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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Allan Belden, PGA

President
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The recent 2020 New England PGA Planning Session at Atkinson Resort left everybody looking forward to many exciting things to come.

Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season with family and friends. It is a great time of year here in the Northeast when those of us in the golf industry can actually take a breath and hopefully spend some quality time with family. I know as my children enter into adulthood it becomes even more important to carve out family time as they will soon be leaving the nest.

Now that the holidays have passed, I am very excited to let everyone know that the entire NEPGA board of directors and staff have hit the ground running this winter season. We recently spent two days at the Atkinson resort in New Hampshire for our annual planning session. We had an absolutely awesome two days with the chapter leadership and our committee chairs. There were a lot of positive results that were garnered from those two days. I want to give a huge shout out to all chapter leaders, committee chairs and staff for making this such a successful and productive session. I am confident that

with the discussions that have been had over the last few weeks that the services, support and overall energy will be enhanced at the chapter level. I think everyone understands that we are all in this together and the Board of Directors is here to make sure we do everything we can to ensure the success of our chapters. Regardless of demographics we are all NEPGA members and we must work together to be successful. The effort of the group combined will always be greater than what we can accomplish divided. Thank you to Vice President Mike Bradshaw for spearheading the discussions with the chapter leadership. And thank you to the chapter leaders for keeping an open mind and being willing to make changes for the betterment of all of our members.

We also had a very successful discussion with all of our committee chairs. There are a lot of very exciting things coming your way from the Education Committee. If you have not taken



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advantage of NEPGA U as of yet, you are missing out. There are many online education opportunities through the NEPGA U portal. Now is the time to get a jump on your MSR's and allow yourself to be better prepared for the upcoming season at your club.

The Tournament committee has worked diligently over the last few weeks to make sure that our tournament calendar is second to none. Our Section Championship will take place at Myopia Hunt and Tedesco Country Club. We anticipate a record-setting number of entries on what will be the 100th anniversary of our Section Championship. The tournament committee is constantly assessing the success of each event and willing to make the necessary changes so we can offer attractive sites and convenient dates to our members to ensure participation stays on the upswing.

The NEPGA Foundation Committee has worked tirelessly to increase programs for the charitable arm of our association. The Foundation continues to add programs for the Military and our veterans, Junior golfers, all the while expanding on diversity and inclusion programs. The Foundation has grown at a rapid pace the last two years and a big thank you goes out to our Foundation President Rob Jarvis for all of his hard work.

Thank you to all of our committee chairs. It was echoed by many that this year's planning session was one of our best. That is a direct result of the hard work of all of our NEPGA members who selflessly dedicate their time to improve our Association.

While you may be looking at the thermometer and feeling like Spring is a long way off, the planning for our Spring Meeting

at Andover Country Club on March 31st is already coming into focus. We are very excited to have Kraig Kann joining us as our keynote speaker, as well as our PGA Secretary John Lindert. We are thrilled that both of these gentlemen, whose schedules are booked solid, are able to join us. Our goal for this year's meeting is for the program to be more interactive, engaging and ultimately more enjoyable for all members. This will not be the typical Spring meeting and I hope all of you will consider joining us. I think you will be pleased by the change in the format and the engaging content.

Please enjoy your winter season. I hope to see all of you soon.

Allan Belden, PGA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Have YOU Sharpened your Axe Lately?

Have you heard the story of the two lumberjacks? Which one are you?

Right in the middle of the forest there once lived two strong lumberjacks. They both owned a small cabin that was not very far from one another. Lumberjacking was literally their favorite thing in the world to do. Put them next to some oaks or pines with their axe and they are in their glory.

Just like many of us, these two lumberjacks were creatures of habit and routine. Every morning around 4:00 AM the first lumberjack was ready to go into the woods. He would quickly sharpen his axe and start his day. There was no time to waste. The second lumberjack did not wake up so early. His alarm would sound at 7:00 AM, he enjoyed a big lumberjack breakfast, he would listen to

the sounds of nature, and savored every bite of his morning meal.

The first lumberjack worked non-stop all day. He loved the sound of his axe against the wood, the smell of the oak trees, and the feeling of accomplishment he had at the end of each day when he finally went home. His personal goal was to always to chop down 10 trees per day. This made him feel proud and accomplished.

The second lumberjack was a hard worker as well, but his work philosophy differed a little bit from his friend. The second lumberjack would stop occasionally to rest and take a few breaks. During his breaks he would have a little lunch, listen to the birds and rest his arms. Following his break, he would continue to chop more wood, and his daily goal was always to chop down 15 trees. His day would end much earlier than the other lumberjack, and he would also return home feeling very proud and accomplished.

One evening after another long day of chopping down trees, the first lumberjack passed by his friend's house on his way home and he was astonished to count 15



Give me six hour to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.” Abraham Lincoln

trees on his friends' front yard. A bit confused and frankly devastated, he called out to his friend and asked "how can you possibly cut down more trees than me? I know you always begin your day a few hours after I do, and you rest every hour while I continuously work throughout the day. There is no possible way you can chop more wood than I do!! What is your secret?" The second lumberjack laughed, turned to his friend and said, "you are right...I do take a break every hour to rest and eat, but I am also sharpening my axe."

In the first lumberjack's opinion it seemed like such a waste of time to start his day so late and take so many breaks, but in the long run, it had saved the lumberjack time and he had brought better results.

When was the last time you took a break and put some space between yourself and your projects, your work, your friends, your family, or even your own thoughts?

Sometimes all we need is time to not think about what's important to figure out what really needs to be done. As a leader, you must take care of yourself, so you can take care of others. Lasting leaders practice this.

Those of you who know me know that I am a fan of history, especially the history of our US Presidents. President Teddy Roosevelt grew up as a frail kid and knew his only chance of making a difference was to become a life-long learner. When Roosevelt died in his sleep – under his pillow was a book he was reading right up to his dying day. President Harry Truman grew up a bit of a nerd and came to a similar conclusion. Truman had built a plan for personal growth and practiced daily reading habits. He later said, "Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers." And one of my favorite Presidents had a quote that is very fitting for this story. "Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe." — Abraham Lincoln

The New England PGA is constantly trying to provide opportunities to help our NEPGA Professionals sharpen their axes. We are bringing in Kraig Kann as a guest speaker for our Spring Meeting and his message is applicable for every member of our Section. If you are not a member of the New England PGA University, there is a good chance that you are a lumberjack 1.

The New England Section is committed to providing our members with as many opportunities for growth, engagement and development. I urge you to make 2020 the year you get involved and sharpen your axe.

I sincerely wish each and every one of you a prosperous and successful 2020 season. If either myself or any of your talented NEPGA Staff can ever be of assistance to you or your facility, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,



Mike Higgins

Executive Director
New England PGA



PGA

PGA LEAD was created in 2016 to identify, mentor and progress PGA Members from diverse backgrounds into volunteer leadership positions at the Chapter, Section and National levels.

"I was inspired to apply for PGA LEAD because I have a strong desire to become a National volunteer leader within the PGA of America," Allison said. "I saw PGA LEAD as a wonderful opportunity to develop leadership skills with various members of the PGA of America."

Since the inception of PGA LEAD four years ago, six PGA Professionals in the program have already ascended into Board leadership positions within their PGA Sections, including three currently serving as Section Vice Presidents. In addition, another 15 PGA LEAD alumni serve on PGA of America National committees.

"As a female in the golf industry, I have a strong desire to make a meaningful impact and become a leader for other women to excel, Mitzel said. "Females account for less than five percent of the PGA of America, and I hope that through PGA LEAD, I can build upon my current skillset to make a difference down the road."

Up to 15 PGA Professionals are selected the two-year program, which exposes participants to all aspects of volunteer leadership.

"The PGA of America has made meaningful advancements in embracing and leveraging inclusion, and this impressive new class of PGA LEAD members represents a diverse group of individuals who are on a pathway to serve as future golf industry leaders," said PGA President Suzy Whaley, PGA.

PGA LEAD is a compliment to PGA WORKS, a strategic initiative designed to diversify the golf industry's workforce. Funded by PGA REACH, the 501(c)(3) charitable foundation of the PGA of America, PGA WORKS leverages fellowships, scholarships, career exploration events, and the PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship to inspire and engage talent from diverse backgrounds to pursue key employment positions across the golf industry.

ALLISON MITZEL EMBARKS ON PGA LEAD JOURNEY

One of the New England PGA's own was identified as a future leader within the PGA of America. Allison Mitzel, PGA, Head Golf Professional at Laconia Country Club in Laconia, New Hampshire, was selected to the 15-person 2020-21 PGA LEAD Class, the PGA of America announced.



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FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



PGA HOPE **Rhode Island Veterans Home** **Bristol, Rhode Island**

Feb. 18 (2-4)
March 17 (2-4)

Contact Foundation Coordinator
Christian Comeau, PGA to sign up
ccomeau@pgahq.com
(508) 869-0000



PGA HOPE OPEN HOUSE **PGA TOUR Superstore** **Peabody, Mass.**

March 19 (5-8)

Contact Foundation Coordinator
Christian Comeau, PGA to sign up
ccomeau@pgahq.com
(508) 869-0000



BOSTON GOLF EXPO **Seaport World Trade Center** **Boston, Mass.**

Feb. 28-March 1
Various Shifts Available

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 31



Let the NEPGA Foundation fund YOUR golf program to benefit youth, military veterans, or diverse populations! Applications are now open for the 2020 NEPGA Foundation Grant Program. The NEPGA Foundation is proud to allocate \$12,000 in 2020.

[LEARN MORE](#) | [APPLY NOW](#)

3RD ANNUAL FOUNDATION FOURSOMES AUCTION



The NEPGA Foundation Foursomes is back in 2020! By donating a foursome at your facility to this year's auction, you can support the Foundation's mission to improve lives through the game of golf.

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OTIS AIR FORCE BASE FAMILIES GAIN GOLF INTELLIGENCE AT CAPE COD OUTREACH PROGRAM

With the primary mission of intelligence, those stationed at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod are tasked with gathering, analyzing and interpreting information from a variety of sources. At the Cape Cod Junior Golf Outreach Program, their children also have the opportunity to gather, analyze and interpret information from a variety of sources, but in a much different way.

Rather than gathering intelligence for the purpose of defending national interests, children and families of Otis Air Force Base Airmen used information from PGA Professionals Darren Falk (Holly Ridge), Dennis Hoyer (Bass River), Mike Rothera (Pinehills), Dave Donnellan (Hyanis), Matt Baran (The Ridge Club), and Ben Egan (The Bay Club) to build and improve their golf skills at Anchor Strength and Fitness Inc., in Sandwich, Mass.

Nearly a dozen kids turned up for the first session of the program, which was funded by a grant from the New England PGA Foundation. Two more winter sessions are on the schedule for February and March. Kids used SNAG (Starting New At Golf) equipment to learn golf fundamentals in a welcoming and enjoyable setting.

The NEPGA Foundation awarded grants to five programs for youth, military veterans and diverse populations in 2019, funding programs in four of the Section's six Chapters. The Foundation allocates money for programs in all six Chapters, and the 2020 NEPGA Foundation Grant Application is now available. The deadline for top priority is March, 31, 2020.

DRIVE

What is it?

Drive, Chip & Putt is a free, nationwide junior golf program for boys and girls ages 7-15 that focuses on the three fundamental skills of the game — DRIVING, CHIPPING and PUTTING.



CHIP

How does it work?

Drive, Chip & Putt is conducted in four stages:

LOCAL QUALIFYING — 290 host sites in all 50 states • **SUBREGIONAL QUALIFYING** — 57 host sites in 31 states

REGIONAL QUALIFYING — 10 sites, featuring many PGA and USGA championship venues

NATIONAL FINALS — 80 junior golfers competing at Augusta National Golf Club the Sunday before the Masters Tournament and broadcast live on Golf Channel



PUTT

How do we get started?

A parent or guardian should register each child for one local competition at DriveChipandPutt.com.

Have fun learning and practicing golf skills.

Tell your friends to join.



DRIVE CHIP & PUTT

WHEN YOU TEACH YOUR KIDS TO LOVE GOLF,
THEY WIN FOR A LIFETIME.

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USGA



PGA

IT'S PLAYTIME

SHOW ME THE *MONEY*

When it comes to scholarship funding for junior golfers and families of New England PGA Professionals, there's something for EVERYONE!

Since its inception, the New England PGA Foundation (formerly the New England Professional Golfers Association Scholarship Fund) has awarded over \$550,000 in college scholarships to the children, grandchildren and step-children of PGA Professionals, as well as junior golfers in New England.

Under the direction of the New England PGA Foundation and its Scholarship Committee, the NEPGA aims to continue growing the number of scholarships available, as well as the amount of funding available each year.

Just last year, the Avidia Bank Scholarship was created to benefit up to five junior golfers in New England pursuing higher education, becoming the ninth scholarship offered to junior golfers and families of PGA Professionals within the New England Section.

PGA of America's Financial Assistance Fund applications are due April 3. All students wishing to apply for the Wemyss, O'Rourke, Murphy, and the PGA of America Scholarships who meet the PGA of America's 3.4 GPA requirement can apply for all four scholarships at once through the PGA of America's Financial Assistance Fund. All children,



Emily Nash, a finance major at Elon University, is a recipient of the Avidia Bank Scholarship

grandchildren and step-children of Class A NEPGA members in good standing are eligible to apply for the PGA of America Scholarship, the Wemyss Scholarship, the O'Rourke Scholarship, and the Murphy Scholarship. Students who meet the NEPGA's 3.2 GPA requirement but do not meet the PGA of America's 3.4 GPA requirement can apply for the Wemyss, O'Rourke and Murphy Scholarships through the separate applications linked on the website.



Alex Greblich, a general business major at the University of Alabama, is a recipient of the Avidia Bank Scholarship

Which PGA and New England PGA Scholarships am I Eligible For?



* Member of the New England PGA Section in good standing, living or deceased

^ GPA requirements vary

** Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Smithfield, or Woonsocket

Must show engagement with the game of golf!

! Must be planning a career in golf the golf industry

Visit nepga.com/foundation/scholarships/ for complete requirements and to apply



Registration Now Open for Drive, Chip and Putt Qualifiers

The USGA, Masters Tournament and PGA of America announced that registration for 2020-2021 Drive, Chip and Putt qualifying is now open.

The schedule of qualifiers, set to begin this summer at hundreds of locations nationwide, was also released, including the 10 venues hosting regional qualifiers for participants who advance in the fall. This list of iconic championship sites around the country features four new regional venues (Pebble Beach Golf Links, Quail Hollow Club, The Bear's Club and TPC Scottsdale) as well as six returning venues (Alotian Club, Colorado Golf Club, Medinah Country Club, Oakland Hills Country Club, Oakmont Country Club and TPC River Highlands) that have long served as host to some of golf's greatest moments. Medinah, Oakmont, Oakland Hills and Pebble Beach have hosted a combined 24 U.S. Open championships, while both Oakmont (2025) and Pebble Beach (2027) are currently slated as future championship sites.

In addition, both Oakmont and Oakland Hills have hosted three PGA Championships, while Oakland Hills was also the site of the 2004 Ryder Cup. Medinah has hosted two PGA Championships and the 2012 Ryder Cup; both Pebble Beach and Quail Hollow have hosted one PGA Championship each; and Colorado Golf Club hosted the 2010 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

Drive, Chip and Putt is a fun and free youth golf development initiative for junior golfers of all skill and ability levels, aimed at sparking a lifelong interest in the game. The initiative welcomes boys and girls, ages 7-15, to participate in local qualifying events in all 50 states throughout the months of May, June, July and August. Entrants will play in girls' and boys' divisions in four age categories, with scoring centered around golf's three fundamental skills – driving, chipping and putting.



The PGA of America is proud of the great tradition that Drive, Chip and Putt has become through our longstanding partnership with both the USGA and the Masters Tournament."

Top performers at the local level will advance through subregional and regional qualifiers in July/August and September/October, respectively. From these qualifiers, 80 finalists – 40 boys and 40 girls – will earn an

invitation to compete in the National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club on Sunday, April 4, the eve of the 2021 Masters. Qualifiers are conducted by all 41 sections of the PGA of America across the country.

"Drive, Chip and Putt is a unique and exciting opportunity for participants of all skill levels to get started in the game," said Fred Ridley, Chairman of Augusta National Golf Club and the Masters Tournament. "Our partnership with the USGA and PGA of America is rooted in the shared mission of engaging golf's next generation, and each year, we are encouraged by the smiles we see as boys and girls have fun playing a game we hope they enjoy for the rest of their lives."

"The PGA of America is proud of the great tradition that Drive, Chip and Putt has become through our longstanding partnership with both the USGA and the Masters Tournament," said PGA President Suzy Whaley, PGA. "Each year, Drive, Chip and Putt serves as a special opportunity for girls and boys to showcase their golf skills and their passion for the game in a fun and welcoming environment. We're excited that PGA Professionals will help inspire the next generation to pursue a lifetime of enjoyment through the game of golf, as we host qualifying events across each of our 41 PGA Sections nationwide."



The Path to Augusta

1

Compete in one of 8 local qualifiers within the New England Section



2

Advance to one of to Sub Regionals within the New England Section



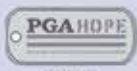
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Advance to the Regional Qualifier at TPC River Highlands, site of the Travelers Championship



4

Advance to the National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, site of the Masters



2020 New England PGA Drive, Chip & Putt Local Qualifiers

June 6

Val Halla Golf & Rec Center
Cumberland, ME

June 13

Button Hole
Providence, RI

June 25

Cranberry Valley
Harwich, MA

June 28

Cyprian Keyes GC
Boylston, MA

July 7

The Bay Club
Mattapoisett, MA

July 14

Windham CC
Windham, NH

July 22

Granite Links GC
Quincy, MA

July 30

The Kwinl Club
South Burlington, VT



Sub Regionals

August 9

Renaissance GC
Haverhill, MA

August 12

Franklin CC
Franklin, MA



PGA Junior League Registration is Open

Discover team golf experiences with expert coaching from PGA & LPGA Professionals for boys and girls, ages 17 and under, of all skill levels

PGA Jr. League is the flagship youth pillar program of PGA REACH. The aim is to make PGA Jr. League accessible to all children, regardless of circumstance.

This unique approach highlights team play versus individual competition and serves as a feeder system to transition youth golfers to existing junior golf programs, such as those offered by local PGA Sections.



HELP WANTED!

College students looking for golf industry experience encouraged to apply for NEPGA Junior Tour Internship

The NEPGA Junior Golf Tour is a series of 100+ events at some of the finest facilities in the region. The tour requires ten (10) interns to operate this incredibly busy schedule which begins in June and ends in late August. Considering this, we need to have the best interns to run the NEPGA Junior Golf Tour.

We're looking for someone who has the following qualities: golf experience, strong work ethic, and strong organizational skills. If you know anyone of interest or someone who you would recommend to join the NEPGA Junior Golf staff as an intern, please have him/her email their cover letter and resume to:

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New England PGA
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Boylston, MA 01505
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jsettles@pgahq.com



2020 New England PGA Internship Job Description

The PGA of America is the largest working sports organization in the world with over 27,000 members and apprentices and over 400 staff members throughout the country. As “experts in the game and business of golf,” the purpose of the PGA is to promote the enjoyment of and involvement in the game of golf, and to contribute to its growth by serving millions of people throughout its 41 Sections nationwide.

The New England Section of The PGA of America is headquartered in Boylston, MA, and serves more than 470 golf facilities and over 1000 professional members and apprentices throughout MA, VT, NH, ME, and RI. In addition to managing the day to day affairs of the New England PGA and its Foundation, the Section operates the New England PGA Junior Tour (“Junior Tour”). The Junior Tour is the leading and most comprehensive tour in New England as it consists of more than 1000 junior members and over 100 tournaments conducted annually.

INTERNSHIP DATES:
May 23–August 18, 2020 (start and finish dates are somewhat flexible based on successful applicant’s school schedules)

DESCRIPTION:
The New England PGA is seeking qualified applicants for its 2020 summer internship position in golf tournament operations. Successful applicants will be responsible for helping conduct all day-to-day operations of our summer Junior Tour. The Junior Tour provides daily golf tournaments throughout New England for junior golfers ages 9-21.

The following information will provide you with a better understanding into everything the internship entails.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinate junior events with host PGA Professional, F&B Manager, rules officials, volunteers and staff
- Tournament administration onsite at NEPGA Junior events and Section events.
- Assist/Shadow the Executive Director, Director of Operations, & Tournament Director on PGA Professional events
- Manage/update junior golf website
- Responsible for maintaining junior database & mailing tee gifts
- Produce & manage event production in Blue Golf Tournament Software
- Maintain working relationships with Junior Tour sponsors to ensure vendor satisfaction
- Assist in marketing & promotion of all Junior Golf Programs
- Effectively communicate with parents, juniors, and host professional staff
- Reconciliation of financial and result summaries
- On site responsibilities such as registration, tee set up, starting, rules officiating, scoring, and awards presentations
- Manage company equipment inventory and maintenance
- Provide occasional in office support of Junior Tour programming
- Other duties as assigned

EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:

- Basic knowledge of the game of golf
- Ability to work and communicate effectively in a Team based environment
- Enjoy working with children and young adults ages 9-21
- Automobile access with willingness and ability to travel within the New England Area required
- Interest in a career in golf or sports administration is preferred
- Must have existing insurance through school or parents
- Knowledge of the Rules of Golf a plus
- Basic Computer knowledge (Microsoft Excel etc.)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong work ethic, physical stamina
- Well organized, punctual, energetic, detail oriented, and a “self-starter”
- Must be in college or a recent graduate

CLICK APPLICATION TO APPLY



2020 New England PGA Spring Meeting

Tuesday, March 31
Andover Country Club



GUEST SPEAKERS

Kraig Kann | John Lindert, PGA

KANN, LINDERT TO SPEAK AT SPRING MEETING

*Kann also offering seminar
after the meeting*

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

The 2020 New England PGA Spring Meeting will be much different than those in years past. Guest speakers Kraig Kann and PGA of America Secretary John Lindert, PGA, will each present at the meeting, taking the place of the traditional committee reports. Kann will also offer a special seminar following the meeting.

After delivering the meeting's keynote address, Kann, a former Golf Channel on-air personality, will offer a special three-hour seminar titled "The Power of Presentation". The seminar will run from 1-4 PM and includes lunch. Seating is limited, so sign up online prior to the meeting in order to participate.

"Today we all want to become better influencers, and the way to do that is to become a more effective public



speaker," Kann said. "Word of mouth marketing is more important than ever before, and if you're trying to build your business or your personal brand, you need to create a following. We do that by becoming an effective public speaker. I hope you'll find your way into that room."

Lindert will also speak at the Spring Meeting. Lindert was elected as a PGA Officer at the 2018 PGA Annual Meeting and has been a PGA Member for more than 35 years. He is the PGA Director of Golf/Chief Operating Officer at The Country Club of Lansing, Michigan. He served as President of the Michigan PGA Section from 2010-11 and was the 2009 Michigan PGA Golf Professional of the Year.

The 2020 NEPGA Spring Meeting is Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at Andover Country Club. In lieu of oral reports, committee updates will be distributed digitally.

BACK TO WHERE IT BEGAN

100TH NEPGA CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE CONTESTED AT THE MYOPIA HUNT CLUB, TEDESCO CC

Freshly minted as one of the top 100 golf courses in the world, The Myopia Hunt Club will co-host the 100th New England PGA Championship in August of 2020. Myopia served as the host of the inaugural NEPGA Championship in 1921, and will host the tournament for just the second time. Tedesco Country Club will join Myopia as co-host of the Championship, which will be staged Aug. 17-19, 2020.

Golf Magazine ranked Myopia as the No. 92 Best Course in the World for 2020-21, setting the stage for a memorable Centennial Section Championship in 2020. Myopia, in South Hamilton, Mass., was designed by Herbert Corey Leeds and plays 6,539 yards at a par of 72. Just 11 miles away in Marblehead, Mass., Tedesco Country Club, measures 6,454 yards and plays to a par of 70. Tedesco underwent a \$1.6 million renovation in 2018 designed by architect Ron Forse which included a complete bunker redesign, expansion of greens and the introduction of fescue and naturalized areas.

Tedesco Country Club has never hosted the NEPGA Section Championship, but is no stranger to big events. Five Massachusetts Opens have been contested at Tedesco, along with numerous Massachusetts Amateur Championships and Stage I of PGA and LPGA Qualifying.



Tedesco Country Club hosted the 2019 NEPGA Senior-Junior Championship

The NEPGA Section Championship is open to all PGA Professionals within the New England Section and offers one of the largest professional purses of any golf tournament in New England outside of the PGA TOUR each year. 2019 champion Shawn Warren, PGA, took home a \$12,000 winner's check from the \$88,000 purse, the largest in New England outside of the PGA TOUR.

In addition to battling for a payday and a place in NEPGA history, the Section Championship serves as the first step in the path to the PGA Championship for NEPGA Professionals. The top 12 finishers will qualify for the PGA Professional National Championship where they will

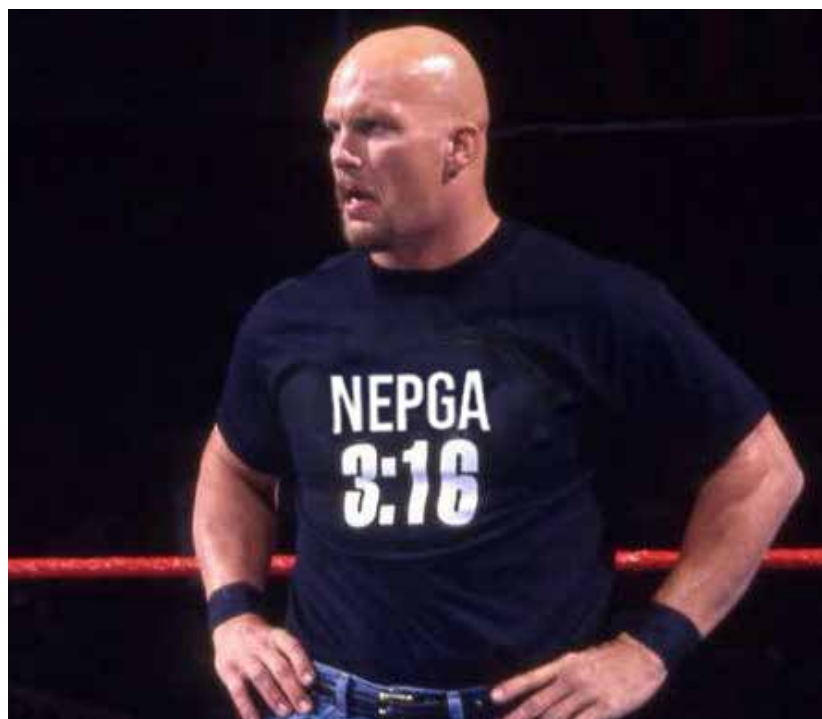
Fun Fact:

Willie Anderson's winning score of 331 in the 1901 U.S. Open at the Myopia Hunt Club still stands as the record for the highest winning score in U.S. Open history.

compete against Professionals from the other 40 PGA Sections around the country. The top 20 finishers from the National Championship will qualify for the 2021 PGA Championship at Kiawah Island's Ocean Course. At least one New England PGA Professional has qualified for the PGA Championship in each of the last five years.

Gil Nichols, PGA, won the inaugural NEPGA Championship in 1921 at The Myopia Hunt Club. Nichols cashed a \$100 winners check after shooting 78-78 in the one-day, 36-hole tournament. Runner-up Louis Tellier set the course record in the first round of the tournament, shooting 72, but eventually lost by a stroke.

Myopia has hosted the U.S. Open four times: 1898, 1901, 1905 and 1908. Willie Anderson's winning score of 331 in the 1901 U.S. Open still stands as the record for the highest winning score in U.S. Open history.



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2020 NEPGA Schedule

Date	Tournament	Site
March 22-25	NEPGA Pinehurst Pro-Am	Pinehurst Nos. 1, 2, 4, 8
March 31	NEPGA Spring Meeting	Andover CC
April 16	Pro-Pro Scramble	Hatherly CC
April 21	Stroke Play Series #1	Newport National
April 26-29	PGA Professional National Championship	Omni Barton Creek
April 27	Fall River Pro-Am	Fall River CC
May 4	Portsmouth Pro-Am	Portsmouth CC
May 11-12	NEPGA Pro-Pro Match Play Championship	Kirkbrae CC
May 14-17	PGA Championship	Harding Park
May 14	Hudson Cup	Marshfield CC
May 18	Acushnet Pro-Assistant	The Bay Club
May 26	NEPGA Pro-Am Championship	Pinehills Golf Club
June 1	Stroke Play Series #2	Nashawtuc CC
June 8	Sam Sylvia Boys & Girls Club Pro-Am Invitational	Sankaty Head GC
June 8	Live & Work in Maine Open Monday Qualifier (Korn Ferry Tour)	The Ledges
June 8-14	Live & Work in Maine Open (Korn Ferry Tour)	Falmouth CC
June 25	NEPGA Pro + 1AM	Plymouth CC
June 29	Thorny Lea Pro-Am	Thorny Lea GC
July 6	Stroke Play Series #3	Ledgemont CC
July 9	NEPGA Pro-Officer	Wollaston GC
July 15	NEPGA Pro-Senior	Bass Rocks
July 20	Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship	The Haven CC
July 23	NEPGA Pro-Lady Invitational	Kernwood CC
July 28-29	NEPGA Senior Championship	Woodstock CC
Aug. 3	Stroke Play Series #4	Cohasset GC
August 17-19	NEPGA Championship	Myopia Hunt Club/Tedesco CC
Aug. 25	NEPGA Head Pro/Teaching Pro Championship	LeBaron Hills CC
Sept. 8	Stroke Play Series #5	Haverhill CC
Sept. 14	NEPGA Senior-Junior Championship	TBD
Sept. 21-22	NEPGA Assistants Championship	Renaissance
September 28	Avidia Cup Finals/Stroke Play Series Finals	Portland CC
October 1	NEPGA Pro-Superintendent	TBD
October 4	IGOE Pro-Member	Wellesley CC
TBD	NEPGA UK Pro-AM	TBD
October 13	NEPGA Cape Cod Fall Festival Day 1	Oyster Harbors
October 14	NEPGA Cape Cod Fall Festival Day 2	Eastward Ho! CC
October 15	NEPGA Cape Cod Fall Festival Day 3	Cape Cod National
October 15	NEPGA Cape Cod Fall Festival Day 3	New Seabury
October 16	NEPGA Cape Cod Fall Festival Day 4	Wianno Club
TBD	George S. Wemyss Scholarship Pro-Am	TBD
TBD	Mohegan Sun Sox vs. Stripes Championship	Mohegan Sun CC
November 9-11	Las Vegas Pro-Am	Cascata, Reflection Bay, South Shore



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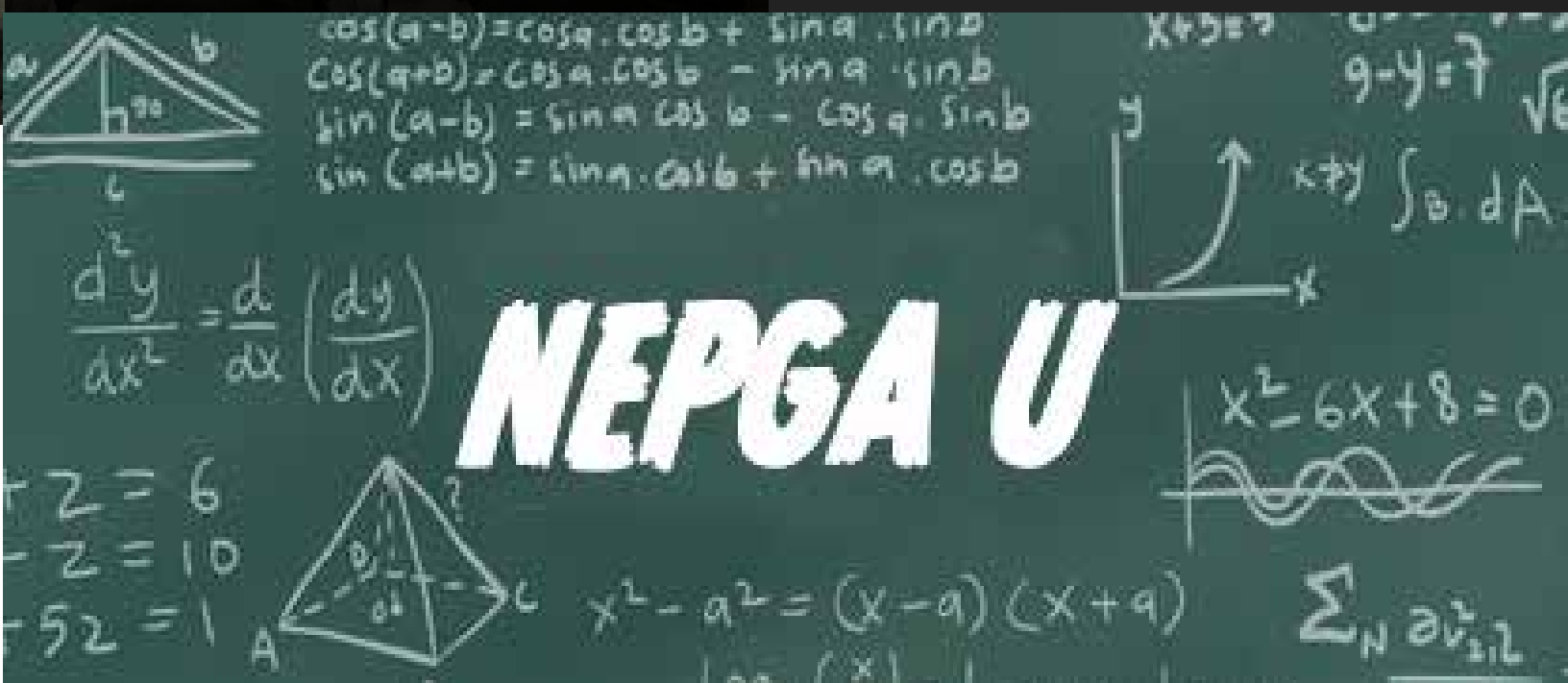
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Supers Get Their Say

Protecting your greens from the unintended consequence of putting with the flagstick in

Well, we're about halfway through the winter now, and we'll be back out on the course again before we know it! While the golf courses of New England lie dormant for the season, the wheels of the golf industry keep on spinning behind the scenes, with many NEPGA Professionals visiting the PGA Merchandise Show last month and continuing to prepare for the busy upcoming golf season. Likewise, the wheels of the USGA Rules Committee continue to spin year-round as well, and following the pattern of the past year or so, they've given us a few updates to the Rules of Golf to begin the new year.

This first one may prove to be a favorite of our Superintendents, many of whom have been lamenting increasingly worn or damaged cups as more golfers have gotten into the habit of putting with the flagstick in. While previously the Equipment Rules specified that no attachments were allowed lower than 3 inches above the ground, the USGA has made an exception to that Rule, perhaps to mitigate the damage done while pulling a ball out of the hole with the flagstick in: under the new Rule, "attachments to the pole may be permitted more than 3 inches below the putting green surface but must be constrained to this area." The practical effect of this change is that golf courses are now permitted to use ball-removal discs (similar to the ones that have been in use on prac-



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Ok, so only a few weeks into the golf season and self-admittedly I'm a huge fan of the pin in rule change but I've noticed way more damage around the cup than normal for this time of year. This was after just one day. Usually cup edges rock solid this time of year w/good roots



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*Max Doctoroff, PGA
Tournament Director
New England PGA*



tice greens for years) on the flagsticks on the golf course, the intended effect being that players can remove their golf balls from the hole without damaging it by simply pulling the pin. This practice is already being utilized at various courses around Florida and elsewhere, and may be a good option to help protect the condition of your facility's putting greens. The important thing is that the attachment must be constrained to more than three inches below the surface of the green at all times!

The second change implemented in the new year applies to the Equipment Rules again, and has to do with Rule 4.3a: Allowed and Prohibited Use of Equipment. The new text goes into detail about "alignment devices," and explains how using one can cause a breach of Rule 4.3a. The gist of the Rule is that if you use a ball marker of a certain size, that's been manufactured or modified to help you orient your ball on your line of play, you are in breach of Rule 4.3a. The Equipment Rules go into great detail about what features constitute an alignment device, but I'll just hit the highlights here: if your ball marker is larger than two inches in any horizontal direction, and has a line or similar directional indicator that is longer than two inches, you may not use that ball marker to help orient the markings on your ball along the line of play. As I mentioned, I've just scratched the surface of what constitutes an alignment device, and have only mentioned the most likely way somebody could breach



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the Rule out of ignorance. If you're unsure about whether your ball marker is admissible in tournament play, or you're unsure if one of your members is in breach of the Rule in club tournament play, please consult Part 7 of the Equipment Rules for more clarification.

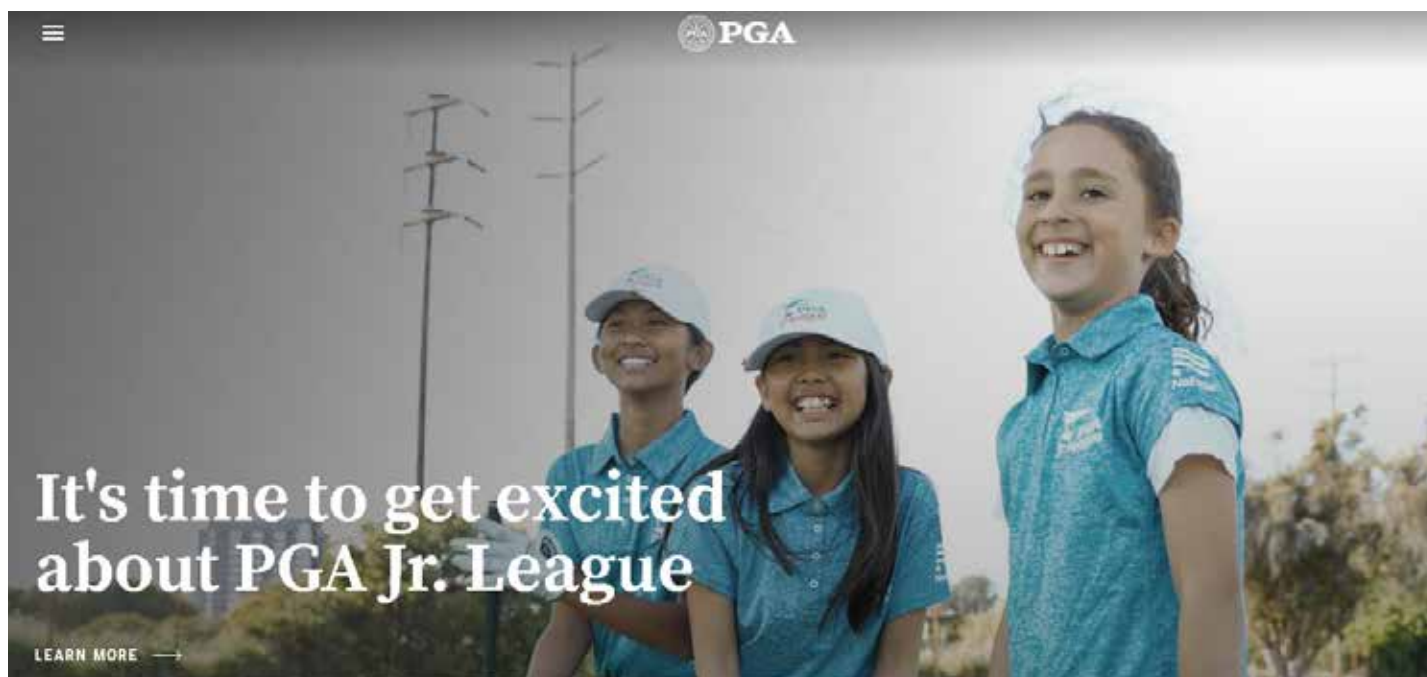
The final clarification of the Rules issued by the USGA so far this year isn't a change of a Rule, but more like a public service announcement about backstopping, which all golfers would do well to keep in mind, in order to maintain good sportsmanship and the integrity of the game. Backstopping is when one player leaves their ball in a position near the hole where another player, whose ball lies off the green, could benefit from the ball being there (it could stop the second player's ball from running down a steep slope, for example). While there is a penalty for making an agreement to leave the ball there (as this would be a conspiracy against the other players in the field), there is no penalty if no agreement is made. While the USGA did not see fit to modify this Rule, they have issued a best practice/recommendation regarding the topic: "in stroke play, if there is a reasonable possibility that a player's ball close to the hole could help another player who is about to play from off the green, both players should ensure that the player whose ball is close to the hole marks and lifts that ball before the other player plays. If all players follow this best practice, it ensures the protection of the best interests of everyone in the competition." As I said, this is not a change to the Rules and is therefore not a requirement but in stroke play, many of the other players are not going to be present to protect their interests so it's up to every golfer to protect their competitors' interests for them. As golf is a game of honor, this practice is just something to keep in mind to help maintain the integrity of a game that is built on just that...Integrity.

Your View From The Fairway



Joan Stuart

NEPGA Director
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PGA OF AMERICA DEBUTS NEW PGA.COM TO ENHANCE CONNECTION BETWEEN PGA PROFESSIONALS AND CONSUMERS

The PGA of America has launched a newly reimagined PGA.com to connect consumers with PGA Professionals. The redesigned site, which is now managed in-house by the PGA, focuses on the journey a golfer takes to begin or improve his or her game, no matter their skill level.

PGA.com and its affiliated championship sites will also continue to provide coverage of prominent events, such as the PGA Championship, Ryder Cup, KPMG Women's PGA Championship and KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. However, an important emphasis of PGA.com will be on the opportunities enabled by enhancing the coach-consumer relationship.



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"PGA.com is designed to bring to life the special relationship between PGA Professionals and consumers through coaching and other consumer-focused services, with a vision that 'your best golf is ahead of you,'" said PGA Interactive General Manager Rob Smith. "There are so many ways in which a journey in golf can positively impact your life. Our job is to identify the best ways to connect with PGA Professionals across all aspects of the game, beginning with coaching."

An important shift in the new PGA.com site will be speaking through the voice of the PGA Professional. On the site, PGA Professionals will be featured prominently and given the opportunity to provide exclusive content to engage consumers, including first-person feature articles, videos and advice to help golfers with various aspects of the game and the golf lifestyle.

In the second phase of the launch, scheduled for later this year, consumers will be able to easily search for PGA Professionals who have completed both their American Development Model for Golf (ADM) training available on www.PGA.Coach and a detailed PGA.com coach profile. ADM utilizes long-term athlete development and quality coaching concepts to promote sustained physical activity, athlete safety and age-appropriate growth. PGA.com is designed to help these coaches establish a relationship with new golfers and then build upon that connection, to give consumers the resources they need to achieve their goals.

"The PGA of America is committed to the future of coaching through the American Development Model for Golf," said PGA President Suzy Whaley. "As we look to transition the industry from a transaction against a lesson to the lifetime value in a coaching relationship, PGA.com is being architected to facilitate the digital evolution of coaching."

"The connection that consumers and coaches will be able to make through PGA.com is invaluable, as golf brings people together," explains Trillium Rose, Chair of the PGA of America's Coaching and Player Development Committee. "Our mission is to help golfers navigate their golf journey, so they can take it as far as they want to go. I strongly encourage PGA Members to complete their ADM training and their coach profiles, in order to create an affinity with golfers of all skill levels who wish to improve their game."

In the Fall, the PGA is also scheduled to launch the first version of its B2B marketplace for PGA and LPGA Teaching Professionals. This marketplace will be the official platform to connect coaches with the best products, services and technology in the business.

"Every year, for a week in January, the golf industry gathers under the PGA brand in Orlando," noted Jeff Price, Chief Commercial Officer for the PGA of America. "Going forward, our vision is to enhance connectivity between PGA Professionals and industry partners through a dynamic digital marketplace 365 days a year."

PGA.com is currently vetting potential platform partners for activation within the PGA's coach-consumer roadmap. This will include solutions that support coaches directly; solutions targeted primarily for consumers to help them start and engage more fully with the game; and other solutions designed to positively support coach-consumer engagement.

The PGA of America partnered with global experience agency Huge on the strategy, creative, and technical execution of the new PGA.com.

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MEMBERS

Celebrating Three Prominent African-American Mentors in Golf

By Charles Dillahunt
PGA of America

To celebrate Black History Month, the PGA of America is highlighting influential African-American PGA Professionals. Each is making an impact on the golf industry by helping ensure that the future makeup of the game mirrors America.

It's great to play golf or work in the industry, but without an experienced mentor to help answer questions and clear a path to success, it could be easy to fall short of your dreams.

Many PGA Professionals are paving new paths, including African-American PGA Professionals Jeff Dunovant (pictured above with daughter, Kendall), PGA; Mackenzie Mack, PGA, LPGA, MBA; and Howie Pruitt, PGA. Each is making an impact on the next generation of the golf industry as mentors.

The son of renowned PGA Member Harold Dunovant, Jeff and his dad are the first African-American father-son duo to become PGA Quarter Century Members (at least 25 years of PGA

Membership). Jeff was mentored by his father and some of his dad's closest friends in the industry, including African-American golf legends Lee Elder, Calvin Peete and Charlie Sifford.

"I love this game, and I'm willing to do anything to see it grow," said Jeff Dunovant. "My love of the game came from hanging around my dad at the courses where he was a head professional, and being in the golf atmosphere around great black golfers. I would hit balls daily, take lessons, and before I knew it, I was obsessed with it."

Now the PGA Director of Golf Operations and Head Professional for The First Tee of Metro Atlanta and Jon A. White Park Golf Course, Dunovant is a mentor for the next generation of golf employees. He is also a varsity golf coach at Drew Charter School, which in 2019 became the first all-African American high school golf team to win a Georgia state championship.

"For me, it was always important to make sure younger kids had someone who looked like me in this role," Dunovant explained. "It serves as

real motivation when you see someone who looks like you in where you want to be. I always make it a point to go out of my way to help younger, diverse individuals, because I know it means the future of this industry will become just that."

One person to benefit from Dunovant's mentorship is his daughter, Kendall.

"Kendall now works for the USGA as a Rules Coordinator, and she decided to take that job because she saw that her father and grandfather both loved working in the industry," said Dunovant. "She wasn't always sure she wanted to work in golf, but because she had two golf mentors right in front of her, it became an easier and more attractive decision."

Dunovant played for Fayetteville State University in the most culturally significant championship in collegiate golf, the PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship. Dunovant returns to the event each year at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida, to mentor current student-athletes from Historically Black Colleges and Universities,



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Mackenzie Mack, PGA, LPGA, MBA, also played in the PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship, for Indiana State University. A role model for black women, Mack grew up the daughter of a school principal and was surrounded by mentors throughout her life. Giving back to others aspiring to a career in the game is a huge part of her mission, as well.

"I saw my mother's passion for mentoring and helping youth along their life journey from a young age, and it naturally rubbed off on me, as well," said Mack. "To be able to combine my passion for leading youth with my passion for the golf industry, it's honestly been a dream come true."

Currently serving as the Associate Executive Director for The First Tee of Tennessee in Memphis and West Tennessee Regional Director for The Tennessee Golf Foundation, Mack is in charge of managing and growing junior golf in western Tennessee.

"My job is to make sure that kids from all backgrounds have an equal opportunity to enjoy this sport," said Mack. "Our goal is to go wherever the kids and their parents are, because if we only wait for them to come to us, we won't grow."

Mack also hopes to pursue a leadership position within the PGA of America, so she entered the PGA LEAD emerging leaders program. PGA LEAD is designed to identify, mentor and progress PGA Professionals from diverse backgrounds into volunteer leadership roles at the Chapter, Section and National levels of the Association.

"Seeing is believing, and to me, I know that to increase African-American women's presence in golf I need to serve as a leader," said Mack. "Not only to share diverse perspec-

tives on how the future of golf should look, but to also serve as an example or a mentor for young girls who look like me, but may not see someone like us in positions of influence. It's crucial for development and diversity in the game of golf."

These sentiments are shared by Aspen Lakes Golf Course PGA Head Professional and Director of Player Development Howie Pruitt, of Bend, Oregon, who also joined PGA LEAD. He now holds a governing position in the Pacific Northwest PGA Section. A U.S. Army Veteran who taught himself how to play golf by reading Ben Hogan's instructional book, *Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf*, Pruitt is as an example of black leadership in golf.

"It was important for me to run for Section Office positions, because I noticed trends that I thought needed to improve in the industry, such as a lack of diversity," said Pruitt. "But with no mentor to rely on, I was ill-prepared to run and ended up losing on my first attempt. No one reached out then and told me to not give up, so I made it a point from that day on to ensure others behind me had an example of someone who never gave up and chased a leadership position in the industry."

With tremendous persistence, Pruitt was elected as Secretary of the Pacific Northwest PGA Section in 2018. He is now the Vice President of the Section and is positioned to become Section President in 2022.

"For years, the PGA of America did not represent the diverse face of golf, but I knew in order to change that I wasn't able to just sit back and complain," said Pruitt. "I had to take initiative, help start initiatives and get out of my comfort zone to keep running for office, so that my voice and concerns of those who look like me would be heard."

As a leader, Pruitt wants to make sure that the next generation of golf employees are well prepared to lead and continue to diversify the industry.

"My philosophy is no secrets allowed," said Pruitt. "I want my staff to be well-prepared and have all the information possible so that we can all improve the golf experience for the next generation of employees and players. It's important to be ready to welcome all people from all backgrounds, so that our game can continue to thrive and grow."

With leaders like Dunovant, Mack, Pruitt and many others working to make sure golf looks more like them, the industry is positioning itself to truly reflect the face of America.

CHAPTER ROUND UP

NEWS AND NOTES FROM AROUND THE SECTION

CAPE COD *submitted by Mickey Herron, PGA*



Holly Ridge PGA Professional Darren Falk leads the second edition of the Chapters' Junior Clinics – a program made possible by an NEPGA Foundation grant to hold three such clinics on the Cape this winter. Most of the attending kids were between the ages of 7-11 who have parent(s) working on the military base on the Upper Cape. These two-hour clinics introduced beginners to the game using SNAG and other teaching aids and followed by a pizza lunch after each session.



Assisting Darren Falk for this 2nd clinic were Woods Hole PGA Professionals Brian Kearn and Glenn Kelly (pictured above) whose knowledge and wisdom were generously shared with 10 young golfers – at Anchor Fitness facility in Sandwich, MA. All of the attending parents were enthusiastically grateful for a chance to have their kids learn the game of golf. The 3rd and final session is scheduled for Sat. March 7th (11 am – 1 pm) at the same indoor facility. If any chapter member is interested in helping Darren and the Chapters' most worthwhile project – please contact Darren directly via email at dtfalk@pga.com. *Read more about the clinics on pg. 10!*

RHODE ISLAND *submitted by Shane Drury, PGA*

I hope everyone's 2020 is off to a nice start. The RIPGA 2020 tournament schedule is looking great with some of the finest golf courses in our region contesting some of our competitions. The RIPGA Board of Directors has met twice to ensure a successful season. This fall our Chapter Championship is hosted by Misquamicut GC. Our state is hosting the US Senior Open at the historic and iconic Newport Country Club with great anticipation.

The RIPGA Spring meeting will be on April 7 at 10 am (site tbd). As mentioned we have a wonderful lineup of courses to compete on this year (Warwick, above- Metacomet, Sakonnet, Quidnesset) – with Tournament Manager, Mick Herron and Tournament Chairman, Brian Owens and VP Nick Maresca finalizing some definitive dates and new sponsors! We will be adding a wonderful new tournament, the RIPGA Pro-Lady at the Kirkbrae Country Club on Thursday June 25. There will be eight tournament



opportunities on the 2020 schedule. Official registration on bluegolf will begin April 1st but the schedule shall be viewable shortly. With the weather so great as of this posting, I am off to play the challenging Swansea Country Club Par 3 (50 degrees in the dead of winter!). I hope the Spring weather is this great!

Thanks and good luck to all in 2020!- Contact me anytime 401-954-5803.

MASSACHUSETTS

submitted by Jacy Settles

The 2020 Mass Chapter schedule is complete. Registration will open soon and registration information will be emailed as soon as it is available.

This year's schedule includes seven chapter events, highlighted by the Chapter Championship on Sept. 17 at Ipswich CC. Check out the complete schedule below.

Day	Tournament	Site
April 6 (M)	6,6,6	TPC Boston
April 14 (Tu)	Spring Meeting & Pro-Pro	Marshfield CC
June 10 (W)	Pro + 3AM	Foxborough
Sept. 17 (Tu)	Chapter Championship	Ipswich CC
Oct. 20 (Tu)	Fall Meeting & Pro-Pro	Haven CC
Nov. 2 (M)	Individual Stableford	Thomson CC
Nov. 9 (M)	Pro-Pro	Blue Hill CC

New for 2020: Direct deposit payments for purse winnings are mandatory starting this year. NEPGA Professionals will not receive paper checks and will have to wait for the direct deposit process to be completed in order to receive their payments. Don't wait - sign up for direct deposit now at the following link: <https://p.ga/ach>



The Haven Country Club

MAINE *submitted by Don Doyon*

The 2020 Maine Chapter Schedule is nearly finalized. Pro-Ams and Championships are scheduled as follows:

Day	Tournament	Site
April 14 (Tu)	Spring Meeting	Woodlands
May 11 (M)	Pro-Am #1	Falmouth
May 19 (Tu)	Pro-Am #2	Prouts Neck
June 1 (M)	Pro-Am #3	Dutch Elm
June 9 (Tu)	Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship	Boothbay
TBD	Pro-Pro Match Play	TBD
June 18 (Th)	Pro-Am #4	Sunday River
June 22 (M)	Pro-Am #5	Martindale
July 6 (M)	Pro-Am #6	Woodlands
July 21 (Tu)	Pro-Am #7	Sugarloaf
July 22-23	State of Maine Championship	Sugarloaf
July 27	Pro-Junior Championship	Val Halla
Aug. 11 (Tu)	Pro-Lady Championship	Riverside
Aug. 24 (M)	Pro-Am #8	Natanis-Tomahawk
Sept. 1 (Tu)	Chapter Championship	Rockland
Sept. 2 (W)	Chapter Championship	Samoset
Sept. 8 (Tu)	Pro-Am Championship	Waterville
Sept. 14 (M)	Pro-Am #9	Cape Arundel
Sept. 15 (T)	Pro-Am #10	York
Sept. 16 (W)	Pro-Am #11	Webhannet
Sept. 21 (M)	Scholarship Pro-Am	Portland
Oct. 7 (W)	Pro-Am #13	Kebo Valley
Oct. 13 (T)	Fall Meeting	Purpoodock
Oct. 13 (T)	Pro-Assistant Champ/Mixer	Purpoodock

Drive, Chip and Putt

Val Halla Golf Course will again be hosting this year's DC&P qualifier. Slated for Saturday, June 6th, the event attracts juniors from all over New England and beyond. Volunteers are always needed, so come help and earn some MSR credits. Share your knowledge and help nurture the competitive spirit of girls and boys ages 7-15 at this junior golf development competition aimed at growing the game by focusing on the three fundamental skills employed in golf.

Annual Spring Meeting

Maine's annual spring meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th at The Woodlands Club in Falmouth.

Maine Open

Administered by the Maine State Golf Association, the Charlie's Maine Open is scheduled for June 29 – July 1 at the Augusta Country Club.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

submitted by Ken Hamel, PGA



Manchester Country Club

The 2020 golf season will be upon us soon. The New Hampshire Chapter Tournament schedule is complete and will have 21 events this season. The Annual Spring Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 16th, 9am at Intervale CC in Manchester, NH. The first Pro-Am is slotted for Monday, April 20th at The Oaks GC in Somersworth, NH. That event is followed by a Pro-Am at Manchester CC (pictured above). We're hoping the weather is warm and the conditions favorable for these first events.

The Championship events start off with the Pro-Lady on June 29th at Derryfield CC in Manchester. The Pro-Senior is next up on Monday, July 13th at Pease GC in Greenland, after that is the Pro-Pro Championship on Monday, July 27th again at Derryfield CC in Manchester. As always the highlight of the season in the Chapter Championship held at the beautiful North Conway CC. This is a two day stroke play event on Monday and Tuesday, August 3rd and 4th. Last year's championship flight winner was CJ Konkowski, with Alex Kirk taking home the Senior Championship.

This season will be different as long time Operations Manager Frank Swierz retired at the end of last season. Frank held this position for 19 years. In those years Frank only missed one event. We will miss seeing Frank each week, but we are happy for him. New Operations Manager Ken Hamel is eager for the season to begin. Frank is a tough act to follow, but Ken is looking forward to the challenge.

Looking forward to a great season of golf and fun.

VERMONT

submitted by Jim LeClair, PGA



Woodstock Inn & Resort

VERMONT CHAPTER SPRING MEETING

Monday, May 4 | 10:00 AM
Woodstock Inn & Resort

Check out the 2020 Vermont Chapter Tournament Schedule below:

Day	Tournament	Site
May 4	Spring Meeting/Pro Pro	Woodstock CC
May 11	Pro Am 1 gross + 1 net	Brattleboro
May 18	Pro Jr/SR Ramble	CC of Vermont
June 1		Neshobe GC
June 8	Pro Am 1 gross + 1 net	Burlington CC
June 15	Pro Am 1 gross + 1 net	Woodstock CC
June 22-24	Vermont Open	Lake Morey Resort & CC
June 29	Pro Am 1 gross + 1 net	Manchester CC
July 6	Pro Am 1 gross + 1 net	The Quechee Club
July 13-14th	Stroke Play Champ.	Dorset Field Club
		Manchester CC
July 20	Pro-Lady Championship	Williston GC
July 28-29	NEPGA Senior Champ	Woodstock CC
August 3	Pro Am 1 gross + 1 net	CC of Vermont
August 10	Pro-Junior	Barre CC
August 24	Pro-3AM	Vermont National CC
August 31	Pro Am 1 gross + 1 net	Dorset Field Club
Sept. 9-10	Match Play Championship	Ekwanok CC
Sept. 14	Pro Senior Championship	Stowe CC
Sept. 21	Fall Meeting Pro/Pro	CC of Vermont
Sept. 28	Pro Am 1 gross + 1 net	Okemo Valley GC
Oct. 5	Various Formats	TBD

SENIORS

submitted by Dennis Selvitella, PGA



Belmont Country Club

SENIOR ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING

Wednesday, April 22 | 9:00 AM
Belmont Country Club

Followed by Pro-Pro at 10:00 AM and lunch after golf

2020 NEW ENGLAND PGA SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

Chapter	Date	Venue	Time
New England PGA	Tuesday, March 31	Andover Country Club	8:00 AM*
Rhode Island	Tuesday, April 7	TBD	9:30 AM
Massachusetts	Tuesday, April 14	Marshfield Country Club	10:00 AM
Maine	Tuesday, April 14	The Woodlands Club	9:00 AM
New Hampshire	Thursday, April 16	Intervale Country Club	9:00 AM
Senior Association	Wednesday, April 22	Belmont Country Club	9:00 AM**
Vermont	Monday, May 4	Woodstock Inn & Resort	10:00 AM**
Assistants Association	TBD	TBD	TBD

* Sponsor Meet & Greet 8-9 AM, meeting begins at 9

** Meeting followed by Pro-Pro



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

NEWLY ELECTED PGA MEMBERS

Brent A. Balderston, PGA Rowley Country Club	A-8
Connor V. Mangelson, PGA Acushnet Company	A-20
Tyler M. O'Connor, PGA Shelter Harbor Golf Club	A-8
Aaron S. Kingsley, PGA Lake Sunapee Country Club	A-8
Alexander A. Plummer, PGA Goose River Golf Course	A-1

NEW CLASS A TRANSFERS

Steven L. Demmer, PGA	LMA
Vincent S. Forte, PGA Country Club of New Bedford	A-1
John A. Socinski, PGA Basin Harbor Club	A-1
Troy W. Sprister, PGA Worcester Country Club	A-13
Matthew W. Hillier, PGA The Aquidneck Club	A-1
Frank R. Leja Jr., PGA	A-8

NEW QUARTER CENTURY MEMBERS

Tony Grzyb, PGA Stratton Golf School	A-6
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NEW ASSOCIATES

Jared P. Tise Andover Country Club	B-8
Shawn D. Scott Long Meadow Golf Club	B-1

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

Jason C. Hurd, PGA	A-13	Portsmouth CC	James P. Landers, PGA	A-1	Highfields Golf and CC
Scott S. Mayer, PGA	A-14	Dunegrass Golf Club	Jacob J. Leech, PGA	A-1	Tedesco Country Club
Vincent S. Forte, PGA	A-1	CC of New Bedford	Allison L. Mitzel, PGA	A-1	Laconia Country Club
John A. Socinski, PGA	A-1	Basin Harbor Club	Kyle E. Page, PGA	A-4	York Golf & Tennis Club
Sean Duong, PGA	A-1	Hopedale CC	Michael H. Pratt, PGA	A-1	York Golf & Tennis Club
Troy W. Sprister, PGA	A-13	Worcester CC	Matthew T Walsh, PGA	A-1	Warwick Country Club
Jonathan G. Milne, PGA	A-9	Neshobe Golf Club	Robert C. Hill, PGA	A-8	Alpine Country Club
Brent A. Balderston, PGA	A-8	Rowley Country Club	Nathaniel H. Adelson, PGA	A-4	Alpine Country Club
Connor V. Mangelson, PGA	A-20	Acushnet Company	Stephen H Colt Jr., PGA	A-20	Taylormade Golf
Tyler M. O'Connor, PGA	A-8	Shelter Harbor GC	Jeffrey T. Stewart, PGA	A-6	PGA Tour Superstore
Patrick T. French, PGA	A-6	Lynx Fitness Club	Aaron S. Kingsley, PGA	A-8	Lake Sunapee CC
Steven A. Hausmann, PGA	A-14	Amherst Country Club	Alexander A. Plummer, PGA	A-1	Goose River GC
Matthew W. Hillier, PGA	A-1	The Aquidneck Club			



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