

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

This award bestows special recognition on a PGA Professional for excellence in golf instruction along with overall distinguished performance as a PGA Professional.

John Scott Rattan, PGA
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Bethesda, MD

John Scott's background of playing, coaching, and teaching enable him to communicate effectively with golfers of all abilities. Combining both his enthusiasm and knowledge, he is able to help his students pursue their personal goals and grow the game.

John Scott Rattan was born November 26, 1981 in Silver Spring, Maryland to parents Richard and Peggy Rattan and has one brother, Josh. His journey in golf began at an early age when he would go to Montgomery Country Club in Latonsville, Maryland with his brother and father, an avid golfer, to play and practice.

John Scott played both baseball and golf heavily through his sophomore year at Watkins Mill High School. As a freshman in high school he made the Varsity baseball team but decided to focus solely on golf after his sophomore year. Through his hard work John Scott became an accomplished amateur. He was the Maryland High School Champion in 1999 and in 2000 he was named as the Washington Post All Met Golfer of the Year. While in college at the University of Tennessee, he earned 2004 All SEC 2nd Team and All SEC Academic Team honors in golf and was the 2005 WMGA Mens Amateur Champion.

John Scott's first job in the golf industry was at Columbia Country Club while in high school working as a range attendant under Bob Dolan in 1997. Bob went on to become his golf coach and mentor through high school and college. By 2006, John Scott began playing golf professionally. In 2013, after two seasons of coaching at the collegiate level, he began teaching full time at Bethesda Country Club. He moved to Congressional Country Club in 2017 where he now teaches. During his professional career John Scott has been recognized for his abilities as an accomplished teacher. He has been a PGA HOPE instructor and has participated in the Folds of Honor Program. He has been a member of the Golf Digest Best Teachers in State since 2015 and is currently ranked 3rd in Maryland by them.

As a young teacher in the Middle Atlantic Section, John Scott was eager to learn as much as he could from those in the section, and from those willing to help him from outside the area. In 2008, John Scott wrote letters to 50 golf instructors asking for their advice on how to start out in the industry and if he could come and learn from them. Through this process, he was able to observe a variety of instructors, from Wayne Defrancesco, Steve Bosdosh, and Bob Dolan to Cameron McCormick and James Sieckmann and thus, was able to learn from the best instructors in the game. This was never lost on him, and something he will always remember as he becomes a more

experienced teacher. Many different professionals and college golf coaches have come to observe and watch him teach. His door is always open to help and advise other professionals.

John Scott feels fortunate to teach players of all abilities, including those currently playing on the PGA, Korn Ferry and Symetra Tours, and many Division 1 colleges.

John Scott learned from his father, who was a school teacher for 41 years, to create a positive impact on students by creating strong relationships and connecting with them on a daily basis. He learned early on that coaching and teaching is about relationships and that "good is what you get, not what you are" from his father. He takes that philosophy into every lesson and instills that mindset into his teaching every day. He owes a heartfelt debt of thanks to all who have helped, taught, coached and mentored him in his journey.

John Scott and his fiancé Alicia Curtis will marry in June.