

CAROLINAS PGA AWARDS & HONORS CRITERIA AND PAST WINNERS

Golf Professional of the Year – The highest honor paid to a PGA Professional. Guidelines for this prestigious award are: overall performance as a Golf Professional at his/her facility, level of service to the Section, leadership ability, image and the ability to inspire fellow professionals, and promotion of the game of golf. *An individual may win in this category only once in his/her lifetime.*

Carolinas PGA Section Golf Professional of the Year Winners

1955	Palmer Maples	1971	Bobby Howard	1987	Tim Moss	2003	Karl Kimball, Jr.
1956	Grant Bennett	1972	Ed Bullock	1988	Luke Veasey	2004	Kelly Childs
1957	Dugan Aycock	1973	Al Smith	1989	Will Mann	2005	Mike Casto
1958	Jim McNair	1974	Tommy Card	1990	Bill Lytton	2006	Robert Harper
1959	George Corcoran	1975	Johnny Johnston	1991	C.E. "Chip" King	2007	Michael Harmon
1960	Clarence Owen	1976	Buck Adams	1992	Terry Florence	2008	Rick Murphy
1961	Melvin Hemphill	1977	Tony Evans	1993	Bill Clemmer	2009	Ben Hynson
1962	Grover Bullin	1978	Charles Farlow	1994	Vic Lipscomb	2010	Clem King
1963	Joe Davis	1979	Charles Prentice	1995	Stuart Taylor	2011	Bill Sampson
1964	Joe Cheves	1980	Bruce Sudderth	1996	Tommy Pendley	2012	Gary Hobgood
1965	Aubrey Apple, Sr.	1981	Norman Flynn	1997	Cary Corbitt	2013	Chad Newton
1966	Al Goodrich	1982	Avery Beck	1998	Cliff Mann	2014	Jeff Nichols
1967	Joe Frasca	1983	D. Sherrill Austin	1999	Zack Veasey	2015	Heidi Wright-Tennyson
1968	Fairley Clark	1984	Bob Becknell	2000	M. Reid Hill	2016	John Faidley
1969	Purvis Ferree	1985	Gary Schaal	2001	Ed Ibarguen	2017	
1970	Grady Shumate	1986	Jim Westbrook	2002	J. John Buczek	2018	

Palmer Maples Teacher of the Year – This award bestows special recognition on a PGA Professional who has performed outstanding service as a golf instructor. While the candidate's entire record should be taken into consideration, emphasis should be placed on his/her performance over the past five years. The criteria used for this award are: impact on teaching and golf instruction in the Section, involvement in junior golf activities at his/her facility and the community, innovative contributions to golf instruction, and any articles written for publication. The nominee for Teacher of the Year should have attended or instructed at a National Teaching Workshop, Seminar, or PGA Coaching/ Teaching Summit within the previous five-year period.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Teacher of the Year	Eric Alpenfels	Jason Sutton	Tim Cooke	Marc Lapointe	Bill Sampson

Horton Smith Trophy – This award is designed to recognize individual PGA golf professionals for their outstanding and continuing contributions to developing and improving educational opportunities for the PGA golf professional. Guidelines for this award are: contributions to the Section's education program including meetings and seminars held within the Carolinas Section, development of articles and materials which benefit and relate to education, building the image of both the PGA golf professional and the Association.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Horton Smith	Tom Mason	Ed Sehl	Paige Cribb	Jason Sutton	Rick Murphy

Bill Strausbaugh Award – This award is presented to a PGA member, who by his/her day-to-day efforts has made significant contributions through mentoring of PGA Professionals and impacting their careers. The award also considers the integrity and character of the PGA member, service to the Section, and involvement in community and charitable activities. Individuals who meet many of these criteria should be considered for nomination.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Bill Strausbaugh	John Marino	Tom Ducey	Reid Hill	Thomas Dale	Jeff Dotson

Youth Player Development Award (formerly Junior Golf Leader Award) – This award is designed to recognize a PGA Professional who is a leader in junior golf, reflects the qualities and ideals of those who work with our nation’s youth, and provides opportunities and experiences for juniors to learn and play golf. In addition, contributions to junior programs in the Section and involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at his/her facility and within their local community, support of PGA Junior Golf programs, as well as integrity as an individual and acceptance by junior golfers as a person of outstanding character are the criteria for this award.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Youth Player Dev.	Ben Grandy	Ryan Dailey	Matt Reagan	Craig Sandstrum	Kevin Britt

Merchandiser(s) of the Year –This award recognizes PGA Professionals who have demonstrated superior skills as merchandisers in the promotion of golf. This award is given in three categories (Private, Resort, and Public/Municipal/Military/Semi-Private). The criteria considered for this award are: PGA member in good standing, credit rating with the industry, overall credit rating, community involvement, staff training, inventory mix, displays, merchandising techniques, details and innovation, shop operations, merchandising philosophy, and merchandising performance (profit margin, turn rate, cost of goods, sales).

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
MOY (Public)	Jessica Stewart	Michelle Kempe	Marc Guertin	Chris Brown	Charles Johns IV

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
MOY (Private)	Rocky Brooks	Jeff Nichols	Jeff Dotson	Paul Consolo	Andrew Bryce

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
MOY (Resort)	Stephen Younger	Benji Boyter	Bart Romano	Josh Wagaman	Justin Van Heukelom

Player Development Award (formerly President’s Plaque) – This award is designed to recognize individual PGA member professionals for their extraordinary and exemplary contributions and achievements in the area of Player Development. This award considers the Professional’s growth of the game leadership commitment at the Section and National levels, plus the impact made at his/her own facility.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Player Dev.	Chad Newton	Heidi Wright-Tennyson	Jay King	Brad Clayton	Chris Haarlow

Assistant Professional of the Year (must be an A-8... no Apprentices) – Awarded for overall excellence as an Assistant Professional. Service, promotion of the game, image, and overall performance at his/her facility will be considered for this award. A reference/recommendation letter from the A-13, A-4, or A-1 at the facility will also be considered.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Assistant GPOY	Brian Stewart	Brian Joyce	Matt Bova	Gregory Crum	Nicklaus Cannon