

***Michael Pastirik, PGA***  
*Peebles Golf Cars (Club Car)*  
*Williamsburg, Virginia*

To be recognized as salesperson of the year, one has to be recognized by his/her customers for delivering superior service. Not only has Michael Pastirik been extending great service to his fellow PGA professionals (twice winning awards from within Club Car), he has also been instrumental in the relationship between Club Car and the MAPGA. This relationship has given MAPGA professionals great playing opportunities with their employer (Pro-President) and in a competitive mode (Head Pro Championship) and supported MAPGA professionals by subsidizing the printing costs of the MAPGA Directory. Michael, in particular, has been behind the years of support for assistant professionals with sponsorships of the Assistant Championship and the Pro-Assistant Championship. Michael and Peebles have definitely backed their words with actions in support of the PGA Professional.

Michael Pastirik was born in Streator, Illinois on July 10, 1968 to Bryant and Irene Pastirik. He grew up with four older sisters – Joanie, Linda, Monica and Laura (deceased) - on a farm with a baseball field in the front pasture, like a scene out of “Field of Dreams.”

At the age of 12, Michael’s family moved to Williamsburg, Va. where he learned the game of golf on the Spotswood Course at the Golden Horseshoe playing with Kyle Savage (step-son of the late Del Snyder) and Jeff Harmon, son of former Golden Horseshoe Superintendent Dave Harmon.

In 1991, Michael earned his Bachelor’s degree from Virginia Tech with a major in Statistics and a minor in Economics. After college, he continued playing baseball in the Industrial and Chesapeake Independent Leagues, which included an invitation to play on Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, NY. His degree from Virginia Tech led him to positions in the corporate world as a Technical Project Manager in the Healthcare industry and as a Quality Manager working for Owens Illinois. While working for Owens Illinois, Michael and his wife Kelly lived in Harrisonburg, Va. where he played golf regularly at Massanutten Resort.

It was at this point in his life when Michael decided to leave the corporate world after almost a decade and start a career in golf. He entered as a PGA Apprentice in 2001 and worked at Brandermill Country Club. In March of 2002, he joined the staff at The Country Club of Virginia and became a standout employee; earning the Quarterly Service Award in 2003 and the Platinum Service Example twice in 2004. He was also an MAPGA AHEAD Scholarship recipient in 2004 for his PGM Level 3 performance.

Michael became a PGA Member in the fall of 2004 and transitioned from working in a green grass facility to working for his current employer, Peebles Golf Cars, as a Territory Manager. Throughout his nearly ten years with Peebles, Michael has been recognized twice for his service with the Club Car Superior Sales Award (2006, 2009). He has also made a strong effort to stay connected with the industry by working part-time for Titleist as a Technical Representative (2005-2006) and for Williamsburg Country Club on the golf staff (2007-2009).

Michael attributes his success to the work ethic set by his parents and their teaching by example on how to treat everyone in a fair and respectful manner. With his former role as a Quality Manager, he had to work with his customers fairly during difficult times and through difficult issues. Those values carry with him today as he works to provide his customers with the best product and the best service in the industry.

The Pastiriks reside in Williamsburg where they are closer to family and are very involved with their community. Michael is a Board Member of the Williamsburg Youth Baseball League and is a past Board Member of the Williamsburg Youth Football and Cheerleading League. Their son, Ryan is 13 and enjoys playing baseball and football.