

John Malinowski III, PGA
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John Malinowski was born in Philadelphia, PA to John and Barbara Malinowski. He has an older sister, Laura, and a twin sister, Terri. John started playing golf his junior year at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, NC. He played so poorly, however, that his teammates used to make fun of him. He happened to shoot his best round at tryouts, which although not great, was enough to land him a spot on the team. When school started his senior year, John shocked his fellow teammates by outplaying them, going from shooting near 90 to low to mid 70's. After graduating from Lenoir-Rhyne with a BA degree in Economics and a BA degree in Political Science, John worked as an assistant at Medal of Honor Golf Course at the Quantico Marine Base in Virginia, where he had worked as cart assistant in the summer and on breaks while in college. Several months later he moved to Hickory, NC to be with his girlfriend, Julie, who is now his wife, and took a position as assistant at Henry River Golf Course. After working as an assistant there and later as the head professional, John decided a career in golf was what he wanted. He began working at Catawba Country Club in Newton, NC, enrolled in the Golf Professional Training Program, and completed the entire program in 15 months. John was elected to PGA membership in February of 1998. He took a position as Head Professional at Montclair Golf & Swim Club, Dumfries, VA, in March 2000. He is currently the Director of Instruction at Capital City Golf School that operates five locations throughout the Washington DC and northern Virginia area.

John was nominated in 2002 for the MAPGA Junior Golf Leader, the Horton Smith Award, and the Bill Strausbaugh/Club Relations Award. He has coordinated and participated in many different types of junior programs ranging from hour long to week long clinics. He organized, conducted and helped teach the Paul Berry Junior Golf Program at East Potomac Golf Course. John volunteered at Kemper Insurance Open Junior Clinics, ran events for the Junior Interclub matches, and participated in Pro-Junior events. He donates much of his time locally with the Washington DC First Tee Chapter, Hook-a-Kid on Golf, and Open Fairways Junior Golf Program. John is involved with several local communities through their school systems and Azalea Charities and is held in high regard in the community because of his involvement in so many causes. John is a knowledgeable and caring PGA professional who devotes a lot of time to helping juniors of all ages and income levels learn to play golf.

John has served on the Education Committee for almost three years, developing a schedule of seminars and workshops designed to provide the opportunity for his fellow PGA members to better themselves. He developed and organized a multi-seminar education session. John is currently the Membership Committee Chair, having served on the committee for nearly three years. This critical position requires him to be involved in member classification issues and investigations, apprentice orientation procedures, P.A.T. activities, and Code of Ethics violations. In 2001, he did extensive work on modifying the procedures and policies utilized for apprentice orientations. John currently serves on the MAPGA Board of Directors as the Central Chapter Secretary.

Last year John volunteered many hours of his time in helping the Section staff research meeting minutes from the past eight years, to organize and document policy, procedures, and

Board of Director decisions. He also writes instructional articles for *Maximum Golf* magazine and *Pro's N Hackers* magazine.

John and his wife, Julie, live in Fredericksburg, VA with their baby daughter, Emily. For his dedication to the golf profession and selfless service to his fellow members, the MAPGA is very proud to present this year's President's Award to John Malinowski III.