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RON SCHMID, PGA, NAMED 47th CAROLINAS PGA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

GREENSBORO, NC (September 6, 2016) - It is our great honor to announce that the 47th Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame inductee is PGA Professional and former Carolinas PGA Executive Director, Ron Schmid, PGA. The Carolinas PGA Section's Hall of Fame is an exclusive group of the finest PGA Professionals and other leaders in golf who have called the Carolinas home. The PGA of America lists 37 characteristics of PGA Professionals including being a motivator, community leader, business manager, accomplished player, trained instructor, counselor, and friend. The Section's Hall of Fame members have displayed traits such as these over the span of their lives and careers to the benefit of their community and the game of golf at large. These individuals have positively impacted countless individuals through professional and personal relationships.



“I am pleased to be the one to announce that the Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame has elected Ron Schmid as its 47th inductee,” says Carolinas PGA President, John Marino. “Ron’s service and dedication to the Carolinas PGA Section and its 2,000 Members and Apprentices for the last 16 years has been tremendous. Ron has always put his job and the Section first and I could not think of a more deserving honor.”

Ron was first elected to PGA membership in July 1975, while working at Duke University Golf Club – a place he called home for more than a decade. He served as the Women’s Golf Coach, Head Golf Professional, and later, as the Executive Director of the school’s athletic fundraising organization. He guided Duke to its first NCAA tournament appearance in 1983 and then to its first Women’s Golf ACC Championship in 1984. He led Duke to six tournament wins in his time as coach and captured a seventh place finish at the NCAA Championship in 1984. He was selected by the Collegiate Golf Coaches Association as the Regional Golf Coach of the Year in 1984. Coaching, recruiting, and teaching young golfers is one of the best ways to promote the game of golf and Ron did just that throughout his career.

It wasn’t until 1999 that Ron began his life-changing, 16-year role as Executive Director of the Carolinas PGA Section - a position he assumed both at the Myrtle Beach, SC and Greensboro, NC offices. Ron was pivotal in developing a strong relationship with the Bryan Foundation to relocate the Carolinas PGA Section Office to Greensboro and develop a beautiful, new headquarters at Bryan Park Golf Course.

During his time at the Section, Ron not only made a commitment to the PGA’s largest section but to many worthy organizations as well. This includes Play Golf America, Patriot Golf Day and the Folds of Honor Foundation, The First Tee, Adaptive Golf, and Drive, Chip and Putt – a program he still volunteers with at the Section level even after having retired in December 2015. While at the Section, Ron was also a member of the Executive Director Committee, Play Golf America Committee, Scholarship Committee, PGA Communications Committee, Awards and Honors Committee, Hall of Fame Committee, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Code of Ethics Committee, and Sponsors Committee, bolstering an even greater commitment to the Association and its members. Ron embraced all of these initiatives and more while proudly wearing the PGA badge, and continues today as a PGA Life Member.

Adding to these accolades are also supplemental awards and achievements that Ron has earned over the years including, The President's Council Award on Growing the Game from 2005-2007, leading the Carolinas PGA Section to win a National Herb Graffis Award in 2007, launching the Section's most celebrated annual event, the Merchandise Show, and, on top of that, being a chief supporter for the Folds of Honor Foundation, of which he helped the Section to garner over \$3,000,000 in donations between 2007 and 2015 (raising \$500,000 alone in one year from over 150 Section facilities).

"We are honored to name Ron Schmid as our 47th Hall of Fame inductee," says Carolinas PGA Executive Director, Jeff Abbot. "Ron's ability to grow the game and the Section so immensely over the years speaks volumes to his commitment as a PGA Member and to his passion for golf."

"No words can adequately describe how I felt when I received the call from President John Marino informing me that I had been selected as the 47th inductee of the Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame. To say the least, I was truly overwhelmed and honored," shares Ron Schmid, PGA. "After taking some time to contemplate the enormity of this prestigious award, I find it hard to imagine that my name will now be associated with the likes of Donald Ross, Henry Poe and Mike Harmon, just to name a few. Being selected for the Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame is without question the highest honor I have ever received and without the help of so many during my career, it would never have been possible."

Ron will be inducted into the Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex Special Events Center. This ceremony will take place during the Club Car Carolinas PGA Awards & Honors Dinner where the Section annually celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding Carolinas PGA Professionals.

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About the Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame

The Carolinas PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame was established to enshrine PGA Professionals and other leaders in golf and recognize their significant, enduring, accomplishments and contributions to the game and the Association, which are judged to be of historical significance. The nominations are reviewed by the selection committee that is comprised of three board members, the prior class of Hall of Fame inductees, two at-large appointments by the CPGA Section President, two past CPGA Presidents, and media representatives from North and South Carolina. The candidates must appear on two-thirds of all ballots cast to be selected into the Hall of Fame.

Other Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame members include:

2015 – Ed Ibarguen
2014 – Charles "Chip" E. King
2013 – Peggy Kirk Bell
2012 – Grover Bullin
2011 – John Derr
2010 – Mike Harmon
2009 – Jim Westbrook
2008 – Terry Florence
2007 – Bob Boyd and Rod Myers
2002 – Bill Clemmer and Will Mann
2001 – Hamp Auld and Gene Hamm
2000 – D. Sherrill Austin and Norman Flynn
1999 – Henry Poe and Bruce Sudderth

1998 – Jim Ferree and Don Padgett
1997 – Joe Davis and Roger Watson
1996 – Buck Adams and E. Harvie Ward
1995 – Gary Schaal and Luke Veasey
1994 – Tommy Card, Joe Cheves, and Palmer Maples
1993 – Ed Bullock, Charles Farlow, Al Goodrich, Melvin Hemphill, and Randy Glover
1992 – Aubrey Apple, Sr.
1991 – Joe Ellis Maples
1985 – Grant Bennett, J. Fairley Clark, and Orville White
1984 – Jimmy D'Angelo
1983 – Purvis Ferree and Clayton Heafner
1982 – Johnny Palmer
1981 – Dugan Aycock, Henry Picard, and Donald Ross

About the Carolinas PGA Section

Established in 1923, the Carolinas PGA Section of the Professional Golfers' Association has grown to be the largest of the PGA's forty-one sections with almost 2,000 professional members. The Carolinas PGA Section embraces North and South Carolina, as well as a small portion of southern Virginia, with more than 800 golf facilities. The Carolinas PGA is dedicated to nurturing and improving the quality of the game for the thousands of golfers using its member facilities. PGA professionals are responsible for conducting a variety of golf-related functions, which include human resource management, golf shop merchandising, golf instruction, tournament operations, junior golf programs, growth of the game initiatives, golf club repair, administering the rules, public relations and much more. For more information, please visit www.carolinas.pga.com. You can also find the Carolinas PGA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Vine](#), [Google+](#) and [YouTube](#).

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