

PGA PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

This high honor bestows special recognition on a PGA Professional for overall performance as a PGA Professional, leadership, service, and promotion of the game of golf.

Andy Weissinger, PGA
Eaglewood Golf Course
Langley Air Force Base, Virginia

Andy Weissinger has been selected as the recipient of the 2022 PGA Professional of the Year Award for his extensive service to the Section, his support of fellow PGA Professionals, and his commitment to growing the game of golf.

Andy was born on November 23, 1976 in Norfolk, Virginia to parents George and Mary-Ellen Weissinger. He started playing golf regularly at age 12 because it gave him an opportunity to be outside, to be involved athletically, and spend some great time alone with his dad. Andy's dad taught him about life, relationships, integrity and competition during their many rounds of golf together.

Andy got his start in the golf business working and learning from PGA Professionals in the Hampton Roads area such as Mike Waugh, Andy Giles, Mike Fentress, Dean Hurst, and Steve Clark. Andy received a golf scholarship to Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Religion with a concentration in Pastoral Studies. Turning pro in 1997 at Ivy Hill Golf Club in Forest, Virginia, Andy worked there as an assistant golf professional until 1999. He then worked at Chesapeake Golf Club in Chesapeake, Virginia as a PGA apprentice from 1999-2001 where he eventually became the Head Professional. Andy was elected to PGA membership in 2001. In that same year, he began working at Lake Wright Golf Course in Norfolk as the Head PGA Professional. When at Lake Wright he had the opportunity to get to know and learn from MAPGA Hall of Famer Claude King over many conversations during breakfast each day and their weekly rounds of golf.

Shortly after Lake Wright, Andy served as the Head PGA Professional at Honey Bee Golf Club in Virginia Beach from 2001-2003. In 2003, Andy moved up onto Virginia's Peninsula as the Head PGA Professional at the Pines Golf Course at Fort Eustis and was promoted to PGA General Manager in 2005. In 2013, Andy was approached by both Joint Base Leadership and HQ AF Golf, and agreed to take on the additional responsibility as PGA General Manager at Eaglewood Golf Course a short way down the road on Langley Air Force Base, where he continues to serve today.

This is Andy's fifth Section award. In 2020 he received the Merchandiser of the Year Public Award, in 2016 the Bill Strausbaugh Award, in 2011 the Youth Player Development Award, and in 2009 the PGA Player Development Award. In the same year, he was also the recipient of The PGA of America Patriot Award in only its second year of existence. In 2018, he received the inaugural VSGA Grow the Game Award and the NGCOA Mid Atlantic Public Golf Course Operator of the Year Award. In 2021, he was named the inaugural Air Force Golf Brigadier General Chuck Yeager Person of the Year.

Andy attributes his personal success to keeping things simple - and fun! He feels that golf is a game and games are played to have fun. If he can show someone how much fun golf is, then they will naturally become a lifelong golfer. He feels truly blessed that he has had the opportunity to help so many people fall in love with the game that has given him so much.

When asked, Andy explained that through the ups and downs of life the only constants in his life have been his faith, his family, and the PGA of America. No matter what was going on in life his fellow PGA Professionals have always been there for him with encouragement, inspiration and best of all true friendship.

Andy has been married to his best friend Jennifer since 1998 and they have two boys: Alex (22) who serves in Federal Law Enforcement and Caleb (19) who is a junior at Liberty University.