

The Teacher of the year Award recognizes a PGA Professional who is an outstanding teacher of golf among the ranks of PGA membership.

This year's winner, Larry Ward of High Performance Golf Academy in Nicholasville:

- Ranked as one of the top instructors in the state by Golf Digest
- Has built a world class academy that features PGA and LPGA teaching professionals
- Teaches over 1,800 lessons per year
- Had a banner year in 2015 with students winning: KY State Am, KY Women's Open, Lexington City Championship, U.S. Am Sectional Qualifying and over 100 golf tournaments
- Offers year-round coaching programs
- Sets aside over 10 days a year to watch his students play and will caddy several rounds for his students
- Instructional writer for Pub Links Magazine in 2002, contributes to various newsletters for his facilities and has written for The Golf Channel Magazine
- Has built a very strong junior program for the elite players and many more programs to cover all ages, one of the unique programs offers lesson scholarships to players in need - one of those players has gone on to play professional golf and was a contestant on The Big Break