

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.

John Scott Rattan, PGA
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Professional development and continuing education are two things John Scott is extremely passionate about. He has continually volunteered and contributed to the education and development of his fellow PGA Professionals and their education programs.

John Scott Rattan was born November 26, 1981 in Silver Spring, Maryland to parents Richard and Peggy Rattan and has one brother, Josh. His journey in golf began at an early age when he would go to Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville, Maryland with his brother and father, an avid golfer, to play and practice.

John Scott played both baseball and golf heavily through his sophomore year at Watkins Mill High School. As a freshman in high school he made the Varsity baseball team but decided to focus solely on golf after his sophomore year. Through his hard work John Scott became an accomplished amateur. He was the Maryland High School Champion in 1999 and in 2000 he was named as the Washington Post All Met Golfer of the Year. In 2004, while attending college at the University of Tennessee, he earned All SEC 2nd Team and All SEC Academic Team honors in golf and was the 2005 WMGA Men's Amateur Champion.

John Scott's first job in the golf industry was at Columbia Country Club while in high school working as a range attendant under Bob Dolan in 1997. Bob went on to become his golf coach and mentor through high school and college. By 2006, John Scott began playing golf professionally. In 2013, after two seasons of coaching at the collegiate level, he began teaching full time at Bethesda Country Club. He moved to Congressional Country Club in 2017 where he now teaches. John Scott lists Bob Dolan, Jason Epstein and Jason Baile amongst his mentors in the industry.

Rattan has been a frequent speaker at many Section events, specifically in the popular area of Teaching & Coaching. This included co-hosting a three-event series on Teaching & Coaching with fellow PGA Professional Pat Bedingfield during the COVID-19 pandemic. He served as the Chair for the successful 2022 MAPGA Teaching & Coaching Summit. John Scott was the recipient of the 2020 MAPGA Teacher and Coach of the Year.

John Scott learned from his father, who was a schoolteacher for 41 years, to create a positive impact on students by creating strong relationships and connecting with them on a daily basis. He learned early on that coaching and teaching is about relationships and that "good is what you get, not what you are" from his father. He takes that philosophy into every lesson and instills that mindset into his teaching every day. He owes a heartfelt debt of thanks to all who have helped, taught, coached and mentored him in his journey.

John Scott is married to his wife Alicia, and they welcomed a baby Ava Ray Rattan on August 30, 2022.