

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

This award bestows special recognition on a PGA Professional for outstanding service and contributions toward developing and improving educational opportunities for PGA Professionals and Associates.

Sean English, PGA
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Sean English was born August 12, 1970, in Paducah, KY to parents Don English and Shirley Bentley. He began playing golf at the age of twelve when he was introduced in the sport by his stepfather, Leroy Bentley.

Sean's first golf related job was in 1989 as a Shop Assistant at the Country Club of Paducah. He became a golf professional in 1993 and worked at Beechmont CC in Ohio as an Assistant before moving to Urbana CC, where he was promoted to Head Professional. Sean moved to Wisconsin when he was named Head Professional at Bristlecone Pines GC, before moving back to Ohio where he worked at Kenwood CC for eight years. During his time at Kenwood CC, he was named the 2007 Southern Ohio PGA Teacher of the Year. Sean moved to the Middle Atlantic Section in 2012 when he became the Teaching Professional at Caves Valley Golf Club. After 5 years there, he was named to his current position as Director of Instruction at the Elkridge Club.

Several mentors influenced Sean including Daniel "Kayo" Mullen, PGA who shared an interest in him as a young boy and gave him the guidance on how to play the game but also how to present himself. Charlie Stone, PGA hired him as an Assistant at Beechmont CC in 1993 and as Sean describes it "molded a very green and naïve young man into a golf professional." Additional mentors in golf include Bernie Najjar, PGA; Gil Gusweiler, PGA; and Dennis Satyshur, PGA.

Sean feels education is the biggest asset a PGA Professional can have. He attends over one hundred hours of education each year, investing in his own education so that he can help others. As Co-Chair of the Education Committee, Sean was instrumental in establishing the extremely successful MAPGA Virtual Education Series. In addition to his vast involvement in the Section's education programs he has also presented at the Caves Valley Spring Education seminar. Sean has also developed his own newsletter where he promotes books to help self-educate, content for better golf and ways to better enjoy the game.

Sean has been married to his wife Anita for 20 years and they share their son Grant. Grant (18) is a senior at St. Paul's School for Boys, where he has played baseball all four years, including the last two on Varsity.