

2017
Philadelphia Section PGA
SPECIAL AWARDS NOMINATION/REQUEST FORM

Each year the Special Awards Committee for the Section seeks nominations from PGA members of the Section for candidates to be considered for Special Awards in various categories. Below is a list of the Special Award categories with a description of each award. You may provide a single nomination for one Special Award, or you may provide a nomination for each of the Special Awards categories. You are only allowed to nominate one person for each category. Please note that each nominee will receive a "Nomination Information Form" for each category they are nominated for that must be completed and returned to the Section in order for the nomination to be considered by the Special Awards Committee.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL NOMINATIONS AT THE SECTION OFFICE IS **Friday, September 1st, 2017 By 5:00 PM** – SECTION FAX NUMBER IS – (215) 646-3961.

Special Award Categories:

GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR: Name:_____ **Club:**_____

Description:

The "PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional who has performed outstanding services as an overall PGA Professional. As one of the highest honors The PGA can bestow, candidates must possess outstanding qualities of leadership, strong moral character, and a substantial record of service to the Association and the game of golf. Individuals honored with the PGA Golf Professional of the Year award will be held as a model PGA Golf Professional.

Criteria:

PGA Golf Professional of the Year minimum criteria:

- Candidate must have been a Class A PGA member in good standing for a minimum **total** of 10 years.
- Candidate has developed the image, reputation, and ability to inspire fellow PGA members as a PGA Professional.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of service to the Association and game of Golf, as well as helping to further educate and train their fellow PGA professionals.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of service and promotion toward the Growth of the Game of Golf.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR : Name:_____ **Club:**_____

Description:

The "PGA Teacher of the Year Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional who has performed outstanding services as a golf teacher and coach.

Criteria:

PGA Teacher of the Year minimum criteria:

- Candidate must have been a Class A PGA member in good standing for a minimum **total** of 10 years.
- Candidate has developed the image, reputation, and ability to inspire fellow PGA members with an emphasis on Teaching and Coaching.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of service to the game of golf, as well as helping to further educate their fellow PGA professionals with an emphasis on Teaching and Coaching.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of service and promotion toward the growth of the game.
- Candidate must have attended or conducted a minimum combined total of TEN (10) national teaching workshops, teaching/coaching summits or sectional teaching workshops or teaching/coaching summits within the last FIFTEEN (15) years.

BILL STRAUSBAUGH AWARD: Name:_____ **Club:**_____

Description:

The "PGA Bill Strausbaugh Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional, who personally displays outstanding integrity, character, and leadership through a commitment to mentoring and making significant impacts on the careers of PGA Professionals. In the spirit of the award, "mentoring" shall be defined as follows:

“Mentoring is supporting professionals to manage their own development so they can maximize their PGA career potential. The PGA mentor empowers, enables, advises, challenges, and encourages professionals to enhance their professional skills, strengthen their level of service, improve their work performance, and become the PGA Member that they aspire to be.”

Criteria:

Bill Strausbaugh Award minimum criteria:

- Candidate must have been a Class A PGA member in good standing for a minimum **total** of 10 years.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of service to the PGA of America in the effort to further the careers of fellow PGA Professionals as a mentor, counselor, teacher and advisor.
- Candidate has developed the image, reputation, and ability to inspire fellow PGA members with an emphasis in the area of leadership and service to the Association, individual PGA Professionals and the community at-large.
- Candidate must have maintained a continual record of service and promotion of the game of golf and golf industry within the specific area of employment and club relations.

HORTON SMITH EDUCATION AWARD: Name: _____ **Club:** _____

Description:

The "PGA Horton Smith Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional, who personally displays a strong desire for lifelong education to include outstanding and continuing contributions to professional education.

Criteria:

Horton Smith Award minimum criteria:

- Candidate must have been a Class A PGA member in good standing for a minimum **total** of 10 years.
- Candidate has developed the image, reputation, and ability to inspire fellow PGA members with an emphasis in the area of education and training of PGA Professionals.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of service to the PGA of America and the game of golf to further educate and train fellow PGA members, apprentices, and industry stakeholders.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of service and promotion toward the growth of the game.
- Candidate must be one of the following: Master Professional, Certified Professional, served as an Association Subject Matter Expert (SME), adjunct PGA faculty member, OR have conducted and/or taught at a minimum combined total of TEN (10) national education programs/workshops (to include PGA PGM) or sectional education programs/workshops within the last TEN (10) years.

YOUTH PLAYER DEVELOPMENT: Name: _____ **Club:** _____

Description:

The "PGA Youth Player Development Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional, who has displayed extraordinary and exemplary contribution and achievement in the area of youth player development. The award considers the PGA Professional's focus on Youth through their growth of the game leadership, commitment at the Section and National levels in the youth player development arena, and the meaningful impact made upon youth through the introduction and participation in the game.

Criteria:

PGA Youth Player Development Award minimum criteria:

- Candidate must currently be a Class A PGA member in good standing and involved in youth player development efforts as either a PGA Apprentice or Member for a minimum **total** of 10 years.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of service to the PGA of America, Section, facility, and golf industry in the area of Youth Player Development.
- Candidate has developed the image, reputation, and ability to inspire fellow PGA members with an emphasis in the area of Youth Player Development.
- Candidate must have maintained a continual record of service, promotion of the game of golf, as well as proven interest and ability to provide opportunities and experiences for youth to learn, play and participate in the game.

ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR : Name: _____ **Club:** _____

Description:

The Assistant Professional of the Year Award recognizes an Assistant Professional who displays extraordinary service and

commitment at their facility and within the industry. The award considers a professionals focus on facility operations, Section and/or community service and growth of the game.

Requirements:

- Candidate must be a PGA member in good standing.
- Candidate must be well regarded as a model PGA member.
- Demonstration and acknowledgement as an individual of outstanding leadership and strong moral character.

MERCHANDISER OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Private Club: Name: _____ Club: _____

Public Club: Name: _____ Club: _____

Resort Club: Name: _____ Club: _____

Description:

The Merchandiser of the Year Award is designed to recognize those PGA Professionals who have excelled as business persons / merchandisers in the promotion of golf. The PGA honors PGA Professionals in three categories: Private, Public and Resort facilities.

Criteria:

Demonstration of skill in planning and promotion of sales by presenting products to his/her market on a timely basis, and through the use of specialized merchandising techniques that include display and advertising.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD: Name: _____ Club: _____

Description:

The "PGA Player Development Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional, who has displayed extraordinary and exemplary contribution and achievement in the area of player development. The award considers the PGA Professional's growth of the game leadership, commitment at the Section and National levels in the player development arena, and the meaningful impact made at the facility.

Criteria:

PGA Player Development Award minimum criteria:

- Candidate must currently be a Class A PGA member in good standing and involved in player development as either a Member or Apprentice for a minimum *total* of 10 years.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of service to the PGA of America, Section, facility, and golf industry in the area of Player Development.
- Candidate has developed the image, reputation, and ability to inspire fellow PGA members with an emphasis in the area of Player Development.
- Candidate must have maintained a continual record of service and promotion of the game of golf and golf industry in the effort to grow meaningful participation in the game.

THE PATRIOT AWARD: Name: _____ Club: _____:

Description:

The "PGA Patriot Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional, who personifies patriotism through the game of golf and demonstrates unwavering commitment and dedication to the men and women who have valiantly served and protected the United States of America.

Criteria:

Patriot Award minimum criteria:

- Candidate must currently be a Class A PGA member in good standing and involved in military programming efforts as either a PGA Apprentice or Member for a minimum *total* of 10 years.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of contribution and support to the United States Armed Forces and its Active Duty and Reserved personnel and veterans.
- Candidate must have displayed proven interest, concern, and ability to provide opportunities and experience for active duty, reservists, and veterans to learn and play golf.

