



PGA of America Awards



PGA Golf Professional of the Year

The PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award is determined annually by The PGA of America to honor the working PGA Professional whose total contributions to the game best exemplify the complete PGA Professional. Originally suggested by Richard S. Tufts, of Pinehurst, N.C., former president of the United States Golf Association, the award embraces a wide range of services executed by the PGA Professional.

The highest annual honor bestowed upon a PGA Professional, the award is based on the candidate's entire record, with special emphasis placed on performance and achievement over the past five years in the following criteria: overall performance as a PGA Professional at his/her facility; service to the PGA Section and the Association; leadership ability; image and ability to inspire fellow PGA Professionals; and promotion of golf.



Jim Mrva

1955 Bill Gordon..... Tam O'Shanter CC, Chicago	1983 Ken Lindsay..... Colonial CC, Jackson, Miss.
1956 Harry Shepard..... Mark Twain Community GC, Elmira, N.Y.	1984 Jerry Mowlds..... Columbia-Edgewater CC, Portland, Ore.
1957 Dugan Aycock..... Lexington CC, Lexington, N.C.	1985 Jerry Cozby..... Hillcrest CC, Bartlesville, Okla.
1958 Harry Pezzullo..... Mission Hills GC, Northbrook, Ill.	1986 David Ogilvie..... Flossmoor CC, Flossmoor, Ill.
1959 Eddie Duino..... San Jose CC, San Jose, Calif.	1987 Bob Ford..... Oakmont CC, Oakmont, Pa.
1960 Warren Orlick..... Tam O'Shanter CC, Orchard Lake, Mich.	1988 Hank Majewski..... Wakefield Valley GC, Westminster, Md.
1961 Don Padgett..... Green Hills CC, Selma, Ind.	1989 Tom Addis III..... Singing Hills CC, El Cajon, Calif.
1962 Tom Lo Presti..... Haggin Oaks GC, Sacramento, Calif.	1990 Jim Albus..... Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, N.Y.
1963 Bruce Herd..... Flossmoor CC, Flossmoor, Ill.	1991 Joe Jemsek..... Cog Hill G&CC, Lemont, Ill.
1964 Lyle Wehrman..... Merced G&CC, Merced, Calif.	1992 Martin T. Kavanaugh II Hamilton Cty. Park Dst., Cincinnati, Ohio
1965 Hubby Habjan..... Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill.	1993 Don Kotnik..... Toledo CC, Toledo, Ohio
1966 Bill Strausbaugh Jr. Turf Valley CC, Ellicott City, Md.	1994 Dick Murphy..... Peachtree GC, Atlanta
1967 Ernie Vossler..... Quail Creek CC, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1995 David C. Price..... Bent Tree CC, Dallas
1968 Hardy Loudermilk..... Oak Hills CC, San Antonio, Texas	1996 Randall Smith..... Royal Oaks CC, Dallas
1969 A. Hubert Smith..... Arnold Center CC, Tullahoma, Tenn.	1997 Tom Sargent..... Mesa Verde CC, Costa Mesa, Calif.
Wally Mund..... Midland Hills CC, St. Paul, Minn.	1998 Ken Morton Sr..... Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, Sacramento, Calif.
1970 Grady Shumate..... Tanglewood GC, Clemmons, N.C.	1999 Ed Hoard..... Athens Country Club, Athens, Ga.
1971 Ross Collins..... Dallas A.C.C.C., Dallas	2000 Charles "Vic" Kline..... Indian Tree GC, Arvada, Colo.
1972 Howard Morrette..... Twin Lakes CC, Kent, Ohio	2001 Tony Morosco..... Weston (Mass.) CC
1973 Warren Smith..... Cherry Hills CC, Englewood, Colo.	2002 Jock Olson..... Interlachen CC, Edina, Minn.
1974 Paul Harney..... Paul Harney's GC, Hatchville, Mass.	2003 Jim Brotherton Jr. Old Overton Golf Club, Vestavia Hills, Ala.
1975 Walker Inman Jr. Scioto CC, Columbus, Ohio	2004 Craig Harmon..... Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N.Y.
1976 Ron Letellier..... Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.	2005 Bill Eschenbrenner Lone Star Golf Club, El Paso, Texas
1977 Don Soper..... Royal Oak GC, Royal Oak, Mich.	2006 Jim Manthis..... Les Bolstad/U. of Minnesota G. Crs., St. Paul, Minn.
1978 Walter Lowell..... Canton Public GC, Canton, Conn.	2007 Brent Krause..... Wynlakes G&CC, Montgomery, Ala.
1979 Gary Ellis..... Pittsburgh Field Club, Pittsburgh	2008 Jim Antkiewicz..... The Club at Nevillewood, Presto, Pa.
1980 Stan Thirsk..... Kansas City CC, Shawnee Mission, Kan.	2009 Jack Barber..... Meridian Hills Country Club, Indianapolis, Ind.
1981 John Gerring..... Atlanta CC, Marietta, Ga.	2010 Jim Mrva..... Monroe Golf Club, Pittsford, N.Y.
1982 Bob Popp..... Omaha (Neb.) CC	

PGA Teacher of the Year

The PGA Teacher of the Year Award was inaugurated in 1986 to honor outstanding teachers of golf among the ranks of The PGA of America membership. This Award is based on the PGA Professional's overall performance in teaching; unusual, innovative and special teaching programs the Professional has initiated or played a key role in implementing; articles published in books and magazines; as well as outstanding golfers the Professional has instructed.



Todd Anderson

1986 Manuel de la Torre..... Milwaukee CC, Milwaukee, Wis.
1987 Gary Wiren..... PGA National GC, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
1988 Jim Flick..... The GC at Desert Mountain, Scottsdale, Ariz.
1989 Harvey Penick..... Austin CC, Austin, Texas
1990 Charles Sorrell..... Lake Spivey GC, Jonesboro, Ga.
1991 Mike Hebron..... Smithtown Landing CC, Smithtown, N.Y.
1992 Bill Strausbaugh..... Columbia CC, Chevy Chase, Md.
1993 Hank Haney..... Hank Haney Golf Ranch, McKinney, Texas
1994 Jim McLean..... Doral Golf Resort, Miami
1995 Jack Lumpkin..... Sea Island/Golf Digest Learning Center, St. Simons Island, Ga.
1996 Chuck Cook..... Barton Creek CC/Lakeside, Spicewood, Texas
1997 Rick Martino..... Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club
1998 Dave Glenz..... Crystal Springs GC, Hardyston, N.J.
1999 Mike McGetrick..... Mike McGetrick Golf Academy, Englewood, Colo.
2000 Jim Suttie..... Cog Hill Golf Club, Lemont, Ill.
2001 Craig Shankland..... Hidden Lakes CC, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
2002 Randy Smith..... Royal Oaks CC, Dallas
2003 Laird Small..... Pebble Beach Golf Academy, Pebble Beach, Calif.
2004 Hank Johnson..... Greystone Golf & Country Club, Birmingham, Ala.
2005 Peter Krause..... Windsong Farm Golf Club, Independence, Minn.
2006 Bill Forrest..... Troon Country Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.
2007 Jim Hardy..... Jacobsen/Hardy Golf Design, Houston, Texas
2008 Martin Hall..... Ibis Golf & Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.
2009 Mike Bender..... Mike Bender Golf Academy, Lake Mary, Fla.
2010 Todd Anderson..... Sea Island Golf Club, St. Simons Island, Ga.



Billy Casper

PGA Distinguished Service Award

Inaugurated in 1988, The PGA Distinguished Service Award honors outstanding individuals who display leadership and humanitarian qualities, including integrity, sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the game of golf. It is The PGA of America's highest annual honor.

1988	Herb Graffis	Fort Myers Beach, Fla.
1989	Bob Hope	Palm Springs, Calif.
1990	No Recipient	
1991	Gerald Ford	Rancho Mirage, Calif.
1992	Gene Sarazen	Marco Island, Fla.
1993	Byron Nelson	Roanoke, Texas
1994	Arnold Palmer	Bay Hill, Fla.
1995	Patty Berg	Fort Myers, Fla.

1996	Frank Chirkinian	Augusta, Ga.
1997	George H.W. Bush	Houston, Texas
1998	Paul Runyan	Pasadena, Calif.
1999	Bill Dickey	Phoenix, Ariz.
2000	Jack Nicklaus	North Palm Beach, Fla.
2001	Mark McCormack	Windermere, Fla.
2002	Tim Finchem	Ponte Vedre Beach, Fla.
2003	Vince Gill	Nashville, Tenn.
2004	Pete Dye	Carmel, Ind.
2005	Wally Jihlein	North Dartmouth, Mass.
2006	Fred Ridley	Tampa, Fla.
2007	Jack Burke Jr.	Houston, Texas
2008	Dennis Walters	Jupiter, Fla.
2009	William Powell	East Canton, Ohio
2010	Billy Casper	Springville, Utah



Mike Small

PGA Professional Player of the Year

Begun in 1984, the PGA Professional Player of the Year is determined over a period from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, of the current year. The award is based on points earned in the following events: PGA Championship, PGA Professional National Championship, U.S. Open, PGA Stroke Play Championship, PGA Match Play Championship, regular PGA Tour events, Nationwide Tour events, PGA Tournament Series, Section PGA Professional Championship and final Section Player of the Year standings. The PGA Professional Player of the Year standings are published throughout the year, with updates in March, July, October and concluding Dec. 31. The PGA Professional Player of the Year Award is presented at The PGA of America Awards program in January at the PGA Merchandise Show.

1984	Bill Schumaker	Crooked Lake GC, Columbia City, Ind.
1985	Ed Dougherty	Edgemont CC, Edgemont, Pa.
1986	Lonnie Nielsen	Crag Burn Club, East Aurora, N.Y.
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1988	Bob Ford	Oakmont CC, Oakmont, Pa.

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1990	Brett Upper	Feather Sound CC, Clearwater, Fla.
1991	Bruce Zabriski	Oyster Bay GC, Southampton, N.Y.
1992	Tom Wargo	Greenview GC, Centralia, Ill.
1993	Mike San Filippo	Shaker Hills GC, Harvard, Mass.
1994	Bruce Zabriski	Winged Foot CC, Mamaroneck, N.Y.
1995	Jim Estes	Evanston GC, Skokie, Ill.
1996	Bruce Zabriski	Westchester CC, Rye, N.Y.
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1999	Jeff Freeman	Tamarisk CC, Rancho Mirage, Calif.
2000	Rick Hartmann	Atlantic GC, Bridgehampton, N.Y.
2001	Tim Thelen	Baywood CC, Pasadena, Texas
2002	Don Berry	Edinburgh GC, Brooklyn Park, Minn.
2003	Bob Sowards	Wedgewood G&CC, Powell, Ohio
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2006	Mike Small	University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.
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2008	Sonny Skinner	River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, Ga.
2009	Rick Schuller	Swaders Sports Park, Prince George, Va.
2010	Mike Small	University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.



Sonny Skinner

PGA Senior Professional Player of the Year

Begun in 1995, the PGA Senior Professional Player of the Year is determined over a period from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of the current year. The award is based on points earned in all tournaments comprising the "regular" PGA Professional Player of the Year award, in addition to the following senior events: the Senior PGA Championship, U.S. Senior Open, PGA Senior Professional Championship, PGA Senior Stroke Play Championship, Champions Tour events, Senior Division of the PGA Tournament Series and Senior Section Championships. The PGA Senior Professional Player of the Year standings are published throughout the year, with updates in early March, July 1, Oct. 15 and concluding Dec. 31. The PGA Senior Professional Player of the Year Award is presented during the PGA of America Awards program in January at the PGA Merchandise Show.

1995	Mike Joyce	Amelia Island, Fla.
1996	Steve Veriato	Austin, Texas
1997	Roy Vucinich	Moon Township, Pa.
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1999	Jim Ahern	Phoenix, Ariz.
2000	Ed Sabo	Bear Lakes CC, West Palm Beach, Fla.
2001	Jay Overton	Palm Harbor, Fla.
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2003	Bob Ralston	Little Rock, Ark.
2004	Darrell Kestner	Glen Cove, N.Y.
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2006	Chris Starkjohann	Cardiff by the Sea, Calif.
2007	Chris Starkjohann	Cardiff by the Sea, Calif.
2008	Kirk Hanefeld	Acton, Mass.
2009	Chris Starkjohann	Oceanside, Calif.
2010	Sonny Skinner	River Pointe Golf Club, Albany, Ga.

PGA Player of the Year

The PGA Player of the Year Award is given to the top PGA Tour player based on his tournament wins, official money standing and scoring average. The point system for selecting the PGA Player of the Year was amended in 1982 and is as follows: 30 points for winning the PGA Championship, U.S. Open, British Open or Masters; 20 points for winning The Players Championship; and 10 points for winning all other designated PGA Tour events. In addition, there is a 50-point bonus for winning two majors, 75-point bonus for winning three, 100-point bonus for winning four. For top 10 finishes on the PGA Tour's official money and scoring average lists for the year, the point value is: first, 20 points, then 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2. Any incomplete rounds in the scoring average list will result in a .10 penalty per incomplete round.



Jim Furyk

1948 Ben Hogan	1964 Ken Venturi	1980 Tom Watson	1996 Tom Lehman
1949 Sam Snead	1965 Dave Marr	1981 Bill Rodgers	1997 Tiger Woods
1950 Ben Hogan	1966 Billy Casper	1982 Tom Watson	1998 Mark O'Meara
1951 Ben Hogan	1967 Jack Nicklaus	1983 Hal Sutton	1999 Tiger Woods
1952 Julius Boros	1968 No Award	1984 Tom Watson	2000 Tiger Woods
1953 Ben Hogan	1969 Orville Moody	1985 Lanny Wadkins	2001 Tiger Woods
1954 Ed Furgol	1970 Billy Casper	1986 Bob Tway	2002 Tiger Woods
1955 Doug Ford	1971 Lee Trevino	1987 Paul Azinger	2003 Tiger Woods
1956 Jack Burke Jr.	1972 Jack Nicklaus	1988 Curtis Strange	2004 Vijay Singh
1957 Dick Mayer	1973 Jack Nicklaus	1989 Tom Kite	2005 Tiger Woods
1958 Dow Finsterwald	1974 Johnny Miller	1990 Nick Faldo	2006 Tiger Woods
1959 Art Wall	1975 Jack Nicklaus	1991 Corey Pavin	2007 Tiger Woods
1960 Arnold Palmer	1976 Jack Nicklaus	1992 Fred Couples	2008 Padraig Harrington
1961 Jerry Barber	1977 Tom Watson	1993 Nick Price	2009 Tiger Woods
1962 Arnold Palmer	1978 Tom Watson	1994 Nick Price	2010 Jim Furyk
1963 Julius Boros	1979 Tom Watson	1995 Greg Norman	

Vardon Trophy

The Vardon Trophy, named by The PGA of America in honor of famed British golfer Harry Vardon, was placed in competition among American professionals in 1937. It was the successor to the Henry E. Radix Trophy, which had been awarded annually to the professional having the finest tournament record in the U.S. The Vardon Trophy is a bronze-colored plaque measuring 39" by 27" and features sculpted hands replicating Vardon's famed overlapping grip on a golf club. From 1947 to 1987, the Vardon Trophy was awarded to the professional golfer with the lowest scoring average. In 1988, the criteria was adjusted to award the Vardon Trophy to the touring professional with the lowest adjusted scoring average. It is based on a minimum of 60 rounds, with no incomplete rounds (*i.e. stipulated rounds as defined by the Rules of Golf, as approved by the USGA and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland*), in events co-sponsored or designated by the PGA Tour. The adjusted score is computed from the average score of the field at each tournament. As a result, a player's adjusted score may be higher or lower than his actual score. For example, a player shoots 70 each day at a tournament while the field average was 73. His 280 total would then be adjusted to 268 since he actually played 12 shots better than the field did during the tournament. Any player with an incomplete round will be ineligible to win the Vardon Trophy.



Matt Kuchar

Point System			Year	Winner	Average	Year	Winner	Average	Lowest Adjusted Scoring Avg.		
Year	Winner	Average	Year	Winner	Average	Year	Winner	Average	Year	Winner	Average
1937	Harry Cooper	500	1958	Bob Rosburg	70.11	1979	Tom Watson	70.27	1988	Chip Beck	69.46
1938	Sam Snead	520	1959	Art Wall	70.35	1980	Lee Trevino	69.73	1989	Greg Norman	69.49
1939	Byron Nelson	473	1960	Billy Casper	69.95	1981	Tom Kite	69.80	1990	Greg Norman	69.10
1940	Ben Hogan	423	1961	Arnold Palmer	69.85	1982	Tom Kite	70.21	1991	Fred Couples	69.59
1941	Ben Hogan	494	1962	Arnold Palmer	70.27	1983	Ray Floyd	70.61	1992	Fred Couples	69.38
1942-46	No Award - WWII		1963	Billy Casper	70.58	1984	Calvin Peete	70.56	1993	Nick Price	69.11
			1964	Arnold Palmer	70.01	1985	Don Pooley	70.36	1994	Greg Norman	68.81
			1965	Billy Casper	70.85	1986	Scott Hoch	70.08	1995	Steve Elkington	69.62
			1966	Billy Casper	70.27	1987	Dan Pohl	70.25	1996	Tom Lehman	69.32
			1967	Arnold Palmer	70.18				1997	Nick Price	68.98
			1968	Billy Casper	69.82				1998	David Duval	69.13
			1969	Dave Hill	70.34				1999	Tiger Woods	68.43
			1970	Lee Trevino	70.64				2000	Tiger Woods	67.79
			1971	Lee Trevino	70.64				2001	Tiger Woods	68.81
			1972	Lee Trevino	70.57				2002	Tiger Woods	68.56
			1973	Bruce Crampton	70.57				2003	Tiger Woods	68.41
			1974	Lee Trevino	70.53				2004	Vijay Singh	68.84
			1975	Bruce Crampton	70.56				2005	Tiger Woods	68.66
			1976	Don January	70.32				2006	Jim Furyk	68.86
			1977	Tom Watson	70.32				2007	Tiger Woods	67.79
			1978	Tom Watson	70.16				2008	Sergio Garcia	69.12
									2009	Tiger Woods	68.05
									2010	Matt Kuchar	69.61



John Kennedy Jr.

Horton Smith Award

The Horton Smith Award was donated by the PGA of America Advisory Committee in support of the Association’s continuing work to promote and improve The PGA’s educational programs throughout its 41 Sections. The award is designed to give special recognition to an individual PGA Professional for outstanding and continuing contributions to professional education.

A PGA World Golf Hall of Fame inductee and 37-year member of The PGA, Horton Smith served as the Association’s president from 1952-1954 and devoted much of his time to improving educational programs. A two-time Masters Champion and winner of its inaugural event, Smith represented the United States on seven Ryder Cup teams and never lost a match. He died on Oct. 15, 1963.

1965	Emil Beck.....	Black River CC, Port Huron, Mich.	1989	Verne D. Perry.....	Cedars GC, Brush Prairie, Wash.
1966	Gene C. Mason	Columbia-Edgewater CC, Portland, Ore.	1990	Mike Hebron.....	Smithtown Landing CC, St. James, N.Y.
1967	Donald E. Fischesser ...	Evansville (Ind.) CC	1991	Joe Terry	Gulf Shores (Ala.) GC
1968	R. William Clarke.....	Hillendale CC, Phoenix, Md.	1992	Conrad Rehling.....	Univ. of Alabama GC, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
1969	Paul Hahn	CC of Miami, Miami	1993	Rick Burton.....	Burlington, N.C.
1970	Joe Walser	Oklahoma City CC	1994	Bill Eschenbrenner	El Paso (Texas) CC
1971	Irvin Schloss	Dunedin, Fla.	1995	Ken Morton Sr.....	Haggin Oaks GC, Sacramento, Calif.
1972	John Budd.....	Adams Park Golf Course, Brighton, Fla.	1996	Ed Hoard	Athens (Ga.) Country Club
1973	George Aulbach	Pecan Valley CC, San Antonio, Texas	1997	Warren “Stoney” Brown...	Crane Creek CC, Boise, Idaho
1974	Bill Hardy	Chevy Chase (Md.) Club	1998	Ed Ibarguen.....	Duke University GC, Durham, N.C.
1975	John P. Henrich.....	Elma Meadows GC, Elma, N.Y.	1999	Coleman Plecker	Manor CC, Rockville, Md.
1976	Jim Bailey	Adams Park Golf Course, Brighton, Colo.	2000	David Normand Jr.	Indian Hills GC, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
1977	Paul Runyan	Green Gables CC, Denver	2001	Paul Bergen.....	The Legends Club of Tennessee (Franklin)
1978	Andy Nusbaum.....	Siwanoy CC, Bronxville, N.Y.	2002	Brent Krause.....	Wynlakes Golf & CC, Montgomery, Ala.
1979	Howard E. Smith	Riverside GC, Diamond Bar, Calif.	2003	Ray Cutright.....	Idle Hour Golf Club, Macon, Ga.
1980	Dale Mead	Del Rio G&CC, Modesto, Calif.	2004	Ralph Bernhisel.....	Phoenix (Ariz.) CC
1981	Tom Addis III	Singing Hills CC, El Cajon, Calif.	2005	Warren Bottke	Abacoa Golf Club, Jupiter, Fla.
1982	Kent Cayce	Evansville (Ind.) CC	2006	Thomas Tatnall	Tatnall Associates LLC, Ridgeland, Miss.
1983	Bill Strausbaugh	Columbia CC, Chevy Chase, Md.	2007	Tom Carpus.....	Kennett Square (Pa.) Golf & Country Club
1984	Don Essig III	The Hoosier Links, New Palestine, Ind.	2008	Mark Wilson	Watermark Country Club, Grand Rapids, Mich.
1985	Larry Startzel.....	CC of Lansing, Lansing, Mich.	2009	Derek Hardy.....	Talega Golf Club, San Clemente, Calif.
1986	Mark Darnell	West Lake CC, Augusta, Ga.	2010	John Kennedy Jr.....	Westchester Country Club, Rye, N.Y.
1987	Ken Lindsay.....	Colonial CC, Jackson, Miss.			
1988	Guy Wimberly	Arroyo Del Oso GC, Albuquerque, N.M.			



Herb Graffis Award

From 1974 to 2001, the Herb Graffis Award was presented annually to The PGA of America Section with the highest financial contribution to National Golf Day/National Golf Month charities. In 2006, The PGA Board of Directors established a special award recognizing the PGA Section for extraordinary and exemplary contributions in Player Development, whether by conducting or supporting Play Golf America initiatives. The Herb Graffis Award is presented at the PGA Merchandise Show.

A golf historian and founder of several golf magazines, Herb Graffis, with his brother, Joe, also founded the National Golf Foundation and the Golf Writers Association of America. The recipient of The PGA Distinguished Service Award in 1988, Herb Graffis died at the age of 95 on Feb. 12, 1989.

1974	Michigan Section	1986	Southern California Section	1998	Northern California Section
1975	Michigan Section	1987	Southern California Section	1999	Northern California Section
1976	Michigan Section	1988	Southern California Section	2000	Northern Texas Section
1977	Michigan Section	1989	Southern California Section	2001	Northern Texas Section
1978	Carolinas Section	1990	Southern California Section	2002-2005	No Award presented
1979	Illinois Section	1991	Southern California Section	2006	Northern California Section
1980	Southern California Section	1992	Southwest Section	2007	Carolinas Section
1981	Northern Ohio Section	1993	Northern Texas Section	2008	Philadelphia Section
1982	Georgia Section	1994	Southern California Section	2009	Midwest Section
1983	South Central Section	1995	Northern Texas Section	2010	Metropolitan Section
1984	Northern Texas Section	1996	Southern California Section		
1985	Southern California Section	1997	Southern California Section		



Jim Estes

Patriot Award

Originated in 2008, the Patriot Award was first presented at the PGA Annual Meeting and follows the inspiration of Patriot Golf Day founder Major Dan Rooney, a PGA Professional from Broken Arrow, Okla., the award’s first honoree. The Patriot Award is presented by The PGA of America to a PGA 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.

2008	Maj. Dan Rooney, Broken Arrow, Okla.
2009	Andy Weissinger, Fort Eustis, Va.
2010	Jim Estes, Olney Golf Park, Olney, Md.

■ Bill Strausbaugh Award

Established in 1979, the Bill Strausbaugh Award is presented to a PGA Professional who by their day-to-day efforts have distinguished themselves by mentoring their fellow PGA Professionals in improving their employment situations and through service to the community. The award reflects the characteristics and qualities of Strausbaugh, a Middle Atlantic PGA Master Professional who died in 1999. Award candidates should demonstrate a record of service to their Section or Association; leadership ability, involvement in civic activities and local charitable causes within their community and be recognized as someone of outstanding character.



Nelson Long Jr.

1979	Dale Mead	Del Rio CC, Modesto, Calif.	1996	William Mitchell	Innis Arden GC, Old Greenwich, Conn.
1980	Mal McMullen	Kokomo (Ind.) CC	1997	Doug Ritter	Meadia Heights CC, Lancaster, Pa.
1981	William Heald	Riverside GC, North Riverside, Ill.	1998	Tom Tetrault	Fall River (Mass.) CC
1982	Robert F. Smith	Wolferts Roost CC, Albany, N.Y.	1999	William Heald (Ret.)	Riverside (Ill.) GC
1983	Patrick Rielly	Annandale GC, Pasadena, Calif.	2000	Glenn Brown	Westwood CC, Vienna, Va.
1984	Bill Eschenbrenner	El Paso (Texas) CC	2001	Gary Reynolds	Hartford (Conn.) Golf Club
1985	Roger Van Dyke	Flint (Mich.) GC	2002	Jerry Hogge	Methodist College, Fayetteville, N.C.
1986	Richard Churilla	Wheeling (W. Va.) CC	2003	Steve Napoli	Wannamoisett Golf Club, Rumford, R.I.
1987	Richard Walker	Morris Park CC, South Bend, Ind.	2004	Paul Reinking	Kankakee (Ill.) Country Club
1988	Earl Maurer	Onondaga G&CC, Fayetteville, N.Y.	2005	Tom Nieporte	Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y.
1989	Martin T. Kavanaugh II	Hamilton County Park District, Cincinnati	2006	Michael Harmon	Secession Golf Club, Beaufort, S.C.
1990	Ron Hoetmer	Overlake G&CC, Medina, Wash.	2007	Michael Doctor	Skaneateles (N.Y.) Country Club
1991	Michael Burke	Pass Christian Isles (Miss.) GC	2008	Clayton Cole	Cherry Hills Village, Colo.
1992	William Munguia	Plantation GC, Olive Branch, Miss.	2009	Dennis Satyshur	Caves Valley Golf Club, Owings Mills, Md.
1993	John Poole	Chester Valley GC, Malvern, Pa.	2010	Nelson Long Jr.	Century Country Club, Purchase, N.Y.
1994	Kurt Sokolowski	Pinebrook CC, Weston, Mass.			
1995	Ed Iburguen	Duke University GC, Durham, N.C.			

■ President's Plaque

From 1982 to 2001, the President's Plaque was awarded to The PGA of America member with the highest individual contribution to the National Golf Day charities. Beginning in 2006, the PGA Board of Directors established a special award recognizing PGA Professionals at the Section and national level for extraordinary and exemplary contributions in Player Development, which support Play Golf America initiatives. The President's Plaque is presented at the PGA Merchandise Show.

Year	Award Winner	Section	Home Course
1982	Steve Braley	South Central	Oak Tree CC, Edmond, Okla.
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1983	Steve Braley	South Central	Oak Tree CC, Edmond, Okla.
1984-'89	Randall Smith	Northern Texas	Royal Oaks CC, Dallas
1990	Jeff Walsler	Southern California	PGA West, La Quinta, Calif.
1991	Randall Smith	Northern Texas	Royal Oaks CC, Dallas
1992	Orrin Vincent	Southwest	Angel Park GC, Las Vegas
1993-2001	Randall Smith	Northern Texas	Royal Oaks CC, Dallas
2002-'05	No Award presented		
2006	Bob Baldassari	Middle Atlantic	Cannon Ridge Golf Club, Fredericksburg, Va.
2007	Will Reilly	Philadelphia	Twining Valley Golf & Fitness Club, Dresher, Pa.
2008	Bob Collins	Tri-State	Oak Tree Country Club, West Middlesex, Pa.
2009	Kyle Heyen	Colorado	Hiwan Golf Course, Evergreen, Colo.
2010	Andy Barbin	Philadelphia	Chesapeake Bay Golf Club, Rising Sun, Md.



Andy Barbin

■ PGA Junior Golf Leader

Started in 1988, the PGA Junior Golf Leader Award recognizes the PGA Professional who is a leader in junior golf and who reflects the ideals of those who work with youth. Work by this PGA Professional includes involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at the club level and support for national junior golf programs. The interest, concern and ability to provide opportunities and experience for juniors to learn and play golf are qualities of a successful junior golf leader.

1988	Rick Murphy	Cardinal G&CC, Greensboro, N.C.
1989	Tom Sargent	Yorba Linda CC, Yorba Linda, Calif.
1990	Duke Butler	TPC at the Woodlands, The Woodlands, Texas
1991	Mike Crotty	The Shamrock GC, Powell, Ohio
1992	Paul Miner	Tamarack CC, Greenwich, Conn.
1993	Richard Tollette Jr.	Bunker Hills GC, Coon Rapids, Minn.
1994	Sandy LaBauve	Stonecreek GC, Phoenix
1995	Wayne Warms	Due Process Stable GC, Colts Neck, N.J.
1996	Sherwin Cox	Ross Rogers GC, Amarillo, Texas
1997	Alan Abrams	Indian Tree Golf Club, Arvada, Colo.
1998	Lissa Horton	Tennessee PGA Section, Franklin, Tenn.
1999	Harry Hammond	Whitford CC, Exton, Pa.
2000	Bob Dolan	Columbia CC, Chevy Chase, Md.
2001	Charlie Lanzetta	Rockland (Mass.) GC & Green Harbor GC, Marshfield, Mass.
2002	Ken Morton Sr.	Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, Sacramento, Calif.
2003	Steve Hogan	Miller Park Golf Course, Omaha, Neb.
2004	John Godwin	Godwin Creek Golf Course, Columbus, Ga.
2005	Will Reilly	Twining Valley Golf & Fitness Club, Dresher, Pa.
2006	Francis Selva	Race Brook Country Club, Orange, Conn.
2007	Danny Harvanek	The Golf Club at Bear Dance, Larkspur, Colo.
2008	Jimmy Headrick	The First Tee of New Orleans (La.)
2009	Vikki Vanderpool	Approaching the Green, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
2010	Ann Finke	Country Club of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colo.



Ann Finke



Mark Mongell
(Private)

PGA Merchandisers of the Year

In 1978, The PGA of America and Sports Illustrated established the PGA Merchandisers of the Year Award to recognize those PGA Professionals who have excelled as businesspersons/merchandisers in the promotion of golf. Today, The PGA of America honors PGA Professionals in three categories: private, public and resort facilities. Candidates are nominated by their respective PGA Section offices. Award consideration is based on the following guidelines:

- A PGA member in good standing
- Overall credit rating
- Credit rating within the industry
- Community Involvement

The candidate shall have demonstrated 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.



Dennis Johnsen
(Public)



Tom Davidson
(Resort)

PRIVATE	PUBLIC	RESORT
1978 Eldridge Miles Bent Tree CC, Dallas	U.C. Ferguson Lincoln Park GC, Oklahoma City	Roger Maxwell Camelback CC, Scottsdale, Ariz.
1979 Mark Darnell West Lake CC, Augusta, Ga.	Guy Wimberly and Bob Meiering Arroyo Del Oso GC, Albuquerque, N.M.	Harold "Rags" Ragland Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Kamuela, Hawaii
1980 Bob Hickman Medinah (Ill.) CC	Al Starr Yahara Hills GC, Madison, Wis.	Bob Putt Horseshoe CC, Marble Falls, Texas
1981 Mike Vucinich Greensburg (Pa.) CC	Stan Shaver Pawnee Prairie GC, Wichita, Kan.	Dave Johnson and Jerry Holley Desert Inn CC, Las Vegas
1982 Steve Braley Oak Tree CC, Edmond, Okla.	Bob Sprunk Valleywood GC, Swanton, Ohio	Jay Overton Innisbrook, Tarpon Springs, Fla.
1983 Willie Gibbons Belle Meade CC, Nashville, Tenn.	Gary Dee Bear Creek G. Ctr., Dallas/Ft. Worth	Ken Judd Americana/Lake Geneva, (Wis.)
1985 Bob Ford Oakmont (Pa.) CC	Bill Munguia Holiday GC, Olive Branch, Miss.	Craig Williamson Kapalua (Hawaii) GC
1986 Bob Barrett Shoal Creek (Ala.) CC	Sherwin Cox Ross Rogers GC, Amarillo, Texas	Greg Abadie La Quinta (Calif.) GC.
1987 Russ Garner Windyke CC, Germantown, Tenn.	Luke Veasey Hillandale GC, Durham, N.C.	Gary Wilcox La Paloma CC, Tucson, Ariz.
1988 James Thompson Oneida G&RC, Green Bay, Wis.	Luke Veasey Hillandale GC, Durham, N.C.	Gary Planos The Golf Club, Kapalua, Hawaii
1989 Bob Ross Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N.J.	Marc Cruse Mahoney GC, Lincoln, Neb.	Tim Skogen Marriott Desert Springs, Palm Desert, Calif.
1990 Keith Schneider GC of Castle Pines, Castle Rock, Colo.	Ken Morton Sr. Haggin Oaks GC, Sacramento, Calif.	James Bellington Las Colinas Sports Club, Irving, Texas
1991 Earl Puckett Twin Orchard CC, Long Grove, Ill.	Willis Denmark Jamestown Park GC, Jamestown, N.C.	Kevin Hammock Marriott Seaview GR, Absecon, N.J.
1992 Tim O'Neal Frenchman's Creek CC Palm Bch. Gardens, Fla.	Zack Veasey Hillandale CC, Durham, N.C.	Craig Williamson Ko Olina GC, Ewa Beach, Oahu, Hawaii
1993 Charles Raudenbush Pine Valley (N.J.) GC	Tim Corrigan Holiday GC, Olive Branch, Miss.	Anthony Austin Marriott's Orlando (Fla.) World Center
1994 Regi Starzyk St. Charles (Ill.) CC	Ronald Beck Crumpin Fox GC, Bernardston, Mass.	Mike Abbott Las Colinas Sports Club, Irving, Texas
1995 Marty Lass Edina (Minn.) CC	Leigh Bader Pine Oaks GC, South Easton, Mass.	Joseph (Jay) Colliatie Pelican Hill GC, Newport Coast, Calif.
1996 Eric Schneider Orchard Ridge CC, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Courtney Connell Quarry GC, San Antonio, Texas	Michael Abbott Four Seasons Res. & Club, Irving, Texas
1997 Bob Ford Oakmont (Pa.) CC	Joe Shershenovich Grayhawk GC, Scottsdale, Ariz.	Brad Doyle Grand Cypress GC, Orlando, Fla.
1998 Jim Tureskis Wolferts Roost CC, Albany, N.Y.	Ken Morton Sr. Haggin Oaks GC, Sacramento, Calif.	Stephen Cryan Pinehurst (N.C.) Resort & CC
1999 Tim Moher Del Mar CC, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.	Zack Veasey Hillandale GC, Durham, N.C.	John Jackson The Phoenician, Scottsdale, Ariz.
2000 Gregory Lecker Canoe Brook CC, Summit, N.J.	Marc Cruse Crooked Creek GC, Lincoln, Neb.	Rick Castillo Wailea Golf Club, Kihei, Maui, Hawaii
2001 Dick Hyland Desert Mountain, Scottsdale, Ariz.	Leigh Bader Pine Oaks GC, South Easton, Mass.	John Freitas Hualalai GC, Kapulehu, Kona, Hawaii
2002 Cary Cozby Wichita (Kan.) CC	Joseph "Ted" Gallina Legends Club of (Franklin) Tenn.	Charles "Chip" King Pine Needles Lodge & GC, Southern Pines, N.C.
2003 David Impastato St. Charles (Ill.) CC	John Kerins Tam O' Shanter GC, Hermitage, Pa.	Russ Miller The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2004 Michael Harmon Secession GC, Beaufort, S.C.	Greg Villeneuve Montage Hotels & Resorts Laguna Beach, Calif.	Paul Earnest Four Seasons Resort & Club Dallas at Las Colinas, Irving, Texas
2005 John Buczek Grandfather G&CC, Linville, N.C.	Fabian McIntyre Falcon's Fire G.Club, Kissimmee, Fla.	Ron Dunham Teton Pines Resort & CC, Jackson, Wyo.
2006 Richard Stewart Kalamazoo (Mich.) CC	Brad Braden Poppy Ridge GC, Livermore, Calif.	Brian Gerard The Ocean Course, Kiawah Island, S.C.
2007 Doug Steffen Baltusrol G. Club, Springfield, N.J.	Adam Carney Big Creek G & CC, Mountain Home, Ark.	Dirk Willis Whistling Straits, Kohler, Wisc.
2008 John Lyberger Jr. Congressional Country Club Bethesda, Md.	Mike Woods Haggin Oaks Golf Complex Sacramento, Calif.	Mike Bucerone The Resort Club at Grande Dunes Myrtle Beach, S.C.
2009 Brian Morrison Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club	Nevin Phillips Mahogany Run Golf Course St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	Caroline Basarab-Dennison The Sea Pines Resort Hilton Head, S.C.
2010 Mark Mongell Cherokee Town & CC Atlanta, Ga.	Dennis Johnsen Pine Meadow GC Mundelein, Ill.	Tom Davidson Circling Raven GC Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

PGA Ernie Sabayrac Award

The PGA of America's Ernie Sabayrac Award for Lifetime Contributions to the Golf Industry was inaugurated in 1994 at the 41st PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Fla. The Award was presented to its namesake, Ernie Sabayrac, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., a prominent figure in the origin of the PGA Merchandise Show and a pioneer in the development of the golf shop. Sabayrac revolutionized merchandising among PGA Professionals, introducing golf shoes, soft goods and logoed products in golf shops nationwide. The Ernie Sabayrac Award was created to reflect The PGA of America's longstanding commitment to golf industry manufacturers and distributors and to recognize the mutually beneficial relationship that has thrived for more than 50 years.

1994 Ernie Sabayrac.....Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	2001 Jim Butz.....Schaumburg, Ill.
1995 Bob RickeyCincinnati	2002 David Branon.....Greenville, S.C.
1995 Gary AdamsCarlsbad, Calif.	2003 Thomas CrowLa Jolla, Calif.
1996 Dick TarlowPalm Beach Gardens, Fla	2004 Patrick O'GradyCohasset, Mass.
1996 Karsten SolheimPhoenix, Ariz.	2005 Ed AbrainSherman, N.Y.
1997 Joe Phillips.....Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	2006 Ron McPherson.....Scottsdale, Ariz.
1997 Bob MacNally.....Hinsdale, Ill.	2007 Nancy Haley.....Golden, Colo.
1998 Ely Callaway.....Carlsbad, Calif.	2008 Phil Trailies.....Charleston, S.C.
1999 Jim Ireland.....Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	2009 No recipient
2000 Jim Vincent.....Camarillo, Calif.	2010 Barney AdamsDallas, Texas



Barney Adams

PGA First Lady of Golf Award

The PGA of America's First Lady of Golf Award, inaugurated in 1998, honors a woman who has made significant contributions to the promotion of the game of golf. Since 2009, the award is bestowed biennially during The PGA of America Awards program at the PGA Merchandise Show.

1998 Barbara NicklausNorth Palm Beach, Fla.	2005 Carol Semple ThompsonSewickley, Pa.
1999 Judy RankinMidland, Texas	2006 Kathy WhitworthFlower Mound, Texas
2000 No recipient	2007 Peggy Kirk BellSouthern Pines, N.C.
2001 Judy BellColorado Springs, Colo.	2008 Carol MannThe Woodlands, Texas
2002 Nancy Lopez.....Albany, Ga.	2009 Donna Caponi-Byrnes.....Orlando, Fla.
2003 Renee Powell.....East Canton, Ohio	2010 No recipient
2004 Alice DyeCarmel, Ind.	

Legends of The PGA

The Legends of The PGA program was established in 1995 to recognize past PGA Presidents for their contributions to the Association and the golf industry.

The honorees are recognized with a special display featuring memorabilia from the president's term in office. The display and audio-visual presentation is featured at the PGA Annual Meeting.

Year	Honoree	PGA President
1995	Max Elbin, Bethesda, Md.	1966-68
1996	Warren Orlick, Birmingham, Mich.	1971-72
1997	William Clarke, Phoenix, Md.	1973-74
1998	Henry Poe, High Point, N.C.	1975-76
1999	Don Padgett, Pinehurst, N.C.	1977-78
2000	Joe Black, Carefree, Ariz.	1981-82
2001	Mark Kizziar, Scottsdale, Ariz.	1983-84
2002	Mickey Powell, Carmel, Ind.	1985-86
2003	J.R. Carpenter, Hattiesburg, Miss.	1987-88
2004	Patrick Rielly, La Canada, Calif.	1989-90
2005	Dick Smith, Williamstown, N.J.	1991-92
2006	Gary Schaal, Murrells Inlet, S.C.	1993-94
2007	No recipient	
2008	Tom Addis III, Beaumont, Calif.	1995-96
2009	No recipient	
2010	Ken Lindsay, Jackson, Miss.	1997-98



Ken Lindsay

PGA Lifetime Achievement Award In Journalism

The PGA's Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism is presented during the Golf Writers Association of America annual spring dinner in conjunction with the Masters. The award honors members of the media for the steadfast promotion of golf, both locally and nationally, throughout their career.

The selection committee consists of representatives of The PGA of America, United States Golf Association, PGA Tour, Senior PGA Tour, LPGA, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, National Golf Course Owners Association, American Society of Golf Course Architects, National Golf Foundation, European PGA Tour and past recipients.

1991 Dick Taylor, Pinehurst, N.C. <i>Links</i>	2001 Kaye Kessler, Littleton, Colo. <i>Links</i>
1992 Herbert Warren Wind, Weston, Mass. <i>Author</i>	2002 Nick Seitz, Rowayton, Conn. <i>Golf Digest</i>
1993 Jim Murray, Los Angeles <i>Los Angeles Times</i>	2003 Renton Laidlaw, Drumoig, Scotland <i>Golf Channel</i>
1994 Frank Chirkinian, Jupiter, Fla. <i>CBS Sports</i>	2004 Bob Verdi, Northbrook, Ill. <i>Golf Digest/Golf World</i>
Bob Green, Weatherford, Texas..... <i>Associated Press</i>	2005 Al Barkow, Albany, Calif. <i>Golf Illustrated</i>
1995 Dan Jenkins, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla... <i>Golf Digest</i>	2006 Ron Green Sr., Charlotte, N.C. <i>Charlotte Observer</i>
1996 Furman Bisher, Fayetteville, Ga. <i>Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i>	2007 Jack Berry, Ann Arbor, Mich. <i>Michigan Golfer</i>
1997 Jack Whitaker, Bridgehampton, N.Y. <i>ABC Sports</i>	2008 Marino Parascenzo, Ellwood City, Pa. <i>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</i>
1998 Dave Anderson, Tenafly, N.J. <i>New York Times</i>	2009 Art Spander, Oakland, Calif. <i>Oakland Tribune</i>
1999 Ken Venturi, Marco Island, Fla. <i>CBS Sports</i>	2010 Dave Kindred, Locust Grove, Va. <i>Golf Digest</i>
2000 Jim McKay, Monkton, Md. <i>ABC Sports</i>	2010 Jerry Tarde, Fairfield, Conn. <i>Golf Digest</i>



Jerry Tarde