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Darren Falk of Holly Ridge GC has grown the youth program exponentially, and will take home the NEPGA's Youth Player Development Award for his efforts!

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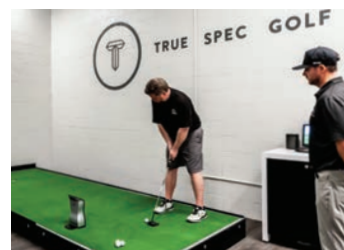
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ron Bibeau, PGA

President
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***“If you are
not directly
involved
in your
operation’s
budget and
seasonal
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need to be.”***

Dear Fellow NEPGA Members and Associates,

As our season slowly starts I always reflect back on the message I have been trying to get across for my entire presidency: Take time for yourself. I know it sounds great and we all cannot take the time we need to keep our sanity, but it is imperative to take time to smell the proverbial roses. As we start the long summer you should take time each week to spend with family and friends or take time to play a round of golf. It can help ease the stress. It does not have to be in an ultracompetitive event or championship, it can be at your own course with a few members or you can ride the course and play a hole or two with some different groups.

PGA membership comes with many privileges and responsibilities. As we move through our careers, we all will be faced with many challenges, some bigger than others. We have faced a way-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 May and 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 that has operated many different types of facilities and now as a sales representative for a golf industry company, 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.

Our section is in great hands with Mike Higgins at the helm. This can be seen in the efficiency that everything the section does and

it is done first class. I would like to thank all of the section staff who tirelessly work to ensure our meetings, tournaments and education seminars and are run flawlessly.

As you all know, If I can help any of you at any time, 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Bibeau, PGA
President of The New England Section of the PGA



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Michael Higgins

Executive Director
New England PGA

“You must be able to articulate and communicate your vision in a simple, clear, bold, and compelling way.”

Memorial Day is here, and our golf season is off and running. I know that many of you pick up your slow trot and transform it into a full sprint from now through Labor Day, so I wanted to talk in this month's newsletter about leadership. The tag line from the PGA of America regarding PGA Professionals is that “PGA Professionals are the experts in the game and business of golf.” Now I personally feel this is unequivocally the truth, but I also feel that PGA Professionals are the leaders in the growth of the game, leaders in the promotion of the game, as well as being the stewards of the game. With these significant duties comes great responsibility, thus requiring PGA Professionals to be great leaders in the industry.

Leadership in our industry is all about seeing the vision and creating a brighter and better future for golf and for the future golfers. I believe it's about the PGA of America, the 41 Sections and most importantly the 28,000 PGA Professionals to continue inventing, innovating, creating, building, improving, and transforming the game together. We not only need to do this in the game of golf, but in every aspect of our lives and the world we live in. Some owners or board of directors' scoff when PGA Professionals share their bold ideas, their imaginative plans or goals, but ideas, imagination, and goals are the fabric positive leaders (PGA Professionals) weave together to create the future and change our industry.

Just think, at one time, Luke Skywalker was just an idea in the mind of George Lucas, but now there are very few people who don't know what the “Force” is. J.K. Rowling had a vision of Harry Potter and now he is a part of my children's favorite roller-coaster ride at Universal Studios. JFK saw a man on the moon, Reagan saw a time without the Berlin Wall, even Steve Jobs imagined the iPhone long before almost every human in the world had one in their hand.

As someone who has had the opportunity to work with many PGA Professionals and witness first-hand the great work being done at their facilities, I've met many positive leaders and seen the power of positive leadership. I've seen how PGA Professionals have led, inspired, and transformed their staffs and their clubs. I've observed their impact and the results they have achieved.

A positive leader sees what's possible then takes the next steps to rally and unite the people around them to implement and create it. Every clinic, every program, every tournament, and every membership drive starts with an idea, and a vision of what's possible. If you have a vision, then you also have the power to make it happen. Positive leaders tap into the power of a vision and find a way to make it happen. But what is the best way for PGA Professionals to rally their teams to follow them? You must be able to articulate and communicate your vision in a simple, clear, bold, and compelling way.

Old Sea captains were guided on their journeys by the North Star. PGA Professionals and their vision serve as the North Star that points and moves a team and a facility on their journey and in the right direction. A leader must continually point to their North Star (vision) and remind everyone that this is where we are going.

How many times has a senior member at your facility reminded you that “this is how we have

always done it?" Or "that will never work at our club." A great leader points out in a positive manner that "Yes, we were here yesterday." "Yes, this is what has happened in the past, but this is the direction we are now going." There really isn't a perfect set of plans because of the many variables in the golf business making every day is different, but each facility has a PGA Professional that can guide them. As PGA Professionals you are not going to create the perfect road map but by surrounding yourself with a solid team you will have each other and a common goal.

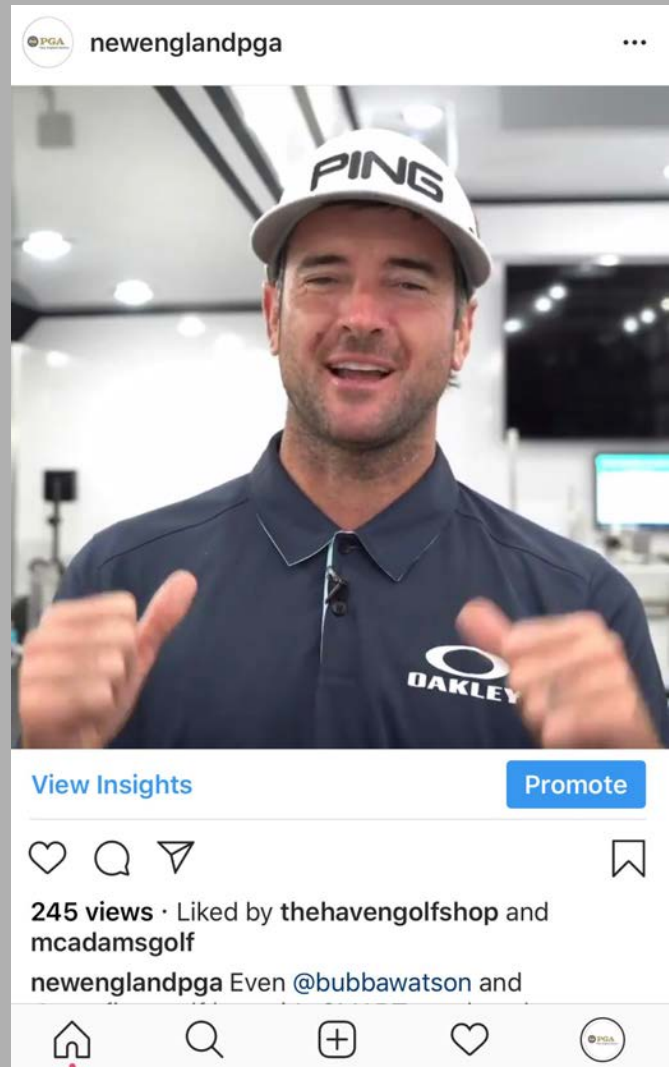
Every operation needs something to work toward, and to be honest, as humans, we have an innate desire to be great and do something great. We have a longing to improve and create a brighter and better future. Be sure to share your vision and be the North Star your facility needs, because not only is it important.....everyone needs one. Help create the brighter and better future at your facility by being a great leader.

I wish you a successful season being a leader, and as always please be sure to reach out to me or any of your talented NEPGA Staff if we can ever be of service.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Higgins

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WHILE WE'RE YOUNG

*2019 NEPGA Youth Player Development Award winner
Darren Falk, PGA, is getting youngsters hooked on
golf at Holly Ridge Golf Club in Sandwich, Mass.*



***“Our goal is for the kids to purely
have fun, and without them
knowing it, they’re actually
getting better at golf.”***

Darren Falk, PGA, has 3-year old golfers squaring up picture-perfect – proportionally, of course – fair-way-splitting drives at Holly Ridge Golf Club, and for that he should get an award. Justice will be served this November when Falk accepts the New England PGA's Youth Player Development Award.

When Darren, alongside co-owners Joe and Jennifer O'Connor, began developing the Holly Ridge (Sandwich, Mass.) youth program in 2016, there were a dozen or so kids participating once-a-week. That number has more than quadrupled to 75-80 kids this year, with programs four days a week. While Falk enjoys every minute of his youth programs, he admits the 3-5 year-old group is “usually the most fun we have all week.”

“We get some kids whose parents play golf and they can really hit it quite well,” he continued. “We had a 3-year old last year and every swing it was a solid driver carrying 25 to 30 yards.”

The tykes spend 30 minutes working on their game each week, while the 6-13 year-old groups take part in 50-minute weekly sessions over a seven-week program. If that sounds like an overwhelming amount of golf for a young age group, then you haven't witnessed Falk's youth programs first-hand.

“Each week we have a different theme,” Falk explained. “We'll do favorite sports team week and with me being a Giants and Yankees fan we always have fun with that when I wear my Eli Manning jersey with the New England crowd. We have favorite super-hero week, where we have the kids, and myself included, dress up like their



favorite super-hero. Our goal is for the kids to purely have fun, and without them knowing it, they're actually getting better at golf."

Falk's philosophy fits Holly Ridge perfectly. The facility boasts one of the best practice and learning centers in the country – at least according to Golf Digest – providing juniors the perfect place to develop their skills. The full suite of practice areas includes a deep, 30-stall driving range, large practice green, and a sand and short-game area, allowing golfers of all ages to sharpen every aspect of their game.

When it's time to hit the course, Holly Ridge offers an 18-hole par-3 course that gives young golfers the opportunity to learn on a manageable layout. Kids play for free with an adult on weekends, and kids who participate in a Holly Ridge junior program play for free with an adult anytime.

"Being a short course certainly helps," Falk said. "It's much easier for a kid to go out and play with their mom or dad when they're playing from 100 yards as opposed to a regulation course, starting off with the tee shot and then dropping in front of the green, or starting from the fairway. Here, they can start at the same spot as their parents, which is great."

Whether it's because golf is the sport they naturally gravitate to, or just the one they're good at, Falk says the enthusiasm and energy the kids bring are what make his

youth programs rewarding.

"Just their general desire to be here, they're always looking to have fun," he said. "They always bring tons of enthusiasm and a lot of times they just laugh off any bad shot, which any adult golfer knows that's pretty hard to do. We tend to get a lot of kids that haven't had success in other sports, whether it's ability-wise or they just weren't really interested. That's the nice thing about golf, there's no playing time. Everybody can play."

By 2018 the Holly Ridge youth program had outgrown the condensed golf season that New England offers. But rather than leave his youth golfers in the cold, Darren took his program indoors over the winter. He rented space at a nearby indoor sports facility and set up full-swing, chipping, and putting stations on the field turf. It was enough space to comfortably cater to six golfers at a time and Darren said he plans on expanding the indoor program in the future.

Whether it's by offering free golf to juniors, helping youngsters perfect their full swing, or simply facilitating an athletic experience for a junior who didn't latch on to a team sport, Darren has made golf the highlight of the week for dozens of Cape Cod juniors. That makes Falk a great recipient of the 2019 NEPGA Youth Player Development Award.

Falk and the other 2019 NEPGA Special Award Winners will receive their awards at the NEPGA Awards Banquet, Nov. 2 at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston, Mass.



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Darren Falk, PGA
Holly Ridge Golf Course

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Cliff Thompson
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HOW TO THANK A VET

Alex Kirk, PGA, gives much more than just a handful of golf tips when he welcomes Veterans from nearby White Junction VA Medical Center to Hanover Country Club at Dartmouth College each summer. He gives them joy, hope, and a much deserved thank you. For his dedication to those who served our country, Kirk is the recipient of this year's New England PGA Patriot Award.

The Patriot Award is presented to a PGA Professional who personifies patriotism through the game of golf and demonstrates unwavering commitment and dedication to the men and women who have valiantly served and protected the United States of America.

Each summer Kirk offers a six-week PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) program where Veterans can learn and practice golf fundamentals, etiquette, and enjoy some time outdoors with peers. Kirk's program includes weekly golf sessions for six weeks each summer, with 20 or more Veterans attending each session. Depending on their golfing ability, participants can enjoy a variety of stations, including short-game contests, target practice on the

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Alex Kirk, PGA

driving range, or even heading out to the course for a scramble. Kirk's program reaches 50-60 Veterans each year.

“The impactful thing is really embracing them and thanking them for what they do, that's what they seem appreciative of,” Kirk said of the Veterans who participate in his program. “Sometimes I think they just get pushed to the side. They served the country doing all kinds of things that none of us probably ever imagined, going places they never thought they'd go in the world, and then they get discharged and nobody wants to take care of them.”



While the typical weekend warrior may be fixated on finding one or two more strokes to shave off his or her game, many Veterans use golf to bring a brand new purpose to life.

“The first year we did it one of the Vets got up at the end and literally start crying about how much golf meant to him,” Kirk recalled. “He was an alcoholic and golf gave him something else to do. It was so eye-opening to me, the impact that this could have that I didn’t even expect.”

Kirk, who is trained in teaching Veterans and golfers with physical and mental limitations, utilizes adaptive golf tool as necessary. For many Veterans, PGA HOPE program’s like Kirk’s at Hanover CC are about life just as much as they are about golf. Veterans who participate in the program not only know they have a place to feel appreciated and welcomed, but also a place to experience the meteoric highs golf can provide, even from seemingly routine occurrences.

“My biggest thing is how much we take for granted,” Kirk said. “Just contact, or hitting the golf ball, or making a putt is a big deal to them. We get stuck watching Tiger win the Masters and members worrying about having the perfect swing. Sometimes it doesn’t have to be so technical.”

It’s fitting that Kirk will take home this year’s NEPGA Patriot Award, as it was two-time Patriot Award winner, Bob Beach, PGA, who helped inspire Kirk’s passion for working with Veterans. Beach won the NEPGA Patriot Award in 2012 and ’13.

“I’d have to credit Bob Beach, just watching what he had done and hearing some of the things he had done,” Kirk said of his inspiration. “It’s just a different way of growing the game.”

Kirk will receive the Patriot Award at the annual NEPGA Awards Banquet, Nov. 2, 2019 at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston, Mass.





Rich Berberian Jr., punched his ticket to the PGA Championship for the fourth consecutive year with a T6 finish at the PGA Professional Championship.

BLUFFTON, S.C. — A couple birdies, a couple bogeys, and a bunch of pars. Rich Berberian Jr., PGA, played that formula on repeat over four rounds at the PGA Professional Championship at Belfair and sealed a spot in the PGA Championship with an even-par 72 in the final round. Berberian finished in a tie for 6th at -1 overall to punch his ticket to the PGA Championship for the fourth time with his fourth consecutive top-12 finish at the tournament.

Entering the final round at -1 and tied for 5th, Berberian opened with six consecutive pars before taking advantage of the Par-5 7th hole with a birdie. After a bogey on the 9th, he made the turn in even-par and got back into red figures with a birdie on the Par-5 13th. He bogeyed the 15th but made three straight pars coming in to comfortably clinch one of the 20 PGA Championship spots up for grabs.

Berberian, who won the PGA Professional Championship in 2016, carded rounds of 72-70-72-72 over the

four-day tournament that began with 312 players and was cut to the top 90 plus ties after two rounds, and the top 70 plus ties after the third round. The 2014, 2015 and 2018 NEPGA Section Champion finished T12 in 2018 and T5 in 2017 after winning the tournament in 2016.

New England's Shawn Warren, PGA, and Kirk Hanefeld, PGA, were also among the 77 players to make the second cut into the final round. Hanefeld made bookend birdies one the 1st and 18th holes in his final round, but it wasn't enough to avoid his highest round of the tournament, shooting 5-over 77 to finish T66 at +9 overall.

After stumbling with bogeys on the 1st, 4th and 6th holes, Warren bounced back with birdies on the 7th and 13th to get to +4 for the tournament. But Warren made two bogeys in his final four holes to finish +3 for the day, +6 overall and T43 for the tournament.

Alex Beach, PGA, won the Championship at -10, two strokes ahead of Danny Balin, PGA.

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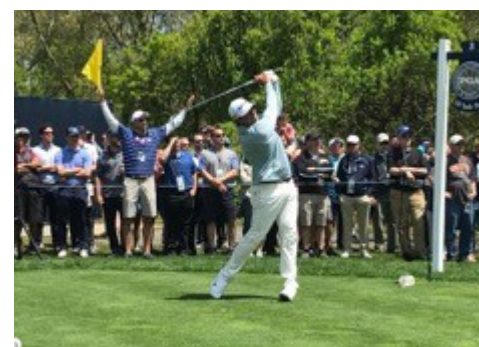
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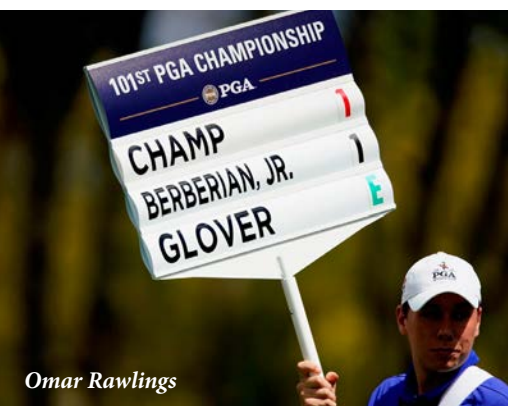


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BERBERIAN JR. EARNS SPOT ON U.S. PGA CUP TEAM FOR SECOND TIME

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – For the second time, New England PGA Professional Rich Berberian Jr. (Vesper CC) will represent the United States in the PGA Cup. Berberian, who competed in the 2017 PGA Cup, will join three other veterans and six rookies as the United States faces Great Britain & Ireland in the 29th PGA Cup Sept. 27-29 in Austin, Texas.

Berberian was one of two players to clinch his spot when the final points were tabulated, joining eight others who clinched at the 52nd PGA Professional Championship which ended May 1. The 10-member US Team in the biennial international showcase for PGA Club Professionals was determined through a two-year points system that includes the past two PGA Professional Championships and two PGA Championships. The points race ended with last week's PGA Championship.

Berberian, the 2016 PGA Professional Champion, went 3-2 in the 2017 PGA Cup but the GB&I team won their third-straight PGA Cup after winning on US soil for the first time ever in 2015.

The PGA Cup began in 1973, and although the US Team dominated early, the GB&I team has made a resurgence. The US is 17-7-4 overall, but has not won since 2011.

Berberian will join veterans Danny Balin (Freshmeadow CC), Stuart Deane (Texas Star Golf Course) and Bob Sowards (Kinsale Golf & Fitness Club) on the US team, along with rookies Alex Beach (West-

chester CC), Jason Caron (Mill River Club), Ben Cook (Yankee Springs Golf Course), Ben Kern (Georgetown Country Club), Sean McCarty (Brown Deer Golf Course), and Ryan Vermeer (Happy Hollow Club). The US is captained by PGA Past President Derek Sprague.

"I am impressed by the talent on the team," Sprague said. "We do have six rookies, but they are proven champions in many respects. And, we have those who have won our PGA Professional Championship in Alex (Beach), Rich (Berberian), Bob (Sowards) and Ryan (Vermeer). Overall, I feel good about this team because of their experience. They will be very competitive this September."

The GB&I team is captained by Cameron Clark, who won the PGA Cup as a player in 2015 and again as a Vice Captain in 2017.



Rich Berberian Jr., PGA (Vesper CC) hits a shot during the 2019 PGA Championship at Bethpage Black, where he clinched his spot in the 2019 PGA Cup. Photo by Omar Rawlings.

SECTION UPDATE



INAUGURAL BLIND DRAW SCRAMBLE KICKS OFF 2019 WITH A BANG

The Inaugural New England PGA Kick-Off Blind Draw Scramble was all about birdies, as two teams shot 12-under par 60 to tie for the title at the Country Club of Halifax on April 18.

Nathan Myers, Darren Falk, Joe O'Conner and Scott Allen made six birdies on each side to shoot 60 while Chip Johnson, Kirk Hanefeld, Christopher Kasheta and Jack Neville made 10 birdies and an eagle on the par-5 ninth to match with a 60 of their own. The eagle on the ninth gave the foursome a front-nine 29, which also included five birdies.

The Blind Draw Scramble delivered its intended purpose of bringing together NEPGA Professionals who wouldn't play together in other events.

"It was nice to get out there playing with a bunch of different people you don't normally see," said James Antonelli, PGA (Marshfield CC). "The event is perfect for a mix of guys. I was able to play with a legend, Charlie Volpone. When would I be able to play with him in the same tournament? It's nice to be with guys like that."

Volpone, who rolled in some crucial putts on Thursday and tied for third place playing along with Antonelli, Andrew Abbott and Matt Cunningham, enjoyed competing again for the first time in a long time.

"Chip Johnson asked me to (play), and I was more than happy to be because I know a lot of these guys. It's nice to catch up and see them," Volpone said. "Guys like me, we get out-driven by 100 yards or so and when you go to hit the second shot, you got to hit a wood shot into the green and they're hitting wedges. But that's the evolution of a golfer's life."

The New England PGA would like to extend a special thank you to Country Club of Halifax and host professional Steve Colt, PGA, along with partners, Linksoul and Aftershokz.



NEPGA PROFESSIONALS HOST FIRST CHILDRENS HOSPITAL CLINIC OF 2019

The New England PGA Foundation in conjunction with the NEPGA Growth of the Game Committee paid a visit to the Boston Children's Hospital on April 9th to provide some fun for the kids and their families visiting the world-renowned facility in the heart of Boston. PJ Breton, PGA (Framingham CC), Ryan Train (Belmont Country Club), and Matt Lombard, PGA (North Andover CC) were in attendance representing the Growth of the Game Committee. Peter Doherty, PGA (Atkinson Resort & Country Club) and Christian Comeau, PGA (New England PGA) were also present to help bring some joy to the kids visiting the hospital.

The clinics consisted of a putting station, a full-swing station with SNAG equipment and a photo area with our Mini-Dino. Children from all over the world came by and had some fun learning the basics of golf from our team of PGA Professionals. The New England PGA Foundation is very excited to have two more dates at the Boston Children's Hospital in 2019: August 22nd and November 19th



KOLLOFF FIRES 69 TO WIN FIRST NEPGA STROKE PLAY EVENT

Adam Kolloff, PGA (Pure Drive Golf), rolled in four birdies on the front nine, and shot three-under 69 to win the first New England PGA Stroke Play Series event of 2019 at Newport National Golf Club.

Kolloff took advantage of a picture-perfect opening tee shot to start his day with a birdie, and added circles to his scorecard on the fifth, seventh and eighth holes to turn in four-under 32. With rain and wind picking up as the day went on, Kolloff recorded eight pars on the back with his lone bogey of the day on the par-3 16th hole to come home in 37 and post 69.

"It felt really good," Kolloff said of that opening drive. "I hit it right where I wanted and that really gave me good momentum for the rest of the round. I was really hitting the driver good after that. Everything else from then on was pretty good. The putter was pretty good for the most part. Chipping felt really good. I took advantage of the par-5s, so a lot of good parts of the game came together."

Kolloff surpassed David Jankowski, PGA (Burlington Country Club), who held the clubhouse lead after shooting two-under 70 earlier in the day. Jankowski rebounded from a double-bogey on the second hole with three birdies on the front nine to make the turn in 35. He took it even deeper into red figures with an eagle on the par-5 11th hole before making his only bogey of the round on hole 16 to match his front-9 35 and post 70.

"I hit a drive that was just a little left. I hit it good but just a little left, blocked out by the trees a little," Jankowski said of his eagle on the 11th. "I was able to hit kind of a hooking four iron around and land it on the front of the green and it rolled back to about 15 or 18 feet, and I was fortunate enough to make the putt."

with a one-under 71, playing in the first group of the day. Ray offset bogeys on the third and seventh holes with birdies on the fifth and eighth to make the turn in even-par 36. He then birdied the par-5 11th but gave it back and more with a double-bogey on 13. But birdies on the 15th and 18th holes got him back under par for the day.

"The swing feels good," Ray said after his round. "For this time of year to go out there and shoot one-under — I had one little hiccup on 13 — but the swing feels good. I've been able to hit indoors in the winter time and then having a little warmer weather I've been able to hit outside, so it's good to see the ball fly."

Despite some rain over the weekend and a few showers on Monday, Newport National held up in the tough conditions for a great day of golf.

"I'd like to say thanks a lot to Newport National. The venue is great, we enjoyed being here so thanks to everybody for hosting us," Jankowski added.

The NEPGA would also like to thank partners Bushnell Golf, Avidia Bank, Ahead, Cutter&Buck, Lincoln, SCNS Sports Foods, Omega and the PGA Tour.

The next of five regular-season stroke play tournaments will be June 19 at Indian Ridge Country Club. Fifty players will qualify for the Avidia Cup Finals (Sept. 30, Nashawtuc CC) through the five Stroke Play Series events and NEPGA Chapter Championships.

Brendon Ray PGA (Point Judith CC) set the bar early

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PGA HOPE Training Reaches Beyond Golf

Right: Mike Bradshaw, PGA (Kirkbrae CC) strikes a ball left-handed off one leg as part of the PGA HOPE Training Program at Atkinson Resort & CC. Below: Participants from the PGA HOPE Training

If you're a PGA Professional, you know the rewarding feeling you get when a student experiences a major golf breakthrough. It might be the reason you got into the business, or maybe the reason you stay in it. But have you ever dreamed there could be something even bigger? Something that dwarfs the excitement of guiding an eager student to success? More than a dozen golf professionals spent a chilly April Tuesday at Atkinson Resort & Country Club and learned just that.

Participants at the PGA HOPE Training session, ranging from past NEPGA Presidents to Level 1 Associates, were hopping on one leg, swinging with one arm, giving lessons without speaking, and – while hitting balls with their eyes closed – seeing a world of golf they never imaged. The world many Veterans experience day-in and day-out.

Through the training program, PGA Professionals became certified to

host a PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) Program at their facility, or assist at one hosted by another facility. The full-day event, led by National PGA HOPE Trainer Brian Oliver, PGA, and furnished by the NEPGA Foundation, was broken up into classroom and on-range sessions. The day's goal was to equip PGA Professionals to work with Veterans who may be battling physical or mental disabilities. But the reach far overshot a typical day of education.





“We want the Veterans to feel that as golf professionals, we are here to give our services to help them learn to play golf and use the golf platform as a form of rehabilitation.”

Brian Oliver, PGA

**PGA HOPE National
Trainer**

“My biggest takeaway, today or with the Vets at home, is how much we take for granted,” said Alex Kirk, PGA, who is the recipient of the 2019 NEPGA Patriot Award for the work he does with Veterans at Hanover Country Club at Dartmouth College. “Just contact or hitting the golf ball or making a putt is a big deal to them. We get stuck watching Tiger win the Masters and tournament golf and members and worrying about having the perfect swing. Sometimes it doesn’t have to be so technical.”

Oliver, who is one of four national PGA HOPE Trainers, performs roughly 7-10 trainings per year and brings a passion for helping others to each training. When a training session ends, he knows the attendees leave with more than a new tool in their toolbox. They take a new perspective with them as well.

“I feel like I’ve opened their minds to a different avenue of golf,” he said. “Helping our Veterans who helped us. It’s rewarding when you see other professionals get something out of a program that maybe they weren’t anticipating. It’s pretty cool.”

PGA HOPE introduces golf to Veterans through a developmental 6-8 week curriculum, taught by PGA Professionals who have completed PGA HOPE Training. Programs are funded by PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America. PGA HOPE aspires to create a physically and emotionally healthier Veteran community by shaping lives, changing lives, and possibly saving lives through the game of golf.

“We want the Veterans to feel that as golf professionals, we are here to give our services to help them learn to play golf and use the golf platform as a form of rehabilitation to get them out of the house to where they’re not thinking of any negative thoughts or suicidal thoughts,” Oliver said. “It’s been proven that when they come through this program, they start to limit any flashbacks or any negative thoughts. That’s our goal in the program for the Vets.”

The NEPGA is organizing PGA HOPE programs in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine in 2019.



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Oct. 6

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Golf: Crail - Balcomie Links
Welcome Cocktail Party
Accommodations: Fairmont Hotel
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Crail - Balcomie Links

Oct. 7

Golf: Carnoustie - Championship
5 Tee Times starting at 11:40 AM
3 Tee Times starting at 1:30 PM
Accommodations: Fairmont Hotel
(St. Andrews)

Carnoustie

Oct. 8

Golf: Scotsraig GC
8 Tee Times starting at 9:44 AM
Accommodations: Fairmont Hotel
(St. Andrews)

Scotsraig GC

Oct. 9

Golf: Kingsbarns
8 Tee Times starting at 12:10 PM
Accommodations: Dakota Edinburgh
Hotel

Kingsbarns

Oct. 10

Golf: Gullane #1
8 Tee Times starting at 10:48 AM
Accommodations: Dakota Edinburgh
Hotel

Gullane #1

Oct. 11

Golf: North Berwick
8 Tee Times starting at 11:12 AM
Farewell Dinner & Awards Banquet
Accommodations: Dakota
Edinburgh Hotel

North Berwick

LOCAL BUSINESS



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New England PGA

As the months roll on and the new Rules of Golf get tested more and more, the USGA and R&A continue to address some unforeseen issues with the new Rules, issuing some changes on the fly. Their most recent amendment to the Rules concerns the replacement of broken clubs. This is particularly relevant to NEPGA tournament players because we've added a new Local Rule to our Hard Card in response to this change. It's important to keep in mind that as the USGA and R&A make changes to the overall Rules of Golf, we at the NEPGA will need to be diligent in keeping our tournament Rules and

Conditions up to date with these changes. As such, **the Hard Card could change over the course of the season**, so it would be wise to peruse the Hard Card before playing in any competition. The updated Hard Card can be found [HERE](#).

If you happen to flip through Rule 4 (The Player's Equipment) in the rule book, you'll encounter Rule 4.1b(3): "No Replacing Lost or Damaged Clubs." The Rule states that when a player has 14 clubs selected for their round, they are not allowed to replace a club that is broken (by the player), even if the damage was caused in the normal course of play. Their only option would be to continue playing with the damaged club, or attempt to repair the club (while still using the original grip, shaft, and clubhead). This is a significant change in the new Rules.

Prior to this winter, players were allowed to replace a club that had become unfit for play through the normal course of play. When re-writing the Rules, the USGA and R&A

decided to completely disallow any replacement when a player damages their club under any circumstances. The limited exception to this Rule is that a player is allowed to replace a club that is broken by an outside influence or natural forces, or by any person other than the player or his or her caddie.

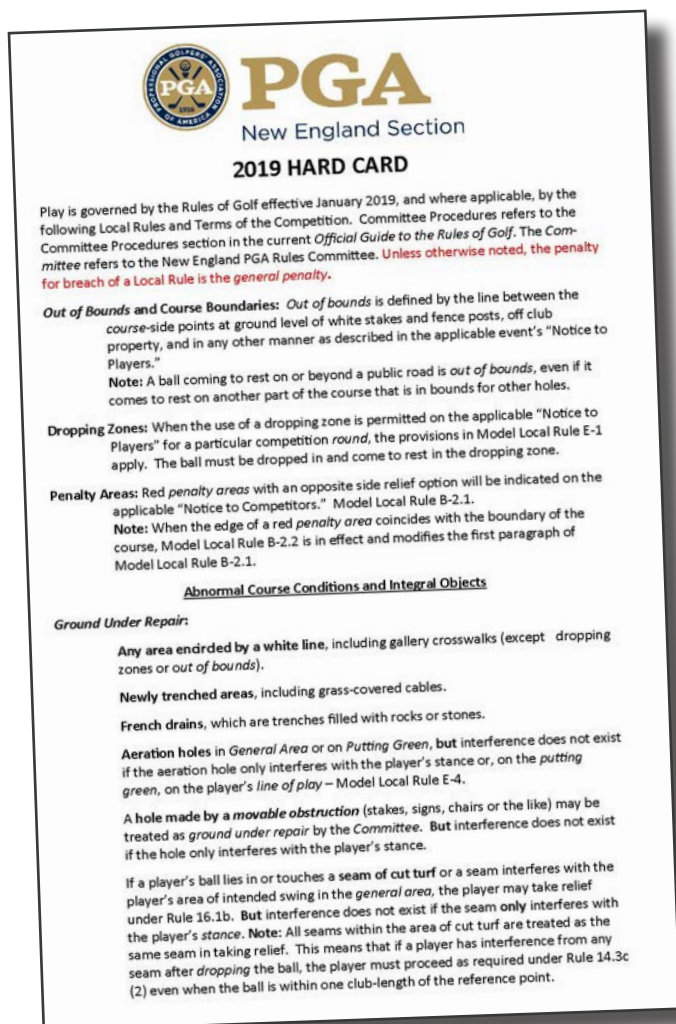
This change caused a bit of an uproar when it was first published, so the USGA offered the following reasoning in its defense: "Although there will be times when a damaged club is unusable and cannot be readily repaired on the course (such as when a driver head comes off), the practical ability to get a replacement club is seldom present other than at some elite levels of golf." In other words, they want the Rules to apply in the

same way for PGA Tour players as they do for the recreational players at the local Muni. They go on to state that "this change is consistent with the overall philosophy that a player normally should play the entire round with only the clubs that he or she started with or added during the round to get to the 14-club limit." An effort to simplify the Rule, it seems.

While this reasoning seems perfectly

reasonable, the governing bodies got a great deal of feedback from Tour players and weekend warriors alike that the prohibition was excessively strict. In reaction to this, they have conceded that it would be fair to allow players to replace clubs that were damaged in the normal course of play, so they subsequently authorized a new Local Rule. This Local Rule has been added to the NEPGA Hard Card, so it will be in effect at all NEPGA competitions. The Rule reads:

"Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way: if a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4). When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1)."



So if you accidentally break your club during an NEPGA tournament round, you're welcome to replace it with any club you like. Just don't forget that this is an optional Local Rule, and just because it is in effect at our Section Tournaments, that doesn't mean it's in effect elsewhere. So be sure to double check the Local Rules of any competition you're in before replacing your broken club!

<<<<< Be sure to peruse the Hard Card before playing in any NEPGA competitions! Click the image to view the card online!



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The NEPGA Junior Tour is hoping to Spring out of this rainy weather spell and have a great start to the season as its Spring Series events kicks off on Friday, May 10 at Hillview GC. The NEPGA Junior Tour Spring Series is a set of 9-hole, after-school tournaments with a limited field size. The goal of the Spring Series is simple: to help juniors shake off the rust from the long winter while also providing a fun atmosphere for those new to tournament golf. Each event follows the same structure and is open to both members and non-members of the NEPGA Junior Tour. All tournaments begin after school – tee times start at 3:30 p.m. – and are nine-hole individual stroke play events.

2019 Spring Series Schedule

DATE	SITE
Fri - May 10	Hillview GC
Mon - May 13	Chelmsford GC
Fri - May 17	Rockland GC
Tue - May 21	North Andover CC
Mon - June 3	Maynard GC

The Jr. Tour has become one of the top regional junior tours in the country, but we need your help to ensure that the tour continues to grow. If you have junior golf members or customers at your facility,



please help us spread the word! Please see the information below or visit the Junior Golf tab on the Section's website to learn more. We encourage you to:

- Send out an email blast to your membership, customers and students (see wording below)
- Showcase the Jr. Tour on your club or personal website that includes a link to the new NEPGA Jr Tour site, <https://www.nepgajuniortour.com/>
- Highlight the Jr. Tour's benefits in your monthly newsletter
- Enthusiastically talk to parents and juniors about the Jr. Tour

We also ask that you encourage your more experienced and advanced junior golfers to participate in the NEPGA Elite Tour. The tour is designed to provide junior golfers (ages 14-18) in New England top-level competition in a local setting. All of our Elite Tour events are submitted to the Junior Golf Scoreboard. This provides participating junior golfers the chance to accumulate points, earn national recognition and the resources and experience needed to continue competitive golf beyond the junior years. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

The Jr. Tour wouldn't be possible without your support. We thank all those who host an event, volunteer to be a Rules official and encourage your junior golfers to play in tournaments. The NEPGA staff has put in countless hours to create a fun and competitive environment for juniors of all ages and abilities. Please help us promote the 2019 season by spreading the word!

Tour Description for newsletters, email blasts & websites:

The New England PGA Junior Tour is the place for fun junior golf competition on a local level. The New England PGA (NEPGA) Junior Tour consists of over 100 tournaments for juniors 9-21 years old. NEPGA Junior Tour competition ranges from the Elite Tour which is geared towards low-handicappers looking to play collegiate golf, to the one-day events which encompass nearly all skill levels. Whether you are looking to play in college, make the high school golf team or a youngster looking to make new friends in a tournament setting, the NEPGA Junior tour has it all. The NEPGA Junior Tour provides a place for all juniors and there's always room to play. Membership is \$130 and includes a membership package and access to all events. For more information, visit <https://www.nepgajuniortour.com/> or call 508-869-0000.

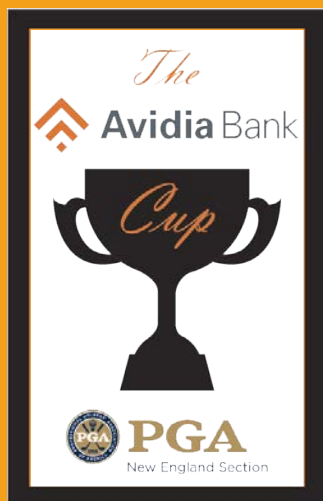
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3. David Jankowski	1,100.00
4. Brendon Ray	1,050.00
T5. Rico Riciputi	975.00
T5. Bob Bruso	975.00
T7. John Hickson	850.00
T7. Todd Scarafoni	850.00
T7. Ben Egan	850.00

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1. Adam Kolloff	600.00
2. David Jankowski	330.00
3. Brendon Ray	210.00
T4. Rico Riciputi	135.00
T4. Bob Bruso	135.00
T6. John Hickson	101.33
T6. Todd Scarafoni	101.33
T6. Ben Egan	101.33

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1st Tee Challenge

T1. David Sibley	-1
T1. Jim Fairbanks	-1
T1. Brian Owens	-1
T1. Adam Kolloff	-1
T1. Bob Bruso	-1
T1. Ron Coiro	-1
T1. Danny Kish	-1
T1. Dana Smith	-1
T1. Brendan Mitchell	-1
T1. Steve Hausmann	-1
T1. Joe Potty	-1
T1. Greg Farland	-1



10th Tee Challenge

T1. Andrew Stolze	-1
T1. Tom Cavicchi	-1
T1. Mark Cunningham	-1
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Joan Stuart

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May Membership News

MEMBERSHIP DUES - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REMINDER -- On Friday, May 3, 2019, the Membership dues should be released to www.PGA.org and once the invoices are released to PGA.org, everyone with an Email address will receive an email notification advising them that they can view, print and/or pay the Membership Year 2019-2020 dues on-line. Those with an Email address will not receive a printed invoice.

For those individuals whose employer pays their dues, they should log onto PGA.org to print an invoice, or use the Proxy option below to submit to their employer for payment processing. ***Anyone who pays by check should have his/her member/associate number included in the "Note" portion of the check and/or on the check stub.***

DUES PROXY OPTION

Continuing this year is the ability for members and associates to Assign a Dues Proxy ... giving access to one other individual (such as employer, supervisor or agent) to pay dues on his/her behalf. This process was developed as a one to one relationship so each individual will need to assign their own proxy, if so desired.

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In addition, there is also an online ACH Payment (Automated Clearing House) option – an online Bank authorization to issue a payment to the PGA for dues from either a checking or savings account. The Member/Associate will need to input the Name on their Account, Account Number, and the Bank Routing Number. The bank will then generate a transaction. ***The due date for this invoice is June 30, 2019 to avoid suspension and assessment of the \$25 late fee (which per the Constitution/Bylaws cannot be waived).***

IMPORTANT

Payments by check should be mailed to: **PO Box 31089, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-1089.** *Although payment by check is acceptable, paying by credit/debit card via PGA.org is the preferred method.*

Keep in mind that members and associates are billed based upon your classification and Section affiliation as of May 1, 2019. Dues adjustments will be processed for any Change Forms received starting April 30th and will be based upon the effective date of the change.

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There is still time to sign up for ACH (Direct Deposits) payments for purse prize money. The PGA of America and the New England Section Board of Directors are implementing a **MANDATORY** use of ACH deposits for all purse payouts by **January 2, 2020**. Starting in 2019, any checks that are lost in the mail, thrown away by accident, or destroyed by the family pet, the NEPGA Professional will have the stop payment fee deducted from the original amount of the check with no exceptions.

In 2020, if you have not signed up for ACH payments, your purse money will be held until you have completed the process.

- 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?

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CHAPTER ROUND UP

NEWS AND NOTES FROM AROUND THE SECTION

CAPE COD



Pictured above are Cummaquid GC's own PGA Head Professional Steve Spencer and his wife Nicole running in still another RUCK4HIT fundraiser – running across the Cape on behalf of the men and women who serve our country in the military. The Spencers are THE ORGANIZERS of this amazing project – helped along the way by the equally amazing Members of Cummaquid who have generously contributed over \$60,000 in donations over the past several years. Steve & Nicole have run in other marathons but their commitment and effort to RUCK4HIT is far greater in importance to giving back. The Cape Cod Chapter has many individuals who have gone way beyond the normal boundaries of charitable missions such as this, and they will be featured in this space in the coming months.



Long-time superb PGA Head Professional Brian Hamilton, who is retiring from Eastward Ho! later this year, is awarded the prestigious 2018 Cape Cod Chapter Professional of the Year award from sitting President Eric Steindel PGA Head Professional from The Wianno Club at the Cape's 2019 Spring meeting hosted by Tom Tobey PGA HP at Sandwich Hollows GC and sponsored by the ever faithful Jeff & Sandy DiBona representing Turtleson, Galvin Green, Kirk & Matz, Club Glove, Golfini, Tica and YRI! Hamilton's impeccable reign at Eastward Ho! (20+ yrs) is another example of the long line of golf professionals who get sand in their feet and never leave. The Cape Cod Chapter is better for it each and every time!



PGA Junior League superstar Golf Professionals - John Tuffin (left), PGA Head Professional at Pinehills GC and David Moore, PGA Head Professional at Squirrel Run GC (both in Plymouth, MA) were in the top 15 nation-wide in Jr. League participation from one club based upon 2018 numbers. The phenomenal results of having 90-plus kids from each facility are still reverberating throughout our Section and beyond - they are the two top Jr. League venues in the NEPGA. Not only did Tuffin and Moore sign up the most kids but both continue to serve the Section and Chapter by hosting important events at each facility every year. Tuffin has hosted the popular section-wide Pro-1Am Championship since taking over his current position 10-plus years ago, while Moore has hosted the CCPGA's Pro-4Junior for over 20 years, sponsored for most of that era by Bavid Moynihan, PGA, and David Woods from The Acushnet Company.



The CCPGA chapter's June Pro-Pro Championship visits the iconic Hyannisport Club shortly, sponsored by Callaway's Peter Guild, Dan & Melissa Dempsey and BAXTER'S Bar & Restaurant on the water – famous for its lobster sandwich & more! This year's Pro-Pro marks the fifth consecutive sold out event – 64 of the finest PGA Professionals from the southern half of the NEPGA, attracting Cape Cod, Rhode Island & Mass Chapter entrants.

MAINE

The Maine Chapter kicked off its 2019 schedule with our first Pro-Am of the season at Old Marsh Country Club on May 8th. The May 2019 schedule continues with Pro-Ams at Falmouth CC on May 13, Prouts Neck CC on May 21 and Riverside GC on May 29th.

The complete schedule is available on our website www.mechapter.com.



Val Halla Golf Course will again be hosting this year's local Drive, Chip & Putt qualifier. Slated for June 1st, the event attracts juniors from all over New England and beyond. Volunteers are always needed, so come help and earn some MSR credits.

This season the Maine Junior Tour will conduct 13 events. Wendy's is our main sponsor again, but we're also looking for prizes to give at each event. Last season we gave out nearly \$4,000 in retail value of prizes such as golf balls, clubs, bags, shoes etc. that were donated to the program from various sales reps. We're hoping for about the same this year. If any club is cleaning out their Pro-Shop for the upcoming season and has items they would like to donate to the Junior Tour, please contact Don Doyon at ddoyon@pgahq.com.

Maine's annual Spring Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 16th at The Woodlands Club in Falmouth. About 40 PGA Professionals were in attendance along with five partners. A complete report is available on the Chapter website at www.mechapter.com.



Maine PGA Professionals receiving the annual Chapter Awards were:

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| • Professional of the Year | Chris Twombly |
| • Teacher of the Year | Jim Ouellette |
| • Bill Strausbaugh Award | Dan Limauro |
| • Horton Smith Award | Scott Mayer |
| • MOY Private | Tony Decker |
| • MOY Public | Rick Altham |

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| • MOY Resort | Gary Soule |
| • Player Development | Brian Bickford |
| • Patriot Award | Rob Jarvis |
| • Youth Development | Brian Bickford |

MASSACHUSETTS

The Mass Chapter Pro+3Am is Wednesday, June 5 at Foxborough CC. **The registration deadline is May 29 at 5:00 p.m.**

Congratulations to the team of Adam Kollof, PGA (Pure Drive Golf) and Jeff Niejadlik, PGA (Charter Oak CC) on winning the 2019 NEPGA Massachusetts Chapter Spring Pro-Pro on Tuesday, April 23, at Granite Links GC in Quincy, Ma. The conditions were difficult as Granite Links GC saw to nearly one inch of rain prior to the event. Not only was the course soft, the brisk and windy conditions also made for a true test of golf. However, Kollof & Niejadlik showed no mercy on the field and course as they carded 8 birdies and ten pars to shoot an eight under par 63 to win the event by three strokes over the team of Frank LaVacca, PGA(Ipswich CC) and Aaron Harper(Ipswich CC) who posted a five under par 66 to finish in second place.

Thank you to all of the MA Chapter participants as we had over 40 attendees for the meeting & 32 players (16 teams) for the Pro-Pro.

A special Thank you host professionals Steve Clancy, PGA, Bobby Iannarone, PGA, Nick Tedeschi, PGA and Andrew Abbott for a wonderful day at Granite Links Golf.

NEW HAMPSHIRE



Congratulations to Alex Kirk, Hanover CC Head Professional and Dartmouth College ladies' head coach for being named Ivy League Coach of the Year. Kirk guided the Big Green's squad to its best finish ever at the Ivy League Championship as the team placed second.

The New Hampshire Chapter held its annual spring meeting of members in mid-April at Intervale CC in Manchester. Nearly 60 professionals and associates were in attendance. In addition, to chapter board presentations,

those in attendance were given updates on section activities from NEPGA Executive Director Mike Higgins and PGA Career Consultant Jim Remy.



The first pro am of the season was held at The Oaks GL in Somersworth on a warm day for this time of the year. There were 116 pros and amateurs in the field. Low professional of the day

was Nashua CC head professional Jason Malcolm with an even par round of 71. He was closely followed by Jon Ellis of Golf Club of New England and Keen CC assistant professional CJ Konkowski with 1-over scores of 72. In the team event, the winning low gross score of 7-under par was posted by Hanover CC led by assistant professional Zac Temple and his amateur partners Pat Pelletier, Torrey Viger and Andy Hunnywell. The net division of the event turned out a tie between the foursomes from Laconia CC led by head professional Todd Rollins and Nashua CC, led by Malcolm with scores of 12-under par. Thanks to head professional Craig McLaughlin for hosting and to Patrick Deangelo and Yamaha,

The highlight of the day was a hole-in-one by TC Lianos of Nashua CC, who aced the 144-yard, par-3 13th hole with a pitching wedge. It was his second career hole-in-one and was witnessed by his playing partners, Jason Malcolm, Paul Mellin and Ken Nielsen. Tony Zdon (c), Hoodcroft head professional trying to keep warm with his amateur partners during a frost delay at the Manchester pro am.

The second pro am of the year was held at Manchester CC with 144 professionals and amateurs participating. After an hour frost delay, play finally got underway at about 9:00 am. Low professional of the day was Keene CC assistant CJ Konkowski with a 2-under par round of 69. Finishing 1-over par and in second place was Rochester assistant Brett Smestad. Host pro Brian Moskevich and Hoodcroft assistant Eric Soderman finished in a tie for third place with 2-over oar scores of 73. Konkowski also led his team of amateurs Ryan Fuller, Sam Fuller and Bob Fuller to the team victory with a 14-under par score in the one best ball gross and one best ball net format.



RHODE ISLAND

The Rhode Island Chapter created a unique way to both raise money and increase tournament participation last year – awarding monies from ‘spend down capital’ to a variety of charities in the names of Chapter pros who played in the most events. Led by 2018 RIPGA Player-of-the-Year John Rainone (pictured above) – PGA HP N. Kingstown GC and his colleagues Shane Drury – PGA HP Swansea GC



(current Chapter VP) & Peter Walsh- PGA HP Kings Crossing GC - these three were the tops - amongst many Chapter pros who responded to this new effort in a successful fashion.

Two of the Rhode Island Chapters' award-winning PGA Professionals from Shelter Harbor GC – Teaching Professional Michael Robinson (left) & Head Professional Dave Tiedemann – the current Chapter President who hosted the 2019 Chapter Spring meeting – receiving an award as the 2018 Chapter Professional of the Year. Robinson, who was awarded Teacher of the Year at the meeting, then conducted a well-received seminar following the meeting.

VERMONT

The Vermont Chapter season kicked off April 29, 2019 at Rutland Country Club. The Chapter Meeting was highlighted by the President's report given by Ver-





(Sean Toof Pro-Junior Net Champion pictured with Awards committee Dan Ruane and Patrick Berry)

mont Chapter President Brian Gara, the New England Section report given by David McAdams, the special guest speaker Allan Belden (Vice President of the Section), and finally the presentation of the 2018 playing awards. Once again a special thanks goes to Jim Mayo and Antigua Golf for sponsoring the event. The award winners are listed below.

Pro-Senior (Gross): Justin Bonnett, PGA Rich Parker, Andy Hunnewell, Don Weisburger

Pro Senior (Net): Dave Jankowski, PGA Rodney Sayles, Jon Buick, Robert Reynolds

Pro 3-Am Champions: David Bennett, PGA Adam Poplawski, Zach Dukette, Eric Lajeunesse

Pro Junior (Gross): Dave Jankowski, PGA Austin Giroux, Nelson Eaton, Tia Martinez

Pro Junior (Net): Sean Toof, PGA Kyle McLane, Adam Sobczak, Jake Bernadet

Pro-Pro Champions: Mike Slayton and Sue Horton

Senior Champion: John Paul, PGA

Match Play Champion: Kevin Bennison, PGA

Stroke Play Champion: Dave Jankowski, PGA

Upcoming Events:

May 13, 2019 - Manchester CC Pro-Am

May 20, 2019 - Pro-Pro Senior/Junior at CC of Vermont

June 3, 2019 - Rutland CC Pro-Am

(Mohegan Sun Qualifier)

June 10, 2019 - Burlington CC Pro-Am

ASSISTANTS

The New England Assistant's Association started off the 2019 season with the Spring Opening Meeting at Marshfield Country Club on Thursday, May 2nd. A big thank you to host PGA Professional, James Antonelli and the rest of the staff at Marshfield for once again hosting a great event to kick off our tournament schedule.

With temperatures still feeling winter like, all participants grinded through shooting some great scores. After it was all said and done, Matt Alwin from Dedham Country and Polo put together a solid round and finished in first place alone with 41 stableford points. Following golf, the 2019 NEAA Spring Meeting commenced. A full recap of the upcoming season was discussed while everyone enjoyed a nice lunch provided by the Marshfield Country Club staff coordinated by General Manager, Dan Hall. Overall the day was a huge success and we thank all the participants for coming out and joining us. After the meeting was over, the ever popular draw party was held to determine the 32 seeds for the Sentio Individual Match Play Championship. This is a yearlong event where each match is played at a site agreed upon by both players before certain deadlines. We want to thank Sentio Putters for being the sole sponsors for this event this year and we look forward to growing our relationship with this fantastic company. A big thank you to Jim Varney and Kip Hargraves for their support of the NEAA this season and beyond.

We hope that everyone is off to a great 2019 start! Below are some great upcoming events and we hope to see you out there.

May 16th

NEPGA Hudson Cup – Duxbury Yacht Club

May 20th

NEPGA Acushnet Pro-Assistant – Bay Club at Mattapoissett

May 23rd

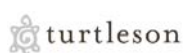
Assistant Spring Championship – Valley Country Club

SENIORS

The Senior Association is converting to BlueGolf for tournament registration, and Chris Clayton will serve as the tournament administrator.

The upcoming Senior Association Pro-Am will be **May 23 at Gannon GC**, and spaces are still available.

Thank you to our May Partners!



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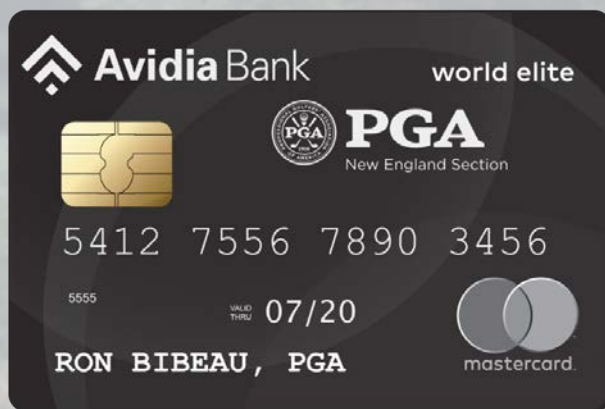
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UPDATE FROM PGA HEADQUARTERS



PGA.COACH



In 2014, the U.S. Olympic Committee, in partnership with the National Governing Bodies, created The American Development Model (ADM) to help Americans realize their full athletic potential and utilize sport as a path toward an active and healthy lifestyle. The model uses long-term athlete development concepts to coach as many as possible, as long as possible, with the best experience possible.

Golf's governing bodies (LPGA, The Masters, PGA of America, PGA TOUR, USGA and USA Golf) have partnered with the U.S. Olympic Committee to apply ADM to golf. The goal is to create athletes that love the game, realize their potential and become life-long golfers. To help professionals and facilities across the country adopt this model, we created PGA.Coach.

COMPLETE THE PGA FACILITY OPERATIONS SCORECARD TODAY

Participate in the PGA Facility Operations Scorecard. Sporting the new, streamlined design from last year, 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 you and your facility.

The highest-ranked PGA Professional at their facility will have an opportunity to earn up to three (3) MSR credits by completing the scorecard with valid, usable data and submitting no later than June 10, 2019. As a reminder, the information provided will be kept strictly confidential.

What is PGA.Coach?

PGA.Coach is the ultimate coaching resource that teaches PGA Professionals about ADM, and how to apply the concepts to coaching golf.

What's in it for me?

ADM is essential for growing the sport and vital to you and your employer's success. The ADM Certificate and PGA.Coach will allow PGA Professionals to evolve and adapt to the changes in the game and a new generation of players. Plus, PGA Members will be eligible to earn 3 MSR credits.

How do I get started?

There is no cost for PGA.Coach. Just go to www.PGA.Coach and sign up for the training. After you complete the virtual training (which takes 2-3 hours), you will be given access to the PGA Coach app. The app includes:

- Lesson planning, notetaking and assessment tools for all ages and skill levels

- The ability to create your own lesson plans using over 150 different ADM inspired activities

- Video and illustrated demonstration for activities

- Preset lesson plans designed by ADM experts

- Assessments for all ages and skill levels

To start your journey visit www.PGA.coach

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

CHANGES REPORTED BETWEEN APRIL 4-MAY 1, 2019

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
None		

NEW QUARTY CENTURY MEMBERS

Name	Facility
Howard J. Barrow Jr., PGA	LM
Gene M Manley, PGA	Long Meadow Golf Club
Steven F. Landi, PGA	Tri-State Golf Company
Scott D. Johnson, PGA	Oakley Country Club

NEW CLASS A TRANSFERS

Name	Facility
Brett R. Wolf	The Kittansett Club
Jaimie M. Pierson, PGA	Ekwanok Country Club
Michael J. Esworthy, PGA	Weston Golf Club

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Tracy A. Djerf, PGA	A-8	Woods Hole Golf Club
Patrick W. Saunders, PGA	A-8	Weston Golf Club

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The following have earned MSR credits through NEPGA U through March 31, 2019

Timothy Bishop	Tatnuck Country Club
Rhett Bishop	Renaissance Golf Club
Paul Breton	Framingham Country Club
Michael Brown	Turner Hill Golf Club
Tyler Corder	Essex County Club
Michael Daron	New England Country Club
Anthony Day	
Anthony Decker	Purpoodock Club
Sean Duong	Milton Hoosic Club
Rick Finlayson	Franklin Country Club
Jeffrey Flis	Black Rock Country Club
Evan Force	Duxbury Yacht Club
Brett Gilmore	Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club
Jason Hurd	Augusta Country Club
Richard Ingraham	Sky Meadow Country Club
Glenn Kelly	Woods Hole Golf Club
Brian Kerns	Woods Hole Golf Club
Jo-Anna Krupa	Belmont Country Club
Justin Lawson	Nashua Country Club
Matthew Lombard	North Andover Country Club
Jason Malcolm	Nashua Country Club
Michael McBroom	Furnace Brook Golf Club
Bob McGraw	Wentworth Golf Club
David Moore	Squirrel Run Golf & Country Club
Mark Nelson	Pine Brook Country Club
Nicole Pillay	PGA Education Center
Gregg Richbourg	Cape Cod National Golf Club
James Swarthout	Pheasant Ridge Country Club
Alec Vozzella	Marshfield Country Club
Chuck Yaeger	Bald Peak Colony Club





**DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

[Online Registration
Can be found HERE!](#)



2019 DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 1	Val Hall Golf & Rec Center	Cumberland, ME
June 15	Button Hole	Providence, RI
June 23	Cyprian Keyes Golf Club	Boylston, MA
June 27	Cranberry Valley Golf Course	Harwich, MA
July 9	Bay Club at Mattapoissett	Mattapoissett, MA
July 10	LeBaron Hills Country Club	Lakeville, MA
July 16	Windham Country Club	Windham, MA
July 24	Granite Links Golf Club	Quincy, MA
Aug. 1	The Kwini Club	South Burlington, VT
TBD	Patriot GC	Bedford, MA
Aug. 11*	Renaissance Golf Club	Haverhill, MA
Aug. 14*	Pinehills Golf Club	Plymouth, MA

** Sub Regional*

POSTSEASON INFORMATION

Section Qualifier

Aug. 13 - Stow Acres CC (MA)

Section Championship

Aug. 22 - Dedham Country & Polo (MA)

Regional

Sept. 14 & 15 - Cranberry Valley (MA)

PGA Jr. League Championship

Oct. 11-14 - Grayhawk Golf Club (AZ)

