

John C. Malinowski III, PGA
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John was born September 11, 1971 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to John and Barbara Malinowski. His father served in the United States Marine Corps for 28 years and the family lived all over the United States. John's dad introduced him to the game of golf when he was nine years old at the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, North Carolina. He played sporadically over the years while really concentrating on baseball. John actually tried out for shortstop with the Baltimore Orioles' organization in 1989 and 1990 when he was 5'9" and 130 pounds. He was fast and an outstanding hitter when it came to singles and turning singles into doubles, but struggled hitting the "long ball." Obviously, when Cal Ripken is the starter that makes things even a little more difficult! So John decided to concentrate on his golf game and landed a spot on the golf team at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina. So, of course, in those next couple of years, John grew 6 inches and added 50 pounds which would have helped him a great deal when he was trying to play organized baseball. John graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science in 1993.

John first worked as a cart attendant at Medal of Honor Golf Course at the Marine Corps Base at Quantico, Virginia, then as an assistant there during college breaks. He moved to an assistant position at Catawba Country Club in Newton, North Carolina in 1996 and declared his professional status. Fifteen months later, John was elected to PGA membership. In 1999, he was selected to be the Head PGA Professional at Montclair Golf Club in Montclair, Virginia. After 2 years, John moved to the PGA Director of Instruction position at Capital City Golf School in Washington, DC. In 2003, he accepted the Head PGA Professional position at River Run Golf Club in Berlin, Maryland.

John has served on the Section Education Committee since 1999 and became Chair of the committee in 2006. He has been involved in the planning and implementation of the Section's educational seminars and programs over the past six years by recruiting speakers and pursuing ideas from other PGA Professionals toward conducting valuable educational programs. While Chair of the Membership Committee, he was responsible for the redevelopment of the Apprentice Orientation. The purpose of this orientation is to introduce new apprentices to the Section staff and to give them a sense of the history of the MAPGA, the role of the Section, Chapters and officers, and to properly set their level of expectations as apprentices as well as convey the expectations the Section has of them. Further, the orientation program is intended to get apprentices on the "right track" early in his/her career and encourage them to get involved in The PGA toward making a difference in the Association with their participation.

John believes in the importance of continuing education for PGA Professionals to help them meet the changing demands of the golf industry and has completed Certification in all six areas of the PGA Certified Professional Program. By continuing his education, he has raised the value of the PGA Professional in all employers' eyes as well as the reputation of The PGA of America for providing an advanced industry specific educational program for its members.

John is heavily involved in the Ocean City community through the Chamber of Commerce Golf Committee, the city's Economic Development Committee, and serves as Treasurer for Ocean City Golf Getaway, a cooperative marketing group designed to bring golfers to area courses. He helped create and coach the first golf team for a local middle school and also taught a golf class to fulfill the students' physical education requirements. John continues to educate the public on the differences between a

golf professional and a PGA Professional and participates in Growth of the Game initiatives, such as Free Lesson Month, which showcase the talents of PGA Professionals.

John and his wife, Julie, have been married twelve years and have two children, Emily (age 7) and Johnny (age 1).