

Kieron D. Mooney, PGA
Redgate Golf Course, Rockville, Maryland

Kieron was born June 14, 1959 in Washington, D.C. to Peter and Susan Mooney. He has one brother, Brian. When Kieron was nine years old, the family moved to Dublin, Ireland, where he grew into a serious rugby player. He began playing golf at age twelve with his father at Deer Park Golf Course in Dublin, but only after the many injuries he suffered playing rugby began to take their toll did he turn his focus to golf. In 1977, Kieron was his high school's Sports Man of the Year for captaining the senior rugby team and playing on the senior soccer team, the Gaelic team (Irish football), the track team, and the golf team. Kieron's father was a scratch handicap player and set course records 35 years ago (for low scores 62 and 63) that still stand. While Kieron has not gotten to that playing level, he is still trying. Seve Balesteros also inspired Kieron with his magical ability for getting out of trouble, to which Kieron can definitely relate.

Kieron received a two-year degree from the College of Marketing and Design in Dublin Ireland in 1979. He is a certified food and beverage manager, a certified general manager in the hospitality industry, and completed the L.E.A.D. manager training program and all required education requirements.

After returning to the United States in 1979, Kieron played college golf at the junior college level for Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland. In 1982, they went to the nationals and finished third. His first golf-related job was as a part-time range attendant at Plantation Country Club in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1984 for the free golf balls and practice rounds. In 1992, Kieron began working at Redgate Golf Course as second assistant. He was elected to PGA membership in 1998 and accepted the Head PGA Professional position at Redgate in 2002 then added the General Manager duties in 2003.

Kieron was a finalist in the 2004 and 2005 World Long Drive Championships, hitting a golf ball 403 yards, and he won the USA East Coast Long Drive Competition in 2004. In 1987, Kieron received a Community Service Award from the city of Washington, D.C. for stopping and apprehending a man in the commission of a rape.

Kieron tries to be the world's best uncle to his brother's daughters, Aislinn and Kiera. He believes that being genuine, keeping things honest and simple, loving one's work, and giving one's best effort are the keys to success because people will notice. One must also be willing to change and adapt to any new technology and realize that what was learned five years ago may no longer be relevant in the business world. By keeping up with all the latest changes in the golf business, PGA Professionals will always command respect.