

JOHN McCLOSKEY

John McCloskey is currently the Head Professional at Sparrows Point Country Club in Baltimore, Maryland where he has been since 1991. John began playing golf at the age of 11 and it has been a major part of his life ever since. He has been a life-long resident of Maryland and graduated from DeMatha High School in 1978. Mr. McCloskey started his professional career at the University of Maryland Golf Club in 1981 under PGA member Ron Scales. He recognizes Mr. Scales along with Rick Hughes as his major teaching influences. John to this day continues to seek the coaching advice of Mr. Scales.

While at the University of Maryland, John was very active in the junior golf program. He was the counselor/teacher for their junior golf camp during his entire time at the club. After five years at the University of Maryland Golf Club, John accepted an Assistant Professional position at the Chevy Chase Club.

Mr. McCloskey became a member of the PGA in 1987 and has continually been an active member of the PGA. He has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1994 and currently is the Vice President of the Northern Chapter. John is the Junior Golf Chairman for the Section and also serves on the National Golf Month Committee.

John's junior golf philosophy is to make the game fun for juniors while at the same time provide them with some experiences in competition. When first introducing a junior to golf, he will give very little instruction. He is a believer in teaching motion and aggressive play. John says he has never charged a junior for a lesson and very seldom do they last longer than 20 minutes.

Along with his busy work schedule, John finds time to participate in the tournament program. He has qualified and played in two Anheuser Busch Golf Classics and has been a member of the Northern Chapter Challenge Cup team for two years.

When John has time to relax, he enjoys spending time with his wife of seven years, Diane and their daughter Erin. The McCloskeys are expecting their second child in January. Among his other interests are the Baltimore Orioles and listening to music.