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### **CONNECTICUT SECTION PGA PROFESSIONAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED**

ROCKY HILL, Conn. – Connecticut Section President Ralph Salito was honored to announce the induction of the second class of the Connecticut Section PGA Professional Hall of Fame. Those to be inducted are PGA Life Member Don Hoenig; and being inducted posthumously, Captain C.H. Perkins and Harry Nettelbladt. Salito said, “I am proud to be a member of an association that has had these gentlemen as members, leaders, and players.”

“Cap” Perkins, was the founder and first president of the Connecticut Section I 1933 and head golf professional at Wampanoag Country Club. He was active in the governance of The PGA of America and attended several national meetings during the 1930’s. Nettelbladt was the head golf professional at the Golf Club of Avon, 1941-70, section president, 1958-61, and was inducted into the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame in 1973. Some of his major titles include winning the Connecticut PGA Championship twice, the Connecticut Open twice, the Connecticut Senior Championship five times, and the Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New England Opens.

Don Hoenig, who built Raceway Golf Course along side his father and was head professional for forty years, 1964-2004, was inducted into the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame in 1981. Some of his major wins include the 1984 Connecticut PGA Championship, Connecticut and New England Amateurs, two Connecticut Opens, three Connecticut Senior Opens, the New York State Senior Open, and five consecutive Connecticut PGA Senior Championships, 1985-89. Hoenig was honored in 2003 by the Connecticut Sports Writers’ Alliance as a winner of the Golf Key Award. Over the years, he has been instrumental in raising more than \$100,000 for the Connecticut Section PGA Golf Foundation to be used for junior golf programs.

The Hall of Fame was been established in 2008 to acknowledge PGA Professionals for their dedication and contributions to the game of golf and the Connecticut Section. These professionals are being honored for their service and historical impact on their fellow members, the golfers that they have

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served, and for the support of the PGA mission statement of growing the game and making golf a better game for all. The individuals being honored by this enshrinement have had exceptional careers and are, therefore, being recognized for their achievements and contributions to the rich golf tradition.

The induction will take place at the Special Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 22, at the MGM Grand at Foxwoods. Anyone wishing to attend the banquet should contact [sbell@pgahq.com](mailto:sbell@pgahq.com) for ticket information.

The Connecticut Section, PGA of America is a not-for-profit organization chartered by the PGA in 1933 to promote golf and enhance the livelihood of its members. The section is comprised of more than 350 men and women PGA Professionals from Connecticut and Western Massachusetts who are the experts in the game and business of golf. More information about The Connecticut Section and the award winners is available on the organization's web site, located at [www.ctpga.com](http://www.ctpga.com).

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