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**2010 Georgia PGA Player of the Year: Tim Weinhart**



Tim Weinhart, teaching PGA Professional from St. Marlo Golf Club in Duluth, claimed his sixth Georgia PGA Player of the Year title and the highly coveted Billy Weir Trophy after a long stretch of outstanding play in 2010. The award is sponsored by PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.



Weinhart started the year with a runner-up finish back in March at the Yamaha Georgia PGA Match Play Championship which was conducted at the University of Georgia Golf Course in Athens.

In June, the forty one-year old from Alpharetta tied for low professional honors at the Yamaha Atlanta Open presented by Bolle/Bushnell at the Georgia National Golf Club in McDonough. His solid play continued throughout the tepid summer where he never finished outside of the top-20 in a point event. Later in the month, Weinhart won the third annual Chicopee Woods Players Championship presented by Taylor Made Golf which was played at Chicopee Woods Golf Course in Gainesville.

In July, Weinhart tied for 4th place at the inaugural Berkeley Hills Classic which was held at Berkeley Hills Country Club in Duluth. In August, Weinhart finished in a tie for 19th place at the ZipLocal Georgia Open at The Club at Savannah Harbor.

In September, Weinhart finished second at the E-Z-GO Georgia PGA Championship presented by Ashworth and the PGA Tour at Sea Island Golf Club.

By claiming the 2010 Georgia PGA Player of the Year title and the Billy Weir Trophy, Weinhart will receive an exemption into the PGA Tour's McGladrey Classic which will be conducted in October of 2011 at Sea Island Golf Club.

Rounding out the top five, were Craig Stevens teaching PGA professional at Steel Canyon Golf Club in Sandy Springs, Jeff Hull, PGA teaching professional at the UGA Golf Course in Athens, Sonny Skinner, PGA professional at River Pointe Golf Club in Albany, and Shawn Koch, PGA teaching professional from the Country Club of the South in Alpharetta.

**Click here** to view the final Player of the Year standings.

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## Godwin Goes Back-to-Back with New Partner Weinhart in Pro-Pro Championship

The team of Tim Weinhart, teaching PGA Professional at St. Marlo Golf Club in Duluth, and John Godwin, Master PGA Professional at Godwin Creek Golf Course/US Kids Golf in Columbus, made 17 birdies and one bogey over 36 holes to capture the Traynor Golf Collection Pro-Pro Championship presented by Mizuno, which was contested at Jekyll Island Golf Club. The duo fired a 9 under par 63 on the Oleander course on the first day to go along with a first round 7 under par 65 on the Pine Lakes course to finish the championship at 16 under par, 128.

The team of Drew Pittman, head PGA Professional at Hackers Golf Park in Statesboro and Paul Claxton of St. Simons Island who plays on the Nationwide Tour finished alone in second place at 16 under par 129. [Click here](#) to view the final results.



**Champions John Godwin and Tim Weinhart**

In the Senior Division, the team of PGA teaching professional Wendell Coffee from the Wendell Coffee Golf Center in Tyrone and PGA head professional Mike Schlueter from West Pines Golf Club in Douglasville won with a two-day total of 7 under par 137. [Click here](#) to view the final results.



**Senior Champions Mike Schlueter and Wendell Coffee**

## 2011 Georgia PGA Golf Pass



The 2011 Georgia PGA Golf Pass is available just in time for the holidays! Give the gift of golf this year or treat yourself to great savings at over 100 golf courses throughout Georgia, PLUS over 300,000 discounts on shopping, dining and travel NATIONWIDE. Pick up your Georgia PGA Golf Pass today by calling (678) 461-8600 or going online to [www.gapgagolfpass.com](http://www.gapgagolfpass.com).

## Opportunities to Earn MSR

**“Current Trends in Club Fitting” Education Seminar:** Ed Grabowy, 2008 PCS Regional Clubmaker of the Year & 2002/2003 GCA International Clubmaker of the Year, will conduct three sessions of the education seminar, “Current Trends in Club Fitting”. They will be held at The Golf Doctor, Cherokee Golf Center in Woodstock on December 20th, January 17th, and February 21st. Members will earn 5 MSR credits in the Education category for attending one session. [Click here](#) for more information.

### PGA Teaching & Coaching Summit:

The 12th PGA Teaching and Coaching Summit will be held Monday, January 24th and Tuesday, January 25th, and hosted by the Faldo Institute by Marriott in Orlando. The deadline to register is Monday, January 10, 2011. PGA members who attend the Summit will earn 16 MSR credits in the Education category. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### PGA Merchandise Show:

The 58th PGA Merchandise Show will be held January 27-29, 2011 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. There will be many opportunities available to earn MSR. To obtain 2 MSR credits in the Meeting category, members may attend the Town Hall Meeting on January 28th from 3:30pm-4:30pm in Room 414C. To view a complete MSR breakdown for the Show, [click here](#).

\*Keep up with the latest MSR opportunities by visiting GeorgiaPGA.com and by reading our Section email, “Georgia PGA MSR Guide”.

## Scholarship Applications

The application for the PGA Financial Assistance Fund Scholarship Program is available on [PGALinks.com](http://PGALinks.com). The online application and school transcript must be received by March 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

The Shirley and Billy Weir Scholarship application is also available online and must be submitted by March 9, 2011. [Click here](#) to view the application.

In addition, the Georgia State Golf Foundation’s scholarship applications are available on the GSFG web site. The submission deadline is March 1, 2011. [Click here](#) to view applicant requirements and to download the applications.

# THANK YOU 2010 SPONSORS!

The 2010 Georgia PGA Sponsor/Friends Appreciation Golf Outing was held at the Georgia Club on Thursday, November 18th. The Georgia Section PGA would like to thank all of the 2010 sponsors for supporting and contributing to the success of our Section tournaments and events.

Pictured to the right are this year's champions: Chuck Edmonson, Jeff Hull, and Mac McCausland. (Missing from the picture is Clark Dickinson.)



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# Rule Tip of the Month

By Paul Kruger, PGA  
The Landings

## Rules Gifts

We are fast approaching that special time of year when we shall be wrapping presents and surprising our loved ones with carefully selected gifts. Speaking of giving gifts, are you aware that the Rules can occasionally be in the gift-giving mode? Many players do not realize this fact as their experience with, and perception of, the Rules is tainted by the penalties that they have incurred over the years. For them, the Rules are more Scrooge-like than Santa-like, as they have received too many “lumps of coal” over the years in the form of penalty strokes.

What exactly are the “gifts” that are occasionally available from the Rules? They usually present themselves when you are in the process of taking relief, and the key to discovering these “gifts” on the golf course is having a good working knowledge of the Rules. Without that knowledge, these “gifts” will go unnoticed. Here are a few examples:

- You find your ball in a footprint in a bunker. However, in taking your stance, you notice that one of your feet is positioned on a tunnel created by a mole. In this case, the Rule 25 [Abnormal Ground Conditions] “gift” is that you are permitted to drop your ball in the bunker within one club-length of, and no nearer the hole, than the nearest point of relief from the abnormal ground condition, i.e., the cast from a burrowing animal. This enables you to escape from the footprint!
- Your ball is completely buried in sand in a bunker. The first Rules “gift” in this situation is courtesy of Rule 12-1 [Searching for Ball; Seeing Ball] which permits you to use your club to dig into the sand to find your ball. After finding your ball, the second Rules “gift” is that you are permitted to improve your lie by replacing the ball in the bunker so that you can see part of the ball. See Decisions 12-1/1 [Searching with Clubhead for Ball Covered by Sand in Bunker] and 12-1/2 [Ball Covered by Sand in Bunker Removed from Buried Lie During Search].
- Your ball is in thick rough within a foot or two of the fairway. When you take your stance, you discover that you are standing on a sprinkler head. In taking relief from this immovable obstruction via Rule 24-2, you are permitted to drop within one club-length of the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. Using your driver to measure the one club-length area for dropping, you will be able to drop your ball on the fairway, thereby escaping the thick rough!
- Your approach shot to a green is wide right and there is a tree blocking your next shot to the hole. Thus, it is reasonable for you to play sideways to avoid the tree. In taking your stance for that shot, you notice that your right foot is positioned on the cart path. The Rules “gift” here is from Rule 24-2 [Immovable Obstruction] that allows you to take relief from the cart path by finding the nearest point of relief and then dropping your ball within one club-length of that point no closer to the hole. This should result in an improved, if not clear, path to the hole for your next shot!
- Your ball comes to rest in a water-filled ditch marked as a lateral water hazard. In the immediate vicinity of where your ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, there are a number of bushes that would interfere with your next stroke if you elected to drop within two club-lengths of where your original ball entered the hazard. Here, the Rules “gift” is the option under Rule 26-1(c)(ii) [Relief for Ball in Water Hazard] to drop a ball within two club-lengths of a point on the opposite margin of the hazard equidistant from the hole to where your original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard. With no bushes on that side of the ditch, you will then have a clear shot to the green!



## UPCOMING CHAPTER/DIVISION TOURNAMENTS

### Central Chapter

Date	Tournament/Event	Site	Register
12/27/2010	Central Chapter Dogfight presented by PING	Southern Hills Golf & Country Club	To register, call 478-783-0600

### East Chapter

*No upcoming events..*

### North Chapter

*No upcoming events..*

### Seniors' Division

*No upcoming events..*

### Assistants' Division

*No upcoming events..*

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## MEMBER & APPRENTICE UPDATES

\*Updates between 11/23/2010 and 12/16/2010

### New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Kevin O'Neal, PGA	A-8	The Landings Club/Deer Creek
Kyle Zimmer, PGA	A-8	The Club at Savannah Harbor

### New Apprentices

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Gregory Shelnett	B-8	Highland Country Club

### New Half Century Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ed Causey, PGA	LM
George Preisinger, PGA	LM

### Employment Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Rob Ellis, Jr., PGA	A-8	Jekyll Island Golf Courses
Mark Siksta, PGA	A-14	Pinetree Country Club
Ray Wells, PGA	A-1	Wallace Adams Golf Course

### Classification Changes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Facility</u>
Rob Ellis, Jr., pGA	A-8	Jekyll Island Golf Courses
Ray Wells, PGA	A-1	Wallace Adams Golf Course

### Transfers Into Section

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Brian Henderson, PGA	A-4

## Georgia PGA December PROFILE



PROfile: **Tommie McArthur, PGA**

Year turned Pro: 1986

Facility: Ft. Stewart & Hunter Army Airfield

[Click here](#) to view entire PROfile.

## December Birthdays

12/2 Allan L Speir Jr.	12/11 Krag A. Woodyard, PGA	12/18 David W. Moffett, PGA	12/23 Kevin J. Babb, PGA
12/3 Lisa M. Chirichetti, PGA	12/11 Glen A Herrell	12/18 William A. Lewis, PGA	12/23 Sonny Lennard, PGA
12/3 Matthew R. Rowell, PGA	12/11 Van J. Lockett	12/19 Scott T. Hamilton, PGA	12/24 Mark A. Avery, PGA
12/3 Jackie Cannizzo, PGA	12/12 Patrick A. Beidle, PGA	12/19 Brett D. Gorney, PGA	12/25 Shane E. Newton, PGA
12/5 Jim Arendt, PGA	12/12 Charles S Kim	12/19 Charles W. Canfield, PGA	12/25 Chris Thompson, PGA
12/5 Wesley J Forester, PGA	12/12 James J Wilson	12/19 Chrissy N. Felton, PGA	12/25 Andrew T. Cartwright, PGA
12/5 Craig A. Riddle, PGA	12/13 Robert A. Morris, PGA	12/20 James M. O'Malley, PGA	12/27 William R. Watson Jr., PGA
12/6 Don Q. Williams Jr., PGA	12/14 P. Brian Stubbs, PGA	12/20 Tommy Moon, PGA	12/27 Casey T Haney
12/7 Carlen Webb, PGA	12/14 Chad S. Gilligan, PGA	12/20 Robert S. Stocke, PGA	12/27 Curtis J Camperson
12/7 Shaun M. Murie, PGA	12/15 Dirk R. Dill, PGA	12/21 Andrew J. Belt, PGA	12/28 Christopher M Wright
12/8 Justin K. Japour, PGA	12/16 Daniel M. Rozek, PGA	12/21 Michael S. Haddick, PGA	12/28 Jeremy D Cooper
12/8 Mark A. Lammi, PGA	12/16 John C. Duckworth, PGA	12/21 Daniel T. Steele, PGA	12/30 William A. Segars, PGA
12/9 Brian Conley, PGA	12/17 Russ Davis, PGA	12/21 Eric Reeves	12/30 Scott L. Power
12/10 Jody A. Stephens, PGA	12/17 Steve M Godley, PGA	12/21 David P Webb	12/31 Phil Wagoner, PGA
12/10 Todd W. Anderson, PGA	12/17 Darwin C. White Sr., PGA	12/21 Doug Meredith, PGA	
12/10 Alan White, PGA	12/18 Grant A Gaalema, PGA	12/22 Jeffery D. Biggers, PGA	



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