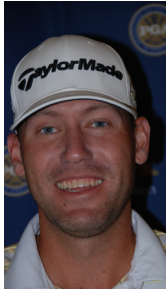# Brent Snyder Named 2015 Teacher of the Year

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Brent Snyder-2015 MN Section PGA Teacher of the Year

The 2015 Teacher of the Year Award honors go to **Brent Snyder** of **Troy Burne Golf Club** in Hudson, WI. This award is designed to recognize a PGA Professional who is an incredible golf teacher among the ranks of PGA membership. Judgement for the award is based on the professional's overall performance in teaching including unusual, innovative, and special teaching programs, articles published, and performance of the golfers the professional has instructed.

Brent has fostered and continued to develop one of the largest and most efficient golf development programs in the region as well as direct a junior program that has grown extensively over the last few years at Troy Burne Golf Club. In addition to an outstanding commitment to teaching and instruction of golfers at many levels, Brent makes a significant effort to creating long-term relationships with his students. He has a passion for helping others and being a valuable resource. He oversees the Assistant staff at Troy Burne, increasing their knowledge of teaching and lesson books. Brent also provides the opportunity to shadow him which proves to be very beneficial to the Assistants. On top of his relentless work through **Brent Snyder Golf** and Troy Burne Golf Club, he makes an impact as an instructor and consultant on the local and national landscape.

Hometown: Stillwater, MN
Golf Background:
Brent, originally from Stillwater, MN, lived in Europe into his early teen years; he returned to Minnesota for high school at Mahtomedi High School in 1998. Brent graduated from Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver in 2002. Out of business school, he was hired by Wilson Golf Group as an Assistant

Professional at Oak Glen Golf Course in Stillwater, MN. To escape the cold, he spent winters in Sea Island, GA and after years of back and forth as an Assistant Professional, Apprentice and playing professionally, he stayed full-time in Georgia. He eventually moved back to Minnesota, residing in the St. Croix Valley area where he was hired by his close friend Dave Tentis. Brent is just finishing his ninth year at Troy Burne Golf Club as the Director of Instruction and owner of Brent Snyder Golf.

When and why did you decide to become a PGA Professional?

"I played all through high school and walked on at Denver University, but I did not play. Having graduated with a degree in business, I was specifically interested in the golf service business. I found it to be a wonderful avenue to helping people and growing this beautiful game. Around Sea Island, I was fortunate enough to be involved with some of the best instructors and players in the world. My education was fast and has been growing every single day. As the years go on, I'm realizing the value of the coach relationship and how that aides on and off the golf course to a wide variety of ages."

What does winning this award mean to you?

"I'm so grateful and humbled by this award because my sincere joy is for my players. This award has very little to do with me, but more with the effort and work ethic of my players. In the case where they are happy, improving in the ways they want to and are falling more in love with the game, then my work is successful. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to serve people, it's why I work."

Section Accomplishments:

2013 Section Player of the Year

Congratulations and thank you for your services to the Section, Brent.

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