

Phil W. Owenby
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Phil was born on May 11, 1954 in Charlottesville, Virginia. His father, Herbert P. Owenby, Sr., and uncle, Ralph Lang, introduced him to golf at an early age. Phil played his first round of golf along with his brother, Herb Owenby, in 1960 at McIntire Park Golf Course in Charlottesville under the watchful eyes of his father and uncle. Ralph was a PGA golf professional serving Carolina Country Club in Raleigh, North Carolina. He purchased property in north Raleigh and built Wildwood Country Club, opening in 1962. Soon thereafter, Phil's family moved to Raleigh, North Carolina where his parents joined his uncle in managing and operating the club. Phil spent his childhood and school years at the club experiencing every aspect of the private club business along with learning and playing the game daily. He considers himself extremely fortunate to have been around the golf club environment learning from many of the best mentors in the business. His father and uncle were role models for the golf business, etiquette and relationship building.

Phil graduated with a Bachelors degree in Recreation and Park Administration from North Carolina State University in 1976 while a member of the university golf team for four years. He worked with his father and uncle at Wildwood Country Club through his college years and accepted his first position as an Assistant Golf Professional for John Snyder, PGA at Farmington Country Club after graduation in May 1976. After a three year apprenticeship and achieving membership in the PGA of America he became the Head Golf Professional at Hunting Hills Country Club in Roanoke, Virginia in 1979. He was named Head Golf Professional at Boonsboro Country Club in Lynchburg, Virginia and served the membership from 1981 through 1985. After four years in the retail golf business Phil accepted the Head Golf Professional position at Roanoke Country Club in Roanoke, Virginia in 1990. After 10 years with the club he went to Richmond and became the Director of Golf with Kinloch Golf Club in 2000 where he continues to serve and manage the operations of the club.

Phil has served on the Virginia Handicap Committee for several years now and has volunteered his time as a mentor and MAPGA Career Coach to many PGA Professionals. His reputation for great customer service and being a consummate PGA Professional has made Phil one of The MAPGA's most respected members.

The PGA Golf Professional has many responsibilities and duties. Phil believes in developing and encouraging relationships through assisting others learn and enjoy the game. Gaining trust and friendship through his dedication to hospitality, instruction and management continues to be his primary qualities for success. Phil strives to be a resource through encouragement, motivation and inspiration for his membership and staff.

Phil and his wife, Susan, have been married for 33 years and have three children, Jason (27), Ryan (25), and Meredith (21).