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## FRONT COVER:

Our month of Championships is now complete! Congratulations to our champions: 2015 NEPGA Professional Champion Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA, 2015 NEPGA Senior Professional Champion Kirk Hanefeld, PGA and 2015 NEPGA Assistant Champion Mike Baker, PGA.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Larry Kelley, PGA



2015 has been a great year in the New England Section! All of our events have been filled and we are targeted to be on budget yet again. Our whole staff runs over 325 events during the course of a six-month season! Many times we have multiple events on the same day. This can sometimes stretch our staff pretty thin, but rest assured they are the best at what they do and make it seem easy to our members, day in and day out. It is ok to let them know they are doing a great job. Many times those little words of encouragement are all it takes to brighten someone's day.

The summer of Junior Golf is coming to a close! We are wrapping up the Drive, Chip and Putt with the Regional Championship being hosted at The Country Club on September 13th. Come on out and cheer on the kids and see what a special program the DCP has become! The Regional Finals for PGA Junior League is also being hosted in our Section at Cranberry Valley on Cape Cod. If you have not experienced the explosive growth of this program please reach out to Brian Bain, PGA for more information. These two programs have been so positive in player development not only with the juniors, but also with their parents! That is what we are all working towards. Growing the Game!

We are having Section elections at the Chapter and Section meetings for the first time since our by-laws have been changed. This is a huge change from the past as it gives every member of our Section an opportunity to hear the candidates and make a decision based on personal interaction with each of them. Please come out to the Section and Chapter meetings to hear what they have to say and to vote.

Our Championship month has just wrapped up and we have crowned three new Section Champions! A huge congratulation goes out to Rich Berberian, Jr. for winning our NEPGA Section Championship at Concord Country Club and Nashawtuc Country Club. This makes Rich a back-to-back winner at our Championship and we look for great things in Rich's future competitive golfing career. Kirk Hanefeld, PGA and NEPGA Hall of Famer was victorious at Woodstock Country Club in VT and walked away with the NEPGA Senior Championship. This was Kirk's first time playing in the event and I bet he will be back in VT with his syrupy swing next year to defend his title. We have just crowned the NEPGA National Car Rental Assistant Champion at Framingham Country Club. Congratulations go to Mike Baker from Walpole Country Club. Good luck to all the professionals that are going on to their respective PGA National Championships and representing the New England Section!

I look forward to seeing all our members at the Chapter meetings this fall and encourage you to reach out to me at any time about anything regarding what I believe to be the best Section in the PGA.

Get out and Golf!

Larry Kelley, PGA  
President  
New England PGA

*“Many times those little words of encouragement are all it takes to brighten someone's day.”*

### Important Dates

#### SEPTEMBER 1

NEPGA Sr-Jr Championship  
Sterling National Golf Club

#### SEPTEMBER 8-9

New England Open  
The Quechee Club

#### SEPTEMBER 15

NEPGA Pro + 1 Am  
Turner Hill Golf Club

#### SEPTEMBER 21

NEPGA Head Pro/Teaching  
Pro Championship  
Pine Brook Country Club

#### SEPTEMBER 23

NEPGA Stroke Play #5  
Webhannet Golf Club

#### SEPTEMBER 28

NEPGA Pro-Superintendent  
Thorny Lea Golf Club

#### SEPTEMBER 28

VT Chapter Fall Meeting  
Country Club of Barre

#### SEPTEMBER 30

Massachusetts Chapter  
Championship  
Foxborough Country Club

# NEPGA Officer Candidates



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Worcester Country Club  
Former Massachusetts Chapter District Director

Candidate for Office of **SECRETARY**

## Zack Wyman, PGA

Director of Golf/Player Development  
Vermont National Country Club  
Vermont Chapter District Director



Candidate for Office of **VICE PRESIDENT**

## Ron Bibeau, PGA

Executive Director  
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Current NEPGA Secretary

Candidate for Office of **PRESIDENT**

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Candidate for Office of **PRESIDENT**

## Rob Jarvis, PGA

Assistant Professional  
Bangor Municipal Golf Course  
Maine Chapter District Director

## VOTING

2015 Election voting will take place at all Chapter Meetings as well as the Section Fall Meeting on October 26th at The Haven CC in Boylston, MA. Please remember that PGA Professionals may only vote once for each Officer Election.

### VT CHAPTER

Mon., Sept. 28 2pm  
CC of Barre

### ME CHAPTER

Thurs., Oct. 8 9am  
Martindale CC  
Pro-Assistant to follow

### SENIORS' ASSOCIATION

Thurs., Oct. 15 9 am  
Pleasant Valley CC  
Senior Champ to follow

### CAPE COD CHAPTER

Tues., Oct. 20 8:30 am  
Hyannis GC

### RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

Wed., Oct. 21 9 am  
Shelter Harbor GC  
Golf to follow

### NH CHAPTER

Thurs., Oct. 22 9 am  
Laconia CC

### NEPGA SECTION

Mon., Oct. 26 9 am  
(Registration - 8 am)  
The Haven CC

Massachusetts & Assistants' Association Fall Meeting details will soon be announced.



## **OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year Standings as of August 24th**

- 1. Shawn Warren, Falmouth CC - 13,154.09 points**
- 2. Jeff Martin, Norton CC - 12,306.25 points**
- 3. Rich Berberian, Windham CC - 9,625 points**
- 4. Kirk Hanefeld, Stow Acres CC - 8,994.72 points**
- 5. Dan Venezio, Myopia Hunt Club - 6,123.33 points**

*click here for full standings*

## **Avidia Bank Cup Standings as of August 24th**

- 1. Rich Berberian, Windham CC - 1,030 points**
- 2. Jeff Martin, Norton CC - 970.16 points**
- 3. Greg Pieczynski, Weston GC - 959 points**
- 4. Boomer Erick, Boston GC - 698 points**
- 5. Shawn Warren, Falmouth CC - 636.27 points**

*click here for full standings*



# GREENSIDE: Ron Green, PGA



August, wow, what a month that was, all three of our major Championships contested within a twenty-two day window.

Congratulations to our Senior Champion, Kirk Hanefeld, PGA, New England Section Champion Rich Berberian, PGA and Assistant Champion Mike Baker, PGA. All three of these great players epitomize what makes golf such a great game, no matter what your age, if you work hard and play the game the way it should be played, you will have success for many years. Congrats boys, great job and thanks also to all of you who participated in one, two, or all three of these events.

It was a great month and we all owe a Thank You to the facilities and their hard working staffs who hosted us. I

cannot say enough about the men and women I deal with directly at these events. The Superintendents and their crews are absolutely the best at what they do, they make me look good in spite of myself.

We are not done yet though, as one NFL coach would say, "We are on to September." Take a look at the following events that we squeezed in for September.

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 reminder emails and check [nepga.com](http://nepga.com) for updates and more information on all things tournaments and we'll be back next month.

~ Greenie

## NEPGA Senior-Junior Championship Sterling National Golf Club | September 1

We continue the Championship theme, kicking off September at Sterling National Country Club with the Pro Senior-Junior on September 1.

The 2014 Co-Champion teams of John Hickson, PGA & Jeff Seavey, PGA and Ed Kirby, PGA & Bob Tramonti, PGA will attempt to defend their title.

Big Thanks to our sponsors Mizuno & Antigua and host PGA Professional Chris Hulme and Superintendent Tim Gerzabeck.



*Results are now available: Congratulations to the 2015 Sr Jr Champions Kirk Hanefeld, PGA Stow Country Club and Troy Pare, PGA The Preserve at Boulder Hills on their one shot victory over the teams of Eddie Kirby, PGA/ Bob Tramonti, PGA and Tim Bishop, PGA/Colin Beaupre by shooting 64 with seven birdies and no bogies on their card.*



# New England Open

## The Quechee Club | September 8-9

Next we go back to the future with a return to The Quechee Club for the 2015 New England Open. Quechee served as the host site for this event from 1980 through 1998.

Defending Champion Jesse Larson, along with past Champions Ron Philo, PGA and Jason Parajeckas are in the field. There is another past Champion in the field as well, as we mentioned earlier about longevity in golf, John Hickson, PGA won the last New England Open played at Quechee in 1998, don't bet against him this year either.

Thanks to the membership at Quechee for the use of their beautiful facility and to Host Professional Steve Rogers, PGA and Superintendent Ken Lallier. Also thanks to our sponsors Lincoln Motors and Yamaha Golf Cars.

**Registration is now closed.**



## NEPGA Pro + 1 Am

### Turner Hill Golf Club | September 15

Next up, the Pro & 1Am, Four-ball Stroke Play event, with gross & net divisions, will be played at one of our favorite venues, Turner Hill on September 15. Thanks to our sponsor Prize Possessions and to Nathan Hopley, PGA and Superintendent John Sadowski for hosting.



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## NEPGA Head Pro/Teaching Pro Championship

### Pine Brook Country Club | September 21

On Monday, September 21 we have an expanded event. What was the stand alone Head Professional Championship, has now become a two division event, with the addition of the new Teaching Professional Championship. The event is being hosted at the always superbly conditioned Pine Brook Country Club. Keith Barber, PGA and the Superintendent with possibly the best palate in New England, Mike Iacono (he and his wife dine out a lot and his son is a Chef in Chicago) are our hosts.

**Register on NEPGA.com**





## NEPGA Stroke Play #5

Webhannet Golf Club | September 23

Just a couple of days later on Wednesday, September 23, the final Stroke Play Series event takes place at Webhannet Golf Club in Kennebunk Beach, ME. The 75 top point earners from the five Stroke Play Series events, Chapter Championships, Section Championship and the New England Open will advance to the Avidia Cup Finals, a new event scheduled for October 5 at Weston Golf Club. Even if you haven't played in the other Stroke Play Series events, all it takes is one good round and you could be on your way to Weston. Thanks to host PGA Professional Kirk Kimball and Superintendent Greg Holder for hosting. We must also extend a huge Thank You to our loyal supporters of these events, Dan Dempsey with AHEAD and Cutter & Buck, Cary Gordon with Golf Buddy and all the folks from Yamaha, PGA TOUR and Avidia Bank. These events have been great additions to the NEPGA schedule and we owe much of that success to our sponsors who help make them possible.



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## NEPGA Pro-Superintendent Invitational

Thorny Lea Golf Club | September 28

The final event for September is the Pro-Superintendent at Thorny Lea Golf Club on September 28. If Mother Nature is paying attention it should be cold, raining and generally miserable. I cannot tell you how many nasty days we have experienced for this event over the years. But this is one of the earliest dates we have ever had for it, so I am betting we will break the curse. The Superintendents are my guys; they make my job easy. Please invite your Super to come out and play some golf and allow us the opportunity to say Thank You for all they do for us all season long. Thank you to our hosts, the generous members at Thorny Lea, as well as the great Peter "Bones" Norton, PGA and Superintendent Jim Medeiros, they always step up to support the NEPGA tournament program. Thank you to NEPGA President Larry Kelley and Five Star Golf Cars, EZ-GO and Cushman for supporting this event for the past few years.



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# Conquered

## Berberian Goes Wire-to-Wire for 2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Section Championship

It was 364 days in the making, but Rich Berberian's encore performance lived up to the original, as he captured the 2015 New England PGA Section Championship by three shots over Jeff Martin, PGA of Norton Country Club, capping off a wire-to-wire victory which featured lead margins of three, one and finally three, the same winning margin from his 2014 victory at Golf Club of New England. Berberian was in command from the start of the tournament, posting an opening round 6-under par 66 by Noon on Monday and never looked back over his final two rounds at Concord Country Club.

As he did a year ago, Berberian found himself locked in a dogfight early in the round, as his few mistakes were capitalized on by his fellow competitors. After matching birdies at the par-5 first hole, Martin and Berberian stepped up to the challenging par-4 second hole where the golf tournament took an interesting turn. Berberian ran his birdie putt by about two feet, and went to tap it in but missed. He putted the next one and just missed again, finally tapping in for a double bogey six and a major unforced error thanks to this four-putt early on in the final round of the tournament. Martin salvaged a bogey, and like that Berberian's lead was gone. A costly bogey on the par-4 fourth by Berberian gave Martin another opportunity which he capitalized on with a par, and just like that he was leading the championship and that much closer to his elusive first Section Championship.



Yet as great players do, Berberian rebounded on the following two holes with birdies on six and seven to get his round back to even and apply the pressure to Martin who continued to play steady golf. While he did not birdie those two holes, he did birdie the par-4 eighth hole to again pull even. With 10 holes to play, two of the most dominant Professionals in New England were tied and about to hit the back nine. Before they could make the turn; however, Berberian struck again on the short par-3 ninth hole with his second two in his last four holes to regain a slim lead heading to the back nine.

After birdies on holes 10 and 13 combined with Martin's pars and a double on the 12th hole, it was evident that this would be Berberian's to lose as he opened a six-shot lead by reaching 10-under par. The early four-putt hiccup was merely a footnote and he continued to march towards history. He played the final three holes in two-over par but it was of no consequence as his margin was too great to be caught. Even after hitting his tee shot on the 18th out of bounds, his next drive was hammered down the left side of the fairway leaving him a flip wedge into the 415 yard finishing hole. He calmly wedged onto the green and two putted for his double bogey and a comfortable three shot victory. After shaking hands with National Guard Soldiers Conti and O'Connor who were present on the 18th green for our Military Appreciation hole, it was his time to celebrate once again with the Tom Mahan, Sr. trophy and take his place among the legends of the PGA Professional ranks in New England.

With his victory, Berberian secures the \$17,000 winner's check, a spot in the

2016 Professional National Championship at Turning Stone Resort in New York, and perhaps an upcoming trip to Web.com Q-School. Joining him at Turning Stone are Jeff Martin, Eddie Kirby, PGA of Point Judith CC, Phi Cardwell, PGA of Sankaty Head GC, Eric Barlow, PGA of Winchester CC, David Jankowski, PGA of Stowe Mountain Club, Jeff Sanders, PGA of The Kittansett Club, Kirk Hanefeld, PGA of Stow Acres CC, David Dionne, PGA of Beverly Golf & Tennis Club, Jim Burke, PGA of Ponkapoag GC, Hal Jacobs, PGA of The Haven Country Club and Dan Gillis, PGA of Nabnasset Lake GC. Exempt players from the Championship include Dan Venzio, PGA of Myopia Hunt Club, Ron Philo, PGA of Stowe Mountain Club, Boomer Erick, PGA of Boston Golf Club and Shawn Warren, PGA of Falmouth CC. All-in-all there will be 16 New England PGA Professionals teeing it up at Turning Stone Resort & Casino.

Special thanks to Presenting Sponsors Club Car, Mercedes-Benz and OMEGA, as well as Supporting Sponsors Titleist/Footjoy, Taylormade-adidas/Ashworth/Adams Golf, Nike Golf, PGA TOUR and Mohegan Sun. Also thank you to our host facilities Concord CC and Nashawtuc CC and their host PGA Professionals David Poplyk, PGA and Chris Carpenter, PGA.

To see more photos, view our [Facebook album](#).

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

| Player   | R1 | R2 | R3 | Total |
|--|----|----|----|-------|
| 1 <a href="#">Rich Berberian</a> Windham CC            | 66 | 69 | 70 | 205   |
| 2 <a href="#">Jeffrey Martin</a> Norton CC             | 68 | 68 | 72 | 208   |
| 3 <a href="#">Ed Kirby</a> Point Judith CC             | 72 | 67 | 71 | 210   |
| 4 <a href="#">Philip Cardwell</a> Sankaty Head         | 71 | 69 | 71 | 211   |
| 5 <a href="#">Eric Barlow</a> inchester CC             | 68 | 71 | 73 | 212   |
| 6 <a href="#">Shawn Warren</a> Falmouth CC             | 70 | 72 | 71 | 213   |
| T7 <a href="#">David Jankowski</a> Stowe Mountain Club | 71 | 74 | 69 | 214   |
| T7 <a href="#">Daniel Venzio</a> Myopia Hunt Club      | 74 | 69 | 71 | 214   |
| T7 <a href="#">Jeffrey Sanders</a> The Kittansett Club | 70 | 72 | 72 | 214   |
| T7 <a href="#">Kirk Hanefeld</a> Stow Acres CC - North | 71 | 69 | 74 | 214   |

For full results, please [click here](#).



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## 2015 Section Champion Rich Berberian, Jr, PGA Windham CC



**Driver:** Taylormade R15 Oban Tour X Flex  
**Woods:** R15 15 deg. Matrix Black Tie X Flex  
**Hybrid:** Adams 21 degree X Flex  
**Irons:** TP MB 4-PW Dynamic Golf S400  
**Wedges:** Taylormade EP, 51, 55, 59 deg.  
**Putter:** Scotty Cameron Newport 2  
**Ball:** Taylormade Tour Preferred X  
**Trinket:** Superstitions aren't real!

## Stroke Play Series #4 Winner Greg Pieczynski, PGA - Weston GC



**Driver:** Taylormade SLDR 10.5 deg  
**Woods:** Titleist 915F 13.5 deg.  
**Hybrid:** Titleist 915H 19.5 deg.  
**Irons:** Taylormade MC 4-6i, MB 7-9i  
**Wedges:** 46 & 52 deg. Titleist SM5,  
56 & 60 deg. Titleist TVD M-Grind  
**Putter:** 38" Scott Cameron Futura CB  
**Ball:** Titleist ProV1x  
**Trinket:** Always mark with a quarter

## National Car Rental Assistants Championship Winner Mike Baker, PGA - Walpole CC



**Driver:** Cobra Fly Z+  
**Woods:** Cobra Fly Z  
**Hybrid:** Adams Idea 18 deg.  
**Irons:** Cobra Fly Z Pro  
**Wedges:** Cobra 50, 54, 58 deg.  
**Putter:** Odyssey 2Ball Blade  
**Ball:** Titleist ProV1x  
**Trinket:** Mark ball w/ Quarter: Birdie-  
Eagle Up, Par-Head Up



# Shake N' Bake

## Baker Captures Assistant Championship at Framingham

Mike Baker, PGA of Walpole Country Club has been around the block. The 1998 New England PGA Champion and 2001 Wogan Player of the Year has been a perennial contender for decades in the New England Section and played in multiple majors on the Professional circuit. This week at Framingham Country Club, despite being one of the elder statesmen amongst the Assistant Professionals, the 53-year old veteran used his experience and wisdom to defeat a field comprised of mostly young guns, and did so with two solid rounds on the difficult 6,700 yard tree-lined layout.

After a first round 1-under par 71 that left him in a logjam tie for third with four other players, Baker played steady golf in the early going of the first round as his playing competitors struggled, jumping out to a sizable lead among his playing partners. Birdies on the par-4 third and ninth holes with no blemishes helped him turn in 2-under and get to 3-under for the tournament and two shots clear of his nearest pursuer. Andrew Wester of Nashawtuc Country Club was in the logjam with Baker at 1-under, and played his opening nine in even par in the group ahead of Baker. The 21-year old Wester and the 53-year old Baker would engage in a race to the finish on the back nine, with Wester closing the gap and pulling even through 17 holes. A bladed wedge approach to the 18th green left Wester with a bogey on his final hole of the tournament,

and proved to be costly. A Baker par on 18 in the final group secured the victory and wrote a new chapter in an already impressive career.

The top six finishers qualify for the 2015 National Car Rental PGA Assistant Professional Championship, held October 29-November 1 at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL. Joining Baker and Wester will be Greg Pieczynski, PGA of Weston Golf Club, who shot rounds of 69-76--145, Sean McTernan, PGA of Brae Burn Country Club and Jeff Seavey, PGA of Samoset Resort who shot rounds of 75-70--145, and Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA of Windham Country Club who shot 73-72--145. Berberian, Jr. won our Section Championship last week at Concord Country Club for back-to-back victories in that event and continued his strong play this week.

Special thanks to our host Framingham Country Club and Professional Graham Cunningham, PGA, along with host Assistant Professionals PJ Breton and Jim Chojnowski, PGA, along with our sponsors National Car Rental and PGA TOUR.

To see more photos, view our [Facebook album](#).



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### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

|    | Player                             | R1 | R2 | Total |
|----|------------------------------------|----|----|-------|
| 1  | <a href="#">Michael Baker</a>      | 71 | 71 | 142   |
| 2  | <a href="#">Andrew Wester</a>      | 71 | 72 | 143   |
| T3 | <a href="#">Sean McTernan</a>      | 75 | 70 | 145   |
| T3 | <a href="#">Jeff Seavey</a>        | 75 | 70 | 145   |
| T3 | <a href="#">Rich Berberian</a>     | 73 | 72 | 145   |
| T3 | <a href="#">Gregory Pieczynski</a> | 69 | 76 | 145   |
| T7 | <a href="#">Shawn Warren</a>       | 74 | 72 | 146   |
| T7 | <a href="#">Curtis Goldsberry</a>  | 73 | 73 | 146   |
| T7 | <a href="#">John Paesani</a>       | 71 | 75 | 146   |
| T7 | <a href="#">Brian Owens</a>        | 71 | 75 | 146   |

For full results, please [click here](#).





# Pie-Eyed

*Weston's Greg Pieczynski locks up Finals spot with win*

Later this fall, 75 fortunate New England PGA Professionals will advance to the inaugural Avidia Cup Finals at Weston Golf Club, featuring a select field determined by a season-long point race centered around the Stroke Play Series and Chapter event performance. Greg Pieczynski, PGA of Weston Golf Club, all but punched his ticket to this exclusive event with his performance at Marlborough Country Club in Stroke Play Series #4, firing a 4-under par 67 for a one shot victory.

Earlier in August at Montcalm in New Hampshire, Pieczynski fired an impressive 6-under par 66, which on most days would be more than enough to capture a victory. That day he was bested by Rich Berberian, PGA of Windham Country Club, who fired a 7-under 65 amidst a hot streak that culminated with a second consecutive Section Championship a couple weeks later. This time around, Pieczynski exacted a bit of revenge, besting Berberian by two shots as well as Shawn Warren, PGA of Falmouth CC and Jeff Martin, PGA of Norton CC, all of whom find themselves in the top three of the OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year standings.

Pieczynski's closest pursuer this day was Matt Zdon, PGA of Belmont Country Club, who was able to find his form and fired a 3-under par 68 on the 6,500 yard par-71 layout. It was a tale of two nines for Zdon who came out of the blocks firing, and found himself 5-under par through 10 holes. A costly double bogey on the tricky par-3 twelfth was followed up by a birdie on the par-5 thirteenth. A late bogey on the par-4 sixteenth dropped him back to 3-under where he would stay, good enough for second place out of the field of 50 Professionals.

Pieczynski, playing an hour ahead of Zdon, started slower and found himself even through six holes. The difference maker was the next twelve holes, as Pieczynski made four birdies and no bogeys, good enough for a one-shot victory, the \$1,300 winner's check and enough first place points to guarantee him a spot at his home course for the Avidia Cup Finals in October, where he will no doubt be one of the favorites. Once the top 75 qualifiers are determined there will be a point reshuffle, and anyone inside the top-10 will automatically win the Avidia Bank Cup with a victory at Weston.

Warren, Berberian and Martin were bunched at 2-under par 69, and find themselves inside the top 5 of the Stroke Play Series standings through four events. The final Stroke Play Series event will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Webhannet Golf Club in Kennebunk, Maine. Players will be jockeying for position and trying to get into the top-75 to ensure a spot at the Avidia Cup Finals less than two weeks later. Boomer Erick, PGA of Boston Golf Club also finds himself in the top 5 despite not playing the last two Stroke Play Series tournaments, both held in August.



## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

|    | Player                    | +/- | Total |
|----|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1  | <u>Gregory Pieczynski</u> | -4  | 67    |
| 2  | <u>Matt Zdon</u>          | -3  | 68    |
| T3 | <u>Shawn Warren</u>       | -2  | 69    |
| T3 | <u>Rich Berberian</u>     | -2  | 69    |
| T3 | <u>Jeffrey Martin</u>     | -2  | 69    |
| T6 | <u>Aaron Ungvarsky</u>    | -1  | 70    |
| T6 | <u>Craig Knight</u>       | -1  | 70    |
| T6 | <u>John Rainone</u>       | -1  | 70    |
| T9 | <u>Frank Dully</u>        | E   | 71    |
| T9 | <u>Brendon Ray</u>        | E   | 71    |

For full results, please [click here](#).





# PGA

New England Section

## 2015 New England PGA Special Awards Dinner

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> | The Haven Country Club

*Allan Belden, PGA*  
Golf Professional of the Year

*Donnie Lyons, PGA*  
Hall of Fame Inductee

*Jim Sheerin, PGA*  
Hall of Fame Inductee

*Jim Salinetti, PGA*  
Youth Player  
Development Award

*Graham Cunningham, PGA*  
Teacher of the Year

*Joanne Flynn, PGA*  
Bill Strausbaugh Award

*Rob Jarvis, PGA*  
Horton Smith Award

*Mark Aldrich, PGA*  
Assistant Golf  
Professional of the Year

*John Tuffin, PGA*  
Merchandiser of the Year  
Public

*Mark Gammons, PGA*  
Merchandiser of the Year  
Private

*R.J. Austin, PGA*  
Merchandiser of the Year  
Resort

*Brian Bickford, PGA*  
Player Development Award

*Bob Giusti, PGA*  
Patriot Award

*Ray Lajoie, PGA*  
Deacon Palmer Award

*TBA*  
Player of the Year

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 beginning at 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$85 per adult and \$20 per child under age of 12. Contact Joan Stuart if you have any questions—508-869-0000. [Click Here to Register Online.](#)



# NEPGA 2015 Award Winner *Spotlight*

## NEPGA ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

*Mark Aldrich, PGA*

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

**MA)** I was introduced to the game by Tom Toski when I was 12 but I did not start playing golf until I was in College, that is when I bought my first set of clubs.

**Who taught you the game?**

**MA)** I was first truly taught by Chuck Wike.

**Where did you go to school?**

**MA)** University of South Carolina at Coastal

**When did you decide to become a PGA Professional & why?**

**MA)** I decided to become a PGA professional when I was 24. The challenging aspects of the game, being

able to be part of the history and have the ability to impact others through golf and share in the passion is rewarding but also alluring and why I wanted to be part of the PGA.

**Of all the courses you have played, which one is your favorite?**

**MA)** Royal County Down

**What other interests do you have besides the game of golf?**

**MA)** I enjoy sports, reading, politics.

**What would you like to leave as your legacy to the game?**

**MA)** I would like to be in the same mold and spirit as Willie Ogg.

## Section News

### NEPGA's Ray Lajoie Featured on Golf Channel

Golf Central tells the story of 2015 NEPGA Deacon Palmer Award recipient Ray Lajoie... [click here](#) to view the video!



### Special Olympic Tournament

PGA Golf Professionals and Assistant Golf Professionals are needed to play in the 15th Annual NEPGA/Special Olympic Tournament at Braintree Municipal G.C. on Sunday, October 18th. The tournament is a unique event that pairs Special Olympic athletes and their partners with PGA Golf Professionals. The tournament is a nine-hole scramble. Our Special Olympic athletes relish the chance to play with "real professionals". To sign up or for more information, please contact Bob Beach, PGA at 781-843-6513 or [bbeach@braintreema.gov](mailto:bbeach@braintreema.gov).

### District 1 Director Report: Donnie Lyons, PGA



[Click here](#) to view the PGA of America Highlight Summary for the month of August including information on how to order your copy of the PGA's Centennial commemorative book and the list of this year's national award recipients.





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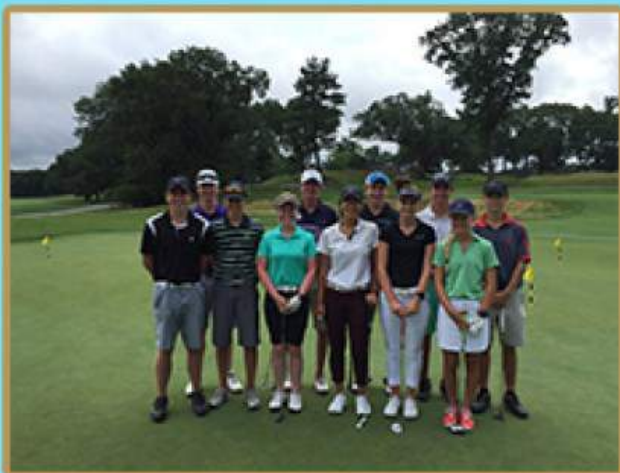
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**"@NEPGA: "Join the Most Interesting Assistant in New England at the National Car Rental Assistants Championship August..."**

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**"@gcunninghamgolf: @NEPGA Exec Director Mike Higgins welcoming the sub regional participants to the @DriveChipPutt @ Framingham CC"**



**"@NEPGAJRTOUR- 12 Junior Tour Players experience The Country Club!"**



# MORELL STUDIOS

CONCORD, Mass. – A 32-inch tall handcrafted cherry wood trophy pedestal, designed by Morell Studios, was a highlight of the trophy presentation ceremony at the New England PGA Section Championship at Concord Country Club. The Trophy was presented to Windham CC's Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA.

The NEPGA trophy pedestal was created by Pat Morell, a master craftsman and woodworking artist who has served the golf industry for more than four decades. Morell Studios is committed to creating best-in-class, premium quality awards and recognition products.

"We are honored to produce this beautiful pedestal that will provide a showcase for the New England PGA Section trophies," said Morell, who created the official trophies for the PGA Player of the Year and PGA Grand Slam of Golf. "We are proud to be a Corporate Partner of the section and look forward to expanding our business in the Northeast."

"The Morell Studios trophy pedestal added a strong presence to the Thomas Mahan Trophy at our premier event," said Mike Higgins, Executive Director of the New England PGA Section. "We're excited to have this magnificent pedestal on display at future tournaments."

Morell Studios prestigious client list includes The Tavistock Cup, The First Tee, Oakmont Country Club, The Bear's Club, Muirfield Village Golf Club, Seminole Golf Club, Shinnecock Hills Golf Club and many others. The company is currently producing various awards and recognition products on behalf of the Metropolitan Golf Association, the Westchester Golf Association, the Metropolitan PGA Section, New Jersey and New England PGA Sections, and the PGA of



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# CAPE COD & RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

*Submitted by Mickey Herron, PGA, Cape Cod & Rhode Island Chapter Tournament Manager*



Shelter Harbor GC (RI) PGA Teaching Professional Charlie Moore is pictured here after shooting his age in the first round of the 2015 NEPGA Senior Championship – enroute to winning his age division (70 +) by a whopping 7 shots! Moore, 76 years young, has shot his age over 100 times, but Vermont's fabulous Woodstock Resort, the site of this years' feat, was just his 3rd time in competition. The long-time CT Section Member (who won everything in the Nutmeg State during his great career) shot 74-79—153 and beat many of his younger colleagues.

Popular PGA HP at LeBaron Hills (Lakeville, MA) Tom Rooney is seen making his par putt on the diabolical 4th hole at Woodstock GC during the opening round of the Seniors Championship – firing a phenomenal 66 and taking the first round lead! "Roon" backed it up with a fine 73 to finish first in his age group (50-54), and at the same time qualify for this fall's SENIOR PNC to be contested in California. He will be joined by Pt. Judith's PGA Teaching Professional Eddie Kirby who is exempt into the PNC by virtue of his top 20 finish in last years' SR PNC. Rooney's total of 139 was good for 4th overall as no one could catch 2015 Champion Kirk Hanefeld who shot 133.

Other Cape and Rhody Seniors cracking their respective top-10's were: (60-69) Bob Miller-150, Tony DiGiorgio-154, Rusty Gunnarson-155, (55-59) John Paesani-147, Al Vallante-148 and in the (50-54 age group after Rooney) Eddie Kirby-143, Jay Wick-144, Rick Finlayson-145, Steve Demmer-147 & Dave Baluik-150.



Country View GC (RI) PGA HP Rick Finlayson is pictured here (he's the tall one!) with his winning foursome: (Mike Videtta, Jim D'Ambrose, Mike Caparella) whom together vaulted to an impressive 4 shot victory in the Mohegan Sun RIPGA Pro-3Am held at Metacomet in late July. Rick fired a +1/ 71 on his own ball to place 5th as Triggs' PGA Teaching Pro Bob Tramonti blistered the E. Providence layout in 66 strokes to win by 4 shots himself! Tramonti's win has earned him a six point lead in the year-long LES KENNEDY POY race – over both Kirby and Carnegie Abbey's Brendon Ray, with four events remaining. The Kennedy Award is sponsored again by Titleist's Dave Moynihan.



Meanwhile, CC's Dutch Wessner Award POY race is heating up as well – as the ageless Bob Miller, PGA HP at The Club of Yarmouthport holds a slim 3.5 point lead over Brookside's PGA HP Chad Schofield. Officially lurking? 5X Wessner winner Greg Yeomans, who resides in 4th place with many events remaining, including the Chapter Championship and the Match Play Championship where extra points are awarded. Fellow PGA Member Brad Sherman, proprietor of 15thgolfclub.com is once again sponsoring the Wessner for the Cape Chapter.







# MAINE CHAPTER NEWS

*Submitted by Tom Moffatt, PGA, Maine Chapter Operations Manager*

## Upcoming Events

September 1st-Pro Senior at the Ledges

### Southern Swing

September 15th-Pro Am Cape Arundel

September 16th-Pro Am Webhannet

September 17th-Pro Am York

September 21st -Portland Pro Am

September 29th-Samoset Pro Am

September in Maine is a great month for golf and our Pro Am schedule is packed with some awesome Clubs. Please find time in your busy schedules to come and join us for fall golf at its best.

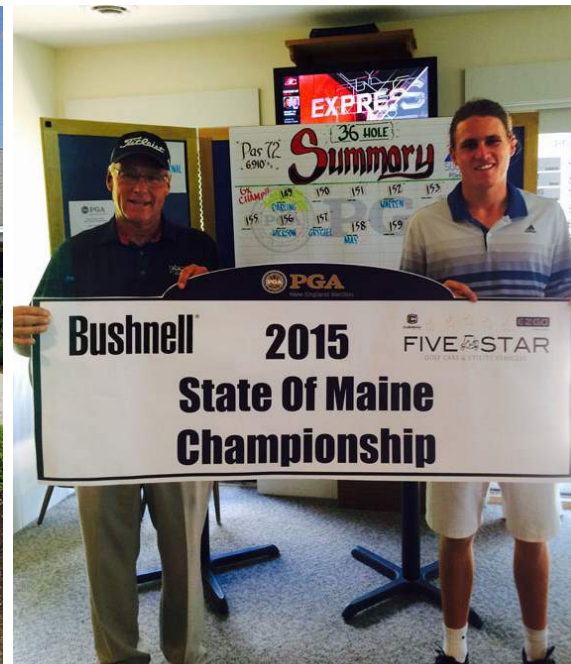
Our Pro Junior Championship was held at Toddy Brook Golf Course in North Yarmouth. It was a joint effort between the Maine Chapter and The Maine State Golf Association. Thanks to Host PGA Professional Greg Baker and the MSGA for their efforts in making this a nice day for the juniors of the state. Congratulations to the team from The Purpoodock Club led by PGA Professional Tony Decker for finishing atop the leaderboard with a three stroke margin of victory.

The State of Maine Championship was played again this year at the Spectacular and difficult Sugarloaf Golf Club. The course was in the best condition in years and the weather held up to allow both rounds to be played. The entire first round was played in the rain, but the course stood the test

and by the end of day 1, 18-year-old junior amateur Reese McFarlane, the Big I National Junior Qualifier from Maine was the leader with a 3 over par 75, one shot ahead of Bob Darling, PGA from Fox Ridge Golf Club. Day two's weather was much nicer and the scores were a few shots better on average for the field. The veteran PGA Professional from Fox Ridge fired a 1 over par 73 to finish with a three shot victory. It was the sixth time PGA Professional Bob Darling has won the Maine State Championship. His first victory was back in 1996. Great playing! Thank you goes out to our Sponsors of the event, Matt McDonald from Five Star Golf Cars and Bruce Forsley from Shipyard Brewing. Also, thank you to Adam Casey from Bushnell for your support. A Special Thank You to Host PGA Professional Steve Niezgoda and the Staff from Sugarloaf for all that you do to help make the event a success.



The Chapter Assistants Championship was held this past month at the Falmouth Country Club. PGA Assistant Professional Shawn Warren from the host club and Curtis Goldsberry, assistant from Dunegrass GC both fired 3 under par 69's to tie for the lead. After a playoff on the 18th hole, Shawn Warren, PGA made par and defended his title for yet another year. Thank you to Host Professional Sean Barrett and the Falmouth CC for hosting the Championship.



Left: ME PGA Professional Tony Decker from Purpoodock Club and his junior team along with MSGA staff members  
Center: Champion Bob Darling, PGA and Low Amateur Reese McFarlane  
Right: 2015 Maine Chapter Assistant Champion Shawn Warren, PGA





## NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER NEWS

*Submitted by Frank Swierz, New Hampshire Chapter Tournament Manager*

Congratulations to Rich Berberian, Jr., of Windham CC on a splendid ride in the month of August. Berberian captured the New Hampshire Chapter Championship at North Conway CC by shooting a 2-under par score of 140 for two rounds to best Southern University golf coach Matt Arvanitis who shot even par for the two days. Finishing in a tie for third place were CJ Konkowski of Bretwood GC, Danny Kish, Eastman GC and Mitch Jefferson of Ridgewood CC. The trio were at 3-over par, 143. Kudos also to Jim Sheerin of Abenaki CC who repeated as senior champion. Sheerin defeated Berberian last year in a playoff, winning the Chapter Championship as well as the Senior Championship.

Within a week, Berberian once again found the winner's circle as he successfully defended his crown as NEPGA Section Champion. Berberian capped off his wire-to-wire victory at the 2015 Championship held at Concord CC and Nashawtuc CC with an even par round of 70 after rounds of 66 and 69 for the first two rounds. As he did last year as a result of his victory, Berberian qualifies for the PNC Championship which will be held at the Atunyote GC at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY on June 26-29, 2016. Other NHC professionals playing in the final round of the 2015 NEPGA Section Championship were Matt Arvanitis, Souther NH University (T18), Bill Andrews, Portsmouth CC and Todd Rollins, Laconia CC (T40) and Greg Sandell, Golf Club NE (T49).

Congratulations to Crotched Mountain GC Head Professional Matthew Bradbury who aced the 17th hole during a Chapter pro-am at Canterbury Woods Country Club. Bradbury used an eight iron on the par 3, 138 yard hole. Witnessing the milestone were his amateur partners Mitch Wilkens, Blake Halderman and Matt Mackey. Bradbury ended up shooting a 1-over par 73 and led his team to an unbelievable net score of 18-under par. Low professional for the day was Ridgewood CC Assistant Ricky Gray with a 4-under par round of 68.

Matt Arvanitis, Southern NH University, continues to lead in the NHC Player of the Year standings with 159 points. He is followed by Dan Wilkins of Laconia CC with 116 and Rich Berberian, Jr. with 109.

### September events include:

September 8...ProAm at Passaconaway CC  
September 14...ProPro at Intervale CC  
September 21...ProAm at Rochester CC  
September 28...ProAm at Portsmouth CC

The NHC Fall Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Laconia CC beginning at 9 a.m.



**Above:** Rich Berberian, Jr. is presented chapter championship trophies from Ken Hamel, chapter president.



**Below:** Jim Sheerin, accepts senior championship hardware from Ken Hamel, chapter president after successfully defending that crown.





## VERMONT CHAPTER NEWS

*Submitted by Dave Christy, PGA, Vermont Chapter Tournament Manager*

### Tournament Results

Our July 27th, the Vermont Chapter conducted a Pro Am at the Quechee Club sponsored by Lincoln Motors and Vermont Golf ValueBook. Steve Rogers and Richard Vacca were our PGA hosts. Net team winners were led by Dave Soucy, PGA, and the Green Mountain National GC team with a score of 55. Gross team winners with a score of 64 were the Rutland CC team led by Greg Nelson, PGA. The winning Professional score was Ron Philo, PGA, from Stowe Mountain Club at 69 followed by Taylor Cowie, Links at Lang Farm and Greg Nelson with 71's.



On August 3rd, we held our Scholarship Fundraiser Pro Am at Vermont National CC. Our host professionals included Zack Wyman, PGA, Brian Gara, PGA, Carolyn Schaner, Sean Toof and Michael Abate. We thank TaylorMade and Golf ValueBook for their sponsorship with amateur prizes and added purse. A special thank you goes to our local sponsor Dealer.com for adding \$2500 to the purse and \$2500 to our scholarship fund. Gross team winners were led by Host Michael Abate and the VNCC team with a score of 66. Net team winners were the team from CC of Vermont with a score of 60 and led by Mike Slayton. Kevin Bennison, PGA, Mt. Anthony CC was low professional with a score of 73.



On August 10th the VT Chapter Pro 3 Am Championship was held at the Country Club of Barre with Roger King as our host. We thank Bryan Saylor with FootJoy and Golf ValueBook for their generous sponsorship. Format was one best ball gross for 36 holes. For the second year in a row, our 2015 Championship team with a score of 128 was the host team from CC of Barre team led by Roger King, PGA. The runner-up team at 130 was from Links at Lang Farm and led by Steve Gonsalves, PGA.



The week of August 17th, the Vermont chapter took a break from our playing schedule and saw 14 Vermont PGA members participate in the NEPGA Championship at Concord CC and Nashawtuc CC in Massachusetts.

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Green Mountain National GC on August 24th with Dave Soucy, PGA as our host. We thank Golf ValueBook for the added purse money. Format was modified stableford point system. Gross team winners had a tie between RJ Austin, PGA, and his Sugarbush GC team and Brian Gara, PGA and his team from Vermont National CC both with total points of 48. Net team winners with total points of 70 were the Cedar Knoll GC team led by Barry Churchill, PGA. The winning Professional score was a tie between RJ Austin and Ryan McDonald, PGA, Northfield CC both with 38 points.



### Junior Tour

Our Junior Tour concluded with our state championship on August 7th at Ralph Myhre GC. Our New England junior team placed 4th at the NE Championships in Maine.

### Upcoming Events

Dorset Field Club Pro Am on August 31st

Vermont SR Championship at Neshobe GC on Sept. 6th

Rescheduled Pro Junior at Montague on Sept. 13th

Williston GC Pro Am on Sept. 14th



Vermont Junior Golf: Younger brother, Austin Giroux, caddied for big brother, Alex Giroux, in VT Amateur. The brothers live about 10 miles from Canada and travel all over VT to play.

## MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER NEWS

*Submitted by Mark Aldrich, PGA, Massachusetts Chapter President*

August is Championship month in the New England PGA Section and with that being said Massachusetts PGA Professional's were exceptional. We would like to recognize and congratulate the following PGA Professionals for qualifying for the PNC in 2016: Jeff Martin, PGA-Norton Country Club, Eric Barlow, PGA- Winchester Country Club, Kirk Hanefeld, PGA- Stowe Acres Country Club, Dave Dionne, PGA-Beverly Golf and Tennis, and Hal Jacobs, PGA-The Haven Country Club. Also the New England Assistant Championship was well represented by Massachusetts Professionals and Apprentices and the following qualified for the National Assistant Championship: Michael Baker, PGA-Walpole Country Club, Sean McTernan, PGA-Brae Burn Country Club, Andrew Wester-Nashawtuc Country Club and Gregory Pieczynski, PGA-Weston Country Club. Also, Congratulations to Kirk Hanefeld, PGA for winning the Senior

Championship earlier in the month at Woodstock, and John O'Connor, PGA – Far Corner Golf Course and Mike Baker, PGA – Walpole Country Club for advancing to the Senior PNC in California this fall. Congratulations to all and good luck.

2015 is an election year for the Section, and we have our 2015 Professional of the Year and Massachusetts Chapter Member Allan Belden, PGA of Worcester Country Club running for Secretary, and John Fields, PGA of Belmont Country Club is running for a second term as Massachusetts Chapter District Director. Please come out to the Section Meeting or Massachusetts Chapter Meeting in October and cast your vote.

If you have not already and we all get busy, please take a moment to thank the host courses and sponsors; it goes along way. Thank you.





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# MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes reported between 8/6/2015-8/30/2015

## NEW APPRENTICES

| Name               | Class | Facility             |
|--------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Brian P Hartigan   | B-8   | Cyprian Keyes GC     |
| Michael W Jerram   | B-8   | Portsmouth CC        |
| Michael R. LaBrie  | B-8   | The Cape Club Resort |
| Graham A Shearer   | B-8   | Mt Anthony CC        |
| Daniel W Van Heest | B-8   | Brae Burn CC         |

## EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

| Name                      | Class | Start | Facility                |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|
| Brian S. Diamond, PGA     | A-6   | 8/18  | Atkinson Resort & CC    |
| Ryan S. Pepper, PGA       | A-12  | 8/21  | Boston College          |
| John F. Sullivan Jr., PGA | A-8   | 7/27  | Wentworth By The Sea CC |
| Eric N Thompson           | B-1   | 8/21  | Pembroke Pines CC       |

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## What's Coming Up *in our October issue...*

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