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## **INDIANA'S JACK BARBER HEADS 2009 PGA OF AMERICA AWARDS PROGRAM AS THE 56<sup>th</sup> PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – Jack Barber, PGA head professional at Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis, Ind., recipient of the 2009 PGA Golf Professional of the Year award, will headline the 2009 PGA of America Awards program, Jan. 28, 2010, as the 56<sup>th</sup> recipient of The PGA of America's highest annual honor to a member professional.

A 33-year member of The PGA of America, Barber is the second member of the Indiana PGA Section to be so honored. The 2009 PGA of America Awards will be conducted in the Linda W. Chapin Auditorium at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. The program also features the following recipients:

- Donna Caponi-Byrnes, Orlando, Fla. – PGA First Lady of Golf
- Mike Bender of Lake Mary, Fla. - PGA Teacher of the Year
- Vikki Vanderpool of Murfreesboro, Tenn. - PGA Junior Golf Leader
- Derek Hardy of Santa Ana, Calif. – PGA Horton Smith Award
- Dennis Satyshur of Timonium, Md. - Bill Strausbaugh Award
- Kyle Heyen of Arvada, Colo. - PGA President's Plaque
- TBD - PGA Professional Player of the Year
- Chris Starkjohann of Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif. - Senior PGA Professional Player of the Year
- PGA Merchandisers of the Year
  - Nevin Phillips of St. Thomas, V.I. – Public Facilities
  - Brian Morrison of Flossmoor, Ill. – Private Facilities
  - Caroline Basarab-Dennison of Hilton Head Island, S.C. – Resort Facilities

“We celebrate our 2009 award winners, who reflect the best of our Association,” said PGA of America President Jim Remy. “The recipients have each left an impact upon the game long before they were designated for this past year's accomplishments. By their example in benefiting the lives of others, working with their members and inspiring both juniors and young professionals they have made us very proud to say that PGA Professionals are experts in the game and the business of golf.”

The PGA of America presented the following national awards at the 93<sup>rd</sup> PGA Annual Meeting this past November:

- Andy Weissinger, Fort Eustis, Va. – Patriot Award
- Midwest PGA Section – Herb Graffis Award

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## **About The PGA of America**

Since 1916, The PGA of America's mission has been twofold: to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf.

By establishing and elevating the standards of the golf profession through world-class education, career services, marketing and research programs, the Association enables PGA Professionals to maximize their performance in their respective career paths and showcases them as experts in the game and in the \$76 billion golf industry.

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By creating and delivering dramatic world-class championships and exciting and enjoyable golf promotions that are viewed as the best of their class in the golf industry, The PGA of America elevates the public's interest in the game, the desire to play more golf, and ensures accessibility to the game for everyone, everywhere.

The PGA of America brand represents the very best in golf.

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