

## ***PGA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD***

*This award bestows special recognition on a PGA Professional for exemplary contributions and achievements in the area of Player Development and for extraordinary efforts in conducting and/or supporting player development initiatives. This award considers the PGA Professional's growth of the game leadership commitment at the Section and National levels, plus the impact made at his/her own facility.*

***Joshua B. Tremblay, PGA***  
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*Springfield, Virginia*

For his contribution to player development and support of PGA Player Development initiatives, Josh Tremblay, PGA was selected as the 2021 PGA Player Development Award recipient. This is the fourth award that Josh has received from the Middle Atlantic PGA. In 2010, he received the Junior Golf Leader award, in 2014 MAPGA was named Professional of the Year and in 2018 the Professional Development Award.

Josh 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. Josh attended The Penn State University's Professional Golf Management program and graduated in 2002.

Josh 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 Josh'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 Josh 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 Josh started his first job, at 15 years old, washing golf carts.

Dennis and Mary's support was very instrumental in Josh's decision to play golf and ultimately choose golf as his career path. The Tremblays were avid golfers which made it easy for them to support his interest in playing in tournaments. He also volunteered to help out with the club's junior program. Josh 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, Josh was selected as a member of the Boston Globe New Hampshire All-State First Team.

Upon graduation from Penn State, Josh 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 wintering at Jonathan's Landing Golf Club in Jupiter, Florida. Josh 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 in February 2007. In 2010 at the age of 30, he accepted his current position of Director of Golf at Springfield Golf & Country Club in Springfield, Virginia; the fourth PGA Professional in Springfield's history.

Over the 12 years that Josh has been at Springfield, he and the team have grown the junior programming and ladies' participation to new heights. Through PGA Junior League, Operation 36, Birdie Basics and PGA Family Cup there is a comprehensive and robust offering to help juniors succeed along a pathway. For Adults, Operation 36 and a program called Wine, Women & Wedges have been instrumental in turning non-golfers into core golfers who now play on weekly basis.

Josh 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. Josh 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. Josh 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, Josh enjoys having fun...he looks forward to coming to work every day and being around golf. He lives to help his members enjoy their day to the fullest while at the club.

Josh resides in Burke, Va. with his wife Sarah, and their children Rory and Sloane.