

# 2014 KPGA HORTON SMITH AWARD NOMINATION

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1. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions to the National PGA education program over the past five years (indicate whether participation was on a voluntary or paid basis).

All of my contributions to the PGA education thus far continue to be at the Section level. I have been a willing student in National Education Programs such as The PGA Teaching Summit as well as USGA Rules Workshops.

I have served as the KPGA Education Chairman the past two years with the philosophy that all education programs must fulfill the requirements of the mission statement, but more importantly must deliver to the young men and women of the section pertinent information that will enhance their careers. One question that is always asked at his meetings is "how will this benefit the rank and file member of the Section". Also, my conceptual idea of a section wide mentoring program has now become a reality. On December 1, 2013, Phase I of Pro2Pro was launched. Pro2Pro is our Section's initiative to create a network of camaraderie, information and support to better connect KPGA members and apprentices. The goal of this program is improve communication and share professional expertise section wide.

I continue to serve on a Golf Week Panel on the national level dealing with the golf professional's involvement in golf course restoration and renovation. Most recently I served on a panel this past November at Pinehurst for the Architecture Summit; The Legacy of Donald Ross. This program was open to all PGA professional, golf course superintendents, general managers and golf course architects.

As the newly elected Secretary of the KPGA, I look forward to continuing to contribute for the benefit of my fellow PGA professionals and apprentices.

2. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions to the educational programs in the PGA Sections (indicate whether participation was on a voluntary or paid basis).

For a historical perspective, once elected to the Kentucky Section PGA Board, I was assigned voluntarily as a member of the Education Committee. After my first meeting of this committee, it became apparent that education funding was not a priority in the budget process. The committee struggled to secure top name speakers due to lack of funds. I proposed the idea of soliciting sponsorship for the spring and fall Education Program. In the past, a portion of the Education Program's expense fell under the umbrella of EZ-GO's sponsorship of the spring and fall Business Meetings. This small percent dedicated to education was not enough to allow for pertinent speakers. By working closely with our Section's ED, Steve McMillen, the committee was then able to secure a sponsor dedicated to the education program solely.

Since voluntarily taking over as Chairman of the committee, I believe our education offerings have been nothing less than outstanding. From our panel on last fall on "Showcasing Your Values as a PGA Golf Professional" featuring Darrell Crall, Jack Barber and Ken Morton, Sr. to our spring offering of learning "How to Take Your and Your Student's Game to the Next Level" with Bob Rotella as well as "Recapturing the Business of Golf" this past fall, I believe we have offered pertinent programs that have directly benefited all members and apprentices of the section.

### 3. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions toward development of articles or materials related to and benefiting education.

Although not an article, an initiative stemming from the Education Committee from an idea I had on creating a mentoring program has now become a reality. Pro2Pro is our section's initiative to create a network of camaraderie, information and support to better connect KPGA members and apprentices. The goal of this program is improve communication and share professional expertise section wide. I firmly believe in this program and I believe this will make our section stronger.

#### 4. Please briefly describe the contributions the nominee has made to build the image of both PGA Professionals and the Association.

My number one rule with the committee is to always ask "will this benefit the body, more importantly the young men and women apprentices?" By offering industry pertinent programs, my goal is for Kentucky Section Members and Apprentices to be the best prepared of any section allowing them to be an asset to their club, course or facility as well as being prepared for the next job search. I firmly believe that the Kentucky Section can be the best of 41!

## 5. Please briefly describe how the nominee inspires fellow PGA Professionals and promotes the game of golf.

I firmly believe in the following question and one that I ask myself daily and one I communicate regularly to my assistants and to all the new apprentices in our section that one simple question needs to be asked of yourself regularly, "Are you an expert, not only in the game of golf, but in the business of golf as well"? I encourage them to be proactive and take the necessary steps to challenge themselves to be the best they can be. Also, I encourage them to take advantage of the networking opportunities by regularly attending and contributing to our Sections Business Meetings and Education Programs and to play in Section events regularly to broaden their net of familiarity with their fellow section professionals. With a little bit of extra effort all the young men and women of the Kentucky Section can realize their goals.

#### 6. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

Award	Year Received	Section
2013 Horton Smith	2013	Kentucky

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Garry,

I would like to thank you and your committee for taking the time to review my application for the 2014 KPGA Horton Smith Award. It truly is an honor to be considered for this prestigious award. Please see my attached answers to the section's nomination form.

Thank you for time.

Sincerely,

Peter Garvey