MESSAGE FROM NEPGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Labor Day weekend unofficially marks the end of summer, but at many of our facilities we see a resurgence of members from their days at the beach and their family vacations. It is time to catch our second wind and finish the last two months of the New England golf season strong and on a high note. On behalf of the New England Section Staff we hope that you and your families had a happy and safe Labor Day!

Labor Day weekend is a wonderful fundraising time for the Folds of Honor Foundation and we should all be very honored and proud to have had so many New England Section facilities participate in Patriot Golf Day. Once we receive the New England Section totals we will be sure to announce those numbers to the membership. Thank you to everyone who helped to raise money for our wounded veterans and their families.

Since the August Newsletter the New England PGA has crowned two new Section Champions, both of which were rookies! Eddie Kirby, Alpine CC turned the ripe young age of 50 and competed against a strong field at Woodstock CC to win his first Seniors Championship, and Shawn Warren, Nonesuch River GC, (who became a PGA Member this past April) came from behind to win his first Section Championship. This year’s Championship was the largest Section Championship field in the country! On behalf of a very appreciative group of PGA Professionals, a special thank you to our four Championship host PGA Professionals and their facilities; Jim Gunnare, PGA (Woodstock CC), Troy Pare, PGA (Wannamoisett CC) and Jack Tosone, PGA & Todd Campbell, PGA (Ledgemont CC).

This month we will play our final two major championships of the season. The New England PGA Section Assistant Professionals clash at Spring Valley CC on the 25th & 26th for the Assistant Championship, and the New England Open is back to a 54-hole championship in 2013. The New England Open will be played on September 9 – 11, 2013 at Belmont CC.

On Thursday, August 29th over fifty New England PGA Professionals volunteered their time to serve as ambassadors at the Deutsche Bank Championship Pro-Am. Thank you to Joan Stuart for all her efforts organizing the event and 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!

As you have probably already heard or will see as you continue reading the newsletter, this is an election year for the New England Section. Larry Kelley, PGA has announced his candidacy for New England Section President, Susan Bond, PGA has announced her candidacy for New England Section Vice President and Ron Bibeau, PGA & Troy Pare, PGA have announced their candidacies for Secretary of the New England Section. You will be able to meet and hear the candidates at Chapter Meetings this fall, as well as vote for our Section Leadership at the NEPGA Annual Meeting on Friday, October 25th at Cyprian Keyes GC.

There are many opportunities for PGA Professionals to get involved in the New England Section: Chapter and Section leadership, committee chairman or member, community outreach volunteer, host events and educational opportunities, or even simply participate in events. There are three things you cannot recover in life: the WORD after it is said, the MOMENT after it is missed and the TIME after it is gone. Be Careful!

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
2013 NEPGA AWARDS BANQUET
Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Nashawtuc Country Club

The evening’s festivities will commence with registration and a Cocktail Reception (Cash Bar) from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM followed by Dinner & Honor Presentations from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Tickets are $85 per adult and $25 per child under age of 12. If you have any questions, please contact Joan at the Section office, 508-869-0000. Click here to RSVP online. Click here to view directions to Nashawtuc CC.

SUPPORT FOLDS OF HONOR
Susan Bond, PGA hosted 100 Holes for the Folds of Honor at Weekapaug GC on September 4th. If you would like to make a donation, click here to submit your donation online. Non-PGA members, click “Not already a customer?” on the donation screen to submit your information before making a donation. Your donation also benefits the NEPGA Foundation who will receive 25% of the total contributions. You may also donate to this worthy cause by sending a check made out to New England PGA and mailing it to NEPGA, Folds of Honor Donation, P. O. Box 743, Boylston, MA 01505.

OUIMET SOCIETY NEPGA PRO-AM
The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund would like to again invite the head professionals of the supporting NEPGA clubs to participate in their 15th Annual Ouimet Society NEPGA Pro-Am. The event will be held on Monday, October 7 at the gorgeous Hyannisport Club in Hyannis Port, MA. Golf is a 1:00pm shotgun preceded by lunch and followed by dinner and prizes. The field is limited to 25 professionals. Please RSVP to AmandaP@ouimet.org if you are interested. There is no entry fee, but there is an optional pro pool of $50 per entrant, which the Ouimet Fund contributes towards as well.

Please remember to promote the opportunity of a four year renewable scholarship opportunity with the Ouimet Fund to your golf employees. Applicants may visit www.ouimet.org to request an application. It’s a good reminder for them before they head back to school that the summer is most convenient to request recommendations from both their supervisors and members in advance of the December 1 deadline. Financial Ouimet Scholarships are worth an average of approx. $6,000 annually!

THANK YOU TO OUR 2013 SEPTEMBER SPONSORS
LETTER FROM THE CANDIDATE FOR NEPGA PRESIDENT

Larry Kelley, PGA
Five Star Golf Cars

It is with great honor that I announce my candidacy for President of the New England PGA. Over the last eight years I have been involved at the Section level as District One Director for Vermont and most recently was fortunate and proud to be elected Vice President of the New England PGA. Working towards the office of President and serving in these two positions has given me the experience and education to hold the highest position in our Section.

Many of the topics that I ran on for the office of Vice President still hold true in looking towards the Presidency.

I plan on representing each and every one of you as Chapter and Section members. Regardless of where you live in our Section you will always have a voice in the board room or open access to me as your representative and President.

Employment has and will always be important to me as that is what drives most of us and supports our families. In the past two years as Employment Co-Chair the NEPGA has made great strides in improving member services in this area. We have listened to our members and committee members to make employment easier to access by all members and strive to give employers great advice in the process of hiring a qualified PGA Member.

Education of our Members has always been a passion of mine. My goal as President is to make sure we have relevant programs that increase our knowledge in marketing, growing membership, accounting, and complete golf operations. These areas have not always been a focus but our business is changing and employers are asking more and more from PGA members to help grow and retain membership. I also think learning should be unique, fun and engaging and it should be delivered in ways that appeal to each individual member.

Player Development has been a hot button item for all of our members and for our game. I plan to focus on this area as it will enhance our value as PGA Professionals and add value as a PGA member in your community and at your club.

Some other items that are important to me in my candidacy for President of the New England Section are listed below.

Financial focus on our overall operation and working towards improving our bottom line with an eye on expenses and working towards moving resources in the direction that makes the most sense for our members will be a focus for me as President. As President, I plan on building upon the NEPGA Foundation work that Mike Higgins and the NEPGA Board have done with an eye on enhancing the image and value of our NEPGA Member in New England, and leveraging our brand and resources to benefit each and every Section member.

Working with all of New England’s Allied golf groups to find common ground and improve on the efforts of each group to enhance and grow the game we all love. This will come with improved communication and inclusiveness moving forward as this will only strengthen golf in New England, the NEPGA, and all of our members.

Chapter Representation has always been a focus as District Director and continues to be important moving forward into our Sections’ highest office. As President, I will always be an advocate for the Chapters along with the Seniors and Assistants Associations. The Chapters are what drive our diverse and large Section and makes it the best Section in the PGA of America!

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for making the last two years as your Vice President exciting, rewarding, and educational. I have worked hard at being the best I can be as your Vice President and look forward to working even harder as your next President. The NEPGA is in a great position to keep up the momentum that our current staff and leadership has started. Jimmy Noris, Susan Bond, and all of the Past Presidents, along with the current board are to be commended for the effort and dedication to making our NEPGA Section the best and brightest.

Please come to the fall meeting and get involved in the election process.

Respectfully,

Larry Kelley, PGA
Vice President, New England PGA

NEPGA Members may vote for the officer candidates at the New England PGA Fall Meeting on Friday, October 25th at Cyprian Keyes GC.
Dear Fellow New England PGA Professional,

I hope all of you are having a wonderful and prosperous season.

It may be September, but as we all know time seems to be flying by more quickly each year. That is the reason for my letter. The 2013 Fall NEPGA meeting and elections will be here before we know it. I will be running for the position of Vice President of the New England PGA at that time.

For the past 2 years, I have added to my service to the NEPGA by holding the position of Secretary and have enjoyed meeting new members and assisting others with membership related issues.

I want to continue to serve our membership to a greater scale and it would be an honor to be your Vice President for the New England PGA starting in the fall of 2013.

During the 2013 fall season, I will once again attend all the chapter meetings to make this formal announcement in person. My role will focus on the finances of the section, while I will continue to meet more of our membership, strengthen current relationships and create new ones at golf tournaments and meetings. We should continue to learn and who better to learn from, then our own members and apprentices.

The New England Section is one of the best in the country and I will work closely with the board and most importantly the membership to keep our section strong.

In closing I hope the rest of this season is successful for you and your club.

See you at the Fall Meeting at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club on Friday, Oct 25th.

Sincerely,

Susan Bond, PGA
Secretary, New England PGA

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**LETTER FROM THE CANDIDATE FOR NEPGA VICE PRESIDENT**

_Susan Bond, PGA_

_Weekapaug Golf Club_

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**2013 Fall Meeting Dates**
Dear Ladies/Gentlemen,

I proudly announce my candidacy for the position of Secretary of the New England PGA. I have served our Chapter and Section as the Director from Rhode Island on the New England PGA Board of Directors for the last four years. These past few years I have been fortunate to meet hundreds of PGA Professionals, but for those I have yet to meet, please allow me to give a brief background. I started in the business in 1998 and became a PGA Member in 2003. I have worked at 3 clubs in New England; Mount Pleasant CC, Pleasant Valley CC, and now Wannamoisett CC. I have been employed for the past 6 years as the Head Golf Professional at Wannamoisett CC. I am a past winner of the NEPGA Championship in 2005 and have most recently been selected as the 2013 RIPGA Merchandiser of the Year. In 2009 I was asked by the NEPGA Tournament Chairman to serve on the NEPGA Tournament Committee. I am currently a member of that committee and have been proudly serving on it for the last 5 years. On the Tournament Committee, we are very active in listening to our members and making decisions for the betterment of each and every one of you. Since the day I was asked to serve on the Tournament Committee, I realized that I love serving our association and our PGA Professionals and want to continue serving you. This love all started in 2006 when I started working for Steve Napoli, past president of the NEPGA. While working for Steve for two years, he taught me that you not only need to be great at your job, but you also must give back to the game and your section. I am trying to follow those powerful words.

I am excited to be running for the position of Secretary of the New England Section and I would be honored to serve our members and apprentices as an Officer of the NEPGA, which would allow me to represent each of you at the national level. Our section is in the process of forming a 5013c Golf Foundation and I hope to help grow this if elected. This will help our section and members do so much more once this foundation is fully established. Namely improve the lives of individuals through the game of golf. As a recent host club to the New England PGA Section Championship, I am fully aware of the time and commitment it takes to serve our Section, and I am happy to have the full support of my family and my club.

In closing, I have dedicated my time serving not only the Rhode Island Chapter, but the entire New England Section’s membership over the years. I would be humbled to continue serving our Section members in the many years to come as your Secretary of the NEPGA. I am always approachable and available for questions either via email at tpare@wannamoisett.com or by phone at 401-434-1200. I ask that you attend our Annual Meeting on October 5th at Cyprian Keyes GC, and I would appreciate your vote.

Respectfully,

Troy Pare, PGA
Head Golf Professional
Wannamoisett Country Club

Troy Pare, PGA
Wannamoisett Country Club

Dear PGA Members and Apprentices,

After a long discussion with my family and Board of Directors I have decided to run for the open position of Secretary/Treasurer of The NEPGA Section. My family and Board have given me their full support towards this great opportunity to serve the NEPGA members.

I have been fortunate to have worked in every facet of our industry starting as an assistant at a private club, spending winters as a bag room attendant at a resort facility, working as the Non-Member Head Professional at a semi-private facility, managing and operating a 27 hole Municipal facility and now I am The Executive Director of an allied golf association. I have been involved with the governance of The Maine Chapter of the NEPGA as a Board member since 2009 and currently hold the district director position from Maine on The NEPGA Board.

I have been honored by my peers as the 2008 and 2010 Golf Professional of the Year for The Maine Chapter of The NEPGA, the 2009 and 2013 Junior Golf Leader for The Maine Chapter of The NEPGA, the 2011 Merchandiser of the Year (Public) for The Maine Chapter of The NEPGA and the 2013 Junior Golf Leader for The NEPGA Section.

I have the time and enthusiasm to serve the membership of The NEPGA with integrity, respect and honesty to address every concern our members may have.

I bring to the table a passion to make the New England Section of The PGA the best in the country and to make sure that our voice is heard on the national level. I have worked with Mike Higgins and The NEPGA staff on several ventures and feel confident that our relationship is strong and will grow stronger if I am fortunate enough to be elected.

I feel I would be the right choice for your vote because of my passion and enthusiasm and for those of you that know me you know I have a voice and I am not afraid to use it and for those of you that do not know me I look forward to meeting and talking with you at your chapter meetings.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ron Bibeau, PGA
Executive Director
The First Tee of Maine
September already…what's the saying? Time flies when you're having fun? I guess you can say we are on the back nine of the NEPGA Tournament schedule, but we still have some great events and golf left to play.

The first event of the month is the final Stroke Play Series of the season and the last opportunity to qualify for the year end Stroke Play Series Championship to be contested at Turner Hill Golf Club on September 30. Rochester Country Club in New Hampshire will be our host on September 3 and the results from this event will finalize the top 50 point earners who advance to Turner Hill.

The demanding Belmont Country Club will challenge the New England Open field this year. An event that has produced an impressive list of past Champions will return to a 54-hole format in 2013, September 9th through September 11th and is sponsored by Cobra/Puma Golf and Lincoln.

The Pro-Senior Championship will be played at Cohasset Golf Club on Thursday, September 19. This is a One Best-Ball of Four, Gross & Net event, with Low Gross determining the Champion. Teams must be comprised of three amateurs from your facility who are at least fifty years of age on the day of the event. The Portsmouth Country Club team took home the title last year.

TaylorMade returns as the sponsor of the New England PGA Head Professional Championship and this exclusive field will visit a special venue, The Misquamicut Club in Watch Hill, Rhode Island on September 24. John Fields, PGA is the defending Champion.

The New England Section Assistant Championship comes to the superbly conditioned Spring Valley Country Club on Wednesday and Thursday, September 25-26. The largest field in recent memory will vie for the title as well as the chance to advance to the 37th National Car Rental PGA Assistant Championship presented by Cobra Puma Golf, October 31-November 3. Brian Owens, PGA is the defending Champion.

The aforementioned Stroke Play Series Championship at Turner Hill on September 30 is next. Defending Champion Ron Philo, PGA who has been battling injuries for much of the season is currently outside the top 50 point leaders, tied for 62nd. Big Thanks as always to the sponsors of this year-long series of events, AHEAD/Dan Dempsey, Cutter & Buck/Paul Pichette and Golf Buddy/Cary Gordon.

We still have a few more events that will take place in October, including the Round Robin Team Finals at Ferncroft Country Club on October 8, so check out the schedule at NEPGA.com and as things start to slow down in your shops, come out and play some golf.

That's what's coming up, and here's what happened last month, one of the busiest on the schedule.

Okemo Valley Golf Club was our host for the penultimate Stroke Play Series event of 2013. Jim Burke, PGA edged Shayne Sakson, PGA by one, firing a two under par 68. Eddie Kirby, PGA was the low senior professional (a preview of things to come later in the week). Thanks to our hosts Jim Remy, PGA and Superintendent Rod Williams for a great event.

The Seniors Championship returned to the Woodstock Resort in Vermont and “youth” was served. Fifty-year-old “rookie,” Eddie Kirby, PGA started fast and never looked back. Kirby opened with 63 and backed it up with a one under par 69 to win by eight over David Lane, PGA. Six other New England PGA members will join Kirby at the 25th Southworth Senior PGA Professional National Championship presented by Mercedes-Benz USA, October 10-13; they are Dan Wilkins, Chip Johnson, John Paesani, Mike Baker, Webb Heintzelman and Rick Karbowski. Congratulations to all the age group winners as well, 50-54 - Kirby, 55-59 – Lane, 60-69 – Jim Sheerin, PGA and 70 and Over – Charlie Moore, PGA. A huge Thank You goes to our hosts, Professional Jim Gunnare, PGA and Superintendent Tim Stanwood.

The Pro-Officer Championship, sponsored by Prize Possessions at the beautiful Wellesley Country Club was up next. The team from Wannamoissett Country Club was the low gross winner while Sterling National Country Club and Bedrock Golf Club tied for low net. Thanks to Jeff Phillips, PGA and Superintendent Bill Sansone for hosting.

Wannamoissett Country Club and Ledgemont Country Club were our hosts for the premier event on the 2013 schedule, the New England Section Professional Championship. The sites were spectacular and so was the golf. There are not many players who have had a better “rookie” season after attaining their PGA membership than Shawn Warren, PGA. Warren has won or contended in almost every event he has played in 2013. Whether at the Section level or in the various State Opens throughout New England, his name has been a constant presence on the leaderboard.

While Warren didn’t assume his spot alone atop the leaderboard until the 16th hole of the final round at Wannamoissett, once there, it was obvious he wouldn’t give it up. Someone would have to come get him. While eventual runner-up, defending Champion Eddie Kirby, PGA applied the pressure from the group in front and third place finisher Robby Bruns from the group behind, Warren simply went about his business. Grinding out three rounds of under par golf, the only player in the field who could manage that feat, he would add to his amazing 2013 season by winning his first New England Section Professional Championship title.

We can’t say Thank You enough to the two Facilities that hosted this Championship. From the host PGA Professionals, Troy Pare and Todd Campbell and the Superintendents Mark Daniels and Bill Sherman and their entire staffs, every effort was put forth to make this a true Championship experience for all the competitors.

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FROM THE MAKERS OF VEGAS ‘12...


Nobody else would have dared it because nobody else would have the nerve! Just Todd Rollins, PGA and his 4 pals - the crazy week they blew away the field in Las Vegas!....

WE BRING YOU VEGAS ‘13

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Juniors from The Bay Club, CC of Halifax, LeBaron Hills CC and Acushnet River Valley comprised a 10 player All-Star team. Their first match was a Regional even verses the Cape Cod All-Star team. Following that victory they moved on to play the Massachusetts All-Star team, which qualified the team for the Northeast Regionals. The Northeast Regionals were played at Race Brook Country Club against All-Star teams from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut. The team from New England was victorious and qualified for the World Series of PGA Junior League Golf in Atlanta, GA on Sept 6-8.
THANK YOU, AMBASSADORS!

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

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
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PLYMOUTH, Mass. – Jonathan Honeywell and his family toured New England after he won his local qualifying event in the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship. The next stop on their championship tour will be Augusta, Ga., next April. Honeywell advanced from his local qualifier in the ages 7-9 division at Essex Junction, Vt., then joined his family on a tour of the New England region which took them as far north as Canada. They then drove to the Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth, Mass., for the regional qualifier on Aug. 12, where Honeywell, of North Fayston, Vt., earned first place with 106 points, 11 ahead of his closest pursuer, to clinch a spot in the national finals, which will be held at Augusta National Golf Club on April 6, the Sunday before the Masters Tournament.

“It's amazing,” said Honeywell, who dressed in bright orange shorts and the style of hat favored by his favorite professional player, Rickie Fowler. “You start in Vermont, you come here, and then to go that far — it’s amazing.”

Honeywell is one of eight junior golfers who captured their age/gender divisions in the Drive, Chip and Putt New England regional qualifier. They will join 80 other junior golfers between the ages of 7 and 15 in the final stage of the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship at Augusta National.

Girls 7-9: Sritha Vemuri, of Wayland, Mass., captured the first of the day’s berths by earning 87 points. Vemuri earned three medals, taking second place in the driving competition and first place in chipping to finish nine points ahead of Gracie McDonald.

Girls 10-11: After Vemuri and Honeywell, the third spot of the day went to 11-year-old Meghan Lane, of Wilton, Conn. Lane was giddy as she accepted her awards for placing second in driving and first in putting, then received the gold medal for the overall win and a spot in the national championship.

Boys 10-11: Conner Willett, of Wellesley, Mass., used a score of 50 in the chipping competition to seal his win with 118 total points. His 25-point margin of victory over Colin McMahon-Shea was the largest of any division.

Girls 12-13: Alexandra Chicarro, 12, of Fall River, Mass., was the only competitor to earn four medals. She won her division’s driving and putting competitions and took home the silver in chipping for a total score of 112.

Boys 12-13: Twelve-year-old Remy Chartier won his division’s putting contest and earned silver in chipping to book his trip to Augusta. His final score of 132 gave him a 16-point win over Kevin McGovern.

Girls 14-15: Jacqueline Gonzalez, 15, of West Roxbury, Mass., placed first in putting and second in chipping for a score of 120.

Boys 14-15: Patrick Welch, of Providence, R.I., had 149 points, the high score at the qualifying.

Click here to read more and view more pictures!
TOURNAMENT NEWS Continued...

While his victory has given Warren a leg up toward another “first” a possible Wogan Award as the New England Section Player of the Year, it isn’t over yet. Last year’s recipient Eddie Kirby isn’t giving up the title/trophy easily. By virtue of his second place finish at Wanamoisett he has kept Warren within sight and will force him to continue to play well at the upcoming New England Open and Stroke Play Series Championship. Another past Wogan recipient, Kirk Hanefeld, PGA is also still in the mix if Warren and Kirby should falter.

Two other August events, “The Coakley” Pro-Am at the Charles River and Woodland Country Clubs on Monday, August 26 and an open qualifier to fill out the field for the New England Open at Shaker Hills Golf Club on August 27 will be played after this newsletter has been submitted. We will report results from those events next month.

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

See you down the road,

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rgreen@pgahq.com

ON THE COURSE WITH GOLFZILLA

Susan Bond, PGA and junior golfers enjoy a day with Birdieball Golfzilla.
Preparing for the off-season

With the hiring season about to begin, and the fall right around the corner, this is a great time to reflect on the season so far and seek ways to do our jobs the best we possibly can. In order to finish the 2013 season on a high-note, take some time to review what qualities can make you or any of your employees shine as being the BEST...

Think Like the Owner – Do you offer to take on more responsibility? Do what it takes to get it done? Even tackling those tasks not on your job description? Take the “big picture” viewpoint and make sure your work can help accomplish your owner’s goals and objectives.

Understanding Other People’s Perspectives – There are different ways to interpret every situation. The question is...what is your customer thinking? Your boss? Fellow employee? How would it look, sound or feel if you were them? Then think through the possible results of choices and actions before acting on them.

Adapting and Learning – Are you learning something new every day? Keeping up with trends? Continue to grow and stretch your skills to meet the changing needs of the business and your customers. Use any information available to evaluate your own performance and adapt as needed to improve.

Meeting Deadlines – Take on all assignments and finish them on time. If you hit snags, communicate them before the deadline hits. Always strive to give your boss something extra: peace of mind.

Communication is Critical – Develop and foster strong, regular communication channels in every way possible. With your guest/customers, your staff, your co-workers in other departments and especially with your boss. Regular communication with your boss may be the most important to get feedback on your performance and keep him/her informed on challenges you face daily.

Effective in Customer Service – Recognize that every guest/customer is entitled to consideration or attention. Make them feel important, use eye contact, always address them by name, develop good listening skills and smile to create better connection. And look at guest complaints not as negative distractions but as opportunities to learn and improve your performance.

Your PGA CareerLinks ProFile

Time To Review and Update

Since its inception in 1996, CareerLinks has assisted over 6,500 employers and is recognized as the golf industry’s primary employment referral service for management level positions such as Head Professional, Director of Golf, General Manager, etc.

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

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

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

Michael Packard, PGA Employment Consultant
Central NY, Connecticut, Metropolitan, New England, New Jersey, & Northeastern NY Sections

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OCTOBER SELL OUT!

As of this writing, a full two months out, all three mid-October Pro-Ams on the Cape are sold out! The Section’s pair of premier events: Oyster Harbors & Eastward Ho! are now waitlist only, while the Cape Chapters’ venerable 36-hole Island Classic at Sankaty Head is now full as well. Amazingly, for two days in October (16th & 17th) these 3 events represent 120 team entries in one 48 hour period.

PGA JR LEAGUE QUALIFIERS

Hearty congrats to the Cape’s “all-star” team who recently won the New England division of the PGA Jr. League competition and will move along to the national finals to be held at Sugarloaf GC, Duluth, GA in mid-September. Kids from four Chapter clubs: CC of Halifax/ Bob Giusti- PGA, The Bay Club/ Greg Yeomans-PGA, Acushnet River Valley/ Adam Hevey-PGA, and LeBaron Hills/ Tom Rooney-PGA comprised this all-star squad who beat teams from the Connecticut, New Jersey & Philadelphia PGA Sections to qualify for the national finals where just six teams from the entire country will compete in this match play league format. The Cape team representing NEPGA is coached by Glen Brown, parent of Dillon, a team member, and will be accompanied by Greg Yeomans in Georgia, whose son Jake joins the 9 other kids in the finals.

CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON REVIEW

The Cape was well represented at the 2013 NEPGA Seniors Championship, recently held at the Woodstock GC in Vermont – in fact from all the outlying Chapters, the Cape’s 10 entrants led the way in terms of participation: Bob Giusti, Jim Armentrout, Rusty Gunnarson, Jim Knowles, Mick Herron, Bob Miller, and rookies (yes, they are 50 yrs old now!) Jay Wick, Tom Rooney, Mark Heartfield & John Paesani whose T-4 (142) qualified him for the SR PNC later this fall. Heartfield just missed (147) and now stands ready to go as 2nd alternate for one of the coveted 7 spots representing the Section in Virginia, sponsored by Southworth Golf, who also own and operate Willowbend on the Cape.

Paesani, successfully battling cancer treatments all summer was coming off a T-1 at the annual TGC Summer Pro-Am, joined 21 Chapter members in Rhode Island for the Section Championship in mid-August, five of whom made the cut which came in at 150 (+10): Chris Doherty (T-58), Sean Edmonds (T-35), Paesani (T-44), Jake Pleczkowski (T-22) and Scott Trehewey (T-19). Congrats to all for their fine play at Wannamoisett & Ledge- mont.

Top: John Paesani “keeping on”. 
Bottom: The cut at the NEPGA Championship fell at 150.

TAYLORMADE – DUTCH WESSNER PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD

Though the threat exists to have this award re-named the Yeomans Award, with Greg having won it a record four consecutive times (and leading this year as well) – it remains a prestigious award for 1500 more reasons as TaylorMade’s Cape representative Jamie Griffiths will once again sponsor and help pay the top five places for the 8th straight year. The Chapter is grateful for Jamie’s continued loyalty to this award and our tournament activities.

CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP – CC OF NEW SEABURY – SEPT. 25TH – SPONSORED BY CALLAWAY GOLF/ PETER GUILD & LINCOLN-MERCURY 36-HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP – REGISTER NOW!

Mickey Herron, PGA
NEPGA Tournament Operations
Cape Cod Chapter
Maine shines bright in Rhode Island. Congratulations to Shawn Warren, PGA (A-8, Nonesuch River GC) for winning the New England PGA Section Championship at Ledgemont CC and Wannamoisett CC. A win in your first Section Championship…pretty impressive, Shawn! Shawn posted rounds of 69-68-68 for a one shot victory.

We had 10 professionals compete in the championship, 6 made the cut and 4 qualified for the Professional National Championship next June in South Carolina. Congratulations to Shawn Warren, Jeff Seavey, John Hickson and Mike Dugas for qualifying for the PNC. You gentlemen should be very proud of your accomplishments.

The Tom Mahan Sr. Trophy will reside in Maine for the next year and for the second time in three years. Good stuff!

Jerry DiPhilippo and Stephen Cassella won the Senior-Junior Championship at Toddy Brook on August 13th. Jerry and Stephen teamed up to shoot an 8 under par round of 63, one shot ahead of John Hickson and Bob Darling, Jr. The Chapter would like to thank Cary Gordon for providing a pair of sunglasses to each competitor. Not only did DiPhilippo and Cassella post the lowest score, they also took home the title of largest age gap between partners…26 years.

It was the Chapter’s first time at Toddy Brook and everyone enjoyed themselves, we are looking to hold a pro-am there next season.

Pro-Junior Success

We had 22 teams compete at this year’s Pro-Junior…the most teams since 2002 when we had 23 teams. I would like to thank all the professionals who took time out their very busy schedules to compete and show the kids a good time. I heard several nice comments from some of the parents during and after the round. The Tournament Committee and Board of Directors set a goal for the Chapter to re-energize this event and I think we accomplished our goal.

Chad Hopkins and his team from Prospect Hill won the event with a score of 129 in the combined BB Gross & Net format.

Many thanks to Brian Bickford, PGA and Val Halla GC for hosting the event as well as our friends at the MSGA for their assistance in helping us promote and conduct the event. It was the first time we have partnered with the Maine State Golf Association in a tournament and I have to say it was very successful. We look forward to working with them again next year.

And a huge thank you to John Carey and our partners at Cleveland Golf/Srixon for sponsoring the event and providing tee gifts for all the kids as well as some great CTP prizes and other prizes as well.

Bob Mathews – 2013 Maine Chapter Senior Champion

Bob Mathews, PGA (A-8, Rockland GC) won the Senior Championship at Bideford-Saco CC on Wednesday, August 28th with a 3 under par round of 68. Bob made four birdies and only one bogey. It was the third time Bob has won the title, his other titles in 1999 and 2005. Bob was the only senior to break par, and was 3 shots ahead of Jerry Diphilippo. The Chapter would like to thank Titleist, FootJoy & Yamaha for sponsoring the event.

As the calendar turns to September, we start a very busy month of Pro-Am activity.

Wednesday, September 4th – Samoset Pro-Am sponsored by Richard Brothers Financial Advisors

Southern Swing – Sponsored by PING and Yamaha

Tuesday, September 17 – Cape Arundel

Wednesday, September 18 – Webhannet

Thursday, September 19 – York

All these events are open to all PGA Members and apprentices in the New England Section. If you are looking to sneak away and play some golf at some wonderful venues, we will be waiting for you!

The Pro-Am Championship returns once again to Portland CC on Monday, September 23. This year’s championship will once again be sponsored by Cleveland Golf / Srixon and Five Star Golf Cars / E-Z-GO / Cushman.

I look forward to seeing you on the tournament road.

Tony Decker, PGA
NEPGA Maine Ch. Tournament Operations Manager
CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS  Continued…

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

FOLDS OF HONOR MARATHON

Weekapaug’s PGA Head Professional Susan Bond, along with Section Tournament Manager Dave McAdams, and fellow PGA pros Devin Beck, Joe Carr, Steve Napoli and Harry Rose will be marathoning on Sept. 4th to raise money for the Folds of Honor Foundation and the NEPGA Foundation. Please consider donating to this cause by contacting Susan directly at: cslc-bond@aol.com.

KIRBY CAPTURES ANOTHER MAJOR

Senior Rookie (50 yrs old) Ed Kirby, Alpine CC’s PGA Head Professional and 2012 NEPGA Section champion, ventured to the pristine Woodstock GC with six other Rhode Island geezers – and came back with the Championship Trophy after setting a new course record in the first round – 63 (-7)! He was joined by Tony DiGiorgio, Dave Baluik, Gary Dorsi, Al Vallante, Steve Diemoz and Susan Bond whose T-13 just missed out qualifying for the Senior PNC (7 spots) to be held later in the fall in Virginia.

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER WELCOMES SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP...IN STYLE!

The 2013 NEPGA Section Championship visited the Rhode Island Chapter in mid-August playing both Ledgemont & Wannamoisett to rave reviews. Not only did our Chapter welcome over 190 fellow golf pros from the entire Section, but nine of our Chapter members (out of 20 who teed it up) made the cut (low 60 & ties) which came in at 150 (+10), led by the following: Ed Kirby (2nd place & defending champion), Robbie Bruns (3rd), Troy Pare (7th & host pro), Bob Tramonti (T-17), John Rainone (T-31 & 67 in the first round!), Brent Amaral (T-35), Dave Tiedemann (T-44), Brian Owens (T-58) and Devin Beck (T-58). These nine fine players took home a total of over $20,000 from the $87,000 purse. Both Kirby and Bruns had chances to take home the championship trophy, and should be congratulated with their outstanding play against a very strong field. Along with Pare, our Chapter had three of the top 7 players in the Section Championship, all of whom will represent the Section in the PNC next June to be held in Myrtle Beach, quite an amazing symbol of “home cooking”. Congrats to Shawn Warren for his win and all competitors look forward to visiting New Hampshire next August for this terrific event.

AND MORE WINS…

Tramonti tied for low pro honors in the TGC Summer Pro-Am held on Cape Cod, while Pare and Bill O’Keefe, representing Wannamoissett CC, won the section Pro-Officer at Wellesley one week earlier.

HUGE THANKS TO LOYAL SPONSORS OF OUR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

A well-deserved thank you on behalf of all the competitors and participating pros to Peter Butt/ Footjoy and Dave Moynihan/ Titleist for their undying support of the Rhode Island PGA Junior Championship, the Rhode Island Pro-1 Jr. Scratch and numerous other local junior initiatives. Special mention this year goes to Shannon Johnson/Ping for her invaluable donation of golf bags to all the winners in the JR Championship.

RIPGA CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP - AGAWAM HUNT CLUB - OCTOBER 9TH – SPONSORED BY CALLAWAY GOLF/ PETER GUILD & LINCOLN-MERCURY – REGISTER NOW ON BLUE GOLF!

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Shelter Harbor Assistant Robbie Bruns finishes 3rd in Section Championship
Pictured top right: Alex Kirk, NHC President presents plaque to Kathy and Larry Gallagher, in honor of North Conway Assistant Professional Ian Meserve who passed away this Spring. The plaque will recognize the annual NHC Championship Shootout winner. The shootout was Ian’s favorite event at the championship and the initial winner, whose name will be the first to be engraved on the plaque, was Vince Mole-sky of Newport CC.

Pictured bottom right: The NHC Championship was held at North Conway CC and the winners were Rich Berberian, Jr. (R) of Windham CC who garnered the Stroke Play championship trophy and Bill Andrews (L) of Portsmouth CC who won the Senior Championship. Both Berberian and Andrews were defending champions in their respective divisions in 2012. In the overall championship flight, Berberian (134) narrowly defeated Pembroke Pines CC Assistant Mitch Jefferson by a stroke (135) for the 36 hole total. Andrews finished at 137. Jefferson blazed a hot trail on the first day of competition by shooting a 9-under par round of 62 which was one shot off the course record. Turnout for the event featured 53 New Hampshire professionals which was one of the highest in many years. Thanks to John Lano, Adidas, Rob Hardy, Adams Golf, Chris Conrad, Martignetti Liquors and Chuck Mitchell, and NH Seniors for their outstanding support which contributed to a successful championship.

Congratulations to the NHC professionals who made the cut at the NEPGA Section Championship held at Ledgemont CC and Wanaamoisett CC and were rewarded with a check: T8 Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC; T17 Marc Spencer, Windham CC; T31 Matt Arvanitis, Concord CC; T35 Greg Sandell, Golf Club NE; T52 Bill Andrews, Portsmouth CC and Todd Rollins, Laconia CC and T64 Steve Lundquist, Apple Hill. Over 190 New England professionals participated in the three-day event.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

SENIORS’ ASSOCIATION

Over 80 players participated in the 2013 Senior Championship held at Woodstock Inn and Resort, Woodstock, VT. The weather was perfect for the two-day tournament. Congratulations to Ed Kirby of Alpine Country Club, Cranston, RI, who in his first Senior Championship outing, scored a record-breaking 63-69—132 total. Many thanks to Terry Frechette, R.J. Shepherd Co. for once again sponsoring this event and to Jim Gunnare and his staff for hosting. As always, Mike Higgins, Dave McAdams, Ron Green, and Dave Christy did a great job of organizing and running the tournament. Welcome to our first-time participants!

There was an additional Pro and 3 Ams at Halifax Country Club, Halifax, MA on August 28, 2013.

Please note that the Pro and 3 Ams at Bass Rocks GC, Bass Rocks, MA will now be held on Thursday, September 12. Call Dennis Selvitella 508-410-4984 if interested in playing.

Jack Neville
NEPGA Senior Director

MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER

It is hard to believe the Fall is right around the corner; this Summer has moved quickly. Congratulations to Boomer Erick, Aaron Ungvarsksy, Matt Zdon, Chip Johnson and Chris Carter for qualifying for the PNC next year in Myrtle Beach, SC; well done, gentlemen.

Our Chapter has recently been notified that a scholarship program was established a few years ago for deserving apprentices to help offset some of their education expenses, Todd and I are looking at the criteria for applying and receiving scholarship money from the Massachusetts Chapter, which will be discussed at the Fall meeting.

The Fall meeting date and pro/pro will be announced very shortly we are just waiting on a confirmation from the facility and when we get it an e-mail will be sent. As a reminder the Massachusetts Chapter Championship will be held at Worcester Country Club on October 7 you can sign up online.

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On July 29th the VT Chapter Pro 3 Am Championship was held at CC of Barre with Roger King, PGA, as our host. We thank Bryan Sawyer with FootJoy and Brian Murphy with Titleist for their sponsorship and providing tee gifts and shoes. Format was one best ball gross for 36 holes. We had a tie for the Championship with scores of 127. The winning team was the team from Vermont National CC led by Zack Wyman, PGA. They won the sudden death playoff on the 2nd extra hole over the host CC of Barre team led by Roger King, PGA.

On August 5th, Okemo Valley GC hosted the NEPGA Stroke Play Series. Our Vermont Chapter participated and we crowned our 2013 Vermont Stroke Play Champion Mark Aebli, PGA, Hermitage Golf Club who beat RJ Ziets, PGA, Sugarbush GC in a 21 hole exciting playoff. This was Mark's 4th VT Championship.

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Jay Peak resort on August 12th with Doug Ruttle, PGA as our host. We thank our sponsors Mark Thompson (TaylorMade), Chris Garvey (Adams Golf) and John Lano (Ashworth) for their donation of golf balls, shirts for all professionals, and hybrids to the winning amateurs. Net team winners were a tie between RJ Ziets, PGA, and his Sugarbush GC team and Barry Churchill, PGA and his Cedar Knoll GC team both with scores of 61. Gross team winners with a score of 65 were the Orleans CC team led by Josh Olney, PGA. Winning Professional scores included a tie between Dave Jankowski, Stowe Mountain Club and Zack Wyman, PGA, Vermont National CC with scores of 73.

The week of August 19th, the Chapter took a break from our playing schedule and sent 12 VT PGA members to the NEPGA Championship at Wannamoisett CC and Ledgemont CC.

On August 26th, our Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Dorset Field Club hosted by Troy Sprister, PGA and Erik Sorensen, PGA. We had multiple winners both in the gross and net divisions. Our winning gross teams were Vermont National CC led by Zack Wyman, PGA, Mt. Anthony CC led by Kevin Bennison, PGA, and Dorset Field Club led by Dustin Olehowski all tied with a team score of 64. Net winners were the teams from Rutland CC led by Greg Nelson, PGA, and Sugarbush GC led by RJ Ziets, PGA, both with a team score of 58. Low Professional scores were Kevin Bennison and RJ Ziets with 69's.

Upcoming events include a rescheduled Pro Senior Championship at Manchester CC on Sept. 3rd, our VT Chapter Senior Championship at Neshobe GC on Sept. 5th, followed by a Pro Am at Williston GC on Sept. 9th.

We have 12 new Golf Merit Badge Awards that were achieved by Boy Scout Troop 38. If any PGA Professional would like to become a merit badge counselor please contact your local boy scout branch at www.USScouts.org.
New Members

Name                  Class  Facility
Mollie E. Boney, PGA  A-8   Weston Golf Club

New Apprentices

Name                  Class  Facility
Daniel S Calderwood  B-8   Dennis Pines/Dennis Highlands
Christopher A Elrod   B-8   Kebo Valley Golf Club
Matthew J Loubier     B-8   Waterville Country Club
Dustin H Olehowski    B-8   Dorset Field Club
Lucas J Packard       B-8   The Golf Club at Cape Cod
Zachary S Steele      B-8   Dunegrass Golf Club

New Transfers into Section

Name                  Class  Previous Section
Raynor V. Lynn, PGA   A-8   Unaffiliated
Nicolas C. Wiseman    B-8   North Florida

Employment Changes

Name                  Class  Start  Facility
Arty L. Gendreau, PGA A-6   8/1     Bill Pappas Golf School

Classification Changes

Name                  Class  Facility
James M. Gianferante  PGA  RM

New Half Century Members

Name                  Class  Date
Daniel L. Bond, PGA   LM    8/1/2013

New Quarter Century Members

Name                  Class  Award Date
Norm Alberigo, PGA    A-I    8/31/2013
Tim Angis, PGA        A-I    8/31/2013
Lionel R. Dupuis, PGA A-6   8/31/2013
Jim A. LeBlanc, PGA   LM    8/31/2013
Brendan V. Walsh, PGA A-I    8/31/2013
Jay Wick, PGA         A-I    8/31/2013

These reports reflect changes made between 8/1/2013 and 9/4/2013.