

J.P. Lunn, PGA
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John P. “J.P.” Lunn has been a part of the Middle Atlantic PGA since 1990 and has volunteered to serve his Chapter and Section in some capacity since 1997. He has a deep compassion for education, a value that Horton Smith also held close to his heart. As Section Education chair in 2012-13, he led the Section to host more education seminars in some of the local areas, allowing members to attend without as much travel. He continued Section-wide seminars like the Teaching Summit and seminars following the Section meetings and made education more accessible to the membership. For this reason, J.P. is the 2014 Horton Smith Award recipient.

J.P. Lunn was born on June 11, 1968 in Buffalo, New York to parents John and Lynda and has a younger brother, Garrett. He began playing golf at age eight when his father introduced him to the game at Orchard Park Country Club in Orchard Park, NY. He enjoyed this special time spent with his Dad and has loved the game ever since.

In addition to his father’s introduction to the game, J.P. learned even more about the game from a couple local PGA Professionals. His first lesson was with Jerry Coleman, who was the PGA Assistant Professional at Orchard Park CC. He still remembers some of Jerry’s teaching from a lesson over 35 years ago. Around 1976, a PGA Professional named Lonnie Nielsen allowed J.P. to spend all day, every day throughout the summer, “just hanging around” at Crag Burn Golf Club in East Aurora, New York. He learned about club repair and golf operations and even caddied for Lonnie when he played in Section or National events.

As an amateur, J.P. was the Boys’ Champion of the Buffalo District Golf Association, competed in the International Junior Masters, and was the Junior Club Champion at Orchard Park Country Club. J.P.’s first golf-related job was as a caddie at Orchard Park Country Club when he was 12 years old; earning \$8 per bag for a single loop. He completed his BA in English (Media Communications) in 1989 from High Point University in High Point, North Carolina and accepted his first professional job in 1990 under the tutelage of PGA member Tommy Martty at WestWinds Country Club in New Market, Maryland. Tommy instilled a sense of organization and diligence that J.P. still adheres to today.

J.P. was elected to PGA membership in January 1994, the same year he began working as the Head PGA Professional at Brandermill Country Club in Midlothian, Virginia. In 1995, he became an assistant PGA Professional at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland and in 1998, he went on to be the PGA Director of Golf at Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort in Flintstone, Maryland. He spent only one year at Rocky Gap before accepting the Head PGA Professional position at Holly Hills Country Club and since 2007, he has held his current position as the PGA General Manager.

With a commitment to serving the Section, J.P. is currently the Secretary of the Board of Directors and was Northern Chapter Secretary from 2004-2005, Vice President from 2006-2007, and President from 2008-2009. He also served as either a Chair or Co-Chair on many Chapter and Section committees since 1997, including the Membership, National Golf Month, Fundraising, Education, Employment Committees and Sponsorship.

It is his dedication to education and time spent as the Section's Education Chair that has earned him his second MAPGA Horton Smith Award (first in 2009). Working with his committee members, J.P. enhanced the opportunities available to members and created programs that proved to increase attendance. The committee also developed the Instructors' Committee that focuses on Instruction and Player Development learning opportunities. He always opens his doors at Holly Hills to host education seminars as well as MAPGA Town Hall Meetings, Chapter events, and Section tournaments.

In addition to his service to the Section, J.P. has supported many national PGA education programs over the last five years. He volunteered for several Play Golf America events, participated in The PGA of America's Free Lesson Month and hosts regular Get Golf Ready classes.

Within his community, J.P. represents the PGA badge by reaching out to local groups like the Frederick Lion's Club, Frederick Rotary, and Frederick Chamber of Commerce. He is the creator and current coordinator of the Lion's Club's charity golf tournament which is entering its third year. For his past efforts in creating and orchestrating an annual MAPGA sanctioned Pro-Am for the Rotary Club, J.P. was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow (one of the highest honors through Rotary International). He also helped organize, develop, and host a golf event for the Frederick Chamber of Commerce. Since they did not have a PGA Professional on the Board, the members on the committee asked J.P. to be their local "*expert in the game of golf.*" And if that isn't enough, he still finds time to volunteer for Hood College, the Advisory Board for the Mission of Mercy and the tournament committee for the newly created Operation Second Chance Golf Classic.

J.P.'s philosophy for golf is the same as it is for his business and personal life: he has and will always try to personalize his relationships with everyone that he meets. Whether it is a student, member, guest, or work colleague, he simply treats them as he would like to be treated and tries to communicate *with* them to the best of his ability, not *to* them, in an honest and up front, relaxed and sincere manner.

J.P. has two beautiful, brilliant and talented daughters: Sydney (19) and Nikki (15) and lives with his best friend and biggest supporter, Kim.