



# SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

## 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](http://www.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](http://www.tgolf.com).

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2011 SEPTEMBER SPONSORS



## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS

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 Worroll, 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 my 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 Playoffs. 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 Mikan for sponsoring.

We can't say good-bye to August without saying Thanks to host professionals Jim O'Mara, 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



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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 Stearns, 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



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CareerLinks

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.

# Self-Promotion

By Michael Packard, PGA Employment Consultant

*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

Communication, an element that is vital in all working relationships, communication was at the top of the list. Find a time, (not only once a year) to proactively approach your owner or operator and request a conversation. Spontaneity will automatically create a less formal arena which will make both parties comfortable during a time that can be filled with awkwardness.

“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.



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# CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

## CAPE COD CHAPTER

### 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 years' Professional National Championship (PNC) to be held on Monterrey 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	223	\$2,245	Bob Miller -The Club of Yarmouthport
T-19	79-70-77	226	\$855	Steve Hanlon - The Brookside Club
T-28	76-75-76	227	\$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 - Kittansett Club
T-40	78-70-82	230	\$447	Rusty Gunnarson - Rochester
57	78-73-84	235	\$350	Jay Wick - Old Sandwich
T-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.

### Prato Sponsors Two Events!

**PRATO** 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 Ballmeade 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!

3	Brad Wheatley - Cape Cod Natl	44	Frankie Martinez - Wianno
4	Tom Tobey - Bay Pointe	48	Rusty Gunnarson - Rochester
20	Greg Yeomans - The Bay Club	50	Joe Cordani - New Bedford
26	Chris Doherty - Old Sandwich		

### 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	15THgolfclub.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

### Upcoming Cape Cod Chapter Events

W/TH Sept. 14/15: Pro-2am-1Member, Sankaty Head GC *Sponsored by Callaway/Peter Guild*

Tue 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 Hallett/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, Wianno

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	71-72-67	210 (-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	73-79-75	227 (+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 Karbowski whose 9-under par 133 vaulted him to victory.



Harry Rose and Susan Bond, AKA Sonny and Cher, entertain the troops at Okemo during the 2011 Senior Championship!

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.

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	Brent 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

### 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*

2	Jeff Martin - Pt. Judith	19	Brent Amaral - Acoaxet
4	Troy Pare - Wannamoisett	27	Brian Owens - N. Kingstown
17	Ed Kirby - Alpine		

#### *RIPGA Chapter PLAYER OF YEAR*

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

#### *NEEA PLAYER OF YEAR*

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

#### *AHEAD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING POINTS*

1	Jeff Martin - Pt. Judith (222 point lead after playing in just 2 of 4 Ahead events)	33	Bill Maguire - Pt. Judith
6	Troy Pare - Wannamoisett	35	Ed Kirby - Alpine
17	Bob Tramonti - Triggs	37	Brent Amaral - Acoaxet
21	Brendon Ray - Warwick	44	John Rainone - N. Kingstown
24	Brian Owens - 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 Arvanitis, Lake Sunapee CC assistant professional who carded a 36-hole score of 144. Three pros were tied for second at 146: Jim Sheerin, Abeniqui 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. Forty

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## MAINE CHAPTER

### Waterville CC dominates the Pro-Lady Championship at Springbrook GC

A total team effort....

Don Roberts 66  
Ann Probert 70  
Deb Gardner 71  
Sharon Preece 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	Purpoodock	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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## VERMONT CHAPTER

The Pro Am at CC of Barre on August 1st was hosted by Roger King, PGA. Cynthia Riley from Foot-Joy provided Dry Shoes for all amateur closest to the pin winners. The winning gross team with a score of 136 was led by host PGA Professional Roger King and his CC of Barre team. The winning net team with a score of 131 was led by Jeff Gentes and his team from Burlington CC. Both contests were settled by a sudden death playoff. Low professional scores were Roger King, PGA and Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC with 72's.

The Pro Am at Woodstock CC on August 8th was hosted by Jim Gunnare, PGA. The winning gross team was led by RJ Austin, PGA, Sugarbush GC with a score of 63. The winning net team was led by Jim Cruickshank, PGA, Okemo Valley GC with a score of 57. Low Professional scores were Rodney Bicknell, PGA, Neshobe GC with a score of 67, followed by Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC with a 71.

On August 15th, the Vermont Chapter held our Pro I Am Championship at St. Johnsbury CC hosted by Josh Young, PGA. John Carey and Srixon/Cleveland golf provided tee gifts, wedges for closest to pin contests, and bags for the winners. The Chapter sends a big thank you to John and his companies for their contributions. Due to weather conditions, the format was changed from 36 holes to 18 holes. A four hole playoff was required to determine this year's champs. Mike Slayton, Stowe Mountain Club and his amateur brother Dave beat Justin Bonnett, PGA, Lake Moree CC and his partner Billy Ross III. Both teams finished with best ball scores of 67.

Congratulations to Ron Philo, Stowe Mountain Club, RJ Ziats, Stratton Mountain CC and Roger King, CC of Barre on their outstanding play at the NEPGA Championship at Pinehills Golf Club. All three Vermont Chapter Members have qualified for the PNC being held at Monterrey, CA. Ron made up two shots on the final hole to force a playoff with John Hickson at -2. Ron lost on the second playoff hole. RJ played in the final group and placed 7th. Roger had one of only two sub par rounds during the final round and placed 8th. Also making the cut were Chapter members Zack Wyman, Vermont National CC and Todd Trono, Williston GC.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER *Continued...*

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.

**Pictured right: Jim Sheerin (L) of Abenaki 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

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

## New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Ansel Orne	B-8	Northport GC
Steven Steiner	B-8	Penobscot Valley CC

## New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
John Kan, PGA	A-13	Carolinas

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

## Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
David Johnson, PGA	A-9	Bay Pointe CC

## Employment Changes

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

## New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>
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

## 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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