NEPVA Billiard Tournament

By Brad Carlson and Harley Freedman

Everything went well with the NEPVA Billiard Tournament held on April 28 & 29th at Breakaway Billiards in Clinton, MA. This year’s event was our most successful year yet, with 31 teams of 2 players competing against each other for the championship. With three referees and a very controlled environment, everything went smoothly. Breakaway Billiards was a great venue for the tournament; their staff was exceptional and the large screen TV’s with Boston sports teams playing in the background added just the right atmosphere to the event.

World Cup Trick Shot Champion and Billiard Hall of Fame member, Ewa Laurance entertained the crowd Saturday night with her unique combination of trick shots, audience participation and instructional presentation on the fundamentals of billiards. She is a true entertainer and had the crowd spellbound with her tricks and tips. Many players approached her for autographed photos after the presentation and thanked her for enlightening them on the fundamentals they have been trying to master for years.

Ewa also played 9-ball challenge matches against any player who wanted to make a donation to the chapter. It was great fun to watch her toy with some of the “hot shot” players, giving them a chance to win if they made a perfect shot, and clearing the table if they failed.

NEPVA gained valuable recognition with the local American Poolplayers Association (APA) and hopefully next year the tournament will have more teams and get more recognition throughout the area.

NEPVA would like to thank Breakaway Billiards and all of their staff for a great weekend at the billiard tournament, all for a good cause – NEPVA’s sports programs. Breakaway Billiards generously donated their facility for this event. We would also like to thank the following: American Poolplayers Association; our major sponsor Budweiser; Standard Auto

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As I mentioned in last month’s newsletter, during May 1st-3rd, PVA Field Advisory Committee members would be visiting the region as part of their annual hospital site visits. The schedule included visits to the Brockton and West Roxbury VA facilities. As you know, while there are many great programs offered by NEPVA, one item prioritized is advocating for quality healthcare. The purpose of the three-day visit is to ensure the best possible healthcare is delivered and received at the SCI clinics and associated areas such as the pharmacy, prosthetics, nursing, OT and PT, mental health, transportation, recreation, and other areas.

The West Roxbury visits were scheduled on the 1st and 3rd. We met with Michael Lawson, VA BHS Director; Dr. Michael Charness, Chief of Staff; Dr. Sunil Sabharwal, SCI Chief; nurses, VA personnel, and later met with patients. The West Roxbury visit required 2 days to meet with all the associated staff and departments, as well as to discuss suggestions, needs, or other issues related to the overall visit.

On the 2nd, we visited the Brockton VA and similarly met with Long Term Care Unit staff and discussed suggestions, needs, or other issues related to the facility. We also had an opportunity to visit and chat with many of the residents of the LTC Unit.

During the site visit, it was a pleasure to meet newer staff members that I had not yet had the opportunity to meet working in the different VA departments. The Spoke and Hub system here in New England is second to none in the country. That is a testament to the Chapter, NSO’s, and VA staff at all levels communicating, interacting, and delivering the best possible healthcare and related services for veterans here in the New England region. There appears to be a team-oriented effort at these VA facilities. One could clearly see (and we were told firsthand by many) that the staff really enjoys their respective jobs and delivering care for veterans. The preliminary report will be compiled and sent to NEPVA, the Boston Regional Office, and other parties for review and suggestions. The final report will be reviewed and awaiting approval by the VA Central Office in the near future.

Many thanks to PVA Medical Services Team members; Kathy Wahlgren, RN; Dr. Stephen Yerkovich; and Acting Eastern Region Director Joe Badzmierowski for their help, assistance, and input on this very important visit.

We here at NEPVA, and I as Chapter President, assure you that the Chapter’s priority is assisting veterans and our membership with any problems or concerns in accessing and receiving care at the VA Medical Centers here in New England. Feel free to contact me and/or the Chapter office should you have any issues or concerns.

On the 10th, I attended an ALS fundraiser, MDA's ALS Evening of Hope, at the UMass Medical Center in Worcester, MA. Also attending were NEPVA Vice President Debra Freed, Board Members Wayne Ross and Brad Carlson (and his wife Kathy), NSO John Stansbury, Acting Eastern Region Director Joe Badzmierowski, and Dave Qualey (with Ride-Away). It was good to mingle and collaborate with other non-profit organizations in attendance and a fun evening for all of us. As you may know, ALS is a valid criterion for PVA membership.

The MDA’s involvement with ALS began in the early 1950’s when Eleanor Gehrig, widow of beloved New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig, was searching for a way to fight the disease that had taken her husband’s life. Mrs. Gehrig served more than a
Government Relations

Money Changes Everything

Famous last words! The title of this hit song was originally done by an Atlanta group “The Brains” in 1980, Cyndi Lauper made it famous. (http://80music.about.com/od/artistskp/tp/toplaupersongs.htm - 5.11.12) How and why money changes everything is quite evident in our daily lives. The following two issues deal with money. The Inclusive Home Design Act and the VA Budget.

Usually, the first Monday of the month has NEPVA involved in a conference call with other chapters and their designated Advocacy and/or Legislative person from across the country. This monthly call includes PVA Government Relations Staff. They update us on new and current legislative or advocacy issues. This conference call would deal with issues that were presented at the Advocacy & Legislative Seminar.

From the March 2012 Seminar, of the seven or so position papers that were presented to Congress, two had updates. The first one was the Home Inclusive Design Act. By the time you read this, it should have been introduced on the floor of the House. This is good legislation because it would require that the first floor of private homes be accessible. Right now, Sec 504 of Fair Housing only covers apartment buildings that were constructed with federal money. This would mean it would give wheelchair users, users of walkers or canes the ability to visit family and friends.

The second update concerns the VA budget and its relationship to the federal budget. Prior to the Special Committee assigned to deal with cuts, Congress agreed to make it automatic that certain cuts would take place if the special committee failed to make any headway. Well, we all know the committee failed. So, the issue is what will get cut. Was the VA part of those automatic cuts? During our Congressional visits we asked our Representatives and Senators to please leave VA alone. It turns out that, at least for the time being, VA will be exempt from upcoming cuts. Unfortunately, we are all too aware of Congress’s record concerning passing the federal budget by September 30 for the next fiscal year to begin on October 1. NEPVA will do its best to keep you updated on this issue.

With the changing of the seasons come changes in activity. Some people are more physically active in warmer weather while others are physically active all year around. It is in that vein that I would like you to keep the following in mind. Advocacy & Legislative issues tend to end up on a back burner when the weather turns better. Please know that advocacy and legislation remains just as vital any time of year. It may slow down a little but it must never be allowed to stop. An anecdote to remember when you’re out on that handcycle or fishing from an accessible boat: even though the VA allows veterans one full year to challenge a claim, it is highly recommended to not wait until the year is almost over. Reasons like I don’t have the time are not going to get you what you need when you need it. Also if you wait that long, the VA may determine you didn’t need an increase in the first place. Secondly and probably more importantly is you want to remain fresh in the minds of VA personnel, whether it is a physician or an adjudicator. Doctors see hundreds of patients in a year. Adjudicators get hundreds of claims every day. Some are brand new while others have repeatedly been through the system. As the season changes with this being an election year, the issue of money should not be placed on a back burner.
Relief for Service-members and Veterans

In an effort to support a US housing market recovery the White House recently announced a plan to assist Veterans, Service-members and responsible borrowers. This announcement includes several efforts to support service-members and veterans who were wrongfully foreclosed upon, wrongfully charged higher interest rates, and who were forced to sell their home for a loss due to a permanent change in service. Foreclosure protections under the Service-members Civil Relief Act (SCRA) are being expanded and $10 million will be paid into the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund. This relief will be provided by loan servicers Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, Ally, Citi, and Wells Fargo. This relief – which is in addition to the over $25 billion committed through the overall settlement – includes:

$10 Million for the Veterans Housing Benefit Program. Under the settlement, servicers will pay $10 million into the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund, through which the Department of Veterans Affairs guarantees loans provided on favorable terms to eligible veterans.

Compensating Service-members Wrongfully Foreclosed Upon: Servicers will conduct a review – overseen by the Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division – of the files of every service-member foreclosed upon since 2006 to determine whether any were foreclosed on in violation of the Service-members Civil Relief Act (SCRA). They will provide anyone who was wrongfully foreclosed upon with compensation equal to a minimum of lost equity, plus interest and $116,785.

Foreclosure Protections for Service-members Receiving Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger Pay. The SCRA prohibits servicers from foreclosing on active duty service members without first securing a court order, but only if their loan was secured when they were not on active duty. The settlement extends this protection to all service members, regardless of when their mortgage was secured, who within nine months of the foreclosure received Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger Pay and were stationed away from their home.

Providing Relief for Service-members Forced to Sell Their Home at a Loss Due to a Permanent Change in Station: Under the Department of Defense’s Homeowners’ Assistance Program (HAP), some service-members who are forced to sell their home at a loss due to a Permanent Change in Station (PCS) may be compensated for the loss in their home’s value. Under this settlement, servicers will provide short sale agreements and deficiency waivers to those service-members who were forced to sell their home for less than they owe on their mortgage due to a PCS, but who are not eligible for HAP. This means that the benefits of that program will finally be extended to service-members who bought their homes between July 1, 2006 and December 31, 2008, or who received a PCS after October 1, 2010.

Compensating Service-members Wrongfully Charged Higher Interest Rates: Servicers will conduct a review – also overseen by DOJ’s Civil Rights Division – of the files of their service-member clients dating back to 2008 to determine whether they charged any an interest rate in excess of 6% on their mortgage after a valid request to lower the rate, in violation of the SCRA. Servicers will be required to provide any service-member who was wrongfully charged interest in excess of 6% with a payment equal to at least four times the amount wrongfully charged. For example, if a service-member who took out a $200,000 mortgage with a 7% interest rate was wrongfully denied a request to lower their interest rate to 6% over a course of 18 months, they would receive a payment of over $9,000, plus interest.

SCRA Extends certain foreclosure protections afforded under the Service-member Civil Relief Act to service-members serving in harm’s way.

Reducing Fees for FHA Borrowers Seeking to Refinance: As part of the President’s aggressive effort to reduce barriers and costs for refinancing, the Administration is also announcing that the FHA will cut its fees for refinancing loans already insured by the FHA.

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Sports & Recreation

By Brad Carlson
Sports Director

It’s been a very busy spring. We had our second Horseback Riding Clinic on May 12th at Elm Hill Center Stables in Brookfield, MA. Riders included Craig Cascella, Debra Freed, Mike Guilbault and myself. (photos below) There was a motorcycle rally with bikers from Worcester Hog Chapter, who put on a wonderful buffet for everyone. Another Horseback Riding Clinic will be planned for October. NEPVA wishes to thank Bonnie Keefe-Layden, Liz Flaherty and all of their volunteers.

Next on the list, of course, is our 32nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games. This year’s Games will take place in Richmond, Virginia on June 25-30. The NEPVA team is ready to go; all rooms have been assigned, so let’s all go for the gold!

Our programs keep growing with Football coming in the summer. Some of the newer sports will include Wheelchair Boxing and Golf, which is doing fantastic. See page 7 for some activity dates that were previously mentioned in Cord Word.

We are still looking for football players in mid-August. Please contact the office to register. Try-outs will be held in August.

In closing, as always, there is plenty to do: get out there and do it!

Parts of Worcester; Guertin Trophies and Awards; DJ Bucky Sheehan; Ewa Laurance; and of course our many volunteers.

Note from a Billiard Tournament Participant

I just wanted to take the time to say that the fundraiser that the NEPVA put on at Breakaways in Clinton MA, was one of the best experiences I have ever had. It was a lot more relaxing and fun than a Vegas tournament. Brad is one of the coolest guys I have ever met. And to have Ewa show up was like a dream come true. I can honestly say that the pool clinic she put on has already increased my focus on my game tremendously. I have never met more fun people in my life. I wouldn’t miss any other pool tournament put on by NEPVA ever. Thanks again for a wonderful experience and a fun fun weekend.

Alan D. Jemlich

Ewa Laurance completes one of her many trick shots for the crowd, with Brad and Kathy Carlson in the background.
3rd Annual PVA/Sail to Prevail Sailing Clinic

June 16-17, 2012, in Newport RI.

Contact Alex Egan at 401-849-8898

for additional information visit www.sailtoprevail.org

2nd Annual Owen “Mickey” Emery Shoot

On April 22nd, the 2nd Annual Owen “Mickey” Emery Shoot was held at the Brockton VAMC. The event was attended by participants from Building 8 and Building 4, as well as outpatients. (Top) 2nd Place winner Hugh O’Donnell poses with Liz Emery, Kelly Cossaboom and volunteer Ron Orazine; (bottom) staff and volunteers assist shooters.

Once again, listed below are upcoming events for the summer and fall. Joanie Lynch, Recreational Therapy Service, SCIU VA Boston has provided this information:

July 23–27, Mount Sunapee Summer Sports Clinic

August 18, Lake Hiawatha Bellingham at Dennis’s house.

September 15, Shawme Shooting Club in Sandwich, MA

Oct 5, Bass River Shooting Club

Oct 8 - 12, Creative Arts Festival in Boston

For more information on any of these trips, contact Joanie Lynch, Recreational Therapy Service, SCIU VA Boston at 774-826-1976, or the NEPVA Office in Walpole.

32nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games

June 25-30, 2012

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PVA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose
The purpose of the PVA Educational Scholarship Program is to provide assistance to PVA members and their immediate family members by providing scholarship funds to help with a post-secondary education.

The 2012-2013 scholarship will be in the amount of $1,000 for full-time students and $500 for part-time students for an academic year. The scholarship awardees will be required to verify their status as a full-time or part-time student in an accredited college or university.

Eligibility
The scholarship program is open to all PVA members, their spouses and unmarried children under the age of twenty-four (24) and who are dependent (as defined by the IRS) on the member for principal support.

Submission Process
Individuals who wish to apply for the scholarship program can download the application at www.pva.org or request an application be mailed to them via phone (800) 424-8200 Ext. 776, or via e-mail christih@pva.org. Completed applications MUST be returned to PVA NO LATER THAN June 17, 2012.

Accompanying documents will include an official transcript for EACH school listed in the application.

A personal statement must be attached to the application and may not exceed two pages. The statement should contain intended courses of study and long- and short-term goals. A copy of the personal statement must be attached to each of the six copies submitted.

A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or other school official should accompany the application.

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An estimated 2-3 million borrowers could be eligible for this savings, providing the typical FHA borrower with the opportunity to save about a thousand dollars a year through refinancing than they could have under today’s fee structure. The FHA is reducing both the upfront and annual fee for FHA borrowers looking to utilize the streamline refinance to take advantage of historically low interest rates. For loans originated prior to June 1, 2009, the upfront premium is reduced to .01 percent and the annual fee is reduced to .55 percent. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released outlines for all of the mortgage insurance premium (MIP) changes; increases for new purchase transactions, and decreases for streamline refinances.

For further questions:
Any Service member who believes his or her rights were violated by Bank of America, J.P. Morgan Chase, Ally, Citi, or Wells Fargo can contact the Justice Department directly at 1-800-896-7743. The Department will have access to information to determine whether or not service members are victims and the settlement requires those individuals to be contacted.

Service members and their dependents who believe that their SCRA rights have been violated should contact the nearest Armed Forces Legal Assistance office. For the relevant contact information, please consult the military legal assistance office locator at http://legalassistance.law.af.mil and click on the Legal Services Locator.

Additional information about the Justice Department’s enforcement of the SCRA and the other laws protecting service members is available at www.servicemembers.gov.
MANCHESTER VA SCI-D VETERANS

6th Annual Barbecue June 21, 2012, 12n-1:30pm
Submitted by Paul Redmond, MSW

At the annual barbecue, John Stansbury, National Service Officer, Paralyzed Veterans of America will give information on changes at the Regional Office to a new system called the Fully Developed Claim Process. Information will be presented about the Special Adapted Housing Grant and the Eligibility for the Auto Grant. You will find out who is approved for vehicle adaptations. He will discuss the benefits of a Permanent and Total rating added to those who are Service Connected and how to file for that rating.

Any questions or concerns will be addressed by Mr. Stansbury who has been very helpful over the years in serving our Veterans with their claims by obtaining their rightful benefits with the Manchester Regional Office.

PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER by MONDAY June 18th
(early registration and a return call if you need to cancel appreciated!)
603-624-4366 Ext: 6434

Location: Manchester VAMC, basement level
Directions from Main Entrance: Elevator down to “B” level, LEFT, next RIGHT, down hall, next LEFT at PT/OT check-in area.

Manchester SCI-D Clinic Farewell

My journey into the world of Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders began in 2001. It was quickly evident that this is not a “dis-abled” community, but one clearly focused on abilities. Many of our SCI-D Veterans are a testament to living life to its fullest with courage, strength and dignity. As I look back on this final adventure of a 40 year career in health care, I have to share that this experience has been one of the most inspiring! Unlike the “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire” TV game show, I had unlimited use of the “Phone a Friend” lifeline and always got winning answers from a dedicated & more experienced VISN SCI team member. Your local SCI-D teams are able to provide the care they do through the support of the VISN and National VA SCI-D network and of course the support of NEPVA, PVA NSO’s and the PVA. My time with SCI has been a period of personal and professional growth like no other. The best teachers of all have been our SCI-D Vets. After June 29, 2012 you will be inspiring my replacement! We are making every effort to have your new SCI-D Primary Care Nurse Practitioner attend the 6th Annual SCI-D Clinic Barbecue on June 21st at 12noon.

Thank you to all for allowing me the privilege and opportunity of serving as your SCI-D Clinic nurse, Theresa Ciulla, RN.

Vocational Rehabilitation News

Here is a list of “work at home” employers for veterans and/or their families who need or want to work at home. I know Jlodge was on temporary layoff for a while and may well be hiring soon.

Here is my list:
www.jlodge.com
www.1-800-flowers.com
www.pearlinter.org
www.benderconsult.com
www.uhaul.com/about/veterans.aspx

Go to Military Support and once on the site then at the bottom go to career opportunities, and you will see virtual call center jobs.

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Enterprise (the car rental company)
Century Link
New Corp Work at home jobs (not news corp)

For additional assistance contact:
Ken Lipton
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
Paralyzed Veterans of America
kenl@pva.org
Office: 857-203-6091
VA to Increase Mental Health Staff by 1,900 Providers

The Honorable Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, recently announced that the department (VA) would add approximately 1,600 mental health clinicians – to include nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers as well as nearly 300 support staff to its existing workforce of 20,590 mental health staff as part of an ongoing review of mental health operations.

“As the tide of war recedes, we have the opportunity, and the responsibility, to anticipate the needs of returning veterans,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “History shows that the costs of war will continue to grow for a decade or more after the operational missions in Iraq and Afghanistan have ended. As more Veterans return home, we must ensure that all Veterans have access to quality mental health care.”

The VA’s ongoing comprehensive review of mental health operations has indicated that some VA facilities require more mental health staff to serve the growing needs of Veterans. VA is moving quickly to address this top priority. Based on this model for team delivery of outpatient mental health services, plus growth needs for the Veterans Crisis Line and anticipated increase in Compensation and Pension/Integated Disability Evaluation System exams, VA projected the additional need for 1,900 clinical and clerical mental health staff at this time. As these increases are implemented, VA will continue to assess staffing levels.

The VA will allocate funds from the current budget to all 21 Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs) across the country this month to begin recruitment immediately. Under the leadership of President Obama and Secretary Shinseki, VA has devoted more people, programs, and resources toward mental health services to serve the growing number of Veterans seeking mental health care from VA. Last year, VA provided specialty mental health services to 1.3 million Veterans. Since 2009, VA has increased the mental health care budget by 39 percent. Since 2007, VA has seen a 35 percent increase in the number of Veterans receiving mental health services, and a 41 percent increase in mental health staff.

To locate the nearest VA facility or Vet Center for enrollment and to get scheduled for care, Veterans can visit VAs website at www.va.gov. Immediate help is available at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net or by calling the Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (push 1) or texting 838255.

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Paralyzed Veterans Announces 9th Annual National Veterans Day Poster & Essay Contest

Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans) will hold its National Veterans Day Poster and Essay Contest for a ninth straight year. The contest provides school-age children the opportunity to creatively express their gratitude for America's veterans.

This year's contest theme—“Show/Tell a Personal Story about a Veteran Who Has Made a Difference in Your Life or Hometown”—hopes to promote awareness of and appreciation for our nation’s 26 million veterans, as well as give parents and teachers an opportunity to teach students the long history of sacrifice and accomplishments by America’s veterans.

Students in grades 1–4 may participate by creating posters, which will be separated into two categories for judging: 1st–2nd grade and 3rd–4th grade. The essay contest is open to students in grades 5–8 and will be separated into two categories for judging: 5th–6th grade and 7th–8th grade.

Grade category winners: The winning students from each grade category will be awarded a special plaque and a $100 educational gift certificate. The student’s school will also receive a plaque recognizing the student’s honor.

Grand prize winners: An all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC, for Veterans Day 2012, and the winning essay and poster will be featured in PN, Paralyzed Veterans’ national magazine. The winners will be special guests of Paralyzed Veterans at ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and at our national reception afterward.

decade as MDA National Campaign Chairperson. Since its inception, MDA has dedicated hundreds of millions of dollars to ALS research, services, and information programs. To learn more about local MDA ALS services at the UMass Medical Center, contact Maritza Cruz @ (508)-334-9040.

For information on the local MDA ALS Support Group, which meets the second Wednesday of each month, contact the MDA local office @ (508) 898-3375.

On June 20, 2012, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., there will be a Boston/Bedford Veterans Expo, hosted by the Bedford VAMC and VA Boston Healthcare System. The one-day benefit and service conference will be at Bunker Hill Community College, at the Multi-Purpose Center, Building G, 250 New Rutherford Ave., Boston, MA for a day full of information, camaraderie and fun. For directions visit the web site link: http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/inside/65 or call 857-364-5934 for more information. Free parking is available and MBTA transit is accessible by the Orange Line.

Veterans will have the opportunity to get information on job opportunities, healthcare, VA Benefits, Women Veterans’ Programs, attend seminars on resume writing, financial planning and more. Other topics will include life skills seminars focused on family and child interaction, overcoming life’s challenges and higher education. If you are a Veteran or someone you know is a Veteran, spread the word and come see what’s new for you at the VA.

As always, feel free to visit NEPVA’s web site (www.nepva.org), PVA’s web site (www.pva.org), and the VA’s web site (www.va.gov) for up to date and recent news. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact our office or your local NSO.

NEPVA Now Accepts Vehicle Donations

Please Donate that Auto, Boat, or RV that’s No Longer Needed to New England PVA. NEPVA is currently accepting vehicle donations from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. For further information, call Toll Free: (866) 2-GIVING or (866) 244-8464, or visit the NEPVA website: www.nepva.org

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New NEPVA Member Benefits

New England Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans (NEPVA) is excited to announce exclusive new benefits. Members of NEPVA will receive up to a $25 Sam’s Club Gift Card when signing up for a new Sam’s Club Plus Membership or renewing an existing Plus Membership by June 30, 2012. We have included information how to become eligible with the phone number for the office to get your certificate. Also please note the example of the certificate you will receive as a member of NEPVA simply by calling the office at our toll free number and requesting it. (800) 660-1181

Or, choose an Advantage or Business Membership and receive a $10 Sam’s Club Gift Card at sign-up. In addition to a year of exceptional value, Advantage Members enjoy time-saving services in-club and online.

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2012 NEPVA Bass Trail Schedule

TBA               Maine, Location TBA
June 9            Charles River, Boston
July 21           Lake Champlain-Fort Ticondaroga Ramp, Vermont
Sept. 8-9         PVA National Bass Tournament, Lake Winnipesaukee, NH
Sept. 15-16       NEPVA Bass Tournament, Lake Winnipesaukee, NH and TOC

Make a Donation Today!

Liz Flaherty, Honey the Horse, Craig Cascella, and volunteers at Elm Hill Stables on May 12th.
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