



PGA

Northern Texas Section

2009 NTPGA Section & Chapter Awards Descriptions

Golf Professional of the Year – This is the highest honor paid to a PGA Professional. The honoree shall be selected on the basis of overall performance as a golf professional at their facility, level of service to the Section or Chapter and the Association, leadership ability, image and ability to inspire fellow professionals, length of membership, and promotion of golf are some of the criteria for this award. While this honor should be based on the professional's entire record, emphasis should be placed on their performance and achievements over the past 5 years.

Golf 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 their performance over the past 5 years. The nominee should be selected by their overall performance as a golf professional at their facility, service to the Chapter, Section, and Association, leadership ability, image and ability to inspire fellow professionals, promotion of golf, impact on teaching and golf instruction, involvement in junior activities at the facility and in the community, innovative contributions to golf instruction, articles for publication (books, magazines, and videos).

Junior Golf Leader – This award is presented to a PGA Member who is a leader in junior golf, reflects the qualities and ideals of those who work with youth, and provides opportunities and experiences for juniors to learn and play golf. This award also considers the nominee's contributions to junior programs and the events in the Chapter or Section, involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at the facility and within the community, support of the NTPGA Junior Foundation, overall image, service and leadership in the area of junior golf, overall integrity as an individual and acceptance by junior golfers as a person of outstanding character.

Merchandisers of the Year – This award is presented to a PGA Member who has demonstrated superior skills in merchandising at their facility. This award is given in two categories: Private Facility, and Resort or Public Facility. This honoree shall be selected on the basis of their merchandising expertise, techniques and philosophy, shop operations, details and innovation, displays and shop appearance, inventory mix, margins and cost of goods, turns and sales, and staff training.

Bill Strausbaugh Award – The criteria for this award truly reflects the characteristics and qualities that Bill Strausbaugh possessed during his lifetime – service to the association and service to his fellow PGA Professionals in helping them improve their employment situations and service to the community. This award should focus on a PGA Member's overall commitment and contribution to promoting the game and the Association, community relations, positive impact and mentoring of other PGA professionals, leadership ability, overall integrity and recognition as a person of outstanding character.

Horton Smith Award – This award is designed to recognize a PGA Member for their outstanding and continuing contributions to developing and improving education opportunities for the PGA Professional. The nominee shall be selected by their contributions to PGA Education programs, assistance toward the development of articles and materials that benefit and relate to education, and building the image of the PGA Professional.

Assistant Golf Professional of the Year – This award is presented to the A-8 PGA Member who has an outstanding record of service at their facility and the Section or Chapter. The honoree should be considered, but not limited, on their overall performance as a golf professional, promotion of golf, and participation in PGA activities. Apprentices are not eligible for this award.

Bob Galt Award – The award is presented to a member of the media (newspaper, radio, television, or magazine) for their contributions to promoting the game of golf, and support of the Section, Chapter, or the Association.

Byron Nelson Award – The award is presented to an amateur for his or her contributions to golf in northern Texas.

Leon Faucett Award – The award is presented to a sales representative for their contributions to the NTPGA Section and its Professionals.

Distinguished Service Awards – The award is presented to long standing PGA Members for their contributions to the Section and golf in northern Texas.

Player of the Year – The award is presented to the Section Member compiling the most points in the following events: Eastern Championship, Western Championship, NTPGA Professional Championship, NTPGA Section Championship.

Ben Hogan Stroke Average Award – The award is presented to the professional compiling the lowest overall scoring average in the following events: Eastern Championship, Western Championship, NTPGA Professional Championship, NTPGA Section Championship.