

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.

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J.P. was born on June 11, 1968 in Buffalo, New York to parents John and Lynda and has a younger brother, Garrett. He began playing golf at age eight when his father introduced him to the game at Orchard Park Country Club in Orchard Park, NY. He enjoyed this special time spent with his Dad and has loved the game ever since.

J.P. was elected to PGA membership in January 1994, the same year he began working as the Head PGA Professional at Brandermill Country Club in Midlothian, Virginia. In 1995, he became an assistant PGA Professional at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland and in 1998, he went on to be the PGA Director of Golf at Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort in Flintstone, Maryland. He spent only one year at Rocky Gap before accepting the Head PGA Professional position at Holly Hills Country Club where he was promoted to PGA General Manager in 2007. In 2014, J.P. became the President of Sabre Golf, and shortly thereafter purchased a range and became the Head PGA Professional/ Owner of the facility. In 2018, he accepted the role of Head PGA Professional at Fountain Head Country Club where he served until 2021 when he decided to return to his role at Sabre Golf.

J.P. Lunn has been heavily involved with PGA HOPE over the past several years. In 2020, PGA President Jim Richerson created the PGA HOPE Committee and asked J.P. to volunteer to Co-Chair the national committee upon its formation. He still resides on this Committee, serving the Association while heading a sub-committee to spur member engagement in PGA HOPE. The Committee has been instrumental for PGA Professionals to not only grow the game but also for opportunities to increase income potential. The Committee has recently increased PGA stipends for leading and assisting with PGA HOPE, as well as including points towards Deferred Compensation.

Lunn was selected to be a PGA HOPE National Trainer in early 2023. He now travels throughout the country spreading the word of PGA HOPE and certifying PGA Professionals in Adaptive training to be able to instruct at a PGA HOPE chapter. PGA HOPE National Trainers will have trained over 1,000 PGA Professionals this year alone, helping to enhance more than 380 program locations throughout the country. PGA HOPE served over 12,000 veterans in 2023 alone. In the MAPGA, the Section served over 800 veterans, more than tripling the number from last year.

He has found a niche with PGA HOPE that has been a blessing in its own way. J.P. has a personal attachment as his grandfather, Percy Lunn and his father-in-law, Frank Quaintance were both Army veterans. It's very important to realize that everyone,

especially with veterans, is in a different place in "their personal journey". This alone gives J.P. a unique viewpoint that many other people may not have the ability to realize and appreciate. Many of our disabilities may not be visible to the eye and it's important to approach every situation with that in mind. J.P. continues to use his individual experiences and enduring passion to influence other PGA Professionals to get involved in PGA HOPE. As of this early 2024, the MAPGA is leading the entire country in PGA HOPE chapters, and J.P. is one reason for this tremendous accomplishment.

Lunn has received numerous MAPGA honors including 2020 Professional of the Year; 2017 Bill Strausbaugh Award; and the 2009 and 2014 Professional Development Award. He was also named the recipient of the 2020 PGA National Deacon Palmer Award. J.P. is married to his best friend and biggest supporter, Kim. He has two daughters: Nikki and Sydney; two stepsons Chase and Garrett; and seven grandchildren, soon to be eight.