

DAVID WORTMAN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes the outstanding amateur whose contributions to the Middle Atlantic Section include the promotion of golf, the MAPGA Section and its professionals and support of MAPGA programs.

FRED TATTERSALL - Richmond First Tee

Fred Tattersall learned to play golf at the age of seven. His mother and father both played the game (his mother was the star golfer with a 7 handicap), as well as both grandfathers. His father was on the first golf team at Virginia Tech. Watching his parents play and enjoy golf encouraged Fred to take up the game and helped him stay interested. They often played as a family with brother, Bill, and sister, Barbara, on weeknights and Sunday afternoons.

Fred relates, "I have felt blessed in golf and business and wanted to share some of those fruits with others, which led me to start a First Tee Chapter in Richmond. The great values learned through golf can be used in other parts of our life and it is a shame that many kids have not been given the opportunity to experience this great sport. Through the high cost of golf or lack of access, many kids would normally be excluded. By creating a facility designed for kids and staffed by a PGA professional, we can make a difference to these youngsters. Finally, by bringing kids to the course through organizations like the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club and teaming them up with volunteer mentors, we can teach them life skills."

Fred played as the number 3 man on the West Virginia University golf team and won several junior tournaments in his career. He won his club championship at 18 and won the Brandermill CC championship in his first year in Richmond. Fred trained for speed golf for three years, once playing a round in 35 minutes, shooting 83.

Fred started the Richmond First Tee soon after hearing the announcement of the national organization. His passion for golf and his love of his community made it an easy choice to take up this great endeavor. As President of the Richmond First Tee, Fred was instrumental in selecting a Board of Directors and Executive Director, and the fundraising efforts to make this project a reality.

Fred and his wife of thirty years, Roddy, have a 28-yr old daughter, Hays (Hill), and a 24-yr old son, Kirk, as well as a granddaughter, 2-yr old Cameron Hill. They reside in Richmond.