

# Pelican Hill's Deck tabbed 'Teacher of the Year'

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Glenn Deck, PGA director of instruction for Pelican Hill and Oak Creek Golf Clubs in Newport Beach and Irvine, was recognized as Teacher of the Year by the PGA of America's Southern California Section.

"It's quite an honor to be recognized by your peers," Deck said. "The PGA has an outstanding selection committee that really evaluates all the work and dedication we put it, as well as our commitment to growing the game of golf."

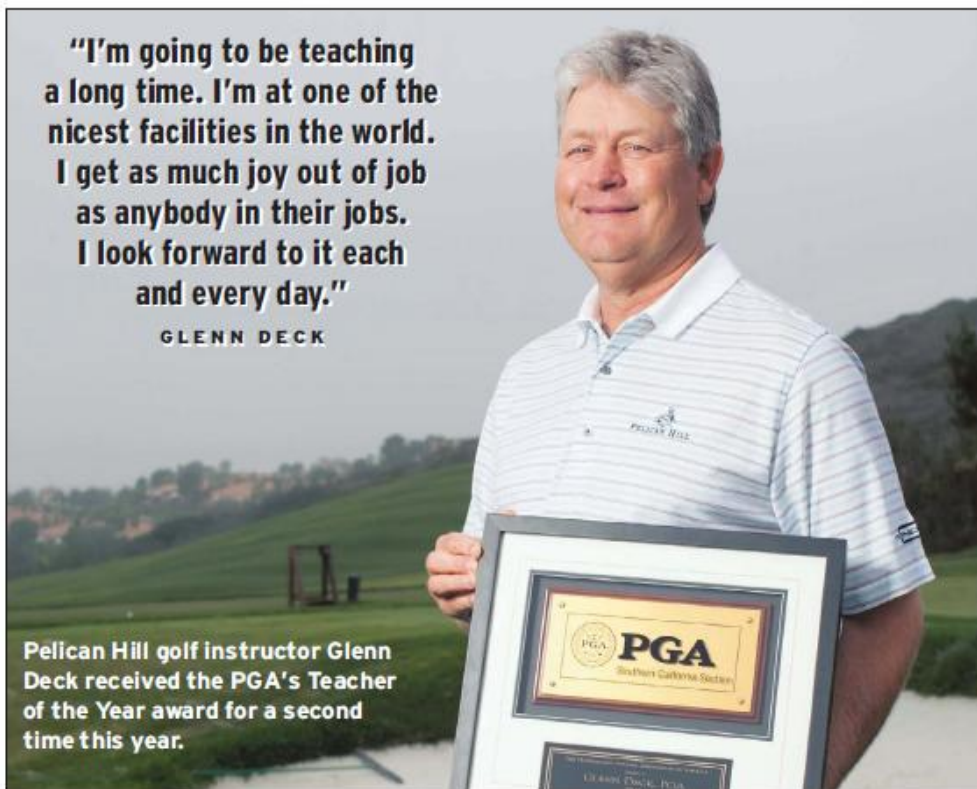
Deck, who also won the award in 1996, has given golf instruction for nearly 30 years. Since 2002, Deck has been regarded as one of *Golf Magazine's* Top 100 Teachers in America and *Golf Tips* magazine named Deck one of its Top 25 U.S. instructors in 2012.

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Pelican Hill golf instructor Glenn Deck received the PGA's Teacher of the Year award for a second time this year.



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and children through his approachable and innovative teaching style," said Steve Friedlander, vice president of golf for Pelican Hill and Oak Creek Golf

Clubs, in a press release.

"As a leading teaching professional today, Glenn continues to help golfers advance their game and lower their scores with his

own thoughtful balance of technology-enhanced teaching tools, personalized instruction methods and a steadfast appreciation for the fun of the

game."

Deck, who instructs beginning, intermediate and professional golfers, said that his only criteria for taking on a student are that they have the passion to get better and have fun.

"I just enjoy helping people," Deck said. "I'm going to be teaching a long time. I'm at one of the nicest facilities in the world. I get as much joy out of job as anybody in their jobs. I look forward to it each and every day."

Deck, 53, was nominated for the award by a group of his peers that also operate under the PGA's Southern California Section, and he believes fostering individuality within golfers is the key to being a successful instructor.

"I'm very good at cause and effect and I don't teach everyone using the same method or model," Deck said. "I work with individuals. What I teach you might be completely different from what I teach the next person."