

**Michael D. Hott, PGA**  
*Salisbury Country Club, Midlothian, Virginia*

Mike was born June 3, 1960 in Petersburg, West Virginia to Harlan and Joan Hott. The Hotts were a large family with boys Michael and Robert and girls Cindy, Nancy, and Lori. Harlan was a teacher and coach at Ferguson High School in Newport News, Virginia. The family was very sports oriented. Mike played basketball in high school until the golf bug bit at age 15 during his junior year.

Harlan taught Mike the basics, but PGA Professionals Red Spiegel and Claude Carson also influenced Mike's early years. Harlan would drop him off at Newport News Park (now Newport News Golf Club) in Newport News, Virginia in the morning and Mike would play and practice all day until his father joined him after work. Then the two of them would play until dark. Harlan always found a way to play golf with Mike or for Mike to join his regular group.

Mike's first golf-related job was ball picking and club regripping at the Peninsula Driving Range in Hampton, Virginia. While attending Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia, Mike was named the school golf team's MVP for three years. One year he was named All Conference and another year he was named the Most Competitive Athlete at the University.

After graduating from Christopher Newport University with a degree in Recreation Administration, Mike worked from 1985 – 1992 at Keowee Key Golf and Country Club in Salem, South Carolina. He was elected to PGA membership in April of 1991. In February of 1992, Mike went to work for Salisbury Country Club in Midlothian, Virginia as their head PGA Professional.

Mike directs a junior golf program that involves over 100 juniors. He teaches and develops student athletes from nine high schools in his area. Mike served on the committee that developed the Richmond Junior Interclub. The series includes 7 clubs, 60-70 kids, and match play tournaments with a stroke play tournament at the end of the year. He also runs a winter junior golf program that involves up to 40 juniors at his club. Mike has had a student play in the last two (2002 and 2003) US Junior Championships. Salisbury Country Club will host the 2004 US Junior Qualifier and the 2004 Richmond AJGA Tournament.

Mike is actively involved in several events benefiting various charities such as Make-a-Wish Foundation; First Tee; American Heart Association; brain cancer research in memory of Tommy Wine, PGA; and epilepsy research.

Mike treats everyone with respect. He teaches the entire game of golf, not just the swing, and feels that his junior programs have helped produce some excellent young members of society. Many of the juniors from Mike's past programs are now joining Salisbury

Country Club as new members. This will benefit the Club as these members get their own children involved in the junior program and will continue to *Grow the Game*.

Mike and his wife, Kimberly, have been married for 16 years. They have three children, daughters Amber and Leah, ages 15 and 13, and son Cody, age 10.