From The President

December 2, 2014

Welcome to the 81st Annual Connecticut Section PGA Fall Meeting and Lake of Isles. One of the responsibilities of association leadership is to keep the members informed. What better way to find out what is going on in our Association and section than attending our end of the year fall membership meeting?

Today will be an informative day for everyone as we discuss the 2014 business year and look ahead to the 2015 season. The Officers, Board of Directors, and office staff have worked throughout the year to make sure that all programs were administered successfully. In the afternoon, we will be holding elections for officers and two directors. If you are interested in running for a position but did not turn in a nomination form, consider running from the floor. It is never too late to get involved.

Congratulations to the 2014 Connecticut Section PGA Hall of Fame Class: Bill Fox, Tom Gleeton, and Jack McConachie. I hope you were able to attend the induction ceremony last night. As always, John Nowobilski was superb as our Master of Ceremonies. It was a fun evening and a festive way to recognize people for some of the outstanding things they have accomplished in our section and for the game of golf.

I want to thank our sponsors who are so important to the success of our programs. Warm-hearted thanks to all the section professionals who raised money for our Foundation this year. The Connecticut PGA Golf Foundation is a huge part of the financial success of our section and we would be able to employ only a small office staff without it. Also, we would be running significantly fewer programs for our members. The continued support of the Foundation is vital. Please do what you can!

The office staff is the reason our programs are successful year in and year out. We are fortunate to have Tom Hantke as our Executive Director. The section benefits considerably from Tom’s dedication, knowledge of the PGA and golf industry, and ability to manage our operations. Sue Bell, Sally Sohn, Joe Menz, and Patrick Aldrich are an important part of our team as well. Please take the time to thank them for a job well done in 2014. I would also like to thank Howie Friday and Frank Leja for their service on our Board of Directors. Their terms are up and they will be replaced by two new directors. I hope they stay involved in some capacity and continue to help the section make good decisions.

I hope you enjoy the meeting. I wish you and your family all the best this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mike O'Grady, PGA
President, Connecticut Section PGA
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Attendance: Section PGA members and PGA registered apprentices are invited to attend. Attendance at the meeting will earn PGA members six (6) Member Service Requirement (MSR) credits towards their PGA of America 54 credit requirement of which 36 must be attained in the required category (PGA Meetings/PGA Education/Golf 2.0/Player Development) for the current cycle that ends June 16, 2015. At the discretion of the presiding officer, an executive session can be called during the meeting where only PGA voting members are permitted to participate.

Registration: Registration will open at 9:00 AM, and the meeting will be called to order promptly at 10:00 AM. Section policy requires that all attendees “check in” and “check out” of the meeting. Any member leaving prior to the adjournment of the meeting will not be awarded the MSR credit. Minutes from the Spring Membership Meeting will be available at the meeting. A summary of the Spring Meeting is on the section website ctpga.com under Member Services/Annual Meetings.

Fees: There is a $30 fee to attend the section meeting. Reservations must be made online before the deadline, Wednesday, November 26. Continental breakfast will be served and lunch will be provided.

Required Dress: Jacket & tie for male professionals; business attire for female professionals.

Roberts Rules of Order: The meeting will be administered using Roberts Rules of Order and the presiding officer will ensure all regulations and procedures are followed accordingly. A motion can be made by addressing the presiding officer and stating "I move that ..." A motion must be seconded before discussion on the motion can take place. The presiding officer shall control the discussion before a call (vote) for the motion is taken.

Outline: The Section Officers and the Executive Director will report all matters to the membership at the meeting. Refer to the Agenda to see what matters are to be addressed and when elections are to take place.

Nominations: Elections shall take place for President, Vice President, Secretary, and two positions as Director on the Board of Directors. Bill Flood has officially been nominated for President; Ian Marshall for Vice President; and Ralph Salito and John Steffen for Secretary, and three have been officially nominated for Director, Ciaran Carr, Frank Lea, and Peter Pulaski. Further nominations may be made from the floor before voting takes place. Elections shall be conducted according to Article X, Section 4.(a) of the Section Constitution & Bylaws.

New Business: All subjects, other than those on the agenda, must be presented 15 days prior to the meeting in writing and in the form of a proposed resolution to be taken up at the Spring Membership meeting in March, or as a proposed resolution to amend the Section Tournament Rules & Regulations. New Business Questions can be submitted the day of the meeting where answers, but no discussion, are provided. These forms can be obtained at the website.

Good & Welfare: Good & Welfare is anything a member feels would be beneficial for the membership in terms of good will. Under this informal session of the business meeting, any member may make comments or suggestions. There is no discussion on these matters.
AGENDA

9:00 AM  Registration Opens
10:00 AM  Meeting called to order by President Mike O'Grady

Informal Session
- Past Presidents' Comments
- PGA of America District 1 Director Report
- Special Recognitions and Outgoing Directors
- Report on the Consulting Service Agreement – Tom Baptist, City of Hartford Superintendent of Department of Public Works

Formal Session
- Roll Call of Board of Directors
- Roll Call of PGA Members (membership sign in)
- Approval of the minutes from the Spring Membership Meeting
- Report of the Section President
- Report of the Section Vice President
- Report of the Section Secretary
  - Membership Report
  - Introduction of New Members
- Report of the Executive Director
- Report of the Connecticut Section PGA Golf Foundation

Informal Session
- Candidates Forum

12:30 PM  Lunch

Formal Session
- Proposed Resolution
- Unfinished Business
- New Business

Informal Session
- Good & Welfare

Formal Session
- Elections of Board of Directors
  - President, Vice President, Secretary
  - Two Directors
  - Oath of office

3:00 PM  Adjournment
EXECUTIVES & STAFF 2014

Officers

Michael O’Grady, A-1; President
Lake Waramaug C.C., New Preston, Conn.

Bill Flood, Jr., A-13; Vice President
Rock Ridge C.C., Newtown, Conn.

Ian Marshall, A-1; Secretary
Watertown G. C., Watertown, Conn.

John Korolyshun, LMA; Honorary Pres.
PGA Life Member, New Haven, Conn.

Directors

Andrew Campbell, A-1
Black Hall Club, Old Lyme, Conn.

Bob Clark, A-1
Hop Brook G.C., Naugatuck, Conn.

Howie Friday, A-1
Tumble Brook C.C., Bloomfield, Conn.

Frank Leja, A-12

Don Malen, A-24
Golf Club of Avon, Avon, Conn.

Jason Waters, A-1
Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass.

Scott Knights, A-2
Glastonbury Hills Country Club, Glastonbury, Conn.

Paul Ramee Jr., A-1
Bull’s Bridge G.C., Kent, Conn.

John Steffen, A-1
Twin Hills C.C., Longmeadow, Mass.

Vice President at Large

Walter Lowell, LMA 1971-74; 77-81
PGA Life Member, Avon, Conn.

Don Gliha, MP 1983-86
Connecticut Golf Academy
Manchester, Conn.

Gary Reynolds, LMA 1993-94
PGA Life Member, Farmington, Conn.

Frank Selva, A-1 1995-96
PGA Life Member, Orange, Conn.

Tony Rowe, A-1 1997-98
Ellington Ridge C.C., Ellington, Conn.

Hawkes Golf Vehicles, Clinton, Conn.

Tim Gavronski, A-1 2001-02
Shuttle Meadow C.C., Kensington, Conn.

Jim Bedus, LM 2003-04
PGA Life Member, Berlin, Conn.

Tom Gleeton, A-1 2005-06
C.C. of Waterbury, Waterbury, Conn.

Ron Dellostritto, A-1 2007-08
Wethersfield C.C., Wethersfield, Conn.

Ralph Salito, A-1 2009-10
The Club at River Oaks, Sherman, Conn.

Past Presidents (Section-affiliated)

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Connecticut Section PGA Staff
South Glastonbury, Conn.

Tom Hantke, A-11, Executive Director

Sue Bell, Business Manager & Membership
Director

Sally Sohn, A-11, Junior Golf & Financial
Projects Director

Joe Mentz, B-11, Operations & Player
Development Manager

Patrick Aldrich, A-11, Golf Properties
Consultant
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS
Bob Clark (Chairperson)
Ted Pisk
Bill Rosenblum

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Don Malen
John Nowobilski
Dave Twohig

FINANCE
Bill Flood (Chairperson)
Ian Marshall
Peter Pulaski

MARKETING/SPONSORS
Howie Friday (Chairperson)
Archie Cart
Frank Carta
Bob Geambazi
Andrew Ouellet

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT
Paul Ramee (Chairperson)
Jeff Beyer
Kevin Cloud
George Connor
Hope Kelley
Mark Moriarty
Mike Packard
Bob Sparks

JUNIOR GOLF
Scott Knights (Chairperson)
Paul Banks
Kevin Cloud
Jeff Coderre
Jon Janik
Jim McDonald
Mike Packard
Gary Reynolds
Michelle Winkler

TOURNAMENT
Frank Leja (Chairperson)
Brad Colt
David Dell
Scott Knights
John Korolyshun
Kevin Mahaffy

RULES & COMPETITION
John Korolyshun (Chairperson)
Joe Grochmal
Todd Goodhue
Fran Marrello
Larry Thornhill

MEMBERSHIP
Ian Marshall (Chairperson)
Don Feeley

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
John Steffen (Chairperson)
Ron Beck
Bobby Brown
Tim Buczak
Steve Madison
Jim McMahon
Ronnie Pfaefflin
Len Roberto

SPECIAL AWARDS
Jason Waters (Chairperson)
Marc Bayram
Sean Busca
Dale Humphrey
Mike Svab

HALL OF FAME
Walter Lowell
Gary Reynolds
Frank Selva

NATIONAL COMMITTEES
Player Development
Bill Whaley
Suzy Whaley

Scholarships
Tom Gleeton

CONNECTICUT SECTION PGA GOLF FOUNDATION
Frank Selva (President)
Joe Connerton
(Vice President/Treasurer)
Jeremy Vitkauskas (Secretary)

Directors
Jim Bedus
Jeff Beyer
Rich Crowe
Jim McDonald
Brian Murphy
Gary Reynolds
Timmie Stathers
Vic Svenberg
Gary Wolff

Ex-Officio
John Korolyshun
Scott Knights

ASSISTANTS’ ASSOCIATION
Steve Madison (President)
Aaron Chaffin (V.P.)
Brian Mooney (Secretary)

Directors
Lucas Hitchcock
Peter Seaman

Vice President at Large
Mark Moriarty
PGA PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP ROSTER 2014

Peter Adams, LM
Patrick Aldrich, A-11
Jim Alexander, A-1
EJ Altobello, A-1
Drew Anderson, A-8
Larry Antinozzi, A-1
Pat Aquaro, A-4
Jon Banas, A-1
Paul Banks, A-13
Rob Barbeau, A-1
Jennifer Barnsley, A-6
Paul Barnsley, A-1
Marc Bayram, A-1
Jeffrey Beale, A-8
Jeff Beaupre, A-6
Michael Bechard, A-1
Ron Beck, A-1
Jim Bedus, LM
Jason Belferr, A-13
Mike Belanger, IN
Jeff Beyer, A-1
Mark Bialobrzeski, A-1
Dick Bierkan, LM
Kyle Bilodeau, A-8
Steve Birkmeyer, A-1
Chris Bland, A-8
Bob Bontempo, LM
David Bove, A-6
Tom Bracken, LM
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Tom Bracken, LM
Tyler Brammer, A-1
Paul Brown, A-1
Bobby Brown, A-4
Joe Brucas, A-1
Tim Buczk, A-8
Dick Burkart, LM
Sean Busca, A-1
John Callahan, A-2
Andrew Campbell, A-1
Rich Cardoza, A-1
Glenn Carlson, A-1
Mike Carney, A-4
Ciaran Carr, A-13
Gabe Carr-Harris, A-8
Archie Cart, A-13
Susan Cart, A-6
Frank Carta, A-1
Jim Casagrande, A-13
Dick Casavant, LM
Aaron Chaffin, A-8
Peter Chapman, IN
Gene Chiappetta, A-20
Leo Chizinski, LMC
Rick Churchill, LM
Joe Cipriano, LM
Bob Clark, A-1
Kevin Cloud, A-1
Jeff Coddere, A-8
Brad Colt, A-8
Joe Conneron, A-1
George Connors, A-14
Dave Cook, A-1
John Cook, A-1
Joe Cordani, A-1
David Corrado, A-13
Dennis Coscina, LM
Rich Crowe, A-1
Adam D’Amatio, A-8
Gerry D’Amora, A-1
Art Decko, LM
Gary Deep, RM
Dave Dell, A-1
Ron Delostritto, A-1
Jeff DelRosso, A-2
Tom DelRosso, A-8
John Demko, IN
George DeVita, A-1
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John Dipollina, A-8
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George Estabrooke, LM
Paul Fako, LM
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Dean Faucher, A-15
Don Feeley, RM
Jim Ferguson, A-8
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John Fuller, B-8
Dustin Haddad, B-8
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Jim Hathaway, B-8
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Zac Stennett, B-8
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Matt Ussery, B-8
Dan Valk, B-1
Conor Vinchesi, B-2
Dustin Walbridge, B-8
Brett Williamson, B-8
Michelle Winkler, B-6
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mike O'Grady, PGA
Lake Waramaug Country Club
mogrady757@aol.com

Looking back over my two year term as President, I feel the section has accomplished some extraordinary things. The new office in South Glastonbury has been a boost to our visibility, and our consulting agreement with the City of Hartford has enhanced our credibility as the leaders of golf in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. The Association may elect the first member ever from the Connecticut Section PGA as a national officer. We now have the resources to help our members improve their profession and increase their standing in the golf industry. My goal as your president has stayed on course – to work on behalf of the entire Section membership.

Some things could have turned out better. We need to improve our investment practices and plan to use the return on investment to help us do some things our operating revenues would normally not allow us to achieve. Buying "grow the game" equipment or employing someone to help our members establish new businesses would be an impactful way to use this resource. The ability to benefit all section members is important. A significant number of members could fail to meet their MSR credits in June. Our membership continues to decline and we must address that immediately. The lack of interest in running for officer and director positions is another concern. We need new leaders to come forward and strategically utilize the resources we have accumulated. Serving the section is a major commitment. You need to become involved with an "all in" attitude or not at all. A board putting forth a part time effort will not be successful.

As I have said many times before, the key to our future is growing the game. Many section members are dedicated to achieving this goal in many ways. If you are not utilizing PGA grow the game initiatives, you are hurting yourself, your facility, your colleagues, and the golf profession. Our Player Development Committee needs to continue to offer professional development programs and to acquire the necessary resources like SNAG equipment or 8 inch Hole Kits that can be shared by members to help minimize expenses. The Player Development Directors assigned to New York and Boston are available to PGA Members in Connecticut. I encourage you to use these resources.

Along with fellow officers Bill Flood, Ian Marshall, our Executive Director Tom Hantke, and candidate for PGA Secretary Suzy Whaley, I recently returned from the PGA of America Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. The dismissal of PGA of America President Ted Bishop and Suzy's candidacy for Secretary made it an interesting meeting. I look forward to sharing that information with you today.

I am honored to have served as President of the Connecticut Section PGA for the past two years. It is the highlight of my professional career and I am forever grateful for the opportunity. I have learned a lot about The PGA and our section. Please feel free to call on me as a resource at any time. I have enjoyed my ride as an officer and look forward to continuing on in any role the section needs me to fill.

I wish everybody a happy and healthy off season.

Very truly yours,

Mike O'Grady, PGA
I hope everyone had a great year and is looking forward to a relaxing off season. Today’s Fall Meeting at Lake of Isles will be educational, informational, and give us all a chance to catch up.

This year, The PGA of America infused our section budget with National Sponsor money and increased ADP funding. The Board, in turn, used these new funds to strengthen our section and make your membership more valuable to you. The Golf Properties Consulting agreement between the section and the City of Hartford has been a huge success. We are very proud that we could gain employment opportunities for our section members, while guiding the City of Hartford in the revival of two failing golf courses. The Officers, Board of Directors, and office staff have worked diligently throughout the year to make sure all our programs were administered successfully. We are a team that has worked together and put up great numbers in a tough year in our industry. Today we will share with you the highlights of the 2014 business year and the plans in progress for an exciting 2015 season.

Congratulations to all the 2014 Special Awards winners who were honored in July and to last night’s Hall of Fame inductees and Champions. The dinner was outstanding and such a great way to recognize people for some of the great things they have accomplished in our section, careers, and for the great game of golf.

I certainly want to thank our sponsors, who are so important to the success of our programs. And, a special Thank You to all the section professionals who raised money for our Foundation this year. The Foundation is a key component to the financial success of our section.

The office staff is the reason we are such a successful section among the 41. Thank you to Tom Hantke, Sue Bell, Sally Sohn, Joe Mentz, and Patrick Aldrich for your hard work. It could not happen without you! I would also like to thank outgoing President Mike O’Grady for his tireless work over the last nine years. The miles, the time, and the meetings are deeply appreciated by the membership and will not be forgotten. Thank You – Michael, for a job well done!

Thanks also, to Howie Friday and Frank Leja for their service on our Board of Directors. Both have done outstanding work and I wish them well going forward. I encourage them to stay involved in some capacity and continue to help the section.

I look forward to leading the section in the next two years with the help of my officers and directors. Looking at the long line of outstanding Past Presidents, I know I have big shoes to fill, but I feel I am up to the task. Being involved in the governance of the section is an educational experience. I hope I can convince some of you to come aboard and help pave the way for future professionals. We want to hear your issues and concerns, so feel free to contact us at any time. We serve “you” and we will never forget that during my term.

I wish you and your family all the best this holiday season.

Sincerely,

William Flood, Jr., PGA
SECRETARY’S REPORT
Ian Marshall, PGA
Watertown Golf Club
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For the past two years as your Secretary, I focused my efforts on understanding our membership and the challenges we are facing in this difficult time in our industry. As I move forward as your next Vice President, I will continue to focus my efforts on the membership and industry. Special attention will be placed on the importance of the value of our PGA membership. The PGA brand is extremely important in our industry in order to increase the value of current jobs and overall industry presence. Increasing our brand recognition will help create new jobs for current and future PGA members. As Vice President, I will also focus my efforts with our section’s Finances. I would like there to be more transparency and communication regarding our financial position to better educate our members on how our section operates. Working closely with Bill Flood and our new Secretary, we will continue our progress of success in providing PGA membership value to all of our section members.

Congratulations to Mike O’Grady on his tenure as President of our Section. President O’Grady was very involved and has helped with many different projects ranging from the move of the section office, to our consulting agreement with the City of Hartford. His dedication and hard work for our section is greatly appreciated and cannot be overlooked.

Prior to our Annual Fall meeting, our section officers will be attending the 98th PGA Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. This annual meeting will be exciting as Interim President Sprague addresses the delegation recapping the year, provides more information regarding the increased ADP funding, and most importantly, the election of our next PGA Secretary. I believe this election is extremely important for our Association’s future and I look forward to watching the election process unfold.

Special thanks to Jim Alexander and Andrew Campbell for the efforts early in the season for their assistance and expertise in finalizing the Consulting Agreement with the City of Hartford. Also, special thanks to Patrick Aldrich, Kevin Cloud, and Tom Hantke and the numerous PGA members, apprentices, and volunteers who are helping to make this endeavor successful. As we finish the 2014 season, I would also like to thank all of this year’s committee members who worked hard during the year to ensure our success. I encourage you to get involved, stay involve, and assist our section to grow the game. Please remember to reach out to my fellow officers, fellow board members, or myself if you are interested in getting involved.

No doubt, 2015 will be a successful year for the Connecticut Section PGA, and I will continue to work with our officers, staff, and membership to achieve this success. As your next Vice President, I will continue to solicit your input and keep the lines of communication open and flowing. The personal connections I have made and will continue to foster will enable me to make a difference. I am certain we were all asked to “do more with less” which meant longer hours, less staff, and more time away from our families. I commend all of you for your hard work, dedication, and investment in yourself and your job.

Enjoy the off-season and recharge yourself for another successful season.

Sincerely,

Ian A. Marshall, PGA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Tom Hantke, PGA
thantke@pgahq.com

We began our year moving administration to a newly constructed location in South Glastonbury. As we settled into our new office, the business community and surrounding residents in the historic village gave us a warm welcome. The entire Chamber of Commerce showed up on our doorstep and the visibility we gained from a main street location had many curiosity seekers knocking on our door.

Many PGA Members have visited since our move, and the neighboring South Glastonbury Congregational Church has hosted many of our meetings and functions for both the section and the foundation. We even had a visit from Kevin Ollie, the University of Connecticut Men’s Basketball Coach of the National Championship team, the day upon his return from the White House in Washington, D.C.

Notwithstanding, our staff was busy with both planned and not planned section and foundation activities. The City of Hartford reached out to us early in January and negotiations began in earnest. This resulted in a signed consulting agreement early in March that was announced at our Spring PGA Membership Meeting. Also announced in January was an official nomination by the section of PGA Member Suzy Whaley for the position of Secretary of The PGA of America. Consequently, a series of initiatives were taken up by both section leadership and staff.

The move to a new office and the advisory role the section is playing with a State Capital city that is the largest municipality in our section has raised the platform from which the section speaks as the leader in the business and game of golf. The Hartford Business Journal researched and published the “State of the Golf Business in Connecticut” for which we were the primary source of information.

The base of section active members continues to transform and provides inherent challenges to activation and engagement in traditional section programs. Section and foundation leadership are addressing these challenges while also exploring how best section members can be served both in their personal business employment and through membership programs and services.

It should not be overlooked that our balance sheets for the section and foundation are strong. And, with new found PGA of America Association Development Program (ADP) support, general fund operations have less compression, giving the opportunity for leadership to plan progressively for the future.

I want to take this opportunity to commend our staff. Sue, Sally, and Joe were invaluable in facilitating the office move and working through the initial negotiation process with the City of Hartford, while continuing to complete all of their regular projects. Although Patrick worked remotely most of the time, he was a great addition to the staff and adapted easily into his new role. They truly rose to the challenges all year. It is a pleasure and my privilege to work with them as they continue to serve you and our section businesses with dedication and professionalism.

Wishing you all the very best in the New Year.

Tom Hantke, PGA
FINANCIAL REPORT 2014

The Connecticut Section PGA, Inc. operates as a Non-Profit IRS 501(c)(6). The section is enrolled in The PGA of America Section Administration Financial Program and works with various employees in the Association’s Tax, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and Financial Management departments to complete the tax reporting and year-end financial statements, as well as the daily financial bookkeeping operations.

The section will present its 12-month, 2014 financial statements at the Annual Spring Membership Meeting in 2015. On November 13, the Board of Directors approved the 2015 General Operating Fund (GOF) and other budgets in accordance with section policy.

Section Bylaws currently mandate that $65 of Class A member’s dues be deposited into the Reserve Fund. This fund has been established for capital and other non-recurring expenditures, and as a savings vehicle. This year, $14,885 has been deposited into the Reserve Fund. The remaining $105,888 is the primary source of revenue to fund GOF operations, along with PGA ADP Funding ($120,000) and the Connecticut Section PGA Golf Foundation lease and management contracts ($130,936).

As of October 31, the fund balances of all section funds totaled $472,387 (see below). The majority of these funds are invested through The PGA Section Investment Program, currently returning 0.05%, with 90-day liquidity. A portion of the Reserve Fund is also invested in mutual funds through LPL Financial Services.

**Combined Fund Totals; as of October 31, 2014**

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The GOF (below) is segmented into eight (8) lines of business: Administration/Finance, Communications/Publications, Golf Properties Consulting, Governance, Member Services, Player Development, Marketing, and Tournaments.

**GOF; as of October 31, 2014**

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In January of 2014, the Connecticut Section PGA moved from an office space that was jointly owned with the Connecticut State Golf Association since 1988 to a Carriage House in South Glastonbury. The CSGA needed additional office space and it seemed the right business decision to sell the section’s share of the property to them. After several weeks of negotiations, a sale price of $80,000 was agreed upon, and plans were made to renovate the new site and move in January 2014. A five year lease was signed with BritBrooke Realty, and the Board of Directors approved $15,000 to be used for the renovation of the Carriage House, to purchase furniture, and for moving expenses. Proceeds from the sale were deposited into the Reserve Fund.

*Financial Report – continued on page 23*
PGA Professionals retained the Julius Boros Challenge Cup with a score of 39.5 - 23.5 over Connecticut State Golf Association amateurs. With this victory, the section strengthens its hold on the overall record of 31-12. Congratulations to Captain Dennis Coscina, Assistant Captain Ralph Salito, and all the players on a great victory.

Adam Rainaud captured the Spring PGA Stroke Play title at The Farms Country Club and earned a berth in the 2014 Travelers Championship. Rainaud shot a one-under par, 143, to lead Kevin Mahaffy of Pequabuck Golf Club by a single stroke.
2014 SNAPSHOTS

WALTER LOWELL PGA TOURNAMENT

Host Professional William Wallis accepts the trophy from the tournament namesake after he lit up New Haven Country Club, firing a two-under-par, 68, to earn 26 points in the Walter Lowell PGA Tournament, a modified stableford event. This is Wallis’ first individual Connecticut Section PGA Championship win. Willow Brook Golf Course was honored at the reception following play as the recipient of the 2014 Walter Lowell Public Golf Course Distinguished Service Award.

SENIOR OPEN

Jerry Courville of Stratford, Conn., birdied the last hole of the Connecticut Senior Open to get into a sudden death playoff with PGA TOUR veteran John Elliott. Courville parred the second playoff hole to capture the championship title at Shennecossett Golf Course in Groton, Conn. Kevin Giancola took low Connecticut Section PGA Professional honors. This was the second Senior Open title for Courville who also won it 2009.
2014 SNAPSHOTS

PRO-JUNIOR

A total of 25 PGA Professionals and 75 PGA Junior Golf Association members played in the Pro-Junior Invitational at The Hartford Golf Club.

Kevin Smith, Rockledge Golf Club, and his juniors, Avery Schott, Luke Carroll, and Noah Hedberg captured the team competition champion title. Bob Kay of Tumble Brook Country Club earned 45 points to win the professional contest.

PRO-ASSISTANT AT THE COURSE AT YALE

The team of Ron Dellostritto and Josh Detmer from Wethersfield Country Club shot a spectacular 5-under par, 65, to win the TaylorMade-adidas Pro-Assistant Championship at The Course at Yale.
2014 SNAPSHOTS

CONNECTICUT PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP


SENIOR CONNECTICUT PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Wyckoff Country Club Head Professional Tony Kelley won the 2014 Senior Connecticut PGA Championship at Mill River Country Club and his first Senior PGA Championship title. In very tough course conditions, Kelley shot a two-over par, 144, for a two stroke victory over Mike Gramelis, Golf Galaxy. Kelley was joined by Gramelis, Dave Dell, Springfield Country Club, and Mike Martin, Clubs To Go LLC, at the PGA Professional Senior National Championship in Port St. Lucie, FL.
2014 SNAPSHOTS

CONNECTICUT PGA ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP

Adam Rainaud, assistant professional at Black Hall Club, won the National Car Rental Connecticut PGA Assistant Championship at the Country Club of Woodbridge in stellar fashion. Rainaud posted a final-round, 65, for a tournament total of eleven-under par, 131, and a nine-stroke margin of victory over second place. It was his fourth victory in five years.

PGA PRO-AM CHAMPIONSHIP

The defending champions from Springfield Country Club team of PGA Professional Dave Dell and amateur Dave Smith successfully defended their title, shooting a six-under par, 66, at the Country Club of Farmington.
Adam Rainaud, Black Hall Club, was awarded the coveted Hartford Times Trophy, after he shot a 36-hole total of seven-under par, 135, to win the Connecticut PGA Championship at Orchards Golf Club. The 2014 Senior Player of the Year, Fran Marrello, finished second, three strokes behind. The event was shortened to 36 holes after the golf course became unplayable due to heavy rain.

The season-ending Nike Golf PGA Professional Golf League Championship was held at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. John Vitale, Hawk’s Landing Country Club, and Joe Mongillo, PGA Active Member, captured the overall league title for the second time. Flanking the winners are Nike Sales Representatives Kathy Colwell and Jack Miller.
2014 SNAPSHOTS

PGA MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Adam Rainaud, Black Hall Club, won the Match Play Championship at New Haven Country Club, his record setting fifth individual championship in 2014.

NATIONAL CAR RENTAL LAKE OF ISLES PGA PRO-SCRATCH

Kyle Bilodeau, Ellington Ridge Country Club, and amateur partner, KJ Camera, shot an eight-under par, 64, in the second round on the public North Course for a 36-hole, eleven under par, 133, good for a one stroke margin of victory over two time defending champion Brent Paladin and Chris Herboldt at Lake of Isles in the National Car Rental PGA Pro Scratch Invitational.

DEL KINNEY PRO-PRO CHAMPIONSHIP

The Connecticut Section PGA’s season-ending tournament, the Del Kinney Pro-Pro Championship, was held at Ellington Ridge Country Club. Billy Downes, Hampden Country Club, and John Riordan, PGA Active Member, recorded a round of 5-under par, 67, to win by a single stroke.
The balance sheet, or Statement of Financial Position, of the section remains strong and vibrant as noted below.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION; AS OF OCT. 31, 2014**

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| Liabilities & Net Assets            |       |
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| Accounts Pay. & Accrued Liab.       | 9,473  |
| Loans Payable - Current             | 7,629  |
| Deferred Revenue Current            | 133,591 |
| **Total Current Liabilities**       | $150,692 |
| Other Liabilities                   |       |
| Loans Payable - LT                  | 15,542 |
| **Total Other Liabilities**         | $15,542 |
| Net Assets                          |       |
| Net Assets                          | 398,950 |
| **Total Net Assets**                | $398,950 |
| **Total Liabilities and Net Assets**| $565,184 |
The Connecticut Section PGA Golf Foundation, Inc. is a non-stock corporation that received approval from the Internal Revenue Service on January 17, 1995, to be classified as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, serving youth and diversity golf. It is intended to serve golf throughout Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

The financial activity and responsibility of the Foundation falls under a separate Board of Directors. As of October 31, 2014, the combined fund balances for the Foundation were $462,815; and Total Net Assets are $493,836.

In 2014 the Foundation agreed to underwrite over $40,000 of expense for the section Junior Golf Association and Junior Golf TOUR. The Foundation also paid for the labor expense of this activity in a $82,750 management contract.

The Foundation and the section also have a lease and management agreement whereby the Foundation pays $56,000 annually for the use of the section's building and equipment and the labor associated with the Foundation financial, fund raising, and grant award programs.

In addition, the Foundation awarded 30 programs a total of $34,035 in financial support in 2014. Since the grant awards program began in 2000 a total of $785,962 has been awarded.

The Foundation undertakes a diverse fund raising program consisting of the Drive For The Game (DFTG) campaign, the PGA Foundation Charity Classic (now in its 5th year), and activation of the Travelers Championship fund raising initiatives.

In 2014, section golf professionals raised over $74,000. Since its inception in 2002, 103 PGA Professionals have participated in DFTG activities and raised in excess of $1 million for the Foundation.

The Foundation’s 5th PGA Charity Classic netted over $48,000 due in large part to the philanthropy of host Hartford Golf Club.

The two Travelers Championship charity activation programs, Birdies for Charity and Chip in for Charity exceeded $13,000 thanks in large part to the Junior Golf Association members and the Assistants’ Association.
The section-affiliated membership consists of 350 golf professionals — 308 PGA members and 42 PGA registered apprentices. There are presently 9 women professionals affiliated. Of the 308 PGA Members, there are 243 active members in good standing with voting, which requires 98 to be present for a meeting quorum.

PGA Members: Presently, 161 members are seniors (age 50+). The oldest member at age 96 is Stan Stazowski; and the youngest is Christopher Peel at age 24. Staszowski has retained his PGA membership the longest – 75 years.

The section had four deceased members in 2014. Tony Amaral, Ralph DiNicolo, Bill Fox, and Floyd Genzler.

Half-Century Membership: The number of section professionals who have reached Half Century status is 12.

Quarter-Century Membership: The number of section professionals who have reached Quarter Century status is 96. Jim Casgrande, David Giaccondino, and Robert Lake were inducted into the Quarter Century Club this year.

Membership Elections: Since the Spring Meeting, the following were elected to PGA Membership: Timothy Buczak, Madison Country Club; Kyle Kressler, The Ledges Golf Club; Adam Rainaud, Black Hall Club; Robert Streckfus, East Hartford Golf Club.

Master Professional: In 1999, Don Gliha, Connecticut Golf Academy, Manchester, Conn., became the 207th Master Professional of The PGA of America.

In 2011, Ciaran Carr, General Manager at Wintonbury Hills Country Club, became the first section member to complete the requirements to become a certified PGA Master Professional in Instruction. Joining him in 2013, Phillip Krick, General Manager at Mohegan Sun Golf Club, became a Certified PGA Master Professional in Golf Operations. Nationally, they are 2 of only 356 in the elite group of PGA professionals who have achieved the distinction of becoming an expert in their chosen area through education.

Registered Apprentices: There are 42 registered apprentices entered in the PGM Program. Of this number 4 are Apprentice Head Professionals. The following registered in the PGM Program this year: Timothy Bruno, The Tradition G.C. at Oak Lane; Fabio Colon, Torrington Country Club; Fabio Colon, East Hartford Golf Center; Vincent Kabaso, New Haven Country Club; Patrick Kozelka, River Ridge Golf Course; Richard Hanson, Farmington Woods Country Club; Richard Hanson, Farmington Woods Country Club; Richard Hanson, Farmington Woods Country Club; Vincent Kabaso, New Haven Country Club; Christopher Tallman, Holyoke Country Club; Kevin Telford, TPC River Highlands; Matthew Ussery, The Hartford Golf Club; Conor Vinchesi, Great Brook Golf Center; and Brett Williamson, Ludlow Country Club.

Playing Ability Tests: In 2014, six PATs were scheduled and six were completed. Certified PAT Examiners Don Feeley, David Slenker, and Larry Thornhill shared in the administration of tests.
Membership Committee

Ian Marshall, Chairman

The responsibility of the section and its Membership Committee is to ensure that PGA Professionals are properly classified and eligible for the PGA Classifications they seek.

During the year, four section members completed the requirements and were elected to PGA Membership. Congratulations to all of them. Also this year, ten professionals registered into the Professional Golf Management Program (PGM) and have begun their pursuit of PGA Membership (see list on page 25).

The section is obligated to host and conduct a minimum of six Playing Ability Tests (P.A.T.s) for The PGA of America and to provide a certified P.A.T. Examiner for each event. In 2014, six PATs were scheduled and six were completed. For 2014, section staff was responsible for scheduling the dates and sites as well as coordinating the examiners. This year, members of the Section Admin Team prepared the starting times and notified the participants, host professionals, and examiners, and posted the information on the section website. This process worked well again this year.

Communications Committee

Bob Clark, Chairman

The PGA Membership Directory was delivered at the Spring Membership Meeting. It continues to be a valuable resource and in demand in printed form by the membership.

The position of Communication Director was left vacant mid-season when Gia Fanelli accepted a new position. In her short tenure, she was successful in revising the section website platform which is now more user friendly and has a fresh, new look. Some tasks were picked up by other staff members, a great deal by Nikki Hahn in The PGA Admin Department, and others were abandoned.

The weekly E-Update continues to be read and well received by members. ConnEction is delivered less frequently to the entire section customer database; however, it is widely read and a useful communication tool.

Section staff once again attended the Connecticut Golf Show. The goal was to have patrons sign up through Active.com for Connecticut Section PGA Members programming at the show. Preceding the show, a communication went out to the members to post their scheduled programs to Active.com. Lack of participation by professionals limited the program’s attempt to assist in growing their business and the game. During the show, eleven section professionals volunteered in the free lesson area.
Special Awards Committee

Jason Waters, Chairman

Each year, the Special Awards Committee recognizes and honors PGA Professionals for distinguished service to the game of golf and their employers. The committee also honors a model public facility in the Connecticut Section. A new format was used this year with members nominating PGA professionals for the various awards in December and the candidates completing a standardized application for their respective award in January. The committee then met to review the applications, discuss the nominees, and select the award winners that were announced at the Spring Meeting in March. For the twentieth consecutive year, a Club Car sponsored banquet was held to present the awards. A new banquet format was initiated and the Golf Professional of the Year & Special Awards Dinner was held at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow, Mass., on July 7, to honor David DiRico and all the award winners.

HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame Committee comprised of PGA Members Walter Lowell, Gary Reynolds, and Frank Selva met several times throughout the year to review the criteria for eligibility and selection. Background information was gathered on numerous nominees and the Class of 2014 was selected. This year’s inductees are PGA Life Member Bill Fox; Tom Gleeton, head golf professional, Country Club of Waterbury; and Jack McConachie, North Ridge Golf Club (Formerly Pine Valley Golf Course). They were inducted at the hall of Fame & Champions Tribute on Dec. 1 at Lake of Isles.

2014 SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

Golf Professional of the Year
David DiRico, DiRico’s Golf & Racquet

Teacher of the Year
Chuck Lasher, PGA Life Member

Bill Strausbaugh Award
Gary Sassu, Chippanee Golf Course

Horton Smith Award
Mike Martin, Clubs To Go, LLC

Youth Player Development Award
George DeVita, Farmington Woods Country Club

Player Development Award
Kevin Cloud, Goodwin Park Golf Course

Merchandiser of the Year (private)
Tim Quirk, Longmeadow Country Club

Merchandiser of the Year (public)
Jeff DelRosso, Prospect Driving Range

Assistant Professional of the Year
Aaron Chaffin, Shuttle Meadow Country Club

President’s Award
Kyle Hedstrom, Stanley Golf Course

Sales Representative of the Year
Barry Dennis, Kensington, Conn.

Walter Lowell Public Golf Course Distinguished Service Award
Willow Brook Golf Course, South Windsor, Conn.

Section Player of the Year
Adam Rainaud, Black Hall Club

Senior Player of the Year
Fran Marrello, PGA Life Member

Junior Golf Association Players of the Year
Angela Garvin, Feeding Hills, Mass.
Brian LeBlanc, Newtown, Conn.

Jack Kelly Sportsmanship Award Recipients
Vienna Winalski, West Hartford, Conn.
Logan French, Tolland, Conn.
Professional Development Committee  
*John Steffen, Chairman*

In the spring of 2014, professional development focused on educating the PGA member on programs that are offered to them by the PGA of America. The Communications and Professional Development Manager and the office staff designed, coordinated, and held two Player Development and Professional Resource workshops at the South Glastonbury Congregation Church on the following topics, Get Golf Ready, Active.com, and PGA Sports Academy. 2 MSR credits were awarded for participation. Attendance was good and more workshops like these are planned for 2015.

In late summer, a workshop was held at the South Glastonbury Congregation Church to begin conversations on exploring non-traditional business opportunities for PGA Professionals while identifying entrepreneurial opportunities to start one’s own golf professional business practice. Discussions included opportunities for revenue streams available through player development, travel, club repair, merchandising, tournament operations (men’s clubs, etc.), corporate business, teaching and instruction. The panelists, Tom Gleeton, Don Gliha, Michael Packard, and John Steffen, fielded a variety of questions relative to employment services and provide an illustration of successful practices that are currently filling voids in the marketplace, and the feasibility of a professional starting a mobile service company, delivering resources and services to underserved facilities, as well as examples of successful entrepreneurial ventures. 2 MSR credits were awarded for attendance.

**PGA Scholarship**

The PGA of America continues to award an annual scholarship to members’ children. For 2014, the recipient was Stephen Fleury, son of Rick Fleury, Crestview Country Club. He is a freshman at Mount Holyoke College.

**Employment Committee**

The Employment Committee, in concert with The PGA of America Employment Consultant Michael Packard, has held meetings this year with employers to assist in their hiring process. Some of the facilities that were involved with this service this year include: Hop Meadow Country Club, Goodwin Golf Course, Edgewood Golf Course, Tower Ridge Country Club, and the City of Hartford. Packard is also involved with assisting professionals with contract negotiations, cover letter writing, and resume critique. PGA professionals are reminded of the value of filling out the compensation survey and updating their PGALinks Profile.
Golf Properties Consulting
Patrick Aldrich, Consultant

In January, the Connecticut Section PGA and the City of Hartford entered into a Golf Course Consulting agreement. For the next two years, the section will be a consultant for the operations of the City’s Goodwin Park and Keney Park Golf Courses. PGA Professional Patrick Aldrich was hired as Golf Properties Consultant to serve the City of Hartford as its Director of Operations.

The City is taking steps to revive its ailing golf courses, which have fallen into disrepair over the last few years. The section’s role in this process includes, but is not limited to, counseling and advising the City on the selection of operators for Goodwin Park Golf Course in 2014 and Keney Park Golf Course in 2015. The goal is to bring the business of golf oversight into City Hall and the responsibility of the accounting into City Finance.

To date, this program has been instrumental in hiring PGA Professional Kevin Cloud as the golf operator at Goodwin, hiring Matt and Chris Guilmette as the maintenance operators, purchasing maintenance equipment, setting up a contract between the Guilmettes and Knox Inc. for a maintenance work force, and opening the golf course this summer. A budget for 2015 is in place and work on Keney Park is underway.

Marketing/Sponsors Committee
Howie Friday, Chairman

FALL GOLF BUYER PREVIEW SHOW
In its sixth year, the Fall Golf Buyer Preview Show was unsatisfactory. A few of the sales representatives that attended had full days of appointments, but most indicated that attendance was not adequate and that they would not participate in the future. Despite the later time frame and the convenient location of the Southington Residence Inn to hold the show, most sales representatives has difficulties lining up appointments.

Sponsorship and advertising dollars are funds that are applied to programs for prize money and direct expenses related to the events. These combined funds increased from 2013 with an expected $199,494 in 2014. This total includes $44,000 in sponsorship for the PGA Foundation Charity Classic.

In addition to direct funding, an estimated $47,500 is provided through “in-kind” or trade sponsorship. Luncheons and favors are paid for and/or provided, and many products and services are complimentary.

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Lake of Isles
Mohegan Sun
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Nike Golf
Omega
PGA National
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PING
Prize Possessions
TaylorMade-adidas golf
Travelers Championship
U.S.A. Hauling & Recycling
Tournament Committee
Frank Leja, Chairman

In the 2014 season, the tournament committee was involved in a variety of playing opportunities for section professionals and amateurs. This year, there were a total of 25 Sponsored competitions that the section operated, including ten (10) Member Championships (6 individual and 4 teams competitions); seven (7) Mohegan Sun Pro-Am Series events, and seven (7) Special events/Open Tournaments. In addition, there were eleven (11) tournaments that were Sanctioned by the section and another eleven (11) that were Recognized.

A total of $144,497 in professional prizes and $11,000 were awarded in skins; $75,000 was spent at Connecticut Section PGA facilities, this includes cart fees, course fees and food & beverages plus $48,330 from seven (7) Mohegan Sun Pro-Am Series that were managed by its professionals.

Overall, there were 2,055 entrants in section-sponsored tournaments in 2014, which is approximately 1% down from 2,080 a year ago; and almost 28% down from 5 years ago.

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Tournament Program (continued)

BOB SHEA AWARDS:
Adam Rainaud, Assistant Professional at Black Hall Club in Old Lyme, Conn., won the Bob Shea Award as the Connecticut Section PGA Player of the Year. This is his first Player of the Year award. Rainaud won the Spring PGA Stroke Play, the 83rd Connecticut PGA Championship, the Connecticut Section PGA Professional Championship, the Connecticut Section PGA Assistant Championship and the Connecticut Section PGA Match Play Championship.

Fran Marrello, PGA Life Member, is the 2014 Connecticut Section PGA Senior Player of the Year. This is his sixth Senior Player of the Year award.

83rd CONNECTICUT PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
Adam Rainaud, Black Hall Club, was awarded the coveted Hartford Times Trophy, after he shot a 36-hole total of seven-under par, 135, to win the 83rd Connecticut PGA Championship at Orchards Golf Club in South Hadley, Mass. The scheduled 54-hole event was shortened to 36 holes after the final round was rained out. Fran Marrello finished in second place, three strokes back.

MOHEGAN SUN PRO-AM SERIES
The season long Mohegan Sun PGA Pro-Am Series featured seven events across the section with an average of 29 teams and 116 participants in each event. The top ten teams at each Pro-Am Series event earned Ben Lewon Cup Points based upon their team score. This year, Dave Cook, Pomperaug Country Club, captured the Ben Lewon Cup title.

2014 BEN LEWON CUP FINAL STANDINGS

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The 43rd Julius Boros Challenge Cup Matches were contested at New Haven Country Club. The section PGA Professionals emerged victorious for the second year in a row with a total of 39.5 to 23.5 points. The overall record is now 31-12, favoring the PGA Professionals. Congratulations to the 2014 Julius Boros Challenge Cup Team and thank you Captain Dennis Coscina.

### 2014 CHALLENGE CUP TEAM

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TOURNAMENTS 2014

Tournament Program (continued)
PLAYER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SPRING PGA STROKE PLAY
The Farms Country Club hosted the Spring PGA Stroke Play, the first major championship of the 2014 tournament season. Adam Rainaud took home first place honors and the exemption into the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands.

SECTION PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Adam Rainaud, Black Hall Club, won the Connecticut PGA Professional Championship at Wintonbury Hills Golf Course in Bloomfield, Conn. in August. Rainaud will lead Runner up, Mark Farrell, H. Smith Richardson Golf Course, and the 2013 Connecticut Section PGA Player of the Year, Kyle Bilodeau, Ellington Country Club, to compete in the 48th PGA Professional National Championship, to be held on June 28-July 1, 2015, at the historic Philadelphia Cricket Club.

NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CONNECTICUT PGA ASSISTANT CHAMPIONSHIP
Adam Rainaud, assistant professional at Black Hall Club, won the National Car Rental Connecticut PGA Assistant Championship for the fourth time in five years. Rainaud posted a final-round, 65, for a tournament total 11-under par, 131, and a 9-stroke victory over Country Club of Waterbury’s David McGregor. Rainaud and Timberlin Golf Club’s Ryan Leahey qualified for the 38th National Car Rental PGA Assistant Championship in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Rainaud went on to make the cut and finish in a tie for 11th place.

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
Adam Rainaud, assistant professional at Black Hall Club, won The Bob Kay Trophy at New Haven Country Club. Rainaud defeated defending champion Billy Street in the finals.

PGA PROFESSIONAL GOLF LEAGUE
The season long Nike Golf PGA Professional Golf League championship round was held at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. John Vitale and Joe Mongillo captured the overall champion title for the second time. The condition of the course and the views of the hills were spectacular for fall golf in New England.
INDIVIDUAL PGA MEMBER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Connecticut PGA Professional Champion  Adam Rainaud
Connecticut PGA Champion  Adam Rainaud
Senior Connecticut PGA Champion  Tony Kelley
Match Play Champion  Adam Rainaud
Spring PGA Stroke Play Champion  Adam Rainaud
Assistant Champion  Adam Rainaud

TEAM PGA MEMBER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pro-Assistant Champions  Wethersfield Country Club
Ron Dellostritto & Josh Detmer
Del Kinney Pro-Pro Champions  Billy Downes & John Riordan
Pro-Am Champions  Dave Dell & Dave Smith
PGA League Champions  John Vitale & Joe Mongillo

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Connecticut Junior PGA Champions  Angela Garvin
Jason Liu
Junior Tournament of Champions  Julia Kemmling
Nathaniel Dong

SPECIAL TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Pro-Officer  Springfield Country Club
Dave Dell & Dave Brosseau
Connecticut Senior Open  Gerald Courville
Walter Lowell PGA Tournament  William Wallis
Lake of Isles Pro-Scratch Invitational  Kyle Bilodeau & K. J. Camera
Travelers Championship Open Qualifiers  Lee Janzen, Jason Allred,
Marc Turnesa, Sebastian Saavedra
Julius Boros Challenge Cup Matches  Connecticut Section PGA – 39.5
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Tournaments 2014

Player of the Year

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- Kevin Cloud, PGA
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- Brandon Ellison, Intern

JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

39th Connecticut PGA Junior Championship was held at the Ranch Golf Club, Southwick, Mass., on July 1-2. Angela Garvin of Feeding Hills, Mass., won the girls’ division shooting 77-75-153 (+8). Jason Liu of Windsor, Conn., won the boys’ division, with 68-71-139 (-5).

JACK KELLY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Presented by:

The Jack Kelly Connecticut PGA Junior Tournament of Champions serves as the Connecticut Section PGA Junior Golf TOUR Championship. Shennecossett Golf Course hosted the event for the fifth time with 66 players competing. Nathaniel Dong of Glastonbury, Conn., won the boys’ division shooting a 2-under par, 69, while the girls’ champion was Julia Kemling of Berlin, Conn., with a 4-over par, 73.

DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT

A new joint initiative between The Masters Tournament, the United States Golf Association, and the PGA of America, was offered this season. The free nationwide junior competition focusing on the three fundamental skills employed in golf was offered to girls and boys, ages 7-15. The Connecticut Section hosted 7 qualifiers and a sub-regional, with a total of 300 participating. The culminating Championship is a once in a lifetime invitation to Augusta National Golf Club to compete in the second annual Drive, Chip and Putt Championship National Finals.

OFF SEASON

The juniors and their parents were offered three rules seminars and a “Road to College Golf” seminar to help them in their pursuit of college golf.

REMY CUP

Connecticut Section juniors prevailed for the third straight year against top New England PGA junior golfers.

(See cover photo, lower left, coral shirts).
Another year for the Assistants’ Association is in the books. By developing consistency within the Board, it was possible to implement a multi-year plan to engage, educate, and prepare the future leaders of our industry. This has allowed for great strides toward reviving the Assistants’ Association and will continue to help in the future.

The season was highlighted by the strength of the Spring and Fall Meetings and by continuing to pair an education seminar with each tournament. At the Fall Meeting, we took it a step further, and solicited ten mentors to participate in the day’s activities. With the help of these mentors, group discussions were held on a variety of topics related to our future as professionals. After the meeting, a majority of the mentors were able to join the Assistants on the golf course as well. These events provided playing opportunities at high quality clubs, education, and networking for the participants.

The Assistants’ Association once again led the Chip in for Charity campaign for the Travelers Championship. In total, over $5,700 was raised for local charities through the Connecticut Section PGA Foundation.

The overall success for the year could not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the entire Board. The outgoing Assistants’ Board should be recognized for their efforts: Steve Madison, Golf Club of Avon, President; Bryan Mooney, Wampanoag CC, Secretary; Mark Moriarty, First Tee of Connecticut, Vice President at Large; Brad Colt, CC of Waterbury, Tournaments; Lucas Hitchcock, Twin Hills CC, Education; and Peter Seaman, Mill River CC, Marketing & Sponsors. Their efforts have already made a positive impact in the Connecticut Section.

Over the winter, the Board will be meeting regularly to plan for the 2015 season. Although 2014 was another step in the right direction, the main challenge continues to be event participation. The incoming Officers and Board would like to challenge every Head Golf Professional and Director of Golf to get their assistants involved in Assistants’ Association events. When meeting with your assistants in preparation for the spring, please relay to them the importance of becoming involved and networking with their peers. Without your help, the Assistants’ Association will never reach its potential.