



Cantigny's Rich Dukelow Named 2011 IPGA "Player of the Year"

WHEATON, IL, October 7, 2011 – Rich Dukelow, an eight-year PGA pro at the Cantigny Golf Academy, has been crowned the Illinois Professional Golfers' Association "Player of the Year" for 2011.

Dukelow won the Illinois PGA Players Championship this week at Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena. His four-under-par total in the 36-hole event (Oct. 3-4) earned him a one-stroke victory and also the points needed to clinch IPGA Player of the Year honors for 2011. Connie DeMattia, director of instruction at Cantigny, finished 6th in the tournament.

Dukelow, 42, is a first-time winner of the Illinois PGA Players Championship, the final "major" on the IPGA's 2011 tournament calendar. It's also his first Player of the Year title. He was the IPGA Assistant Player of the Year in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

"This feels great, and I'm truly honored," Dukelow said. "I love teaching golf but I still like to get out and compete against other professionals. I'm thankful that Cantigny encourages me to do both and follow my dreams. This week it really paid off."

Dukelow will be honored at the [Illinois PGA's](#) awards ceremony and reception on October 19 at Medinah Country Club.

"We are thrilled for Rich and congratulate him on this great honor," said Mike Nass, Cantigny Golf executive director. "His professional skills as both a teacher and golfer are quite remarkable and reflect well on Cantigny. We're proud to have Rich on staff."

Before joining Cantigny Golf Academy, where he conducts private, group and playing lessons, Dukelow won the 2001 Illinois State Amateur Championship. In 1996, 1999 and 2001 he was named Player of the Year by the Chicago District Golf Association. He is an affiliated professional staff member with Titleist Golf.

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About Cantigny Golf

Cantigny Golf, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, opened for play in 1989. That year, *Golf Digest* magazine named it the "Best New Public Course in America." Cantigny has hosted the Illinois State Amateur three times and also the 2007 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship. The 300-acre Cantigny Golf complex includes 27 scenic holes, the year-round Cantigny Golf Academy, the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links and a full-service clubhouse with dining and banquet facilities. For more information, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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