

Dear NEPGA Assistants' Association Members,

The NEAA Board of Directors is proud to announce the reintroduction of the Ben Boyd Cup as the NEPGA Assistants' Association season-long Player of the Year award, recognizing the champion of our annual points race. With the successful return of a strong points race in 2026, this is a fitting time to reconnect this meaningful tradition with today's Assistants.

Ben Boyd was a respected and devoted member of the NEAA. Originally from Texas, he made Massachusetts his home and built his career as an Assistant Professional at Kernwood Country Club and later Brae Burn Country Club. Known for his competitive spirit and genuine friendships, Ben left a lasting impact on the Assistant community. After a courageous battle with cancer, he passed away in 2007.

In 2008, the NEAA named the Player of the Year points race in his honor to recognize both his legacy and the values he embodied: professionalism, perseverance, and passion for the game. The Ben Boyd Cup continues to represent consistent excellence throughout the season, playing an important role in identifying top performers and contributing to opportunities such as New England Open exemptions.

We believe Ben would be proud of the strength and growth of the Association today. His passion for the NEAA and the relationships within it reflects the same spirit that continues to define our membership.

The reintroduction of the Ben Boyd Cup will be formally recognized at the NEAA Spring Meeting on April 13th at Alpine Country Club, where we will honor Ben's legacy and the significance of this award.

We look forward to celebrating this tradition once again and honoring Ben's memory through the achievements of our membership.

Sincerely,

NEAA Board of Directors