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Northeastern New York Section

2018 Special Awards Program Criteria & Eligibility Info

AWARD NOMINATION & GUIDELINE INFORMATION

- Please nominate yourself or any Section professional and/or assistant for a 2017 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 accomplishments and performance in 2017.

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
- 10) * Youth Player Development Award
- 11) Player Development
- 12) * Teacher of the Year
- 13) Patriot Award

** Special Awards Selection Committee Members are not eligible to be nominated (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)

2017 NENY PGA Special Award Winners

Golf Professional of the Year – Tom Sullivan, PGA

Horton Smith – Eric Keeler, PGA

Bill Strausbaugh Award – Mike Behan, PGA

Teacher of the Year – John Souza, PGA

Youth Player Development Award – Gerald Fitzgerald, PGA

Sales Representative of the Year – Gary Chittenden

Roland Stafford Sportsmanship Award – Josh Hillman, PGA

Merchandiser of the Year (Private) – Steve Mazzariello, PGA

Merchandiser of the Year (Public) – Peter Tavares, PGA

Merchandiser of the Year (Resort) – No Award Presented

PGA Assistant Golf Professional of the Year – Kevin Cain, PGA

Player Development – Peter Egazarian, PGA

Patriot Award – Willie King, PGA



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2018 Special Awards Program

AWARD RECOMMENDED CRITERIA & GUIDELINES

Recommended Areas to Consider When Nominating Yourself or Someone Else

Golf Professional of the Year:

The highest honor paid by the NENY PGA Section to a working PGA golf professional whose total contribution to the game best exemplify the complete PGA Professional. This award embraces a wide range of services executed by the club professional.

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*

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.

The following are not eligible for the award:

- Class "F" or inactive members

- Overall performance as a golf professional at his/her facility
- Level of service to his/her Section and the Association
- Demonstration of outstanding qualities of leadership
- Image and the ability to inspire fellow golf professionals
- Demonstration of strong moral character
- Promotion and growth of the game
- Well regarded as a model PGA Professional

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 among the ranks of PGA membership.

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

 - Recognized as an outstanding teacher of golf among the ranks of the PGA membership
 - Initiation and/or implementation of unusual, innovative and/or special teaching programs
 - Instruction of outstanding golfers
 - Promotion of golf
 - Publication of articles, books, magazines, online medium contributions
 - Verification of continued education and learning in the area of instruction (to include service as an instructor at local NENY PGA Section education programs or attendance at National PGA Teaching Workshops, Seminars, or PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits)
 - Earned national recognition for area of Instruction (PGA Certified Professional Program)
- Overall performance in teaching and impact at his/her facility

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.

This NENY PGA Section recognizes the individual golf professional who is the model educator of PGA Professionals. This award is designed to give special recognition for a professional's outstanding and continuing contributions to professional education along with developing and improving education opportunities for the PGA golf professional.

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.

The following are not eligible for an award:

- Class "F" or inactive members

**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*

- Demonstration of outstanding leadership qualities
- Demonstration of strong moral character
- Maintain a substantial record of service to the NENY PGA Section and game of golf
- Well regarded as a model educator of PGA Golf Professionals
- Continuing education records will serve as a resource for verification of programs instructed by the nominee
- Contributions to the NENY PGA Section Education Program and/or National PGA Education programs or
- Contributions and assistance toward the development of materials which relate to education
- Contributions to building the image of both the PGA golf professional and the Association

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."

This award is presented those PGA Professionals who by their day-to-day efforts have distinguished themselves by mentoring their fellow PGA Professionals in improving their employment situations and through their service to the community (such as civic and/or charitable efforts).

ELIGIBILITY

Award Winners may be selected for the same award in successive years if the Awards Committee deems the individual is deserving of the award.

The following are not eligible for an award:

- Class "F" or inactive members

- Recognized as someone with outstanding character
- Level of service to the NENY PGA Section and the Association.
- Leadership ability.
- Contributions to building the image of the game of golf, the PGA professional and the Association.
- Involvement and significant contributions towards improving the skills of fellow PGA professionals.
- Involvement in civic activities within his/her community.
- Involvement with local charitable causes.
- Overall integrity and recognition as a person of outstanding character.
- Demonstration of record of service to the NENY PGA Section and PGA of America

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.

ELIGIBILITY

Award Winners may be selected for the same award in successive years if the Awards Committee deems the individual is deserving of the award. The following are not eligible for an award:

- Class "F" or inactive members

Award Guidelines

- Demonstration of outstanding qualities of leadership in junior golf
- Support, promotion and growth of the game of golf for juniors in the Section
- Demonstration of strong moral character, image and acceptance by junior golfers
- Well regarded as a model PGA Professional
- Contribution and service to the NENY PGA Section and the Association in junior golf programs and events
- Involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at facility and community

Merchandiser of the Year

This award recognizes those PGA professionals who have demonstrated superior skills as merchandisers in the promotion of golf. The award is given for excellence in golf shop operations in three categories: Private, Resort, and Public. The following criteria is applied to all awards:

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*

ELIGIBILITY

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The following are not eligible for an award:

- Class "F" or inactive members

Award Guidelines

The following criteria is applied to all awards:

- PGA member in good standing
- Credit rating with the industry
- Overall credit rating
- Community involvement

The Candidates are judged in the following areas:

- Merchandising performance (Profit Margin, Sales increase, etc. Please include examples)
- Details and Innovation
 - * Merchandising Techniques
- Displays
 - * Merchandising Philosophy
- Merchandising Techniques
 - * Shop Operations
- Inventory mix
 - * Staff Training

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.

ELIGIBILITY

Award Winners may be selected for the same award in successive years if the Awards Committee deems the individual is deserving of the award. The following are not eligible for an award:

- Class "F" or inactive members

Award Guidelines

- Overall performance at his/her facility
- Overall performance in the Section Tournament Program
- Overall image as a PGA golf professional
- The leadership ability to set an example and inspire others to perform at the highest level

Assistant Golf Professional of the Year

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.

ELIGIBILITY

Award Winners may be selected for the same award in successive years if the Awards Committee deems the individual is deserving of the award. The following are not eligible for an award:

- Class "F" or inactive members

Award Guidelines

- Overall performance as an assistant golf professional at his/her facility
- Level of service to his/her Section and the Assistant's Association
- Leadership ability
- Image and the ability to inspire fellow golf professionals

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.

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.

- High quality of service to his/her accounts.
- Integrity and professionalism in his/her product presentations.
- Overall support of Section golf professionals and the NENYPGA Section.
- Level of involvement in Section tournaments, junior golf, education, Member/Apprentice services.
- Support of NENY PGA facilities and members

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.

ELIGIBILITY

Award Winners may be selected for the same award in successive years if the Awards Committee deems the individual is deserving of the award. The following are not eligible for an award:

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Award Guidelines

- Contributions to Section and National Play Golf America initiatives.
- Use of Play Golf America tools and resources
- Quality of best practices, including uniqueness of ideas, increase in rounds/revenues, retention and customer satisfaction
- Inspiration and leadership to fellow PGA Professionals in the area of player development
- Quantity, quality and diversity of player development programs
- Staff and facility involvement/recruitment of player development programs and knowledge

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.

ELIGIBILITY

Award Winners may be selected for the same award in successive years if the Awards Committee deems the individual is deserving of the award. The following are not eligible for an award:

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Award Guidelines

Patriot Award

- Criteria to Measure
- Contributions to programs and events, including Patriot Golf Day, which support the Armed Forces and veterans.
- Involvement in the promotion and development of targeted golf programs at the club level and within the community for military personnel and veterans.
- Active support and contributions of the Armed Forces and veterans through community activities at-large.
- Overall image, service, leadership, and acceptance by military personnel and veterans as a person of outstanding character.

NENY PGA 2018 Special Award Nomination Form

No limitation as to nominees per category.

Tentative Timeline:

November 1 – Special Award Instructions & Nomination Forms posted online

February 8 – Deadline for Nominations Submitted to NENY PGA Section Office

February 24 – Deadline for award materials submitted to NENY PGA Section Office

March 7 – Selection Committee Award Meeting and Voting

March 9 – Award Winners Notified

March 15 – Press Release of Award Winners

TBA – NENY PGA Special Awards Presentations at the Spring Membership Meeting

Please return nominations to the section office (by February 8):

NENY PGA, 418 Consaul Road, Schenectady, NY 12304

Phone: 518-438-8645

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Nominee’s Name & Club

Award Nominated for:

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY: _____