



Immediate Release:

Mike Ricket Honored as Midwest Section PGA Golf Professional of the Year

Blue Springs, Mo. – September 27, 2017 – Mike Ricket, in his 31st year as PGA head golf professional at Indian Hills Country Club, has been named the recipient of the 2017 Midwest Section PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award, the highest annual honor bestowed by the Midwest Section PGA on a PGA Professional.

“It’s hard to describe the great honor of being named the 44rd Midwest Section PGA Golf Professional of the Year,” said Ricket. “Looking at the list of the past honorees of the award is very humbling. Those names are the legends in the Midwest Section PGA. To be recognized by my peers and be included in that group of outstanding individuals is unbelievable. I feel very fortunate and am humbled by it all. It’s an amazing feeling.”

Ricket, 59, will be honored at the Midwest Section PGA Special Awards Ceremony on Monday, October 23, 2017 at Prairie Band Casino & Resort. The special night begins at 6:00 p.m. with a reception and is preceded by a 7:00 p.m. dinner and program. The evening’s program will feature all 2017 Midwest Section PGA Award winners:

Hall of Fame – Randy Syring, Salina CC, Salina, Ks.

Hall of Fame – Allen Lucht, PGA Professional

Hall of Fame – Randy Hunt, PGA Professional

Assistant of the Year – Gabe Beronja, Blue Hills CC, Kansas City, Mo.

Bill Strausbaugh Award – Andy Fisher, The Kansas City CC, Mission Hills, Ks.

Horton Smith Award – Brennan Cooper, Tiffany Greens GC

Teacher of the Year – David Hanson, Indian Hills CC, Mission Hills, Ks.

Jon E. Jacobson Award – Chad Myers, Wamego CC, Wamego, Ks.

Youth Player Development – Kyle Easter, Mozingo Lake GC, Maryville, Mo.

Clubfitter of the Year – Larry Ray, Rivercut GC, Springfield, Mo.

Patriot Award – Sean Hanna, The Country Club at Loch Lloyd, Village of Loch Lloyd, Mo.

Deacon Palmer Award – Rick Scott, Creemoor, Raymore, Mo.

Merchandiser of the Year Private – Nic Ingram, The National Golf Club, Kansas City, Mo.

Merchandiser of the Year Public – Ben Perry, Sycamore Ridge GC, Spring Hill, Ks.

Sales Representative of the Year Soft Goods – John Sheridan, UnderArmour & Gear For Sports

Sales Representative of the Year Hard Goods, Chad Homsey, Titleist

Jr. Golfer Student-Athlete Award – Isabella Hadden, Mill Valley High School, Shawnee, Ks.

Jr. Golfer Student-Athlete Award – Thomas Luger, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Ks.