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2017 Met PGA Awards Agenda

Welcome to the 2017 Metropolitan PGA Special Awards presentation in conjunction with our Fall Meeting and Forum. The majority of our awards are presented at the Fall Meeting while the Professional of the Year, Player of the Year and Sam Snead Award occur at our Spring Forum. In addition, we will present the other Player of the Year Awards at our 2018 Spring Meetings. This provides us with multiple opportunities to celebrate our recipients and allows us to make some of the presentations on a more timely basis at this meeting, while others will still be part of our spring programs.

The Metropolitan Section remains committed to programs which train, develop, educate and enhance the image of the golf professional. It has been determined that the #1 priority must remain the concept of teaching and the promotion of the game which elevates our profession and exemplifies our professional commitment. We congratulate all of this year's award winners as a reminder that any day spent not making yourself better is a day not lived. May our award winners serve as examples of our commitment to making golf a better game for all and to making the Metropolitan PGA a symbol of excellence.



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Awards being presented today:

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| Deacon Palmer Award | Rocco Cambareri, Valley Fields Golf Course |
| Assistant of the Year | Sara Dickson, Quaker Ridge Golf Club |
| Merchandiser of the Year (Private) | Adam McDaid, Friar's Head |
| Merchandiser of the Year (Public) | Max Galloway, Mohansic Golf Course |
| Patriot Award | Andy Crane, West Point Golf Course |
| Player Development Award | Monique Thoresz, The Apawamis Club |
| Youth Player Development Award | Ben Hoffhine, Westchester Country Club |
| Horton Smith Award | Michael Breed, The Michael Breed Golf Academy |
| Bill Strausbaugh Award | Mike Gilmore, Winged Foot Golf Club |
| Teacher of the Year | Jeff Gschwind, Deepdale Golf Club |

The following Awards will be presented in the Spring:

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| Professional of the Year | Dave Gosiewski, Noyac Golf Club |
| 2017 Player of the Year | Josh Rackley, Tam O'Shanter Club |
| Sam Snead Award | To Be Announced |
| Ely Callaway Award | To Be Announced |

2017 DEACON PALMER AWARD

Rocco Cambareri, Valley Fields Golf Course

Rocco Cambareri's life spent in the golf business started at age 11 at Mohansic Golf Course and consistently focused on improving the places he worked while serving huge numbers of golfers. He became an apprentice under John Paonessa and worked at Mohansic for 12 years before a two year stint under Todd Heyda at Mahopac. Rocco was then elected to PGA membership in 2001 before becoming the head golf professional at Saxon Woods GC in 2001 where he hosted over 45,000 rounds annually, built a driving range, short game and teaching areas, renovated the golf shop, and initiated junior golf programs that continue to flourish. He then spent two seasons as General Manager at Tee Bird GC in Saratoga County, NY where they hosted approximately 30,000 rounds annually. Later, Rocco worked as General Manager / Head Professional at The Sedgewood Club, where he worked closely with the Board during planning and budgeting phases of clubhouse renovation. He recommended and supervised course construction where nine new forward tees were added in an effort to attract more members and make the course more enjoyable. Most recently, Rocco entered into agreement with Town of Yorktown, NY to renovate, operate and maintain Valley Fields Par 3 Golf Course. He was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Wadsworth Foundation in support of this growth of the game initiative. Rocco's variety of experiences led him to become an expert in capital improvement. Fortunately for the area, his passion for junior golf and player development led him to Valley Fields.

Rocco has spent the last few years working toward renovating the only public access par three golf course in the Westchester/Putnam County region. This includes all of the work toward realizing a \$250,000 grant from a large golf charity foundation. Rocco's vision continues to align with the PGA of America's strategic plan to grow the game and to provide access for those previously underserved in golf. Despite being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in June of 2016, Rocco's spirit and determination to see his vision to completion have been unwavering.

To say that the past several years have been difficult for Rocco would be an understatement. While moving into his new office in 2010 he suffered a broken ankle that required seventeen screws to reconstruct. As he was healing from the ankle and starting to compete in local tournaments, he was sidelined by a hernia operation. The next year, he broke a bone in his right hand and lost another summer of playing competitively. Securing the \$250,000 grant from the Wadsworth Foundation was a much needed boost. There was still trepidation in committing to such a big investment in golf as many similar projects in the area were favoring real estate development. Having the endorsement and financial support of a nationally recognized association gave him the extra confidence that his vision for this facility was on the right track. Unfortunately, his cancer diagnosis in 2016 has slowed him down physically, but it has only made him more determined and focused on seeing the fruit of his labor when the newly renovated, Arnold Palmer designed par three facility is completed. Rocco has spent some time recently thinking about the future of Valley Fields and searching for his replacement as day to day manager. His thoughts always end in the same place: the facility and local community will be best served when Met PGA professionals are leading the charge and implementing our growth of the game initiatives. Certainly no one individual or management company is more qualified to implement programs for our juniors, seniors and veterans.

Rocco's professional career has always been marked by service. Before the opportunity to oversee his current redevelopment project, Rocco has worked in a number of roles, including head professional. Perhaps the reason he found his current calling was his aptitude for service and his ability to make physical improvements to the different facilities he served.

Rocco's career has been defined by putting others first, and working to grow the game of golf. Fifteen years ago, when a local public links tournament was reformatted and named after the late John Paonessa, Rocco was charged with running the event. Running a memorial event is, of itself, an act of kindness but that wasn't enough. Rocco saw the John Paonessa Memorial Pro-Am as an opportunity to raise funds for local charities, including the Met PGA Junior Tour which has been a beneficiary ever since.

MERCHANDISER OF THE YEAR ~ PRIVATE

Adam McDaid, Friar's Head

With a resume as strong as Adam McDaid's, it's no wonder that he has become one of the finest golf professionals in the Metropolitan Section. His career started with four seasons at Westchester Country Club, followed by two years at Maidstone, one at Tuxedo, and another four at Shoreacres. Adam combines the mentoring he received from the likes of John Kennedy, Eden Foster, Dave Carazo, and Peter McDonald with the opportunity to create a high end experience for members and guests at Friar's Head.

Friar's Head is open from mid-April to the first week of November and does almost 9,000 rounds per season, with the majority of this traffic condensed between Memorial Day and Labor Day. During this short season, Friar's Head annually hosts eight member events and a few outside charity events in addition to the notable summer holidays. However challenging, McDaid ensures that his displays and golf shop are freshened up and changed out before each of these distinct days, with an emphasis on product placement specifically catering to the participants in each event. Additionally, merchandise is filled in daily and replaced when needed as stock is sold. Adam prides himself on carrying quality products in a range of styles so that regardless of who walks in the door; whether they be male, female, young, old, big, small, trendy or classic, they can find something to fit their taste and have a reminder of their incredible Friar's Head experience. In that same vein, one of his biggest successes has been the creation of dedicated spaces for extra-large/small customers so all their choices are right in front of them without having to pillage the entire shop. These reserved spaces tend to be a snapshot of the Golf Shop's selection and include everything from wardrobe staples to exclusive fashion pieces. Since its integration, these areas generally receive the most accolades as they offer a vast selection for these less common sizes.

Each spring Adam and his staff are trained and updated on the new technology in both hard and soft goods that the shop will carry to better serve their customers. They have worked with cutting edge brands that were new to the golf world like KJUS, Greyson, B. Draddy and even Peter Millar. Friar's Head members and guests are accustomed to visiting the Golf Shop each spring when they open their doors to get a preview of the latest collection or what's predicted to be on trend for each season when the rest of the golfing population must wait months to see. Adam also takes gratification in knowing he offers products that cater to green grass accounts like Friar's Head so that his customers are receiving unique and specialized options not available at any major golf supply chain store.

MERCHANDISER OF THE YEAR ~ PUBLIC

Max Galloway, Mohansic Golf Course

When you are the head professional at one of only 7 public courses in all of Westchester County, everything you do to promote the game of golf is significant. Max has an incredible range of experience having served at private clubs, ranges, with management companies and now as the head professional at a 40,000 rounds a year municipal facility. As an entrepreneur, Max has also taken a lead role in the Westchester County Golf Show. This annual March event, conducted for 2 days at the Westchester County Center, has become a pre-season kick off with a variety of speakers, free lessons, clinics, golf presentations and vendors promoting the game and their services. Literally thousands have experienced this promotional program and Max Galloway has been the coordinator for the professional involvement. The County professionals as well as representatives from the First Tee and a few other area facilities set up a teaching net, man it throughout for lessons and provide demo opportunities as well as offering a golf shop full of products and accessories for the attendees. It is a special public relations event for the County professionals and the local golf community helping to get golfers ready for the opening of the courses after a tough winter of weather.

Max Galloway is another great example of how merchandising your facility and marketing your programs has earned him recognition as Merchandiser of the Year in the Public Course category. Max has been recognized for his efforts in Player Development. He has been one of the most active teachers in the Section, creating a number of special programs and building schools, Get Golf Ready, Play Golf America and a solid Junior Golf program. He loves to play but realizes that his first priority is to his golfers and the municipality that he works for and understands the balance between promoting golf because of your passion and managing golf because of your expertise.

His philosophy revolves around the importance of knowing your customer. He works hard at identifying what his audience is looking for and providing that for them at an affordable price. Keeping the shop fresh and changing displays keeps folks looking and perhaps catches their attention. The Mohansic Golf shop also offers several different styles in each category. A public golf shop has such a diverse crowd that it's important to have a little different flavor for each customer. They are always asking their customers what they like and constantly visit other golf shops and off-course stores to get ideas. Sometimes you might see a product you didn't know about that could become a best seller. Max often refers to "what's selling at public courses" in the monthly PGA Magazine as trends are often changing. In addition, speaking with his fellow public course professionals has always been a huge asset.

Ultimately, however, merchandising is a function of great people skills, strong communications and the passion to promote and the effort to succeed. Max Galloway has proven to be an outstanding professional and richly deserves the Merchandiser of the Year accolades.

2017 PATRIOT AWARD

Andy Crane, West Point Golf Club

Andy Crane is the first PGA member to complete the “grand slam” of the PGA Certified Professional Program in just one year’s time. In the process, Andy earned the Metropolitan PGA Ely Callaway Award for amassing the most MSR credits in the section in 2016. Having only been elected to PGA membership in 2015, to say that Andy Crane has been busy for the past two years would be a major understatement.

Andy’s achievements in continuing education came despite the demand on his time as leader of the golf operation at West Point Golf Course. Andy spent time working at a number of clubs before finding a home at West Point, to the delight of a great many people. As the Head PGA Professional at West Point GC, home of the United States Military Academy, Andy is continually involved in community events and programs to support the morale and welfare of military personnel and their families both on and off the golf course. Examples of on course support are providing golf clinics to spouses of active personnel, running golf camps for children of military men and women, giving free tips and lessons on the driving range to the Academy’s physical education classes, supporting the Army Golf Team, and even buying a group of cadets pizza who missed mess hall because their round went too long. Working at West Point Golf Course, Andy’s awareness of the issues facing the members of our military has exponentially heightened and has become a way of life. Off the golf course, Andy and his family get involved with and support as many Military events as possible. His family frequently attends Army band concerts, sporting events, fundraising activities, and other events. Andy was honored when he was given the nickname by an officer’s wife years ago of “Mr. West Point” because Andy was visible at almost every USMA activity. She actually wrote an email stating that, “it didn’t matter if it was a soccer game or a bake sale Andy would be there giving his support to the community, He is more than our golf pro, he is Mr. West Point”.

Andy spends every day serving military men and women, yet somehow manages to find another gear when Met PGA HOPE participants show up at West Point. He sincerely and deeply LOVES the program and is eternally thankful to have had the privilege of being involved from the beginning and being a critical contributor to its continued growth. Andy gets emotional talking about the impact of the program, and the countless success stories we have had. Many of the men and women we’ve recruited to participate in the Met PGA HOPE program are broken. Some are broken physically, some mentally, others both. Many struggle with physical injuries, stress and trauma induced introversion, trust issues, and fear. Andy’s outgoing and engaging personality and passion for being a PGA professional are infectious, and he uses these gifts to help our military veterans feel welcomed and safe. The bond that is formed in the process is deep, real, and strong. Because of this the word for Andy’s image among our military participants is “revered.” So many lives have been changed for the better and knowing that he had a little tiny bit to do with that just by doing what he loves is moving and humbling for Andy. We call the PGA professional volunteers and veteran participants our “Met PGA HOPE Family”—Andy Crane is a patriarch.

If Andy Crane is “Mr. West Point” up at the USMA, he is “Mr. PGA HOPE” in the Metropolitan Section. There is a palpable admiration when watching Andy’s peers observe him interacting with HOPE participants. Andy’s fellow PGA professionals “come alive” on the spot because of his leadership and the example he sets. Andy’s image and leadership have inspired more professionals to get involved and his calls to action have been heard loud and clear by Met PGA members. Andy Crane is most deserving of the 2017 Met PGA Patriot Award.

2017 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Monique Thoresz, The Apawamis Club

Monique Thoresz has been involved in Player Development initiatives since she started her teaching career. Always looking for new and innovative ways to engage members and get them involved in golf, she is constantly refining the programs offered to try to reach as many established and potential golfers as possible. Before becoming the Director of Instruction at The Apawamis Club, Monique worked for eight years at Westchester Country Club, bringing some of her successes to the membership at Apawamis. She then worked to create some new initiatives based on the membership and its needs.

Along with Westchester CC instructor Gary Weir, Monique created an event called "Girls to the Tee" in 2009. Partnering with the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association, the program is entering its tenth year of offering free instruction for girls every August.

At Apawamis, Monique has created an extensive clinic program for adults and juniors, and has tracked close to 200 unique participants in her adult programs for men and women. These clinics are in excess the approximately 850 lessons Monique gives each year. She has also created an elite junior program (Advanced Junior Golf Academy), which has been oversubscribed every year. Monique's Saturday all-girls clinic program has been a hit with the younger ages (7-11) and the on-course program has helped the older girls advance their experience on the course.

Her most successful program for women has been Newbie Tuesdays, which is twice a month where ladies meet at 1:30 pm and play 4 holes of golf. The participants are paired with friends and play four holes in just over an hour so they can get home in time for after-school pickup. This program has developed a number of regulars, slowly building more committed golfers. Monique's 6 at 6:30 concept targets working women, getting them to the course for six holes before the work day begins.

In addition, Monique has reconstructed the junior golf program at Apawamis to encompass learning opportunities for all ages and abilities including After-School clinics, Advanced Junior Golf Academy, Fall Ball league, and a Junior Play with the Pro series. Apawamis also boasts "Girls-only" learning opportunities, with clinics every Saturday and a Junior Girls' Golf Scramble each summer.

2017 YOUTH PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Ben Hoffhine, Westchester Country Club

Ben Hoffhine began his professional career working for John Kennedy at Westchester in 1998 and returned in 2017 as Director of Golf. Prior to rejoining the staff at Westchester, Ben was the Head Professional at Wykagyl Country Club for 13 years and Assistant Professional for Mike Diffley at Pelham Country Club for four years.

Ben has been a leader in the growth and development of junior golf programs in the Metropolitan Section and at his former job as Head Professional at Wykagyl Country Club and his current role as Director of Golf at Westchester Country Club. His contributions and leadership to the development of PGA Junior League Golf in the Metropolitan Section have been strong from the beginning. This leadership has included being a mentor to many assistant and head professionals on “best practices” for running a successful team, division and league. He has been involved with the Met PGA staff and Player Development regional director in setting up a very special Metropolitan Section PGA Junior League Golf Championship at the request of the participating clubs, professionals and junior golfers. He has shared ideas that have been successful at Wykagyl with numerous professionals over the last 13 years both locally and nationally. As a member of the Met PGA’s Board of Directors, Ben has also taken a leadership role in committees working with junior golf and player development.

When Hoffhine took over as Head Professional at Wykagyl in 2004, the junior program was virtually non-existent. Fast forward 13 years and the program quadrupled in size, and now has countless programs that appeal to all skill levels of junior golfers. Similar to Junior League Golf, Ben embraced the popularity of Drive, Chip and Putt and ran his own DCP event at Wykagyl. It was a huge success, with over 50 juniors participating the first year. Some of the juniors went on to compete in the Met PGA regional qualifiers with many of those juniors taking additional lessons just to improve their skills in preparation for the event. Junior Golf Camps are another area of great growth at Wykagyl under Ben’s leadership. When Hoffhine began at Wykagyl in 2004, the only junior camp offered was a 1 hour portion of the Wykagyl Sports Camp for a six week period in the summer. Now, camps and clinics are run for every age group 3 and up. Over 125 juniors are exposed to the game on a yearly basis. SNAG Golf is used for juniors beginning at age 3 once a week. Spring afternoon camps are run while school is in session for the junior high and high school golfers. Wednesday evening “kids club” clinics begin as soon as the snow melts. Several times a year, the golf professional staff holds Junior Scrambles. Four juniors are paired with one professional for a 9 hole scramble event. Pizza and drinks are served on the golf shop porch after golf. This has been a huge success in allowing juniors an up close and personal look at how a professional plays the game. Hoffhine started a SNAG golf program at Wykagyl 4 years ago that has introduced countless juniors to the game of golf. The program is geared toward young children, 3 and above, and the sole purpose of the program is to introduce children to the game of golf in a fun no pressure environment. Clinics are held once a week throughout the golf season. Wykagyl’s first SNAG juniors from 4 years ago are now beginning to join the clubs PGA Jr. League team, quite a thrill for the professional staff to see the progression through the clubs junior program. Working with the tennis professional, Hoffhine started a program that incorporates both golf and tennis for juniors ages 7 – 15. The program now generates \$50,000 in lesson revenue and has become so popular that a Spring, Summer and Fall session are now offered.

Hoffhine has become one of the “go to” professionals for other professionals in the section for answers on developing a successful junior golf program. Not only are other professionals approaching Ben, parents from other clubs began to piggy back the success of PGA Junior League model that Ben created at Wykagyl for their own programs. Nothing summarizes Ben’s image and leadership more than his recent appointment to one of the professions top jobs, Director of Golf at Westchester Country Club. Coming out on top in a highly competitive national search to replace the legendary John Kennedy, Ben showed first hand that his leadership, integrity and programming are tops in the country. Ask anyone about the special qualities necessary to be a leader in Player Development. They will tell you that it is passion, commitment and a true love for the game. The opportunity to share golf with others is what drives the very best professionals and it is certainly what has driven Ben Hoffhine to earn the PGA Youth Player Development Honor for the Metropolitan PGA in 2017.

2017 HORTON SMITH AWARD

Michael Breed, The Michael Breed Golf Academy

Few professionals have ever had the range of impact on education that Michael Breed's resume includes. He has been recognized with awards and honors by the Metropolitan Section and the PGA of America. His involvement with and contributions to educational offerings are so vast, it is impossible to highlight them all.

Michael's educational contributions to the National PGA have been significant. He has been asked by President Paul Levy to Chair the PGA Coaching and Player Development committee for 2017-2018. Prior to this responsibility, he served on the Teaching and Coaching Committee on two occasions, 2009-2010 and 2011-2012. He was further asked to be the Master of Ceremonies for the Teaching and Coaching Summit in both 2013 and 2015. In 2013, Michael presented "The Keys to Putting" and shared his 10 years of putting research. At the 2015 Summit, he presented educational keys to building a brand and brand awareness. Further, Michael served on the PGA Communication Committee in 2011-2012 and 2013-2014. He served on the PGA Golf 2.0 and Tee it Forward Committees. Michael attended the PGA Conference of Leaders in 2009 and 2011, has volunteered at PGA HOPE, supports PGA Junior League as both a sponsor and educator, has been a voice for the professional at National Golf Day, and helped the Golf Channel launch the inaugural National Instruction Day.

Here in the Metropolitan Section, Michael served on the Education Committee from 2001-2016, including three years as chairman. During that time, Michael arranged top notch programming to the members of the section, for which he was rewarded with the Horton Smith Award in 2006 and 2007. During his time on the Education Committee, Michael has arranged programs for Metropolitan PGA Professionals from some of the most respected instructors in our industry including David Leadbetter, Cameron McCormick, Hank Haney, Jim Hardy, Sean Foley, Mike Bender and Butch Harmon. In fact, the program that Michael established in 2016 with Butch Harmon was our highest attended Spring Educational Forum in the history of the Met Section and is the highest viewed presentation on the Metropolitan PGA website with over 30,000 views. Building the image of PGA Professionals and the Association has been and continues to be extremely important to Michael. Brand building and awareness is a subject that he has spoken to the Metropolitan PGA and numerous other sections of the PGA on many occasions. He is adamant about the importance of building each individual PGA Professional's image as well as that of the PGA. He has used his own celebrity to wave the PGA banner by hosting other PGA Professionals on The Golf Fix and encouraging his viewers to "go see a PGA Professional" to improve. Michael's leadership in education and promotion are instrumental in the development of PGA Professionals and Michael's involvement has been extremely valuable.

In addition to coordinating programs, Michael himself has presented educational programs for the Metropolitan PGA on numerous occasions. He has conducted countless seminars on instruction and the art of teaching but his most popular presentations have been on developing interviewing skills and the importance of building your brand. In fact, his brand building presentation has been viewed more than 2,500 times on the Met PGA website and has provided insights for a large number of PGA Professionals outside of the Metropolitan Section.

It is an incredible package of involvement and influence, but perhaps most importantly, Michael Breed is truly a PGA Professional who makes a difference to his students and to his community. There is no doubt that he is on the precipice of greater honors and recognition but for the Special Awards Committee it is what he does on a daily basis that has always merited his recognition.

2017 BILL STRAUSBAUGH AWARD

Mike Gilmore, Winged Foot Golf Club

If you ask Mike Gilmore about mentoring and the impact he has had on the success of those who have worked for him and with him, he would tell you that he has just been lucky to have good people around him. But if you ask anyone who has been fortunate to have served with him they will tell a completely different story. Mike Gilmore is the true definition of a leader who doesn't just talk the talk, he actually walks the walk. He treats people with respect and leads by example. He mentors his staff by allowing them to make their own decisions and experience all facets of the golf business. This guidance has allowed many of his assistants to become successful head professionals. Not only has Mike helped launch the careers of several head professionals but he has also had a significant impact on employment in the Met Section as he has been a steadying influence to Winged Foot when they chose him to be their golf professional during a transitional time. Mike molded the existing staff and added new pieces to provide more services and better programs. He allowed his key people to do what they do best – teach, play, merchandise, develop new players and provide the ultimate in friendly customer service. Winged Foot's greatness was alive and well from the golf shop through every element of the operation. The subliminal message in the golf community was that for the right professional at even the top clubs, there was all the talent you needed close to home. Mike Gilmore will tell you he was just doing his job, but almost every professional in the Met Section will affirm that he has done it so well that it has had a trickle down impact on so many other jobs in the area.

When asked to describe what makes Mike Gilmore special, the first thing that comes to mind is his compassion for others. Ask Mike how he is doing and you will get a quick positive response followed by his question about you, your family, your job and your life in general. His compassion is sincere and his sincerity is deeply rooted in his own upbringing. Mike's contributions to mentorship are no doubt a paying forward of the tutelage he received as part of Billy Farrell's staff at Stanwich. When he arrived at Winged Foot he inherited holdover professionals James Ondo, Alicia Dibos and Mike Durkin among others. Mike completely changed the atmosphere under which they all operated, giving them greater freedom but also increased responsibility. Their happiness and success speaks volumes about Mike's leadership. In the last few years, four of Mike's former assistants Joe Dolezal, John Guyton, James Ondo, and Grant Sturgeon were appointed to head professional positions. With the move of Sturgeon to Arcola, Mike has elevated Katie Wiedmar, giving this historic club two outstanding female assistants and encouraging each of them to grow their programs and expand their reach among the membership.

There is no denying the influence that Mike Gilmore has had in the Met Section as a professional and as a leader among his peers. His playing prowess is exemplified by his awards for Player of the Year among the assistants in 1997 and then for the Met Section in 2002 but more than the recognition of his skill as a player is the incredible love and passion he exudes as a player. Almost on a daily basis he will join with a different group of members to play at Winged Foot, with or without their guests, men, women and juniors as well as with his staff or interns in the evenings. Mike often explains that it is difficult to encourage members to play more golf when their professional shies away from spending the time. But playing is just a fraction of what Mike does when he is on the course. Every "outing" is either saturated in instruction or in helping those he plays with to relax and enjoy the game, often centered around discussions of family, work or social issues. Perhaps what Mike Gilmore has done as well or better than so many great professionals is to attach his own personality to a very difficult game and often a complex profession. As talented as he is, when you are in his company you have his complete attention. The game is not a technical connection of movements and muscular responses, rather it is an opportunity to enjoy the company of others in any competitive environment. So many professionals in the Met Section, especially those who have been mentored by him, are convinced that he could have been one of the most dominant and successful players in a region filled with golf Hall of Famers. But Mike Gilmore has seemingly preferred to use his talents to help others and by so doing has truly earned the respect and admiration of those who serve the profession.

2017 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jeff Gschwind, Deepdale Golf Club

Jeff Gschwind had the great fortune to begin his golf career as Michael Hebron's personal assistant. Under Michael's guidance, Jeff's passion for instruction and his never-ending search for information took hold. "We are here to provide and support the learning process", Michael would say each day. The message resonated. Jeff's students would say he has a gift to insert the right amount of knowledge, at the right time and in a way they can easily integrate and absorb into their game.

Jeff attributes his success to the many professionals he was fortunate enough to work with along the way including Michael Hebron, Darrell Kestner, Dr Jim Suttie, Mac O'Grady, Mike Bender, Andy Plummer and Michael Bennett.

In 2001, Darrell Kestner hired Jeff to be his First Assistant at Deepdale Golf Club. Now in his 17th year, Jeff is the Head Professional of Deepdale and has played an influential role mentoring and training the many assistants and interns who have passed through Deepdale. Some have gone on to be great teachers in their own right and others have achieved tremendous success as players and professionals.

Kirk Satterfield - 2004 National PGA Assistant Champion
Matt Dobyns - 2012 National PNC Champion & 2015 Met PGA Player of the Year
Ben Polland - 2015 Met Open Champion & Assistant Player of the Year
Darrell Kestner - 2004 & 2005 National PGA Senior Player of the Year
Joe Compitello - Director of Instruction, Plainfield CC
Eric Brelowski - Director of Instruction, Piping Rock CC
Dylan Thew - Director of Golf, Kiawah Island Club

Jeff has been recognized by Golf Digest on their list of "Top 20 teachers under 40" and has been ranked each year on their list of "Best Teachers in New York State". He continues to keep up with current technology and equipment to help his students achieve their goals of breaking 100 or making the various tours. He has helped Danah Ford, Cindy Mueller, Angela Buzminski, LPGA tour, Matt Davidson and Charlie Wi, PGA Tour, Peter Van Ingen (ranked 3rd 2015 US Senior Amateurs), Dr Bob Rotella, Charlie Rose and Pat Gutman, the best 26 handicap in golf. His amateur members have won Club Championships at Deepdale, Piping Rock, Meadowbrook, The Creek, Shinnecock Hills and The National Golf Links of America.

Recognizing a need Jeff began the first ever junior program at Deepdale. The Deepdale Players Academy was designed to be a structured program to create a learning environment to jumpstart Deepdale junior member golf skills. Using modern technology and an interactive guide players learn their full swing mechanics, a versatile short game, course management and most importantly how to "Respect the Pace" when putting. The program has grown over the past 4 years and is now a must for every young Deepdale golfer.

Generally under the radar, Jeff continues to answer any question asked of him and is always free to take a look. He once heard a prominent teacher say, "It's not what you know, but what people think you know". This may be the case from a marketing perspective, but when you are standing in front of a golfer looking for help, it's all about what you know. Knowing the smallest details and knowing how to prioritize and communicate those details, Jeff believes, will serve every instructor wishing to help all those who stand in front of them and continue to grow this great game we all love.

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| Willie Anderson | 1974 | Willie McFarlane | 1975 |
| Jim Barnes | 1974 | Jim McLean | 2013 |
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| Gene Borek | 1985 | Bill Mehlhorn | 1976 |
| Al Brosch | 1977 | Eddie Merrins | 2013 |
| Jack Burke, Jr. | 1980 | William A. Mitchell | 1998 |
| Frank Cardi | 1983 | Joe Moresco | 1988 |
| Pat Cici | 1988 | Tom Nieporte | 1983 |
| Bill Collins | 1981 | Jack Patroni | 1979 |
| Harry Cooper | 1976 | Paul Runyan | 1998 |
| Wiffy Cox | 1976 | Gene Sarazen | 1974 |
| Tom Creavy | 1976 | Craig Shankland | 2013 |
| Bobby Cruickshank.... | 1976 | Alex Smith | 1975 |
| Jimmy Demaret..... | 1976 | Jimmy Thompson | 1976 |
| Clarence Doser | 1981 | Jim Turnesa | 1975 |
| Billy Farrell | 1999 | Joe Turnesa..... | 1975 |
| Johnny Farrell | 1975 | Mike Turnesa..... | 1978 |
| Mike Fetchick | 1980 | Bob Watson..... | 1984 |
| Doug Ford | 1975 | Robert White | 2005 |
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| Ben Hogan | 1974 | | |
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| Tom Joyce | 2008 | | |
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| Ted Kroll..... | 1979 | | |
| Ron Letellier | 1982 | | |
| Carl Lohren..... | 1990 | | |
| Jack Mackie | 2005 | | |
| Tony Manero | 1976 | | |
| Dave Marr | 1980 | | |

National PGA Award Winners

| | | |
|-------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| Harry Cooper | 1937 | Vardon Trophy |
| Ron Letellier | 1976 | Golf Professional of the Year |
| Andy Nusbaum | 1978 | Horton Smith Award |
| Mike Hebron | 1990 | Horton Smith Award |
| Jim Albus..... | 1990 | Golf Professional of the Year |
| Mike Hebron | 1991 | Teacher of the Year |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1991 | PGA Club Pro Player of the Year |
| Paul Miner | 1992 | Junior Golf Leader |
| Jim McLean | 1994 | Teacher of the Year |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1994 | PGA Club Pro Player of the Year |
| William A. Mitchell ... | 1996 | Bill Strausbaugh Award |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1996 | PGA Club Pro Player of the Year |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1997 | PGA Club Pro Player of the Year |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1998 | PGA Club Pro Player of the Year |
| Rick Hartmann | 2000 | PGA Club Pro Player of the Year |
| Darrell Kestner | 2004 | Senior Club Pro of the Year |
| Darrell Kestner | 2005 | Senior Club Pro of the Year |
| Tom Nieporte | 2005 | Bill Strausbaugh Award |
| John Kennedy | 2010 | Horton Smith Award |
| Nelson Long | 2010 | Bill Strausbaugh Award |
| Metropolitan Section... | 2010 | Graffis Award |
| John Hines..... | 2011 | Patriot Golf Award |
| Michael Breed | 2012 | Teacher of the Year |
| Carl Alexander | 2012 | Horton Smith Award |
| John Kennedy | 2012 | Patriot Golf Award |
| Tom Henderson | 2015 | Professional of the Year |
| John Kennedy | 2017 | Bill Strausbaugh Award |
| Darrell Kestner | 2017 | Professional of the Year |

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Professional of the Year

| | | | |
|--------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Harry Cooper | 1956 | John Schob | 1991 |
| John Inglis | 1957 | Bob DeStefano | 1992 |
| Al Ciuci | 1958 | Joe Ennis..... | 1993 |
| Jack Sabol..... | 1960 | Nunzio Ciampi..... | 1994 |
| Jack Mallon | 1961 | Jim O'Mara..... | 1995 |
| Jack Mallon | 1962 | Tom Nieporte..... | 1996 |
| Mike Turnesa..... | 1963 | John Kennedy | 1997 |
| Jack Sabol..... | 1964 | Jim Bender..... | 1998 |
| Pat Cici..... | 1966 | Stan Mosel..... | 1999 |
| Francis Zeray | 1967 | Bobby Heins..... | 2000 |
| Frank Cardi..... | 1968 | Rick Vershure | 2001 |
| Tony Marco..... | 1969 | Rod Loesch..... | 2002 |
| Bob Watson..... | 1970 | John McPhee | 2003 |
| Joe Moresco | 1971 | Don McDougall..... | 2004 |
| Gene Borek | 1972 | Pete Donnelly..... | 2005 |
| Elmer Voight..... | 1973 | Greg Hurd | 2006 |
| Craig Shankland | 1974 | Ed Nicholson..... | 2007 |
| Craig Shankland | 1975 | Rick Meskell..... | 2008 |
| Ron Letellier | 1976 | Tom DeBellis..... | 2009 |
| Jerry Coats | 1977 | Dave Carazo..... | 2010 |
| George Lewis | 1978 | Tom Henderson..... | 2011 |
| William A. Mitchell | 1979 | Michael Summa..... | 2012 |
| Robert Joyce..... | 1980 | Joe Felder | 2013 |
| Harold Kolb..... | 1981 | Darrell Kester | 2014 |
| Mike Hebron | 1982 | Nelson Long..... | 2015 |
| William A. Mitchell | 1983 | Brad Worthington..... | 2016 |
| Gil McNally | 1984 | Dave Gosiewski | 2017 |
| Gil Cavanaugh..... | 1985 | | |
| Lloyd Monroe..... | 1986 | | |
| Roy Pace | 1987 | | |
| Michael Homa..... | 1988 | | |
| Gil McNally | 1989 | | |
| Jim Albus | 1990 | | |

Sam Snead Award

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
| Jack Mallon..... | 1974 | George Sands..... | 1998 |
| Al Brosch..... | 1975 | Joe Moresco..... | 1999 |
| Guido Cribari | 1976 | Metropolitan Golf Ass'n.. | 2000 |
| Vincent Draddy | 1977 | Dave Marr | 2001 |
| Joseph C. Dey, Jr. | 1978 | Ely Callaway..... | 2002 |
| William M. Jennings ... | 1979 | Gene Borek | 2003 |
| Dana Mozley..... | 1980 | Tom Nieporte | 2004 |
| Harry Cooper..... | 1981 | Jim Albus | 2005 |
| Claude Harmon | 1982 | Phil Laskawy..... | 2006 |
| Frank Cardi..... | 1983 | Gil McNally..... | 2007 |
| James R. Hand | 1984 | Dave Catalano | 2008 |
| Bud Miller | 1985 | Paul Dillon | 2009 |
| Mike Turnesa..... | 1986 | Michael Hebron..... | 2010 |
| Dr. Richard Silver | 1987 | Robert L. Watson | 2011 |
| Met. Golf Course Supts... 1988 | | Jeff Hall..... | 2012 |
| Howard Treiber | 1989 | Mary Beth Childs | 2013 |
| Gene Sarazen | 1990 | Rodney Loesch | 2014 |
| Paul Runyan | 1991 | John Kennedy | 2015 |
| Bob Joyce | 1992 | Charlie Robson | 2016 |
| Edward T. Schneider... 1993 | | TBD..... | 2017 |
| Lowell Schulman | 1994 | | |
| Arnold Kerner | 1995 | | |
| William A. Mitchell | 1996 | | |
| Michael Feidelson | 1997 | | |

Patriot Award

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| John Hines | 2010 |
| Larry Refvik..... | 2011 |
| John Kennedy | 2012 |
| Ray Ford | 2013 |
| Greg Bisconti | 2014 |
| Ray Ford | 2015 |
| Paul Glut | 2016 |
| Andy Crane..... | 2017 |

Ely Callaway Award

| | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| David Young | 2005 |
| John Hines..... | 2006 |
| Robert Gable | 2007 |
| Tom Henderson. 2008-2010 | |
| Michael Breed ... 2010-2014 | |
| Heath Wassem | 2015 |
| Andy Crane | 2016 |
| TBD..... | 2017 |

Bill Strausbaugh Award

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Ron Nicol | 1980 | Glenn Haugsjaa..... | 1991 | Bobby Heins | 2002 | Eden Foster..... | 2013 |
| William A. Mitchell | 1981 | Nunzio Ciampi | 1992 | Gene Borek..... | 2003 | John Kennedy..... | 2014 |
| William A. Mitchell | 1982 | Fred Gipp | 1993 | Tom Nieporte | 2004 | George Lewis | 2015 |
| Roy Pace..... | 1983 | Tom DeBellis..... | 1994 | John Kennedy | 2005 | Grant Turner | 2016 |
| Roy Pace..... | 1984 | Tom DeBellis..... | 1995 | Dave Carazo | 2006 | Mike Gilmore..... | 2017 |
| Gil McNally | 1985 | Rick Meskell | 1996 | Joe Felder..... | 2007 | | |
| Doug Steffen | 1986 | Bobby Heins..... | 1997 | Darrell Kestner | 2008 | | |
| Tom DeBellis..... | 1987 | Bobby Heins..... | 1998 | Heath Wassem..... | 2009 | | |
| Mike Borsuk..... | 1988 | Rick Meskell | 1999 | Nelson Long | 2010 | | |
| John Schob | 1989 | Mike Summa | 2000 | Rick Vershure..... | 2011 | | |
| Jim O'Mara | 1990 | Jack Druga | 2001 | Jim Bender | 2012 | | |

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Merchandiser of the Year - Private

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Tommy Murphy | 1978 |
| Bob Watson | 1979 |
| Pete Davison | 1980 |
| John Schob | 1981 |
| Rick Rarick | 1982 |
| John Kennedy | 1983 |
| Tommy Murphy | 1984 |
| Ronnie Pritchett | 1985 |
| Bob Weber | 1986 |
| Jim Bender | 1987 |
| Doug Steffen | 1988 |
| Bob Weber | 1989 |
| Mike Summa | 1990 |
| John Kennedy | 1991 |
| Walter Campbell | 1992 |
| Jack McGown | 1993 |
| Jim Bender | 1994 |
| Don McDougall | 1995 |
| Tom Herzog | 1996 |
| Charlie Bolling | 1997 |
| Eric Feltman | 1998 |
| Charlie Hicks | 1999 |
| Mike Diffley | 2000 |
| Paul Leslie | 2001 |
| Ed Nicholson | 2002 |
| Heath Wassem | 2003 |
| Jim Smoot | 2004 |
| Bill Burke | 2005 |
| Jim Wahl | 2006 |
| Jim Morris | 2007 |
| Michael Crawford | 2008 |
| Steve Haggerty | 2009 |
| Jack Druga | 2010 |
| Jack Powers | 2011 |
| Peter Cowan | 2012 |
| Tim Shifflett | 2013 |
| Chris Kenney | 2014 |
| Dean Johnson | 2015 |
| Sam Wiley | 2016 |
| Adam McDaid | 2017 |

Merchandiser of the Year - Public

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Mike Hebron | 1978 |
| Mike Borsuk/Ed DiMattia | 1979 |
| Tom Lupinacci | 1980 |
| Vince Grillo | 1981 |
| Chuck Workman | 1982 |
| Chuck Workman | 1983 |
| Mike Hebron | 1984 |
| Tom Lupinacci | 1985 |
| Nick Petrillo | 1986 |
| Chuck Workman | 1987 |
| John Paonessa | 1988 |
| Fred Gipp | 1989 |
| Leo Tabick | 1990 |
| Ron Jensen | 1991 |
| Mike Wands | 1992 |
| Tom Lupinacci | 1993 |
| Joe Felder | 1994 |
| Leo McMahon | 1995 |
| Sal Silvestrone | 1996 |
| George Cosgrove | 1997 |
| Angela Aulenti | 1998 |
| Howard Robertson | 1999 |
| Dick Smith | 2000 |
| Doug Jansen | 2001 |
| Joe Rehor | 2002 |
| Steven Lee | 2003 |
| Fred Gipp | 2004 |
| Andy Carracino | 2005 |
| Keith Miller | 2006 |
| Jimmi Conway | 2007 |
| Joe Rehor | 2008 |
| Bob Posillico/Doug Solow | 2009 |
| Tom Avezzano | 2010 |
| Angela Aulenti | 2011 |
| Mal Galletta III | 2012 |
| Dave Fusco | 2013 |
| Darren Stanek | 2014 |
| Michael Laudien | 2015 |
| Kevin Smith | 2016 |
| Max Galloway | 2017 |

Merchandiser of the Year - Resort

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Steve Downey | 1978 |
| Al Johnston | 1979 |
| Hubie Smith | 1980 |
| Sal Ruggiero | 1981 |
| Bob Fretwell | 1982 |
| Bob DeStefano | 1983 |
| Steve Downey | 1984 |
| Al Johnston | 1985 |
| Jack Breno | 1986 |
| Jack Breno | 1987 |
| Matt Kleiner | 1988 |
| No Winner | 1989 |
| Mike Castelluzzi | 1990 |
| Bill Nault | 1991 |
| Bill Nault | 1992 |
| Mike Sander | 1993 |
| Bill Burke | 1994 |
| Terence Hughes | 1995 |
| No Winner | 1996-1997 |
| Kevin Smith | 1998 |
| Patrick Dill | 1999 |
| No Winner | 2000 |
| Geoff Walsh | 2001 |
| Todd Barker | 2004 |
| No Winner | 2005 |
| Chris Caulfield | 2006 |
| No Winner | 2007-2010 |
| John Forster | 2011 |
| No Winner | 2012-2017 |

Horton Smith Award

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Tony Marco | 1972 |
| Charles Beverage | 1973 |
| Frank Cardi | 1974 |
| Charles Beverage | 1975 |
| Joe Moresco | 1976 |
| Bob Watson | 1977 |
| Andy Nusbaum | 1978 |
| Ron Nicol | 1979 |
| Nunzio Ciampi | 1980 |
| Mike Hebron | 1981 |
| Carl Lohren | 1982 |
| Tommy Murphy | 1983 |
| Larry Craig | 1984 |
| John Kennedy | 1985 |
| Walter Campbell | 1986 |
| Jim McLean | 1987 |
| John Kennedy | 1988 |
| Mike Hebron | 1989 |
| Mike Hebron | 1990 |
| Jim O'Mara | 1991 |
| Gene Borek | 1992 |
| Greg Hurd | 1993 |
| Mike Summa | 1994 |
| Brendan Walsh | 1995 |
| George Lewis | 1996 |
| Tom Henderson | 1997 |
| Don Beatty | 1998 |
| Brad Worthington | 1999 |
| Don Beatty | 2000 |
| Brad Worthington | 2001 |
| David Young | 2002 |
| Brian Crowell | 2003 |
| Ed Kelly | 2004 |
| Nelson Long | 2005 |
| Michael Breed | 2006 |
| Michael Breed | 2007 |
| John Hines | 2008 |
| John Kennedy | 2009 |
| Carl Alexander | 2010 |
| Ryan George | 2011 |
| Darrell Kestner | 2012 |
| Michael Shank | 2013-2014 |
| Chris Kenney | 2015 |
| Mike Diffley | 2016 |
| Michael Breed | 2017 |

Assistant Professional of the Year Award

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Nick Maselli | 2009 |
| Cory Muller | 2010 |
| Greg Bisconti | 2011 |
| Andrew Bostrom | 2012 |
| Andrew Bostrom | 2013 |
| Dennis Dungee | 2014 |
| Dennis Dungee | 2015 |
| Ian Orr | 2016 |
| Sara Dickson | 2017 |

Gil McNally Award

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Patrick McCarthy | 2010 |
| Matt Noel | 2011 |
| Ted Heins | 2012 |
| Pete Catanzaro | 2013 |
| Tim Puetz | 2014 |
| Kent St. Charles | 2015 |
| Kirk Oguri | 2016 |
| Daniel Sposato | 2017 |

Teacher of the Year Award

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Jim McLean | 1986 |
| Mike Hebron | 1987 |
| Roy Pace | 1988 |
| Carl Lohren | 1989 |
| Harry Cooper | 1990 |
| Gil McNally | 1991 |
| Joe Moresco | 1992 |
| Bob Joyce | 1993 |
| Bill Greenleaf | 1994 |
| Martin Nolletti | 1995 |
| Gene Borek | 1996 |
| Darrell Kestner | 1997 |
| Tom Patri | 1998 |
| Nelson Long | 1999 |
| Michael Breed | 2000 |
| C.J. Reeves | 2001 |
| Jerry Impellittiere | 2002 |
| David Czaja | 2003 |
| Tom Sutter | 2004 |
| Patrick Eggeling | 2005 |
| Carl Alexander | 2006 |
| Cheryl Anderson | 2007 |
| Bobby Heins | 2008 |
| Michael Breed | 2009 |
| Harvey Lannak | 2010 |
| Joe Laurentino | 2011 |
| Michael Jacobs | 2012 |
| Mike Diffley | 2013 |
| Jeff Warne | 2014 |
| John Hobbins | 2015 |
| Kirk Oguri | 2016 |
| Jeff Gschwind | 2017 |

Player Development Award

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Mike Wade | 2006 |
| Rodney Loesch | 2007 |
| Vinnie Pauroso | 2008 |
| Paul Giordano/Todd Bordonaro | 2009 |
| Michael Laudien | 2010 |
| Nick Maselli | 2011 |
| Greg Bisconti & Amby Bishop | 2012 |
| Tom Henderson | 2013 |
| Max Galloway | 2014 |
| Dave Stevenson | 2015 |
| Ben Hoffhine | 2016 |
| Monique Thoresz | 2017 |

Deacon Palmer Award

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| William A. Mitchell | 2015 |
| Bruce Zabriski | 2016 |
| Rocco Cambareri | 2017 |

Youth Development Award

| | |
|---|------|
| Mike Hebron | 1982 |
| Barney Corrigan | 1983 |
| Paul Miner | 1984 |
| Paul Miner | 1985 |
| Leo Tabick | 1986 |
| Billy Castner | 1987 |
| Jim Hundertmark | 1988 |
| Paul Miner | 1989 |
| Paul Miner | 1990 |
| Dale Shankland | 1990 |
| NYC Borough Coordinators | 1991 |
| Bill Castner, Tony Chateaufvert Peter Cowan, Bill Korte, John Vuono | |
| Dave Alvarez | 1992 |
| Tim Nevin | 1993 |
| Bryan Fitzpatrick | 1994 |
| Joe Felder | 1995 |
| Peter Cowan | 1996 |
| Bobby Jenkins | 1997 |
| Bob DeStefano | 1998 |
| Leo McMahon | 1999 |
| Pat Morris & Bob Posillico | 2000 |
| Dave Stevenson | 2001 |
| Charlie Bolling | 2002 |
| Joe Felder | 2003 |
| Mike Wade | 2004 |
| Vincent Pauroso | 2005 |
| Kevin Morris | 2006 |
| Stuart Waack | 2007 |
| Tom Kuhn | 2008 |
| Jim Smoot | 2009 |
| Rich Jones | 2010 |
| Joe Malloy | 2011 |
| George Dixon | 2012 |
| Stuart Waack | 2013 |
| Nick Maselli | 2014 |
| Peter Procops | 2015 |
| Bill Mackedon | 2016 |
| Ben Hoffhine | 2017 |

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Metropolitan PGA Champions

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Joe Turnesa | 1926 | Jimmy Wright..... | 1980 |
| Gene Sarazen..... | 1927 | Jim Albus | 1981 |
| Gene Sarazen..... | 1928 | Jim Albus | 1982 |
| Walter Kozak | 1929 | Ed Sabo | 1983 |
| Joe Turnesa | 1930 | Kevin Morris | 1984 |
| Paul Runyan..... | 1931 | Don Reese | 1985 |
| Willie Klein | 1932 | Don Reese | 1986 |
| Walter Scheiber..... | 1933 | Rick Vershure | 1987 |
| Leo Mallory..... | 1934 | Rick Meskell | 1988 |
| Paul Runyan..... | 1935 | Mel Baum | 1989 |
| Paul Runyan..... | 1936 | Mel Baum | 1990 |
| Herman Barron | 1937 | Ron McDougal | 1991 |
| Al Brosch | 1938 | Mark Mielke | 1992 |
| Gene Sarazen..... | 1939 | Rick Vershure | 1993 |
| Jimmy Hines | 1940 | Darrell Kestner | 1994 |
| Al Brosch | 1941 | Darrell Kestner | 1995 |
| Craig Wood | 1942 | Bruce Zabriski | 1996 |
| Willie Goggin | 1944 | Darrell Kestner | 1997 |
| Clarence Doser | 1945 | Carl Alexander..... | 1998 |
| Claude Harmon..... | 1946 | Jay McWilliams..... | 1999 |
| Al Brosch | 1947 | Rick Hartmann..... | 2000 |
| Clarence Doser | 1948 | Mark Mielke | 2001 |
| Mike Turnesa | 1949 | Charlie Bolling..... | 2002 |
| Al Brosch | 1950 | Darrell Kestner | 2003 |
| Claude Harmon..... | 1951 | Darrell Kestner | 2004 |
| Al Brosch | 1952 | Mark Brown | 2005 |
| Clarence Doser | 1953 | Ron Philo | 2006 |
| Steve Doctor | 1954 | Tony DeMaria..... | 2007 |
| Harry Cooper | 1955 | Colin Amaral | 2008 |
| Bill Collins | 1956 | Frank Bensel | 2009 |
| Doug Ford | 1957 | Mark Brown | 2010 |
| Doug Ford | 1958 | Danny Balin..... | 2011 |
| Al Brosch | 1959 | Danny Balin..... | 2012 |
| Doug Ford..... | 1960 | Danny Balin..... | 2013 |
| Ed Merrins..... | 1961 | Anthony Casalino..... | 2014 |
| Dave Marr | 1962 | Matt Dobyys | 2015 |
| Doug Ford..... | 1963 | Matt Dobyys | 2016 |
| Billy Farrell | 1964 | Frank Bensel | 2017 |
| Jerry Pittman | 1965 | | |
| Mike Krak | 1966 | | |
| Terry Wilcox | 1967 | | |
| Mike Krak | 1968 | | |
| Craig Shankland | 1969 | | |
| Gene Borek | 1970 | | |
| Tom Nieporte..... | 1971 | | |
| Jimmy Wright..... | 1972 | | |
| Gene Borek | 1973 | | |
| Jimmy Wright..... | 1974 | | |
| Bill Collins | 1975 | | |
| Jimmy Wright..... | 1976 | | |
| Gene Borek | 1977 | | |
| Austin Straub..... | 1978 | | |
| Jeff Steinberg..... | 1979 | | |

Metropolitan PGA Player of the Year

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Gene Borek..... | 1971 | Ron McDougal..... | 1998 |
| Jimmy Wright..... | 1972 | Mark Brown | 1999 |
| Jimmy Wright..... | 1973 | Rick Hartmann..... | 2000 |
| Jimmy Wright..... | 1974 | Rick Hartmann..... | 2001 |
| Jimmy Wright..... | 1975 | Mike Gilmore..... | 2002 |
| Jimmy Wright..... | 1976 | Darrell Kestner | 2003 |
| Tom Joyce | 1977 | Craig Thomas | 2004 |
| Austin Straub..... | 1978 | Frank Bensel | 2005 |
| Mal Galletta, Jr..... | 1979 | Ron Philo | 2006 |
| Jimmy Wright..... | 1980 | Tony DeMaria..... | 2007 |
| Jim Albus | 1981 | Rob Labritz | 2008 |
| Jim Albus | 1982 | Greg Bisconti..... | 2009 |
| Bobby Heins | 1983 | Danny Balin..... | 2010 |
| Kevin Morris | 1984 | Danny Balin..... | 2011 |
| Kevin Morris | 1985 | Danny Balin..... | 2012 |
| Jim Albus | 1986 | Rob Labritz | 2013 |
| Rick Vershure..... | 1987 | Grant Sturgeon..... | 2014 |
| Jim Albus | 1988 | Matt Dobyys | 2015 |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1989 | Rob Labritz | 2016 |
| Bobby Heins | 1990 | Josh Rackley..... | 2017 |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1991 | | |
| Mark Mielke..... | 1992 | | |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1993 | | |
| Darrell Kestner | 1994 | | |
| Darrell Kestner | 1995 | | |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1996 | | |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1997 | | |

Assistants Player of the Year

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Fred Collins | 1981 |
| Bobby Heins..... | 1982 |
| Darrell Kestner | 1982 |
| Vic Tortorici | 1983 |
| Jeff Foxx | 1984 |
| Bruce Douglass | 1985 |
| Garnet Wright | 1986 |
| Garnet Wright | 1987 |
| Darrell Kestner | 1988 |
| Mel Baum | 1989 |
| Delroy Cambridge | 1990 |
| Susie Berdoy | 1990 |
| Mark Mielke | 1991 |
| Kammy Maxfeldt | 1991 |
| Mike Gilmore | 1992 |
| Susie Berdoy..... | 1992 |
| P.J. Cowan | 1993 |
| Kelley M. Nittoli..... | 1993 |
| P.J. Cowan..... | 1994 |
| Anne Heuschneider | 1994 |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1995 |
| Bruce Zabriski | 1996 |
| Mike Gilmore | 1997 |
| Ron McDougal | 1998 |
| Greg Bisconti..... | 1999 |
| P.J. Cowan..... | 2000 |
| Greg Bisconti..... | 2001 |
| Shawn Baker | 2002 |
| Robert Deruntz | 2003 |
| Colin Amaral | 2004 |
| Frank Bensel | 2005 |
| Chris Case | 2006 |
| Greg Bisconti..... | 2007 |
| Greg Bisconti..... | 2008 |
| Greg Bisconti..... | 2009 |
| Frank Bensel | 2010 |
| Frank Bensel | 2011 |
| Greg Bisconti..... | 2012 |
| Greg Bisconti..... | 2013 |
| Grant Sturgeon | 2014 |
| Ben Polland..... | 2015 |
| Pete Ballo | 2016 |
| TBD | 2017 |

Senior Player of the Year

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| John Gentile | 1997 |
| John Gentile | 1998 |
| Tom Joyce | 1999 |
| Tom Joyce | 2000 |
| Bobby Heins | 2001 |
| Bobby Heins | 2002 |
| Bobby Heins | 2003 |
| Darrell Kestner | 2004 |
| Darrell Kestner | 2005 |
| Bobby Heins | 2006 |
| Bobby Heins | 2007 |
| Darrell Kestner | 2008 |
| Bobby Heins | 2009 |
| Darrell Kestner | 2010 |
| Darrell Kestner | 2011 |
| David Young | 2012 |
| Mark Mielke | 2013 |
| Craig Thomas | 2014 |
| Darrell Kestner | 2015 |
| Carl Alexander | 2016 |
| Craig Thomas | 2017 |

Womens Player of the Year

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Kammy Maxfeldt | 1997 |
| Kammy Maxfeldt | 1998 |
| Kammy Maxfeldt | 1999 |
| Cheryl Anderson | 2000 |
| Cheryl Anderson | 2001 |
| Cheryl Anderson | 2002 |
| Cheryl Anderson | 2003 |
| Cheryl Anderson | 2004 |
| Wendy Modic | 2005 |
| Wendy Modic | 2006 |
| Wendy Modic | 2007 |
| Wendy Modic | 2008 |
| Julie Peluso | 2009 |
| Tish Certo..... | 2010 |
| Marjorie Jones | 2011 |
| Sarah Stone | 2012 |
| Amy Stubblefield..... | 2013 |
| CJ Reeves | 2014 |
| Sara Dickson | 2015 |
| Jessica Carafiello | 2016 |
| Jessica Carafiello | 2017 |



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