

# THE PRO APPROACH

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On December 8th, the GPTA honored the teaching professionals in Georgia who are creating innovative programming, breaking new ground and keeping players motivated and involved. The GPTA awarded members at all levels of teaching, from directors and independent professionals to head pros and assistants. Top honors went to two facilities equally worthy of The Georgia Peach Award: Atlanta Athletic Club and Crooked Creek Tennis Center.

The party at The Punchline in Atlanta began with dinner and drinks as well as entertainment. The feedback from the event was very positive. Many members liked the change in venue and the added entertainment. If you have any feedback that you'd like to share, please email [execdir@gpta.com](mailto:execdir@gpta.com). We want to hear from you!



The 2010 award winners are pictured on the following pages along with information on why they won. This year's winners are Matt Grayson and Paul Bartholomai (Directors of the Year), Kendon Warren and Corey Davis (Head Professionals of the Year), Eric Baumgardner (Assistant Professional of the Year), Bryan Shepherd (Independent Professional of the Year), and Atlanta Athletic Club and Crooked Creek Tennis Center (The Georgia Peach Award). Congratulations to all of the award winners!

An introduction of the 2011 Board of Directors started the business portion of the evening. The following members make up the 2011 Board of Directors: Ben Hestley, president; Jim Harp, vice president; Ian Thomson, treasurer; Kendon Warren, secretary; Paul Bartholomai, director-at-large; Paige Miller, director-at-large; Bill Osterhold, director-at-large; Carmen Garcia, presidential appointee; and Arturo Nieto, presidential appointee. Jenn Burns will continue to support the Board as the Executive Director.

Many thanks to Signature Tennis Courts for sponsoring the event. Thank you, as well, to Sports Box & Awards for providing the 2010 awards.

















