

PGA PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

This high honor bestows special recognition on a PGA Professional for overall performance as a PGA Professional, leadership, service, and promotion of the game of golf.

Mike Healy, PGA
Country Club of Maryland
Baltimore, Maryland

For his endless service and promotion to the game of golf and support of the Section and his fellow PGA professionals, Mike Healy has been awarded MAPGA's 2021 PGA Professional of the Year. Mike has hosted many events for the MAPGA and is a regular supporter of many Section events.

Mike Healy grew up in Towson, Maryland, where he was born on December 6, 1965. He attended Archbishop Curley High School and was a member of the football and baseball teams. He represented Curley in the Maryland Scholastics Association finals in 1982-83. During Mike's sophomore year he became seriously interested in golf, and by his senior year in high school he had organized and served as captain of the high school golf team and was voted Most Valuable Player. Mike attended the University of South Carolina and afterward, turned professional in 1986 while working as an assistant for Frank Laber at Longview Golf Club. While at the University of South Carolina, Mike needed to take off a semester to have brain surgery. Mike spent the rest of the semester and that summer, working full-time at Longview. During that time, he realized that life is short, and thus he wanted to pursue a career in the Golf business.

He was elected to PGA membership on December 1, 1989, and was hired by Geneva Farm Golf Club in February of 1990 as their first PGA Head Professional just after his 24th birthday. Ten years after, was offered the Head PGA Professional position at Country Club of Maryland in 1999 and is now starting his 23rd year. Mike has only worked 3 jobs since 1983, he's proud of his loyalty and longevity in the golf business.

In Mike's time in the business, he has been involved in 2 radio shows and will go to any length to promote the game of golf and the CC of Maryland. Mike enjoys the relationships with his members and the daily interactions.

Mike's dedication to his Section and Chapter is evident in the governance positions he held within the Northern Chapter, proceeding throughout he positions of Secretary, Vice President and President, as well as serving as the Chair of the Section Education Committee and as Chair of the Northern Chapter Assistant's Association when it was still active. Mike feels that the PGA Professional can "never rest on his/her laurels" but must continuously educate themselves to meet the needs of the changes that are taking place in the golf industry". Mike consistently makes time for his fellow PGA professionals, including hosting an annual "Town Hall" gathering for fellow Baltimore area private club pros. His willingness to share and learn from each other is contagious and makes everyone in the group better.

Mike currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Bryan P. Healy Foundation, created in the memory of his brother who passed away in 2014. The foundation helps students in need to pursue a catholic education.

This is Mike's third MAPGA Award; he won the 2006 Professional Development Award and the 2019 President's award. Mike and his wife Amy live in Hunt Valley, Mike has 3 stepchildren, Madison (18), Wyatt (15), and Erin (13).