Delbert Snyder, PGA

Golden Horseshoe (Gold) Golf Club, Williamsburg, Virginia

Del Snyder is one of the most respected PGA teaching professionals in the region. He learned his craft from the legendary Sam Snead at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. A native of Hot Springs, he began playing golf while caddying at the Homestead at the age of 8. After returning from a job in Iceland in 1958, Sam's wife encouraged him to work for Sam at the Greenbrier. Del spent more than two decades working as Snead's assistant, learning and honing his playing and teaching skills, before accepting the head golf professional position at the Golden Horseshoe in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1976. Del has contributed heavily to the world-class image surrounding Colonial Williamsburg's golf resort. His list of students includes Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Ambassadors, CEO's, PGA Tour players, fellow golf professionals and everyday players.

Himself an accomplished player, Del ranks amongst the best players to ever be a member of the MAPGA. He has won numerous events, including the Section Championship in 1984 (at the age of 50, the oldest member in the section to capture the championship title). Del brings his same level of skill as a player to the lesson tee as a teacher. His method of teaching is a simplistic approach based on sound fundamentals, using common everyday English to be sure nothing is misunderstood. Del's energy, enthusiasm and level of commitment to teaching the game cannot be surpassed. He has truly "made a difference" to the game of golf, and there are literally countless golfers around the world who are either playing the game or are better at the game thanks to Del.

Del has two grown daughters, Barbara Jean and Debbie, each of whom have two wonderful children of their own.