

EARLE HELLEN SPORTS MEDIA AWARD

This award honors an outstanding member of the media who best exemplifies the commitment and service to golf reporting, and who demonstrates the same genuine appreciation for the role of the PGA Professional as was demonstrated by Earle Helen.

ARTHUR UTLEY - The Richmond Times-Dispatch

Art was born on July 22, 1951 in High Point, N.C., to Arthur Jr. and Betsy Utley. He has one brother, Bill and a sister, Dru. His father introduced him to the game of golf at the age of 11, but Art was nurtured by his grandfather, a left-hander who frequently won clergy golf tournaments.

Art has a BA degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina. While serving as an intern for the High Point Enterprise Newspaper, he played in and covered the North Carolina Amateur at the same time. In 1977, Art won the High Point City Amateur and a team competition at Camp Lejeune (with a Marine partner) while at UNC. He won Junior Club Championships at Willow Creek Country Club and Emery Wood Country Club in High Point, N.C. Art continues today to be a very accomplished golfer.

Art has been in the newspaper business for 30 years as an editor and reporter. The first five years were spent at the *High Point Enterprise* and the *Greensboro Record*. The next 25 years have been in Richmond, Virginia with the *Richmond News Leader* and then with the *Times-Dispatch* when the two papers merged in 1992. Along with covering golf, he also covers all high school sports. Art has done an exceptional job through the years of covering and promoting golf in Virginia, the PGA professionals and amateurs that play the game, and the hundreds of golf facilities where they play.

Sadly, Art's wife of 21 years, Nancy, died on January 28, 2003. Their seventeen-year-old son, Jordan, is also an accomplished golfer.