



Illinois PGA Golf Professional of the Year

Presented annually since 1955, this award honors the working club professional whose total contributions to the game best exemplify the complete PGA Professional. Special emphasis is placed on performance and achievement over the past five years, or specifically in the following categories: overall performance as a PGA Professional at his/her facility, service to the Illinois PGA and the Association, leadership ability, image and ability to inspire fellow PGA Professionals, and the promotion of golf.

1955 Bill Gordon*	1980 Don Wegrzyn	1999 Dennis Johnsen
1958 Harry Pezzullo*	1981 Steve Cheaney	2000 Jim Sobb
1963 Bruce Herd*	1982 Earl Puckett	2001 Dennis Johnsen
1965 Hubby Habjan*	1983 John Spiroplaus	2002 Terry Russell
1966 Harry Pezzullo	1984 David Ogilvie III	2003 Don Pieper
1967 Hubby Habjan	1985 Terry Carlson	2004 Frank Chieppa
1968 Felice Torza	1986 David Ogilvie III*	2005 Tim O'Neal
1969 Zigfield Troy	1987 Joe Jemsek	2006 Timothy Buscombe
1970 Bill Ogden	1988 Sherm Finger	2007 Carmen Molinaro
1971 Stan Kertes	1989 John Cleland	2008 Mike Scully
1972 Larry Rouse	1990 Bill Ventresca	2009 Jim Opp
1973 Steve Blatnak	1991 Joe Jemsek*	2010 Butch Pegoraro
1974 Bill Davis	1992 Leon McNair	2011 Andy Shuman
1975 Bill Heald	1993 Bruce Patterson	2012 Bruce Carson
1976 Lee Milligan	1994 Paul Reinking	2013 Dick Wagley
1977 Ken Weiler	1995 Jim Sobb	2014 Jim Holmes
1978 David Ogilvie III	1996 Bruce Patterson	2015 Bill Abrams
1979 Hal Miller	1997 Michael Harrigan	2016 Casey Brozek
	1998 Roger Warren	2017 Carol Rhoades

*National award winner





Illinois PGA Assistant Golf Professional of the Year

Established in 1996, the Assistant Golf Professional of the Year Award is presented for exceptional performance as a golf professional and service to the Illinois PGA, while upholding the image of a golf professional and inspiring fellow assistant professionals.

1996 Rob Saunders - Ravinia Green CC
1997 Stan Wiel, Jr. - Wilmette GC
1998 John Cleary - Glen View Club
1999 Chris Gumbach - River Forest CC
2000 Curt Peterson - White Deer Run GC
2001 Jeff Schmidt - St. Charles CC
2002 Chad Hansen - Glen Oak CC
2003 Frank Bruno - Oak Park CC
2004 Brett Melton - Midlothian CC
2005 Mike Campbell - Village Links of Glen Ellyn
2006 Geoff Tollefson - Arboretum Club
2007 John Kiriakopoulos - Ravinia Green CC

2008 Ryan Holland - Barrington Hills CC
2009 Jeff Perdew - Medinah CC
2010 Jason Rasmussen - Ivanhoe Club
2011 Matt Flaherty - Butterfield CC
2012 Scott Baines - Bryn Mawr CC
2013 Matt Slowinski - Glen Oak CC
2014 Katie Dick - Bitlmore CC
2015 Phil Yudys - Glen Oak CC
2016 Bill McInerney - LaGrange CC
2017 Nick Cuca – Exmoor CC





Illinois PGA Teacher of the Year



Established in 1986, the PGA Teacher of the Year Award bestows special recognition on a PGA Professional who has performed outstanding service as a golf instructor. Criteria considered for this award are overall performance as a golf professional at his/her facility, service to his/her Section and the Association, impact on teaching and golf instruction, involvement in junior golf activities at their facility and in the community, innovative contributions to golf instruction, and articles written for publication in books and magazines.

1986 Ed Oldfield, Sr. - Glen View Club
1987 Marty Joyce - Golf Land GR
1988 Ed Oldfield, Sr. - Glen View Club
1989 Hubby Habjan - Onwentsia Club
1990 Dr. Jim Suttie - Pine Meadow CC
1991 Dr. Jim Suttie - Pine Meadow CC
1992 Gus Bernadoni - Pine Meadow CC
1993 Gus Bernadoni - Pine Meadow CC
1994 Todd Sones - Conway Farms GC
1995 Michael Harrigan - Medinah CC
1996 Todd Sones - Conway Farms GC
1997 Dan Ofcky - Driving Obsession
1998 Dr. Jim Suttie - Cog Hill Golf & CC
1999 Jon Reese - Pine Meadow CC
2000 John Green - Fresh Meadow GC
Dr. Jim Suttie* - Cog Hill Golf & CC

2001 Bruce Patterson - Butler National GC
2002 Dan Kochevar - Golf Learning Centers
2003 Lou Solarte - Cantigny Golf
2004 Rick Sellers - The Den at Fox Creek GC
2005 Kevin Weeks - Cog Hill Golf & CC
2006 Chuck Lynch - White Pines GC
2007 Kevin Weeks - Cog Hill Golf & CC
2008 Brett Packee - CORE Golf
2009 Kevin Weeks - Cog Hill Golf & CC
2010 Connie DeMattia - Cantigny Golf
2011 John Platt - Green Garden CC
2012 Pat Goss - Northwestern University
2013 John Andrews - Pine Meadow GC
2014 Gary Pinns - Oak Brook GC
2015 Dan Kochevar - Oak Brook GC
2016 Bob Dickman - North Shore Elite Golf Academy
2017 Louis Sauer – LS Golf

*National award winner





Illinois PGA Youth Player Development Award

Presented annually since 1988, this award recognizes a PGA professional who is a leader in junior golf and reflects the qualities and ideals of those who work with our youth. Ongoing work by this PGA professional includes involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at the club level, in addition to support for national junior golf programs.

1990 Bill Johnstone - La Grange CC
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1992 Bob Jacobs - Cantigny Golf
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1995 Paul Reinking - Kankakee CC
1996 John Cleland - Butterfield CC
1997 Paul Reinking - Kankakee CC
1998 Juan Espejo - Maryville Academy
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2000 Jon Reese - Pine Meadow CC
2001 Steve Patterson - Winnetka GC
2002 Noel Allen - Village Links of Glen Ellyn

2003 Gregg Tengerstrom - Silver Lakes CC
2004 Mike Jones - Cantigny Golf
2005 Cary Cavitt - Twin Lakes GC
2006 Dan Kochevar - Oak Brook GC
2007 Cortney Miller - Winnetka GC
2008 Rick Anderson - Decatur Park District
2009 Chris Bartlett - Rockford CC
2010 Don Archer - Blue Needles GC
2011 Michael Wenzel - Sportsman's CC
2012 Michael Carbray - Butterfield CC
2013 Llyod McWilliams - Rockford Park District
2014 Brett Packee - CORE Golf
2015 Dennis Johnsen - Pine Meadow GC
2016 Doug Brazeau - Old Orchard CC
2017 Greg Barasel - Cantigny Golf





Illinois PGA 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.

1981 **Bill Heald*** - Riverside GC
1984 Bill Heald - Riverside GC
1985 Bill Heald - Riverside GC
1986 Leon McNair - Fox Bend GC
1988 Bill Heald - Riverside GC
1989 Bill Heald - Riverside GC
1990 Paul Reinking - Kankakee CC
1991 John Cleland - Butterfield CC
1992 Roger Warren - Seven Bridges GC
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1996 Roger Warren - Seven Bridges GC
1997 Roger Warren - Seven Bridges GC
1998 Bill Heald - Riverside GC
1999 Frank Chieppa - Randall Oaks GC
 Bill Heald* - Riverside GC

2000 Steve Patterson - Winnetka GC
2001 Mike Williams - White Deer Run GC
2002 Carol Rhoades - Golf Galaxy
2003 Tim O'Neal - North Shore CC
2004 Ron Skubisz - St. Andrews Golf & CC
 Paul Reinking* - Kankakee CC
2005 Bill Abrams - Balmoral Woods CC
2007 Bruce Carson - Onwentsia Club
2008 Bruce Patterson - Butler National GC
2009 Tim O'Neal - North Shore CC
2010 Bill Abrams - Balmoral Woods CC
2011 Jim Seeley - KemperSports
2012 Jim Sobb - Ivanhoe Club
2013 Brian Morrison - Olympia Fields CC
2014 Tim Buscombe - Lincolnshire Fields CC
2015 Don Pieper - Merit Club
2016 Andy Phelan - Wynstone Golf Club
2017 Nick Papadakes – Onwentsia Club

*National award winner





Illinois PGA Horton Smith Award




Established in 1965, the Horton Smith Award is designed to recognize individual golf professionals for their outstanding and continuing contributions to developing and improving education opportunities for the PGA golf professional. The guidelines for this award include contributions to the National PGA Education program, contributions to educational programs and seminars in the PGA Section, contributions and assistance toward the developing of articles and materials which benefit and relate to education, and contributions to building the image of both the PGA golf professional and the Association.

A seven-time U.S. Ryder Cup team member and two-time Masters Champion, Horton Smith was PGA President from 1952-1954. He devoted much of his time to improving educational programs.

1979 Hubby Habjan - Onwentsia Club
1981 Regi Starzyk - St. Charles CC
1982 Sherm Finger - Knollwood Club
1984 Bill Kuikman - Calumet CC
1985 Ed Oldfield, Sr. - Glen View Club
1986 John Spiroplaus - Olympia Fields CC
1987 Regi Starzyk - St. Charles CC
1988 Tom Wilcox - Sunset Ridge GC
1989 Don Wegrzyn - Old Elm Club
1990 Pat O'Brien - Golf Club of Illinois
1991 Bill Kuikman - Beverly CC
1992 Bill Kuikman - Beverly CC
1993 Bill Kuikman - Beverly CC
1994 Bill Kuikman - Beverly CC
1995 Randy Bolstad - Willow Crest GC
1996 Randy Bolstad - Willow Crest GC
1997 Randy Bolstad - Willow Crest GC
1998 Danny Mulhearn - Cantigny Golf

1999 Bill Heald - Riverside GC
2000 Frank Chieppa - Randall Oaks GC
2001 Frank Chieppa - Randall Oaks GC
2002 Ian Grant - La Grange CC
2003 Todd Sones - White Deer Run GC
2004 Casey Brozek - Crystal Lake CC
2005 Penni Godden - Klein Creek GC
2006 Jim Opp - Bonnie Dundee GC
2007 Jim Opp - Bonnie Dundee GC
2008 Jim Opp - Bonnie Dundee GC
2009 Geoff Tollefson - Arboretum Club
2010 Carol Rhoades - Stony Creek GC
2011 Hans Larson - Westmoreland GC
2012 Nick Papadakes - Old Elm Club
2013 Tim O'Neal - North Shore CC
2014 Todd Sones - Todd Sones Impact Golf
2015 Nick Papadakes - Onwentsia Club
2016 Daniel Gray - Skokie CC
2017 Todd Sones - Todd Sones Impact Golf





Illinois PGA Player Development Award

This award recognizes individual PGA member professionals for their extraordinary and exemplary contributions and achievements in the area of player development and growth of the game leadership. This award considers the PGA Professional's growth of the game leadership commitment at the Section and National levels and the impact made at the facility.

2006 Mike Jones - Cantigny Golf
2007 Dennis Johnsen - Pine Meadow GC
2008 Carol Rhoades - Stony Creek GC
2009 Dennis Johnsen - Pine Meadow GC
2010 Louise Davis - Cog Hill Golf & CC

2011 No Recipient
2012 Jeff Siegmund - Sugar Creek GC
2013 Leon McNair - PGA Life Member
2014 Eric Aldrich - Bolingbrook GC
2015 Hans Larson - Westmoreland CC
2016 Mark Krizic - Ridge CC
2017 Patrick Lynch – Cantigny Golf





Illinois PGA Merchadiser of the Year - Private Facilities



Established in 1978, the PGA Merchadiser of the Year (Private Club) recognizes those PGA golf professionals who have demonstrated superior skills in both merchadising and the promotion of golf.

Guidelines for this award include being a PGA member in good standing, having a credit rating within the industry and overall, and community involvement. Merchadising abilities and techniques, inventory levels and turn rate, shop displays and attention to detail are also judged.

1980 **Bob Hickman*** - Medinah CC
1991 **Earl Puckett*** - Twin Orchard CC
1992 Regi Starzyk - St. Charles CC
1993 Regi Starzyk - St. Charles CC
1994 Jim Schreiber - Edgewood Valley CC
 Regi Starzyk* - St. Charles CC
1995 Mike Harrigan - Medinah CC
1996 Tim O'Neal - North Shore CC
1997 Jim Sobb - Ivanhoe Club
1998 Tim O'Neal - North Shore CC
1999 Chuck Dammeir - Morris CC
2000 Steve Dunning - Oak Park CC
2001 Scott Sandfort - Elgin CC
2002 David Impastato - St. Charles CC
2003 Brian Morssison - Olympia Fields CC
 David Impastato* - St. Charles CC

2004 Jeff Buttitta - Turnberry CC
2005 Jim Holmes - Ravinia Green CC
2006 Hans Larson - Westmoreland CC
2007 Andy Shuman - Twin Orchard CC
2008 Brian Morrison - Olympia Fields CC
2009 Adam Rosuck - Northmoor CC
 Brian Morrison* - Olympia Fields CC
2010 David Hannon - La Grange CC
2011 Danny Mulhearn - Glen Oak CC
2012 Wade Gurysh - Knollwood Club
2013 John Varner - Beverly Country Club
2014 Andy Shuman - Twin Orchard CC
2015 Alex Mendez - Butterfield CC
2016 Gabe Exiner - Crystal Tree G&CC
2017 Dave Schmaltz - Exmoor CC

*National award winner





Illinois PGA Merchadiser of the Year - Public Facilities

Established in 1978, the PGA Merchandiser of the Year (Public Facility) recognizes those PGA golf professionals who have demonstrated superior skills in both merchandising and the promotion of golf.

Guidelines for this award include being a PGA member in good standing, having a credit rating within the industry and overall, and community involvement. Merchandising abilities and techniques, inventory levels and turn rate, shop displays and attention to detail are also judged.

1991 George Kallish - Dunne National GC
1992 Roger Warren - Seven Bridges GC
1993 Bob Jacobs - Cantigny Golf
1994 Tom Tierney - Orchard Valley GC
1995 Emil Esposito - Kemper Lakes GC
1996 Penni Godden - Klein Creek GC
1997 Danny Mulhearn - Cantigny Golf
1998 Tom Tierney - Orchard Valley GC
1999 Tom Tierney - Orchard Valley GC
2000 Renie Calkin - Prairie Landing GC
2001 Jim Karras - Whisper Creek GC
2002 Jeff Vesevick - Village Links of Glen Ellyn
2003 Dave Erickson - St. Andrews Golf & CC

2004 Bryan Moran - Kemper Lakes GC
2005 Carmen Molinaro - Arboretum Club
2006 Jay Casaletto - The Glen Club
2007 Don Habjan - Makray Memorial GC
2008 Dennis Johnsen - Pine Meadow GC
2009 Mike Williams - Bolingbrook GC
 Dennis Johnsen* - Pine Meadow GC
2010 No Recipient
2011 Mickey Finn - Stone Creek GC
2012 Robert Falkiner - Traditions at Chevy Chase
2013 AJ Shannon - Turtle Run GC
2014 Steve Gillie - Randall Oaks GC
2015 Rick Walrath - Deerpath GC
2016 No Recipient
2017 Steve Gillie – Randall Oaks GC

*National award winner





Illinois PGA Merchadiser of the Year - Resort Facilities



Established in 1978, the PGA Merchadiser of the Year (Resort Facility) recognizes those PGA golf professionals who have demonstrated superior skills in both merchandising and the promotion of golf.

Guidelines for this award include being a PGA member in good standing, having a credit rating within the industry and overall, and community involvement. Merchandising abilities and techniques, inventory levels and turn rate, shop displays and attention to detail are also judged.

1991 Dennis Johnsen - Pheasant Run Resort
1992 Randy Bolstad - Oak Brook Hills Resort
1993 John Schlaman - Eagle Ridge Resort
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1995 Randy Bolstad - Oak Brook Hills Resort
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2001 Randy Bolstad - Oak Brook Hills Resort
2002 No Recipient
2003 Randy Bolstad - Oak Brook Hills Resort

2004 Erin Streick - Eagle Ridge Resort
2005 Randy Bolstad - Oak Brook Hills Resort
2006 Andy Carr - Eaglewood Resort and Spa
2007 Randy Bolstad - Oak Brook Hills Resort
2008 Randy Bolstad - Oak Brook Hills Resort
2009 No Recipient
2010 Erin Streick - Eagle Ridge Resort
2011 No Recipient
2012 No Recipient
2013 No Recipient
2014 No Recipient
2015 No Recipient
2016 Randy Bolstad - Willowcrest Golf Club
2017 Reagan Davis – Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa





Illinois PGA Bill Heald Career Achievement Award

This honor is presented annually for a career of service to employers, mentoring, community service, playing ability, teaching, junior golf, education, and going above and beyond the duties of a PGA Professional who has not been previously honored as the Illinois PGA Golf Professional of the Year.

2005 Tony Holguin

2006 Bill Erfurth

2007 David Ogilvie III

2008 Ken Weiler

2009 Tom O'Connor

2010 Richie Hammel

2011 Dick Carparelli

2012 Pat Kenny

2013 Karl Bollnow

2014 Wally Hynes

2015 Brian Morrison

2016 Rick Groessl

2017 Dave Huber





The Illinois PGA Distinguished Service Award

The Illinois PGA Distinguished Service Award honors individuals who display leadership and humanitarian qualities, including integrity, sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the game of golf. Espejo is the inaugural recipient and embodies the criteria of the award and a PGA Professional.

2015 Juan Espejo - Maryville Academy
2016 Jamie Nieto - Pheasant Run Resort
2017 No Recipient





Illinois PGA Player of the Year

This title is awarded annually to the Illinois PGA Member that amassed the most points from tournament play in one season.

1971 Bill Ogden
1972 Bill Ogden
1973 Don Stickney
1974 Gary Hopkins
1975 Dean Lind
1976 Bill Ogden
1977 Mike Harrigan
1978 Phil Aldridge
1979 Jim Urban
1980 Steve Benson
1981 Steve Benson
1982 Steve Benson
1983 Ed Olfield, Jr.
1984 Gary Groh
1985 Bob Ackerman
1986 Gary Groh
1987 Bob Ackerman

1988 Bob Ackerman
1989 Bob Ackerman
1990 David Prange
1991 Randy Cochran
1992 Steve Madsen
1993 Dino Lucchesi
1994 Gary Groh
1995 Jim Estes
1996 Gary Groh
1997 Dino Lucchesi
1998 Dino Lucchesi
1999 Tom Sipula
2000 Jim Sobb
2001 Dino Lucchesi
2002 Dino Lucchesi
2003 Roy Biancalana
2004 Roy Biancalana

2005 Connie DeMattia
2006 Roy Biancalana
Mike Small*
2007 Roy Biancalana
Mike Small*
2008 Mike Small
2009 Matt Slowinski
2010 Travis Johns
2011 Rich Dukelow
2012 Curtis Malm
2013 Curtis Malm
2014 Travis Johns
2015 Brian Brodell
2016 Travis Johns

*National award winner





Illinois PGA Assistant Player of the Year

This title is awarded annually to the Illinois PGA Assistant/Apprentice that amassed the most points from tournament play in one season.

1992 Sam Beck
1993 John Dal Corobbo
1994 Jim Estes
1995 Andy Shuman
1996 Brett Packee
1997 Dino Lucchesi
1998 Dino Lucchesi
1999 Kevin Healy
2000 Michael Troy

2001 Michael Troy
2002 Jay Davis
2003 Brett Melton
2004 Erik Ciotti
2005 Steve Orrick, Jr.
2006 Rich Dukelow
2007 Rich Dukelow
2008 Rich Dukelow
2009 Matt Slowinski

2010 Garrett Chaussard
2011 Matt Slowinski
2012 Curtis Malm
2013 Matt Slowinski
2014 Mick Smith
2015 Brian Carroll
2016 Adam Schumacher





Illinois PGA Senior Player of the Year

This title is awarded annually to the Illinois PGA Senior Member (50+) that amassed the most points from tournament play in one season.

1990 Bill Erfurth
1991 Earl Puckett
1992 Bill Erfurth
1993 Earl Puckett
1994 Terry Carlson
1995 Earl Puckett
1996 Bill Erfurth
1997 Gary Groh
1998 Gary Groh

1999 Jim Arendt
2000 Gary Groh
2001 Michael Harrigan
2002 Gary Groh
2003 Gary Groh
2004 Michael Harrigan
2005 Michael Harrigan
2006 Steve Benson
2007 Jim Sobb

2008 Jim Sobb
2009 Billy Rosinia
2010 Jim Sobb
2011 Jim Sobb
2012 Billy Rosinia
2013 Doug Bauman
2014 Jim Sobb
2015 Jim Sobb
2016 Jim Sobb

