

Tim Sanders, PGA
Forest Park Golf Course, Baltimore, Maryland

Tim Sanders is Head Golf Professional at Forest Park Golf Course in Baltimore, Maryland. Tim's contributions to the junior golf programs of the Forest Park Golf Course, the Baltimore Municipal Golf Corporation, and the Middle Atlantic Section are numerous and varied. Several different youth programs are conducted in conjunction with schools, churches, and boys/girls clubs. In addition, Tim conducts a highly successful program called "Golf Tuesday Afternoon – Outing for the Ladies" that introduces women, as well as youth, to the game of golf. His pioneering work with Bob Baldassari, MAPGA Secretary, in establishing goals, objectives, and guidelines for the Section's many junior golf programs is particularly noteworthy. Today, countless MAPGA members and apprentices call on Tim for advice and direction regarding all aspects of junior golf.

Tim and his sister, Carolyn, grew up in a loving and close-knit family. His mother, Carrie, and father, Aaron, taught their children to be honest, to share, and to always look out for their neighbors. Tim attended Eastern High School in Sumter, South Carolina and served in the U.S. Army, where he received Specialized Communication Technology training. Tim is a single parent with one adult daughter, LaTanya. Two friends introduced Tim to the game of golf at the ripe old age of 31. He was motivated to learn the difficult and complex game of golf by the challenge of his friends. Golf became a second career for Tim, beginning at the Forest Park Golf Course as a Starter, Marshal, and doing anything that needed attention. While still an amateur, Tim placed second in the Maryland State Open and won the Forest Park Club Championship. Tim became a PGA professional in 1987 while serving as an Assistant Golf Professional at Forest Park, and accepted the position of Head Golf Professional in 1995. All of his training and experience have emanated from Forest Park where, as Tim puts it, "*The tremendous community support has made my job delightful.*"

Tim uses all forms of the media to promote his programs. He effectively includes television, radio and the print media to get the "word out" and encourage the area's youth to simply come out and participate. He also utilizes computers to increase the "draw" to the younger set. Tim constantly and continually is promoting programs for the junior golfers. In many cases he has volunteered countless hours providing outreach programs to groups and individuals promoting golf activities at his facility. Once the beginning phase is completed, he introduces them to the actual golf course. Tim uses short-term objectives to accomplish his long-term goals of assuring maximum success of junior golf at Forest Park Golf Course and all the Baltimore Golf Corporation golf courses. Tim's volunteers and participants come from various segments of the population, including clergy, teachers, businessmen and women, politicians, community leaders, and, of course, his loyal staff.

Tim has received a variety of awards and citations from numerous local entities, including:

- In 1992, Tim received a citation from Maryland Governor William Donald Schaeffer for his achievements and work with inner-city juniors.
- The Howard Cornish Humanitarian Award, November 1992. Awarded by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for outstanding public service to the community.

- The “Rising Sun Golfers” have recognized Tim with an award every year since 1995. Awarded by the Baptist Church in appreciation for work with members of the congregation and within the community.
- The Baltimore City Council “Caring” Award was presented to Tim in November 1997 in appreciation for his work with inner-city children.
- The Baltimore City Medical Society Award was presented to Tim in March 2002. Presented by area physicians for outstanding service and contributions through charitable fundraisers.

Tim’s personal golf philosophy is that *“Golf is like a complex machine, all parts must work together. It is a craft which you must spend time perfecting. Lastly, you must love golf and be willing to pass on your passion.”* Tim passes on his passion every day and especially through his extensive work with junior golfers. The MAPGA is proud to honor Tim Sanders as the 2002 Junior Golf Leader.