlands Pro-Am.

Congratulations, John!
The Maine Chapter would like to congratulate John Hickson for winning the NEPGA Championship at Pinehills GC. We are all very proud of John on his stellar play last week.

CCE Player of the Year Standings as of August 26

1 Bob Darling, Jr. Fox Ridge 304.00
2 Jeff Seavey Samoset 285.16
3 John Hickson Dick's 277.50
4 Shawn Warren Falmouth 254.16
5 Tim Desmarais Purpooodock 238.50
6 Mike Dugas JW Parks 231.99
7 Don Roberts Waterville 210.00
8 David Grygiel Tee N’Tee 205.50
9 Nick Glicos Martindale 177.96
10 Jace Pearson Martindale 174.80

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NHC members participated. Prior to the start of round two, Joe Clark, Sr. and Russ Niven, lifetime PGA and NHC members hit ceremonial tee shots on the first hole. With his victory in the NHC Championship, Arvanitis increased his NHC Player of the Year lead to 50 points over his nearest competitor, Dan Wilkins of Laconia CC.

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Pictured right: Jim Sheerin (L) of Abenaqui CC congratulates Matt Arvanitis (R) of Lake Sunapee CC upon winning the 2011 NHC Championship at North Conway CC while Barry ”Pudge” Pearson, NHC Tournament Chairman looks on.
New Members

Name  Class  Facility
Marcus Green, PGA  A-8  Turner Hill GC
Brian Hayes, PGA  A-8  New Seabury Cape Cod

New Apprentices

Name  Class  Facility
Ansel Orne  B-8  Northport GC
Steven Steiner  B-8  Penobscot Valley CC

New Transfers into Section

Name  Class  Previous Section
John Kan, PGA  A-13  Carolinas

Classification Changes

Name  Class  Facility
David Johnson, PGA  A-9  Bay Pointe CC

Employment Changes

Name  Class  Start  Facility
David Johnson, PGA  A-9  6/22  Bay Pointe CC

New Quarter Century Members

Name  Class  Facility  Date
Jim Bottary, PGA  LM  7/31
Bradford Durrin, PGA  A-13  Shattuck GC  7/31
Peter Farley, PGA  A-1  North Andover CC  7/31
Mark Fogg, PGA  A-1  Dunegrass GC  7/31
Jane Frost, PGA  A-6  Sandwich Hollows GC  7/31
Colin Gillies, PGA  A-4  Traditions GC  7/31
Ron Hewins, PGA  A-4  Bass River GC  7/31
Gary Soule, PGA  A-1  Samoset Resort GC  7/31

*These reports reflect changes made between July 29, 2011 and August 29, 2011.

NEPGA September PROfile

PROfile: Frederick J. Auletta, PGA
Year turned Pro: 1995
Facility: Manchester Country Club
Click here to view entire PROfile.

GROWING THE GAME!

Northeast Accessible Golf Veterans Clinic at the VA Hospital in Brockton, MA (L) & Special Olympics of Massachusetts (R)

For more on the Northeast Accessible Golf Association, click here to view the video on NEPGA.com’s Community Outreach page.

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