

2019 MAPGA Professional of the Year
David Dorn, PGA
Director of Golf at Woodmont Country Club

David Dorn was born in the gulf shores town of Biloxi, Mississippi on October 20, 1965 to David and Carolyn Dorn. David's father was in the Air Force and stationed at Keesler Air Force Base. In 1967, Mr. Dorn was deployed to Turkey and David, along with his mother, his two brothers, Chris and Brian, and his sister Mary, moved to the Baltimore area to live with David's grandparents. Mr. Dorn was the first to introduce young David to the game of golf. When David was 10, he tagged along with his dad and grandfather to play some of the Baltimore public golf courses.

As a High School student, David played on the boys' golf team. Following graduation, he stayed close to home and attended the University of Maryland where he earned a bachelors' degree in marketing. With business sense and a love for golf, David immediately turned to the golf industry to begin a career.

David became a PGA Associate in 1989 when he was hired by Tony Marlowe, PGA at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Maryland. Mr. Marlowe retired after that season and the club hired Bob Boyd, PGA - a world class player from the Carolina Section. After two seasons, Boyd returned to the Carolinas and Woodmont hired Lyle Williams as the Head PGA Professional. David was lucky to be mentored and inspired by three different PGA Professionals during his early years at Woodmont. In three short years after turning professional, David earned his PGA Membership.

Quickly moving up the ranks, David Dorn's name started to stand out in the Middle Atlantic Section. He won the 1995 MAPGA Assistant Championship and the 1996 Central Chapter Championship. After 10 seasons at Woodmont, David was selected by Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Silver Spring, Maryland to be their Head Professional. At that time, Hampshire Greens was under construction which gave David an opportunity to really make an impact on the golf operation. For over six years, David was successful in growing the operation at Hampshire Greens and making it one of the stand-out, daily fee facilities in Montgomery County.

David returned to Woodmont in 2006 as the Director of Golf and has hired and mentored over 100 PGM interns and has helped place seven professionals into Head Golf Professional positions of their own. Additionally, he's mentored many teachers into Director of Instruction positions. In David's tenure, Woodmont Country Club been one of the top Clubs in terms of giving back to Amateur and Professional golf. Each year he hosts events such as the US Open Sectional Qualifiers, The Bobby Gorin (Juniors), The Tony Marlowe (Women) and last year, the Maryland State Mid Am, the Middle Atlantic Father Son and other events such as MAPGA Tournaments and education seminars. David also secured Woodmont to host the 2020 Us Women's Amateur. He has been on various committees over the years such as rules and junior golf and has always encouraged his assistants to be active in Section governance.

David is dedicated to growing the game of golf at all levels and is seeing the benefits with three of his junior girls making the field of 16 for the 2018 match play in the Maryland State Women's Amateur. Programs such as PGA Junior league, Pee Wees and Rising Stars get Woodmont juniors excited about playing golf. In addition, David hosts multiple events every year for the First Tee program and Wounded Warriors. David has volunteered as the Head Golf Coach at Reservoir High School while he was Head Professional at Hampshire Greens and continues giving back to that program with clinics, free product and coaching assistance. David also hosts high School practices and matches for local schools each year.

David inspires fellow professionals by treating them with respect and giving them the opportunity to grow, lead and take on responsibility. He learned how to succeed by reading and practicing the principles in the book "How to Win Friends and Influence People". He treats and speaks well of everyone, knowing that alone will take you a long way in business and in life.

In his life outside of Woodmont, David has been active in rules education for many years most recently serving on the USGA rules education advisory committee. He and his wife Erin have been happily married since 1991 and together they have three children, Matthew (22), Katie (20) and Emily (18). This is David's second Section award. He was first awarded Merchandiser of the Year Private category in 2013.