The Golf Professional of the Year is one of the highest honors the Association can bestow on an individual whose total contributions to the game best exemplify the complete PGA Professional.

This year's winner, Danny Baron of Hurstbourne Country Club in Louisville:

- Takes a personal stake in his assistants' development and maturity as professionals with the goal of growing and building their careers through a relentless focus on preparation, organization, and commitment to service
- Idol PGA Professionals include his father and Mr. Jim Osborne
- Has a tireless work ethic with a keen eye on the attention to small detail throughout his operation and loves creating a comfortable and fun environment for team members to succeed in
- Actively involved with Education, Business Development and Special Awards Committees of the Kentucky PGA and is new member of the Board of Directors.
- Uses Franklin Covey's "Four Disciplines of Execution" training to keep his team focused on the most important goals and tasks
- Stays upbeat and energetic through the long days of the season to keep his team engaged and focused goals
- Has introduced over 60 new females to golf by offering Get Golf Ready type programs for Ladies the past 5 years
- Volunteers his time working as an instructor at his daughters' grade school with over 70 kids participating throughout the Spring