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William “Buddy” Sass was born April 6, 1962 in Washington, D.C. to William, Jr. and Jayne Sass. He has a brother, Patrick and a sister, Suzanne. His father introduced him to the game of golf at the age of 10, by playing golf with him on Saturdays and by presenting him lessons from PGA Professionals Bill Deck and Bob Haley. He graduated from High Point University in 1984 with a BS in Accounting (where he was also an NAIA Academic All-America) and in 1991 received his MBA from Salisbury State University.

Buddy’s first golf-related job was being a part-time range person at the High Point Country Club in High Point, N.C. After discussing his future with PGA Professional Bill Sporre, whom he admired and respected, Buddy decided to turn professional in 1984. He was elected to membership in The PGA in 1987. Buddy has been an assistant golf professional at High Point County Club, High Point, N.C. (1984-1987); Lochmere Golf Club, Cary, N.C. (1987-1988); The Beach Club Golf Links, Berlin, MD (1988-1990) and as a Head PGA Professional at Ocean Pines Country Club, Berlin, MD (1991-1996); Deer Run Golf Club, Berlin, MD (1997-1998); Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club, Berlin, MD (1999-Present).

When asked what he attributed his success to, Buddy replied, “Whatever success I have had in my life has come through and because of my relationship with Jesus Christ. All the values and beliefs that were taught to me by my parents were based on his teachings and life as told through the Bible and church doctrine. I try my best to live a life that glorifies Him. I have been fortunate to have fantastic parents and a wonderful wife to help me do the right things personally and professionally.” Buddy has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in the Eastern Shore area and has been an outstanding mentor to area professionals.

Buddy and his wife, Debora have been married for sixteen years and have three children, Cecily (14), Will (13) and Chloe (11).