

ASSISTANT PGA PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

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Steve was born July 7, 1959 on Long Island, New York in the town of Mineola to Fred and Arline Greiner. He has one sister, Joanne, and two brothers, Richard (deceased) and Fred. Steve's dad introduced him to the game of golf at Cantiague Park Golf Course in Hicksville, New York, when he was eight years old. While his dad introduced him to many sports, Steve's early success with golf led him to focus on that sport. One of Steve's favorite memories evolved from the craziness of playing public golf in the metropolitan New York area: lining up with his dad outside the entrance to Bethpage State Park Golf Course in Farmingdale, New York in the dark at three o'clock in the morning to beat the three to four hour wait list. He would also hide in the woods there (without his dad!) and sneak onto the Black Course which he played thousands of times. Steve still has friends he met waiting in the woods for their chance to dart out onto the course.

Steve broke 80 (78) on a regulation course before the age of thirteen. He also started caddying that year at Bethpage State Park Golf Course and later at Garden City Golf Club in Garden City, New York. Steve made his high school varsity golf team in the ninth grade and led them to the Long Island Catholic Championship in tenth grade. He won New York State's Troy Invitational; is a two-time qualifier for the US Amateur Public Links – it was thrilling, after spending most of his childhood and teenage years on Bethpage Park's five golf courses, to finish third on their Black Course, qualify for the US Amateur Public Links, and have his dad fore caddie for the entire 36 holes; and he won the Sanka Invitational Amateur. Steve attended Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York for two years before transferring to John B. Stetson University in Deland, Florida on a varsity golf scholarship; he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management and Marketing from Stetson. While at Hofstra, Steve won the University of Delaware tournament, finished sixth in the East Coast Conference Collegiate Tournament, was selected to the All East Coast Conference Team, and was invited to qualify for the NCAAs. While at Stetson, he won the Palm Coast/Embry Riddle Collegiate tournament.

Steve declared his professional status in 1993 and started his own teaching business serving Fairfax County Adult Education and Northern Virginia Regional Parks. He began working at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club in 1999 as the retail manager for their two golf shops while maintaining a large teaching clientele. Steve was elected to PGA membership in 2002. While working towards that membership he was awarded three National Acushnet PGA Apprentice Scholarships for finishing with the highest score in the Section in Levels I, II, and III of the PGA Professional Golf Management program. He also received the Section's AHEAD MAPGA-APA Apprentice Scholarship Program awards for his high achievements in Levels II and III.

Steve is active in the community and highly involved in Fairfax County, Fort Belvoir's Youth Services, and Get Hooked on Golf junior programs. Fred and Arline stressed to their children the importance of finding something they loved and sticking with it. As a result, Steve and his siblings were exposed to many opportunities. Steve found golf and stuck with it. He enjoyed working hard, learning all he could about something he loved doing. That attitude and the support from his family and friends are the keys to his success.

Steve and his wife, Marty, have been married for 14 years. Marty is a very successful senior executive with the US government.