

Steve Bosdosh, PGA

The Members Club at Four Streams, Beallsville, Maryland

Steve was born on September 14, 1961 in Greensburg, PA. He has four older sisters and a nephew who is a MAPGA Member. He grew up across from Norvelt Golf Course (that a farmer built on his farm) in a small town (Norvelt) founded by Eleanor Roosevelt 30 miles SE of Pittsburgh. To Steve and his friends, it may as well have been Augusta National or Cypress Point. No one in his family ever played golf, even to this day. His aunt and uncle from LA sent him a set of junior clubs for his 3rd or 4th birthday, and that started it. His father would set out buckets and tires at different yardages in their yard, and told Steve that he didn't have to cut the grass or do yard work if he would practice hitting golf balls into the targets. He even had a bounty on the longer targets, \$10.00 if he flew it in while he was watching! Steve would dig up the whole side yard! His father demonstrated what it meant to work hard; working two eight-hour shifts for years just to pay the bills. He would encourage Steve to outwork the other more talented golfers. Steve used to shag balls and caddie for PGA Professional Larry Liprando at Norvelt GC, and take out trash in exchange for free golf and help with his game. Steve was a four-year starter at Mt. Pleasant High School in PA and the first player from his school to qualify for the State Championship, where he tied for 2nd in 1983. He was a four-year starter at IUP (Indiana University of PA), where he received his Bachelor's degree in Personnel Management. Steve played in six national championships, NCAA II and NAIA.

Steve began his professional career as an assistant for Mike Vucinich at Greensburg CC in Greensburg, PA in 1983, where he remained until late 1985 when he made his first attempt at the PGA Tour Qualifying School. In 1986, he moved to the Middle Atlantic Section where he began as the First Assistant at the TPC at Avenel. Steve immediately made a name for himself, and was selected MAPGA Assistant of the Year in 1987, the same year he was elected to PGA membership. In 1988, he became the PGA Director of Instruction at Avenel. Under Steve's leadership, the teaching department grew from one full-time instructor to three full-time and several part-time instructors. Gross revenues increased over 300 percent! Steve spearheaded the start up of the national TPC Golf School, and was on the cutting edge of the instruction industry by forming a business relationship with Dr. Ralph Mann of Compu-Sport and bringing his bio-mechanic technology to the members at Avenel. Steve has conducted numerous *GOLF Digest* golf schools with the likes of Paul Runyan, Hank Johnson and Dick Altman. In 1993, Steve was recognized by the MAPGA for his teaching skills when he was selected the MAPGA Teacher of the Year. In 2002, Steve was also recognized by the MAPGA as the Horton Smith Award winner.

In 1998, Steve moved his teaching business to his current facility, Four Streams Golf Club. Four Streams' commitment to a "golfers' only" club, with a great practice facility and a state-of-the-art Learning Center on the drawing board has afforded Steve the opportunity to further enhance his teaching skills. Steve's students include some of the most powerful businessmen in Washington, DC, and sports/entertainment figures in the country. Steve has been selected by *GOLF Magazine* as one of the TOP 100 Teachers in the U.S. since 2001. *Golf Digest* has consistently ranked Steve as one of the top instructors in the state. He regularly contributes golf instruction articles for *GOLF Magazine* and *Sports Illustrated*.

Steve chaired and instructed at the highly successful 2001 MAPGA Teaching and Coaching Summit. Acquiring nationally recognized speakers and blending them with the top talent in the Middle Atlantic Section, the two-day event was a huge success. He has also served as co-instructor with Dr. Greg Rose in seminars on teaching and health, and is currently involved with the Section's Assistant Professional Association in helping their members improve their teaching and playing abilities.

Steve has played in three PGA Tour events, has a career low score of 62, and has won several events in the Middle Atlantic Section. He exemplifies the best in his profession as demonstrated by his continued commitment to the education and improvement of his students, his staff, his fellow PGA members, as well as to his own personal development.

Steve has been the high school golf coach for his sons' team at Covenant Life School for the last four years. He is very involved at Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg, MD where he leads a youth group made up of about 30-35 high school teens and their parents meeting twice a month (two hours each) for discussion on current issues and instruction in God's word.

Steve has been married to his wonderful wife Debbie for twenty-six years. They have four children: Stacey (20), Stephen (18), Sean (16), and Stephanie (13). All four of them have been home schooled from first grade on. Steve enjoys church activities with his family, fly fishing and watching his children compete in junior golf tournaments. Debbie has been the most improved player at Holly Hills CC the last two years, currently her handicap is about a 6; Stephen won the 2008 Frank Emmit Schoolboy Championship; Sean won the 2008 Bob Riley Open and was one of the youngest at age 15 to advance to the WMGA Men's Championship quarter-finals, both are about +1.5 handicaps; Stephanie won her age group in the Middle Atlantic Junior and has about a 10 handicap. Steve is more proud of his family than any accomplishment in golf.

Bill Strausbaugh said something to Steve many years ago that has made a big difference in his life, and that was that "faith, family and friends" were his priorities. Steve has thought about that statement a great deal over the years. Regarding his life, Steve believes that he is responsible for the work and effort required for success, but the outcome is in God's hands. Steve is passionate about his work; but he is more passionate about his faith, family and friends. If he can make someone a better player, help him/her shoot lower scores, then he will not have to market his services; the student will. Steve also feels that this approach will allow him to not have to worry about revenues, as that should take care of itself and he will make some great friends along the way!