## 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.

Jeffrey Mann, PGA Fountain Head Country Club Hagerstown, Maryland

Jeffrey Mann's dedication to growing the game of golf and servicing the membership are two of his primary goals at his facilities that he delivers upon. Jeff believes in the importance of working as a team with all his colleagues to achieve the best possible customer experience.

Jeff was born on April 6, 1991, in Plainville, CT to parents Gary and Dianne Mann. He has one sister, Christine (Crissi). Jeff was introduced to golf by his father at the age of 10 who lived behind Tunxis Plantation Country Club. It was there that he and his father would often visit the driving range and his interest in golf grew quickly as they found they both enjoyed the activity TOGETHER.

As an Amateur, Jeff qualified for the Florida State Amateur, Rhode Island Junior Amateur and played in several junior golf, amateur, and NCAA tournaments within the respective associations. He was a four-time varsity letterman on his high school golf team, where here he received All-Conference honors his Junior and Senior year, Captain and All-State Honors his Senior year.

Jeff's first golf-related position was as a caddie at Point Judith Country Club in Narragansett, RI. The time and experiences during that time influenced him to become a PGA Professional. In 2011 he became a Professional and was elected to PGA Membership in 2018. He notes the guidance and support of his mentors Robert Sedlak, PGA (Head Professional at Glen Oak Country Club in Clarks-Summit, PGA) and Mike Adkins, PGA (Head Professional at Green Spring Valley Hunt Club in Owings Mills, MD). Jeff served as Second Assistant Professional under Sedlak before serving in professional positions at Vanderbilt Country Club (Naples, FL), Wampanoag Country Club (West Hartford, CT), and Clinton Country Club (Clinton, CT). He moved into the Middle Atlantic Section in 2018 when he secured a job under Adkins as the First Assistant Professional at Green Spring Valley Hunt Club. He served in that position until late 2021 when he was named Head Professional at Fountain Head Country Club.

Jeff has always been a strong advocate for Junior Golf while growing the game. He does so with a wide variety of junior programs for all ages and abilities, creating a diverse junior program that allows all to participate. Jeff has been a part of Section Governance for six years, starting with the Connecticut Section's Assistant's Association before moving to the MAPGA where he was involved in the APA and served as the Northern Chapter's A-8 Director. He always promotes mentoring and advancing fellow Assistants in their career and assisting in their progress towards achieving PGA Membership. He was instrumental in organizing the Assistant/Associate Educational Series for both the CTPGA and the MAPGA.

Jeff is engaged to Andrea Langrock who is a School Counselor at St. Thomas Viaduct Middle School. They have wedding date set for June 25. 2022 in Narragansett, RI.