

PGA PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

The highest honor paid to a PGA Professional, this award bestows special recognition on a member whose total contributions to the game best exemplify the complete and consummate PGA Professional.

Kevin R. Taylor, PGA

The Members Club at Four Streams, Beallsville, Maryland

Kevin grew up in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania where, at the age of twelve, he was introduced to the game of golf by his father. Kevin received an Associate's degree in Business Management and Finance from Central Pennsylvania College in Summerdale, Pennsylvania in 1987.

Kevin's first golf related job was at Ironmaster's Golf Shop in Chambersburg where his responsibilities included club repair and retail sales. After deciding to make the golf profession his career he accepted an assistant position under PGA Professional John Wallet at Kings Creek Country Club in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Kevin declared his professional status in 1992.

After two years at the beach, he accepted an assistant position at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland under the tutelage of Bill Strausbaugh, PGA and later Bob Dolan, PGA. He learned a lot from these two "greats" and was elected to PGA membership in 1996 while at Columbia. Kevin moved to an Assistant PGA Professional position at the Chevy Chase Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland in 1997 where he worked under the guidance of Jim Fitzgerald, PGA until accepting the Head PGA Professional position at The Members Club at Four Streams in 1998. Kevin was promoted to the position of General Manager at Four Streams in 2003.

Kevin has served as the MAPGA Central Chapter's Secretary, Vice President, and President and as the Section's Secretary. He is currently serving as the Section's Vice President. Kevin has Chaired the Section's Education Committee for the past seven years and the Long-Range Planning Committee for the past three years; he is also serving his second consecutive two-year term on the USGA Green Section Committee, possibly the only PGA Professional to ever serve on that committee. Kevin is also a member of the Titleist Leadership Advisory Staff and the Imperial Headwear Regional Advisory Board.

Kevin was selected as the MAPGA's Assistant PGA Professional of the Year in 1998, Horton Smith Award winner in 2001, and Merchandiser of the Year in the Private Category in 2002. He attributes his success to hard work, a positive attitude, and involvement in Chapter and Section affairs. Kevin believes in the importance of meeting people, networking, and developing lasting relationships. He feels very fortunate to have worked with and around many accomplished PGA Professionals and takes great pride in being a PGA Professional. He is an ambassador for the game of golf, using every opportunity to promote golf and the Association so that the public has a greater understanding of the contributions PGA Professionals make to the industry and the community.

Kevin and his wife, Carrie, have been married for twelve years. They have a ten-year-old daughter, Madeleine, and two black Labrador Retrievers, Kodi and Trooper.