

## Another Hall of Famer for area

### Antkiewicz will be enshrined

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Jim Antkiewicz.

Jim Antkiewicz already has one important designation next to his name: He was named golf professional of the year in 2008 by the Professional Golfers Association of America.

Now he has another: PGA Hall of Fame member.

Antkiewicz, the director of golf at the Club at Nevillewood in Presto, will be one of seven inductees enshrined in the 2011 PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame Nov. 2 in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

"It's just kind of mind-boggling, to be honest with you," Antkiewicz said. "It's something I never would have dreamed would happen. I just always try to do my job and be nice to people."

Antkiewicz, 53, is the third member of the Tri-State PGA section to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, joining Bob Ford of Oakmont Country Club and former Field Club professional Gary Ellis, each of whom were inducted in 2005. Winners of the PGA of America's national golf professional of the year -- the association's highest annual honor -- receive automatic induction into the Hall of Fame.

A 1980 graduate of Geneva College, Antkiewicz was the head professional at Highland Country Club for 12 years, beginning in 1983, before moving to Nevillewood in 1995. During that time, he was president of the Tri-State PGA section (2002-06); was twice named the section's golf professional of the year (1995, 2007); and was a three-time winner of the Tri-State PGA's Bill Strausbaugh (mentoring) and Horton Smith (education) awards.

"I grew up an illegal caddie at Ambridge Country Club," said Antkiewicz, who lives in Aliquippa. "I started when I was 10 instead of 12. I don't know if it was hard work or luck, but, next thing you know, I'm working at Allegheny Country Club under Roy Vucinich; then I'm at Highland for 12 years; and, next thing you know, I'm at Nevillewood. And now I'm in the Hall of Fame for golf professionals. It's very humbling."

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