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YALE GOLF PROFESSIONAL PETER PULASKI NAMED CONNECTICUT SECTION PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

MIDDLEFIELD, Conn. – Peter Pulaski, Director of Golf at The Course at Yale, a 20 year member of The PGA of America has had a model career of exemplary service to his club, his customers, and to the game of golf within the community. So, fittingly, the Connecticut Section of The PGA of America selected him this year as its Golf Professional of the Year, the highest honor bestowed upon a PGA of America member. The announcement was made this evening at the Lyman Orchards PGA Pro-Am on the eve of the Connecticut PGA Championship which starts tomorrow.

Pulaski is the 53rd recipient to receive the PGA Professional of the Year Award since 1952 when the section Special Awards Program first began. He was previously honored in 2003 as Teacher of the Year, and again in 2007 as the Horton Smith Award recipient. He heads a list of eight other special award winners that were named by the section. The other winners announced were, **Ken Doyle**, Hop Meadow Country Club, as Teacher of the Year; **John Steffen**, Twin Hills Country Club, as Junior Golf Leader; **Andrew Campbell**, Black Hall Club, as Horton Smith Award recipient; **Ron Dellostritto**, Wethersfield Country Club, as Bill Strausbaugh Award recipient; **Brian Keiser**, Wethersfield Country Club, as Assistant Professional of the Year; **Robbie Leming**, Lake of Isles, as the Public Course Merchandiser of the Year; **Howie Friday**, Tumble Brook Country Club, as the Private Club Merchandiser of the Year; and **Bill Higgins**, Hamden, Conn., as the Golf Sales Representative of the Year. The recipients were named from more than 200 nominees from throughout Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

Ralph Salito, head golf professional at Richter Park Golf Course, and President of the Connecticut Section PGA, made the announcement. "Peter Pulaski is a true grass roots golf professional, coming up from the ranks first as caddie and bag room attendant, to apprentice and assistant professional, and onto to Director of Golf at Yale, one of the most prestigious positions in the northeast," Salito remarked. "I am proud as a PGA Professional and president of the section to pay tribute to one of our industry's leading ambassadors who as elevated our standing within the sport and business of golf."

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Pulaski and the award winners will be honored at MGM Foxwoods on Sunday, November 21, at the PGA Special Awards Banquet which is sponsored by Club Car, Foxwoods Resort Casino, Kirk & Matz, and Polo Golf. The award winners will be joined at the ceremony by the yet to be named 2010 PGA Section Player, Senior Player, and Junior Players of the Year.

Pulaski was elected to PGA membership in 1990. He has been employed at Yale University since 1994 and was appointed Director of Golf in 2000. He also served previously as the head golf professional at Grassy Hill Country Club and short Beach Par 3. His philosophy as a golf professional is that you must have a passion for the game and the willingness to serve the people who come to play. He feels privileged to be a PGA member and has a strong sense of responsibility and stewardship in maintaining the high levels of tradition and values the game of golf has promoted since it began.

At Yale, he sits on the Best Practices Committee on Management/Union Relations. He holds coaching certification from NCAA and has served as the Assistant Coach to both the men's and women's golf teams, and has been the Tournament Director for two NCAA Regional Championships.

Pulaski currently serves on the section Board of Directors and as chairman of the Education Committee. He previously served as chair of the Communications and Growth of the Game Committees. He also led the PGA *Drive For The Game* campaign which raises funds for the Connecticut Section PGA Golf Foundation, and in 2009, was the recipient of the President's Award for his outstanding efforts to support this cause.

Pulaski lives in Stratford with his wife, Jean Marie, and their two children.

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About the Connecticut Section PGA

The Connecticut Section PGA is one of 41 sections chartered that together comprise the Professional Golfers' Association of America. All of the state of Connecticut – with the exception of territory south and west of a line between the cities of Danbury and Bridgeport, and the western half of the state of Massachusetts, except for a small northwestern corner of the state – are the boundaries for the section. There are a total of 370 golf professionals affiliated with the section (295 PGA Members, 65 Registered Apprentices and 10 Pre-Apprentices). These professionals are employed at over 175 PGA Recognized Golf Facilities throughout the region, with the exception of Life Members who are retired or not actively employed.

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. It is one of 41 sections of The PGA and is comprised of more than 370 men and women PGA Professionals from Connecticut and Western Massachusetts, 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.