

## **Jeff Maynor, PGA**

### **Bill Strausbaugh Award**

Jeff Maynor has made significant contributions mentoring PGA Professionals, especially in the area of employment and club relations. For his never ending dedication to his fellow PGA members and his unwavering commitment to his community, Jeff has been awarded the 2018 Bill Strausbaugh Award.

On July 31, 1960, Jeff was born to parents Jeff and Esther Maynor in Lumberton, N.C. He was first introduced to the game when he took a golf as a senior in college at the North Carolina State University where he studied Animal Science. He took the golf class for physical education credits and it would ultimately change his career path. Jeff then went on to earn his Masters from Clemson in Animal Nutrition and began a PhD program at the University of Georgia. While working on his degree, Jeff got a part time job at the University of Georgia Golf Course as member of the maintenance staff.

Jeff went from working on the maintenance staff to being hired as the Assistant Golf Professional in 1989. In 1992, Jeff earned his PGA Membership and accepted a Head Professional job at Lane Creek Golf Club in Watkinsville, Ga. A few years later, he then made his way to Reynolds Landing CC in Greensboro, Ga., where he served as Head Professional from 1994-1997 until making his way to the Middle Atlantic Section and the University of Maryland Golf Course where he has served his community for over 20 years.

Jeff has mentored several Golf Professionals who have progressed through the program and obtained their class A status. It is important to Jeff that from the very beginning of their career, a young professional understands what it means to wear the PGA logo. The responsibility associated with calling yourself an “Expert in the Game and Business of Golf” is something he discusses with all of his assistants. You don’t only represent yourself when you tell someone you are a PGA member; you are representing 28,000 men and women.

Jeff was the most recent Chair of the Section Employment and Club Relations Committee. In this position, he has been active in starting the Section’s first Employment Summit, held at Columbia Country Club. In its second year, the summit has focused on helping PGA members “get a job”, “enhance their job” and “retire from their job”. By bringing in industry leaders to share their wisdom, knowledge and best practices, this summit is destined to become the playbook for other sections who want to be leaders in the area of Employment and Club Relations.

Having just completed his term as President of the Northern Chapter of the Middle Atlantic Section, Jeff has been on the Section Board of Directors for the past 6 years. During his time on the Board, Jeff was readily available for meetings, Section events, player development functions and consumer events. While on the Board, Jeff has been active on Committees within the Section as previous Chair of the Section Communications Committee; and has served as a member of the Player Development Committee for the past six years.

Jeff has hosted numerous Section events during his tenure at the University of Maryland. This includes hosting two annual MAPGA Junior Tour events each year, the Cherry Blossom Classic (a Patriot Series event), a Peggy Kirk Bell event for junior girls, a local qualifier for Drive, Chip and Putt as well as having a team in their local PGA Junior League. While hosting this many junior events may seem like a lot, Jeff and his staff feels it is their duty to support junior golf. In addition, Jeff has offered his course to host Section Qualifiers, the Section Head Professional/Teaching Professional Championship as well as Chapter events.

Jeff is very involved in his community, not only with golf activities but also with civic and charitable contributions. He serves on the Board for The First Tee of Howard County. Jeff and his staff annually hosts a number of golf clinics to support the local community; these groups include Dream For Kids Foundation, Sigma Pi Phi Professional Fraternity, the Chinese Embassy, Australian Embassy and Engineers Without Borders to name a few. Jeff is also involved with Special Olympics and has assisted in coaching athletes, hosting clinics and offering his facility for local skills and team play competitions. He is very involved with the booster club of the high school his children attend by assist in concessions stands, tracking pitches during baseball games and soliciting donations and prizes for the annual Bull and Oyster roast and auction.

A dedicated PGA member, Jeff considers it a privilege to wear the badge. He is dedicated to his profession and takes honor in what it means to be a PGA professional. Jeff's members will tell you his commitment to growing the game never ends. He is proud of the many new programs he has started at the University of Maryland and the impact they have had on his facility and the community. Jeff takes every opportunity he has to share his love for the game with local groups and organizations.

Jeff and his wife Wendy met while he gave her a golf lesson. They have been married for 18 years and have two children, Lauren (16) and Jarrett (15).

