CONNECTICUT SECTION PGA

AWARDS NOMINATION

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2011 SPECIAL AWARDS

Deadline to submit nominations:
May 20, 2011

Each year, the Connecticut Section PGA presents nine awards to recognize outstanding performance and superior achievements by members of our section over the past five years. PGA Members may nominate another section affiliated PGA member in good standing for any of the awards listed below (members must have a minimum of two years of section affiliation to be eligible to receive awards). The deadline to nominate a member is Friday, May 20, 2011. PGA members may nominate more than one professional for any award and may also nominate as many professionals as they wish. Nominated professionals will be given a list of questions that must be answered and returned to the section office by Monday, July 11, 2011, to be considered. The Special Awards Committee, chaired by Paul Ramee, will present their recommendation to the Board of Directors, and the winners will be named in August. Refer to the following criteria when nominating any member for an award.

Golf Professional of the Year	Awarded for overall performance in the past five years as a golf professional, leadership, service to his/her PGA Section, the ability to inspire fellow professionals, and the promotion of the game of golf.
Teacher of the Year	Awarded for excellence in golf instruction, promotion of golf through teaching, teaching techniques, teaching aids, along with overall performance as a golf professional.
Horton Smith Award	Bestows special recognition for outstanding and continuing contributions to developing and improving educational opportunities for section PGA golf professionals, as well as demonstrating a personal commitment to professional development.
Bill Strausbaugh Award	This award is presented to those PGA members who by their day-to-day efforts have made significant contributions through mentoring of PGA Professionals and to building the image of the game of golf, the PGA Professional, and the Association. The award also considers the overall integrity and character of the PGA member, their service to the Association, and their involvement in community and charitable activities.
Junior Golf Leader	Bestows recognition to 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.
Merchandiser of the Year (Private and Public)	Recognizes PGA golf professionals for excellence in golf shop operations and the demonstration of superior skills as merchandisers in the promotion of golf.
Sales Representative of the Year Award	To honor a deserving golf manufacturer sales representative who has made significant contributions and helped to shape the way in which golf products and services are merchandised through section golf shops.
Assistant Professional	Awarded to an assistant professional for outstanding overall performance, leadership and service relative to the promotion of golf, participation in Assistants' Association activities, and the demonstration of excellence in his/her performance while employed. **(Apprentices also eligible – must be section affiliated for a minimum of two years.)**

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