



## 2017 KPGA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

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1. Please list all National Teaching Workshops, Seminars and National PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years. Also, if Certified in Instruction through the PGA Certified Professional Program, list the date Certification was obtained.

National Event	Date of Participation
TPI Level 1 Certification	May 2008
Trackman Users Conference	December 2009
TPI Junior Coach Level 2 Certification	October 2011
PGA Teaching and Coaching Summit	Jan. 24-25 2011
TPI Golf Professional Level 2 Certification	December 2011
Functional Movement Systems Level 1 Certification	May 2011
TPI Fitness Level 2 Certification	July 2012
World Scientific Congress of Golf	October 2012
World Golf Fitness Summit	November 2012

Certified Golf Coaches Association Certification	January 2013
TPI Golf Mechanics Certification Level 2	April 2013
Golf Magazine Top 100 Teachers Summit	November 2013
Mike Adams & EA Tischlers Golf Biodynamics Certification Level 1	January 2014
Functional Movement Systems Level 2	January 2014
Golf Magazine Top 100 Retreat	October 2014
World Golf Fitness Summit	October 2014
David Orr Flatstick Putting Certification Level 1	November 2014
I didn't attend many seminars or certifications in 2015 because I was traveling the PGA Tour helping Chris Como with some of his tour players. However, I did get to watch some of top player coaches while I was out on the road. Also, I was traveling back and forth from Dallas, Texas where Chris Como and I taught when we were in town.	Most of 2015
Golf Magazine Top 100 Teachers Summit	January 2016
Assessing and Teaching with Ground Forces	January 2016
Open Forums 1-4, held the	January 2012

week of PGA Merchandise Show. It features some of the smartest minds and some of the best teachers in the country	January 2013 January 2014 January 2015
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2. Please list all Section Teaching Workshops, Seminars and PGA Teaching & Coaching Summits attended or conducted within the last five years.

National Event	Date of Participation	Section
Titleist Fitting Workshop	March 2013	KPGA
Trackman/Manzella Seminar at Valhalla GC	August 2013	KPGA
Using the Latest Science to Enhance Your Teaching	February 2014	KPGA
Titleist Fitting Workshop	March 2014	KPGA
Less is More, Teaching and Fitting Seminar at Keene Run	March 2015	KPGA
Pro2Pro Workshop on Teaching at Keene Run	January 2016	KPGA
James Sieckman Wedge seminar	February 2016	KPGA
Teaching Summit at Keene Trace	February 2016	KPGA
Day of Learning Seminar at HP Golf Academy	September 2016	KPGA

3. Please describe the nominee's overall performance in teaching at the facility, Section and National level.

Before I go into my assessment of my teaching abilities I would like to say that what I am about to do makes me very uncomfortable. I do not like to brag or post things on social media when I have success with a student. I leave that up to them if they want to tell others how much I helped them or how much success they are having because I work with them. I do what I do to make a difference, not to make a bunch of money or garner notoriety. Having said that, I will go into my assessment of my performance as a teacher.

I feel comfortable teaching anyone at any level. They could be a raw beginner or one of the best players in the world. I believe my understanding of biomechanics, physics, motor learning, brain science, etc has helped me wade through what doesn't work with a student. It gives me the opportunity to help them in a much faster way. I am so grateful that I have spent the last 8-10 years traveling the country, spending all of the money that I had at any given one time so that I could learn from the smartest and brightest minds in several areas of expertise. Some were scientists, some were golf teachers, and some were world class players.

The education and experiences I have acquired over the years has afforded me the ability to "skin a cat" multiple ways, but get the same outcome. I had players and still teach players that are trying to make a living playing golf. My approach to each of them is often times very different. Fortunately, many of them have had success and continue to get better. As a teacher, you have to know that what works for one player, may not work for another. I believe and subscribe to this analogy: A teacher should be like a doctor. The doctor, if he's any good, should know that the medicine he gives to one patient could potentially make another patient very sick or even kill them. You have to know who to give what to and how much. This analogy guides me on the lesson tee with all of my students and has helped my overall performance immensely.

4. Please briefly describe any unusual, innovative or special teaching programs the nominee has initiated or implemented.

I implemented a Long Term Athletic Development program for out junior golfers at Owl Creek Country Club. This program was designed to aid in their physical literacy and overall performance, not just in golf but in all physical activities. I learned many of these concepts while attending a TPI

Junior Coach Level 2 certification. In a nutshell, the program consists of physical activities such as jumping, throwing, catching, climbing, etc. They learn how to use their bodies for physical activities, preparing them for many sports and life. This program ran for approximately 4 years and was attended by several juniors.

5. Please list any instructional articles, videos and/or publications the nominee has written or contributed to.

I was fortunate to be one of the presenters at a Teaching Summit held at Keene Run (February 2016.) The title of my one-hour presentation was: Why Players Do What They Do. During my presentation, I discussed with the attendees what I have learned over the years while teaching and coaching my students.

6. Please list the names of outstanding golfers the nominee has instructed.

Will Fowler is a member of the St. Xavier golf team. He was the individual winner of his regional tournament and St. Xavier was the overall winner of the sixth regional golf tournament as well as overall state champs in 2016. In 2015 he won the Musselman-Dunne Match Play Tournament at Seneca Golf Course.

Daniel Iceman was a member of the University of Louisville golf team. He shot -10 to get his way into a playoff for the 2016 Kentucky Open. He has qualified and won the Kentucky PGA assistants championship in 2015 & 2016, where he advanced to the national championship finishing top 20. Daniel also Monday qualified into a Mackenzie Tour event (PGA Tour Canada) in 2016.

Chris Malec was a member of the University of Louisville golf team. He finished T6 in the first stage of Web.com Tour qualifying school in 2015 to advance to second stage. Attended Web.com Tour qualifying school in 2016 as well.

Brandon Brown was a member of the Eastern Kentucky golf team. He has won several Hooters Tour events, Monday qualified into Web.com events, qualified for two PGA Tour events, qualified and played in the 2013 US Open at Merion.

Yarik Merkulov was a member of the Duke University golf team. He Monday qualified for a Mackenzie Tour event in 2016.

7. Please describe the nominee's involvement in growing the game of golf through juniors, women, minorities, seniors and the disabled.

While working at Owl Creek Country Club (2008-2015), I conducted several Long Term Athletic Development camps to promote physical literacy for junior golfers. I conducted several women's clinics while I was there as well. This year I was also lucky enough to be a PGA Junior League coach at Clear Creek Golf Course in Shelbyville, Kentucky. We started with 26 kids and I am proud to say that all of them are still playing golf.

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

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