

John F. Madden II, PGA
River Bend Golf and Country Club, Great Falls, Virginia

John was born January 2, 1965 in Washington, DC to John and Mary Ellen Madden. He began playing golf at the age of eleven in the junior program at Kenwood Golf and Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland under Head PGA Professional Rod Thompson. Pete Van Pelt, Assistant PGA Professional at Kenwood, ran their junior golf program and would travel with John to junior and pro-am tournaments. John's dad would pick him up after work and the two of them would play nine holes together. During the summers, John played every day. When he was 14, John attended a golf instruction seminar where the guest of honor was PGA Professional Bill Strausbaugh. He was inspired and hooked on golf from then on. John won the Kenwood Junior Club Championship in 1982, Detwiler Four-Ball Championship with Joe Greenwalt in 1983, and Beaver Creek Invitational Championship in 1986. He was a member of the Ohio University golf team in Athens, Ohio from 1984 to 1985, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology in 1989.

John worked as the bag room attendant at Kenwood Golf and Country Club in the spring and summer of 1989. Before that he worked part-time at Woodward & Lothrop department store in the Men's Ralph Lauren (Polo) department and in high school John worked at a local drug store. He learned many of his merchandising techniques from these early jobs.

John declared his professional status in 1989. He began working at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Virginia in 1990 under Head PGA Professional Glenn Brown and was elected to PGA membership in 1993. John has been the Head PGA Professional at River Bend Golf and Country Club in Great Falls, Virginia since 1998.

In 1996, while at Westwood Country Club, John was selected as the Middle Atlantic Section's Assistant PGA Professional of the Year. He attributes his success to his love of the game; he enjoys his job and is happy doing what he does. John also enjoys sharing his love of the game with others on a competitive level, as well as teaching the game. He especially likes teaching juniors and watching their golf skills develop into a lifelong activity.

John and his wife, Julie, have been married for 14 years and have three children, Sean, age 11, Connor, age 9, and Kara, age 3.