

SALESPERSON OF THE YEAR

This award bestows special recognition on a golf salesperson in the mid-Atlantic region for his/her outstanding service and dedication to the members and apprentices of the MAPGA, as well as support of the Section through sponsorships and other programs.

Craig Hamet, PGA
Vice President
Signature Golf

Craig Hamet was born January 12, 1968, in Washington, D.C. to his parents Warner and Carol. He was introduced to the game of golf by his brother-in-law Matthew Daughenbaugh in 1980 at the age of twelve. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1991 and was elected into PGA Membership in 1993.

While in college, Craig began his extensive career in the golf industry as Shop Assistant at Crofton Country Club in 1988. He went on to serve in Assistant Professional roles at Patuxent Greens CC, Bethesda CC, Lake Arbor CC, and Lansdowne GC before taking on Head Professional/Director of Golf duties at Reston National GC and then Fairfax National GC. Craig returned to Patuxent Greens to work as the General Manager and Director of Golf before serving as Washington Golf & Country Club's Head Professional for seven years. Upon moving to South Florida, he continued his career in the industry as the Managing Partner of The Golf Guys, and then General Manager/Director of Golf at River Hills CC before moving to Signature Golf in 2015. With Signature Golf, he has promoted travel as a means to keep your members happy and a fan of their professional. His personal golf philosophy is to strive for excellence daily and to treat everyone how they like to be treated. He likens this philosophy to "The Golden Rule meets Carpe Diem."

Craig was named the 2006 MAPGA Merchandiser of the Year-Private when he worked at Washington G&CC and the 2015 SFPGA Merchandiser of Year Public while working for The Golf Guys. He has been married to his wife Tina for 30 years and credits her as his constant in his life, keeping their family together while he put his heart into the profession. They share a 17-year teenager, Taylor.