

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Kenneth T. Clark, PGA

Country Club of Petersburg, Petersburg, Virginia

Kenny was born on September 6, 1963, in Richmond, Virginia to Billy and Donna Clark. He is one of six children, including two brothers, David and Jerome, and three sisters, Billie, Fay, and Gilda. At about the age of 12, Kenny's father started taking him to Brookwood's Golf Course in Quinton, Virginia. His father truly loved the game and felt it was something they could enjoy and share. Kenny also got his first golf-related job at Brookwood's as a cart attendant and declared his professional status in 1983 while working there. In 1991, after several years working outside of the golf industry, he went to work as an assistant for Head PGA Professional Jimmy McFarland at Meadowbrook Country Club in Richmond, Virginia where he remained for three years. Kenny spent a short period of time working as an assistant to Richard White, Head PGA Professional at the Dominion Club in Glen Allen, Virginia before returning to Meadowbrook in early 1995. Elected to membership in The PGA in 1996, Kenny was quickly selected to be the Head PGA Professional at the Tides Inn's Tartan Golf Course in Irvington, Virginia. In 2001, Kenny became the Head PGA Professional at the Tides Inn's Golden Eagle Golf Club just a couple of miles from the Tartan Course. In 2004, he was selected to be the Head PGA Professional at the Country Club of Petersburg.

Kenny's support of the Middle Atlantic Section dates back to his days at the Tartan Course when he did yeoman's work in hosting the TaylorMade-adidas Golf MAPGA Chapter Challenge Cup. Kenny was a tremendous host to six of eight Challenge Cups conducted at the Tides Inn between 1996 and 2003! His outstanding contributions to the event truly made it a very special competition full of camaraderie, as it continues to be today. Over the years, Kenny has always been very accommodating in hosting Section and Chapter Tournaments including the Section Championship, the Tournament of Champions, PGA Tour qualifiers, Chapter events, the Stableford Championship, the Pro-Scratch, and more!

Kenny was elected Secretary of the Southern Chapter in the fall of 2003 and currently serves as the Chapter Vice President. In September of 2004, when the Section Tournament Chair resigned, Kenny stepped up and volunteered to take on this challenging position. At President Baldassari's request, Kenny agreed to stay on as Tournament Chair through the current administration.

Kenny feels he has been successful because he truly loves what he does and has a passion for it. He enjoys all aspects of the golf business including mentoring and managing a great staff, merchandising, running first-class events, and teaching this greatest of games. Kenny appreciates meeting new and interesting people as a perk of the profession. He believes being a PGA Professional is not about what you do, but about who you are.

He was previously recognized by the Middle Atlantic Section as its 2003 Merchandiser of the Year in the Resort Category. Kenny has been an accomplished tournament player for many years. He has won numerous Pro-Am and Pro-Pro tournaments and qualified for, and played in, the 1994 Nike Tour's Dominion Open. Kenny and partner Mark Lambert, PGA, won the 2004 Page and

Tuttle MAPGA Senior-Junior and were runners-up in 2005. Kenny was also the runner-up in the 2005 Callaway MAPGA Head Professional Championship.

While in Irvington, Virginia, Kenny found the time to be the golf coach at Lancaster Middle School and at Christchurch School. He also helped the Lancaster High School golf team, where his son played. Kenny was active in the local YMCA, Little League, PTA, and Lancaster High School Athletic Boosters. He started the highly successful Chesapeake Bank Pro-Am in 1998. Kenny continues to be very involved in the Petersburg community and its surrounding area through numerous school and charitable events along with a number of civic organizations. He coaches youth baseball in the area, is active in the PTA, and frequently provides golf equipment to the Petersburg High School golf program.

Kenny and his wife, Cindy, have been married for nineteen years and have two children, Taylor Thomas, age 17, and Griffin Wilder, age 11.