

## **GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

The PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award is one of the highest honors the Association can bestow on a working club professional whose total contributions to the game best exemplify the complete PGA Professional. This award embraces a wide range of services executed by the club professional.

### **PGA Golf Professional of the Year Guidelines:**

- Demonstration of outstanding qualities of leadership
- Demonstration of strong moral character
- Maintain a substantial record of service to the Section and the game of golf
- Well-regarded as a model PGA Golf Professional
- Ability to inspire fellow Golf Professionals

## **TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

The Teacher of the Year Award is designed to recognize a PGA Professional who is an outstanding teacher of golf among the ranks of PGA membership. This award is based on a professional's overall performance in teaching; unusual, innovative and special teaching programs initiated or implemented; articles published; as well as outstanding golfers the professional has instructed.

### **Teacher of the Year Guidelines:**

- Recognized as an outstanding teacher of golf among the ranks of PGA membership.
- Initiation and/or implementation of unusual, innovative and/or special teaching programs.
- Stories, videos, and articles posted online, through social media channels, and in print or publications.
- List of highlights on golfers you have taught and their accomplishments.
- Clinics/Seminars conducted for the Section/PGA of America or other organizations

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

### **Youth Development Award Guidelines:**

- Demonstration of involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at the club level, Section Level and potentially national level.
- Support of Section and National junior golf programs, including PGA Junior League, Minnesota Section Sota Series, Drive, Chip and Putt, and Youth on Course.
- Proven interest, concern and ability to provide opportunities and experience for junior to learn and play golf.
- Recognized as someone of outstanding character.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

The PGA Professional Development Award recognizes the PGA Professional who is the model educator of PGA Golf Professionals. This award is designed to give special recognition to an individual PGA Professional for outstanding and continuing contributions to professional education.

### **Professional Development Award Guidelines:**

- Demonstration of outstanding qualities of leadership, including assisting inspiring Associates to earn their PGA Membership.
- Maintain a substantial record of service to the Section, including support of Section education programs, and programs supporting other golf associations.
- Well-regarded as a model educator of PGA Golf Professionals.
- Contributions to education programs and seminars in the Minnesota Section.

## **BILL STRAUSBAUGH AWARD**

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."

### **Bill Strausbaugh Award Guidelines:**

- Candidate must be well regarded as a PGA member and maintain a substantial record of service to the Minnesota Section and possibly the PGA of America in the effort to further the careers of fellow PGA Professionals as a mentor, counselor, teacher and advisor.
- Demonstration and acknowledgement as an individual of outstanding leadership and strong moral character.
- 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.

## **PGA ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

The PGA Assistant Golf Professional of the Year Award is one of the highest honors the Association can bestow on an Assistant golf professional. This award embraces a wide range of services executed by the Assistant Golf professional.

### **PGA Assistant Golf Professional of the Year Guidelines:**

- Demonstration of outstanding qualities of leadership
- Demonstration of strong moral character
- Maintain a substantial record of service to the Section, the Assistants in the Section and those aspiring to become PGA members
- Work closely with the Section on topics involving Section Assistant Golf Professionals

## **FACILITY PROMOTER OF THE YEAR – PUBLIC - PRIVATE - RESORT**

The Facility Promoter of the Year Award is designed to recognize PGA Professionals for outstanding contributions to their facility. Criteria considered for this award include golf programs offered, tournament operations, merchandising, rules, promotion, and history at facility.

### **Facility Promoter of the Year Guidelines:**

- Demonstration of record of service to their Facility, Community and Section.
- Proven leadership ability that includes growth of programs at facility.
- Involvement in civic activities and local charitable causes within the community.
- Involved in Section Programs, including hosting Section events.
- Involved in hosting other golf association events.
- Overall performance at facility, including merchandising and tournament operation

## **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

The Player Development Award is designed to recognize a PGA Professional for extraordinary and exemplary contributions and achievements in the area of player development and retention. This award considers the PGA Professional's growth of the game leadership commitment at the Section level and the impact made at the facility.

### **Player Development Award Guidelines:**

- Involvement and contributions to Section and National Player Development initiatives including PGA.Coach.
- List of programs being used to develop new golfers and retain golfers.
- List of best practices to increase in rounds / lesson revenues and how they monitor customer satisfaction.
- Inspiration of fellow PGA Professionals in the area of player development.

## **STEVE WEIDNER AWARD**

The Steve Weidner Award is one of the highest honors the Section can bestow on an individual whose total contributions to the game are extraordinary and beyond normal day-to-day activities. This award embraces a wide range of services throughout the game of golf. Past winners include PGA Professionals, Media Personnel, and tournament founders and operators.

### **Steve Weidner Award Guidelines:**

- Demonstration of outstanding qualities of leadership
- Demonstration of strong moral character
- Maintain a substantial record of service to the game of golf and community within the Section

## **THE PATRIOT AWARD**

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.

### **The Patriot Award Guidelines:**

- Candidate must currently be a Class A PGA member in good standing and involved in military programming efforts.
- 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.
- Candidate must have maintained a continual record of service, promotion of the game of golf and proven interest and ability to provide opportunities and experiences for military personnel to learn, play and participate in the game.

## **GOLF EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR**

The "PGA Golf Executive of the Year Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional who has performed outstanding services for a multiple facility/course management/ownership operation, Allied Association or golf industry executive management position. As one of the highest honors the PGA can bestow, candidates must possess outstanding qualities of leadership, vision, courage, strong moral character, and a substantial record of service to the Association and the game of golf. Individuals honored with the PGA Golf Executive of the Year award will be held as a model PGA Golf Professional.

### **Golf Executive of the Year Guidelines:**

- 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.
- Must have served in an executive management position for at least three years.
- 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.