

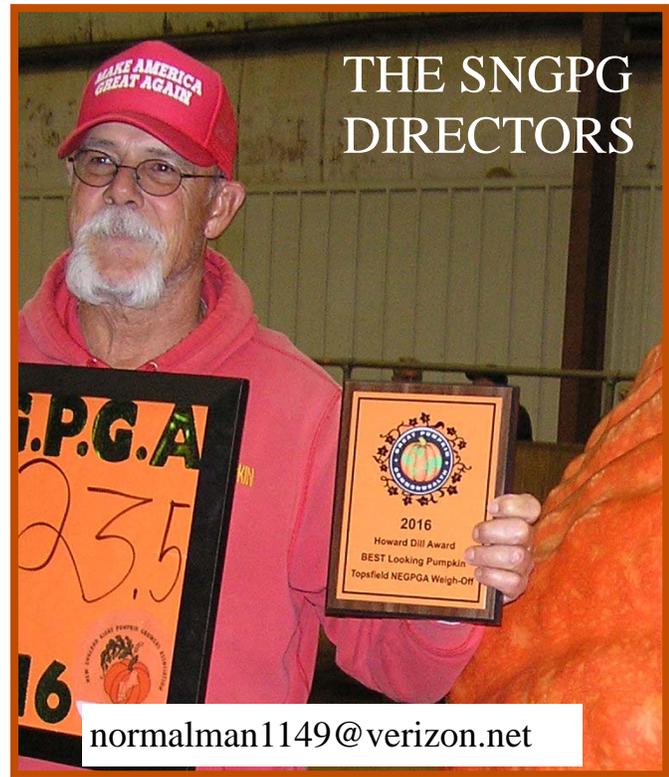
Lots of COOL STUFF happened in the SNGPG over the Winter months. Our GPC club grew in many ways. In 2017 we are healthier than ever, with a world wide membership of many good friends and fellow growers, who share the same passion as our members. The Extreme Gardening sport we are in, keeps slowly growing, as more people become interested. But its more than just Giant Pumpkins nowadays. Everything from Squash, to Field Pumpkins; Tomato's, Long Gourds and Giant Pumpkins to Watermelons, Bushel Gourds and more, are showing up at the local weigh-offs. Lots of change. All good.

And within our club some change is happening too. Before starting we want to say THANK YOU, to all the people that offered to volunteer their time as Directors of the club. We got emails from growers all over southern New England to help out., and were able to pick a few .

So here is what happened. Norm Gansert (The King of Orange) and one of our most dedicated members was voted in as President of the SNGPG. Out past fearless leader and good friend, Joe Jutras, has decided to step aside after 7 years at the helm. But of course Joe will still be competing at all the local weigh-off's as his passion for growing Greenies, Orange Giants and Long Gourds still runs deep. Some new Directors were voted in too. Gene Lariviere from Putnam CT, Michael Fleming from Hanson MA and Scott Marley from Bellingham, MA. These guys have been growers in the sport for a long time, and bring in new, fresh idea's, to further promote what we all do.

The long time Directors like Michael Oliver, Peter Rondeau, Ken Desrosiers, Matt Debacco and Steve Connolly will stay at their volunteer posts and keep guiding the club along.. Its what we do.

Feel free to contact us anytime you have a question about the club, or if you just need growing support, in any way, and we'll get right back to you. Our contact info is on the cover. Good luck in the patch this year!



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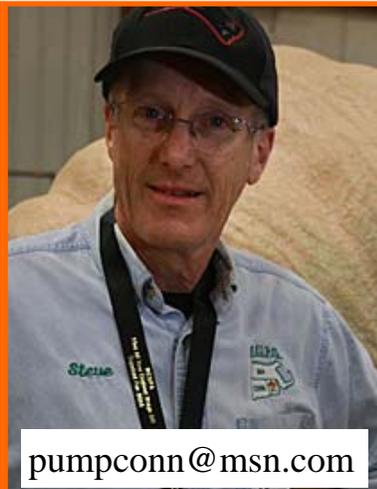
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