

On October 29th, the Philadelphia Section held their annual Fall Meeting at Woodcrest Country Club in Cherry Hill, NJ. The meeting allowed professionals from across the Section to get together to recognize all the award winners and Hall of Fame inductees as well as to elect the next Executive Committee.

Section professional Stu Ingraham was honored as a multiple award winner this year. Ingraham received both the Haverford Trust Company Player of the Year and the DeBaufre Scoring Average Award. This marks the fourth time that Ingraham was awarded the Player of the Year. He previously took home the honor in 1995, 2001 and 2004. Ingraham had previously won the DeBaufre Scoring Average Award in 1994 and 2006 respectively.

George Forster (Radnor Valley Country Club) was able to hold on to his senior title and was awarded the Robert "Skee" Riegel Senior Player of the Year for the second consecutive year. Rounding out the awards, Ed Perrino (Lost Creek Golf Club) was honored as the Most Improved Player for the 2007 season.

The Section also elected three new members into the Hall of Fame. Dick Hendrickson, John Poole, and Henry Picard were recognized for their contributions to the Section during their career. Their elections will bring the total number of Hall of Fame members to twenty-seven (27).

The biggest order of business for the Section at this year's meeting was to elect the new Executive Committee. The Section elected Jim Smith, Jr. (President), Mark Anderson (Vice-President), Dan Haskell (Secretary), John Pillar (Director of Tournaments), and John Rogers (Director of Section Affairs). The Section also elected Marc Kimminau (I), Dave McNabb (II), Robert Leeman (III), Brian Kelly (IV), Kevin Edwards (V), Jeffrey Haas (VI) and Jeffrey Kiddie (VI) as the seven District Directors.

The Executive Committee also announced that Executive Director, Geoffrey Surette has signed a contract extension. Surette, who has served as Executive Director for the Philadelphia Section since 2003, will begin serving his new five year contract on January 1, 2008.

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