PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award bestows special recognition on an individual whose tireless effort, unwavering dedication, and exceptional contributions to the game of golf result in significant benefit to the Middle Atlantic Section, its members and apprentices, and to the entire golf community. The Section President personally selects the outstanding recipient of this award.

Greg Jones, PGA Baltimore Country Club Timonium, Maryland

The MAPGA President, Josh Tremblay, personally selects this President's Award winner to recognize an individual who has been working "under the radar," to improve our game, our industry, and our Association. Mr. Tremblay has identified Greg Jones, PGA for his endless support of the Section, his fellow PGA professionals and the advancement of the game of golf.

Greg was born to James and Margaret Jones in Baltimore, Maryland on January 12, 1962. His family, which also includes brother Edward and sisters Cathy and Laurie, were raised in the community of Ednor Gardens, which is located by the Old Stadium.

Greg was introduced to golf by his father, James Jones Jr., who shared his love of golf at the age of 13 by taking him to play at both the Mount Pleasant Golf Course and the Clifton Park Courses. His first job in the industry was working as a range boy at The Elkridge Club. He graduated from Towson Catholic High School in 1980 and attended Loyola College for two years prior to deciding to pursue a career in golf. This decision led him to attend Golf School in Florida.

He moved to Hunt Valley Golf Club where he worked for 25 years, starting on the range and in the bag room; and where he met and learned so much about golf from his mentor John Haines, PGA. Greg was elected to PGA Membership in 1989, the same year he became Head PGA Professional at Hunt Valley. He accepted his current position as Director of Golf at Baltimore Country Club (BCC) in 2003.

Through Greg's leadership and collaboration, the Baltimore Country Club's Caddie Program developed the first Evans Scholar from the state of Maryland. Greg was instrumental in growing the caddie program and coordinating efforts from the BCC membership and the Western Golf Association. Additionally, Greg is heavily involved in the First Tee of Baltimore where his involvement has produced an opportunity for many in their Baltimore Caddie Academy youth program to caddie, learn from Greg's mentorship and make a second home at BCC. As many as 20 First Tee children are caddying each summer at BCC.

Greg and his wife Kathy just celebrated 25 years of marriage and share two children Ryan Gregory (24) and Taylor Anne (23). He shares that without the overwhelming support of his family he would have not been able to pursue his career as a PGA Golf Professional for over forty years.