

# 2015 South Australian Golf Industry Awards Night

Saturday 17 October 2015

## SCRIPT

### (PGA) TEACHING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

#### David Tapping

Behind every great player there is a great coach. PGA professionals play a key role in most elite players and both Jordan Speith and Jason Day are both coached by Australian PGA Members.

The PGA teaching professional of the year is awarded for the following criteria;

- Excellence in performance as a Teaching Professional at his/her facility
- Actively promotes the game of golf in the community through development and coaching
- Involvement in junior golf activities at the Professional's facility and in the wider community
- Involvement in the development and/or delivery of innovative and special teaching programs
- Reputation and ability to inspire fellow Professionals

#### The 2015 SA Teaching Professional of the year is; Gareth Jones (Glenelg Golf Club)

At Glenelg, Gareth has been the driving force behind the implementation of Club based teaching programs, developing the Club's popular and hugely successful Junior Program and Junior High Performance Program. He has also been instrumental in implementing world's best practice training programs for Glenelg Pennant squads and providing regular men's and women's coaching clinics with his fellow teaching professionals.

In his role Gareth has worked closely with Glenelg's Head Professional, to provide high quality retail and golf operations services for members and guests, and has been warmly received by the membership base.

Since Gareth's appointment, Glenelg's annual member satisfaction survey results for Pro Shop tuition and service levels, continue to be the highest of any criteria surveyed from the members.

Gareth was recently appointed as Japan Golf National Coach and he continues to balance the demands of this new role with his existing roles at Golf Australia, Golf SA, and Glenelg Golf Club, as well as raising a young family.

One of Gareth's greatest achievements is coaching Antonio Murdaca from a young age to becoming the 2014 Asia-Pacific Amateur Champion, earning a spot in the 2015 Masters Tournament. Gareth not only took on the coaching role, but was also bagman for Antonio in both events.

Gareth currently holds Coaching Positions as Japan Golf National Coach, Golf Australia National Coach (SA), Golf SA Head Coach, Golf SA Men's State Team Coach, Srixon Sports Ambassador Coach, and now the 2015 SA PGA Teaching Professional of the Year.

Gareth apologises as he cannot be with us this evening, so if a representative from the Glenelg Golf Club could come forward to accept Gareth's award that would be appreciated.

Gareth has pre recorded a message upon being informed of his award.

#### [PLAY VIDEO – Gareth Jones](#)

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