



# PGA

Northeastern New York Section

## 2016 Special Awards Program

### AWARD NOMINATION & GUIDELINE INFORMATION

- Please nominate yourself or any Section professional and/or assistant for a 2016 Award based on the selected award criteria (for complete Award Criteria/Eligibility refer to following pages or view the section website)
- Awards will be based on the professional's previous year's accomplishments and performance.

#### NENY PGA Section Special Awards

- 1) \* Golf Professional of the Year
- 2) \* Horton Smith (Education Emphasis)
- 3) \* Bill Strausbaugh Award (Community Relations)
- 4) Sales Representative of the Year
- 5) Roland Stafford Sportsmanship Award
- 6, 7, 8) Merchandiser of the Year (Private, Public, and Resort)
- 9) PGA Assistant Golf Professional of the Year *Presented by Taylormade-adidas Golf*
- 10) \* Youth Player Development Award
- 11) Player Development
- 12) \* Teacher of the Year
- 13) Patriot Award

\* *Special Awards Selection Committee Members in Following Year (If individual accepts committee position)*

**Nominations:** All active members of the Northeastern New York Section have the opportunity to nominate a person from the section or themselves for any or all of the awards.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- \* Award Winners may be selected for the same award in successive years if the Selection Committee deems the individual is deserving of the award.
- \* Emphasis should be placed on a candidate's entire record but most recent service, involvement and accomplishments (within the last 5 years)

The following are not eligible for an award:

- Class "F" or inactive members
- Apprentices (except for PGA Assistant Professional of the Year, Presented by Taylormade-adidas Golf)

### **2015 Winners**

\*Will comprise 2016 Special Awards Selection Committee (if individual accepts position)

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| *Golf Professional of the Year – Tom Philion, PGA       | Merchandiser of the Year (Private) – Tim Lonergan, PGA          |
| *Horton Smith – Kay McMahan, PGA                        | Merchandiser of the Year (Public) – Josh Hillman, PGA           |
| *Bill Strausbaugh Award – Peter Maassmann, PGA          | Merchandiser of the Year (Resort) – No Award Given              |
| *Teacher of the Year – Anders Mattson, PGA              | PGA Assistant Golf Professional of the Year <i>Presented by</i> |
| *Youth Player Development Award – Rich Scott, PGA       | <i>Taylormade-adidas Golf</i> – Kevin Cain, PGA                 |
| Sales Representative of the Year – Gary Chittenden      | Player Development – Lucas Cohen, PGA                           |
| Roland Stafford Sportsmanship Award – Rick Wolcott, PGA | Patriot Award – Willie King, PGA                                |



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### **AWARD RECOMMENDED CRITERIA & GUIDELINES**

#### *Recommended Areas to Consider When Nominating Yourself or Someone Else*

##### **Golf Professional of the Year:**

The "NENY PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional who has performed outstanding services as an overall PGA Professional. As one of the highest honors The PGA can bestow, candidates must possess outstanding qualities of leadership, strong moral character, and a substantial record of service to the Association and the game of golf. Individuals honored with the PGA Golf Professional of the Year award will be held as a model PGA Golf Professional.

*\*While this honor should be based on a professional's entire record, emphasis should be placed on his/her performance and achievements over the past five years*

##### **Teacher of the Year:**

The "NENY PGA Teacher of the Year Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional who has performed outstanding services as a golf teacher and coach.

##### **The Horton Smith Trophy**

The "NENY PGA Horton Smith Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional, who personally displays a strong desire for lifelong education to include outstanding and continuing contributions to professional education.

*\*Candidate's total career and experience should be considered, and his/her inclination for providing continuing contributions and assistance. Emphasis will be given to achievements over the last five years*

##### **The Bill Strausbaugh Award**

The "NENY PGA Bill Strausbaugh Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional, who personally displays outstanding integrity, character, and leadership through a commitment to mentoring and making significant impacts on the careers of PGA Professionals. In the spirit of the award, "mentoring" shall be defined as follows:

*"Mentoring is supporting professionals to manage their own development so they can maximize their PGA career potential. The PGA mentor empowers, enables, advises, challenges, and encourages professionals to enhance their professional skills, strengthen their level of service, improve their work performance, and become the PGA Member that they aspire to be."*

##### **Youth Player Development Award**

The "NENY PGA Youth Player Development Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional, who has displayed extraordinary and exemplary contribution and achievement in the area of youth player development. The award considers the PGA Professional's focus on Youth through their growth of the game leadership, commitment at the Section and National levels in the youth player development arena, and the meaningful impact made upon youth through the introduction and participation in the game.



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##### **Merchandiser of the Year**

The NENY PGA Merchandiser of the Year Award is designed to recognize those PGA Professionals who have excelled as business persons/merchandisers in the promotion of golf. The NENY PGA Section honors PGA Professionals in two categories: *Private, Public, and Resort Facilities*

##### **Roland Stafford Sportsmanship Award**

This award in honor of Roland Stafford, is presented to the PGA professional who exemplifies the qualities in honor of the true traditions of the game of golf such as integrity, honesty, and sportsmanship.

##### **Assistant Golf Professional of the Year Presented by TaylorMade-adidas Golf**

This is the premier award paid to assistant golf professional. While this honor should be based on a professional's entire record, emphasis should be placed on his/her performance and achievements over the past two years.

##### **Sales Representative of the Year**

This is the premier award presented to one of the Section's Sales Manufacturer Representatives who serves the NENY PGA Section with outstanding customer service, support and dedication to the members and apprentices of the NENY PGA, as well as support of the Section through sponsorships and other programs.

##### **Player Development Award:**

The "NENY PGA Player Development Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf Professional, who has displayed extraordinary and exemplary contribution and achievement in the area of player development. The award considers the PGA Professional's growth of the game leadership, commitment at the Section and National levels in the player development arena, and the meaningful impact made at the facility.

##### **Patriot Award:**

The "NENY PGA Patriot Award" bestows special recognition on a PGA Golf 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.

# NENY PGA 2016 Special Award Nomination Form

No limitation as to nominees per category.

**Tentative Timeline:**

- November 1 – Special Award Instructions & Nomination Forms posted online
- January 29 – Deadline for Nominations Submitted to NENY PGA Section Office
- February 3 – All nominees notified (and nominees facility/employer notified as well)
- February 26 – Deadline for award materials submitted to NENY PGA Section Office
- March 10 – Selection Committee Award Meeting and Voting
- March 11 – Award Winners Notified
- March 16 – Press Release of Award Winners
- March 21 – NENY PGA Special Awards Presentations at the Spring Membership Meeting

**Please return nominations to the section office (by January 29):**

NENY PGA, 418 Consaul Road, Schenectady, NY 12304

Phone: 518-438-8645

Fax: 518-438-8670

Email: [devans@pgahq.com](mailto:devans@pgahq.com)

*Nominee's Name & Club*

*Award Nominated for:*

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