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John was born September 11, 1971 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to John and Barbara Malinowski. His father was in the United States Marine Corps for 28 years and the family lived all over the United States. John's dad introduced him to the game of golf when he was nine years old at the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, North Carolina. He played sporadically over the years while concentrating on baseball. When his baseball career didn't work out as planned he decided to concentrate on his golf game and landed a spot on the golf team at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina. John graduated with Bachelor's degrees in Economics and Political Science in 1993.

John first worked as a cart attendant at Medal of Honor Golf Course at the Marine Corps Base at Quantico, Virginia then as an assistant there during college breaks. He moved to an assistant position at Catawba Country Club in Newton, North Carolina in 1996 and declared his professional status. Fifteen months later, John was elected to PGA membership. In 1999, he was selected to be the Head PGA Professional at Montclair Golf Club in Montclair, Virginia. After 2 years, John moved to the PGA Director of Instruction position at Capital City Golf School in Washington, DC and in 2003, he became the Head PGA Professional at River Run Golf Club in Ocean City, Maryland. In the spring of 2010, John left Ocean City and accepted the Head PGA Professional position at Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville, Maryland.

John had served on the Section Education and Membership Committees from 1999-2011. He became the Chair of the Education Committee in 2006 and has been involved in the planning and implementation of the Section's educational seminars and programs by recruiting speakers and pursuing ideas, from other PGA Professionals, for valuable educational programs. While Chair of the Membership Committee, he was responsible for the redevelopment of the apprentice orientation. The purpose of this orientation is to introduce new apprentices to the Section staff and to give them a history of the MAPGA, the role of the Chapters and officers, and their responsibilities as apprentices. The goal of the orientation program is to get apprentices on the right track early in their careers and involved with The PGA toward making a difference in their participation. Most recently, John was elected as Section President and is looking forward to serving the Section in this capacity for the next two years.

John believes in the importance of continuing education for PGA Professionals to help them meet the changing demands of the golf industry he has served on the National PGA Education Committee for five years. John has completed Certification in all six areas of the Certified Professional Program. By continuing his education, he has raised the value of the PGA Professional in all employers' eyes and the image of The PGA of America for providing an advanced industry specific education to its members. Other Section awards that John has won include the 2009 Bill Strausbaugh Award, 2006 Horton Smith Award and the 2002 President's Award.

John and his wife, Julie, have been married fifteen years and have two children, Emily (10) and Johnny (4), that love to play golf.