

Gary Huebner, PGA
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Gary was born in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin on August 31, 1960 to parents Lloyd & Inez Huebner. He has two sisters, Janet Knobloch and Barb Beltrand and two brothers, Jim and Dave. His father and brothers have spent their lives and careers in the service of the Lutheran Church as pastors and teachers. Nonetheless, they have always been very supportive of Gary's career in golf!

At the encouragement of his brother-in-law, Gary started playing golf on his own during the summers of his high school years at Martin Luther Academy in Minnesota. He played on the college golf teams at Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin and Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota for a total of three years, but did not compete in other amateur competitions. Just out of college, he became friends with Jim Kjellenberg, an Assistant PGA Professional at a local private club. He encouraged Gary to get into The PGA, and introduced him to George Nackel, a well-respected PGA Member of the Wisconsin Section, who became his first mentor in the golf business. Gary's career in golf was shaped by Bill Ogden, a long-time PGA Professional who mentored more than 50 eventual PGA Professionals during his illustrious career. Mr. Ogden was a true professional, an outstanding player (competing in the Masters Tournament as a PGA Club Professional) and a true pioneer of the PGA Professional's role in the private club environment.

In 1982, Gary was hired to run the golf shop operations at Old Hickory Country Club, a semi-private club in Wisconsin. The club had no PGA Professional, so he learned to handle both the golf and snack bar operations with no prior experience! Gary signed up as a PGA Apprentice in 1983 and was elected to PGA membership in 1988, in the Southern California Section.

From 1983-1984 (seasonal), Gary was an Assistant Professional at Marriott's Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, CA. From 1983-1985 (seasonal), he was an Assistant Professional to George Nackel at North Shore Golf Club in Menasha, WI. In 1986 (seasonal), he was an Assistant PGA Professional to Bill Ogden at North Shore CC in Glenview, IL. From 1985-1990, Gary was an Assistant PGA Professional to Bill Ogden at Bermuda Dunes CC in Bermuda Dunes, CA. From 1990-1993, he was the Head PGA Professional at the Country Club of Peoria in Peoria, IL. From 1994-1999, Gary was the Head PGA Professional at Westmoreland Country Club in Wilmette, IL. From 2000-2003, he was the Head PGA Professional at the Lafayette Country Club in Lafayette, IN and was elevated to Director of Golf/V.P. in 2004. Since 2005, he has been the General Manager of Stonewall Golf Club in Gainesville, VA.

From 1990 through 2004, Gary owned and operated the golf merchandise concession at the clubs where he served as the Head PGA Professional. He truly enjoyed that opportunity, and learned a great deal about successful business operations from his friends and peers in The PGA, and from the many wonderful and supportive members of these clubs. However, Gary is most proud of the fact that 11 of his former assistants have gone on to successful careers in golf, including Greg Villeneuve who was named PGA National Merchandiser of the Year (Public category) in 2004!

Like most PGA Professionals, Gary has been a part of hosting many events that have provided a benefit to the community. Most recently, he has served on the Board of Directors for the Stonewall Golf Club Pro-Am which benefits The Cancer Center at Lake Manassas. Gary has also served many charity organizations on a volunteer basis, including the Community & Family Resource Center in Lafayette, Indiana.

Gary and his wife Denise were married in 1992 in her hometown of Peoria, IL. Denise is now an administrator in Virginia's Prince William County schools. They have two children; daughter Nicole (age 13) and son Scott (age 11), both born in Evanston, Illinois.

He has always enjoyed being with people, and gets great satisfaction from helping others improve themselves. Gary enjoys sports and the lessons that participation can teach you. It has been his privilege to help people by introducing them to the game of golf or helping them to better enjoy the time they spend around the game. When he decided to get into the golf business, it was because PGA membership offered him the opportunity to build a career around a sport that teaches people terrific values, yet offers competition in a friendly environment. A career in golf offered Gary the chance to help people enjoy their leisure time, while owning a business that intrigued him (in owning the merchandise concession) and gave him the potential to profit from hard work and good decision-making.

Gary attributes any success that he has had in golf to the terrific, professional people that he has worked for and with, and to the belief that hard work and attention to detail will set one apart from the competition. He is thrilled to be recognized by his peers with the award of MAPGA Merchandiser of the Year!