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Bob was born August 27, 1961 and grew up in Long Island, New York. His parents, Bob and MaryAnn Dolan, were very supportive of their children offering encouragement at every opportunity. Bob's father taught him to play golf when he was ten years old. As a young man, Bob participated in several team sports, but he was particularly drawn to golf because he realized that his success was dependent solely upon himself. He got his first golf-related job when he was 16 years old working at Fernway Driving Range under the tutelage of PGA Professional Luther Showaker. Bob declared his professional status in 1982, entered the PGA apprentice program in 1983, and was elected to membership in 1987. He worked at Hidden Valley Resort in Somerset, Pennsylvania from 1987 to 1992, and then moved to Lakewood Country Club in Rockville, Maryland. Bob stayed at Lakewood for three years before he succeeded the legendary "Coach" Bill Strausbaugh at Columbia Country Club in 1995.

In 1996, Bob received the Middle Atlantic Section's President's Award; in 1997, he was honored as the MAPGA's PGA Professional of the Year; in 1998, Bob was named the MAPGA's Junior Golf Leader; and in 1999, Bob was chosen to be the MAPGA's Bill Strausbaugh Award winner. His work on The PGA's behalf has not gone unnoticed. While Bob has been a finalist over the years for several awards, the National PGA selected Bob as their 2000 Junior Golf Leader. In 2001, Bob was honored with an official citation from the Maryland House of Delegates for his devotion to and leadership of several inner-city youth golf programs.

Bob participates in all The PGA has to offer and, in doing so, he promotes the benefits of PGA membership. Bob has served as the Central Chapter's Secretary and Vice President and as the Section's Tournament Chair, Secretary, Vice President, and President. Bob is currently serving as the MAPGA's Honorary President. Bob is involved with state and local golf associations, inner-city youth programs, and The PGA of America to assist in the development of programs that create new golfers and encourage more participation from existing players.

Bob recognizes that education is the key to improving employment conditions for our members and has actively promoted PGA education in the Section. He has given numerous seminars in our Section and in other Sections on how to prepare for job interviews and how to develop necessary skills to be fully considered by prospective employers. His judgment and manner prompt many assistants to seek his guidance and advice. Bob's commitment to his profession and his fellow PGA Professionals is reflected in his history of service to his Association.

Bob's commitment to his profession is surpassed only by his commitment to his family. He and his wife, Dawn, have been married for nineteen years and have two children, Bobby and Shannon.

