

Kevin Haney, PGA

President's Award

The MAPGA President, Matthew Schulze, personally selects this President's Award winner to recognize an individual who has been working "under the radar," to improve our game, our industry, and our Association. Mr. Schulze identified Kevin Haney, PGA for his endless support of the Section and his fellow PGA professionals. Kevin has hosted many events for the MAPGA, and is a regular support of many Section events, playing and attending.

Kevin Haney was born on August 1, 1970 in Charlottesville, Va. to parents Larry and Connie Haney. He has two brothers, Chris and Keith Haney. Kevin's father played major league baseball and the Haney family traveled a lot during the summer months with their home base in Barboursville, Va. Kevin started playing golf with his brothers and father at a young age. It wasn't until his college days at University of North Carolina- Asheville where he attended on a baseball scholarship that he started playing golf more frequently with other members of the baseball team.

Kevin's first golf related job was in 1993 at the Country Club of Asheville in Asheville, N.C. He worked at several facilities in the Southern Chapter during his apprenticeship, including The Rivanna Golf Club in Palmyra, Va.; The Royal Virginian Golf Course in Louisa, Va.; Old Trail Golf Club in Crozet, Va. and Wintergreen Resort in Nellysford, Va.; where he found a mentor in PGA Professional Mike Mayer. Kevin earned his PGA Membership in 2006 while working as an assistant at Spring Creek Golf Course in Zion Crossroads, Va. Shortly after his election to membership, Kevin was promoted to Head Professional at Spring Creek, and will be celebrating his 10 year anniversary this year. Kevin has been incredibly instrumental in the success of Spring Creek. In 2008, the facility was named America's Best New Public Golf Course and in 2009 voted America's Best Residential Golf Club.

Kevin is a certified Mizuno club fitter and a Nike Elite staff member. His influences on the golf swing began with his father Larry, and continued with the numerous PGA professionals he has worked for and with over the last 21 years. His teaching philosophy is centered on basic principles beginning with good fundamentals and setup.

Kevin has been married to his wife Kelley, the Spirit Coordinator at the University of Virginia, since December 2007. They reside in Charlottesville, Va. and have a loving dog named Jack.