

**Joshua B. Tremblay, PGA**  
Springfield Golf & Country Club  
Springfield, Virginia

Joshua Tremblay, PGA was selected as the 2014 Professional of the Year for his all-around efforts within the Middle Atlantic PGA. Not only has he been active in the governance of the Association as Central Chapter President and on the Section Board of Directors, but he has also led by example. Joshua was one of four MAPGA Professionals to pilot PGA Junior League Golf, and helped it to grow to 61 teams in 2013. He has been one of the top two fundraisers for the PGA Golf Day fundraiser that benefits the MAPGA Foundations. Additionally, he has been very active with the Section's Junior Golf committee, Membership committee, and has recently been named chair of the Education committee. Along with his many accomplishments, Joshua's willingness to go above and beyond for both his club and his Section makes him a deserving recipient of the Professional of the Year award.

Joshua was born in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire on October 18, 1979 to Dennis and Mary Tremblay. Growing up in northern New Hampshire where the golf season was very short, he maximized the time he had at the golf course during the summer months and those experiences have allowed him to appreciate the mild winters in the Middle Atlantic Section. Joshua attended Penn State University's Professional Golf Management program and graduated in 2002.

Joshua started playing golf at the age of five when his parents took him to Bethlehem Country Club, where he met Fred Ghioto, the local PGA Professional. Ghioto really sparked Joshua's interest in the game, and it was further fueled by another PGA Professional, Wayne Natti. Natti became the Head PGA Professional at Bethlehem Country Club when Joshua was about 10 years old and took him to play in his first tournament away from home; a Pro-Junior with Wayne and his sons. Bethlehem Country Club is also where Joshua started his first job, at 15 years old, washing golf carts.

Dennis and Mary's support was very instrumental in Joshua's decision to play golf and ultimately choose golf as his career path. The Tremblay's were avid golfers which made it easy for Joshua's parents to support his interest in playing in tournaments. He also volunteered to help out with the club's junior program.

Joshua won approximately 12 medals through various New Hampshire High School tournaments. He was also the team MVP and Captain in his sophomore, junior and senior years. In 1997, Joshua was selected as a member of the Boston Globe New Hampshire All-State First Team.

Upon graduation from Penn State, Joshua started his golf professional career and was elected to PGA membership in 2003. He worked at Wilmington Country Club in Delaware from March 2003 to January 2005, while working at Jonathan's Landing Golf Club in Jupiter, Florida. Joshua relocated to Maryland and worked as an assistant professional at Woodmont Country Club from 2005-2006 before becoming the Head PGA Professional under Director of Golf, David Dorn, from February 2007 to December 2009. In 2010 at the age of 30, he accepted his current position of Head PGA Professional at Springfield Golf & Country Club in Springfield, Virginia; the fourth head professional in Springfield's history.

Joshua has strived to be very well rounded in all areas of the profession and is known for his efforts in growing junior golf in the Middle Atlantic. From 2006-2011, Joshua served as League Commissioner of the Frank Emmett DC Metro Area Junior Interclub program. In addition to his work with Junior Interclub, he helped spearhead the inaugural MAPGA Capital

Cup in 2009 with MAPGA Junior Golf Director Bob Heintz. He was selected once as captain for the Maryland team and three times as captain for Virginia. His efforts with both the Interclub and Capital Cup placed Joshua on U.S. Kids Golf Top 50 Kids Instructor list that year and garnered him the 2010 MAPGA Junior Golf Leader award.

In 2012, he was one of four MAPGA Professionals who supported the pilot program of PGA Junior League Golf. From this experience he recruited more professionals to support the program in 2013 and the number of teams in the Section increased from four in 2012, to 61 in 2013. He also led his Junior League Golf All-Star Team to the 2013 National Championship.

His service to the Section has also been a priority in his first 10 years as a PGA Member. He currently serves as the Central Chapter President and the Education Committee Chair. His previous leadership positions include Membership Chair, Junior Golf Chair, Central Chapter Vice President and Secretary, Central Chapter Regional Director. His time spent on the Section's Board of Directors has been extremely rewarding and the friendships fostered are ones that aid him everyday in his job.

One of his most rewarding experiences came when Joshua was nominated to be a representative at the inaugural PGA Magazine Coaching & Mentoring Summit. This experience propelled him to serve as a leader and mentor to assistant professionals, PGM interns and PGM students. He currently serves as a Lead Mentor for Penn State University's PGA Professional Golf Management program.

In his four short years at Springfield Golf & Country Club, Joshua has made a significant impact in growing member participation. By adding "Family Golf Nights" that include formats like a Tee-it-Forward scramble, night golf, and putt-putt night followed by a family cookout, he has tripled the size of the junior golf program. Joshua credits the club's growth not only to these events, but also to the efforts of Chris Lebiecz, LPGA Professional and Director of Instruction at Springfield. Together, they have increased the number of clinics for beginners and golfers of all skill levels.

Rounding out his achievement as the 2014 MAPGA Professional of the Year is Joshua's community outreach to local, diverse groups. His efforts have expanded his reach as a PGA Professional and have also elevated the exposure of Springfield Golf & Country Club. In the Spring of 2013, he lead an instruction program for the Culmore Character Boys & Girls Club. The final session was held at Springfield where the students were able to hit on the range, use the putting green, and play a one-hole scramble. Joshua, along with Chris, also worked with a group called Networking for Executive Women (N.E.W.). They provided group instruction for fifteen new female golfers and closed the session with a fun networking luncheon.

Joshua loves playing the game of golf and being around the game with others who truly enjoy golf. He attributes his success to being able to step into the shoes of a member, a junior golfer, or tournament player and look at the operations and programs from their perspective to meet or exceed their needs. Joshua considers himself a team player and he enjoys helping others reach their own goals, and in return, feel they are both better for the time spent together. Joshua views lessons as coaching, because he feels like he is working with the student on the same team, trying to help them reach their personal goals. Above all, Joshua enjoys having fun...he looks forward to coming to work everyday and being around golf. He lives to help his members enjoy their day to the fullest while at the club.

Joshua resides in Burke, Va. with his fiancée Sarah Lewallen and their dog Wrangler. Sarah and Joshua are planning a fall 2014 wedding.