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at Tedesco Country Club*

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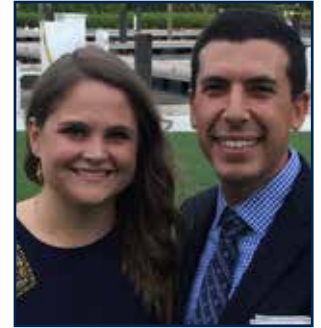
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After serving on the New England PGA board for the last six years, Ron Bibeau, PGA, delivers his final President's Message via video!



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FORE!

Paul Parajekas wins record fourth New England PGA Senior Championship at Woodstock CC

Paul Parajekas, PGA (Pleasant Valley CC) won the New England PGA Senior Championship for a record fourth time in his career (2004, '05, '06, '19) with a 4-under par 66 in Round 1 at Woodstock Country Club in Woodstock, Vt.

The final round of the Championship was cancelled due to weather and the tournament was reduced to an 18-hole event.

"When I got the text at my hotel room, I was all alone in my hotel room, I actually broke down," Parajekas said of receiving the news that the second round was cancelled and his 18-hole lead would stand as the winning score. "The first person I called was my son Jason. Jason is not only my son, but he's my best friend. That was the moment where I felt like 'Wow, I did it again.' It felt really good today, all the people

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Paul Parajekas, PGA

who were texting me and all the people commenting on Facebook, and I'm old-fashioned, I don't get on that stuff, but it really meant a lot to me."

Parajeckas, 69, wins nearly 10 years to the day after his 2009 NEPGA Section Championship win. Parajeckas has collected numerous other wins within the Section since the 1980s, and was the 1989 and 1997 Wogan Player of the Year.

"I haven't really played that much in the last three years. To win it again, oh my God, it lit the candle again," he said. "I feel very competitive, I've always been very competitive. I was hoping to play today. I was prepared to go out there and do exactly what I thought I could do. If anybody beat me, that was fine. But a win is a win and I think the lord was on my side today."

Parajeckas made just one bogey in his opening-round 66. He played the four Par-5s in 4-under par, making birdies on the 1st and 6th, and an eagle on the 10th. He also birdied the Par-4 8th and was five-under par before making his only bogey of the day at the Par-3 13th.

John Paesani, Webb Heintzelman and Jeff Seavey took very different paths but all wound up at the same spot, tied for second two strokes behind Parajeckas.

Paesani (Bay Club at Mattapoisett) posted the most stress-free 68 of the group, as he opened with nine consecutive pars before making an eagle on the 10th. His lone blemish came at the 12th, but he made up for it with a birdie at the 17th before finishing with a par on 18, his 15th par of the round.

Heintzelman's (Turner Hill Golf & Racquet) round was a tale of two sides. He



made back-to-back bogeys on the third and fourth holes and was 2-over at the turn. He more than bounced back on the back nine, carding five birdies to shoot 31 on the back and finish at 2-under par.

Seavey (Samoset Resort) set himself back early with a bogey on the third and a double-bogey on the fifth. After making par on the Par-5 sixth, Seavey closed the front nine with three consecutive birdies to get back to even-par at the turn. A fourth straight birdie on the 10th put him into red figures for the day, and he closed a run of five birdies in a seven-hole stretch with a birdie on the Par-3 13th to get to 2-under for the day.

Six New England PGA Professionals punched their tickets to the 2019 Senior PGA Professional Championship, Oct. 3-6 in Austin, Texas joining Kirk Hanefeld who holds a lifetime exemption as a past champion. Parajeckas, John Paesani (Bay Club at Mattapoisett), Jeff Seavey (Samoset Resort) and Webb Heintzelman (Turner Hill) qualified outright, while Thomas Tobey (Sandwich Hollows), Rick Karbowski (Auburn Driving Range) and Bill Andrews (Portsmouth CC) went into a playoff for the final two spots, with Karbowski and Tobey advancing. Andrews joined the field as the Section's first alternate.

The New England PGA thanks Woodstock CC and their staff, led by PGA Professional Matt Closter, for hosting the Championship, and partners Cadillac, John Deere, Golf Channel, R.J. Shepherd, and the PGA Tour for their support.

ON TO THE NEXT ONE!

The top six finishers from the 2019 NEPGA Senior Championship qualified for the Senior PGA Professional Championship!

**Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa
Austin, Texas
Oct. 3-6, 2019**



Paul Parajekas, Pleasant Valley CC



John Paesani, Bay Club at Mattapoisett



Jeff Seavey, Samoset Resort



Webb Heintzelman, Turner Hill



Thomas Tobey, Sandwich Hollows



Rick Karbowski, Auburn Driving Range



JOHNSON'S ACE HIGHLIGHTS OPENING ROUND OF SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

*Click the image above to watch Dave
relive his hole-in-one!*

Despite four rounds under-par in Round 1 of the NEPGA Senior Championship, it was Dave Johnson (Newport National) who was the talk of the clubhouse after 18 holes. Johnson aced the Par-3 11th hole, his first career ace, en route to a 3-over 73.

"I just hit a nice smooth 9-iron," Johnson recalled, detailing the hole-in-one. "It was looking good the whole way and it hit, and it trickled, and it went in. I looked at John Rainone and said 'You've got to be kidding me, did that just go in?' and he started laughing and said 'Yeah, it did.'"

"We were all in shock," Johnson continued. "It was my first one, I didn't know what to do. I wasn't going to jump around, I was too tired at the time."



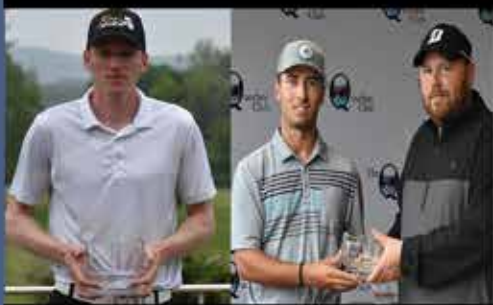
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KELLY CLEANS UP!

GREG KELLY WINS ASSISTANTS CHAMPIONSHIP ON HEELS OF FIVE FINAL-ROUND BIRDIES

The wind picked up and the hole-outs were going down in the final round of the National Car Rental New England PGA Assistants Championship at Pocasset Golf Club. When it was all said and done, Greg Kelly, PGA (Myopia Hunt Club) shot 2-under par 70 in the final round to post 3-under for the tournament and pick up a two-shot win.

Kelly overcame a windy afternoon to make five birdies in the final round. He got off to a fast start with birdies on his first two holes, and turned in 3-under 33 with another birdie on the ninth.

"I started off on the short Par-5 and I was on the green in two and hit a solid eagle putt that just missed the hole, so I had a tap-in birdie," he said. "I hit a solid drive on two, and a close approach to about five feet and knocked that in and kept trucking all the way through that front nine there. Luckily I birdied the ninth hole so it was a good start on the front so that got me going."

[COMPLETE RESULTS](#)

Kelly gave two strokes back with a double-bogey on the 12th hole, but played the last six holes one-under par to shoot 70 and get to -3 for the 36-hole tournament.

"The wind picked up on the back nine a lot," he said. "I laid off a few clubs and I hit my driver really well so I trusted that in my hands which was great. I had a nice low ball-flight with that. It was tough putting on the back there but I was lucky enough to hit some solid putts and get through."

Kelly outlasted four players who finished tied for second at 1-under par for the tournament. That group included Jeff Seavey, PGA (Samoset Resort), Peter Weatherby, PGA (Ekwanok CC), John Paesani, PGA (Bay Club at Mattapoisett) and Zac Temple, PGA (Hanover CC).

Weatherby was the only player from that quartet



Click the image on the left to see Chris Gehling, PGA (Vesper CC) describe his double-eagle on Pocasset GC's Par-5 opening hole!

to shoot even-par or better on the back nine as the afternoon wind picked up at Pocasset GC. Ryan Moseley, PGA (Manchester CC) won a 3-for-1 playoff to join Kelly, Seavey, Weatherby, Paesani and Temple as the New England Section's six qualifiers for the National Assistants Championship. Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC) and Wyatt Frazier, PGA (Woods Hole GC), who tied Moseley at 1-over par for the tournament, will be the first and second alternates, respectively.

Despite the tough conditions, there were plenty of fireworks at Pocasset, including three hole-outs, one that dropped for a double-eagle. Chris Gehling, PGA (Vesper CC) started his day with a deuce on the Par-5 opening hole for his first-ever albatross. He holed out with a 5-iron from 187 yards.

"I couldn't believe it honestly, I didn't know what to say. It was exciting," Gehling said of the memorable moment. "It was my first albatross and certainly a heck of a start to the round."

Gehling's was one of three long-distance hole outs on the day. Liam Friedman holed his second shot for an eagle on the 362-yard 10th hole, and Temple dunked his second shot for an eagle on the 388-yard seventh.

Thank you to the NEPGA partners who make the Assistants Championship possible, including National Car Rental, Cleveland/Srixon/XXIO, John Deere, Golf Advisor, Vineyard Vines, and the PGA TOUR. A special thank you also goes to Pocasset GC head PGA Professional Jeff Halunen for welcoming nearly 90 assistants and associates from the New England Section to Pocasset Golf Club.

ON TO THE NEXT ONE!

The top six finishers from the 2019 NEPGA Assistants Championship qualified for the National Assistant PGA Professional Championship!

**PGA Golf Club
Wanamaker Course
Port St. Lucie, Florida
Nov. 14-17, 2019**



Greg Kelly, Myopia Hunt Club



Peter Weatherby, Ekwanok CC



John Paesani, Bay Club at Mattapoisett



Zac Temple, Hanover CC



Jeff Seavey, Samoset Resort



Ryan Moseley, Manchester CC

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Bob Green, PGA, is the 2019 NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year after nearly 50 years serving Tedesco CC

It was a miserable day in the seaside town of Marblehead, Massachusetts. A soggy Tedesco Country Club took on all the rain it could handle, and more. By early afternoon a handful of players from the Boston Bruins, still celebrating the franchise's first Stanley Cup Championship in nearly three decades, along with the rest of the Tedesco Cup participants, were forced off the soupy course. It was June of 1970, and it was Bob Green's first day of work as the Assistant Golf Professional at Tedesco Country Club.

Despite approaching his last day at Tedesco Country Club almost 50 years later, Bob remembers his first like it was yesterday.

"I came to work as an assistant for Les Dunn," he recalled. "It was actually the first day of our Tedesco Cup. I didn't know what to expect at all. That day was a horrible weather day, the round got cancelled around 1:30 in the afternoon. There were several Bruins that

played that day as guests of members. It was a very memorable day."

Green, who worked as the assistant under Les Dunn, PGA, for his first eight years at Tedesco before spending the last 41 years as the head professional, will retire at the end of the 2019 golf season. On his way out, he'll collect the 2019 New England PGA Golf Professional of the Year award, a small token in comparison to all that Bob has done for his profession and those who have benefited from his mentorship over the last half-century.

"I just think it's extremely well-deserved," said Tedesco General Manager Michael McGillicuddy, PGA. "It's kind of like winning the Super Bowl and then retiring."

Bob's history with Tedesco Country Club goes even further than that first day of work as an assistant in 1970. In the 1960s, Green caddied at Tedesco CC,



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HAPPENED
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"I can't think of a better way to write a script for a life. I'm doing what I wanted to do, where I wanted to do it, and I was able to do it my whole life. I've been pretty fortunate."

Bob Green, PGA

and before that, he can remember taking his first on-course golf shot right there on Tedesco's 16th hole as a 12-year old.

"My association with Tedesco goes back about 58 years now," he said. "The years have flown by and it never entered my mind that I'd be here for the rest of my life, but it never entered my mind that I wouldn't be. I just came back every year and worked."

Of course, since Bob's career at Tedesco CC began, a lot has changed at the club. He has overseen two course renovations, first in 1995 and again in 2017. A new clubhouse was completed in 2011. The membership has grown from somewhere the low 200s, to "a waiting list that's several years long," as Green puts it. The Tedesco CC staff has grown from one assistant and four outside operations workers, to four assistants and an outdoor operations staff of 16.

Out of the club's growth, the professional awards, and the many playing accomplishments, it's the successful staff that Green is most proud of as he reflects on his achievements of the last five decades.

"The greatest things are my staffs," he said. "I've had 16 of my assistants go on to be Head Professionals or Directors of Golf. I've had so many others who have been recruited by members to go work in their companies, and they've been very successful. The pride I have that I could have played a small part in their success, and that Tedesco had such a tremendous influence in their life that they're able to find a career, whether it be golf or otherwise, that they're happy with and can support a family for the rest of their lives."

Jake Leech, PGA, gets to experience Green's mentorship every day as the Assistant Professional at Tedesco.

"He's just done so many things for other people," Leech said. "He mentors and has mentored so many younger professionals who have gone on to their own careers, it's unbelievable. Besides mentoring, he's obviously had lasting power here. Forty-nine years is incredible."

With the end of the 2019 golf season in sight, so is Green's incredible tenure at Tedesco. While he says he's ready for retirement, Bob admits it may take some getting used to.

"The only other job I've ever had was a paper route when I was 13, 14, 15 years old," he said. "I've never been anything but the golf professional at Tedesco Country Club in my adult years, so it's going to be an adjustment. It probably won't sink in until sometime in April when I don't come home from Florida to start the year."

Even though Green's professional relationship at Tedesco will come to an end, he will still be part of the club, which offered him an honorary membership. Bob, of course, is also willing to offer any mentorship needed by whoever is selected as his successor.



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Bobby Orr helps the Boston Bruins win the Stanley Cup and leaves a lasting image



Bob Green is hired at Tedesco Country Club

"I'm in full support of whoever the new golf professional is," he said. "It's going to be impossible to come up with 41 years of experience in the first year. I'm more than willing to help out in any ways that I can."

Like his career at Tedesco Country Club, Green's playing accomplishments span five decades, starting in 1965 when he was the Mass Golf Association Junior Amateur Runner up. Green won several New England PGA Championships, including the Senior-Junior (1978), Pro-Pro Stroke Play (1978), Pro-Assistant (1984), Pro-Pro Match Play (1999, 2000, '01), and Senior Chapter Championship (T1, 2007). He took medalist honors in qualifying to advance to the 2000 US Senior Open and competed in the Champions Tour's Fleet Boston Classic in 2000.

Off the course, Bob has been honored as the 2003 NEPGA Eastern Mass Chapter Horton Smith Award recipient for his contributions to PGA education, the 2006 NEPGA Bill Strausbaugh Award recipient, commending his mentorship of other PGA Professionals, and the 2017 Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund Professional of the Year. On November 2, Green will add New England PGA Golf Professional of the Year to his long list of career accolades at the annual NEPGA Awards Dinner, held at Cyprian Keyes Golf Course in Boylston, Mass.

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If you are attending in the honor of one of the Awards Recipients, please indicate this during the registration process. Every effort will be made to seat the honorees' guests together.

All guests must preregister by Friday, October 18.

To register yourself and additional guests, please call (508-869-0000) or email (jstuart@pgahq.com) Joan Stuart at the NEPGA Section Office.



LISTEN & *LEARN*

HOW JACK AND AMANDA DAVIS, PGA, TRANSFORMED THE SHOP AT ESSEX COUNTY CLUB AND EARNED THE NEPGA MERCHANDISER OF THE YEAR (PRIVATE) AWARD ALONG THE WAY

Jack and Amanda Davis, PGA, have spent the last few years reviving the pro shop at Essex County Club. They've reshuffled, redesigned, restocked and redecorated. But perhaps most important to their success has been their ability to listen to the members.

"I have the philosophy that it's so much listening and learning from what they want,"

Amanda said of the Essex members. “I think if you do that, there’s no doubt you can be successful.”

Prior to the Davis’ joining Essex County Club, Jack as the Head Professional and later Amanda as an Assistant Professional, the pro shop’s annual revenues were roughly \$250,000 per year. By 2018, despite a rain-soaked season in which rounds were down significantly, sales reached \$475,000, a number projected to reach half a million in 2019.

Amanda said. “There are no malls really close to us, so the members really look to us as more than just a golf shop. I would say our philosophy is more clean merchandise, we don’t use too many props. We really want it to feel high-end and nice, but also shoppable. Hopefully we continue to set ourselves as more than just golf shirts and golf balls and clubs.”

The couple’s success has yielded more than just a booming business. Jack and Amanda will take home

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Jack and Amanda have left their mark on so many aspects of the business that it’s impossible to point to one specific difference-maker. They’ve strategically added some much-needed lighting to the 650 square-foot shop. They’ve simplified displays and experimented with different brands while maintaining a low brand-count. They’ve brought in merchandise to attract members of the club who are more engaged in non-golf activities. All of this, combined with Amanda’s background as a visual merchandiser, has been a formula for success.

“My job for Peter Millar was traveling around to their top accounts in Florida, New York and Connecticut, which to me was a dream job if you’re planning to run your own shop,” Amanda said. “Just picking and choosing things from all these great buyers and Pros, which is so crucial in transitioning to this shop.”

While Amanda’s experience is certainly an advantage, the Davis’ ability to cater their strategy to the things that make Essex County Club unique has also helped boost the bottom line.

“We have a pretty unique benefit of being the only retail shop,”

the 2019 New England PGA Merchandiser of the Year (Private) Award this fall. But while their work has been validated by the prestigious award, the process of improving never stops.

“It’s a constant process. We’re learning every second,” Amanda said. “Bringing it back, the best shops that I traveled to when I was working with Peter Millar, they would have every single person on their staff be well-versed in the properties and the technical features of all of their items that they carry in their shop. It makes the process feel less like a sales pitch if you understand why it’s there. That’s something that we’re always also trying to get better at.”



Jack and Amanda will collect their award at the annual NEPGA Awards Dinner on November 2 at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club.

“It’s an honor. It’s been both of our goals to win a Section award and for me it’s always been Merchandiser of the Year, so it’s awesome,” Amanda said. “The important points with us are the team environment at Essex and how everyone plays a part in this. It might be our names on it but the whole team had a ton of effort put into this.”



PARK, BERBERIAN TO DON THE RED, WHITE & BLUE IN PGA CUPS

After two years of competing against the top PGA Professionals in the country, two New England PGA Pros have earned the privilege to don the Red, White & Blue this fall in the PGA Cup and Women's PGA Cup.

Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA (Vesper CC) played his way into the top-10 in the Team USA standings over 2018 and 2019 to secure his spot on the United States PGA Cup team.

"To be one of the 10 guys on the team, 10 of the 29,000 PGA of America members, it's pretty cool. It means a lot," said Berberian, who is one of four PGA Cup veterans on Team USA after going 3-2-0 in 2017. "It's a big goal to make it. To get back on the team, it's so much fun. It's a format where as a professional you don't really get to play too often, if ever."

Meanwhile, Seul-Ki Park, PGA (Winchester CC) clinched her spot in the inaugural Women's PGA Cup with a clutch T2 finish at the LPGA Teaching & Club Professionals National Championship in late August. With that performance, Park finished third in the final qualifying standings.

"The first hole that I played in the LPGA National tournament I was so nervous. So nervous my hands were shaking," Park said of the final qualifying event. "Usually I don't like to think about the position I'm in, but I certainly did because I really wanted to be a part

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Rich Berberian, Jr., PGA

of this inaugural tournament. It's obviously something special."

The PGA Cup is Sept. 27-29 at the Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa Fazio Foothills Course in Austin, Texas. Team USA will take on the 10 best PGA Professionals from Great Britain & Ireland in a three-day competition that has been contested since 1973, and

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every-other year since 1984. The USA owns a commanding 17-7-4 advantage in the all-time series, but hasn’t won the cup since 2011.

“It’s a format we don’t really get to play much, Best Ball, Four Ball, Alternate Shot, singles matches, match play in general,” Berberian said. “I know Great Britain and Ireland for the past bunch of years now, they’ve had really good players on their team. It’s always been a challenge for us. That’s what I look forward to is getting out there and trying to beat those guys.”

The inaugural Women’s PGA Cup will also be contested at Omni Barton Creek, running Oct. 24-26, but that’s where the similarities between the two competitions end. Rather than a head-to-head competition, the Women’s PGA Cup includes five five-player teams: USA, Australia, Canada, Sweden, and Great Britain & Ireland. All players will play individual stroke play in each of the three tournament rounds, with the best three scores from each team counting towards the team score.

“The setting there reminds me of college golf where you travel with your team, you practice, you eat, it’s going to be a lot of time spent with your team, it will be great,” said Park, who was an All-Big Ten performer at the University of Illinois.

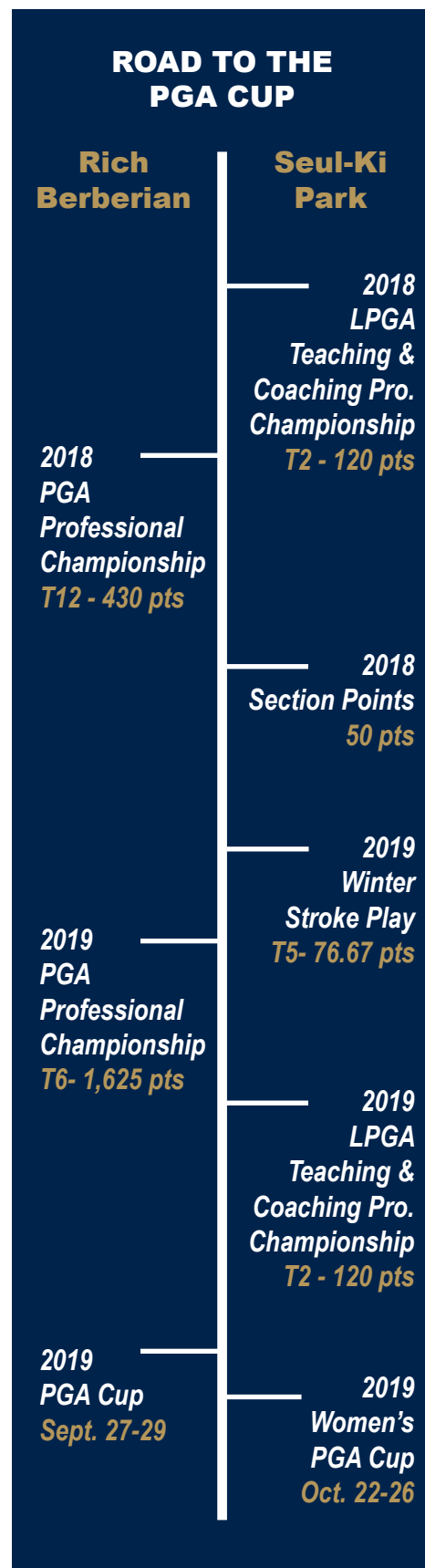
“I think I’ll have nerves,” she said. “That’s just part of the game, right? When you’re stepping up and you know you’re representing your team and playing for the U.S. We want to win. That’s what makes us good golfers, we have that desire to win.”

Of course, team competitions are about more than the golf itself. Berberian knows from playing in the 2017 PGA Cup that there will be plenty of off-the-course time with the team, and longtime friendships are formed during weeks like these.

“You’re there for the whole week, you don’t have a car, you’re all in the same hotel staying one room away from each other. We all end up becoming pretty good friends,” he said. “It’s really good because the wives and the girlfriends get to hang out together throughout the week. They become friends for a long time and the guys play golf every day and then come tournament time, the girls walk around and cheer on the guys. We do everything together so you have to enjoy everyone’s company.”

The PGA Cup and Women’s PGA Cup do not include purses. The Cups themselves and pride of playing for Team USA in international competition fuel the competitive fires.

“It’s nice to be able to go out there and play for your country and not have any money on the line, just pride,” Berberian said. “It turns you into an amateur for a week, just playing to win.”





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Claude Brusse is the PGA Director of Golf at Yeamans Hall Club in Charleston, South Carolina.

Note from Jim Remy, PGA Career Consultant for New England and Connecticut Sections.

This was a recent article in PGA Magazine. I really believe this is something we all need to do more of as we go forward. Mentoring and including staff in the process is so very important.

If you haven't had time to read this article, please take the time. Let's finish the 2019 season strong!

CREATE A CULTURE OF MENTORING AND INCLUSION

Claude Brusse on the importance of creating culture of mentoring and inclusion

I have always felt staff inclusion in important golf operations matters is important. It has also been my opinion that our golf operations team should be adept at performing all the duties expected of us, from inside the golf shop to on the range to greeting members when they arrive. At Yeamans Hall Club, we have created a culture that is not only inclusive of our full staff of PGA Professionals and outside operations personnel, but one that provides a mentoring and empowering environment. Our PGA Head Professional Paul Consolo, who was the Carolinas PGA Section Merchandiser of the Year for Private Facilities in 2015, includes our young assistant professionals in meetings with company representatives to demonstrate what the conversation is like and encourages them to share their opinions. They understand what we're trying to do much better and feel more invested in our sales process when familiar with our process. It is an invaluable experience that they will take with them through-

out their careers. Another way we mentor these young PGA Professionals and ready them for a long career in golf is ensuring that they can perform the duties of all golf operations positions. They do a little of everything, including snack bar duties, picking balls and repairing divots on the range, cleaning golf cars and clubs, adding to golf shop sales through product knowledge and sincere engagement with members. They even clean the bathrooms when needed. In addition to these vital duties, I also encourage them to set the launch monitor up on the range and learn that system. Whether they are helping a member or collaborating with another assistant, it is important that they learn to teach with technology, and also to teach without it.

Claude Brusse on the business impact of creating culture of mentoring and inclusion:

Our philosophy of intentionally creating an educational environment has proven highly-successful for many years. As our assistant professionals realize that this is not the norm at all golf facilities, they come to appreciate our efforts and truly give us their best every day. Special relationships develop among our PGA Professional staff and assistant professionals as a result. Members recognize this closeness and enjoy seeing the young assistants in many different roles. Acquiring a diverse array of skills provides young professionals with confidence and knowledge that is not always available to individuals in their position. We strive to make a difference in their lives; this enhances our service to members. It builds teamwork and it provides them with decision-making skills that they'll use throughout their careers. This encouragement enables them to take the initiative on various matters. The question sometimes arises, "Is it better to ask for permission or for forgiveness?" There is no wrong answer to this question, but if they make decisions by using common sense and their new-found knowledge, with the betterment of our members and our facility in mind, then they don't have to ask for either one.

If you would like to email the author of this Best Practice directly, please email cbrusse@yeamanshallclub.com.



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TUE, OCT. 29 | BLUE HILL CC
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Oct. 10 | 9:00 AM | Kirkbrae CC

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Oct. 15 | 9:00 AM | The Purpoodock Club

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

Oct. 17 | 9:00 AM | Intervale CC

MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER

Oct. 22 | 8:30 AM | The Haven CC

CAPE CHAPTER

Oct. 23 | 9:30 AM | Sandwich Hollows GC

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

Oct. 24 | 9:30 AM | Crystal Lake GC

The following resolution will be up for a vote at the Section Meeting on Oct. 23

Resolution 1: This resolution is to remove the three geographical districts of the Massachusetts Chapter. This is proposed by the New England Section Board of Directors after review and recommendation by the 2019 Governance Task Force. [**READ COMPLETE RESOLUTION**](#)

NEPGA BOARD CANDIDATES



Candidate: Allan Belden, PGA
Office: NEPGA President
Facility: Worcester CC



Allan has been the Head Golf Professional at Worcester Country Club since 2000.

He previously served at the Chapter level from 2001-2006 and as a member of the NEPGA Board of Directors as a District Director from 2006-2008. He was elected to the position of Secretary of the NEPGA in 2015 and is currently serving as the NEPGA Vice President, a position he has held since 2017. He has also served on numerous committees and has been active in the Section for the past 15 years.

Allan has been honored with numerous Section and Chapter Awards throughout his career, including 2015 NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year, 2008 NEPGA Merchandiser of the Year, and 2007 NEPGA MA Golf Professional of the Year.

"My reason for running is very simple. I feel we all have an obligation to give back to our association and fellow members. I have been very fortunate to have had a successful career as a PGA professional and want to be sure that our current members, as well as the next generation of PGA members, have an association that will allow them to be successful in the future."



Candidate: Mike Bradshaw, PGA
Office: NEPGA Vice President
Facility: Kirkbrae CC



Mike Bradshaw, PGA has been the Head Golf Professional at Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln, RI since 2006.

Bradshaw currently serves as secretary of NEPGA, a position he has held since 2017. He previously served as Rhode Island District Director (2015-17), RI Chapter Secretary/Treasurer (2013-15) and Tournament Chair (2011-13).

"I feel it is important to get involved in our association and I urge everyone to utilize his/her membership to its fullest. Providing as many avenues for our section professionals to do so is why I decided to get involved. Whether it is through NEPGA U education, tournament opportunities or just enjoying the camaraderie of the association, please use your membership and its benefits to improve yourself. Our section staff and board are dedicated to the continued improvement of the member experience and addition of member benefits. As an officer I hope to continue this emphasis and assist all NEPGA professionals in their journey, no matter where it may take them."



Candidate: Chip Johnson, PGA
Office: NEPGA Secretary
Facility: Hatherly CC



Chip Johnson grew up in Pembroke, Mass., and went on to graduate from Limestone College where he was a two-time NAIA All-American, the 1984 NAIA National Individual Champion and a member of the National Champion Limestone golf team.

Chip played competitive golf in mini tour events in Florida, the Canadian Tour and the Sunshine Tour in South Africa. He became Head Professional at Pembroke CC in 1993. In 1996, Chip joined Hatherly GC in Scituate, Mass., as Head Professional where he has provided members and guests with the most enjoyable golf experience possible for the past 23 seasons. Chip is a PGA Quarter Century Member and a PGA Certified Professional in the areas of Teaching & Coaching, Golf Operations and General Management. Chip was recognized as NEPGA Teacher of the year in 2003.

Chip has served on the NEPGA Educational Committee, Tournament Committee and for the last year, the Tournament Committee's Co-Chairman.

"Through my role as secretary, I hope to use my knowledge and experience to make qualified, informed decisions which can further enhance the image of the New England PGA Professional and continue to make our section the envy of all others. I am extremely grateful for what the game of golf has given me and feel it is my time to give back."



BRUSO WINS STROKE PLAY SERIES FINALS AND 2019 AVIDIA CUP

COMPLETE RESULTS

Bob Bruso, PGA (Blackstone National GC) not only knocked off defending Avidia Cup Champion Liam Friedman, PGA (Nashawtuc CC) to win the New England PGA Stroke Play Series Finals and the 2019 Avidia Cup Championship, but he did it on Friedman's own turf.

Playing alongside Friedman in the final group, Bruso shot a 3-under par 69 at Nashawtuc Country Club to pick up a one-stroke win over Eric Barlow, PGA (Winchester CC). The 2,000 Avidia Cup Standings points that come with winning the finale vaulted Bruso, who entered the day at fourth in the season-long standings, into the top spot.

"Liam and I are good buddies so we had a great time out there," Bruso said. "He helped me out on a couple holes, not knowing where I was going. Playing with someone like him, you keep the pedal down because you know he's going to shoot a good score. He was fueling me all day and we were going back-and-forth so I think having him there really helped."

Bruso got off to a slow start, bogeying the par-5 opening hole and giving another stroke back on the par-5 ninth. But with two birdies in between, he made the turn in even-par and re-focused going into the back-nine.

"I said to myself, 'I'm still in a good spot.' I knew I was hitting the ball well and I was putting well so I told myself 'just stay patient and you're going to make some birdies.' On the back side I just stayed really steady and I was lucky enough to shoot 3-under on the back, which was awesome. I was a little nervous coming down the stretch but I was able to slow down, take a few breaths, and finish it out."

Bruso carded birdies on the 10th, 14th and 16th holes without a bogey on the back-nine to shoot the winning score.

"I did a good job of keeping the ball in play," he said. "I don't think I was scrambling that much all day. I hit my 2-iron a lot around here and hit a lot of fairways and hit a lot of greens. There wasn't really a lot of stress out there today. That was my game-plan going in, and it paid off."

Barlow had just one blemish on his scorecard in a 2-under par round of 70. Ryan McLean, PGA (Essex County Club), David Bennett, PGA (CC of Vermont) and Rico Riciputi, PGA (Wentworth By The Sea) tied for third at 1-under par. Friedman and Dan Gillis, PGA (Nabnasset Lake CC) tied for sixth at even-par.

The Stroke Play Series Finals and

the Avidia Cup Championship weren't the only season-long competitions decided on Monday. The tournament was the final event of the 2019 OMEGA Wogan Player of the Year points race, as well as the 1st & 10th Tee Challenge. Despite missing the event to represent Team USA in the PGA Cup, Rich Berberian, PGA (Vesper CC) held on to his Wogan Player of the Year lead to capture his third such honor (2016, '17). Shawn Warren, the only player in the field who could have caught Berberian, finished in a six-way tie for ninth at 2-over par, coming up just short of the top spot.

Greg Farland, PGA (Marlborough CC) clinched the 1st Tee Challenge with a season-long score of 5-under par in qualifying events, while Bennett birdied Nashawtuc's 10th hole on Monday to catch Berberian atop the 10th Tee Challenge leaderboard at 4-under.

Thank you to the partners who made the season-long NEPGA Stroke Play Series possible, title sponsor Avidia Bank and partners Bushnell Golf, SCNS Sports Foods, Ahead, Cutter & Buck, and the PGA Tour. A big thank you also goes to Nashawtuc CC and General Manager Chris Carpenter, PGA, Head Professional Brian Smith, PGA, and the entire staff.

SECTION POINT RACES



OMEGA WOGAN PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1. Rich Berberian Jr.	13,0014.03
2. Shawn Warren	12,816.69
3. Bob Bruso	9,221.75
4. Liam Friedman	8,524.90
5. Eric Barlow	7,752.40
6. David Bennett	6,606.67
7. Kirk Hanefeld	6,514.50
8. Steven Hausmann	5,787.50
9. David Jankowski	5,334.25
10. Jeff Martin	4,961.57

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Avidia Bank Cup

1. Robert Bruso	3,440
2. Liam Friedman	2,380
3. Rich Berberian, Jr.	1,800
4. Robert Tramonti	1,696
5. Eric Barlow	1,448
6. Dan Venezia	1,280
7. John Hickson	1,231
8. Adam Kolloff	1,120
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1st Tee Challenge

Greg Farland -5

10th Tee Challenge

Rich Berberian -4
David Bennett -4



PGA HOPE AT ATKINSON RESORT & COUNTRY CLUB MAKES GREAT IMPACT

Atkinson Resort and Country Club plays host to many different events during their busy season, but one program stands out regarding the impact it has on the community. PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is a free 7-week program aimed towards introducing our Nation's heroes to golf and has been taking place at Atkinson Resort & Country Club since 2018.

The PGA HOPE program at Atkinson is led by their talented staff of teaching professionals, including Director of Golf Peter Doherty, PGA. Each instructor has been trained in adaptive golf and military cultural competency, ensuring that the veterans who are receiving the instruction are comfortable. The program consists of four weeks of golf instruction at the world-class Willowcreek Golf Academy, two weeks of friendly competition

on the par-3 course at the resort, and an end-of-season banquet and awards ceremony. Each veteran also gets a custom PGA HOPE bag tag, and unlimited use of the Willowcreek Golf Academy practice area between sessions.

The New England PGA Foundation was able to spend the day at Atkinson's PGA HOPE Program on August 20th and see this impactful program first hand. It was a great day of camaraderie, competition, and learning for all the veterans in attendance. We are very proud to partner with the Atkinson Resort & Country Club to continue to fund, promote and grow this program. PGA HOPE is growing throughout the 41 PGA Sections and the New England PGA is at the forefront of that growth.



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- Thursday, December 5, Final Round, Belmont Hills GC, Prize Giving Party
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- Host hotels: Newstead at Belmont Hills, Fairmont Southampton and Cambridge Beaches Resort
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Please contact Championship Director Robby Thompson (robby@championgolfgroupllc.com) or Operations Director Dave McAdams (dmcadams@pgahq.com) with any questions regarding the 2019 Championship.

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SOMETIMES, THE RULES CAN STING *#RulesToTheMax* *by Max Doctoroff, PGA*

It's been great to see so many of you over the last month or so, with the Section Championship, Senior Championship, and several other significant events being contested in such a short period of time. As it turns out, when the busy season hits and we all spend more time on the golf course, we find that certain occurrences on the golf course are more common than we thought! In this vein, I'd like to discuss a Rule of Golf that I thought was somewhat obscure, but it turned out that I had three separate rulings about it in the past few weeks. In each case, this Rule caused some confusion for the players and in all cases, the players didn't get the answer they were hoping for. As the title says, sometimes, the rules can sting.

It must be the time of year that has caused this situation to come up so often, but at several courses in recent weeks, players have encountered colonies of bees nesting in bunkers. As we all know, bees can be dangerous when they're inclined to sting people,

especially to someone who's allergic to them. Not to worry, because the Rules afford us relief from dangerous animal conditions, right? Well sure, but not always the degree of relief that we might want.

When considering this Rule, we first need to determine if we get relief at all. Rule 16.2a gives a list of examples of dangerous animal conditions that would allow relief, which includes poisonous snakes, stinging bees, alligators, fire ants, and bears. So by the letter of the Rule, a player whose ball is dangerously near a bees nest would clearly get relief from the situation. How much relief you get, however, depends on where your ball lies.

If your ball is in the general area, you're in luck. In this case, you may take a drop within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief from the situation, no closer to the hole. In almost every case in the general area, you could find a place to drop that's

completely clear of the dangerous animal condition. However, in the cases we've been encountering of bees nesting in bunkers, the player's ball has been in the bunker as well, and in a bunker, your allowable relief from the situation is more limited. While you still get relief from the situation, your only option for free relief is to drop the ball in the bunker. Given the small size of bunkers and the nature of swarming bees, complete relief is often impossible to find within the bunker. When this is the case, unfortunately you're still stuck dealing with the same swarm of bees you started with, and the Rules don't offer any more help for free. This is one of those cases when the Rules give you free relief, but they don't give you good relief.

However, there is another option that I've found most players aren't aware of: when taking relief from a dangerous animal condition (or an abnormal course condition for that matter) in a bunker, you can choose to pay one penalty stroke to take your ball outside the bunker and drop it back on a line, keeping the spot of the original ball between you and the hole. While nobody likes taking penalty strokes, it may be a better option than playing your shot from the middle of a swarm of bees. On the bright side, it's a better option than taking an unplayable ball penalty, which charges you two penalty strokes to take the ball back on a line outside the bunker.

Important to note (as I'm sure you've been asked the question once or twice by your members), while you do get relief from dangerous animal conditions, you are not entitled to relief from dangerous course conditions, such as poison ivy. Interpretation 16.2a/l tells us "if a player's ball comes to rest in a spot where the player has interference from a plant or bush that could cause physical harm, such as poison ivy or a cactus, while the player may be faced with challenging circumstances or may be allergic to a given plant, he or she is not entitled to free relief under the Rules."

For more information on how to take relief from dangerous animal conditions in penalty areas or on the putting green, please refer to Rule 16.2b. Thanks for reading, and be safe out there!

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TOP JUNIORS TEE IT UP AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

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A special Thank you Brendan Walsh, PGA, his staff and the membership at TCC for hosting this special event!



JUNIOR CORNER

GIRLS BAY STATE CUP ENDS IN DELICIOUS STYLE



New year, same story at the Girls Bay State Cup Invitational (Aug. 20-21 – Blue Hill CC & CC of Halifax) as Allison Paik (Providence, RI) held on to capture her second consecutive title behind a final round 3-over par 75. Different than last year, where Paik won by eleven shots, this victory was much closer and drama-filled.

Hot and humid conditions greeted competitors at the Country Club of Halifax as five players entered the final round within three shots of the lead. Of those five it was Gabrielle Shieh (Carlisle, Mass.) who mounted the strongest charge. Shieh, who earlier this summer won the Girls New England PGA Junior Championship, played her front nine in even-par 36, in the process closing the gap to just two shots with nine holes to play. Unfortunately, three bogeys on the back, offset by just one birdie, left her at 2-over par 74 on the day and two shots behind the eventual winner Paik. Paik's steady final round 3-over par 75 included eleven pars, five bogeys and two birdies.

Tate Hedges (North Easton, MasS.), who entered the final round just one shot behind, finished in solo third after a round of 7-over par 79, while Victoria Veator (Bridgewater, Mass.), who began just a shot behind, finished in solo fourth after a round of 9-over par 81.

Congratulations Allison Paik and Gabrielle Shieh, who did what any teenager would do with their Bay State Cup trophies - filled them with Slurpees!

A Special Thank you to host professionals Ian Kelley, PGA (Blue Hill CC) and Steve Colt, PGA (CC of Halifax).



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For more information, contact the PGA of America's Diversity & Inclusion Educator, Linnet Carty at LCarty@pgahq.com or (561) 630-1798.

PGA LEAD PROGRAM

Are you ready for the challenge of volunteer leadership in the Association?

What are the facets of leadership that will assist you in your journey? PGA LEAD, a leadership development program was designed specifically to identify, mentor and progress PGA Members from diverse backgrounds along a guided path to volunteer leadership roles in the Association at the Chapter, Section and National levels. Incorporating dimensional differences into the PGA leadership ranks helps position the Association for success for the near future and beyond. The primary goal of PGA LEAD is to establish a deep bench of diverse PGA Members who are prepared to ascend to and through the volunteer leadership ranks of the Association. PGA LEAD also assists in developing PGA Members who desire to serve and make

an impact on nonprofit boards within the communities where they work and live.

OVERVIEW

Each PGA LEAD Class is comprised of up to 15 PGA Members who participate in a specialized leadership development experience that is tailored to meet the needs of the participants. The program welcomes PGA Members who are early on in their leadership development experience, as well as those who are more seasoned. Programming includes the following areas of focus:

- Board Governance
- Conducting Effective Board and Membership Meetings
- Pillars of Leadership
- Developing Your Leadership Presence

- Public Speaking and Presentation Essentials
- Social Media and Developing Your Digital Brand
- Personal Branding and Promotion
- Diversity & Inclusion
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Through PGA LEAD, participants have a unique opportunity to engage in leadership and networking activities, and to develop their leadership acumen with the support of PGA of America executives and staff, as well as business leaders inside and outside the golf industry.

Annually, PGA LEAD participants gather in person at Association functions, such as the PGA Merchandise Show and the PGA Annual Meeting to witness leadership in action and personally connect with each other, industry colleagues, and further develop their professional networks. (Travel-related expenses to at least one function annually are reimbursed by the Association.) PGA LEAD participants also convene monthly via video conference.

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION

PGA LEAD is designed to drive a diverse demographic of participants (with consideration to the following protected classes - gender, age, race/color, national origin/ancestry, sexual orientation, disability and veteran status).

PGA Members who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply for one of up to 15 slots in the 2019-2020 Class of PGA LEAD. Please note that PGA of America National Staff is not eligible to apply for PGA LEAD.

- Class A PGA Member for at least one year and in good standing
- Aspires to serve in a national volunteer leadership role within the Association
- Is committed to actively participating in monthly video conferences and related assignments
- Is committed to participating in PGA LEAD for two years (2019-2020), including PGA LEAD activities at the PGA Merchandise Show and/or PGA Annual Meeting during the program term.
- Is committed to making a PGA LEAD presentation at a PGA Section Meeting at the conclusion of the program as an inspiration to others.

[The application for PGA LEAD Cohort V is available here.](#)

DON'T FORGET!

There is still time to sign up for ACH (Direct Deposits) payments for the 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.** 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.

Please note that those PGA Professionals and associates who are heading down south this fall and winter that if you have not already signed up for ACH payments and you earn some money for a late season purse, **that check will be sent to your address on file and may end up sitting on someone's desk at your club or be returned to PGA National as undeliverable** if it is processed after you have left the New England Section. Avoid waiting for payments in 2019 and sign up now.

Below is the PGA of America's new link for direct deposit. This is an online form and once it is completed it is automatically received by the Finance Department for setup. No need to send voided checks anymore. This could not be easier!

[DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM](#)

Looking for An Assistant for 2020?

All NEPGA Professionals who would like to list an Assistant Professional or Teaching Professional opening for 2020 on www.nepga.com can email the information on those openings to Joan Stuart at jstuart@pgahq.com and it will be posted under our website's Employment Tab. Please include a brief description of the position, the deadline for resumes, the dates of employment, and contact information. It is recommended that these positions are also posted on www.pga.org. Also, if you need help for outside operations or are looking for a position for yourself, we can also list those for you. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the NEPGA office 508.869.0000.

CHAPTER ROUND UP

NEWS AND NOTES FROM AROUND THE SECTION

CAPE COD



2019 Cape Cod Chapter Championship

After firing 69 in first round, Thomas Tobey took the lead but his final 9 holes (38 +3) opened the door to a handful of colleagues – Steindel had the with best second round heading homeward with seven pars and two birdies, while five-time champ Matt Baran returned 34 on his back nine in another ‘almost’ rally. At the end of the day, Tobey added the 2019 trophy to his existing crystal - 2005 at The Captains, 2008 at LeBaron Hills and 2017 at Ocean Edge. This years’ event was sponsored by The PGA Tour, Lincoln and Avidia Bank.

Year	Champion	Venue
2019	Thomas Tobey (+3)	The Wianno Club
2018	Greg Yeomans (E)	LeBaron Hills
2017	Thomas Tobey (-2)	Ocean Edge Resort
2016	Matt Baran (-1)	The Captains GC
2015	John Paesani (E)	Hyannis GC
2014	Joe Ferreira V (E)	Plymouth CC
2013	Matt Baran (+2)	New Seabury
2012	Matt Baran (+1)	New Seabury
2011	Matt Baran (-4)	New Seabury
2010	Greg Yeomans (-3)	New Seabury
2009	Allan Menne (+7)	The Golf Club of Cape Cod
2008	Thomas Tobey (-1)	LeBaron Hills
2007	Rusty Gunnarson (+3)	Cape Cod National GC
2006	Greg Yeomans (+6)	Cape Cod National GC
2005	Thomas Tobey (-6)	The Captains GC
2004	Josh Hillman	New Seabury
2003	Josh Hillman	New Seabury
2002	John Boniface & Mickey Herron	Captains GC
2001	Mickey Herron (+3)	Eastward Ho!

MASSACHUSETTS

SOUTHERN MA DISTRICT DIRECTOR

The MA Chapter will be conducting an election for the District Director position representing Southern Massachusetts at our Fall Meeting. We are looking for interested PGA Professionals from the Southern MA district for the vacant Section Board (District Director) position.

If any Massachusetts Chapter PGA Professional has interest in running for the District Director position, please inform Lou Rivers, PGA (lourivers@pga.com) or Jacy Settles (jsettles@pgahq.com) by **Monday, October 14, 2019**.

If there are fewer than two nominees for each office, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Massachusetts Chapter Annual Meeting.

The Chapter Board encourages you to make every effort to attend the Fall Meeting (Tuesday, Oct. 22 at The Haven CC, 9:30 AM) and cast your vote for this important position.

If you have any questions regarding the election, contact:

Lou Rivers, PGA
Massachusetts Chapter President
lourivers@pga.com

HANEFELD WINS MASS CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Kirk Hanefeld, PGA Director of Instruction at Salem CC in Salem, MA won the 2019 New England PGA Massachusetts Chapter Championship at Walpole Country Club. Hanefeld, a perennial power in the NEPGA section circuit, fired an impressive 1-over par 71 and finished in a four-way tie for first place with Matthew Bradbury, PGA (Sterling National GC), Liam Friedman, PGA (Nashawtuc CC), and Todd Scarafoni, PGA (Bass Rocks GC).

The players tied at the top then headed to the first hole, a 369 yard par four, for a sudden death play-off. After tying the first and second hole, Hanefeld emerged victorious with a birdie on the 196-yard par three third.

MAINE



JOHN HICKSON WINS CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIP

The Maine Chapter Championship is in the books, and what a shootout this one was. The individual stroke play event is contested at Rockland Golf Club on day one and wraps up at Samoset Resort the following day. A field of 23 PGA Professionals made this one very interesting, with a third of the field being within four shots of the lead after round one.

After the dust settled on opening day, five-time champion John Hickson led the way with a 2-under 68. But past champions Jeff Seavey and Don Roberts were only one shot back. Three other players, Dave Grygiel, Chris Kelloway and Chad Penman had 70's and 2019 State of Maine Champion, Jerry Roman, was only three back with a 1-over 71. Also within reach with a 74, was eight-time champion, Bob Darling Jr.

Host PGA Professional Keenan Flanagan of Rockland GC went out of his way again, putting out ribs, chicken, salads etc. for the players after round one. The course was in unbelievable shape and a nice sunny day made round one a great start to the championship.

The Samoset golf course proved to be a tougher test on day two, with Hickson carding the only under-par round of the day. His 1-under 69, along with his tournament leading 68 from round one gave him a four shot win over long-time friend and competitor Jeff Seavey. Don Roberts and Dave Grygiel tied for third, five shots back.

Thanks go to the Rockland Golf Club and Samoset Resort for hosting the Maine Chapter Championship.

A tip of the hat also to Ron Bibeau of presenting sponsor, Club Car Enterprises and to Becca DiBona of Cutter & Buck who was on the first tee at Rockland GC presenting outer-wear tee gifts to all players.

JOHN HICKSON & JEFF SEAVEY WIN PRO-PRO STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Maine Chapter Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship was originally scheduled for June 10th but due to heavy rains, the event was postponed to August 26th. Webhannet Golf Club was good enough to give us a date in the middle of their busy championship week.

This time we had a beautiful sunny day, the course was in great condition and dry, considering the rain they had just a couple of days prior. A total of 16 teams participated in the 36-hole, four-ball event. The team of Dave Grygiel & Scott Mayer took an early lead, posting a 5-under 66, but that was followed by an eight-birdie effort from John Hickson & Jeff Seavey. Their torrid 63 gave them a 3-shot lead after round one. In the afternoon round both leading teams shot 3-under, 68s, giving Hickson/Seavey a 3 shot win.

Thanks go to the Webhannet Golf Club for hosting the Maine Chapter at their first-rate facility. Everyone had great compliments with regards to the conditions of the golf course! Hats off to head professional Kirk Kimball, his grounds crew, as well as the golf shop staff, who made sure everyone enjoyed their day.

Greg Ludes with Titleist and Bryan Saylor with Foot Joy, who have sponsored the event for years, were generous as always with multiple tee gifts to all of our participants! Next time any of you see Kirk, Greg, or Bryan, thank them for their efforts in making this a wonderful event!



NEW HAMPSHIRE



(ABOVE) The final threesome pose before teeing off in the last round of the NHC championship. (l-r) Jay Pollini, eventual winner CJ Konkowski and Todd Rollins.

The New Hampshire Chapter held its chapter championship at North Conway Country Club. The two-day event featured 42 chapter professionals and associates from all over the state competing in 36 holes of stroke play over the par 71, 6614 yard layout. After play finished on day one, CJ Konkowski of Keene CC and Jay Pollini, Ricgewood CC head professional were deadlocked at 5-under par rounds of 66. They were closely followed by Laconia CC head professional Todd Rollins who had a nifty 68. After the smoke cleared on day two, Konkowski emerged with a one shot victory over Pollini, shooting a 2-under round 69 as Pollini could only muster a 70. Rollins hung tough and tallied a 70 to finish in third place. Finishing out the top five were Rico Riciputi, Wentworth By The Sea with a total of 139 and Hanover Country Club's Zac Temple with 140. The chapter's Senior Division Championship was won by Alex Kirk, Hanover CC head professional and Dartmouth College Women's golf head coach. Kirk followed a day one round with of 71 with a 1-over round of 72. Vince Molesky of Apple Hill GC finished second in the senior division with a two day score 144.

(BELOW) The new driving range was open to chapter pros and amateurs participating in the weekly pro am at Montcalm golf club. CJ Konkowski once again led the way as he has done most of the year, with a 4-under par round of 68. Konkowski has a sizeable lead in the chapter's POY standings.



(ABOVE) Alex Kirk, PGA acknowledges his New Hampshire Chapter Senior Division victory.

VERMONT

The largest turnout of the year for the Vermont Chapter was at the Dorset Field Club Pro-Am on Aug. 26, with 120 competitors teeing it up. Kevin Bennisson (Burlington CC) fired an impressive 3-under 67 to edge David Bennett (CC of Vermont) and Peter Weatherby (Ekwanok CC) by a stroke. Roger King (Sugarbush Resort) and Phill Davis (Beaver Meadow CC) tied for 4th, posting 2-over 72's. The Quechee Club, led by Curt Goldsberry, took the team title at 12-under 128 (1 best ball gross + 1 best ball net). The Vermont Golf Association team led by John Goodchild and the Beaver Meadow team led by Phill Davis tied for 2nd, both posting scores of 130 (10 under par). A special thanks once again goes out to Todd Trono and

Golf Value Book for sponsoring the event.

The Vermont Chapter match play was once again held at Ekwanok CC on September 11th and 12th. There were multiple upsets along the way but the final match came down to the number two seed David Jankowski from Burlington CC and the number one seed David Bennett from the Country Club of Vermont. David Bennett got out to a very early lead getting three up thru just four holes. David Jankowski then clawed his way back to just one down going into the 18th hole. His comeback was highlighted by an incredible up and down to what looked like an impossible pin from the green side bunker on the long par four 16th hole. His comeback ultimately fell short as David Bennett hit a wonderful approach shot on the 18th hole to three feet leaving him with just a short birdie putt.

RHODE ISLAND



LEDGEMONT CC

Year	Champion	Venue
2019	Brian Owens	Ledgemont
2018	Matt Doyle	Carnegie Abbey
2017	William MacGuire	Warwick
2016	Matt Doyle	Carnegie Abbey
2015	Brendon Ray	Sakonnet
2014	Eddie Kirby	Misquamicut
2013	Bob Tramonti	Misquamicut
2012	Eddie Kirby	Misquamicut

TOURNAMENT REMINDER

The Rhode Island Chapter will visit Quidnessett GC on October 21 for a 10:00 a.m. shotgun. All chapters are invited!



ASSISTANTS

Congratulations to our NEPGA Assistants Championship winner Greg Kelly, PGA (Myopia Hunt Club). Greg earned a two-stroke win at 3-under par for the 36-hole tournament.

The top six finishers earned a spot in the National Assistants Championship, with Jeff Seavey, PGA (Samoset Resort), Peter Weatherby, PGA (Ekwanok CC), John Paesani, PGA (Bay Club at Mattapoisett)

2019 Rhode Island Chapter Championship

Brian Owens, PGA (North Kingstown GC) won the 2019 RI Chapter Championship with a 1-over par 72 at Ledgemont CC earlier this month. Owens edged Ledgemont CC's own Troy Pare, PGA, and William Maguire, PGA (Wanumetonomy G & CC) by two strokes. It's Owens' first Rhode Island Chapter Championship in 15 years, as he last won it in 2004.

Year	Champion	Venue
2011	Troy Pare	Misquamicut
2010	Jeff Martin	Misquamicut
2009	Jeff Martin	Ledgemont
2008	Scott Spence	Newport & Wanumetonomy
2007	Scott Spence	Montaup & Carnegie Abbey
2006	Jeff Martin	Agawam Hunt
2005	Jeff Martin	Misquamicut
2004	Brian Owens	Metacomet

and Zam Temple, PGA (Hanover CC) qualifying after tying for second place, and Ryan Moseley, PGA (Manchester CC) winning a 3-for-1 playoff for the final spot. Shawn Warren, PGA (Falmouth CC) is the Section's first alternate, and Wyatt Frazier, PGA (Woods Hole GC) is the second alternate.

SENIORS

Congratulations to Dan Gillis, PGA (Nabnasseet Lake CC) on winning Individual Professional honors at the Senior Association Pro+3 Am at Tatnuck CC with a 1-over par 71, good for a two-stroke victory.

Rick Karbowski, PGA (Auburn Driving Range) won Individual Professional honors at the Bass Rocks Pro+3Am, shooting an even-par 69.

The NEPGA Seniors Association Fall Meeting will be October 10 at Kirkbrae CC with the Senior Association Championship taking place the same day.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

CHANGES REPORTED BETWEEN AUG. 17 - OCT. 8

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Benjamin F. Johnson, PGA	A-8	The Oaks Golf Links
Ryan D. Train, PGA	A-8	Belmont Country Club
Andrew D. Schroeder, PGA	A-8	Wianno Golf Club

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Robert C. Hill, PGA	A-1	Alpine Country Club

NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>
Timothy A. Turbeville, PGA

NEWLY REGISTERED ASSOCIATES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Fergus J. Keane III	B-8	Blue Hill Country Club
Evan L. Carty	B-8	Burlington Country Club
Kelly D. Hunt	B-8	Manchester Country Club



FROM PGA HEADQUARTERS

PGA's 103RD ANNUAL MEETING



**PGA Annual Meeting
Nov. 5-9, 2019
Palm Beach County
Convention Center**

PGA's 103rd Annual Meeting will be held at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, West Palm Beach, Fla., Nov. 5-8, 2019.

PGA Members (Non-Delegates), Associates & University Student Registration who would like to attend the PGA Annual Meeting can [**REGISTER HERE**](#) to attend any one single day (Wednesday or Friday), or both Wednesday and Friday. Attendees at-large will be awarded 7 PGA Required MSR credits for any single day or 14 PGA Required MSR credits for attending both days. Attendees at-large must sign-in at the PGA Reg-

istration table in order to be awarded the MSR credits.

PGA Member Delegates, Officers, Past Presidents and Board Members who attend the 103rd PGA Annual Meeting will receive a total of fourteen (14) MSR credits in the PGA Required Category for check in on Tuesday, Nov. 5, or Wednesday, Nov. 6. Members who check in on Thursday, Nov. 7 or Friday, Nov. 8, will receive seven (7) MSR credits in the PGA Required Category. Members must sign-in at the PGA Registration table on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday in order to be awarded the MSR credits.

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