

Tom Carpus, Kennett Square G & CC and Will Reilly, Twining Valley GC will receive the PGA Horton Smith Award and PGA President's Plaque respectively at the PGA of America Awards Ceremony. Carpus has twice received the Philadelphia Section PGA Horton Smith award in 2000 and 2001 but this will be his first time being recognized nationally. Will Reilly will receive his second PGA of America award when he is honored with the President's Plaque in January. Reilly previously received the PGA of America Junior Golf Leader award in 2005.

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The Section is excited to announce the ground breaking of a handicapped accessible short golf course at the Variety Club Camp and Developmental Center in Montgomery County. The Section and Variety – The Children's Charity of Greater Philadelphia (Tent 13) have had a long illustrious history together, most notably because of their nationally recognized "Golf Buddy Program," which pairs a child with a disability with a PGA professional to help introduce them to the game of golf and the lasting friendships it can harbor. Yet, the initiative to build a short golf course completely accessible to children and youth with disabilities will indelibly cement both the Section's and Variety's relationship for the future as well as their reputation as the leaders in golf advocacy for children and youth with disabilities from the Delaware Valley. The construction of a three-hole astro-turf golf course on the site of Variety's Camp will allow all Variety children and youth with disabilities to access a golf course and all the joys associated with the game of golf, which many of them have never

experienced. The course will be open to Variety's Day Camp, Overnight Camp, and Weekend Retreats, and will serve as home to the Golf Buddy Program.

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Spring Ford CC head professional Rich Steinmetz finished with at 3 under par for a three shot win over his nearest competitor Jim Masserio (Aronimink GC), to win his first Section Championship. This year's Section Championship was played at Concord Country Club in Concordville, PA. Steinmetz was the only player to finish under par and by winning the event he qualifies for one of the Section's nine spots in the Professional National Championship in Georgia next June. He will be joined by Masserio, Steve Madsen (Wilmington CC), Stu Ingraham (Overbrook GC), John DiMarco (Laurel Creek CC), John Pillar (Woodloch Springs Resort), Terry Hatch (Hidden Valley GC), Cleve Coldwater (Glenmaura National) and host professional Mike Moses (Concord CC).

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The Junior Tour recently announced the 2007 year end award winners. Tucker Koch (Malvern, PA) and Beverly Pike (York, PA) each earned Player of the Year honors. Player of the Year is based on a cumulative point system throughout the junior season. In addition, Matthew Smith (Chester Springs, PA) and Ali Weaver (Lititz, PA) received the Sam Penecale Award which honors the juniors with the lowest Stroke Average for a single season.

---- Joe Monforto