

# Firewheel Senior Golf Association

## Player of the Year - 2017

A point system will be used that includes weekly play, official association tournament play, inter-association play, and player improvement (handicap). Official Player of the Year competition will start with the first play day in March and end with the End-of-Year tournament; this is known as the active season. The association will have normal play days and other events scheduled before and after the active season, but no points will be awarded during that time. The season includes nine (9) official Association Tournaments. To be eligible for the award, the player must be a member in good standing, participate in a minimum of 50 % of the weeks of play during the active season, and participate in at least five (5) of the official Association Tournaments, including either the *Mid-Year Tournament* or *End-of-Year Tournament*. Only official Association Tournaments with exclusive participation and competition among FSGA members will be used for determining the performance points awarded.

The following points will be utilized to select the Player of the Year:

### Participation

- 1) **1** point for each Tuesday played with the association [Points are capped at 75% of the available play dates]
- 2) **2** points for each official Association Tournament played with the association [1 point per round in multi-round events]
- 3) **1** point for play in each FSGA sponsored Inter-Association event

### Performance

- 4) **5** points for a first (1<sup>st</sup>) place finish in an official Association Tournament (If a team / flighted event, points are awarded for each awarded place in each flight. Points are subject to the tie breaking procedures in each event.)  
**4** points for a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place finish, **3** points for third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place, **2** points for fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place, and **1** point for a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) place or lower finish when applicable, such as events paying more than 5 places.
- 5) **3** points for the Low Gross player in each flight in an official Individual Stroke Play (medal) tournament, after ties are broken
- 6) **1** point for winning a special event in an official tournament, such as Closest-to-the-Pin, Longest Made Putt, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive, etc.
- 7) Performance points must be earned using only official, unrestricted GHIN Handicap Indexes (H.I.).

### Player Improvement [maximum of 5 points]

- 8) **1** point for each 5 % improvement in official handicap (lower handicap) --to a maximum of 2 points
- 9) Minus **1** point for each 10 % degradation in official handicap (higher handicap) --to a maximum deduction of 2 points
- 10) **5** points for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place in the *Most Improved Player* calculation, **4** points for second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place, **3** points for third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place, **2** points for fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place, and **1** point for fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) place.

*Most Improved Player* calculations will be in accordance with USGA recommendations using only official, unrestricted GHIN Handicap Indexes (H.I.). The handicap base date (beginning) will be as of the first play day in March. The end handicap will be that handicap in effect for the *End-of-Year Tournament*. For players without an official GHIN handicap as of the base date, their first official GHIN handicap after the base date will be used.

Note: Total Player Improvement points are inclusive of *handicap improvement (degradation)* and *Most Improved Player* up to the maximum limitation of 5 points for this category.

Should there be a tie at the end of the season, a tie breaking procedure will be announced.

The league leadership reserves the right to amend this procedure as necessary. Suggestions by FSGA members are welcome.