

**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.*

**Adam Relan, PGA**  
*Bide-A-Wee GC*  
*Portsmouth, Virginia*

Adam Relan has been selected as the recipient of the 2024 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.

Adam was born in Jacksonville, Florida to Craig and Marty Relan. He has one brother Scott and a late sister Dina Relan Johnson. His father served as an Officer in the United States Navy for 22 years before a successful career in business while his mother was a superwoman raising Adam and his siblings while creating a successful interior design business. He was introduced to the game of golf by his father's parents at a very young age along with a childhood friend on the Gulf Coast in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Relan attended Mississippi State University before transferring to and ultimately graduating from Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina with a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration and Professional Golf Management.

Upon graduation, Adam began his golf career as a Golf School Instructor and Assistant Golf Professional at Woodlake Resort in Country Club in Vass, NC. He served there until moving to Smithfields Country Club in Easley, SC. At Smithfields he served as the Director of Instructor and Lead Assistant from 2002-2008, then Head PGA Golf Professional from 2008-2010 and then Director of Golf & General Manager from 2010-2013. In 2014, he and family relocated to the Portsmouth, VA area where he currently serves as the Director of Golf and General Manager of Bide-A-Wee GC and The Links at City Park. He oversees full operations at both facilities as well as managing the lease agreement with Suffolk Golf Course.

Adam is the Coach of his PGA Jr League team and is the PGA HOPE Lead for the PGA HOPE Tidewater Chapter. Adam typically hosts two PGA Jr League programs a year and two PGA HOPE series in the Spring and two more series in the Fall. For these efforts along with all of his innovative Player Development programs at his facilities he was named as the recipient of the 2023 MAPGA Player Development Award.

Adam is active in governance within the Southern Chapter, at the Section level and even Nationally through the PGA of America. He currently serves as the Southern Chapter's Vice President, having already served as the chapter Secretary for two years. At the Section level, he has previously served on the Junior Golf Committee, and he continues to serve as Chair for both the Section's Player Development Committee and the Section's PGA HOPE Committee. Nationally, Adam also serves on the PGA of America's PGA HOPE Committee. He was also just announced as the recipient of the PGA of America Patriot Award for 2025, honoring his service to our veterans and PGA HOPE. He will be honored in November 2025.

Adam brings his love and passion for growing the game to his community as a board member of the First Tee of Hampton Roads. Adam has been honored and recognized by the Portsmouth Outreach Foundation in 2024 for his commitment and leadership in sport in his community. He also received the NGCOA's Mid-Atlantic Public Golf Leader Award in 2021 as the leader of his facility.

He and his wife Abbey have been happily married for 21 years and they have a son Ames (18) and a daughter Ana Grace (15).