

ASSISTANT PGA PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

This award bestows special recognition on an assistant PGA Professional who, through a commitment to improving opportunities for assistants, has distinguished himself/herself in service to the Section, his/her peers, and facility.

Scott Shapin, PGA

Formerly of Kenwood Country Club

Bethesda, Maryland

Scott Shapin's exemplary performance as the First Assistant at Kenwood Golf & Country Club has made him invaluable to the club's tournament program and instruction effectiveness. Led by his friendly and professional demeanor, Shapin has built strong relationships with the club's members and his commitment to customer service has strengthened the golf program. For this, he is being recognized as the 2017 Assistant of the Year.

Born May 24, 1983 in Fairfax, Va., Scott began playing golf at age 10, eventually attending PGM school at Penn State University where he graduated in 2005. His first job in the golf industry was caddying at Woodmont Country Club when he was 13 years old.

Scott has earned numerous awards throughout his golf career. In college, he became Penn State's Professional Golf Management Player of the Year and has continued his strong tournament play at the MAPGA, winning the 2007 Central Chapter Championship.

Scott was elected to PGA membership in 2006 and began working at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Md. In 2009, he then moved to Tucson, Az. where he worked as an Assistant at Tucson Country Club. During his time in the Southwest PGA Section, Scott was awarded the PGA Assistant Professional of the Year award in 2011. Scott made his way back to the Middle Atlantic Section in 2012 when he became the First Assistant at Kenwood Country Club.

Since arriving at Kenwood, Scott has reshaped the facility's junior golf clinic using his experience from the Titleist Performance Institute. This past year, he helped grow Kenwood's junior golf program to more than 85 participants. One of his new initiatives is Kenwood Ka\$h, a program developed to teach junior golfers responsibility through a simulated monetary reward system. Juniors are able to earn, lose and spend their earned Kenwood Ka\$h through a series of events during the program. Following the clinic, they can redeem their earned Kenwood Ka\$h for prizes from the pro shop.

Scott says his favorite job responsibility is teaching Kenwood's members. Every year since he joined the staff at Kenwood, his teaching numbers have increased. After a push for more group lessons, Shapin increased his clinic participants from 53 to 126 in just a year. He continued Stay Golf Ready, a weekly program where participants spend 30 minutes practicing before an hour of scramble play on the course. Scott says after completing the weekly program, the majority of participants have turned into regular players at Kenwood.

Still a talented player, Scott finds time after his lessons to hit the range and make his own golf game a personal priority. He has played in two PGA Professional National Championships and recently finished t-20 in the MAPGA Section Championship. Scott is always pushing himself to become a better player and enjoys the challenge of improving his game.

Scott and his wife Samantha have been married for one year and currently reside in Bethesda, Md. Scott was recently selected to be the new Head PGA Professional at Old South Country Club.