

EARLE HELLEN SPORTS MEDIA AWARD

This award bestows special recognition on an outstanding member of the media who best exemplifies a commitment and service to golf and sport reporting, and who demonstrates the same genuine appreciation for the role of the PGA professional as was demonstrated by the late Earle Hellen (formerly of the Newport News Newspapers).

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Josephine Mooney does not have years of golfing experience, having just started learning and playing during the past year. She does however, have a great appreciation of the game, golf professionals, and the golf industry. As the Editor and Publisher of the award winning publication, *Golf Coast Monthly* since 1999, she considers herself an ambassador of the game. *“I am impressed with the traditions of the game itself, as well as the caliber of the men and women who work in the industry. The apprenticeship nature of the PGA Professional is something very unique in this day and age. I also love the design aspects of golf courses. The beauty of the environment is so appealing.”*

Josephine also has a family heritage of the game of golf. Born in New York City to Thomas and Maureen Mooney, she is one of nine children and enjoyed a strong, loving and close family. Josephine’s mother was born in Scotland, where playing golf is a national tradition and she played as a young woman. Throughout her childhood, Josephine recalls her mother following golf with great interest on television. Two of her three brothers play golf, and perhaps the person who most influenced Josephine’s decision to learn to play, her late Uncle Gene, who was an avid golfer.

Josephine has an undergraduate degree in Fine Arts and her Masters Degree is in Professional Writing. When she started publishing the *Golf Coast Monthly* in June of 1999, she had hoped to make it award winning by its 5th year. One of her greatest rewards was accomplishing this goal within the first two years. Her greatest achievement however, is being a single parent and raising her two wonderful children. Josephine is extremely proud of Katharine Daya, 20, a senior at UVA; and Thomas Randolph, 17, a senior at Ocean Lakes H.S. in Virginia Beach, VA.

Josephine is a true supporter of the Middle Atlantic Section. She has brought greater visibility to the game of golf and introduced the general public to many of our members who have been featured in *Golf Coast Monthly*. For her overwhelming support of the MAPGA and her enthusiasm for the game of golf, the MAPGA is very proud to honor Josephine Mooney with the 2001 Earle Hellen Sports Media Award.