

## 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

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

**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.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Teacher of the Year</b>	Tim Cooke	Marc Lapointe

**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.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Horton Smith Trophy</b>	Paige Cribb	Jason Sutton

**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.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Bill Strausbaugh Award</b>	Reid Hill	Thomas Dale

**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.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Youth Player Development Award</b>	Matt Reagan	Craig Sandstrum

**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).

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Merchandiser of the Year (Public)</b>	Marc Guertin	Chris Brown
<b>Merchandiser of the Year (Private)</b>	Jeff Dotson	Paul Consolo
<b>Merchandiser of the Year (Resort)</b>	Bart Romano	Josh Wagaman

**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.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Player Development Award</b>	Jay King	Brad Clayton

**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.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Assistant Professional of the Year</b>	Matt Bova	Gregory Crum