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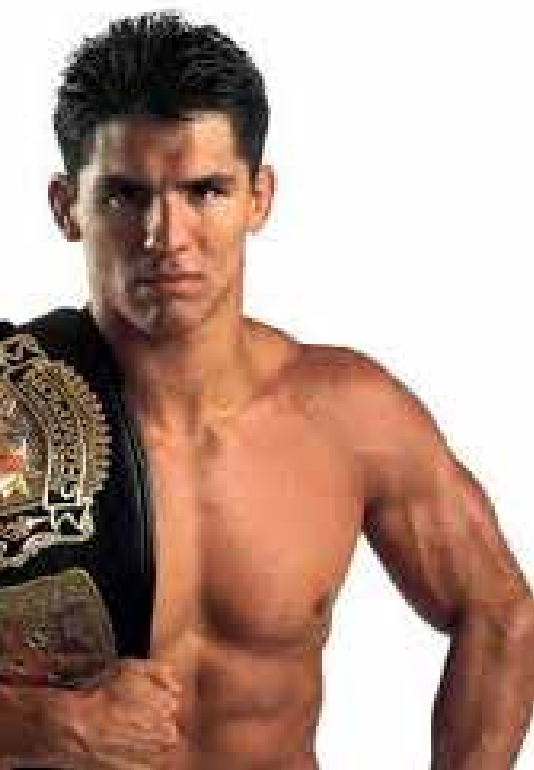




Michael Higgins

Executive Director
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Every year August brings along with it a few major championships! Much like many of you at your facilities, the NEPGA Staff is geared up for our Section Major Championships all month. With the traditional dates of the Section Championship and the Senior Championship flip-flopping in 2019, this



EVERYTHING WORKS, BUT NOTHING WORKS FOREVER

Message from the Executive Director

was the earliest playing of the NEPGA Championship since I have been with the Section. If you were in New Hampshire this year for the Championship, or you followed the event on social media, I hope you witnessed and enjoyed an amazing finish. Dave Bennett, PGA played a phenomenal three days of golf, but a late surge by Shawn Warren, PGA down the stretch proved to be a little too much to handle. On behalf of the Section: congratulations to Shawn on his second NEPGA Championship victory! I would also like to congratulate the 12 additional NEPGA Professionals that will join Shawn in Austin, Texas next April for the PGA Professional Championship and thank the 140 participants for making our event a success. I am confident that our “bakers dozen” of PGA Professionals will once again represent the New England Section quite very well on the National stage.

In addition to championship month for our PGA Professionals, it is also a championship month of sorts for our juniors. Both Drive, Chip & Putt Regional Finals as well as the PGA Junior Regional and Section Finals take place in August. It was amazing to witness 360 junior golfers all wearing team uniforms at Stow Acres CC this month, and it was great to see the look on the DCP competitors faces when they came one step closer to Augusta National. Junior golf in New England is strong and we are proud of the efforts by Junior Golf Director Jacy Settles and his merry band of interns that conduct a rock-solid program all summer.

Recently I played in a member guest (outside our Section) for the third year in a row. My partner and I have never come close to winning our flight so every year it's like Christmas morning when I receive the invitation, but our poor play is a story for another newsletter. The event is fun, and I have a blast with my partner, but this year I had my old Tournament Director hat on and made a few observations. I noticed that everything at the event has been the same each year. The meals have been identical, the tee gifts have been similar, we start on the same hole every day, the contests don't vary, and even our team picture is three years old. During the three-hour ride home I started to think about our Section events. Do our PGA Professionals feel like it is “Groundhog

Day” at the New England PGA? I certainly hope that is not the case and I think our staff does a great job of reinventing our events year after year, but it is never a bad idea to step back and occasionally re-evaluate our operation.

Recently I listened to an interview with former Ultimate Fighting Champion Frank Shamrock. At one time Shamrock was pound-for-pound one of the deadliest men in the world. The story of his childhood was fascinating and his rise to the top truly is an inspirational story, but his approach to his skill was amazing and really blew me away. He took a very scientific and cerebral approach to fighting, by researching his opponents, studying their technique and always reinventing himself so his opponents couldn't do the same to him. Shamrock constantly evolved as a fighter never wanting to become predictable. He said, “Everything works, but nothing works forever.” Shamrock talked about a system that he lives by that he calls the Plus, Equal, Minus System. Plus – He finds someone ahead of him and learns from them. Equal – He finds someone equal with him, and exchanges with them. Minus – He finds someone he is ahead of and shares with them. I absolutely love this system because it recognizes that ideas, help and motivation can come from anyone and anywhere. Everyone has value and lessons

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are all around us. “If nothing changes, then nothing changes.”

I encourage you to examine your events and see how long your agenda has been the same. Does the field want the same steak, baked potato and corn on the cob for dinner? Are they getting the same golf shirt in a different color this year? Have the trophies been the same year after year?

What if you could implement the Plus, Equal, Minus System this year? Learn from someone that has had success for a long time. Find a peer at a similar facility and brainstorm operational ideas. Connect with a young professional just starting their career and mentor them the best you can.

Personally, I am going to try and implement the system myself and will encourage our entire staff to do the same. I am going to make a promise to our PGA Professionals that we will always try and keep our events and programs fresh. If you ever feel that we are getting a bit stale with any of our events I encourage your feedback. I never want any of you driving home and saying, “wow this event is the same every year.”

Please be sure to reach out if either myself or any of your talented NEPGA staff if we can ever be of service.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Higgins



MANCHESTER CONQUERED!

*Warren Steals
NEPGA Section
Championship
With
Final-Nine 30*

It was a finish every golfer dreams of, but most never achieve.

Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC) was four strokes off the lead with five holes to play in the final round of the 2019 New England PGA Section Championship at Manchester Country Club, but closed with a back-nine 30, including must-make birdies on the 17th and 18th holes, to steal a one-stroke victory over David Bennett, PGA (CC of Vermont). At the end of the day, it added up to a 4-under par 67 for Warren, the second in as many days to win his second NEPGA Section Championship at 8-under par.

Bennett, who began the day with a one-stroke lead, made six birdies in his first 13 holes and seemed unshakeable throughout the round. But after about a 30-minute weather delay with the final group standing on the 16th tee, Bennett was unable to convert par putts on the 16th and 17th holes. Warren, meanwhile, made a 10-footer for par on the 16th to stay alive, then rolled in a 12-footer on the

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17th to draw even with Bennett going into the 18th.

Warren had the advantage after tee shots on the 18th, as Bennett found the thick left rough. But Bennett hit a gutsy approach shot to four-feet to put the pressure squarely back on Warren. Warren followed with an approach to about 30 feet, and after analyzing his putt from every angle, he stepped up and rolled it in, walking it home with fist-pump as he secured himself at least a spot in a playoff for the Championship. Bennett, however, was unable to convert his putt to force that playoff, and Warren earned his first NEPGA section Championship since 2013.

“It’s definitely not a stretch of holes that you want to go in knowing that you need to birdie two out of three, and that’s kind of where I was today,” Warren said of the challenging final three holes at Manchester CC. “Knowing that David was playing so well, and he wasn’t making mistakes, so going into those last three holes I knew that I had to birdie two of them at least. Holing the putt on 17 gave me the outlook that it’s anybody’s game. He hit an unbelievable shot from the rough in there close, and at that point I really had no other choice but to hole the putt, and I was fortunate enough to have it go in.”

Warren’s putter wasn’t that hot all day. He made the turn in 1-over par after suffering a double-bogey on the third hole in which he missed a short bogey putt. It turned out to be the only blemish on his scorecard, and he made up for



it with birdies on the sixth, 10th, 13th, 14th, 17th and 18th holes.

“When everything is easy sometimes it’s not as gratifying,” Warren said. “Today I played not my best golf. I hit a lot of poor shots and I was fortunate enough to manage it and hang in there and I kind of found my rhythm on the back-nine. Coming down the stretch when I knew I needed to make putts, to end up holing them, that’s why you practice. That’s why you do it all. It’s something I’ll look back on and gain a lot of confidence from.”

Bennett shot 2-under 69 to finish alone in second at 7-under for the tournament. Starting the day with a one-stroke lead, he bogeyed the first hole to drop back into a tie for first, but responded with a birdie at the second to regain the lead, an advantage he held until his bogey on the 17th dropped him back into a tie for the lead. First round leader Eric Barlow, PGA (Winchester CC) joined Warren and Bennett in the final group and matched Bennett with a 2-under 69 to finish alone in third.

“Those guys played phenomenal,” Warren said of Bennett and Barlow. “I was the only one missing shots. Those guys were just relentless. They hit some unbelievable shots



throughout the day where I was just kind of whiffing it around the park. It got to a point where I had to make sure that I really turned it on myself, because David was not going to relinquish anything. I was fortunate enough to hole a few putts coming in."

Seul-Ki Park, PGA (Winchester CC) shot even-par 71 with four birdies and four bogeys to finish alone in fourth at even-par for the 54-hole tournament.

The top 12 finishers from the NEPGA Section Championship earned a spot in the 2020 PGA Professional National Championship. Joining Warren, Bennett, Barlow and Park in the top 12 were David Jankowski (Burlington), Kevin Rhoads (The Country Club), Boomer Erick (Boston GC), Kirk Hanefeld (Salem CC), Jeff Martin (Wollaston GC), Liam Friedman (Nashawtuc CC), Robert Bruso (Blackstone National) and Christopher Abbott (Shelter Harbor GC). Steven Hausmann (Hausmann Golf) was the odd-man-out in four-person playoff for the final three spots, and will be the first alternate. Rich Berberian Jr., who finished T16, is also exempt into the 2020 PGA Professional Championship by virtue of qualifying for the 2019 PGA Championship.

The New England PGA would like to thank the host facilities, Manchester CC and Concord CC, and host PGA Professionals Brian Moskevich, Jeff May, Brian Kelley, and Rich Thibeault.

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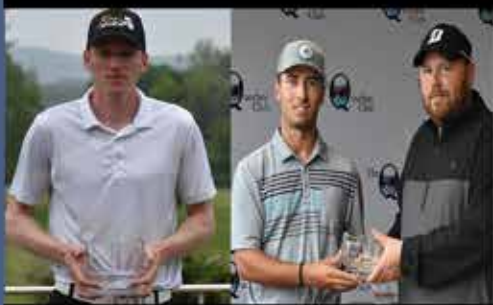
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PAESANI'S PRIORITIES

John Paesani's "grind through it" mentality through thick & thin earns him 2019 New England PGA Deacon Palmer Award

It was June, so in John Paesani's mind, taking time away from work at The Bay Club at Mattapoisett was not an option. But in the summer of 2013, his colon cancer diagnosis needed to be addressed. So Paesani, known to most simply as Pi, shuffled his schedule so he could work in the mornings then commute to Boston for radiation treatment.

"You can't do that in our business in June," he said of the idea of taking time away from work for treatment. "You've got to try to grind through it."

Paesani went through that routine for six weeks, about 30 "zaps", as he put it, in all. In that time, he missed maybe a dozen days of work. But while grinding through his work and treatment routine, Pi was forced to take time away from playing. However frustrating, that step away fueled his drive to a complete recovery.

"The Senior Championship at the end of July was a big thing for me to mark on my calendar," he recalled. "Golf gave me something to keep me motivated and working hard. If I didn't have

golf, I don't think I would have been as motivated to do the physical work to get back to where you have to be."

Paesani faced a second cancer diagnosis in 2018, this time it was prostate cancer. But again, he did not let the diagnosis interfere with his responsibilities at the club.

"I was able to schedule the surgery after the season was pretty much over and handle the recovery in the off-season," he said.

Ben Egan, PGA, Head Golf Professional at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett, remembers a stubborn Paesani reporting for duty.

"It was a pretty radical surgery because of the other surgery," Egan said. "You'll see people go home because they got stung by a bee. His body is all cut up and he's like 'Ah I'm coming in' and it's like 'No, stay the hell away.'"

Part of Paesani's responsibilities at the Bay Club was to help groom Egan into the Head Professional role, which Egan took after a year of working under Paesani.



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"There's a lot of people who do what we do because it's a job, it's their 9-5, but it's not a job for Pi, it's a way of life," Egan said. "He cares more than just about the job, he cares about the people who are there, he cares about the staff, he cares about the members. It means something to him and you can tell it means something to him."

This fall, Paesani will be recognized for his dedication and leadership as the recipient of the 2019 New England PGA's Deacon Palmer Award. The Deacon Palmer Award bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional who personally displays outstanding integrity, character and leadership, in the effort to overcome a major obstacle in their life. This individual is an unsung hero or heroine at their facility and in their community, who serves to inspire, empower and assist others, both inside and outside of the game.

For Paesani, who spent much of his career in Connecticut since taking his first golf job as a teenager, it will be another in a growing list of professional and playing awards. The list includes Connecticut Golf

Association and Connecticut PGA Hall of Fames, four Connecticut PGA Player of the Year Awards, eight Connecticut PGA Vardon Trophy Awards and the 2010 Connecticut PGA President's Award. But this one is different, Paesani explains.

"This is kind of the one (award) nobody wants to win because there's something wrong with you if you've won it," he joked, before reflecting deeper. "The accomplishments that I've been able to achieve post-surgeries and treatment have been very rewarding. I think it's been a very good example to set for my kids and for people around the club, young people that I maybe coach or teach. Everybody around me has been cooperative about helping me out if I have a problem. I'm really grateful for the people I work with and the people at the club who have been really understanding and supportive about the time that I've had to miss. It's all been good."

Paesani and all of the 2019 NEPGA Award Winners will be recognized at the NEPGA Awards Banquet on Nov. 2 at Cyprian Keyes GC in Boylston, Mass.



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CHANGE OF SCENERY



Shake up your routine 18 with a golf trip you'll never forget!

Golfers in New England are familiar with the annual routine: Cram as many rounds as possible into the limited months and weeks between the soggy spring and the always premature first blizzard of the fall. Golf season in the Northeast seemingly grows shorter and shorter each and every year, forcing players to scratch the proverbial golf itch furiously while the fleeting opportunity presents itself. The result can be dozens of indistinguishable rounds at the nearest track with the same like-minded trio of buddies.

Many golf Professionals are helping their members combat this routine by taking advantage of Travel Pro-Am opportunities – allowing members of their club to enjoy a completely different golf experience than they get day-in and day-out at their home course. The New England PGA annually hosts two wildly popular Travel Pro-Ams, bringing dozens of players to the United Kingdom each October, and Las Vegas each November.

The concept is simple – the professional registers for the all-inclusive event and gathers a team of amateurs. The NEPGA takes care of the rest, from hotel accommodations and tee times at exclusive courses to meals and tournament parties.

Rick Durocher, PGA, Assistant Golf Professional at Cyprian Keyes Golf Course in Boylston, Mass., has made the Vegas stop a can't-miss for just shy of two decades.

"I think I've been in Vegas for probably 16 to 19 years," Durocher recalled. "I was at Concord Country Club for 15 years and I probably went 14 years with them, and I've gone three or four since I've been at Cyprian."

After each trip, the envy back at the club would grow, inspiring more and more members to participate.

"At Concord, we'd get back and we'd talk it up and people knew I went and who went with me and that's how we got some different groups," Durocher added.

In 2019, for the second consecutive year, the NEPGA is bringing groups to some head-turning courses, including Shadow Creek and Southern Highlands. TPC



Las Vegas replaces Siena as the third course in the rotation. The 2018 escape gave participants an added bonus when Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson announced that their highly publicized Match would take place at Shadow Creek within the same calendar month as the NEPGA trip. Given the perennial success of the Las Vegas excursion, it's no wonder the 2019 tournament sold out all 46 spots in under an hour.

For Durocher, the prestigious courses are only part of the appeal. The all-around experience with 'round-the-clock entertainment is what he believes sells the experience.

"With Shadow Creek and Southern Highlands, this is going to be the best year with three really good courses," he said. "Everything is taken care of when you get there. You've got to have somebody who probably likes to gamble at night. The amateurs get to see me play, and then they get to see me off the course too. You kind of let your guard down a little bit maybe, and it's a good time. I chat up the golf because I think it's fun, I think it's great playing out there. You're at a little bit of altitude so the ball flies and it's always good conditions because the sun is out 360 days a year."

While the Las Vegas getaway appeals to a large crowd, the bright lights and sleepless nights aren't for everybody. Some prefer a more historic adventure where the golf experience simply cannot be replicated. Those players might be more interested in hopping the Atlantic Ocean to play some of the finest links and parkland



courses in Europe and Great Britain. 2019 will mark the sixth consecutive year the NEPGA has hosted a Pro-Am in Great Britain & Ireland, annually touring courses that make up The Open Championship rota. Participants this year will experience six historic Scottish courses, including 2019 Open Championship venue Carnoustie.

The expedition, which takes place each October, coincides with the final weeks of New England golf season, giving competitors a taste of golf glory to close their season. The timing of the trip keeps travelers motivated to be playing their best throughout the late summer, and the incredible experience fuels their itch throughout the long winter months.

Whether you prefer the non-stop action Las Vegas offers, dare to brave the elements overseas in exchange for an authentic and historical links golf experience, or have always been intrigued by another golf destination, an annual golf trip should be on your list. Next time you're in the Pro Shop, ask your Professional if there are travel opportunities at your club. It just may be the shakeup that transforms your golf season from ordinary to extraordinary.

Visit NEPGA.com to learn more about New England PGA Travel Pro-Am tournaments, and stay tuned in early 2020 for next year's lineup and registration.

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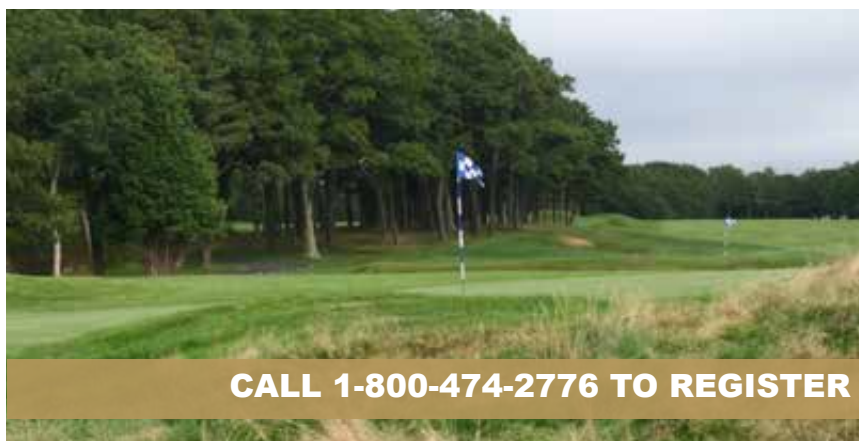
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4. Bob Bruso	5,271.75
5. David Bennett	5,106.67
6. Kirk Hanefeld	5,102.00
7. David Jankowski	5,061.75
8. Liam Friedman	4,212.40
9. Steven Hausmann	3,950.00
10. Seul-Ki Park	3,900.00

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1. Rich Berberian	1,200.00
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3. Robert Bruso	419.83
4. Robert Tramonti	385.14
5. David Jankowski	376.00
6. Brendon Ray	376.00
7. Liam Friedman	257.40
8. John Hickson	243.60
9. David Grygiel	237.50

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T1. Danny Kish	-2
T1. Brendan Mitchell	-2
T1. Kirk Hanefeld	-2
T1. Greg Farland	-2
T5. 14 Players	-1



Through
Aug. 23

10th Tee Challenge

1. Rich Berberian	-4
2. David Bennett	-3
T3. 13 Players	-1

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P.J. BRETON JOINS #TEAMCALEB

When P.J. Breton, PGA (Framingham CC) teed off at the New England PGA Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship in July he had a very special gallery following his every shot.

Not only did P.J.'s friend Caleb come out to watch, but Caleb brought his parents and sister along for the ride as well. P.J. first met Caleb, a youngster who lives in Indiana, during a golf clinic at Boston Children's Hospital last year. Caleb, a patient at the hospital who was undergoing his first surgery, makes the trek halfway across the country with his family on a monthly basis for the excellent care offered at the hospital.

Fighting off health issues, paired with spending a big chunk of time traveling from Indiana to Boston and back, makes it tough for Caleb to have what most would consider a normal childhood. That's exactly why the New England PGA Foundation and the NEPGA Growth of the Game Committee make it a priority to host several Youth Golf Clinics at Boston Children's Hospital each year.

"Last year we did a golf day at the hospital and I ended up meeting Caleb and his mom," Breton said. "Back in April I ended up seeing Caleb and his mom again, which makes you sad seeing him there again. I ended up talking to her a little more and finding out a little more. I got her contact information and basically became part of their family really quickly."

For Caleb and his family, the connection with P.J. provides a hint of normalcy to a childhood that is anything but.

"It's nice to feel like we have family here since obviously we really don't. It's neat," said Caleb's Mom, Sue. "We're excited. Anytime we can support people who are willing to give back to the children at the hospital, to come out and be a part of it is really special."

Even if it was only for a couple hours, spending some time on the golf course with his family, watching P.J. play, was a big deal to Caleb.

"For Caleb to have different avenues where he can be out and not think about all the appointments is always such a blessing," Sue said.



NEW ENGLAND PGA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Name: Alex Greblich
College: Alabama
Major: General Business
Favorite Course:
Worcester CC



Name: Thomas Grandon
College: Xavier
Major: Philosophy,
Politics & the Public
Favorite Course:
Torrey Pines North

I would like to thank Mr. Sean McTernan of Brae Burn Country Club in Newton, MA. Mr. McTernan has helped me change my swing and taken my golf game to a whole new level. Not only is Mr. McTernan one of the best instructors out there, he is super kind and encourages you every time you're out on the range with him. Thank you for all you have done for me Mr. McTernan!

I would like to thank Jim Salinetti (Winchester CC) for everything he has done to help my playing and caddy-ing career. He has been a great supporter and example of what it means to a gentleman golfer.



Name: Emily Nash
College: Elon
Major: Finance
Favorite Course:
Treyburn CC (N. Carolina)



Name: Alex Zidonis
College: Pittsburgh
Major: Pre-Dentistry
Favorite Course:
Worcester CC



BIG SMILES AT BUTTON HOLE QUALIFIER

by Tom Auclair

Molly Smith, 14, who has participated in Drive, Chip and Putt every year since the inaugural competition in 2014, put forward a performance that was just as perfect as the warm spring weather at Saturday's local qualifier at Button Hole in Providence, R.I.

With a total score of 172 – believed to be the highest score ever at this location – Smith easily earned a spot in subregional qualifying. The next best score in the entire field of 140 entrants – across four divisions of boys and girls (ages 7-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15) – was 128.

Advancing was nothing new for Smith. She made it all the way to the 2015 National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club when she was just 9 years old, and her family is hoping this is just the start of a return trip.

"Every time I come, I always just want to do better than what I did the last year," Smith said. "So, I just kind of had a mindset of just try to hit three good drives, try to hit three good chips and try to hit three good putts and then see where you are."

Smith had struggled with the chipping skill competition in past years and employed a new strategy this time around. Realizing that most competitors use a sand wedge for chipping, she decided to go with an 8-iron and play a little bump and run. The strategy paid off as she won each stage, including chipping, and earned the overall top score.

Molly is one of three daughters of Phil Smith, a former golf pro, and Lynn, who gave up her clubs for a tennis racket because her girls are beating her in golf.

Lynn spoke about the family goal to get back to Augusta National.

"The experience was unbelievable," she said of the family's first trip to the National Finals on the Sunday prior to the Masters Tournament. "[We] had dinner with Peter Jacobsen, which was great. We met Condoleezza Rice, [and took] pictures of [then-Augusta National Chairman] Billy Payne and the kids. It was great."

A 14-member team from Wentworth Hills in Plainville, Mass., also entered the competition. They were joined on site by two coaches, Bruce Hamilton and Peter Galeno, along with parents and others who came to show their support.

When asked if he thought the Drive, Chip and Putt program was a great way to bring young people into the game, Hamilton replied, "Absolutely. People say that the game is not what it used to be, that it's declining a little bit. I don't see it. I mean, I get kids who started in this who are now playing high school golf."

Julia Nault, 11, was part of the

Wentworth Hills team. All Nault wanted was improvement over her debut a year ago when she finished fifth.

"My goal was to get to Pinehills," Nault said. She realized her goal with a first-place finish in her age group and qualified for the subregional at Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth, Mass.

Connor Knott was there Saturday as a first-time competitor. Knott, 8, plays soccer, basketball, baseball, tennis and also enjoys playing golf with his dad at their local course.

As a father seeing the competition for the first time, Jeff Knott said, "I think it's very well-run, well-organized. To have the support of the community around here is terrific."

For Knott, the experience was more about his son

having a good time on the golf course, rather than reaching the national stage.

"I think that's beyond anybody's wildest dreams, pretty much," Knott said. "We're just here to have fun and learn about competition and try our best."

This event was the second of 10 local qualifiers and two subregionals run by the New England PGA Section. Once June arrives and students are out of school for the summer, section staff organize one or two local qualifiers each week.

Chris Clayton, assistant tournament director for the New England PGA, summed the day up perfectly.

"Everyone is here for a good time," he said. "Yes, it's a competition, but it's all about the smiles of the kids and that everyone is having fun and enjoying the game of golf."

Images from Windham CC local qualifier





SASO WINS GIRLS JR. PGA

"I didn't feel comfortable on the front nine," said Saso. "From the tee, it was really hard for me. After the two bogeys, I told myself, 'it's OK. I still have the back nine.' It was pretty windy on the back, but my putting started to work."

Saso is no stranger to success. She's a two-time reigning Philippine Ladies Open champion, and she also earned two gold medals in the 2018 Asian Games. Friday's victory adds yet another impressive win to the resume.

"I get nervous easily," admitted Saso. "Lately, I'm trying to focus on what my goals are. That's where I put my focus."

Yuka Saso of the Philippines delivered a come-from-behind performance at Keney Park Golf Course to capture the 2019 Girls Junior PGA Championship.

Saso, who trailed Rose Zhang by one stroke entering the final round, closed with a 3-under 67 to finish at 14-under for the Championship, two strokes clear of Jensen Castle.

"Winning in the United States is really special," said Saso, who finished in a tie for sixth in the Girls Junior PGA last year. "It's really hard to do since I live in Asia. I'm just really happy and thankful."

2017 Champion Rose Zhang held the solo lead for most of the Championship, but consecutive bogeys on holes 5 and 6 slid the 16-year-old from Irvine, Calif., into a tie for first with Castle and Melanie Green at 10-under. It marked the first time since early in the second round that Zhang did not hold the solo lead.

Four holes later on No. 10, Saso took sole possession of the Championship lead with a birdie to reach 11-under, one ahead of Zhang and Castle at the time.

"My goal this week was to play steady and have fun," said Saso. "I think I did that well."

Saso struggled early with bogeys at holes 3 and 5, but her confidence never wavered. She went bogey-free the rest of the round and added five birdies, including

Playing with Saso, Castle applied pressure throughout the round. The 18-year-old from West Columbia, S.C., matched Saso birdie-for-birdie on the back nine and finished with a final-round 67. Bogeys on Nos. 7 and 16 derailed Castle's chances to overtake Saso for the top spot.

"I was only worried about myself," said Castle, whose runner-up finish far exceeds her 2018 finish (T-43). "I'd been playing well all week. (Yuka) played great the whole round. We fed off each other a lot. Every time I drained a long putt, she drained it right after me."

Castle, who's headed for the University of Kentucky this fall, added, "I'm extremely proud of how I played. I did not expect this, but I'll take it."

Fresh off a third-round 63, 14-year-old Alexa Pano added to her highlight reel with a hole-in-one on the par-3 sixth. Pano used a pitching wedge from 127 yards for her second-career ace. She finished at 9-under in a tie for fourth, her second consecutive top-four finish in the Girls Junior PGA (2018: solo fourth).

With the victory, Saso earned the Patty Berg Trophy. If she maintains her amateur status, she has also earned a spot in the Second Augusta National Women's Amateur next April.

"This will help me in many ways," said Saso. "I'm really thankful for this experience."



HEATH TAKES DRAMATIC BOYS JR PGA

In a down-to-the-wire, record-breaking thriller, Jack Heath, 17, of Charlotte, sank a stunning 40-foot birdie putt from the fringe on the 72nd hole at the 44th Boys Junior PGA Championship at Keney Park Golf Course.

His round of 8-under par 62, which featured two eagles and six birdies versus two bogeys, gave him the clubhouse lead at 21-under par for the Championship.

"I knew if it went in, I would most likely win, and it went in," said Heath. "It's why I play golf."

The putt also broke Chris Couch's record for the lowest final round in Championship history, set in 1990, by one stroke. In addition, Heath's 259 total score (65-64-68-62 259) broke Akshay Bhatia's record of 266 (in 2017) by seven strokes.

On the 18th green at Keney Park Friday, Heath had a relatively short wait before the only two players on the course capable of catching him and forcing a playoff would arrive.

Georgia Tech commit Andy Mao, 17, of Johns Creek, Georgia, stepped up to the final stage first. His 30-foot birdie try slid by within a foot of the cup.

That left First Round Co-Leader and Second Round leader Canon Claycomb, 17, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, who stood 20-feet under the hole. Claycomb's putt wound towards the cup and lipped out. He tapped in for par and second place

at 20-under par (62-64-68-66 260).

Mao (64-67-64-66 261) would miss his par putt and make bogey to finish third at 19-under par. Heath, a rising Senior, whose Charlotte Catholic High School golf team is a two-time defending state champion in North Carolina, recently committed to San Diego State. He started playing golf at age two, because his mom, Kelley, didn't want him staying in the house all day. So, Heath and his father, Ron, headed to the driving range. Fast-forward 15 years to Friday afternoon, when Heath received the Jack Nicklaus Trophy from PGA President Suzy Whaley as 2019 Boys Junior PGA Champion.

At the outset, Claycomb looked like he might be the one at the podium. He birdied four out of his first five holes (Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5). He would add birdies at Nos. 10, 12, 14 and 16, for eight on the day. However four bogeys on Nos. 8, 9, 11, 13 would open the door for Heath to stand in the winner's circle. The bogey at No. 13 proved pivotal, as Claycomb flew his tee shot over the par-3, 188-yard green into flattened long grass on an embankment behind it, and scrambled to lose a shot.

"I looked up at the leaderboard on No. 14 and suddenly saw I was only two back," said Heath. "I knew if I got something going, I had a chance."

His game would click on all cylinders, to the tune of 6-under par for

the final seven holes of the Championship.

From 190-yards out on No. 14, he hit to within 20-feet of the hole on his second shot on the 512-yard par 5. Heath's eagle putt rang true. A birdie on No. 15, would lead to a crucial birdie on the par-4 369-yard Hole No. 17, before his heroics on the final hole.

Earlier, on the par-5, 508-yard 2nd hole, Heath would begin his climb from a tie for fifth place after the third round to Champion, as he holed out from 45-yards for eagle, using a 58-degree lob wedge. A nearly costly bogey on No. 10 would prove not to be fatal, despite his initial concern.

"After No. 10, I knew I would have to do something crazy to win," said Heath.

Heath joins a list of Champions that includes David Toms, Trevor Immelman, D.A. Points, Pat Perez, Sean O'Hair, Sam Burns, Brad Dalke, Couch and Bhatia. Meanwhile, Claycomb joins a runner-up list that features Tiger Woods, Justin Leonard, Jordan Spieth, Tony Finau and Boyd Summerhays. Pretty good company.

"This means the world to me," said Heath. "I worked hard over the past year-and-a-half, and it's paid off. It's a great feeling."

"I shot 20-under for four days," added Claycomb, an Alabama commit and member of the 2018 United States Junior Ryder Cup Team. "I'm real happy with how I played."

One of golf's major championships for juniors, the Boys Junior PGA Championship is where the best in the world get their start including: Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Jim Furyk, Stewart Cink, Trevor Immelman, Justin Leonard, David Toms and Scott Verplank. The 2019 field features 144 of the top junior players age 18 and under from around the country.



FOUR PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE TEAMS ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

An estimated 350 junior golfers, representing 36 PGA Junior League teams gathered at Stow Acres Country Club on Tuesday for the PGA Junior League New England Section Championship.

The all-star teams, comprised of up to 10 players from PGA Junior Leagues around New England, counted the three best of four two-person 9-hole scramble scores to get an overall team score. Utilizing all 36 holes at Stow Acres CC, there were four 9-hole divisions.

By day's end, the 36 teams who began the day were narrowed to four, with low team from each division securing a spot in the PGA Junior League New England Section Championship matches, August 22 at Dedham Country and Polo Club. The Rhode Island South League all-star team won the Southeast Region with a score of 106 on the South Course front-9, while Barnstable Town League won the Southwest Region with a score of 107 on the South Course back-9. On the North Course, Patriot 128 advanced from the Northwest Region with a score of 104, and Lakes Region advanced from the Northeast, shooting a team score of 91.

From Dedham C & PC, two teams will advance to the PGA Junior League Regional Championship at Cranberry Valley Golf Course in Harwich, Mass., Sept. 14-15.

The day was capped off with an awe-striking trick shot performance from World Golf Hall of Famer Dennis Walters, drawing a large crowd of kids and parents alike, despite a steady drizzle.

The New England PGA would like to thank National Car Rental for helping make PGA Junior League possible, along with Stow Acres CC for opening the doors to their 36-hole facility to accommodate the roughly 1,000 golfers, parents, coaches, staff and volunteers who gathered for the competition.





YOUR VIEW FROM THE FAIRWAY



Joan Stuart

Director of
Accounting & Finance
New England PGA

**Manchester Country Club and Concord Country Club
Sites of the 2019 NEPGA Championship**

August Membership News

MEMBER BENEFITS

This month we are featuring some of the benefits that are available to PGA Professionals that might be of interest to you. For additional benefits, [please click here](#).

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CHAPTER ROUND UP

NEWS AND NOTES FROM AROUND THE SECTION

CAPE COD



Pictured above are many of the 80 junior golfers and golf professionals who gathered for the TITLE-IST-FOOTJOY PRO-4 JUNIOR at Squirrel Run GC (Plymouth) in early July. Hosted by PGA HP/ GM David Moore, a former Section Junior Leader Award winner – for the 25th time, this event attracted teams from both the Cape Cod and Mass Chapters. The winning team was led by PGA Teaching Pro Nick Wiseman who works at the Jane Frost Performance Center at Sandwich Hollows, while Low Pro was a battle of The Bay Club contingent. PGA GM Greg Yeomans' 3-under par 54 was bettered by PGA Assistant John Paesani's 53. Three other great PGA Club Pros returned 2-under par rounds on the amazingly manicured turf at this executive layout – all firing 52's – Sandwich Hollows' Tom Tobey and two of our 'favored' guests – Hatherly's Chip Johnson and Furnace Brook's Mike McBroom. Sincere thanks to our two LONGTIME SPONSORS of this annual golf/BBQ affair – Dave Moynihan, PGA (Titlist) and Dave Woods (FootJoy).

Titlist



By publication of this newsletter, the Cape's Pro-3Lady will have been played so next on the schedule is the popular Pro-3Senior held every year at one of the finest municipally owned courses anywhere – Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds GC in the mid-Cape.

MAINE

Schedule

We've been very busy since our last newsletter. The end of June brought us the Maine Pro-Am Championship on the 24th at The Ledges Golf Club. Seventeen teams pegged it up and when the dust settled, we crowned the Samoset Resort team of Jeff Seavey, Cole Anderson, Jon Hardy & Ricky Jones, who posted a 10-under par score of 134 to edge the home club Ledges team by one stroke. Garnering net honors was the Falmouth CC team of Shawn Warren, Zach Rossignol, Leo Paquette & Tim Landry.

Next came the Pro-Senior Championship on July 16th at Martindale CC. With a run-away gross score of 6-under par, the team from Falmouth CC of Shawn Warren, Len Cole, Gary Manoogian & Cash Wiseman took first place by five strokes. There was a tie for net honors between the Northport GC team of Rob Herron, Terry Whitney, Preston Ward & Rick Cronin and the team from Old Marsh CC of Ben Bell, Steve Mazza, Jay Moore & Charley Laflamme. The State of Maine Championship followed with a two-day individual stroke play event featuring Professional, Senior Professional, Amateur, Senior Amateur & Junior Amateur divisions. The course was in great shape and other than a quick shower on day two, Mother Nature blessed us with a couple of great days. Amateur, Ricky Jones had the over-all lead after the first round but when all was said and done, new Sunday River GC head professional, Jerry Roman, was able to put together two consistent rounds and take the title and \$1,250 first place purse by one shot.

Maine Pros in the News

Maine PGA Professional, Todd Lytle of Boothbay Harbor Country Club, took the time to spend the afternoon at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center's inpatient unit on Monday July 29th and helped the patients learn to swing away! With smiles on everyone's faces and golf claps at the ready, all attending had an absolute blast. Might have some future golfers here!

2019 Maine Golf Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Maine PGA professionals Keenan Flanagan, Rockland GC and Gary Soule, Samoset Resort as they will be part of the 2019 class inducted into the Maine Golf Hall of Fame on September 5, 2019.

MASSACHUSETTS

After a break in action, The MA Chapter will resume its schedule with its Chapter Championship on Tuesday, September 24th at Walpole CC. **The registration deadline is Monday September 17th. [Click HERE to register.](#)**

Walpole CC has hosted dozens of the region's most important events including the Mass Open, New England Open, MGA Mid Amateur, U.S. Amateur Qualifying, the NEWGA Championship and the NEPGA Pro-Senior.

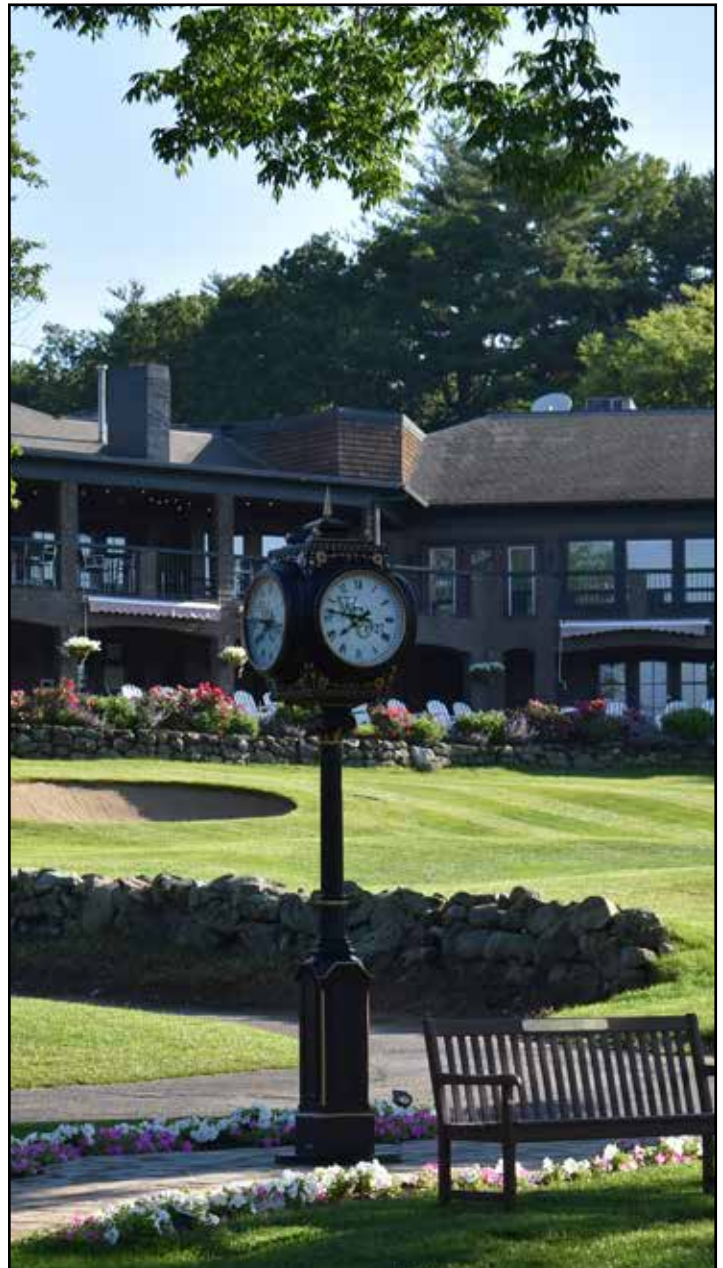


Junior Golf

The Maine Junior Tour season is nearly over. The 2019 tour has been a great success, seeing an approximate 25 percent increase in numbers so far. We reached an all time high with nearly 80 players at the Natanis GC event on July 25th.

Along with the increase in participation our prize drawings have grown exponentially. Due to the generosity of our partners such as Ping, Stitch, Mizuno, Precision Pro, Sun Mountain, Cobra/Puma and Bushnell along with donations from Don Roberts - Waterville CC; Ben Bell - Old Marsh CC; Chris Twombly - Prouts Neck CC; Peiter DeVos - Kebo Valley GC; and Brian Bickford - Val Halla GC; we were able to award prizes to our junior players totaling more than \$4,500 in retail value.

We look forward to another fun summer in 2020. Results and schedules for the entire Junior Tour season may be found at www.mechapter.com/junior.



NEW HAMPSHIRE



Scott Devito, Pease Golf Course General Manager, checks on various operations as he and his staff played host to the NHC Pro Senior Championship which was won by the team from Southern NH University which shot a 10-under gross score of 61. Members of the foursome were professional Matt Arvanitis, Danny Arvanitis, Sean Lacey and Chris Stamoulis. Low professional for the day with an even par round of 71 was Dan Wilkins of Laconia Country Club.

Personnel at two New Hampshire courses are excited to have co-hosted the New England PGA Section Championship on August 5-7. Manchester Country Club and Concord Country Club staff spent countless hours grooming their courses and participants enjoyed near perfect golfing conditions.

Congratulations to Atkinson CC assistant professional Danny Kish and his amateur partner Allison Wilkins for winning the NEPGA Pro-Lady Invitational at Kernwood Country Club with a round of 1-over par 71. The NH Chapter conducted its Pro-Lady Championship at Derryfield Country Club and the winning team was from Atkinson Country Club and was led by assistant pro Danny Kish with a 2-under par round of 68. His amateur partners were Allison Wilkins, Barb Hecimovich and Cortney Tilley.

C.K. Konkowksi, Keene CC assistant professional, continues to lead the chapter's Player of the Year standings with 120.5 points. In second place is Cory Mansfield, Derryfield head professional with 94.5 points. Finishing out the top five are Danny Kish (89.9), Jay Pollini (80) and Jason Malcolm (78.3).

VERMONT

The Rutland CC team led by Greg Nelson used an incredible first round 15 under 57 (one best ball of four) to run away with first place at the 36 hole Vermont Chapter Pro-3am held at Vermont National CC on Monday July 1st. They followed up their first round with a very respectable score of 64 (-8) to win by six strokes. The Country Club of Vermont team led by David Bennett and the Country Club of Barre team led by David Soucy both ended with scores of 127 (-17) which was good enough to tie for second place. Brattleboro CC led by Mike Zaranek and the Vermont National CC team led by Sean Toof finished in 4th and 5th place respectively.

On Monday July 22nd the Burlington CC team lead by David Jankowski fired a tournament low five under par (2 best gross) to capture the 2019 Vermont Chapter Pro-Lady Championship. In a two way tie for second place were both the teams from Williston GC whom were led by Todd Trono and Reece Delaire. There was also a two way tie for the net champion-

ship. This honor was split between the Burlington CC team led by Brennan Earls and the Vermont National CC team led by Sean Toof. David Jankowski won low professional shooting a one under 70 to beat CC of Vermont Professional David Bennett by a shot. A special thanks goes out to Todd Trono and Golf Value Book for making the event special even if the weather wasn't.

Upcoming Events:

August 26th Dorset Field Club Pro-Am



(Rutland CC team. Frankie Sanborn, Greg Nelson, Garren Piorer, and Jared Nelson)

RHODE ISLAND



Award-winning golf professional Barry Westall, PGA – Head Pro at Newport CC, will be the site of the 2020 US SENIOR OPEN – and host this national championship for the first time. One of the five founding clubs of the USGA has hosted the US OPEN for both men and women and the 1995 US AMATEUR where Tiger won one of his 3 Amateur trophies.

Local RI Chapter members (and all Section seniors) aged 50 years old and up will be looking forward to qualifying next Spring for this prestigious championship on our backyard!

ASSISTANTS

The 2019 National Car Rental Assistants' Championship is Sept. 16-17 at Pocasset GC in Pocasset, Mass.

The 2019 New England PGA Assistants' Association schedule will wrap up on Oct. 10 with the Fall Meeting and Stableford tournament at Blue Hill in Canton, Mass.

SENIORS

The Seniors Association had a good turnout for the Seniors Pro/Am at Louisquisset CC and the host pro was great greeting all the players.

It was such a great atmosphere all the players stayed and had lunch and waited for the results of the Pro/Am. The Tatnuck Pro/Am is filled for September 9 and there has been a good response for the Pro/Am at Bass Rocks in September.

UPCOMING SENIORS ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Event	Notes
Sept. 9	Tatnuck CC	Pro/3am	10:00 shotgun
Sept. 19	Bass Rocks GC	Pro/3am	
TBD	Needham GC	Pro/3am	Date TBD
Oct. 10	Kirkbrae CC	Stroke Play	*

*Sr Assoc. Championship and Fall Meeting before at 9:00 am.



Speaking of great Rhode Island venues, the NEPGA will feature the Section Pro-Officer on August 29th – register now on BlueGolf. This fun event combining the club pro with 3 of his/her officers was originally on the Chapter Schedule. The Chapter was glad to rebrand this event The NEPGA Pro-Officer – replacing a previously rained out Section Pro-Officer from earlier in the season.

Kirkbrae CC and their talented PGA Staff led by Mike Bradshaw (Section Board) and Nick Maresca have hosted numerous events this season - for both the regions' golf professionals and the state of Rhode Island's amateurs, including the Section PRO PRO MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP and the Rhode Island JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

CHANGES REPORTED BETWEEN JUNE 11 - AUG. 16, 2019

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Name	Class	Facility
Luke T. Claflin, PGA	A-8	Nantucket Golf Club
Nicholas C. Jagoe, PGA	A-1	Allendale Country Club
Jonathan David Spitz, PGA	A-8	Boston Golf Club

NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

Name
Timothy A. Turbeville, PGA
Robert S. Baxter, PGA
Thomas D. Borden, PGA
Donald F. Daley, PGA
Michael E. Marsh, PGA
Robert S. Mathews, PGA
John A. Munroe, PGA

NEW HALF CENTURY MEMBERS

Name
Paul Barkhouse, PGA

NEW CLASS A TRANSFERS

Name	Facility
Mark D. Newton, PGA	Hidden Creek Country Club

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Name	Class	Facility
Patrick A. Thornell, PGA	A-1	Rockingham Country Club
Ben A. Tyler, PGA	A-11	Nextgengolf
Luke T. Claflin, PGA	A-8	Nantucket Golf Club
Nicholas C. Jagoe, PGA	A-1	Allendale Country Club
Jonathan David Spitz, PGA	A-8	Boston Golf Club
Michael A. Packard, PGA	A-20	Signature Golf - US Office
Mark D. Newton, PGA	A-1	Hidden Creek Country Club
Robert D. Mantz, PGA	A-8	Foxborough Country Club
Thomas D. Borden, PGA	A-14	Shattuck Golf Club
Young G. Jang, PGA	A-6	Quail Ridge Country Club
Matthew H. Griffith, PGA	A-11	Mass Golf



CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO NEW ENGLAND PGA PROFESSIONALS WHO EARNED PGA CERTIFICATIONS

Sean McTernan, PGA (Pictured left) - Teaching & Coaching

Richard Baptist, PGA - Golf Operations

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World-Class Mid Ocean Club Added To The 2019 GII.



18th Hole, Mid Ocean Club



17th Hole, Belmont Hills Golf Course



16th Hole, Port Royal Golf Course

Championship Information

- December 2-5
- 54 Hole stroke play championship
- 4 Rounds of golf, 3 Goslings cocktail parties
- Monday, December 2, Pro-Am at Port Royal GC, 12:30PM Shotgun, Welcome Party 5:30PM
- Tuesday, December 3, Round 1, Port Royal GC
- Wednesday, December 4, Round 2, Mid Ocean Club, MOC Beach Club Cocktail Party 4:30PM
- Thursday, December 5, Final Round, Belmont Hills GC, Prize Giving Party
- Field limited to 102 players (don't be #103)
- Professional purse \$70,000, World Amateur Rankings Points for amateurs
- Cobra Puma player gifting packages
- Host hotels: Newstead at Belmont Hills, Fairmont Southampton and Cambridge Beaches Resort
- Registration fee: \$550 amateurs, \$675 pros (**\$50 discount for registering before August 1**)

Please contact Championship Director Robby Thompson (robby@championgolfgroupllc.com) or Operations Director Dave McAdams (dmcadams@pgahq.com) with any questions regarding the 2019 Championship.

You can register on-line at:

<https://nepga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/nepga19/event/nepga1956/index.htm>



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