

Dennis Satyshur, PGA
Caves Valley Golf Club, Owings Mills, Maryland

Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, Dennis grew up in a middle-class, blue-collar family, and shared his childhood with brothers Phil, John, Jeff, and Gary, and sisters Janet and Elaine. Dennis got his start in golf at age thirteen as his dad's caddie in Shop Golf League tournaments. Winning the Pennsylvania State High School Championship in 1968 inspired him to continue with the game.

Dennis attended Duke University on a football scholarship and captained the 1971 football team. He also played for Duke's golf team and lettered three years. In 1976, Dennis began working at Pinehurst Country Club in Pinehurst, North Carolina. From there he moved to Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland where he worked for three years under the tutelage of "Coach" Bill Strausbaugh. He then moved on to Camelback Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona and Pine Tree Golf Club in Del Ray, Florida. In 1979, Dennis was elected to PGA membership. In 1982, he accepted the Head PGA Professional position at Bent Pine Country Club in Vero Beach, Florida where he stayed for five years before being selected to be the Head PGA Professional at Baltimore Country Club in Timonium, Maryland. In 1990, Dennis was selected to be the Head PGA Professional at Caves Valley Golf Club.

Dennis was asked by Tom Kite to be the Assistant Captain of the 1997 Ryder Cup Team (Valderrama Golf Club, Cadiz, Spain). He was previously honored as the Middle Atlantic Section's Merchandiser of the Year (Private Category) in 2000, and the Bill Strausbaugh Award winner in 2004.

Dennis has 25 former assistants working as Head PGA Professionals or PGA Directors of Instruction. He has been blessed with quality young professionals as assistants and is extremely proud to have played a part in advancing their careers. Promoting those young professionals to clubs that are in need of a Head PGA Professional is an important part of his career and one he takes very seriously.

Through the Caves Valley's Caddie Scholarship Program, Dennis has become involved with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Baltimore providing clubs, clothing, equipment and instruction to various inner city Boys and Girls Clubs. He is on the Board of Directors of the Mother Seton Academy, which provides intense educational opportunities for under-privileged inner city kids. Through their annual golf outing, Dennis has been able to contribute considerably to the continuance of this school. He also donates a threesome of golf at Caves Valley Golf Club to be auctioned at the yearly MAPGA Pro-Am benefiting the MAPGA Junior Golf Foundation and the MAPGA Scholarship Foundation.

Dennis credits his love of people, love of the game, a strong work ethic, a commitment to a team concept, a core set of values – honesty, integrity, loyalty, and perseverance – and not caring who gets the credit for a job well done for his success. He fully realizes PGA Professionals are in the hospitality business.