

Tim Koelble
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Tim Koelble has been awarded the 2015 Earle Hellen Sports Media Award for his contributions to the Section with regard to the promotion of the MAPGA and PGA Professionals, the quality content of media coverage, and recognition as an outstanding journalist by his peers.

Born on June 12, 1951 to Charles and Margaret Koelble in the Professional Football Hall of Fame City of Canton, Ohio, Tim is the oldest of five children (brother Kevin and three sisters Christine, Kathy and Patty). His parents moved to Dover, Ohio where he spent his youth. Tim did not grow up around golf, as he spent the majority of his youth bowling, where he was quite an accomplished junior bowler. In high school, he played football and basketball and was a member of the Ohio Class A State Championship football team at Dover St. Joseph in 1965. After Tim graduated from high school in 1969 and began his career, it was not until he was 21 when his passion for golf began. He joined a competitive league at Possum Run in Mansfield, Ohio where he was employed during this time, remembering it as quite hilly for a walking course. While working in Columbus, Ohio, he still recalls his best-ever round of 5-under-par 67, but it was not at Muirfield Village.

Since the age of 15, Tim has been involved in the sports media realm. He was given his first opportunity during his Christmas break in 1966 to cover a small college basketball doubleheader for the local newspaper, the *Daily Reporter*, where his father was the City Editor. Four years later, he became the sports editor for the Cleveland (Ohio) weekly, *Sun Newspapers* serving the east and southeast locales. After a couple of moves and later working for more than 20 years in the Cleveland area, Tim moved to the *Herald-Mail* in November of 2002. Through his excellent coverage of many local PGA events, including most recently the 2014 MAPGA Players Cup, Tim has been able to garner local media coverage and help promote the Section and its Professionals. Tim has also been a supporter of junior golf and local amateur golf through his reporting.

Tim has been married to his wife, Susan for three years. He has one daughter, Tina, and is a proud grandfather to her two children. Outside of golf, Tim bleeds the Blue and Gold of Notre Dame, is partial to Ohio State, his beloved Cleveland Indians, and last but not least (ugh) Cleveland Browns. His personal philosophy is to try to do his best every day and have faith in the Lord; especially as he is still waiting for that elusive first hole in one.