



**PGA**  
South Florida Section

# SEC SFPGA News

South Florida PGA  
186 Atlantis Blvd.  
Atlantis, FL 33462  
Tel: 561-729-0544  
Fax: 561-729-0914

Contact: Bill Scott  
wescottpga@bellsouth.net

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 4, 2013

**SOUTHEAST CHAPTER OF THE SFPGA HONORS TWELVE MEMBERS**  
*AWARDS CEREMONY TO BE HELD DURING ANNUAL CHAPTER SPRING MEETING*

ATLANTIS, FL – The Southeast Chapter (SEC) of the South Florida PGA (SFPGA) has recognized eleven individual PGA Professional members for the organization’s twelve annual awards. The honors encompass a wide variety of skills, roles and abilities within the game and business of golf including “Golf Professional of the Year” and “Teacher of the Year.” The annual awards ceremony, attended by section membership, industry professionals, and their guests will be held later this Spring at Jonathan’s Landing Golf Club, in Jupiter, FL.

Those to be recognized include:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Golf Professional of the Year           | <b>Tom Dyer, PGA</b> – <i>Old Marsh Golf Club</i>                          |
| Teacher of the Year                     | <b>Bill Scott, PGA</b> – <i>Don Law Golf Academy @ Osprey Point CC</i>     |
| The Horton Smith Award                  | <b>Kevin Compare, PGA</b> – <i>John Webster Golf Academy, The Breakers</i> |
| The Bill Strausbaugh Award              | <b>Cameron Wiebe, PGA</b> – <i>Everglades Club</i>                         |
| Merchandiser of the Year (Public)       | <b>Brian Symonds, PGA</b> – <i>Winston Trails Golf Club</i>                |
| Merchandiser of the Year (Private)      | <b>Brian Boushie, PGA</b> – <i>Jupiter Hills Club</i>                      |
| Junior Golf Leader                      | <b>Roger Van Dyke, PGA</b> – <i>Indian River Golf Foundation</i>           |
| PGA President's Plaque                  | <b>Lee Stroever, PGA</b> – <i>North Palm Beach Country Club</i>            |
| Assistant Golf Professional of the Year | <b>Travis Olson, PGA</b> – <i>Old Marsh Golf Club</i>                      |
| Chapter Player of the Year              | <b>Alan Morin, PGA</b> – <i>The Falls Country Club</i>                     |
| Chapter Assistant Player of the Year    | <b>Alan Morin, PGA</b> – <i>The Falls Country Club</i>                     |

The “Golf Professional of the Year,” awarded to Tom Dyer, is the highest honor paid to PGA Professional within the chapter. Upon receiving word of his award, Dyer noted “I feel there are so many incredibly talented golf professionals in the SECSFPGA, to be recognized as one of the finest is an incredible honor. I am also very grateful for all that my Old Marsh team does. It’s in large part their performance excellence that gives me the opportunity to receive an award of such caliber.” His commitment to, and support from, staff and membership of the Old Marsh Golf Club, is further evidenced by Travis Olson, also of the same club, recipient of the “Assistant Golf Professional of the Year” honor.

Other top honors include “Teacher of the Year,” awarded to Bill Scott of the Don Law Golf Academy @ Osprey Point CC. “Teaching has always been about sharing the game that has given me so much. I remember PGA Professionals teaching and mentoring me as a junior, resulting in many great memories. There are so many great teachers in our Chapter and joining the list of previous instructors who have won this award is a great honor,”

noted Scott. He elaborated on what makes a great teacher, “It takes getting to know each individual that you are teaching. You have to dig deep and find out how they learn best, so that in turn you can communicate with them in the most effective way. It’s also about having a passion to share and teach this great game to others and joining them on this deeply satisfying journey to improve their game.”

The other award winners represent the best the SECSFPGA has to offer in their respective categories. Each winner has dedicated themselves to growing the game and proven to be leaders, both in the business and in the game. The award winners were selected from within the South East Chapter, which encompasses over 850 PGA Professionals.

#### About the Southeast Chapter South Florida PGA

The Southeast Chapter is one of four chapters within the South Florida PGA (SFPGA), which is one of 41 PGA Section offices throughout the United States. The SFPGA is a not-for-profit organization that promotes the game of golf while continuing to enhance the standards of the profession. The South Florida Section is one link in the grass-roots network used to facilitate communication amongst the nation’s 25 million amateur golfers and the PGA's 28,000 members. The Southeast Chapter of the South Florida Section PGA is comprised of over 850 men and women PGA Professionals dedicated to growing participation in the game of golf.

For more information on the South Florida PGA, each award and photos of each award winner, please visit [www.sfpgagolf.com](http://www.sfpgagolf.com) South Florida PGA’s website. [www.sflorida.pga.com](http://www.sflorida.pga.com)