

Mark Evenson, PGA
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Mark is the teaching professional at the Suburban Club in Baltimore, Maryland. Junior golf is very special to Mark, who came from an extensive junior program himself (Harbour Trees GC in Indiana). He attributes his choice to make the golf profession a career to the influence of the dedicated golf professionals and club member coordinators who contributed their time and talents when he was a junior. Since becoming a member of the PGA in 1996, doing everything he can for junior golf in his community is his way of giving back something to the game that those men and women did for him not so long ago.

Mark's commitment to junior golf programs is evident by his involvement in numerous local clinics and youth programs. As Junior Interclub of Baltimore League Coordinator for the past five years, his effective league promotion has resulted in a growth from 10 to 23 teams. As part of the teaching staff for Paul Berry's "Neediest Kids" and Summer in the City programs, Mark has introduced the game of golf to many less fortunate children and helped them develop skills and confidence. Many of these children would never be exposed to golf were it not for Mark. His enthusiasm has been contagious in growing and involving other PGA professionals and new players. Mark anticipates this year to be a benchmark for girls junior golf, and he is in the process of developing a Junior Interclub of Baltimore exclusively for girls.

Mark's father, Richard introduced him to the game when he was 5 years old. Richard was the club champion 5 times while Mark was growing up, so he was quite a role model. The PGA professionals at Harbour Trees helped him realize his potential as a golfer, as well as two others from his high school golf team. Three out of the five team members (ranked #1 in the state) became golf professionals.

Mark became a golf professional in 1990, playing the Nike Tour and other mini-tours. His first club professional job was at Congressional Country Club in 1992. He became the teaching professional at Rolling Road Golf Club in 1993, where he stayed through 1998. Mark moved over to the Suburban Club in 1999, where he hangs his hat currently.

Mark attributes his success to the loving support of his wife, Madeline. He says "I could not reach the goals I set for myself without her. It takes a special person to be understanding of the hours and commitment of the golf professional. That person is Madeline Evenson."