

Wisconsin PGA Section – Special Awards 2020

Recipient: Dave Hawkins, PGA of Lake Geneva Country Club (Lake Geneva)

Award: Horton Smith

The 2020 Horton Smith Award recipient is Dave Hawkins, PGA of Lake Geneva Country Club of Lake Geneva. This award is designed to give special recognition to an individual PGA Professional for outstanding and continuing contributions to professional education.

“Winning the Horton Smith Award motivates me to continue to assist and bring great educational opportunities to our membership,” said Hawkins.

Hawkins credits the following folks with positively impacting his career and life:

- Jon Swanson, PGA of Purple Hawk Country Club (Cambridge, Minnesota) for giving life lessons & learning about relationships
- Dave Edwards, PGA of Dubuque Golf & Country Club (Dubuque, Iowa) for providing the wonderful opportunity to learn the complete golf business.
- John McGowan, PGA of Lake Geneva Country Club for creating opportunities for visibility and how to run a golf business.

In addition to the Horton Smith Award, Hawkins is proud to have worked the Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals during Masters week in 2015, become a PGA Professional Certified in Golf Operations, and completed a golf certification from BodiTrak.

Hawkins has been with Lake Geneva Country Club since 2007 serving as Assistant Golf Professional and then as Head Golf Professional starting in 2016. Following his time at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College studying Golf Course Management he worked as 1st Assistant Golf Professional at Dubuque Golf & Country Club. Hawkins was born in Cambridge, Minnesota, and currently resides in Burlington with his wife Jamie and son Ben.

Get To Know The Pro

Which golf "superpower" would you add to your game? 100% up and down from 25 yards and in

Dinner for four. (including you.) Who are you inviting? Brothers Jeremy & Tim and Dad Gary

Favorite thing to do outside of golf is: Relaxing with my wife Jamie and son Ben

Best piece of advise you have received: Remember everyone's name and treat the entire family great if you are going to be in the golf business. - Jon Swanson, PGA

About Lake Geneva Country Club

Believed to be the oldest golf club in the Midwest still on its founding site, the original course architect was Robert Foulis, who grew up on the links at St. Andrews where his father was foreman of old Tom Morris' golf shop for 35 years. The clubhouse, rebuilt in 1915 after the original one was destroyed by fire, greets members and guests alike with its gracious, welcoming ambiance. The Club operates on a fair weather calendar, opening in early May with a Derby Day party and closing in late November, after Thanksgiving weekend. A family oriented club, all generations gather for July 4th festivities and spill their blankets over the lawn between the clubhouse and the 9th green to view the fireworks display. In midsummer the Annual Men's Golf Invitational is played. The event began in 1898, and is the oldest established consecutive invitational match-play tournament in the United States.

More Information

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