

## PHILADELPHIA SECTION PGA ANNOUNCES SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

The Section honors professionals in eleven categories; this year's collection of winners features five first time recipients as well as six previous award winners.

Will Reilly, Twining Valley Golf Club, took home the top honors of Golf Professional of the Year. Reilly serves as the Head Professional at Twining Valley GC in Dresher, PA. In addition to his duties at the club, Reilly serves on various special committees for Philadelphia Section PGA. Both in 2003 and 2004 Reilly was honored as the Section's Junior Golf Leader, an honor he received on the national level in 2005. Reilly was again honored nationally in 2007 with the PGA's Presidents Plaque, an award he took home on the Section level in 2005 and 2006.

The Assistant Professional of the Year award went to Tom Byrne of Aronimink Golf Club. The award, given out annually since 1999, has seen 8 different recipients. Byrne currently serves as President of the Philadelphia Assistant's Organization (P.A.O.).

John Dunigan was honored as Teacher of the Year. This is the first Teacher of the Year Award for Dunigan who serves as Director of Instruction at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, PA.

Mark Anderson was awarded the Horton Smith Award. This award recognizes continuing contributions to professional education. This was the first time Anderson was honored as the Horton Smith recipient. Anderson is a previous recipient of the Section's Bill Strausbaugh award in 2007.

Jeff Haas, French Creek Golf Club, was honored as Junior Golf Leader. This is the second straight year Haas is being honored as the Junior Golf Leader. Haas serves as chairman of the Section's Junior Golf Committee.

Charles Raudenbush, Pine Valley Golf Club, was awarded the PGA Bill Strausbaugh award. The Bill Strausbaugh award recognizes a professional who has distinguished themselves through mentoring their fellow professionals.

Bob Doria, Bucks County Country Club, was awarded the President's Plaque for 2008. The President's Plaque is presented to a professional for extraordinary contributions and achievements in Player Development.

Ian Dalzell of Hidden Creek GC, Kevin DeDonato of Marriott's Seaview Resort, and Kevin Edwards of Riverview CC rounded out the awards with their recognition as Merchandisers of the Year in the Private Club, Resort Club, and Public/Municipal category respectively. This is the first time that Dalzell and DeDonato are being honored. Kevin Edwards was honored as Merchandiser of the Year in 2006.

The Section also honored Bill Lee as Salesperson of the Year. Lee is the Section's representative for various lines including the Greg Norman Collection.