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Duke University Golf Club's Ed Ibarguen Named to 2015 Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame

*Ibarguen and Duke Golf Club Head Golf Professional, John Kolls, also recognized as best teachers
in North Carolina by Golf Digest*

DURHAM, N.C., November 16, 2015 – [The Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club](#), the premier AAA Four Diamond luxury inn and golf club located on the campus of Duke University in Durham, N.C., today announced that Duke University Golf Club General Manager and PGA Director of Golf, Ed Ibarguen, has been elected to the 2015 Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame. The Carolinas PGA Hall of Fame is the highest honor given out by the Carolinas PGA (CPGA) to recognize those who have made extraordinary contributions to the CPGA and the game of golf that are judged to be of historical significance.

"I am deeply humbled to receive this amazing recognition by the Carolinas PGA, in an area so rich in golf history and presence," said 2015 CPGAS Hall of Fame inductee, Ed Ibarguen. "The opportunity to do what I love while serving the golf community is extremely rewarding and I thank all of those who have continued to fuel my passion for the sport."

With more than 27 years of teaching and coaching experience at Duke University Golf Club, considered one of the top 10 golf courses in North Carolina and located on the campus of Duke University behind the Washington Duke Inn, Ibarguen has been recognized as the No. 2 golf teacher in North Carolina in the November 2015 issue of *Golf Digest* Magazine.

John Kolls, PGA Class 'A' Head Golf Professional at the Duke University Golf Club, is appearing on *Golf Digest's* list of top NC golf teachers for the first time at No. 7. John is among the many people that Ed has coached over the years. Before joining the Duke University Golf Club staff in 2007, John won an LHSAA Division 5A State Championship in 2003 and earned First Team All CVAC conference honors while playing on a four-year golf scholarship at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina.

"As a partner of Duke University Golf Club, we appreciate the impact that Ed has made in cultivating some of the best golfers and golf instructors in the state, including John Kolls," said Jack Schmidt, director of sales and marketing, Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club. "We're honored to join Duke University Golf Club in recognizing both Ed and John for their phenomenal achievements and ongoing contributions to the golfing community in North Carolina."

The PGA of America is an association with more than 27,000 PGA members and apprentices. In 1991, Ibarguen earned the Association's highest recognition of PGA Master Professional. Since the program's



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inception, only 333 PGA members have achieved the rank of PGA Master Professional. In 2015 for the second time in his professional career, Ed was selected as a finalist for the national PGA Teacher of the Year. He had previously received two national PGA of America awards for his expertise and commitment, the 1995 Bill Strausbaugh Award and the 1998 Horton Smith Award. Ibarguen has also been recognized by his Carolinas PGA peers with seven Carolinas PGA Section awards including the prestigious PGA Professional of the Year (2001), two Carolinas PGA Teacher of the Year (2003 and 1991), the Horton Smith Award for excellence in education (2004, 1998 and 1990), and the Bill Strausbaugh professionalism award (1993). Ibarguen has been identified by *Golf Magazine*® as one of the nation's Top 100 Golf Instructors every year since 2001. Ed has also been listed each year as a national Top 50 'Grow the Game' golf instructor by *GRAA*® Magazine since the inception of this award in 2013.

For more information about the Duke University Golf Club, please visit <http://golf.duke.edu/>. For more information about Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club, visit <http://www.washingtondukeinn.com/>.

About The Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club

The Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club is located on the campus of Duke University, only twenty minutes from Raleigh-Durham International Airport and ten minutes from Research Triangle Park. The Washington Duke Inn is the only AAA Four Diamond hotel in Durham, North Carolina. Nestled on 300 acres filled with tall pines and hardwoods, the Inn is known for its beautiful facility and grounds, 271 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites, marvelous cuisine in the Fairview Dining Room — winner of the AAA Four Diamond Award, 2015 Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star Award and Wine Spectator Award of Excellence — the Bull Durham Bar, the Robert Trent Jones-designed 18-hole championship Duke University golf course, and its convenience to local points of interest. It is set apart from other area hotels and conference centers by unparalleled service, a gracious staff, luxurious interiors and attention to detail. The Inn is owned by Duke University and is managed by WDI Hospitality, LLC of Durham, North Carolina. For more information or reservations call 919.490.0999 or 800.443.3853, or by visiting washingtondukeinn.com, and on Facebook at [facebook.com/WashingtonDukeInn](https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonDukeInn) and on Twitter at twitter.com/washingtonduke.

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