

Thomas J. Barry, PGA
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Tom was born on October 24, 1952 in Chicago Heights, Illinois to Joe and Maryalice Barry. He is the fifth of eight children (five girls and three boys).

Tom began playing golf at the age of nine. His father Joe introduced him to the game at Cherry Hills Golf Course which is a 9-hole facility. He credits David Ogilvie III, Head PGA Professional at Flossmoor Country Club in Flossmoor, Illinois with influencing his decision to make the golf business a career, by stressing the importance of being a professional and a gentleman at all times.

His first golf-related job was as a caddy at age 13. Tom became a golf professional in June 1973 and was elected to PGA membership in September 1979. He was employed as an Assistant Golf Professional at Flossmoor Country Club from 1973 – 1980, the Head PGA Professional at Oregon Golf Club in Oregon, Illinois from 1981 – 1982 and has been the Head PGA Professional at Jefferson Lakeside Club since 1983. Tom has attended a number of PGA/USGA Rules of Golf workshops. Additionally, since 1990 he has assisted in presenting a Rules of Golf program in Virginia that MAPGA Honorary member Clyde Luther developed.

Tom has been recognized for his outstanding service and dedication to the Middle Atlantic Section and to The PGA with numerous awards over the years including: the Horton Smith Award in 1989 and 2000, the President's Award in 1990, the Bill Strausbaugh Award in 1992, and the MAPGA Professional of the Year Award in 1994.

Tom has served as the Director-at-Large of the Virginia Chapter from 1987 – 1988, Secretary of the Southern Chapter from 1990 – 1992, President of the Southern Chapter from 1993 – 1995, and Honorary President of the Southern Chapter in 1996. He also has served and continues to serve on both the Membership Committee and Club Relations & Employment Committee for over 15 years.

Tom says he has been most fortunate to work for outstanding professionals who provided him excellent advice. He feels that golf is a great game that can be played at any age and it is truly a thrill for him to be able to lend his assistance to enhance the experience for his members and to become involved in MAPGA activities.

Tom has been married to his wife Michelle Hoffmann for 18 years. He says that there is no way he would have achieved any success in the golf business without her support and encouragement.