

DAVID WORTMAN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This award bestows special recognition on an outstanding amateur, recognized by the MAPGA and the business community as a leader in his/her field, whose contributions to golf in the mid-Atlantic region include the promotion of the game, the Middle Atlantic Section and its PGA Professionals, and overall support of MAPGA programs and golf throughout the region. This award is named in honor of the late David Wortman, Esq., Section Legal Counsel from 1971-1988 and honorary member of the MAPGA.

Giff Breed
Independence Golf Club
Midlothian, Virginia

Giff Breed was born on December 26, 1958, in El Paso, Tx, to Billy and Rebecca Breed. He was one of four children, with Alan, Michael, and Becky being the other siblings. Giff was introduced to golf at fifteen by his father and began occasionally playing at the Round Hill Club in Greenwich, Connecticut. His father encouraged Breed, his brothers, and his sister to play as it was one more sport, he and his siblings could compete in.

Breed received his Bachelor of Arts in 1981 at the University of Richmond, where he was a four-year letterman on the Baseball team and served as the Captain his senior year. He earned his MBA at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business in 1987. At this time, he began to play golf regularly and has enjoyed playing in various club events.

His first position in the golf industry was in 1996 when he joined Pros Incorporated, a player management company started by Vinny Giles and Vernon Spratley and later sold to Octagon. He purchased Pros, Incorporated back from Octagon in 2011 and has served as the President since.

He and his brother, Alan, purchased Independence Golf Club in October of 2013 and have transformed the entire facility since then. Independence has done a remarkable job at hosting the State Open of Virginia and the Senior Open of Virginia, and in June, the inaugural Women's State Open of Virginia. The whole Independence Golf Club team is very proud of their achievements and their desire to grow the game.

Giff has been married to his wife Laurie for 39 years, and together, they have two children, Meghan and Rebecca, who are critical care and emergency department doctors.