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For his excellence in teaching and golf instruction, as well as his innovative contributions to golf instruction, Patrick D. Coyner has been named the 2015 Teacher of the Year. Whether it's hosting a teaching seminar in the Section, or attending a coaching summit on a national scale, Pat is always looking for ways to improve his teaching habits and become an example for other instructors to follow. The 2015 Teacher of the Year award is Pat's first award received from the Middle Atlantic PGA after being nominated for this award six previous times, four times in the Middle Atlantic Section, once in the Philadelphia Section, and once in the North Florida Section.

Pat was born on March 12, 1973 in Deland, Florida to Joe D. Coyner Jr., and Jane (Burdette) Coyner. With his father being an Army helicopter pilot, Pat and his family were frequently moving; rarely staying in the same place for more than two years. The Coyner family was a very tight knit family and Pat remains very close to his three sisters Julie, Jennifer, and Kate. Pat grew up playing all sports, but when his dad introduced him to golf at the age of 10, he became addicted to the game. Pat's passion for the game continued to grow at the age of 11 after he was lucky enough to attend a junior clinic, and play a few holes with PGA Tour players Mark Wiebe, Donnie Hammond, and the late great Payne Stewart.

When he was 12 years old, Pat started cleaning clubs and washing carts for the Member-Guest tournament at Williamsburg Country Club. After graduating high school in 1991, he received a golf scholarship from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, where he won two collegiate events, was named the team MVP twice, and served as the team captain from 1994-1995.

Pat took his first golf professional job at The Hunt Valley Golf Club in 1997. He then moved on to The Woodlands Golf Club in Windsor Mill, MD in 1998 and stayed one year until he moved to Bonnie View Country Club in Baltimore, MD. In the spring of 2001, Pat became the Assistant Professional at Woodholme Country Club in Baltimore, Maryland. Two years after earning his PGA Membership in 2006, Pat became a Teaching Professional at Woodholme and then in 2011, accepted the position as Director of Instruction at the Country Club of York in York, Pennsylvania. During his stint in Florida at the Core Golf Academy from 2012-13, Pat was named the Head Coach of the Russian National Team, and traveled to Prague, Czech Republic for the European Championships. In January, 2014, Pat moved his talents back to the Baltimore area where he is currently the Director of Instruction at Baltimore Country Club in Baltimore, Maryland.

Pat has been teaching and promoting the game of golf since 1999 and prides himself on being able to help beginners, accomplished amateurs, and aspiring professionals alike. Some of the notable teachers that Pat has worked with and learned from include Sean Foley, Mike Bender, Wayne DeFrancesco, Bernie Najjar, Ted Sheftic, Mike Adams, James Leitz, and David Orr. He has also attended seminars lead by David Leadbetter, Dave Pelz, Chuck Cook, and Dr. Bob Rotella.

Over his 16 years as a golf professional, Pat has invested in a great deal of continuing education and has several specialty certifications that include: Trackman Certified Level 1-2; TPI Certified Level 1; TPI Junior Certified Level 2; BioSwing Dynamics Certified Instructor; U.S. Kids Certified Instructor; Member of the Positive Coaches Alliance; and Certified Instructor with SeeMore Putting Institute. In just his first year of employment at Baltimore Country Club, Pat has transformed the instructional program. Pat has

increased the knowledge and abilities of all professional staff members at the club through education, mentoring, and promotions, and as a result, the Instructional department is growing like never before.

Outside of his time and dedication to Baltimore Country Club, Pat has been the host and lead instructor for five "Wounded Warrior" clinics in 2014. He is also involved with The First Tee of Baltimore, where one of his students, Charles Young, was the first golfer from the Baltimore Chapter to be invited to the Champions Tour Nature Valley First Tee Classic at Pebble Beach. At the National level, Pat was the host professional/instructor at Trackman University which was held at Baltimore Country Club in June, and attended by professionals from across the nation.

Pat and his wife Amy have been married for 14 wonderful years and have two beautiful children, Jackson (11) and Henry (9). He credits much of his success to his wife and his parents who gave him the support to chase his dreams. Pat's philosophy in golf is to always strive to be the best, but realize that failure is a part of growing. Failure builds character, and helps you appreciate success when it finally comes.