



JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM NEPGA PRESIDENT STEVE DEMMER

PGA membership comes with many privileges and responsibilities. As we move through our careers, we all will be faced with many challenges with some bigger than others. We have been faced with a below average spring weather wise which puts pressure on our clubs' finances. So now is a great time to take a look at your operation and possibly make some adjustments as we head into June. If you are not directly involved in your operation's budget and seasonal finances, you need to be. It is imperative that every professional have a solid understanding of where the dollars go so they can help in the cause of creating a better bottom line for the club, retail operation and themselves.

As a PGA member for just less than twenty years, I can tell you the best advice I ever got was to get involved and ask questions about things that affect me and the people I work for. Young professionals need to be inquisitive about all facets of the business and it is our responsibility as head professionals to help with this process. What may seem very easy to us, who have been in the business a long time, may seem like a foreign language to our new assistants. Sometimes we may need to drag them along but in the end we will have better trained professionals who can carry on the traditions of the game.

I wish everyone a great season as the sun has come out for the first time in a while. As I head towards the end of my presidency this fall I can say it has been a great experience serving everyone; and hopefully, making the NEPGA the best section in the country. If I can help any professional at anytime, please do not hesitate to contact me because I know there are many out there that have questions and I may just have an answer.

Thank you,

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CONGRATULATIONS TO NEPGA MEMBERS COMPETING IN THE 2011 SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP!



Congratulations to New England Section Members Kirk Hanefeld and Dan Wilkins for playing in the 72nd Senior PGA Championship being contested at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky on May 26-29. Follow the action on PGA.com!

PLEASE READ - VERY IMPORTANT

CLICK HERE to read important tournament point system news. This article is found on NEPGA.com under Tournament, then Rules Corner for June 2011. All of Ron Green's Rules tips can be found on this page.

Please **click here** to visit the Player of the Year page on NEPGA.com under Tournaments to view the current standings for AHEAD events, AHEAD Series Championship Qualifying Points, Mid Tier Events, and Highest Tier Events.



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2011 NEPGA TEACHING SUMMIT



A special thank you to Tom Cavicchi, PGA and The Harmon Golf Club for hosting the 2011 NEPGA Teaching Summit. Over 50 NEPGA Professionals attended the Summit and participated in a wonderful presentation by Mike Bennett and Andy Plummer along with special guest from the PGA Tour, Brad Faxon (pictured above). We also wish to thank sponsor Jamie Griffiths and TaylorMade for their support.

11th NEPGA LAS VEGAS PRO-AM

Registration for the 2011 NEPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am sponsored by E-Z-GO and Five Star Golf Cars and Utility Vehicles is now available. We want you and four of your members or friends to join us in Sin City during November 6-10! The trip includes 5 days and 4 nights at the world famous Mirage Resort & Casino, with 3 rounds of golf at the Paiute Golf Resort! [Click here](#) for more information and registration details.

2011 MEMBER CLUB PROGRAM

Thank you to the following facilities for signing up for the 2011 NEPGA Member Club Program: The Country Club, Hanover CC at Dartmouth College, Kirkbrae CC, Montaup CC (new member), Prouts Neck CC, Unicorn Golf Course (new member), Wellesley CC, and Winchendon School GC. Joining our Program is a great way to show your support of the New England PGA and its many programs. If you would like more information about this program, please [click here](#). The information can also be found on our website, www.nepga.com, under "Programs".

CLASS F STATUS UPDATE

The Delegates of the Special Meeting at the PGA Spring Conference of Leaders held March 30 in St. Louis, voted to approve changes to the Class "F" Recovery Process and the length of time a member may remain in Class "F". The two Resolutions that were approved will officially become part of the PGA Constitution and Bylaws on July 1, 2011.

The approval of the first Resolution allows members who are in Class "F" to transfer out of Class "F", once the deficit MSR and an amount equal to the deficit in the new period is earned.

The approval of the second Resolution allows members who are in Class "F" to remain in that classification status for only one period.

You can review the revised Bylaw, effective July 1, 2011, on PGALinks.com by [clicking here](#).

2011 DBC PRO-AM AMBASSADORS



The 2011 Deutsche Bank Championship Pro-Am is scheduled for Thursday, September 1st at TPC Boston located in Norton, MA.

NEPGA Ambassadors are needed to volunteer for walking with a Pro-Am group to facilitate the pace of play with yardages and club selections for the amateurs with tee times in two waves: 7 am to 9 am and noon to 2 pm OR working at the range with the amateurs prior to their tee times: approximately 6:30 am to 8:30 am and 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

You may request to walk with a Tour Professional and his group and we will do our best to match you with him. This is a FedEx Cup Playoff event (the second) and we will not know the field until the standings are updated after the first event is finished. Also, please keep in mind that the Tour Professional that you have requested might not be playing in the wave that you have stated as your preference.

Please register below or call Joan at the NEPGA office, 508.869.0000. Be sure to indicate your shirt size.

[Click Here](#) to register for the AM Wave from 7am - 9am.

[Click Here](#) to register for the PM Wave from 12pm - 2pm.

[Click Here](#) to register for both the AM and PM Waves.

[Click Here](#) to register with no preference between waves.

[Click Here](#) to register for working at the range in the AM.

[Click Here](#) to register for working at the range in the PM.

[Click Here](#) to register for working at the range all day.

MASSACHUSETTS SENIOR OPEN

The 7th Annual Massachusetts Senior Open will be held on July 7-8, 2011 at Holden Hills Country Club. [Click here](#) to view the event details and a registration form.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2011 JUNE SPONSORS



NEPGA TOURNAMENT NEWS

June is a busy month for golf in New England, including several events with Championship status. State Opens are contested in Vermont and Massachusetts and outside the region's boundaries the 44th PGA Professional National Championship presented by Club Car and Mercedes Benz will take place at the Hershey Country Club, in Hershey, PA on June 26-29. The NEPGA will be well represented at the PNC, be sure to tune in to the Golf Channel and root on our fellow Section Professionals. I remember watching last year as Troy Pare, PGA held his position on the first page of the leader board during the final round, eventually finishing solo 5th to lead all New England Section entrants.

To all those NEPGA Professionals who will be competing in Hershey, just a reminder, for the National event The PGA of America has adopted the "Condition of Competition" for grooves and/or punch marks. Please be sure to have a set of clubs that conform to these specifications. This "Condition of Competition" will also be in effect at the 2011 Senior PNC & Assistants Championships. This "Condition of Competition" will NOT be in effect for the Section levels of these Championships.

Speaking of the PNC, the New England Section PGA Professional Championship will be taking place at beautiful Pine Hills Golf Club, August 22-24. This fantastic 36-hole venue will provide a worthy challenge. If you plan to compete in the premier event on the New England PGA schedule be aware you must enter only through The PGA of America, entries will be accepted from May 25 through July 6. Reminder: If you miss that July 6 deadline there is nothing we at the Section Office can do to help you.

Watch for the email from The PGA of America telling you registration for this event is open and please, file your entry as soon as possible. The more players we have in the field the more funding we receive for this year's purse and the more qualifying spots we are allocated into the 2012 PNC for NEPGA Members.

Note: June is also the month that registration (again through The PGA of America only) for the New England Senior Professional and Assistants Championships go live. Watch for the emails from The PGA of America and submit those entries early.

No less than three Championships are on the NEPGA schedule in June. The Acushnet Golf Pro-Assistant Championship, June 6 & 7 at The Bay Club Mattapoisett is first up. Head Professionals and Assistants (1, 2 or 3) are eligible to team up and try to wrest the title from defending Champions Jason & Paul Parajekas, PGA representing Pleasant Valley Country Club. Many thanks go to our friends from Titleist & FootJoy for making this one of our premier events every year. PGA Professional Greg Yeomans and Superintendent Jon O'Connor will serve as our hosts at the marvelous Bay Club facility.

As far as facilities go, not many can compare to the total package of the Carnegie Abbey Club. PGA Professional Steve Napoli will once again host the New England PGA Pro-Officer Championship on June 13th. Country Club Enterprises, the distributor of Club Car Golf Cars & Utility Vehicles and long

time supporters of the New England PGA, will be our sponsor for the event. A big thank you to Dave Farina, Darrin Eddy, Robby Brown, Tim Russell, Keith Tortorella and Mike Turner for all their support. Prize Possessions and Jim Lynch are the supporting sponsors of the Pro-Officer and will be onsite providing a wonderful tee gift for you and your officer.

A New England PGA Professional and an Officer from their facility will comprise the team vying for the Championship. Anthony Maki & Jim Rodman took the title home to Franklin Country Club in 2010.

A long day of golf awaits the contestants competing in the New England PGA Pro-Am Championship on June 20th. How long? As legendary Chicago Cubs shortstop Ernie Banks would say, "let's play two" at two of New England's best, Nashawtuc Country Club and Concord Country Club. Teams consisting of one PGA Professional and one amateur will play 18 holes at each of these historic layouts and when it is all over we will have crowned our Pro-Am Champions for 2011. Warning, I believe we will have last year's Champions back to defend and all Peter Norton, PGA and John Hedges from Thorny Lea Golf Club did last year, was shoot 60 in their afternoon round to claim the title. It probably didn't seem like a long day to them at all.

Thank you to our Host Clubs and their PGA Professionals Chris Carpenter, Nashawtuc and David Poplyk, Concord.

Wonder why I used that Cubs reference? Don't give me any "lip" just ask Concord Assistant Professional Rick Durocher, PGA if he ever had any relatives involved with that organization. If you are a baseball fan I bet you can figure out who it might be!

Like I said June is filled with Championships, but we have other equally important events this month. The AHEAD Series resumes with a visit to Rhode Island and Kirkbrae Country Club on June 14th. Mike Bradshaw, PGA will be our host as the quest to earn points and qualify for the yearend AHEAD Championship continues. NEPGA Player of the Year points are also awarded at each AHEAD event and by the end of June we should have a good idea who may be making a bid to claim the Wogan trophy in 2011. If you can make the time, please come out and enjoy some competitive golf and say thanks to AHEAD rep Terry Frechette. The T-Man is on-site at every AHEAD event and we sincerely appreciate his and AHEAD's support. I would also like to thank supporting sponsor Golf Buddy and sales representative Cary Gordon for their continued support of the AHEAD Series. Cary is also at every event providing Golf Buddy devices to use.

I have to mention the first AHEAD event that took place at Weston Golf Club last month, while the weather may not have been exceptional (was that really May we just experienced or October?) the golf course was. Superintendent Matt DeAvila knows his craft and he has a group of people working with him who do as well. The golf course was pristine and the golf played was pretty impressive as well.

Rich Berberian, Tom Tobey, PGA, Troy Pare, PGA and Jeff Martin, PGA all managed to survive the cold and damp weather and posted two under par 70's.

JUNE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Volunteers Needed for "Learn to Golf" Clinic

There is a free "Learn to Golf" clinic for physically challenged golfers at the Braintree Municipal GC on Sunday June 5th from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. National Amputee Golf Association Executive Director Bob Wilson, PGA Professional Bob Beach and physically challenged golfer Jerry Donovan will conduct the clinic. There will be two adaptive golf carts available. To volunteer, call Bob Beach at the Braintree golf shop, 781.843.6513 x2.

2. Volunteers Needed for Lessons for Veterans

Free golf lessons for Veterans and Disabled Veterans will be available on Sunday June 5th from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at Braintree Municipal Golf Course. Bob Beach, PGA and fellow NEPGA golf professionals will be on hand to give the golf lessons. Physically challenged golfer, Jerry Donovan, will also be teaching. There will be two adaptive golf carts available to any person attending the lessons. To volunteer, call Bob Beach at the Braintree golf shop, 781.843.6513 x2.

3. Volunteers Needed for See New England Festival

The NEPGA is looking for members and apprentices to volunteer their time in giving free lessons at the See New England Festival being held at City Hall Plaza in Boston on Saturday, June 18th. The shifts are 10:00 am to noon; noon to 2:00 pm; and 2:00 pm to 5 pm. To register to volunteer, please [click here](#). The first two shifts are worth 2 MSR credits each for Growth of the Game and the last shift is worth 3 MSR credits for Growth of the Game. For more information on the event please visit www.seenewenglandfestival.com.

AWARD WINNER SPOTLIGHT



Barrie Bruce, PGA is the 2011 President's Plaque Award winner. Barrie became a PGA Professional on May 1, 1985. He has spent his entire PGA career at the Country Club of Billerica: first as Head Professional and then as the Director of Instruction. He was named Junior Golf Leader for the MA Chapter in 2001 and also the NEPGA Teacher of the Year in 2004. Golf Magazine named

Barrie one of the top 100 Best Teachers in 2005. Through his Barrie Bruce Golf Schools, he has set his main objective to create and retain new golfers-both adults and juniors. He utilizes leagues, tournaments, junior clinics, and seminars to reach out to beginning golfers as well to those who are experienced and want to raise the level of their games. He runs Growth of the Game activities from January through October. He is a worthy recipient of this award. You can be there to see Barrie receive his Award at the NEPGA Special Awards Dinner at Black Rock Country Club on October 29th.

THANK YOU FROM DONNIE LYONS

Donnie Lyons, PGA would like to thank all of his fellow PGA Professionals, apprentices, and friends for their thoughtfulness, good wishes, gifts, and prayers after his accident and during his rehab. He is happy to report that he is out there driving today and feeling great!

TOURNAMENT NEWS *Continued...*

Paul Parajeckas, PGA led another group of four at one under par 71, Paul was also the Low Senior scorer. Three teams posted 65's to tie for the top spot in the Blind Draw Pro-Pro portion of the event. Big thanks also go to Host PGA Professional Adam Hemeon and the Weston membership for allowing us access to their magnificent facility.

I also wanted to acknowledge another terrific performance last month; the Hudson Cup was contested at Duxbury Yacht Club on another of those windy, cold and dreary May days. Shawn Warren didn't seem to notice the weather. All Shawn did was play a bogey-free round, firing a five under par 67 to take home the title. Thanks to long time hosts Duxbury YC, Superintendent Peter Lanman and PGA Professional Randy Grills.

The Championships keep coming early in July, don't get shut out, be sure to get those entries submitted in a timely fashion.

We go to Hopkinton Country Club on July 5th for the NEPGA Pro-Senior Championship, teams consisting of a Professional and three Senior Club Members (50 years plus) are eligible. Dave Lane, PGA is our host.

One of the true majors on the NEPGA schedule is next. The New England PGA Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship returns to Mount Pleasant Country Club, July 11th. This event always has a full field, don't be left on a waiting list and miss the opportunity to hoist the Arthur Harris Cup, find your partner and get that entry submitted. We would like to welcome Jeff DiBona Golf Sales as this year's presenting sponsor and once again thanks to Matt Walsh, PGA and Superintendent Todd Sauer for hosting.

There is a lot more on the schedule in July, but we'll get to that next month. Hopefully by then we'll be complaining about how dry and hot it is. So far I've had to wear my rain gear and way too many layers of clothes at almost every event.

As always check out Joan's weekly "Mixed Bag" emails and the NEPGA website for updates and more information on all things tournaments and we'll be back with more Tournament News next month.

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BUTTON HOLE GC REQUESTS

Button Hole Golf Course is in desperate need of 3 "big ticket" items that hopefully some facility or individual is in a position to donate. We would be more than happy to receive used equipment as long as they are in usable condition.

The first item is a heavy duty pick-up truck for the maintenance facility. We also need 2 standard golf cars, gas or electric, to be used for teaching programs.

We are a 501c-3 non-profit facility and all donations are tax-deductable. If there is additional information needed or you have questions please feel free to contact me at 401-421-1664 ext. 107 or dgaughan@buttonhole.org. Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Dan Gaughan, PGA

CHAPTER & ASSOCIATION NEWS

CAPE COD CHAPTER

Yeomans Establishes Early Dominance



Greg Yeomans, PGA

The Bay Club's PGA Head Professional Greg Yeomans catapulted into the Dutch Wessner Player-of-the-Year Award lead with a pair of 3-under par victories at Pocasset GC (69) & Cummaquid GC (68) in mid-May. It was his second straight 68 (and victory) at the annual Cummaquid Pro-Am hosted by

PGA Head Professional Steve Spencer.

He has also won the Wessner Award three consecutive years. And, on the horizon? Yeomans and CC of New Bedford's PGA Head Professional Joe Cordani will battle Rhode Island's Troy Pare and Jeff Martin in the NEPGA Pro-Pro Match Play FINALS June 1st at LeBaron Hills!

Interestingly, Yeomans, who is the current President of the Cape Cod Chapter passed Kittansett's PGA Head Professional Steve Demmer – NEPGA President in the chase for POY honors. Two presidents now stand #1 & #2 on the points list!

Frost Clinic Draws Area's Finest Teachers



Jane Frost, PGA

Nationally recognized Jane Frost – PGA / LPGA – teaching professional from Sandwich Hollows GC – welcomed over 20 of the area's finest instructors to Sandwich for the Emmy Award winning AimPoint seminar in early May. Frost, named by Golf Magazine editors to their list of top 100 teachers in the country 14 times along with senior AimPoint instructor John Graham, introduced the latest in green reading technology to their peers. Frost has also been cited by Golf For Women magazine

8 times on their top 50 teacher list.

Seniors Take Pro-Pro Title at Woods Hole



Rick Johnson, PGA & Bob Miller, PGA

The Club of Yarmouthport's PGA Head Professional Bob Miller (r) partnered with Hyannisport's PGA Professional Rick Johnson (L) in winning the Cobra/Puma Pro-Pro hosted by Woods Hole GC PGA Head Professional Glenn Kelly on May 11th. Firing a 2-under par 69 in 40 mph winds, Miller & Johnson beat back challenges from 14 other

teams in capturing this prestigious team title. Miller's game has warmed up with a solid 4th place 73 at the section's Thorny Lea Pro-Am & a 3rd place 71 at the Cape's Cummaquid event in late May.

Tobey's 70 Ties for AHEAD/Weston Top Honors

Bay Pointe's PGA Head Professional Tom Tobey return to Weston GC where he finished 2nd in the 2009 Section Championship was as successful as his 2-under par 70 tied for the lead in the first Ahead Series event of the year. His T-1 places Tobey in the early Wogan Point lead along with Troy Pare and Jeff Martin from Rhode Island.

Assistant Pro's Make Noise

Cape Cod National's Brad Wheatley and Oyster Harbors' Matt Baran continued their fine play from last year with recent top performances. Wheatley captured 3rd place in the Hudson Cup and 5th in the NEAA Marshfield event while Baran notched a 3rd in the blustery Hyannisport tournament. The NEAA has had over 80 assistant pros tee it up this year in at least one event & both Wheatley (5th) and Baran (7th) reside in the top 10 of their player-of-the-year points standings.

Gratitude for Our Sponsors

A very special expression of gratitude to the following sponsors of Cape Cod events to date:

Keith Tortorella/ CCE – Club Car; Clem Lamarre/ Sky Caddie-Cobra-Puma; Jeff Moore/ Bobby Byrne's Pubs; Debra Walsh/Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank and Jamie Griffiths/ Taylor-Made who is title sponsor for the Dutch Wessner Award. Thank you all for your support and generosity!

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ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION

The Assistants' Association 2011 season really got going during the month of May. Despite non-ideal conditions for most of the month, all events were played and the scores were all the more impressive. Shawn Warren carried over his strong play from April by winning the NEPGA Hudson Cup, an all Assistants event named for longtime NEPGA staffer and former Executive Director Susan Hudson. Shawn then won the following week at Marshfield, posting a season low 4-under par 66 on the tough layout. The month concluded Thursday at Acoaxet Club, where Shawn Warren bested the field by 1 shot.

The Assistant's Spring Series concludes with the Spring Series Championship at Black Rock CC on June 2nd. Special thanks to Titleist/FootJoy for sponsoring this event.

Also a special thanks to Mason Prange and Cleveland Golf/Srixon for sponsoring the 2011 Hudson Cup, and to Tim Burke and Burke Distributing for providing a care package for all host Professionals!

Justin Lawson, PGA
NEAA President

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RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

Kirby Qualifies for US Open Sectional...Again

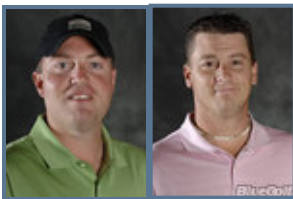


Ed Kirby, PGA

Attention...all young golf professionals in New England! 48 yr-old Alpine PGA Head Professional Ed Kirby recently qualified for the US Open Sectionals for the 19th TIME!!! Kirby has made it through sectionals to play in the US Open Championship four times (1984-87-89-93) – and more

impressively made the cut three times. This astounding record can be added to on June 6th at Canoe Brook, NJ where Kirby earned his spot by virtue of his finish at Newport CC in early May. He will be joined by Bill Maguire, 28-yr old Montaup GC Assistant Pro in New Jersey who also finished in the top five at Newport. More Kirby statistics: In 14 official rounds of US Open golf, Kirby has averaged 72.9. Congratulations and good luck Eddie & Bill.

Pare & Martin



Troy Pare, PGA & Jeff Martin, PGA

Wannamoisett's PGA Head Professional Troy Pare and Point Judith's PGA Assistant Professional Jeff Martin sharpened their play the past month collecting both team and individual honors. Defending champions of the NEPGA PRO-PRO Match Play title, Pare & Martin have once again battled into the

finals where they will meet Cape Cod's Greg Yeomans and Joe Cordani. (Note: this writer must remain neutral as duties include managing both Cape and Rhode island – so good luck to all four!)

Troy and Jeff both tied for 1st place in the first Ahead Series held at Weston in mid-May firing 2-under par 70's. Each birdied the final hole to share the victory. Pare also bankrolled some cash after birdieing the final four holes to win his own Pro-Am at Wannamoisett enroute to a 67, edging Acoaxet's PGA Head Professional Brent Amaral by two strokes.

Defending Wogan champ Martin, after his T-1 at Weston is now tied with Pare and the Cape's Tom Tobey in the early point standings.

Tramonti & Owens Firing on all Cylinders

With three top-5 finishes in NEAA events this spring Triggs Memorial's PGA professional Bob Tramonti has vaulted to 2nd place in the player of year points race...while N. Kingstown's PGA professional Brian Owens moved into 4th place. Jeff Martin and Brendon Ray are both T-10 in the points race.

Tramonti followed a strong 1st place showing at blustery Hyannisport in late April with a 5th in the prestigious Hudson Cup – and then fired a 2nd place 70 in the NEAA's Marshfield event in mid-May.

Several RI chapter members cashed in the Ahead Series

opener at Weston won by Pare & Martin. Maguire, Amaral, Tramonti & Owens all fared well and finished in the money.

Kirkbrae's fine PGA staff led by Mike Bradshaw along with Nick Maresca, Chris Bohac & Pro Emeritus Stan Baluik (recent NEPGA Hall of Fame inductee) will be welcoming the region's best players this summer for both the Rhode Island Open, August 9-10, and the Ahead Stroke Play Series second event of the season on June 14th.

Sign up now for the last chapter event of the spring: The CCE/ Mohegan Sun Pro-Am scheduled for Carnegie Abbey on May 31st, hosted by PGA Head Professional Steve Napoli.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER



Dan Wilkins, PGA

Dan Wilkins, Laconia Country Club Director of Golf, will participate in the 72nd Senior PGA Championship which will be held on May 26-29 at the Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky. Wilkins qualified for the event by virtue of a tie for 21st place at the National Senior Clubs' Professional Championship held in Palm Springs. Defending PGA Senior Champion is Tom Lehman. A gathering was held at Laconia CC at which members rallied to show their support for Wilkins who has been on a tear in recent NHC

pro-ams having climbed to the front of the Player of the Year Leaderboard. He finished low professional at Scottish Highlands shooting a 4-under par score of 67; finished as second low professional at his home course in Laconia with a 3-under 69 and second at Stonebridge with a 1-over par 73.

Condolences are offered to the family of NHC member and PGA member Joe Healey who passed away on May 6th. Joe had been head professional at Passconaway CC and Atkinson CC.

After the first six chapter events, the Player of the Year standings are as follows:

Dan Wilkins, Laconia CC	76.50
Todd Rollins, Laconia CC	69.75
Matt Arvanitis, Lake Sunapee CC	66.75
Rich Berberian, Jr., Hoodcroft CC	66.33
Dan Gillis, Londonderry CC	45.11

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VERMONT CHAPTER

The Vermont Chapter NEPGA Section held their Spring Meeting on May 2, 2011 at Rutland CC hosted by Greg Nelson, PGA and sponsored by Jim Mayo, Imperial Headwear and Haas Jordan umbrellas.

The highlight of our spring meeting was the presentation of the Vermont Chapter Distinguished Member Award to Jim Remy, PGA of Okemo Valley Golf Club. Presenters included Derek Sprague, PGA Secretary-Treasurer, and long time Life Members Henry Vergi, PGA and Leo Reynolds, PGA. Each of the presenters spoke briefly about their relationships with Jim. Our friends from the allied associations included guests Mark Wolinsky- Executive Director of the Vermont Golf Association, Phyllis Simon- Vermont Women's Golf Association President, Kevin Komer- President Vermont Superintendents Association.

Vermont Chapter Board of President Dave Soucy, PGA, conducted the proceedings and Chapter Directors provided committee reports and discussed Chapter business, playing opportunities, activities, and initiatives. Larry Kelley, PGA, Vermont District Director spoke about Section activities and plans.

Bill Ross, PGA Awards Committee chair presented our PGA special awards. Playing Awards for 2010 were presented to deserving winners by Chapter Director Greg Nelson, PGA and Chapter Sec.-Treas. Josh Olney, PGA. Please check us out on Facebook for all the pictures from the Spring Meeting.

We also heard from Mike Higgins- Executive Director NEPGA and Mike Packard, PGA,- PGA Employment Consultant. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 and lunch was served. After lunch the Chapter Members joined our allied associates and sales reps to form teams for a round of golf.

Tournament Results:

Our first VT Chapter Pro Am was held at Neshobe GC on May 9th with Rodney Bicknell, PGA as our host. We thank our sponsors Jeff Kelley-Titleist and Chris Catapane-Maui Jim, Sterling Cut Glass, and UnderArmour for their generous support. Gross team winners were host professional Rodney Bicknell and his Neshobe team with a score of 64. Net team winners were Jim Remy, PGA and his Okemo Valley GC team with a score of 61. Winning Professional scores included Rodney Bicknell 70, Zack Wyman, PGA, of Vermont National CC 72, and Dave Soucy, PGA of Green Mountain National GC 75.

The VT Chapter conducted a Pro Am at Manchester GC on May 16th with Bob Stearns, PGA as our host. We thank our sponsors John Carey and Srixon-Cleveland Golf for donation of golf ball tee gifts and wedges for the proximity contests. Net team winners were Dave Soucy, PGA, and his Green Mountain GC team with a score of 62. A tie for Gross team winners were host professional Phil Davis and his Manchester CC team and RJ Ziats, PGA, and his Stratton Mountain Golf School team with a score of 71. Winning Professional scores included RJ Ziats 73, and host professionals Phil Davis and Fred Auletta, PGA, 77.

On Monday, May 23rd, the Vermont Chapter held the first major of the year, our Pro Lady Championship at Green Mountain National GC with Dave Soucy, PGA as host professional. Our sponsors from Prato Sunglasses were Cary

Gordon represented by Stuart Miller...a huge thank you for their sponsorship. Gross team winners were Greg Nelson, PGA, and his team of ladies from Rutland CC with a 2 best ball score of 143. A tie for first place net with a score of 132 required a playoff between the teams of Matt Hibbert, PGA of Lake St. Catherine GC and Roger King, PGA of CC of Barre. Matt Hibbert and his ladies won on the first extra hole. Congrats to all. Winning Professional scores included Greg Nelson 71, and Dave Soucy, Roger King, Rodney Bicknell, PGA with scores of 72.

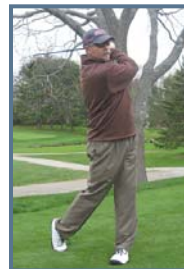
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MAINE CHAPTER



Cold temperatures, high winds and a little rain were not enough to slow down Nick Glicos (L) and Jace Pearson (R) from winning the TaylorMade Pro-Pro Championship at Webhannet. Nick and Jace posted rounds of 69-67 for a 6-under par total of 136, four shots clear of

Allan Menne and John Hickson, the 2010 champions. The Chapter would like to thank host professional Kirk Kimball, PGA and his first class staff for putting on a great event for the 36 competitors. Webhannet GC was in terrific condition as it always is. The Chapter would also like to thank Mark Thompson and our friends at TaylorMade/Adidas/ Ashworth for sponsoring the event. We would also like to thank our supporting sponsor Shipyard for their support.



The Chapter is excited to have Club Car / Country Club Enterprises back as the Title Sponsor for the 2011 Player of The Year Race. John (pictured left) is a two-time winner Player of The Year winner, earning the award in 2008 and 2010.

The Maine PGA Chapter Championship is scheduled for June 7-8 at Biddeford-Saco CC. The registration deadline is June 1st.

Please take a moment and register today!

The Chapter would like to recognize its many sponsors for the month of June:



Apprentices: Are you in need of any help with Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3? Help is just a phone call away...we have dozens of PGA Members able and willing to help you with your work. Please call Tony Decker, PGA for more information.

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New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Stephen P. Caruso, PGA	A-6	Big Sticks Golf Academy
Christopher T. Doherty, PGAA	A-8	Old Sandwich GC
Rameses Encarnacion, PGA	A-8	Framingham CC
Kurt Gradel, PGA	A-8	Turner Hill GC
Michael H. Pratt, PGA	A-8	Indian Ridge CC
Dan F. Ruane, PGA	A-8	Stowe CC
Dustin L. Toner, PGA	A-8	Vineyard GC

Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Harry W. Andrews, PGA	A-6	Bethel Inn Resort
Todd E. Dugan, PGA	A-6	East Coast Golf Practice Ctr
David A. Johnson, PGA	A-6	Swansea CC
Daniel R. Lockhart, PGA	A-14	The International GC
Kurt D. McDowell, PGA	A-6	Stratton Golf School
David Pffannenstein, PGA	A-8	Sugarbush GC
Adam O. Riggs, PGA	A-6	Cyprian Keyes GC
Don Small, PGA	A-6	Sandbaggers Practice Range
Robert S. Steen, PGA	A-8	Prouts Neck CC

New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Russell C Bizier, Jr.	B-8	TPC of Boston
Jeffrey C Gentes	B-8	Burlington CC
Ronald W Kelton	B-8	Dunegrass GC
Jordan C Knickerbocker	B-8	Milton Hoosic CC
Sean P Mcternan	B-8	Brae Burn CC

Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Mark W. Aebli, PGA	A-8	5/12	Haystack GC
Harry W. Andrews, PGA	A-6	5/1	Bethel Inn Resort
Todd E. Dugan, PGA	A-6	5/20	East Coast Golf Practice Ctr
Brian K. Golden, PGA	A-14	5/7	Sandy Burr CC
David A. Johnson, PGA	A-6	5/11	Swansea CC
Daniel R. Lockhart, PGA	A-14	5/1	The International GC
Scott D. MacArthur, PGA	A-8	5/5	Marshfield CC
Kurt D. McDowell, PGA	A-6	5/18	Stratton Golf School
David Pffannenstein, PGA	A-8	5/2	Sugarbush GC
Adam O. Riggs, PGA	A-6	5/10	Cyprian Keyes GC
Don Small, PGA	A-6	5/1	Sandbaggers Practice Range
Robert S. Steen, PGA	A-8	5/5	Prouts Neck CC
Robert C. Tiettmeyer, PGA	A-8	5/9	Old Sandwich Golf Club

New Transfers into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous Section</u>
Todd E. Dugan, PGA	A-6	Southwest
Daniel R. Lockhart, PGA	A-14	South Florida
Scott D. MacArthur, PGA	A-8	Gulf States
Robert S. Steen, PGA	A-8	Northern California
Robert C. Tiettmeyer, PGA	A-8	South Florida



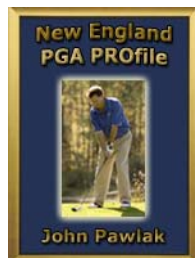
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New Quarter Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date</u>
James O'Mara	A-1	Charles River CC	4/30

*This report reflect changes made between April 29, 2011 through May 26, 2011.

NEPGA June PROfile



PROfile: John Pawlak, PGA

Year turned Pro: 1988

Facility: Tater Hill GC

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

*The monthly birthdays will now be listed on NEPGA.com instead of in our newsletter.

Look for the upcoming birthday list to be posted online soon!

Comments or Suggestions?

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