

# SEPTEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Whether Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer, the beginning of the school year, the start of football season, or that the golf season begins to slow down, the New England PGA Staff hopes you and your family had a happy and safe Labor Day!

I am so honored and excited to hear how many New England Section facilities participated in Patriot Golf Day. We will be sure to give you Section totals when we receive those numbers. Thank you to everyone who helped to raise money for our wounded veterans and their families.

Since our last Newsletter, the New England PGA has crowned two new Section Champions! Dan Wilkins, Five Star Golf Cars beat a strong field at the Okemo Valley GC to win the Seniors Championship, and Eddie Kirby, Alpine CC held the lead for all three days against the largest Section Championship field in the country to win the NEPGA's premier event. Thank you very much to our three Championship host PGA Professionals and their facilities; Jim Remy, PGA (Okemo Valley), Frank Dully, PGA (Kernwood CC) and Kevin Wood, PGA (Salem CC).

This September we will see our Section's Assistant Professionals clash at Tedesco CC on the 19th & 20th for the Assistant Championship, and the Tournament Committee should be commended for their efforts to help resurrect the 2012 New England Open! The NE OPEN will be played at Cyprian Keyes GC on September 11 & 12 and will hopefully be the catalyst that brings New England's season ending Open Championship back to its days of glory.

On Thursday, August 30th sixty three New England PGA Professionals volunteered their time to serve as ambassadors at the Deutsche Bank Championship Pro-Am. I would like to express a special thank you to all the volunteers for their time and support. The New England Section's involvement once again added value to the DBC!

This fall the New England Section will be electing the next Director from District I (New England, Connecticut, North East NY) to serve on the National Board of Directors. New England PGA Professionals will have the opportunity to cast their vote for the District I Director at the Section Fall Meeting, or at their Chapters' Fall Meetings. There are more details regarding this election further along in this newsletter.

As I end my September letter to the membership I cannot help but reflect on where our Section and our PGA Professionals were just about one year ago. While many Vermont residents were attending block parties and parades this Labor Day weekend, others were observing a moment of silence, and still others continued to clean up the mess from Hurricane Irene. Vermont's Governor Shumlin called for a bell-ringing commemoration and church and town hall bells rang out throughout the valleys where the floodwaters devastated roads and bridges, homes and businesses and even some of our golf courses.

Two weeks ago Keegan Bradley visited Vermont and hosted a fundraiser to help to raise money for the Vermont Flood Relief efforts. Many of our facilities have come a long way in one year's time, but there are many that have a long way still to go.

When I sometimes think that I am having a bad day or I have a task that I know I do not enjoy, I think about something Mark Twain once said. He wrote that if the first thing you do each morning is to eat a live frog, you can go through the rest of your day with the satisfaction of knowing that will probably be the worst thing that is going to happen to you all day. Moral of the story is some of our bad days are not that bad, and sometimes to accomplish what we want...we must eat that frog!

Please reach out to me if there is ever anything I can do, and I hope to see you soon. God Bless America!

Respectfully yours,

Michael Higgins  
Executive Director  
New England PGA



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## DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR ELECTION

The New England Section Fall Meeting will be held at Kernwood CC on October 26, 2012. In 2012 the New England Section will conduct an election for the District 1 Director. Two candidates have submitted the proper paperwork and have announced their candidacy for this position. Donnie Lyons, PGA from the Reedy Meadow GC and Jim Tobin, PGA from the Gannon Municipal GC. Both men are Past Presidents of the Section and are more than qualified to hold this position. (Please take the time to read the letters from the candidates on pg. 3.)

The New England Section is one of the three Sections that make up District 1. Included in District 1 are the Connecticut, the New England, and the North Eastern New York PGA Sections. Every three years a new District Director is elected to sit on The PGA of America Board of Directors.

The NEPGA Board of Directors voted to allow PGA Professionals to vote for the District 1 Director at not only the New England Section Fall Meeting, but also at their Chapter's Fall Meeting. Chapter members will register to vote at their Chapter Meeting and a New England PGA staff member will be present to collect all ballots. PGA Members will be allowed to vote only once. If you vote at your Chapter Meeting, then you are unable to vote at the Section Meeting.

This is a very exciting time for the New England Section. Every member has a voice and has the opportunity to be heard. We encourage you to attend the New England Section's Fall Meeting at Kernwood CC on Friday, October 26, 2012 and vote, but in the event that you are unable to make the meeting, be sure to attend your Chapter meeting and cast your vote.

The PGA of America Board of Directors is comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Honorary President and 17 directors who establish Association policy. The directors include representatives from each of The PGA's 14 districts, two independent directors and a member of the PGA Tour. The new directors are elected by their local Sections.

## EMPLOYMENT REMINDER

While Mike Packard is out on the road this Fall, he would like to remind PGA Professionals that we now have the Employment tab on the [NEPGA.com](http://NEPGA.com) for your convenience to list any assistants positions for the remainder of 2012 and for 2013.

Please call the Section office at 508.869.0000 or email [jstu-art@pgahq.com](mailto:jstu-art@pgahq.com) to post your opening. Also, please remember to call the office when the position is filled.

## 2012 SECTION &amp; CHAPTER/ASSOC. FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

**NEPGA Section:** Friday, October 26th; Kernwood CC

**Cape Cod Chapter:** Thursday, October 25th; Sandwich Hollows GC, The Bayview Room; 9 am—11 am

**Maine Chapter:** Wednesday, October 10th; Martindale CC; 9 am; Pro-Assistant Championship follows the meeting.

**Massachusetts Chapter:** TBA

**New Hampshire Chapter:** Thursday, October 18th; Lacomia CC; 9 am

**Rhode Island Chapter:** Tuesday, October 16th; Kirkbrae CC

**Vermont Chapter:** Monday, September 24th; CC of Vermont; 2 pm after Pro Pro Championship is completed.

**Assistants' Association:** TBA

**Seniors' Association:** Thursday, October 25th; Kirkbrae CC; in conjunction with the Seniors' Association Championship

## SAVE THE DATE!

The New England PGA will be celebrating our Section's 2012 Award Winners at our annual Special Awards Dinner on Friday, October 26th at Kernwood Country Club in Salem, MA. Please keep an eye out for our e-vites that will be sent to the membership early this month.

## NEPGA MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Jim Sheerin, PGA head professional at Abenauqui CC, is now the Chairman of the NEPGA Membership Committee. Jim can be contacted at 603.964.5335 or [jrspga1@aol.com](mailto:jrspga1@aol.com).

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## LETTERS FROM THE CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR

### ***Donnie Lyons, PGA***

**Reedy Meadow Golf Course**



Dear NEPGA Member,

My name is Donnie Lyons and I am a 25 year PGA of America member. I am a Past President of the New England PGA (1997 – 1999), and I have held elected offices from my time serving the New England Assistants Association straight through New England Section Leadership. I have served on numerous Section Committees, and in 2002 I was honored to receive the New England PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award.

I am running for the opportunity to represent District 1 on the National Board of Directors. If elected, this will be my second time serving the District on behalf of the Connecticut, New England and Northeastern New York PGA Sections. It is my belief that the extensive experience I gained from my first term, along with the personal relationships I have created with the National Staff, as well as the incoming PGA of America President, Ted Bishop, PGA and PGA of America Vice President Derek Sprague, PGA, will be a valuable asset for District 1.

I have a very strong relationship with the leadership of both Connecticut and Northeastern New York PGA Sections from my previous time serving on the Board of Directors as well as during my time as the manager of Derek Sprague's campaign for Secretary. I have strong relations with the Connecticut Section Executive Director, Tom Hantke, PGA, the Northeastern New York Executive Director, Tracie Warner and our own Executive Director, Mike Higgins. Through my hard work and dedication I feel that I have earned not only their confidence, but the confidence of all three Sections.

I feel that my volunteer experience serving at the Chapter, Section and National level make me a qualified candidate to serve as the District 1 Director. Throughout the fall campaign I will be attending Chapter Meetings to meet with New England PGA Professionals in person. I look forward to earning your support and hopefully your vote at the New England Section Fall Meeting.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Donnie Lyons, PGA

### ***Jim Tobin, PGA***

**Gannon Municipal Golf Course**



Fellow New England PGA members,

On October 26, the New England PGA will be electing a new District 1 Director replacing outgoing District 1 Director Suzy Whaley from the Connecticut Section. I have submitted the appropriate paperwork recognizing my candidacy for District 1 Director.

I seek this position to be your voice in expressing and delivering your collective opinions at the National level. This position is about each and every one of us and it is your opinions that are most important. I have the time and energy to devote to the responsibilities that I would be charged with as a District Director.

From 2001 through 2007 I served as Honorary President, President and Secretary Treasurer (now Vice President) of the New England PGA. In 1998 I was elected to the New England PGA Board of Directors as Vice-President representing Eastern Massachusetts and served for three years. I was a member of the Facility Relations Committee for 23 years serving as its Chairman and Co-Chairman for 11 years, (1997-2007). I was a voting delegate to the PGA Annual Meeting four times and an alternate delegate twice.

Also, in 1999 I along with Bill Safrin from the Myopia Hunt Club organized, established and directed the first Massachusetts Chapter of the New England PGA.

These experiences have afforded me the opportunity to work and interact with many members and facilities on an individual basis through Committee work, all Chapters in the five New England states from a Board and Officer perspective and numerous National PGA Presidents and National Staff as I represented New England in various capacities.

I am comfortable in this forum and know I can present our feelings and deliver our message to the National body. It is important that I listen to you, understand your feelings on different issues and move forward with your directives as your District Director.

I have talked with many of you already and look forward to speaking with you both personally and at your Chapter meetings.

Sincerely,

Jim Tobin, PGA

NEPGA Members may cast one vote either at the New England Section's Fall Meeting at Kernwood CC on Friday, October 26, 2012 or your Chapter's fall meeting (see page 2 for fall meeting schedule).



## NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS



It's September! Bad News - The days get shorter, the temperatures get cooler. Good News - The leaves start to change colors and football returns to Foxboro! Make that Great News after the summer of chaos and ineptitude at Fenway.

While September is on the back nine of the golf season in New England, we are still a long way from reaching the clubhouse. We've got a lot of golf left to play on the NEPGA schedule, hope you can join us on some of the beautiful fall days that we are so lucky to experience in New England.

We start with the NEPGA Pro-Senior Club Member sponsored by Callaway Golf. It will be played at Kirkbrae Country Club on Tuesday, September 4. Thanks to PGA Professional Mike Bradshaw for hosting this Championship, open to any NEPGA Professional and three of his club members, who are over the age of fifty on the day of the event. Teams will be vying for both gross and net prizes.

Next up, the New England Open returns, Cyprian Keyes Golf Club provides the challenge for professional and amateur players from all over New England and as far away as Las Vegas, Nevada. (Former NEPGA member Bob Lendzion, PGA.) Past Champion Geoff Sisk is in the field, he will be trying to add a fifth title to his impressive resume for this event. It all takes place on September 11 & 12 at the former home of the New England PGA. Thanks to course owner Bob Frem and PGA Professionals Scott Hickey and John O'Hara for hosting us.

The final AHEAD Stroke Play of 2012 takes place on September 17, and what a finale it will be with the Donald Ross designed Plymouth Country Club and A.J. Petrulak, PGA serving as hosts. This is the final opportunity to become one of the fifty qualifiers for the AHEAD Championship, scheduled for another Ross gem, Belmont Country Club, on October 2.

We have previously decided our 2012 NEPGA Senior and Section Champions; (see recaps below) at the Tedesco Country Club on September 19 & 20, the 2012 NEPGA Assistant Champion will be crowned. 2011 Champion Shawn Warren is back to defend, he will be tested by a strong field, including 2010 Champion Rich Berberian. Thanks to Cobra Puma Golf and Clem Lamarre for sponsoring and to PGA Professional Bob Green and Superintendent Peter Hasak for hosting.

Last on the calendar for the month, but far from least, the NEPGA TaylorMade Head Professional Championship takes place on September 26 at the beautiful Abenaki Country Club. David Corrado, PGA took home the title at Granite Links last year. Jim Sheerin, PGA, and one of the best, Superintendent Pat Kelley, are our hosts.

Lots of important events and titles to be decided in September; let's hope you can find time to take part in at least a few of them.

Now to what happened in August, the month on the NEPGA tournament schedule when two major Championships are decided. The first was the NEPGA Seniors Championship. Hosted once again by Okemo Valley Golf Club, Dan Wilkins, PGA after knocking on the door for a couple of years, walked right through it this time. A final round of 65 allowed Wilkins to finish at seven under par for the Championship and slide by first round leader, Allen Menne, PGA and claim his first NEPGA Seniors Championship. Menne, who was the low scorer in the 55-59 age division, finished three shots back in a tie for second with Steve Diemoz, PGA.

Wilkins and Diemoz lead the seven NEPGA qualifiers for the Southworth PGA Senior Professional Championship that will be played October 11-14 in Virginia. Past Seniors Champions Paul Parajeckas, PGA, the low scorer in the 60-69 age division, Rick Karbowski, PGA and Jim Sheerin, PGA also advanced, along with Mike Baker, PGA and Bill Andrews, PGA.

The 70 and over age division winner was another past NEPGA Seniors Champion, Jay Dolan, PGA who edged out Past President of the NEPGA, Jack Neville, PGA. PGA of America Honorary President, Jim Remy, PGA once again was our gracious host. Many thanks to everyone at Okemo as well as to host Superintendent Rod Williams, who had the golf course in impeccable condition.

Our second major of the month was the New England Section PGA Professional Championship played this year at the magnificent Kernwood and Salem Country Clubs. Ed Kirby, PGA has played well all season long, he sat atop the Player-of-the Year standings coming into the event and when it was over he had solidified his position at the top of the Wogan list.

Kirby led after each of the first two rounds. A valiant effort on the part of Jeff Seavey, PGA, (all he did was make two eagles on his final nine) erased a three stroke deficit and tied Kirby during the final round. However, Kirby hung tough and made clutch putts on both the seventeenth and eighteenth greens to claim his first New England Section Professional Championship by a single stroke. Defending Champion John Hickson, PGA put up a strong defense of his title, finishing strong for a solo third place finish.

In addition to Kirby, Seavey and Hickson, ten other players qualified for next year's PNC that will be played at Sun River Resort in Oregon, June 23-26, 2013; they are past NEPGA Champions Kirk Hanefeld, PGA, Frank Dully, PGA and Troy Pare, PGA. Also heading west to represent the New England Section will be Jeff Martin, PGA, Boomer Erick, PGA, Matt Arvanitis, PGA, Mike Dugas, PGA, Marc Spencer, PGA, Travis Hall, PGA and Rick Karbowski, PGA. Past PNC winner Ron Philo, PGA who was exempt from qualifying will also be there.

In what may be a New England Section Championship record, four, yes, four, hole-in-one's were recorded during the Championship.

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## THANK YOU, DBC AMBASSADORS!

2012 DBC Pro-Am Ambassadors: Thank you for representing the New England PGA at yesterday's Deutsche Bank Championship Pro-Am. The weather was perfect and I am sure that your efforts on the course and at the range were greatly appreciated. Your MSR hours have been posted. If you have any suggestions or comments, please send me an email at [jstuart@pgahq.com](mailto:jstuart@pgahq.com). Save the date for 2013: Thursday, August 29th! **Thank you to the following Ambassadors:**

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Kidsfest

New England PGA Professionals are needed to give free ten-minute lessons at Kidsfest at Wachusett Mountain Ski Area in Princeton, MA on Saturday, September 22nd and Sunday, September 23rd. There are two shifts on both days:

Shift One: 10am-1:30pm

Shift Two: 1:30pm – 5pm

For volunteering your time, PGA members will receive four (4) MSR credits. If you are interested in helping out please contact the Section Office at 508-869-0000 or email [Jacy Settles](mailto:jacsettles@pgahq.com) at [jacsettles@pgahq.com](mailto:jacsettles@pgahq.com).

### Veterans Clinics

Volunteers are needed to give free golf lessons to veterans and disabled veterans for Fall golf clinics at Braintree Municipal Golf Course. The clinics will run for six weeks on Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm. Please contact Bob Beach at [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov) or 781-843-6513x2 to volunteer or for more information.

### Special Needs Clinics

Braintree Municipal GC will host a special needs clinic every Monday night from 5:30-7:30 until the NEPGA/Special Olympic Tournament on October 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Putting for Autism clinics will be held on alternating Mondays. Volunteers are needed to help with the instruction. PGA members who volunteer from 5:30-7:30 will earn 2 MSR credits. Bob Beach will be available to help train and guide any volunteers in working with people with different abilities. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Bob Beach at 781-843-6513 or email [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov).

Visit the "Community Outreach" page on NEPGA.com found under "About Us" to view new volunteer opportunities.



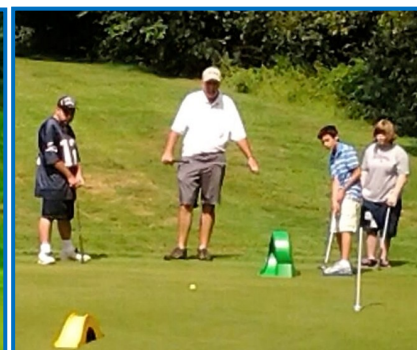
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Tiger Woods and DBC Pro-Am Ambassador, Jacy Settles

## GROWING THE GAME!

*Accessible Golf Program at Cedar Hills GC with Bob Beach, PGA*



## 2012 NEW ENGLAND PGA AWARD WINNERS SPOTLIGHT

### **2012 NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year** **Brendan Walsh, PGA The Country Club**



*At what age did you begin to play golf?* 5

*Who taught you the game?* My Father, Bill Walsh

*Where did you go to school?* College of Wooster, Wooster, OH

*When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?* Summer after graduating from College. Worked for Jim Fitzgerald at Sankaty Head Golf Club. Went there for a summer job to live on Nantucket and left with a career. He was a terrific role model and he encouraged me to pursue the business. Never looked back.

*Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?* The Country Club, Pine Valley & Royal Dornoch

*What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?* Family and health & fitness

*What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?* Have made the golf experience at all the facilities that I have been employed more enjoyable.

### **2012 Merchandiser of the Year-Private** **Todd Cook, PGA Milton Hoosic Club**



*At what age did you begin to play golf?* I was introduced to the game at age 6 by my grandfather, who would take me for walks at Unicorn in Stoneham, MA. We'd find all the balls we could in the woods and then hit them into the grown-over, old back nine until we lost them all again.

*Who taught you the game?* My grandfather gave me the basics and then I was self-taught until becoming a pro in 1997.

*Where did you go to school?* NC State University

*When did you decide to become a PGA Professional and why?* I was working the cart barn at Lochmere GC in Cary, NC through college and heard the assistants always talking about taking their P.A.T.'s. I couldn't play in college and was interested in seeing wear I stood competitively, so when I returned home from school I took a PAT, passed and started my career at Salem CC.

*Of all the courses that you have played, which one is your favorite?* Such a hard question to answer, but I've recently put LA Country Club North very high on the list...

*What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?* As seldom as it happens I really appreciate cookouts with the family and fishing with friends. Strangely, I enjoy yard work.

*What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?* I recently had a parent tell me that their two kids (ages 2 & 6) were playing a game of "Pro Shop" in the back yard. The boys both wore caps with their sunglasses propped on top. One claimed to be Todd and the other, Greg (after one of my assistants). They remarked that their pro shop was out in the back yard.

I hope to make that kind of impression on all the kids that I share the game of golf with and would like to guide and inspire all of the professionals that I ever work with.

## CHAPTER EDUCATION SEMINARS

Reminder: the schedule of Education Opportunities sponsored by the Chapters under your Education Chair, Brendan Walsh, PGA and his committee members has been posted on NEPGA.com. As we receive the schedules, they will be listed in the Mixed Bag, Newsletter, and posted on the web site under the main navigation: Programs. Click [here](#) to visit the website to see what seminars are currently available!

## NEPGA SEPTEMBER PROFILE



PROfile: **David Moore, PGA**

Year turned Pro: 1984

Facility: Squirrel Run GC

Click [here](#) to view entire PROfile.



## GOLF 2.0 MESSAGE



# GOLF 2.0

GROWING THE GAME  
Friends, Family, Fun!

### Player Development = Your Future It's Personal

Well the summer has ended and the best time of the year to play golf in New England has arrived! The fall is the perfect time to transition all the new players we have created to the golf course. Most of the leagues at our facilities have ended and now that football season is here, it is hard to even give away tee times on Sunday afternoons. Take advantage of these quiet times to get new players out and feeling comfortable with your facility. At Brookline we used to offer Get Golf Ready Graduate Outings on Sunday afternoons. This included 9 holes of golf with a golf cart at a very reasonable price. We also encouraged the new players to bring along a friend and family member and they would receive the same special. The reason for this was because most likely in the future these new players would continue to play and learn where they were first introduced to the game and we wanted them to think of Brookline whenever they thought of golf! The next move was to then get these new players interested in the "Stress Free" Beginner's League in the spring. As we develop players we need to remember that the favorite part of learning the game is the **PGA Professional** that taught them and they want to continue to hear about upcoming events at our facilities. Let's all try and get our new players out onto the golf course and playing this great game that we have a passion for!

Brian Bain, PGA  
PGA Player Development Regional Manager ~ Boston

## SCHUSTERS' TRIP TO SCOTLAND

Top: Phil Schuster, PGA and son, Zach on the Swilken Bridge on the Old Course's 18th hole at St. Andrews.

Left: Carnoustie

Bottom Right: Scottish Support Vehicle



## TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

Shout outs to the acers, Adam Hemeon, PGA and Bob Darling, PGA both on Hole #12 at Salem, Frank Dully, PGA on Hole #14 at Salem and David Perroni, PGA who recorded his ace on Hole #9 at Kernwood.

A huge Thank You to the membership at both facilities for allowing us access to their wonderful facilities and kudos to Host PGA Professionals, Kevin Wood and Frank Dully for their hospitality. Finally, I personally want to thank both Superintendents and their crews for their tireless work in preparing the golf courses; they were in true Championship condition. Kip Tyler, Salem and John Eggleston, Kernwood, I owe them both a huge debt of gratitude, they made my job easy.

There were a couple of other important events on the calendar in August. On Monday, August 13 the long time Section supported charity event "The Coakley" Pro-Am was played at Charles River and Woodland Country Clubs.

At Charles River, Jacob Leech, PGA took advantage of home course knowledge to claim low pro honors with a 68, while also helping his team claim low net at 59. Adam Hemeon, PGA captained his team to low gross at 63. Frank Dully, PGA and Ae Cahill were the low individual professional scorers at Woodland with two under par 70's. PGA Professionals Tim Tarcha and Donnie Lyons guided their teams to low gross (65) and low net (59) respectively at Woodland. The NEPGA is honored to be a part of this event. Special thanks to Jim O'Mara, PGA and Ted Griffin, PGA for hosting.

We also visited Sterling National for our Senior-Junior Professional Championship, presented by Mizuno and supported by Antigua, on Tuesday, August 28. Rain in the morning softened the course and then (with the exception of a brief downpour) gave way to sunny skies. The team of John Hickson, PGA and Bob Darling, PGA took advantage of the pristine putting surfaces recording a better ball of nine birdies and an eagle without dropping a shot to post an eleven under par 60. Greg Sandell, PGA and Dave Grygiel, PGA were neat at 62, followed by newly crowned NEPGA Champ Ed Kirby, PGA and David Balulik, PGA who posted a 63. It was great to be back at Sterling National, the golf course was in exceptional shape thanks to Superintendent Tim Gerzabek and Bill Cunningham, PGA was a great host.

There is still more tournament golf to be played in October as we wrap up year long competitions and get back into more relaxed and fun events, the fall Pro-Ams. So keep an eye on the weekly "Mixed Bag" emails and at [nepga.com](http://nepga.com) for updates and more information on all things tournaments, we'll be back with more news next month.

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## LAST ROUND FOR CCJGA FOUNDERS

*Cape Cod Times / by Geoff Converse*

The numbers speak volumes – 20 years of annually overseeing 350-400 junior golfers from ages 9-17.

That's a lot of kids, many of whom are thankful for the rules learned, the etiquette acquired and the life lessons they have garnered from John and Peg Flynn.

For the past two decades, this Falmouth couple has met, mentored and staged tournaments for junior golfers since their own children expressed an interest in golf back in 1982.

Tuesday was the last time these dedicated people will alter summer plans to help run the Cape Cod Junior Golf Association as the current co-directors are stepping down from one of the most rewarding, yet labor intensive positions a person could ask for.

They remember most of the juniors like it was yesterday when they first hosted rules seminars, taught – with the guidance and assistance of local area pros – the way the game is played and how to comport oneself on a golf course.

When a match is over, it brings a smile to one's face to see a 9-year-old with his oversized hat bearing some company golf logo taken off his or her head and their small, yet determined hands thrust out to shake his or her opponent's hand congratulating and thanking them for the round of golf they just played.

A microcosm of what is learned in the Cape Cod Junior Golf Association.

Respect is a key word in the CCJGA and the Flynns have always insisted on it. They treat the kids and their parents respectfully and expect the same in return. That's the way it has been for the CCJGA's 21-year history.

When their twins – Michael and Kate – were 8 years old, they expressed an interest in playing golf. For a young family living on a limited budget, that meant finding something affordable, yet something that would help the Flynn twins improve and perhaps grow to enjoy the game.

"Michael really wanted to play so I called a lot of the courses trying to get prices and the best deal around was Cotuit Highground Golf Club," John Flynn said. "They said Michael could play for \$5 and I could tag along for a reduced fee. We were all excited, jumped in the car and as we came up Quinnaquisset Ave. (Mashpee) to get to the course, we pulled into this lavish facility. I'm thinking this is amazing for just \$5.

"It turned out we pulled into Willowbend Country Club," Flynn added with a laugh. "They were very nice and told us how to get to Cotuit Highground. We eventually got here and we had a blast."

If you're not familiar with the storied nine-hole, par-28 layout in the village of Cotuit, it harkens back to the old New England golf course days – a rustic clubhouse that is austere, yet welcoming. It has the big porch where weekly tournament

participants gather after a round and pop a few refreshments and take verbal jabs at each other about the day's activities. It is the antithesis of lavish clubhouses with air conditioning and cuisine offerings that are fit for Parisian restaurants.

Want a hot dog, a burger or something along those lines, the Heher family that runs the place can match anyone for taste and for a modest price.

This little club is where the Flynn family got started with golf and somewhere north of 4,000 junior golfers later, they have touched the lives of many kids.

Local golfers familiar to many – Kenny Lewis, Brett Wanner and Mike Carbone – all of whom went to Division I colleges to play golf – to the current list of quality young players like Hannah and Durham Ghelfi and Rachel Bernstein are part of the history, the lore of the Junior Golf Association under the guidance and direction of the Flynns.

Will they miss it?

"I know I am going to miss the interaction with the kids," Peg said. "I'll miss seeing their personalities change as they mature and grow older."

"It's funny," John added. "Now we are seeing second generations of families. It's amazing."

What most folks don't see is the amount of preparation that goes into each event.

"That's the labor-intensive side of things," Peg added. "The prep work getting everything ready so that when the day of an event arrives, we are set to go."

"When we started doing this, I was 44 years old," John added. "Now it gets harder and harder to physically meet the demands that are required. I am exhausted when a summer ends. I'm getting too old for this. It's time for someone with more energy to take over."

The CCJGA is overseen by the New England PGA and its local Cape Cod Chapter, and it has not named a successor for the Flynns to date.

"I don't know what the timetable is, nor what their plans are for the group," John said. "But I hope they continue to keep it affordable and family-oriented. That has been the key to success for this group. Because it only costs \$10 for each tournament, families with multiple kids who play golf don't go in the poorhouse so the kids can compete. It helps keep that family feeling we have always tried to emphasize."

It seems fitting that the final event that Peg and John Flynn oversaw was where John first played with his son Michael, who just turned 30.

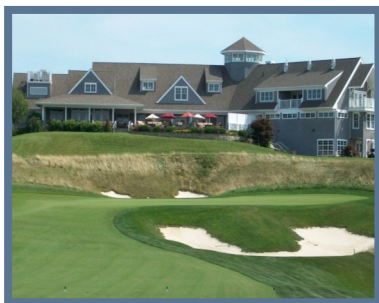
Only this time in the CCJGA's final event of the summer, some 84 players and their families got to say goodbye to a couple that has made life a little more enjoyable for a number of young golfers on Cape Cod.



## CAPE COD CHAPTER



## TOBEY & KIRBY TOP FIELD AT TGC STABLEFORD



Two of the region's top players shared low pro honors at the Chapters' final summer Pro-Am recently held at THE GOLF CLUB OF CAPE COD, Bay Pointe's Tommy Tobey and Alpine's Eddie Kirby, both amassing 36 points in the Stableford format.

It was a sign of things to come as Rhode Island's Kirby won the NEPGA Championship just one week later. Meanwhile, Tobey, a former runner-up in the Section Championship was more than pleased with his victory after battling a number of nagging injuries all summer, limiting his play. Brookside's Chad Schofield and LeBaron Hills' Tom Rooney placed one point in arrears of the winners.

## MR. ALTERNATE...of 2012

In his first season back as a member of our Section, former Connecticut Section PGA champion and now PGA Assistant at The Bay Club, John Paesani can take both pride and a sense of frustration in garnering the dubious daily double of earning alternate status in both the PNC and Senior PNC after his fine play in August.

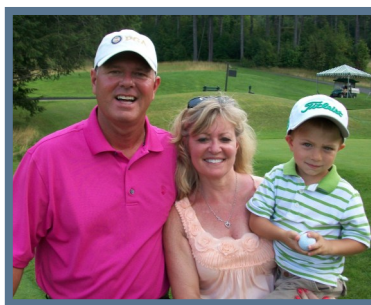
John posted the low 54-hole score (70-74-72--216) of all Cape Chapter players (14 in all) at Salem CC in the Section Championship – good for T-18. Just two strokes lower would have solidified the last spot for next summer's PNC scheduled for Oregon in June. Sankaty Head's PGA Assistant Pro Jake Pleczkowski finished one stroke behind Paesani, checking in with an excellent 2-over par effort, 71-75-71--217, placing him T-21 in the 195 player field.



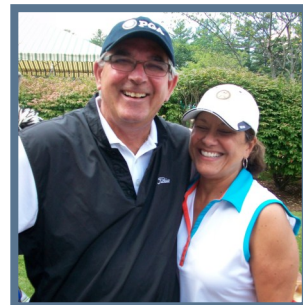
## Rusty Gunnarson

Meanwhile, earlier in August, in his Senior Championship debut, Paesani's 70-74 --144 was one stroke from earning a trip to the Senior PNC contested in Virginia this October. Oddly, in addition, all three of the alternates for the Senior PNC are Chapter members: Paesani, Rochester's Rusty Gunnarson and Halifax's Bobby Giusti while Bob Miller was just two more strokes back!

Former Chapter stand-out Allan Menne, now PGA Head Pro at Poland Springs/Maine, finished in solid T-2 after shooting an outstanding 67-69--136 (4-under par). In all, 9 Chapter members made the Vermont trek to Okemo Valley GC for the annual late summer gathering of "old-timers" highlighted by obligatory songs offered up by all the rookies at the banquet after round one. American Idol...it was not!



### The Demers' & friend



## The Giusti's

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 6th - Adams Golf Pro-3Am -  
CC of New Bedford - sponsored by Matt Howard

Tuesday, Sept. 18th - Pro-3 Senior Am -  
Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds

Thursday, Sept. 20th - THE 26th Annual CAPE COD CUP -  
Hyannisport Club – sponsored by FootJoy

Thursday, Sept. 27th - THE CALLAWAY CHAPTER  
CHAMPIONSHIP - CC of New Seabury

Wed/Thurs, Oct. 10/11 - The Island Classic at Sankaty Head – sponsored by Callaway (sold out)

Tuesday, Oct. 16th - Pro-3 Am - The Wianno Club

Tue/Wed, Oct. 23/24 - Cape Cod PGA Match Play  
Championship - Woods Hole GC

Monday, Oct. 29th - TRI-CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP -  
Marshfield CC (Mass Chapter-hosts)

*Tuesday, Oct. 30th - Pro-3 Am - The Bay Club*

Results from the above events will play a major role in determining the eventual Dutch Wessner POY sponsored by Taylor-Made's Jamie Griffiths – with Balylmeade's PGA Head Professional clinging to a slim lead over 3-time POY Greg Yeomans who currently resides in 2nd place going into the fall campaign.



**Pictured right: Top-  
The winning side in  
2011. Bottom- Last  
Years' Chapter  
Champ Results**

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v. CALLAWAY <i>(New Britain)</i>			
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COPDANI	70 72 142	66 69 138	
TEOMANS	70 72 142	66 72 141	
WAVES	70 72 142	73 73 146	
DIXLEY	70 72 142	71 75 146	
WHEATLEY	70 72 142	73 71 146	
GILBERT	70 72 142	73 74 147	
SHERMAN	70 72 142	74 76 147	
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MILLER	70 72 142	74 75 149	
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MICROPP	70 72 142	77 75 152	
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GUNAWAN	70 72 142	76 77 153	
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ZIMMOND	70 72 142	76 78 156	
CAMPBELL	70 72 142	76 79 156	
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v. 81 69 150			

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### VERMONT CHAPTER



On July 30th, the VT Chapter Pro I Am Championship was held at CC of Barre with Roger King, PGA, as our host. We thank Cynthia Riley and FootJoy for their sponsorship and providing FJ shirts to all players. Format was one best ball gross for 36 holes. Our winners were Pat Pelletier, Lake Morey CC and his amateur partner Peter Gaudeau with a total score of 132. In second place there was a tie between Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC and amateur Dave Evans and Josh Young, PGA, St. Johnsbury CC and amateur Brian Hopkins both with scores of 133.

On August 6th, we held another major championship with our Pro Senior at Woodstock CC hosted by Jim Gunnare, PGA. Our winning gross team was led by Pat Pelletier, Lake Morey CC with a 2 best ball of 4 score of 133. Net winners were the team from Burlington CC with John Paul, PGA, leading the way with a team score of 129. Low Professional score was Roger King, PGA, CC of Barre with a 71 followed by Pat Pelletier and John Jackson, Okemo Valley GC with 72's.

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at the Burlington CC on August 13th with John Paul, PGA as our host. We thank our sponsors Pete Gambardella and Joe Tierney with Callaway Golf for their donation of golf balls and shirts for all the players. Net team winners were led by John Pawlak, PGA Tater Hill GC with a score of 55. Host professional John Paul and his team repeated as low gross team with a score of 64. Winning Professional scores included Pat Pelletier, Lake Morey CC with a 67 followed by Roger King, PGA, CC of Barre with a 71.

Our Vermont Junior team placed third at the NE Junior Championships at Taconic CC. A note of interest is that of the seven members of the team, four were the sons of golf course superintendents.



**Vermont Junior Team**

The week of August 20th, the Chapter took a break from our playing schedule and sent 15 Vermont PGA members to the NEPGA Championship in Massachusetts.

On August 27th, we had our largest Pro Am field of the year with 40 teams participating at Dorset Field Club hosted by Erik Sorensen, PGA. Our winning gross team was led by Pat Pelletier, Lake Morey CC with a team score of 61. Net winners were the team from Tater Hill GC led by John Pawlak, PGA, with a score of 53. Low Professional score was Pat Pelletier with a round of 69 followed by Dave Jankowski, Jay Peak GC, Rodney Bicknell, PGA, Neshobe GC, and John Pawlak all with scores of 72.

Upcoming events include a Pro Am at Green Mountain National on Sept. 4th, our VT Chapter Senior Championship at Neshobe GC on Sept. 6th, followed by a Pro Am at Sugarbush GC on Sept. 10th.

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



The New Hampshire conducted its Chapter Championship at North Conway CC in mid-August and Rich Berberian, Jr., Hoodkroft CC Assistant, claimed his third championship in the last four years having won in 2009 and 2010. Berberian shot a 36 hole total of 134 (rounds of 68 and 66) 8-

under par to outdistance his nearest competitors Matt Arvanitis of Concord CC and Greg Sandell, Golf Club of NE, who were tied for second placed with 138. Portsmouth pro Bill Andrews was fourth with 142 and was declared the chapter's senior champion. A total of 41 New Hampshire professionals took part in the event which marked the 35th consecutive year at North Conway. The chapter is grateful to host pro Larry Gallagher and his wife, Kathy for their hard work and dedication to making this annual event such a success.



**Rich Berberian, Jr.**

Upcoming events include the McDonough Scholarship tournament at Manchester CC and the Pro-Senior Championship which is re-scheduled for Pheasant Ridge GC. In September, the chapter visits Bretwood GC on the 4th; Intervale CC for the pro-pro championship on the 10th; Rochester CC on the 17th and finishes the month at Portsmouth CC on the 24th with the pro-gross championship.

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## RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER



### KIRBY'S VICTORY BRINGS TROPHY BACK TO OCEAN STATE

Alpine's PGA Head Professional Eddie Kirby's courageous one-stroke victory in the 2012 NEPGA Championship continues a long tradition of Rhode Island champions in this most prestigious event. He was forced to convert an 8-foot par saving putt on the final hole to post an outstanding 66-69-70--205 (9-under par) holding off the hard charging Jeff Seavey (two eagles in the final round!) by one shot.



**The winning putt!**

In addition to the incredible 4 titles captured by Les Kennedy in the 40's and the 5 won by legendary Dana Quigley from 1985-96, Kirby joins Troy Pare-2005 & Scott Spence-2010 in this exclusive club. Kirby's historic win at Kernwood & Salem not only earns him \$14,000 but he will be joined by Pare (T-7) in the 2013 PNC representing our Chapter next June in Oregon.

Lastly, 8 of the 14 Chapter members who entered the NEPGA Championship made the cut this year!

### INAUGURAL PRO-I JUNIOR SCRATCH DEBUTS AT SEGREGANSETT



**WINNERS - Matt Doyle & Sam Knowlton**

Misquamicut's PGA Assistant Professional Matt Doyle along with 17-yr old partner Sam Knowlton fired a blistering 8-under par 64 to capture the first Titleist-FootJoy Pro-I Junior Scratch championship held at the pristine Segregansett GC hosted by PGA Head Professional Mark Warrenner in mid-August.

This event is sure to become a fixture in years to come as every professional and junior were enthusiastic about the format and wonderful sponsorship by Titleist & FootJoy.



**Sponsors Peter Butt/FootJoy, Dave Moynihan/Titleist & Mark Warrenner/Seggy Head Pro**

Incidentally, Finlayson's partner Charles Anthony who graduated recently from LaSalle Academy and captained his golf team was featured in Sports Illustrated **FACES IN THE CROWD** recently for holing out his drive on the 305 yard 18th hole at Montaup GC in late July to win the RIPGA Junior championship by one shot! In this event, the RIPGA's unique facet in supporting this junior tourney is to place one Chapter professional with each of the groups who make the cut for the 2nd round. Finlayson was paired with Anthony – thus witnessing this once-in-a-lifetime shot.



**Martins place 2nd at 7-under!**



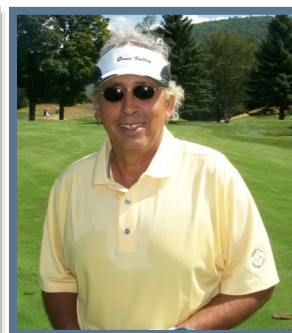
**Bob Giusti-Ray Dimestico & Rick Finlayson-Charles Anthony teams**

### DIEMOZ JUST MISSES IN NEPGA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Montaup's PGA Head Professional Steve Diemoz (pictured right) placed T-2 in the Section Senior Championship held in early August at Okemo Valley GC in the mountains of Vermont. His 68-68--136 (4-under par) effort was 3 strokes shy of champ Dan Wilkins but his stellar play earned him his second consecutive trip to the Senior PNC this fall in Virginia, the lone Rhode Islander to qualify.



Joining Diemoz and enjoying the Vermont hospitality extended by long-time sponsor Terry Frechette were fellow Ocean Staters, the The DiGiorgios (pictured left) and Gary Dorsi (pictured right).



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### MAINE CHAPTER



#### **Maine Chapter Professionals Shine Bright at the NEPGA Section Championship**

We had 8 of the 13 professionals make the cut and 4 of which finished in the top 13. Congratulations to Jeff Seavey, John Hickson and Mike Dugas for qualifying into next year's Professional National Championship.

August was a fairly quiet month for the Chapter with the NEPGA Seniors Championship and NEPGA Championship being held, the Maine Chapter takes a break so our members can showcase their expertise. The one Pro-Am that we did have was very well attended at Waterville CC. Don Roberts, PGA (A-1 Waterville CC) won low professional honors with a 64.

Are you ready for some golf? The Chapter Pro-Am schedule kicks into high gear in September with seven pro-ams scheduled.

Samoset Pro-Am, Wednesday, September 5

"Southern Swing"

Cape Arundel Pro-Am - Tuesday, September 18

Webhannet Pro-Am - Wednesday, September 19

York Pro-Am - Thursday, September 20

Portland Pro-Am Championship - Monday, September 24

Woodlands Pro-Am, Tuesday - September 25

All NEPGA Members and Apprentices are welcome to participate in any of our Pro-Ams (excluding our championships). We hope to see some of you on the tournament road in September.

#### **GOLF 2.0 continues to roll on in Maine...**

The Maine Chapter and Bangor Municipal Golf Course teamed up to give free 5 minute lessons to junior golfers at the Senior League World Series baseball tournament. The event was held at Mansfield Stadium in Bangor on Wednesday, August 15th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Many thanks to PGA Professionals Brian Enman, Rob Jarvis, Ron Bibeau and Colin Gillies for working with nearly 100 kids.

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### RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER *Continued...*

#### **SPEAKING OF SENIORS...**

Our Chapter was well-represented at the popular Section SR/JR held at Sterling last week, with the Kirby-Dave Baluik team finishing 3rd (63), Shane Drury & Al Vallante and John Rainone & Diemoz teams each placing T-8th (66) while Jim Corrigan & Matt Doyle fired a fine 67 good for T-13.

#### **SCHEDULE CHANGE...AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Mohegan Sun/Adams Golf Pro-3Am has been rescheduled for Sept. 20th at the gorgeous Acoaxet GC hosted by PGA Head Professional Brent Amaral and sponsored by Matt Howard/Adams Golf. Sign up now for this event on BlueGolf.



**Acoaxet GC**

The winning 4-some will qualify for Mohegan Sun's fall extravaganza to be held on Oct. 11th at Pautipaug GC in Connecticut.

Also on tap is the CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP to be hosted by Misquamicut's PGA Head Professional Jim Corrigan at his seaside links on Sept. 25th where Troy Pare will defend his 2011 title.

The Chapters' fall meeting is now scheduled for Oct. 16th at Kirkbrae CC – 6:00 PM.

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## New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Nicholas Delsapio, PGA	A-8	Ferncroft CC

## New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
David Jenne	B-8	Eastman Golf Links

## New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>
Larry Gallagher, PGA	A-I	North Conway CC	8/31
John Pawlak, PGA	A-I	Tater Hill GC	8/31

\*These reports reflect changes made between August 3rd and September 3rd.

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