



**Horton Smith Award: John Steffen, Twin Hills Country Club**

The Horton Smith Trophy is awarded annually to a PGA member for outstanding contributions to professional development

and achievements in continuing education. Elected to PGA Membership in 2005, John has worked at Shuttle Meadow Country Club, Tumble Brook Country Club, and Woodbridge Country Club before accepting his current position as Head Professional at Twin Hills in 2010. John is currently the Vice President of the Connecticut Section PGA after serving many years as a Director on the section Board of Directors and as Chairman of several committees. John has chaired the Professional Development Committee and expanded the Winter Cracker Barrel series in addition to participating in many as a facilitator. As the President of the Assistants' Association, John developed a mentoring program for Apprentices that became instrumental in their success of the program. John's past awards include 2013 Private Merchandiser of the Year, 2010 Youth Player Development Award, and 2004 Assistant Professional of the Year. In his 12 years as a head professional, he has helped to prepare his assistants for career moves, five of which are now head professionals.