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Southern Texas Section

YOUTH PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD APPLICATION

*Applications should be typewritten and returned by **October 3, 2022**.*

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

The Southern Texas PGA Youth Player Development Award is presented to give recognition to an individual Southern Texas PGA Member who is a **leader of junior golf** and who reflects the ideals of those who work with youth. The interest, concern and ability to **provide the opportunities and experience for juniors to learn and play golf** are the qualities of a successful junior golf leader.

Requirements:

- Candidate must be a PGA Member in good standing.
- Candidate must be well regarded as a model PGA Member.
- Candidate must demonstrate and be acknowledged as an individual of outstanding leadership and strong moral character.

Eligibility: The following persons are ineligible.

- Class "F" or "Inactive" members
- Previous year Section Winner
- Associates
- PGA National Headquarters Staff and PGA Section Staff
- Current STPGA Awards Committee Members

Selection Criteria:

- The candidate will be considered on the basis of:
 - **Contributions to junior programs and events in the Southern Texas PGA Section to include service as Chairperson or as a member of the Junior Golf Committee**
 - **Involvement in the promotion and development of Junior Golf at the club level, and also within the community**
 - **Support of Southern Texas PGA Junior Golf Programs such as Little Linksters, Junior Links Tour, Junior Tour, Prestige Tour, or Legends Junior Tour**
 - **Overall image, service and leadership in the area of Junior Golf**
 - **Overall integrity as an individual and acceptance by Junior Golfers as a person of outstanding character.**
- The Special Awards Committee feels that this award should be based on the candidate's entire past experience and commitment for continuing one's contributions and assistance, however, a strong emphasis will be placed on accomplishments within the **past five years**.



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Name: Garrett Nobles

PGA Classification: A1 PGA Professional

Facility: WindRose Golf Club

Year Elected to Membership in the PGA: 2013

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1. **Briefly describe your contributions to youth golf programs in the Southern Texas PGA, as well as on a national basis. Please include service as a chairperson or as a member of the Junior Golf Committee.**

At WindRose Golf Club our year round junior program was designed to give every junior golfer, regardless of skill, a place to learn and grow their game. We structure our programs in a way that encourages each student to play both PGA Junior League as well as the STPGA tournaments hosted in the area.

2. **Describe your philosophy as it relates to Youth Player Development.**

I believe long term success comes from building a solid foundation at a young age with the students. Technical proficiency is great but more importantly I want our students to learn, compete and reach their full potential. Being a great coach and not just an instructor has always been my goal. Pushing a kid to be their best is typically not a bad thing but having a child that knows win or lose you are there for them is key. I believe the adaptation of the ADM program was a big step forward for the PGA and junior golf.

3. **Briefly describe your involvement in the promotion and development of youth golf at your facility.**



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In a year round program I am a coach at practice five days a week in both our afterschool program and PGA Jr League. Advertising at the course and showcasing junior's accomplishments on our social media platforms are two of the main ways we promote the junior programs.

- 4. List and describe the youth golf programs you have developed and/or implemented throughout your career. Please indicate the number of consumers and/or members of your facility that have attended your various growth of the game programs. List by each of the program conducted.**

The afterschool program at WindRose Golf Club has grown to over 300 kids. Our PGA Junior League Program has grown from 12 kids to over 150 juniors participating each year. I have also been the Head Golf Coach of Frassati Catholic High School since the school opened nine years ago with a team state championship title as well as multiple individual state titles. More importantly I use this position to grow the game of golf by including every kid that tries out for the team. With no fear of being cut or being told you are not good enough to practice the program has grown to over 40 kids.

- 5. What have you done to measure the impact of the above programs in the area of player retention, increased rounds of play, increased customer satisfaction, and impact on growing revenues, and decreasing expenses?**

The main things we keep track of are the number of rounds brought to the course because of junior events we host as well as the number of new members each year that are a part of the junior program.

- 6. Briefly describe your involvement in the promotion and development of youth golf within the community.**



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Promoting junior golf in the community is something we have always taken seriously. The more people we reach the better our chances of growing the game of golf. In the past few years we have made appearances at open houses at local schools, distributed fliers at local youth activities, and even put an add out in our local newsletter all with the purpose of growing our youth programs and the game of golf.

7. Briefly describe how you impact fellow PGA Professionals and their youth golf programs.

I am always open and available to talk whenever a fellow PGA Professional has any questions or wants to shadow one of my programs. I strive to be the kind of professional that puts growing the game of golf above competition with peers and individual accolades.

8. How has your leadership and commitment to Youth Player Development inspired, motivated, and developed positive character traits and values within participants.

Include as a part of this question, one letter of support from a parent or past participant.

John Northcott,

Coach Garrett has coached my daughter Stella (13) for the past five years. In this time her game has improved immensely but I believe more importantly her love for the game has only gotten stronger. We always feel included at WindRose thanks to Coach. Coach Garrett always has time to talk and will reach out with any programs/parties the club has set up for juniors. We live in the Woodlands so there are many golf coaches closer to our house however we make the drive to WindRose on average three times a week because he checks every box we have when it comes to a quality golf instructor. I recommend Coach Garrett to any parent that asks about golf or golf lessons.



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9. Describe your involvement and significant leadership contributions through mentoring and sharing with other PGA Professionals about Youth Player Development and growing the game of golf.

In the past five years I have had three individuals go from helper coaches in the afterschool program to Professional Golf Management students. I believe this is a byproduct of how smoothly our junior programs work and our emphasis on putting the students first.

10. Describe your support of Southern Texas PGA Junior Golf Programs.

The STPGA is always a focus when developing juniors at our facility. From PGA Junior League which is a great stepping stone to individual tournaments all the way to The Legends Junior Tour we have students and coaches competing. Over the years I have also offered discounted lessons and packages to everyone involved in STPGA tournaments.

11. List any Section of National PGA awards you have received and list the year received.

Award	Year Received	Section
Game Changer Award	2020	STPGA
Game Changer Award	2021	STPGA

By signing below, I hereby attest that the information contained in this application is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

Garrett Nobles

11-3-22

Submitter's Signature

Date



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