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ARTHUR CAPTURES PRESTIGIOUS NTPGA AWARDS

DALLAS, TX – The Northern Texas PGA is pleased to announce that Perry Arthur, teaching professional at Sherrill Park Golf Course in Richardson, has captured the 2009 Cleveland Golf / Srixon / Club Car NTPGA Player of the Year Award and the Ben Hogan / NTPGA Stroke Play Average Award. This marks Arthur's fifth NTPGA Player of the Year Award and NTPGA Stroke Play Average Award. His four previous awards came in 1996, 1999, 2004 and 2006.

This moves Arthur into a tie with Lindy Miller, PGA Life Member, for the most NTPGA Player of Year Awards. Arthur has also won the NTPGA Stroke Play Average Award more than any other NTPGA member and has extended his lead to two (2) over Robert Hoyt and Lindy Miller who have both earned three (3).

Arthur accumulated a 385.00 point total to capture the 2009 Cleveland Golf / Srixon / Club Car NTPGA Player of the Year title by a narrow fifteen (15) point margin over Dean Larsson, assistant golf professional at Bent Tree Country Club. He finished the year with a first place finish in the Callaway Golf Western Championship, a tie for second place in the E-Z-GO/ UST Mamiya Eastern Championship, a second place finish in the NTPGA Section Championship and a tie for ninth place in the NTPGA Professional Championship. Arthur remains atop the NTPGA individual major championships won list with eighteen (18) tournament victories to his name. He leads Benny Passons (16) by two victories, Lindy Miller (14) by four and Dean Larsson (12) by six.

The titles he accumulated in 2009 would not have been possible without consistent play. Arthur finished the year with a stroke average of 69.71 for seven rounds in route to capturing the 2009 Ben Hogan/ NTPGA Stroke Play Average Award. The five under par round of 67 at the NTPGA Section Championship turned out to be his lowest tournament round of the year and just enough to capture the award by a slim 0.15 of a stroke margin over Larsson. Arthur recorded seven (7) even par or better rounds in 2009 to finish a total of sixteen (16) under par for the year in the four (4) NTPGA individual major championships.

The Cleveland Golf / Srixon / Club Car NTPGA Player of the Year Points Challenge is a season long competition that rewards the top-40 finishers in the four major individual stroke play events. The Ben Hogan / NTPGA Stroke Play Average Award requires a minimum of six rounds in the four major individual stroke play events. The four events are the E-Z-GO / UST Mamiya Eastern Championship, Callaway Golf Western Championship, NTPGA Professional Championship and the NTPGA Section Championship.

The top 32 finishers on the 2009 Cleveland Golf / Srixon / Club Car NTPGA Player of the Year Points Challenge will receive invitations into the Cleveland Golf / Srixon & Club Car Match Play Championship on October 12-14 at The Cascades Club in Tyler.

Perry Arthur also captured the Senior Division of the NTPGA Player of the Year Points Challenge. Arthur amassed 380.00 points with Senior Division wins in the E-Z-GO/ UST Mamiya Eastern Championship, Callaway Golf Western Championship, NTPGA Section Championship and a tie for fifth place finish in the NTPGA Seniors' Championship. This also earned Arthur a spot on the NTPGA Joe Black Cup team.

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