

Glen M. Byrnes, PGA
Golden Horseshoe Golf Club, Williamsburg, Virginia

Glen was born July 11, 1962 in Brooklyn, New York. His extended family includes his father and stepmother, Bob and Donna Byrnes; his mother and stepfather, Jean and Earl Woomer; one sister, Lisa; and a niece, Jeanne. Glen began playing golf at the age of 14 when his Uncle Bruce introduced him to the game.

Glen began his business career as an entrepreneur at the age of 13 selling golf balls recovered from ponds at the local Twin Lakes Country Club in Harleysville, Pennsylvania. He even employed two friends in the endeavor. They waded in to the ponds to retrieve the balls by hand, cleaned them up, packaged them by brand in egg cartons (they sold better by the dozen), and then displayed their merchandise on a picnic table near the refreshment machines. Even then, Glen knew presentation could influence a sale. He and his friends staked out a loop from the 9th to the 12th holes at Twin Lakes where they would hawk their wares. Glen remembers having trash barrels full of golf balls in his parent's garage and spending an inordinate amount of time washing them. They went through a lot of egg cartons.

Glen attended Souderton High School in Souderton, Pennsylvania from 1976-1980 and was the most improved player on the school's golf team. He attended Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia at night after accepting an assistant position at Deer Run Golf Course in Newport News, Virginia in 1980 under Head PGA Professional Mike Felker. Greg Overton later became the Head PGA Professional there. Glen registered in the PGA apprentice program in 1985. In 1986, he accepted an assistant position at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club under Head PGA Professional Del Snyder. Glen was elected to PGA membership in 1988 and has been the PGA Director of Golf for both the Gold Course and the Green Course at Golden Horseshoe since 2000.

Glen believes if you take great care of your customers, they'll take great care of you and your bottom line. He attributes his success to his love of people and the game of golf and is grateful for the many blessings in his life, especially his two children, Benjamin, age 12, and Elizabeth, age 14.