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FRONT COVER:

Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA (Vesper CC) and the Thomas Mahan Sr. Trophy after he captured his third NEPGA Section Championship victory shooting scores of 66-67-73 to finish at seven-under-par 206!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: RON BÍbeau, PGA



Greetings NEPGA Professionals and Associates,

September already!! Can you believe it? Where has the season gone? It seems like just yesterday we were talking about having a great summer

when we left the spring meeting

2018 has been a great year in the New England Section! All of our events have been successful; our whole staff runs over 300 events during the course of a six-month season! And they do an exceptional job keeping all of us in line and furnishing us the information we need. So Thank you to Mike and the staff from me for making it easy to be a member of the NEPGA section

It is with much excitement and sadness that I announce to each of you that I have accepted a Territory Manager position with Club Car and Country Club Enterprises. I will step down as the Head Golf Professional at Dunegrass Golf Club and begin my role with CCE at the end of the month. I have enjoyed my two successful seasons at Dunegrass and this was not an easy decision for me and my family. My wife Julie and I have had many conversations about the golf business, my future as well as my career. Though I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Dunegrass and the friendships I have made, I feel that this opportunity is going to allow me to be a part of the golf business in an area that I enjoy as well as give me a tremendous opportunity to succeed.

Congratulations are in order for Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA on his recent victory at the NEPGA championship. It was a great experience for me to watch the final groups play at Quidnessett and see the lead changes and the victory for Rich. The NEPGA Championship does not end the season though. We still have some great events left on the schedule. Chapter Pro-Am's are a great way to treat your members to a competitive round during what I feel is the best time of the year to play golf.

My message for you all during the fall season is to look back on all of your success' both personally and professionally and realize you are the reason for the success you have created. Be positive and be prepared for your next venture as if it were your first.

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Now that our season is nearing its end, before you know it, we will be seeing each other at annual meetings throughout the Section and looking forward to some much deserved down-time with our families before we get back to preparing for the 2019 season!

As always it is an honor and privilege to serve as an officer of The NEPGA Section and if you have any questions or concerns about the section please feel free to contact me anytime

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Bibeau, PGA President New England Section of The PGA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Mike Higgins



Greetings NEPGA Professionals,

We find ourselves in the post Labor Day golf scene here in New England. Some clubs will dramatically slow

down and those PGA Professionals employed at those facilities will hopefully catch their breath a bit, while many facilities will lose key staff members this time of year and still have two solid golfing months remaining on the calendar. The Section Staff and I have already been asked multiple times if the NEPGA slows down now and I always have the same response -"we now start a different kind of busy."

This "different kind of busy" can at times create challenges in our industry, in our jobs and sometime even trickle down to our families and personal lives. I have spoken with many PGA Professionals already this fall that are currently in the process of negotiating a contract for next year and beyond. I have spoken with PGA Professionals that are either out of a job or looking to change their job/career. I have counselled PGA Professionals on their very difficult decision to either leave or remain in this industry. I have also spoken with PGA Professionals who are enjoying an amazing and successful season. Where ever you are personally and professionally I

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am sure you will agree that our industry has highs and lows that can flow on a daily basis. These highs and lows are much like the waves in the ocean where some days they are calm and quiet, while others are raging and crashing loudly on the shore.

The two days following the Section Championship my personal waves fortunately took me to a small lake in Maine where my family had been vacationing all week. The first morning the water was so calm that the reflection gave the appearance that there were two skies on top of one another. That afternoon a storm rolled in and the water became rough. The dock was rocking and the tiny canoe that my son and I cruised around in that morning was now going up and down like a little toy in a pool after one of his cannon balls. My son saw this, questioned my suggestion of going on a second ride in the bigger waves and said, "Daddy I think we need a better boat."

I laughed at the time, but it wasn't until my ride home that I found the wisdom in his words. The waves that carry us around in our daily lives are certainly calm on many days, allowing us to move about with a sense of normalcy and comfort. But there are many days that are not so calm and can be hectic or unpredictable. When my son and I took out the canoe on my first morning at the lake we gracefully glided across the water peering at the clear, clean



bottom, but if we took out the canoe that afternoon we would have been unstable, potentially rocking back and forth with a significant risk of capsizing. He was right - we would have needed a better boat!

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You Tube true in our lives. If we look at ourselves in a metaphorical canoe on the calm ocean we can picture ourselves floating along nicely and uneventfully, but when there is change, or we face obstacles in our path - remaining in "a canoe" could certainly limit our progress or success. There are times when not adapting or adjusting to a situation can cause failure and it is up to us to personally right the ship. If we change and "become the better boat" we can find ourselves moving forward and more importantly not sinking. Changing and adapting to our surroundings is good and can be healthy which makes us stronger and more secure on any type of wave we face.

As I reflect on the months that have passed in 2018, and as we prepare to finish the year on a strong note, I think about "the why" that President Bibeau asked me to identify. My why is and has always been the PGA member. Everything we do always involves the question "how does this benefit the PGA Professional?" The tournaments we conduct, the programing and education we administer all take into consideration the impact they have on our PGA Professionals prior to any final decisions being made. The New England PGA has some very exciting announcements coming this fall and we look forward to sharing them with you. There are many boats in our Section office, and we always have room for one more to come aboard!

If you ever find yourself needing a "better boat," please reach out to either myself or any of our talented staff for assistance. I hope you all successfully navigate the fall season and I look forward to seeing each of you very soon.

Respectfully,

Mike Higgins NEPGA Executive Director

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Berberian Brilliance

High Drama in Section Championship Finale

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-N. Kingstown, RI

Rich Berberian Jr., PGA (Vesper CC) led wire-to-wire in the New England PGA Section Championship to finish with a three-day total of seven-under-par 206. The lead he had established through the first two rounds of the tournament at eight-under par paid off as he shot a third round score of 73 (+1).

Beginning the day with a bit of a cushion, Berberian Jr. didn't get the same seamless start that he had hoped for. Admittedly, he said he did not hit the ball as solidly as he would have liked, especially in the

beginning of the day. On both the first and third holes, he made bogey.

What saved Berberian Jr, were some very clutch chips out of tough places and long putts. On the fourth hole,



Berberian made a 15 foot putt that seemed to be getting his game flowing once again. Even with a bogey on the sixth hole, he came back to make birdies on the eighth and ninth to

make the nine-hole turn even to par.

Competition was hot throughout the round between him and Jeff Martin, PGA (Wollaston GC). Martin came into the third round just three shots back from Berberian Jr., which could have been insurmountable, but the door was open.

Martin made bogey on the fourth hole, and couldn't seem to get his putting stroke down. But on the sixth hole, he chipped in from the fairway to make eagle and get right back into the mix, especially as Berberian made bogey. He made the turn at threeunder par for the day and tied for the lead.

Through 13 holes, the Wollaston GC Professional played consistent golf and made pars, and went up two on Berberian Jr. when he made doublebogey on the 13th. Martin's birdie putt lipped out on the 14th as Berberian made birdie. Berberian went back up two strokes heading into the 16th.

The sixteenth hole was an adventure for the final group. Berberian hit his tee shot on the par-3 hole into the edge of the hazard. Martin hit his first shot into the hazard, and had to drop the shot and hit another. Martin made double bogey, while Berberian made bogey. Martin was able to regain one shot with a birdie on 17, but it was too much to overtake Berberian Jr.



The Final Grouping: (I to r) Jeff Martin, Kirk Hanefeld, Rich Berberian Jr

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Kirk Hanefeld, PGA (Salem CC) had a quietly successful day and was very much in contention for the Championship throughout the day. He had a clean front nine, making straight pars and one birdie on the ninth. With birdies on the 12th and 14th, he was sneaking back into the rack, tied for second with Martin. But his double -bogey on the 17th solidified his T3 finish, with a 71 (-1) on the day.

With this win, Berberian Jr. inks his third Section Championship victory, having taken both the 2014 and 2015 versions of the event.

"Each win is great but you always want to try and win another. It's extra special because as a New Englander this is our major Championship and you always want to win. It's awesome," said Berberian, who finished at 73, (+1) on the day.

The top 12 finishers in the Section Championship have qualified for the 2019 PGA Professional National Championship at Belfair GC in Bluffton, SC in April 2019.





Those qualifying spots will go to the top 12 other than Rich Berberian Jr, and Shawn Warren, PGA who were already exempt into the event. They are: Jeffrey Martin, Kirk Hanefeld, Liam Friedman, Matt Doyle, Jeff Seavey, Steve Hausmann, David Bennett, Bob Bruso, Brendan Ray, Troy Pare, Adam Kolloff and Chip Johnson.

Thank you to our wonderful hosts in Quidnessett CC and Warwick CC and host PGA Professionals Matt Walsh, PGA and John Del Bonis, PGA for their hospitality. Also thank you to all of our partners in our Championship events: Omega, Club Car, Titleist/ Footjoy, TaylorMade, Nike, Avidia Bank, Mohegan Sun, and PGA Tour.



RESULTS

	Name		R1	R2	R3	Final
1	Rich Berberian [QU] Vesper CC	-7	66	67	73	206
2	Jeffrey Martin [QU] Wollaston GC	-6	70	66	71	207
Т3	Shawn Warren [QU] Falmouth CC	-3	72	71	67	210
Т3	Kirk Hanefeld [QU] Salem CC	-3	67	72	71	210
5	Liam Friedman [QU] Nashawtuc	-2	71	72	68	211
6	Matt Doyle [QU] The Misquamicut Club	E	73	72	68	213
T7	Jeff Seavey [QU] Samoset Resort	2	76	70	69	215
T7	Steven Hausmann [QU] Hausmann Golf	2	74	69	72	215
Т9	David Bennett [QU] CC of Vermont	3	75	70	71	216
Т9	Robert Bruso [QU] Blackstone National GC	3	71	72	73	216
Т9	Brendon Ray [QU] Point Judith CC	3	69	73	74	216
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Kolloff Pulls off Purpoodock

Pure Drive Golf Pro wins first NEPGA Event



PGA and Matt Zdon, PGA had solid rounds on Wednesday, to finish T2 with scores of even-par 71. The duo sat in the first position for much of the day before Kolloff came in in the second to last group.

Purpoodock wasn't giving many birdies away, so even a score at just one-under-par was an impressive feat. The average score through Wednesday's round was a 76.

Thank you to Tony Decker, PGA and the

Purpoodock Club for hosting this great event! Also thank you to Ahead, Cutter and Buck, Bushnell, PGA Tour, SCNS Sports Foods, and Avidia Bank for partnering in our Stroke Play Series Events.

-Cape Elizabeth, ME

Adam Kolloff, PGA (Pure Drive Golf) shot a 70 (-1) to finish in first place in Stroke Play Series #4 at the Purpoodock Club in Cape Elizabeth, ME on Wednesday. The Purpoodock Club proved to be a true test of Maine golf course toughness, as Kolloff was the only professional to finish under par.

Kolloff began as a relatively unknown player to New England Section events, with 2018 as his first year in the section. So far he had played in the Pro -Pro Stroke Play and Stroke Play Series #3 at Manchester CC, and had decent finishes at T29 and T26 respectively.

His start in Wednesday's SPS #4 wasn't the beginning he was looking for. He made a birdie out of the gate on the par-3 first hole, but followed it up with a double bogey on the second and bogey on the fourth. However, he began his turnaround with a birdie on the eighth hole to make the turn at only one-over-par. On the back, Kolloff focused in on his game to make strides towards the top of the leaderboard. He made a bogey on the 12th, but added birdies on the 13th, 14th, and 16th holes. He finished with a one-under-par 70 to take home his first win in the New England Section.

Kolloff did his homework on Purpoodock's layout in advance of Wednesday's event.

"I had never seen the course before, and had never played

Purpoodock, so I looked it up on Google maps to see what the yardages could be. You can't really hit driver in a bunch of places, so I had a lot of 4 and 5 irons, and made it work with that," said Kolloff. Liam Friedman,

RESULTS

	Name		Final
1	Adam Kolloff	-1	70
Т2	Matt Zdon	E	71
Т2	Liam Friedman	E	71
4	Leon Oliver	1	72
Т5	John Hickson	2	73
Т5	Kirk Hanefeld	2	73
Т5	Hal Jacobs	2	73
Т5	David Dionne	2	73
Т5	Eric Barlow	2	73
Т5	Scott Hickey	2	73

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Professional Teamwork

Bruso and Karbowski Dominate at Senior/Junior

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-Haverhill, MA

Rick Karbowski, PGA (Auburn Driving Range) and Bob Bruso, PGA (Blackstone National GC) shot a combined 11-under-par score of 59 to win the Senior/ Junior Championship at Haverhill CC in Haverhill, Mass on Monday. Their round is one of the lowest in NEPGA history.

The format of four-ball stroke play fostered a great opportunity for PGA Professionals over the age of 50 to mentor and play a round with a PGA Professional under the age of 50. Teamwork was a factor on the course as they were able to card the best ball between the duo.

Karbowski and Bruso embodied the team aspect of the event. They began the day on the tenth hole and made the back nine of the course look easy. The Blackstone National-Auburn Driving Range team made birdies on the 12th, 13th, and 14th holes, and finished the side with three more on 16, 17, and 18.

On the front side the duo carded their only bogey on the day, on the sixth hole. However, with Bruso's long-driving abilities and Karbowski's strong putting stroke, they more than made up for the deficit. On the eighth hole, Bruso sunk a 20ft putt to make eagle. On the day, they made a total of ten birdies to finish at their total 59.

"We made a lot of putts, Rick really had it going the entire round and he was making everything, it was great. He really inspired me to make some putts and we hit the ball on the green and said to each other 'we have to make this' and I just felt so good with the putter," said Bruso following the round.

In recent NEPGA history, there hasn't been a score as low as in the 50s, and it is possible that it hasn't ever happened. Many PGA Professionals took advantage of the format to go low in Monday's round as well; there were only 7 of the 29 teams playing that did not finish under par.



Thank you to Haverhill Country Club and head PGA Professional Jason Dufresne for hosting this great event, also thank you to Ollie and Dee Hallett and Antigua and Brian Uvena from Mizuno for partnering and for the great tee gifts for our players.

RESULTS

	Team		Final
1	Robert Bruso	-11	59
	Rick Karbowski		
2	John Rainone	-9	61
	Matt Doyle		
Т3	Brian Owens	-8	62
	Robert Tramonti		
Т3	Scott Trethewey	-8	62
	Thomas Tobey		
T5	Jim Fairbanks	-7	63
	Brian Moskevich		
T5	Dan Gillis	-7	63
	Gregg Richbourg		

Etched in Marble

Friedman Captures Stroke Play Series #5



Liam Friedman, PGA (Nashawtuc CC) shot a 68 (-3) to win the fifth Stroke Play Series event at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy, Mass on Tuesday. This was the final Stroke Play Series qualifying event before the Stroke Play Series Finals at Montcalm in October.

Friedman began the day on a strong note. He went back-to-back with birdies on the first and second and fifth and sixth holes. He finished the Quincy nine holes with a lone bogey on the ninth to head to the Milton nine at -3, 32.

In his second nine, he didn't go as low. He made a birdie on Milton 4, but fell back to even with a bogey on the par-3 Milton 6th. He traded a bogey for birdie one last time on his final two holes of the day, to finish even through his second nine. On the day, Friedman finished three-under-par with a score of 68.

Matt Zdon, PGA (Belmont CC) finished T2 with Dan Venezio, PGA (Portland CC) and Bob Bruso, PGA (Blackstone National) who all shot 69 (-2). Venezio had a fantastic day on the course, making a double bogey on Milton 2 as his only misstep on the day. Bruso and Zdon had only small mistakes between the courses as well, but it was too much to overtake Friedman.

John Paesani, PGA (The Bay Club at Mattapoisett) may not have shot the score he wanted to win the event, but he made an ace on the second hole on

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the Quincy course. He finished his round at 72 (+1).

The top 54 in the Avidia Cup Points standings after this event have now qualified for the Stroke Play Series Finals at Montcalm GC in Enfield, NH on October 2nd. To see the updated list of finalists,

please click here

Thank you to our partners: Ahead, Bushnell, Truespec, SCNS Sports Foods, Avidia Bank, and PGA Tour, and thank you to Granite Links and Director of Golf Stephen Clancy, PGA.

RESULTS

Pos	Player	Final	
1	Liam Friedman	-3	68
Т2	Matt Zdon	-2	69
T2	Dan Venezio	-2	69
T2	Robert Bruso	-2	69
5	Greg Farland	-1	70
Т6	Eric Barlow	E	71
Т6	Ae Cahill	E	71
Т6	Jeffrey Martin	E	71

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Education Update

From Mike Bradshaw, PGA NEPGA Education Chair



Hello Fellow NEPGA Professionals!!

It's been an excellent season for golf thus far in New England and I hope everyone is having a safe and successful season.

As you probably already know, we entered into a new Member Service Requirement (MSR) cycle as of June 16th that runs through June 15, 2021. As a quick review, 54 MSRs are required by the end of the cycle to maintain one's PGA membership. Of these, at least 36 of the MSRs must come from the "PGA-Required" Category.

The PGA-Required category consists of three segments (Remember—at least 36 of your MSRs MUST come from this category):

- PGA Meetings and Education (National, Section and/or Chapter meetings, PGA-approved education, and approved allied association National Meetings and education)
- Player Development (promotion, conducting and reporting of Player Development Programs; e.g. PGA

Junior League, Get Golf Ready, PGA Hope clinics, etc.)

 Professional Standards and Data
 New for this cycle
 (completion and submission of National surveys such as the Compensation Survey, Facility Operations Survey, revenue Scorecard, etc.)

The total category consists of five segments

- Service to the PGA/Industry
- Golf Coach
- PGA Tournament Participation
- Attending the PGA Merchandise
 Show
- Publishing a Media-Related Article

Also, Members who have attained a combination of years of active membership and age which adds up to 90 or more before the start of the current cycle (June 16, 2018) will only be required to earn 12 MSR credits from the Meeting/Education/Player Development/Professional Standards and Data category (PGA Required Category).

Here in the NEPGA we have a renewed commitment to our member education with the NEPGA University. Currently "out for Summer", the University provides a comprehensive educational platform at events throughout the Section for our members. Our five pillars (Merchandising, Instruction, Personal Wellness, Golf Operations and Career

Development) are the guide in the construction and implementation of the University's schedule.

Plus, coming this Fall, the "U" will go digital with its' own on-line video channel. Our Section staff has been hard at work since this past winter recording all of our events with the intention of being able to share them with the entire membership. Just viewing the video may not get you MSRs, but will definitely give you some information and knowledge that you can use at your facility. Plus, we are exploring the ability to add an on-line assessment at the end of each video segment which will allow for members to earn MSRs from the PGA-required category for each video and assessment passed.

I know that the 2021 deadline is quite a bit away at this point, but it's NEVER too early to get started bettering yourself and your brand at your facility. I urge each and every one of you to explore the Education and MSR information available online at both NEPGA.com and PGA.org.

Have a great rest of the season and I hope to see you soon!!!

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Sincerely,

Mike Bradshaw, PGA

Fore the Job

NEPGA Endorses John Lindert for PGA of America Secretary

The New England PGA recently announced its Section support for John Lindert, PGA for the position of National Secretary.

The announcement comes after a lengthy interview process by the board of each candidate.

John is the Director of Golf at Country Club of Lansing, a Member of the Michigan PGA Section, and is the District 5 Director on the PGA Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the NEPGA and Executive Committee went through a rigorous process which included phone conversations with each candidate, conference calls as well as attending the super-regional meetings in Atlanta, GA where the four candidates presented and met with Section leadership.

After many conversations it was decided at the July NEPGA board meeting the section would support John.

He was selected for his experience and passion for the PGA brand, and we felt he was a genuine Professional and has the best interests of the PGA Professional in mind.

Section leaders in New England feel very passionately about the responsibility to make decisions that affect change on the national level, and are very eager to see the results of the election.

All of the profiles for the candidates are available online on PGA.org, or by clicking the button.



Click for information on all of the candidates

Standing out

NEPGA Professional finishes in 2nd at LPGA National Championship

Seul-Ki Park, PGA (Winchester CC) might be new to the New England PGA Section but she is already well on her way to playing notoriety.

After a strong finish in the NEPGA Section Championship at Quidnessett CC and Warwick CC she set her sights on the LPGA Teaching and Club Professional's National Championship.

The annual event for female golfers is a PGA of America National Event and was held on August



America National Event and was held on August 25-29th at Pinehurst No. 8 in North Carolina.

Park began her quest in the event on a strong note, she was dialed in for her first round, shooting an even-par score of 72. It was a great start especially considering the field consisted of highly accomplished names in LPGA Golf. This score propelled her up the leaderboard, where she would stay for the entirety of the event.

After a second round 73 (+1), Park knew she had to put together a great final round to be in contention. She did just that and had the lowest score amongst the field with a 69 (-2). After 54 holes, she finished tied for first with Stephanie Eisworth, who also shot a third round score of 69. They headed to a playoff.

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Park ultimately lost in the sudden-death match, but she qualified for the 2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Minnesota. Congratulations to Seul-Ki Park, PGA!



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PGA Hope Clinics Inspires Vets

Bangor Municipal GC Hosts Record Number of Veterans for PGA Hope Clinic Button Hole Golf Course in Rhode Island becomes NEPGA HOPE Chapter this Fall!



Veterans gather around Rob Jarvis, PGA as he explains some of the details of the PGA Hope Program at Bangor Municipal Golf Club in Bangor, ME.

PGA Hope, also known as Helping Our Patriots Everywhere, began at Bangor on June 28th and Jarvis offers free golf for all military veterans as well as lessons every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30.

"Being a municipal golf course, part of our mission is to be part of the community and be an asset to the people living here and around us," Jarvis added. "Our plans include doing things like this."

Participants take aim on the range at Bangor Municipal, looking to show off some of their newly acquired skills.







Button Hole Golf Course in East Providence, RI has been giving back to their community for decades, most recently with the help of Professionals Dan Gaughan, PGA and Don Wright, PGA. This fall, their existing veteran programs will become part of the NEPGA HOPE Program.



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FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Rob Jarvis, PGA



Greeting SNEPGA Professionals and Golf Enthusiasts,

I hope this publication of Full Swing Magazine finds you all well as the golf season heads into Autumn. This month, I am fortunate to dust off my writing cap and present some of the wonderful things the NEPGA Foundation has accomplished this season.

NEPGA Hope Programs

Our flagship program, NEPGA HOPE, had a great first year in operation. Atkinson Resort, Hanover Country Club and Bangor Municipal G.C. all conducted summer-long programs that provided golf instruction and playing opportunities for our veterans. The final participation numbers are not in, but I can tell you that almost 50 veterans participated in the Bangor program alone and when we compile the data, it will be in the hundreds throughout New England! All four of these programs are fully funded by the NEPGA Foundation and are sure to grow in years to come.

PGA Professional Grant Success

This year has also been a great year for PGA Professionals utilizing our Foundation Grants. The NEPGA Foundation has given almost \$12,000 to aid PGA Professionals and their facilities with programs that fall under one of the Foundation's 3 Pillars. I have thoroughly enjoyed the stories of how these grants and programs have impacted the lives of those associated with them and I would like to touch on two in particular.

On Saturday July 7th, NEPGA Past President Jim Tobin conducted the Independence Day Classic at Patriot Golf Club. This event offered Veterans that participated in Jim's Adaptive Golf Rehabilitation Clinics the opportunity to have a wonderful day on the course and a classic July 4th barbeque after play completed. In total, 52 Vet's played and had a great day together. The NEPGA Foundation fully funded this event and here is what Jim had to say in regards:

I want the NEPGA Foundation, the Officers and Board of Directors to realize the impact this event had on these veterans who struggle daily on their road to recovery. This never would have happened but for the generosity of the Foundation. I want to express my thanks to the Foundation for enabling me to conduct such a successful tournament.

Another great success story from 2018 occurred at Worcester Country Club. Past Massachusetts Chapter President Mark Aldrich, PGA, along with Nick Lombardi and NEPGA Vice President Allan Belden, PGA conducted their first ever "Kindness Cares" program.

Kindness Cares provides young adolescents that are exposed to a level of trauma due to family health issues, living conditions, or social issues and opportunity to momentarily escape those situations by giving them a positive experience through the game of golf. The goal is to provide them with an outlet for the stress and anxiety they experience as a byproduct of their daily situations.

This year several kids were invited to Worcester CC and received wonderful instruction, golf equipment and apparel thanks to the NEPGA Foundation and the staff at Worcester CC. We should all be proud of the efforts of the PGA Professionals involved in these programs and OUR Foundation for helping them with the funding needed to conduct them. There are many more stories out there that I have not mentioned, but most importantly, there are more on the way!

Juniors, Juniors, Juniors

As you all know by now, the NEPGA Junior Tour, Drive Chip and Putt, and PGA Junior League all now fall under the umbrella of the NEPGA Foundation. Each of these programs has continued to grow in recent years and this year is no exception. There is no doubt that these programs are growing the game in a positive way. Whether it is playing in a NEPGA Junior Tour event, or dipping their toes in the water in their first Drive, Chip and Putt competition, NEPGA Members and their facilities have fully embraced junior golf and are the leaders in the country!

Thank you so much to the host facilities and professionals that have dedicated their resources to this most important pillar of the foundation. We could not do it without you. In closing, thank you all for your patience in the last couple of years while we launch our foundation. As you can see from just this little message, it has all been worth it!

Respectfully,

Rob Jarvis, PGA



The Doctor is in... Thoughts from Tournament Director,

Max Doctoroff, PGA

eptember Tournament News

As the August Tournament Season comes to a close, we're looking ahead to a wonderful tournament season for September! Here's what we have planned:

National Car Rental Assistants Championship

The final Championship event in the NEPGA Season is upon us! The Assistants Championship will be held on September 17th-18th at Renaissance, which provided a great test of golf at last year's Section Championship. Many thanks to partners National Car Rental , Cleveland /Srixon/XXIO, John Deere, Golf Advisor, and PGA Tour! Also, thank you to head PGA Professional Rhett Bishop for hosting us for two days!

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The Head Pro/ Teaching Pro takes the best of both worlds in the game of golf, as one event but two separate contests. A Head Professional, classifications A-1, A-2, A-4, A-5, A-7, A-9, A-13 & MP face off against one another, while Teaching Professionals classified A-6, A-12 & A-14 all square off. It will be at beautiful Wentworth-by-the-Sea Country Club in Rye, NH. Join us for one of the final NEPGA Section events of the season. Thank you to partner PRG Americas and host PGA Professional Gordon Swennes, PGA for hosting us! Registration closes on September 18th.

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Avidia Cup Finals

The Stroke Play Series qualifying events are over, and we're on to the Championship event. The Avidia Cup Finals are set to take place on October 2nd at Montcalm GC in Enfield, NH. Professionals finishing in the top 54 in the Avidia Cup points standings will be eligible for this event. You can find the points breakdown <u>here</u> or on page 18. Thank you to Cory Mansfield, PGA and Montcalm GC for hosting us this year! Also thank you to all of our partners across our Stroke Play Series events in 2018: Ahead, Bushnell, Cutter and Buck, Avidia Bank, SCNS Sports Foods, True Spec and PGA Tour.



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NEPGA Fall Meetings

NEPGA Fall Meetings are right around the corner! See where our meetings will be this season

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Chapter	Date	Location	Time
Assistants' Association	11-Oct	CC of New Bedford	tbd
Seniors' Association	11-Oct	Pleasant Valley CC	tbd
ME Chapter	16-Oct	The Purpoodock Club	9:00 AM
RI Chapter	17-Oct	Crystal Lake GC	10:00 AM
NH Chapter	18-Oct	Intervale CC	9:00 AM
MA Chapter	23-Oct	The Haven CC	9:30 AM
Cape Cod Chapter	24-Oct	S <mark>andwich H</mark> ollows GC	9:30 AM
Section Annual Meeting	29-Oct	tbd	tbd

Important Dates

September 17-18

NEPGA National Car Rental Assistants Championship

September 23 DCP Regional at Winged Foot GC

September 25 NEPGA Head Professional Teaching Professional Championship

October 2

NEPGA Avidia Cup Finals Montcalm GC

October 9

NEPGA Pro-Superintendent Agawam Hunt Club

NEPGA Points Races—September Update

Check in on the Progress of the NEPGA's point Races!

The NEPGA season might be starting to wind down, but the Section's point races are just beginning. The Section has three major opportunities for Professionals to participate in events other than just golf on the course.

The SCNS Sports Foods 1st Tee/ 10th Tee Challenge takes a snapshot of the Avidia Bank Stroke Play Series that's beyond scores in individual events. It takes a Professional's score in relation to par on the first and tenth holes only. At the end of the Stroke Play Series, scores from the first holes and tenth holes are then aggregated and the lowest PGA Professional from either contest is crowned champion.



Currently, 12 NEPGA Professionals are tied at -1 in the first tee challenge, including Rick Karbowski, PGA and Chip Johnson, PGA. Find the results in the first tee tenth tee challenge here.



In the 'Race to the Avidia Cup", PGA Professionals whom participate in any of the Stroke Play Series events accumulate points for high finishes. The top 54 point finishers after the five Stroke Play Series events will participate in the Avidia Bank Cup finals. In 2017, Kirk Hanefeld was the Avidia Cup Champion after a great performance at The Misquamicut Club in Watch Hill, RI. This season the Avidia Cup Finals will be at Montcalm GC on October 2nd. Montcalm will provide a scenic background and a great challenge to the field as many have never played the Enfield, NH course . Click on the logo to the left for the updated list of points standings in the Avidia Cup Finals!

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The OMEGA-Wogan Player of the Year tallies points based on New England PGA Member finishes in New England Section, State and National events throughout the year. At the end of the season, the NEPGA Professional with the most points is declared the OMEGA-Wogan Player of the Year. The award's namesake, Eugene "Skip" Wogan, was an accomplished New England Section player as well as one of the founders of the PGA of America while serving as the Section's first President. Skip was also active on a national level with the PGA of America's Board of Directors. Over the past five years, Shawn Warren, PGA and Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA have won it three and two year respectively. This season, Warren has a 2,000 point lead on Berberian at over 12,000 points with the Avidia Cup Finals left to play.



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Waugh Named CEO of PGA of America

From PGA of America

Seth Waugh, a former Deutsche Bank Americas CEO, has been named Chief Executive Officer of the PGA of America. Waugh will guide the business and overall strategy of one of the world's largest sports organizations, serving the Association's nearly 29,000 PGA Professionals into an exciting new era.

An Independent Director on the PGA of America Board of Directors, Waugh is completing a three-year term of service, during which the Association focused on a long-term strategic plan to serve the PGA Member and grow the game.

Since 2017, Waugh has served as a Senior Advisor and then a Managing Director at Silver Lake, a global leader in technology

investing. He will continue on as a Senior Advisor to the firm.

In 2016, he was also appointed Non-Executive Chairman of Alex. Brown, following the sale of Deutsche Bank's Private Client Services division to Raymond James. Waugh also served in the management of Florida East Coast Industries in 2014.

"It is an honor and privilege to be invited to lead this remarkable Association into its second century," said Waugh. "Like so many, I share a passion for the game that has given so much to me, and in the process, has somehow become a huge influence in my life. The opportunity to work with the nearly 29,000 PGA Professionals and others in the game to give back and to help our beautiful sport evolve is a true gift. I look forward to getting into the field to engage with our Members, learn more about the issues that matter most to them, and look for ways to enhance their careers and lives. I am grateful for the trust that the Officers and the Board are showing in me. It will be exciting to see all the good that we can do together as an Association and an industry.

"Leaving Silver Lake has been the hardest decision of my career, and I want to thank my partners for their support and commitment to excellence. There is a reason they are the best in the world at what they do.

"I am also grateful to my predecessor Pete Bevacqua for leaving the PGA in such strong shape, with a long-term strategic plan that will be the road map for our planning. Because of Pete's good work and the work of the leadership team, the PGA Staff, the Board and Officers, and our Sections, I take over at a time that allows us to optimize our impact—and put particular focus on how to add value to our dedicated Members. I am truly grateful for the game of golf and this amazing opportunity, and I can't wait to get started."

Previously, Waugh spent 13 years at Deutsche Bank, including 10 years as CEO of the Americas, overseeing an unprecedented time of growth for the Bank in the region. He also served as Chairman of the Deutsche Bank Americas Advisory Board, an external strategic advisory team conceived under his leadership. During this time, Waugh worked with the PGA TOUR to create the former Deutsche



Bank Championship (now the Dell Technologies Championship) in Boston.

"With Seth Waugh steering the PGA of America as our new CEO, we are gaining a leader who is respected across multiple industries for his vast strategic management experience and vision," said PGA President Paul Levy. "Seth's passion for PGA Members and the game of golf—as demonstrated by his service on the PGA of America's Board—coupled with his global expertise in business, will serve our Members well."

Prior to joining Deutsche Bank, Waugh was CEO of Quantitative Financial Strategies (QFS). He also spent 11 years in various leadership roles at Merrill Lynch, culminating in serving as Co-Head of Global Debt Markets. Earlier in his career, Waugh managed the Corporate Bond and International Trading desks at Salomon Brothers.

Waugh serves on the Board of Franklin Templeton Advisors and the Advisory Board of Workday, Inc. He also served on the FINRA Board of Governors until 2015. Waugh's philanthropic endeavors have included serving on the boards of the: World Trade Center Memorial Foundation; YMCA of Greater New York; Multiple Sclerosis Society of Greater New York; Executive Committee of Partnership for New York City; St. Vincent's Services of Brooklyn; Local Initiatives Support Corporation; and Harlem Village Academies, as well as President of the Board of the Lawrenceville School, and Trustee at Wake Forest University.

Waugh holds a B.A. in Economics and English from Amherst College. Seth and his wife, Jane, reside in North Palm Beach, Florida. Together, they have five children, one of whom, Clancy, played golf at Wake Forest and SMU, and is now trying his hand in the professional game.

Waugh succeeds Bevacqua, who was recently named NBC Sports Group President, and will officially start at the PGA on Sept. 24. John Easterbrook Jr., PGA will continue to serve as Interim CEO until such time.

Junior League 16U Update

From League Manager Brian Bain, PGA



After a rainy start to the month of August the sun finally came out on Tuesday August 14th for the NEPGA 16U PGA Jr. League Championship to be played down in Harwich at Cranberry Valley Golf Course. The 16U PGA Jr. League has seen tremendous growth in the New England Section after growing from 5 leagues and 17 teams in 2017 to 10 leagues and 39 teams in 2018. As more and more juniors start to age out of the 13U PGA Jr. League the 16U option is keeping these juniors engaged with the game that we all share a passion for.

Each of the leagues were invited to send 4-5 of their 14-16 year old players down to represent their league. Thank you to the Town of Harwich and Roman Greer, PGA the 2016 NEPGA Youth Player Development Award Recipient for providing the golf for the juniors. Each of the players received lunch after the golf and a PGA Jr. League All Star head cover.

The golf course was in excellent condition and some good golf was played by the teams taking part. The juniors played the 2 person PGA Jr. League scramble format and the two groups per team aggregate score was used to determine the winners. The Rhode Island League led by Captain Issac Moniz, PGA took the early lead with an aggregate 78 until the last scorecard was totaled and posted and the Cape 1 League led by Turner Meek, PGA

also came in with an aggregate 78.

16U PGA Jr. League New England Co Champions:

Rhode Island League 78 (Cranston, Ledgemont, Pawtucket) Cape 1 League 78 (Cranberry Valley, Hyannis, Oyster Harbors, Wianno) Central MA League 83 Southern MA League 83 Cape 2 League 83 Pinehills League 88



Click for more information On Jr. League!

This fun filled day could not have happened without the

support of all of you the Captains, the Town of Harwich, Roman Greer, PGA and the NEPGA Foundation. We look forward to more facilities joining the fun and getting involved with 16U PGA Jr. League in 2019.



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October 2nd at the Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield, NH.

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Thank you to all of our PGA Professionals and volunteers who came out to the Dell Technologies Pro-Am! We hope you had a great day inside the PGA Tour Ropes! Check out some of the best pictures below!



Roman Greer, PGA and Jimmy Walker!



(above) Zach Johnson and Jack Gale, PGA (right): Bryan Leskowitz and Jordan Spieth





Allan Belden, PGA, Malcolm Negoshian, PGA and Richie Hasenfus, PGA before they walk with their PGA Tour groups



Mark Anderson, PGA and Tiger Woods



September MEMBERSHIP NOTES: Joan Stuart

Membership Assistance Program began July 1st



The SupportLinc Member Assistance Program (MAP) is a company-sponsored resource that helps you deal with life's challenges and the demands that come with balancing home and work. SupportLinc provides members and associates with confidential, professional counseling for a wide array of personal and work-related concerns, including short-term counseling, legal and financial consultation, dependent care referrals and technology-based resources to assist in every aspect of life.

We all experience personal problems from time to time. Usually, we're content to handle them on our own. However, in order to truly address a problem, there are times where we just don't know where to turn. "The stress of my job is just too much." "I'm going through a divorce and need to find an attorney." "All I do is work to pay the bills and I'm never caught up." "My child care provider just quit. What am I going to do?" "My supervisor and I just can't get along." "I think my father needs to move to a nursing home, but I don't know where to turn."

You and your immediate family members can contact SupportLinc at any time, day or night, and speak directly to a licensed MAP counselor. The experienced SupportLinc counselor will collect some general information about you and will talk to you about the nature of your issue. This process is called an "intake". Once the intake conversation is completed, the counselor will schedule an in-person appointment with a nearby clinician who best fits the need that was identified during the intake.

You can call SupportLinc toll-free at 866-4PGAMAP (474-2627). You will be immediately connected to a licensed SupportLinc counselor who can provide you with assistance. SupportLinc is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you are logged into PGA.org, you can access the Member Assistance Program website directly through the Benefits & Tools area. Login information is not required.

A \$5 line item charge is included in the FY2018/2019 annual dues invoices. The Member Assistance Program is a result of

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Resolution 3, which was passed at the 2017 PGA Annual Meeting last fall.

ACH Payments

This is always worth repeating! Now that we are in the height of our



2018 Tournament Season, I would again like to remind you about the advantages of receiving your purse winnings as a direct deposit either into your checking or savings account.

Why wait to receive your money?

Why risk the possibility that the check may get lost in the mail?

Why wait for the check to be sent or forwarded to a new address?

Why have a stop payment fee deducted from your check when the Section has to stop payment because you never received the check?

The SIMPLE solution is to have the money deposited directly into your account. Please click here for the ACH Payment Form and follow the instructions on the form. If you need any guidance, please call the section office 508.869.0000 or email jstuart@pgahq.com.

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John Deere Discount for PGA Members



MEMBERSHIP NEWS, CONT.

Did You Know?

From time to time there will be features on some of the available special Discount Programs for PGA Professionals. This month it is the John Deere Loyalty Rewards Program just for PGA Professionals.

As the Official Golf Course Turf Equipment Partner of the PGA of America, John Deere is happy to provide PGA Members a discount on residential lawn care equipment. Please access the link below, complete the enrollment form to become a member of the John Deere Green Fleet team and begin

shopping!

As a current PGA member, you are eligible for a free upgrade to Rewards Platinum 1 which unlocks the best of Rewards including valuable equipment discounts.

Simply register through www.pga.org/ articles/john-deere-loyalty-rewards-program and they will instantly upgrade your Rewards membership. Then, you can manage your account through MyJohnDeere anytime.

PGA NEWS PGA Facility Operations Scorecard

Through your continued support, we are able to host the PGA Facility Operations Scorecard (formerly known as the PGA Annual Operations Survey) to help provide our PGA Professionals with **key statistics and benchmarking capabilities to support management** of golf and club operations. This email is intended to seek your help in recruiting PGA Professional participation so that we in turn can provide comprehensive facility data that is reflective of the marketplace.

Sporting a **new, streamlined design**, the scorecard is geared towards making data more efficient and relevant to each PGA Professional filling out the scorecard, where questions are **more aligned with revenue and expense topics that are important** to PGA Professionals and their facility.

A soft launch of the scorecard **goes live early tomorrow morning** to those members that have already completed the 2018 PGA Compensation Survey. We ask that you leverage your communications to **encourage PGA Professionals in your Section** to complete this survey before June 4th.

New this year, PGA Professionals have the opportunity to <u>earn up to three (3) MSR credits</u> depending on the level of detail they wish to provide by completing the scorecard with valid, usable data by the deadline. **MSR credit is automatically applied** upon completion of the scorecard.

The scorecard is **currently available for the highest-ranked PGA Professional** at each facility. Please direct PGA Professionals to the following page at PGA.org to participate: <u>http://apps.pga.org/professionals/apps/memberinfo/</u> <u>performancetrak/facops.cfm</u>



For review prior to completing the scorecard online, there is a **downloadable version** on the Facility Operations Scorecard landing page. As a reminder, **all survey responses are treated confidentially** with results continuing to be shared in an aggregated format and not by an individual facility.

We truly appreciate your assistance with this and look forward to receiving data from PGA Professionals in your Section.

District 1 Director Report: Noel Gebauer, PGA



<u>Click here</u> to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of September featuring information on the PGA Golf Management University Scholarship, the "PGA Journeys" campaign, the PGA's Social Responsibility report and much more!

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TOUR: JACY Settles

As our calendar moves to September and school is back in session, it's a great time to start thinking about the college planning process. In addition to this important life choice, if your junior golfer is interested in playing golf at the next level, there are many things they can do leading up to help make that dream a reality. The New England PGA Junior Tour has seen hundreds of alumni go on to play golf collegiately across the country (see page 29 for some examples), and we have polled some to find some tips to help aspiring collegiate golfers succeed!

8th Grade

-Research and start a list of colleges you're interested in. Aim to begin writing to college coaches freshman year of high school.

-Work on study and time management skills. It's important to get good grades beginning freshman year of high school.

-Character matters. Make good choices. Learn to be careful of what you put on social media.

<u>Freshman Year</u>

-Continue your research and compile an initial list of 20 to 30 schools that you're interested in. Rank schools based on what attributes are most important to you.

-Begin writing coaches of schools you're interested in, get on their radar and get your name out there!

-Ask your coaches where you need improvements and set goals

-Good grades are critical all four years of HS, start early!

-Review HS and NCAA Amateur requirements so you don't lose your eligibility

-Plan your upcoming tournament schedule

-Learn how to win, don't just play in tournaments where you finish in the middle of the field.

Sophomore Year

-Continue your research and compile an initial list of 20 to 30 schools that you're interested in. Rank schools based on what attributes are most important to you.

-Begin writing coaches of schools you're interested in, get on their radar and get your name out there!

-Ask your coaches where you need improvements and set goals

-Good grades are critical all four years of HS, start early!

-Review HS and NCAA Amateur requirements so you don't lose your eligibility

-Plan your upcoming tournament schedule

-Learn how to win, don't just play in tournaments where you finish in the middle of the field.

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<u>Junior Year</u>

-Continue to research schools, narrow your list to 10-15

-Keep in contact with coaches, let them know your interest or if you're not interested anymore.

-Keep sending your video and highlights to schools.

-Ask coaches where you stand in their recruiting list & time line

-Take SAT/ACT

-Keep improving on your skills and playing in tournaments

- Make unofficial visits to schools

-Take AP classes and challenge yourself academically

-Try to see schools at their tournaments, research their schedules.

-Keep a positive attitude!

<u>Senior Year</u>

-Narrow your list to 3-5 schools, stay in contact with coaches weekly

-Ask about time lines, when are coaches making offers?

-Quickly and politely let schools know if you're not interested

-Take official visits to schools, meet coaches and players. Get players feedback on the program and school.

-Complete FAFSA forms, get college applications in early and apply to all schools on your list.

-Keep up your grades!

-Character is key, who are you when no one is looking?

-Don't post anything on social media that you might regret

-Receive, consider and respond to all written offers from schools

-Make the decision, and make sure it's your decision!

NEPGA Junior Tour College Corner

The New England PGA Junior Tour currently has over 30 Alumni playing collegiate golf all around the country this year alone. Click the image below to see who these shining stars are on the course and in the classroom!



Making Francis Proud

Junior Top Finishers play at the Country Club



L to R (front row): Clare Sobolewski, Morgan MacLeod, Victoria Veator, MacKenzie Murphy, Colby Sanville, JP Ceryanek, Brendan Ziegler (back row): Erik Wahlstrom, Dan Brooks, Robbie Forti, Nate Ingram, Max Hagan







(I or r) Dan Brooks, Max Hagan, and Nate Ingram pose for a picture on the seventh tee at TCC

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(I to r) Morgan MacLeod, Victoria Veator, Claire Sobolewski, and MacKenzie Murphy all enjoyed their day playing the 2020 US Open Host Course.

A special thank you to Brendan Walsh, PGA and the membership at TCC for hosting this special day for our juniors!

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Gearing up Juniors for Fall

NEPGA Junior Tour Items for sale to Benefit Foundation



The New England PGA Junior Tour has begun a new partnership with Ink'd Stores to sell Junior Tour merchandise to those in New England and beyond. Junior Tour logo items will be available on their new web store. All proceeds from the store are donated back to the NEPGA Foundation.

All Junior Tour merchandise will be available online only through Ink'd Stores. Some of the items include a backpack, t-shirts, a beanie cap, and sweatshirts. While only a select amount of items are available now, the Junior Tour will expand the offering in the new future.

Jay Sapovits, president of Ink'd is especially excited about the partnership.

"The NEPGA Jr Tour focuses on the right aspects of junior golf, sportsmanship and integrity. It also is a remarkable display of courage for young competitors. With the effort junior golfers take to grow their games, I believe they will wear this logo proudly among their friends. That is a group of individuals I want to be supportive (of)," said Sapovits.

To locate the Junior Tour online store, go to <u>https://</u> stores.inksoft.com/nepga_jr_tour/shop/home

About Ink'd

Ink'd is a retail store in Mansfield Crossing, straight across from LL Bean. A full-service apparel and promotional company, Ink'd offers eco-friendly screen printing, embroider and direct to garment printing all on-site for guests to experience. Ink'd has no minimum order size on apparel and offers a see, feel and touch environment, as well as expertise in all aspects of corporate, team and local marketing. Ink'd is open Monday-Saturday 10a-7p and can be reached at 508-339-0126 or online at <u>www.inkdstores.com</u>



2018 NEPGA Scholarship Recipients Announced! **Congratulations to the 2018 NEPGA Foundation Wemyss Scholarship Recipients!**

Freshman Students (incoming September 2018)

Sara Bishop: Mount Holyoke College William Farland: UMass Amherst Addison Kennamer: University of NH Tyler Mann: UMass Lowell Samantha Marcotte: University of \ Madison McBroom: UMass Boston Alison Tzianabos: Clark University



College Students

Elisabeth Boshka: Messiah College Christopher Decker: University of Maine Olivia Durocher: Worcester State University Matthew Emmi: University of Tampa Victoria Giffin: UMass Amherst Torgan Griffin: Middlebury College Bienard Hardy: Champlain College Julianne Hester: St. Joseph's University Leia McBroom: Florida Gulf Coast University Adam Moore: Endicott College



Growth of the Game Opportunities

Bob Beach, PGA

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Clinics for Veterans and wounded Vets at the Brockton VA Fridays 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm, year round

Clinics for Veterans and their families at Ponkapoag GC Saturdays 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm until October 27th

SMGA Clinics for Veterans at Granite Links GC Mondays 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm until October 22nd To learn more about these volunteer opportunities, and to help out, please reach out to Bob Beach, PGA at bobbeachpga@gmail.com or at 781.664.3768.

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Short Game Clinics for Veterans and wounded Vets at Cedar Hill GC in Stoughton, MA 11:00 am until 12 noon beginning July 13th through August 24th

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Special Olympics State Golf Tournament Saturday August 25th from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm NEPGA Golf Professionals run the Skills Competition at the State Games

CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Cape Chapter Manager Mickey Herron, PGA

A Championship Crowned

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Section ED Mike "Higgy" Higgins led half of his talented staff presenting & coordinating the 2018 NEPGA Championship (congrats to Rich Berberian) at Quidnessett CC, while an equal ton of man hours were dedicated to co-hosts and the happenings at Warwick CC (where our old friend Matt Walsh is PGA HP). Six Chapter members showed well and made the cut in this 54hole event led by Ryan Hritz (Ocean Edge) *leading the way with a fine T-20, followed by* Greg Yeomans (The Bay Club), Dieter Wiedemayer (Sankaty Head), John Paesani (The Bay Club), Matt Baran (The Ridge Club) and Tom Tobey (Sandwich Hollows).

Just days after – several top players took their games on the road to Haverhill CC – in the annual Section Senior/Junior (4-Ball Stroke Play - 1 pro under 50) – with terrific

finishes: Scott Trethewey (Bay Pointe) & Tom Tobey (63 T-3), Gregg Richbourg (Cape Cod National) and Dan Gillis (64 T-5), John Paesani and Jeff Martin (65 T-7) and also competing – the formidable team of Chapter President Eric Steindel (The Wianno Club) paired with Chapter VP Glenn Kelly (Woods Hole)

Looking down the Cape

Capturing his third CAPE COD PGA CHAMPIONSHIP in a hard -fought 36-hole affair at LeBaron Hills CC was Greg Yeomans, whose -1 under par 143 (71-72) in searing heat edged several top players/peers:Including Allendale's Nick Jagoe (72-72—144) recent winner of the Section's Stroke Play

event at Manchester CC against a field of 90 fellow pros. Following his victory Yeomans was congratulated by all those surviving the 100 degree heat including Hyannis GC's PGA HP Jesse Schechtman (below).





CAPE COD CHAPTER NEWS Continued...

Submitted by Cape Chapter Manager Mickey Herron, PGA

Tournament News



Prior to this years' championship at LeBaron Hills were hopefuls (I to r) Jay Askew (The Ridge Club GM), Mark Heartfield (Sankaty Head HP), Brad Sherman (proprietor of 15thgolfclub.com), Schechtman, Ryan Payne (The Cape Club HP), John Paesani (The Bay Club AP) and the chapter's spiritual leader Bob Giusti (The Back Nine Club's 68 yr old HP, who fired 72 in the 2nd round (from the tips in the heat!) beaten only by one other player in the entire field (Yeomans) – which led to a superb 7th place finish (150) – Giusti leads the Wessner Point POY season long point race sponsored by Sherman!



While the Chapter journeyed around the LeBaron links all day – Wilson Golf filmed an edition of their reality show DRIVERS VS. DRIVERS featuring this week three of their Tour Staff Pros including Brendan Steele and Kevin Streeleman (pictured right) And, the same day FootJoy filmed an ambitious promotion at The Kittansett Club which included most of their Tour Pros as well – both Wilson & FJ projects occurring just before the FedEx Playoffs at TPC Norton the following day

Along with Jagoe & Hritz (69-77 146), many young chapter professionals emerged onto the scene with stellar play including Zachary Staub (The Ridge Club Assistant Pro) who placed 6th (73-76 149) in a strong field of Cape pros



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SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Senior Association President Joe Carr, PGA



Tatnuck Country Club August 6, 2018

The Senior Association played their fourth Pro-Am of the season on August 6th at Tatnuck Country Club in Worcester, MA. To view pictures from this Pro-Am, please <u>click here</u>. Thank you to our host, Tim Bishop, PGA Head Professional for a great day of golf and lunch afterwards!

Results

Individual Pro Gross:

1 Al Santos, PGA Trull Brook GC 71 (\$125) 2 Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake CC 73 (\$75)

Individual Pro Net:

T1 Harry Rose, PGA Needham GC 73 (\$100) T1 Bill Lindquist, PGA Mt. Pleasant GC 73 (\$100)

Team Gross:

1 Brad Durrin, PGA Maynard GC, Doug Tucker, Don Deciantes, Owen O'Callaghan -6 66

Team Net:

T1 Rich Hasenfus, PGA Needham GC Tim Hasenfus, Wayne Kent, Rich Ellisa -1 71 T1 Tim Bishop, PGA Tatnuck CC Jim Wells, Chris Doughorty, Terry Condon –1 71 T1 Dan Gillis, PGA Nabnasset Lake CC Kristin Rydewski, Ann Winfhol, Deb Villano-1 71



SENIORS' ASSOCIATION NEWS Continued...

Submitted by Senior Association President Joe Carr, PGA

Next stop for the Senior Association is a Pro-3 Am at the beautiful Bass Rocks Golf Club in Gloucester, MA on September 13th. There are still tee times available at this great venue as of August 21st.

Current Tee Times:

9:00 Dan Gillis, PGA
9:07 John Theo, PGA
9:15–9:45: *Open*
9:52 Harry Rose, PGA
10:00 Mike Mullavey, PGA
10:07 Joe Carr, PGA
10:15 Al Santos, PGA
10:22 Rich Hasenfus, PGA
10:30 Bill Lodge, PGA
10:37 Bill Lindquist, PGA
10:45 Peter Hood, PGA



Please contact Dennis Selvitella, PGA if you are interested in bringing a team. You can reach Dennis at 508.410.4984.

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MA CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by MA Chapter President, Chris Young, PGA

Ready to Resume

The Massachusetts Chapter is looking forward to resuming our schedule now that the 100-Day War has ended! We are excited to resume our playing schedule and the race to be crowned Massachusetts Chapter Player of the Year at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover for our Chapter Championship October 4th. Thanks fo Mike Miller, PGA and Indian Ridge for hosting. The schedule resumes on October 23 with our Fall Meeting and ProPro at The Haven CC. The Meeting begins at 9:30am with lunch and Pro-Pro to follow. This is an election year for the MA Chapter, and the following governance positions are up for election:

Candidate for MA Chapter President (Southern MA): Lou Rivers, PGA - Foxborough CC Candidate for MA Chapter Vice President (Central MA): Shawn Durocher, PGA – Cyprian Keyes Golf Club MA Chapter Secretary/Treasurer (Eastern MA): Vacant MA District Director (Central MA) of the NEPGA: Vacant If any Massachusetts Chapter PGA Professional has interest in running for the vacant Secretary position or District Director position, please inform Chris Young, PGA (cyoung@pga.com) or Jacy Settles (jsettles@pgahq.com) by Monday, October 15, 2018.

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The remaining fall tournament schedule is as follows: Thursday, October 4—Chapter Championship at Indian Ridge CC Monday, November 5—Individual Stableford at Thomson CC Monday, November 12—Pro-Pro at Blue Hill CC

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MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by ME Chapter President Tony Decker, PGA

The Maine Chapter has been busy with our Pro-Junior and the Pro-Lady Championships played at Biddeford-Saco CC and Riverside GC respectively.

A total of ten 4-player teams teed it up for a fun day at the Pro-Junior Championship. In addition to the 2 BB of 4 Gross main competition, there were long drive, closestto-the-pin and putting contests. Our partners from Oakley provided sunglasses for the CTP winners. The defending champions from the Purpoodock Club spearheaded by Chapter president Tony Decker, had another great day on the links, carding an impressive 9under par gross score of 133 to claim the championship



again by 4 strokes. Low professional honors were shared with Portland Country Club's, Pat Kowker, and Bath Golf Club's, Henry Fall posting 1-over par scores of 72.

Twelve Pro-Lady teams began the day needing their rain gear, but after a few holes the skies cleared and the Championship



was off and running. This time it was Brian Bickford and the ladies from Val Halla GC that put on quite the show, finishing with an 8-under 2 BB gross score of 136. Brian's partners were Blair Clancy, Meredith Koerner and Rachel Smith who shot a career low score of 68 on her own ball. Taking net honors were Matt Gaynor, Lisa DiBiase, Beth Corbeau, Abby Cross from Nonesuch River Golf Club, with an impressive 25-under-par total of 119. Leon Oliver from Bath Golf Club continued his fine play with a 2-under round of 70 to take Low-Professional honors.

The summer schedule progressed with the State of Maine Championship at Sugarloaf Golf Club Congratulations to Jeff Seavey, PGA for winning the State of Maine Championship over John Hickson, PGA . We now look ahead to and the Maine Chapter Championship at Rockland / Samoset Golf Courses.

The Maine Chapter wishes to thank all our partners/sponsors who without their support these events would not be possible



NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA



Matt Levins (I) and Brett Smestad (r) were winners in the chapter's ProPro Championship held at Montcalm GC. The duo from Rochester CC shot an 8under par round of 64 to edge out twosomes from Keen CC (Barry Pearson and CJ Konkowski), Dustin Ribolini and Zac Temple of Hanover CC and Rico Riciputi (Wentworth By The Sea) and Jason Sedan of Lake Winnipesaukee CC. Thanks to Erin Henderson of Callaway and Patrick Deangelo of Yamaha for their partnerships.

The final threesome are poised on the first tee in the second round of the chapter championship at North Conway CC. From (I-r) Mitch Jefferson, Ridgewood GC, Matt Arvanitis, Southern NH University and Corv Mansfield of Montcalm GC. Jefferson and Arvanitis were tied for first place with scores of 68 in the first round while Mansfield was at even par 71. However, Arvanitis was the eventual winner with a second round score of 70. This was his third chapter championship victory. The championship was contested by 38 chapter professionals which included the popular North Conway pro-member even t and dinner following the first round. A huge thank you to Kevin and Michelle Walker of North Conway CC for their hospitality as well as our sponsors, Avidia Bank, PGA Tour, Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey, Tournament Solutions, Callaway, Yamaha and Lincoln Motors.





Jim Sheerin of Abenaqui CC accepts the trophy for winning the senior division of the chapter championship at North Conway CC. Sheerin finished second to the champion, Matt Arvanitis, with rounds of 71 and 69 and was declared the senior champion for the 13th time in his great golfing career.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS (cont.)

Submitted by New Hampshire Chapter President Tim Loch, PGA



Hanover CC was the site of the chapter's Mohegan Sun Qualifier and the winning team was from Atkinson CC and featured assistant professional Danny Kish and his amateur partners Allison Wilkins, Ben Whitaker and Matt Newton. The foursome shot an incredible 20 under par in the 1BB Gross and 1BB Net Combined format. Low professional for the day was Crotched Mountain head pro Matthew Bradbury with a 4-under par round of 66.

Mitch Jefferson of Ridgewood GC is the leader of the NHC Player of the Year standings with 138.3 points. He is closely followed by Matthew Bradbury, Crotched Mountain with 126,9, Jason Malcolm, Nashua CC 120.6, Ray Smith, Whip-Poor-Will, 114.8 and the veteran from Laconia CC, Dan Wilkins with 106.78.

VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by Rhode Island Chapter President, Brian Gara, PGA



The Vermont Pro-Junior was held at Williston Golf Club on Monday, August 6. The Orleans GC team led by two double birdies (holes 5 and 11) took first overall in the gross division shooting a very impressive seven under 135 (2 best ball gross). The Vermont National team led by Sean Toof took first place in the net division firing nine under edging out the Williston GC team led by Reece Delaire by a single shot. Patrick Berry won the professional division finishing with a score of 73. Roger King has increased his Northstar player of the year to 25 with his second place tie with Reece Delaire both shooting 74. A special thanks with Ping Golf and to Golf Value Book for their continued support of this event year after year!





Upcoming Events: September 4-5, 2018- Stroke play Championship at Stowe CC September 17, 2018- Green Mountain National Pro-Am September 19-20, 2018- Match Play Championship at Ekwanok CC







RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Submitted by RI Chapter President Tony DiGiorgio, PGA

This Week In Rhode Island



This is as good as it gets at Quidnessett! Thank you to host Professional John Del Bonis for taking care of the Professionals and Amateurs that came in hot for on a steamy Monday morning for an 8 AM shotgun. The goal of the day was to play fast, play furious, but most importantly have fun! I would like to venture a guess that all the players in the field had enjoyed themselves. The field of 68 players screeched into the parking lot and then screeched their way onto a well manicured Quidnessett course to battle the hot and sticky conditions. Just as quickly as they went for play, they came roaring back into the clubhouse even quicker to jockey and compare scorecards to find out who was leading and in the money.

Computing as quickly as possible, Team William Maguire, PGA of Wanumetonomy Golf & Country Club shot a 126 (-18) to capture the title for the Pro-Am contest, in 2nd Team Swansea Shane Drury, PGA shot 129 (-15), 3rd Team North Kingstown John Rainone, PGA shot 131 (-13), 4th Team Warwick Matt Walsh, and two T-5th Team Shelter Harbor Chris Abbott and Team Braintree Craig Coombes.

As for the Individual Professional contest, hats off to John Rainone, PGA for shooting a 4-under 68, followed by Robert Tramonti, PGA with a 2-under 70, and to round out the Top 3 to finish even par or better, Brent Amaral, PGA with a even 72.

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Congrats to the winners and we thank you for playing in the event!

Rhode Island Open at Crestwood CC

Congrats to John VanDerLaan crowned the 87th Rhode Island Open Champion on August 15, 2018 after shooting a two-day total 129 (-13 under).

Upcoming RI Chapter and NEPGA Tournaments

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 PRO-OFFICER AT KIRKBRAE OCTOBER 1, 2018 RI PGA CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP AT CARNEGIE ABBEY OCTOBER 16, 2018 SHELTER HARBOR HAVERSHAM PRO-AM





ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Submitted by Assistant's Association President, Brendon Ray, PGA



Can you believe that September is already upon us? With the turn of the calendar comes the change in the weather and the always exciting NEAA Fall schedule. We have a great line up for this coming fall highlighted by the NEPGA Assistants Championship on September 17th and 18th at Renaissance in Haverhill, MA. We are happy to report a record field of 100 players in this year's Championship, the largest NEPGA Assistants Championship in the country for 2018 (second only to the Metropolitan Section). This outstanding level of participation will give the NEPGA the opportunity to send the strongest possible representatives to the National Car Rental PGA Assistants Championship in November at

PGA Golf Club. The top six finishers in the Section event will go to the national Championship, be sure to follow the action and find out who goes!

We have a new event this fall and are very fortunate to be going to The Quechee Club in Vermont for a Pro-Pro Stroke Play event on October 4th. A big thank you to former NEAA President, TJ Anthoine for hosting us. The following Thursday, October 11th, we will have our Fall Meeting at Country Club of New Bedford. This will be an 8:30 shotgun followed immediately by lunch and our Fall Meeting. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the Association as we will be voting on incoming positions to be filled. More information on this to come in the next few weeks.



A few weeks later on Tuesday, October 23rd and Wednesday, October 24th, the ever popular and always exciting NEAA Island Invitational will be conducted at Miacomet Golf Club on Nantucket. This is Ryder Cup style event and is always the highlight event of the fall for those who attend. There will be limited spots available and more information on this will be coming shortly.



Lastly, we as a Board work very hard to secure sponsorship for our events each year. This year we had a very exciting opportunity to partner with Sentio putters. This fairly new company however needs help from local NEPGA pros to help promote their product. We ask that any and all help from our Association would be much appreciated. We want to thank Sentio Putters for being a sponsor for this year and we look forward to a new relationship with this fantastic company.

We wish everyone a happy fall and look forward to seeing you all out and about on the course.

Thank you to all players and all sponsors to date for a great 2018 season to date! Respectfully Submitted,



NEAA Board

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 7/28-8/31

New Associates

Name	Facility		Classification
Joshua E. Ancahas	Four Oaks Country Club	AP	B-8
Indiana E. Jones	Sugarloaf Golf Course	AP	B-8
Leonard G. Kublin	The Links At Lang Farm	AP	B-8

New Half Century Members

Name	Classification
Jay Dolan, PGA	Life Member

Employment Changes

Name	Facility	Classification
Kenneth E. Bielski, PGA	The Brookside Club	A-8

New Quarter Century Members

Name	Facility	Classification
Paul F. Emmi, PGA	Tarratine Golf Club	A-1
Kenneth Johnson, PGA	Hatherly Country Club	A-1
Bruce A. MacDonald, PGA	Lincoln Country Club	A-1
Marcia F. Melone, PGA	Stowaway Golf Course	A-1
Steven C. Rogers, PGA	Mountain View Country Club	A-1
David G. Tiedemann, PGA	Shelter Harbor Golf Club	A-1
Jeanmaire Waters, PGA		LM

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Carr Golf Announces Registration Opens for 2019 Father & Daughter Tournament

(DUBLIN, Ireland) – Ireland, Scotland and England's premier provider of unforgettable golf experiences – announces its annual World Invitational Father & Daughter Tournament will be held July 23 – 26, 2019 on County Kerry's renowned Waterville Golf Links.

Next year marks the 12th anniversary for the event, which has played a significant role in introducing women to the game of golf in a friendly, all-inclusive environment. Participants will enjoy three rounds on Waterville Golf Links (ranked world No. 55 by Golf Digest), three nights' accommodation, welcome reception, daily meals, tournament sponsors gift pack, shuttle transportation throughout, prizes and a gala dinner. Tournament entry starts from \$5,999 per team.

This past July, Carr Golf hosted 34 father and daughter teams hailing from the U.S., Canada, Bermuda and Ireland. Playing out of New Jersey's Fiddler's Elbow Country Club, Tim and Brittany Baxter



won the 36-hole net event in the "Better Ball Stableford" format. Bill and Olivia McCloy of Maketewah Country Club (Ohio) won the gross division. To view photos from the 2018 tournament, click here.

Prizes awarded aren't limited to on-course play. Lydia and Hugh Barit of Bermuda's Mid Ocean Club won this year's award for "Best Dressed" and Ms. Barit also won the social media competition.

"It's been a joy to watch this tournament grow so significantly over the past 11 years as fathers and daughters play golf together on one of the special places to tee it up in the world," says Marty Carr, executive chairman of Carr Golf. "This fun, jubilant event is also an ideal way to participate in the flourishing 'inviteHER' social media campaign championing the participation of more and more women into this wonderful game."

For further information on the event, please visit carrgolf.com or email Tournament Coordinator Alison Duffin at alison.duffin@carrgolf.com.

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Joe Carr, the company's late founder, was one of Ireland's greatest golf heroes with over 40 championship victories including three British Amateur titles. He was the recipient of the Bobby Jones Award (1961), Walter Hagen Award (1967), and played in three Masters Tournaments at Augusta National. In 1991 he was the first Irishman to be honored with Captaincy of the Royal & Ancient and in 2007 he was the first Irishman to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. Today, Joe's son, Marty, operates the business as executive chairman. His brother Roddy is also actively involved. Named winner of Golf Digest's Editors' Choice Award for "Best Tour Operator" in 2016, 2017 and 2018, Carr Golf Travel hosts numerous prestigious annual events including the World Invitational Father & Son and World Invitational Father & Daughter tournaments in Southwest Ireland as well as the Donald Ross Invitational in the Scottish Highlands. Moreover, the company is at the forefront of corporate event implementation, as well as developing itineraries built around the Open Championship, Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup, College football and NFL games in London.



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