

Troy Harder, PGA



College/University: Wayne State College, NE

Year Turned Pro: 1996 Head non-member,
elected membership 03-15-2004

Facility and Job Title: PGA Head Golf Professional Wayne Country Club

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?

I enjoy being around people and trying to help them enjoy the game of golf. This profession has many different areas that we as golf professionals can enjoy. I like interacting with the golfers, running outings, giving lessons, working with junior golfers, running a successful pro shop, and coaching the men and women's golf teams at Wayne State College.

What is your specialty in the golf business?

My specialty is running successful tournaments and outings. I also run a successful golf shop.

Please list any accomplishments (Awards, Certifications, and Tournaments.)

I was elected to membership into the PGA in March of 2004. I am also a member of the PGA President's Council.

What was your greatest moment in golf?

My greatest moment in golf was teaching my two daughters how to play golf and watching them be successful enough at the game to play on two college teams.

What or who has had the greatest impact on your career?

My wife has been by my side the whole time. Without her helping me through college and through the golf professional GTP program I would not be where I am today. I owe her everything.

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?

I enjoy being with my family and friends. I also enjoy watching and playing any sporting activity. I enjoy the Huskers and the Minnesota Vikings, even if they are losing. We just had a new grandson, Chase, so I am definitely enjoying him!

If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome?

Augusta is the best. I would want to play with my wife, Shelly, and my two daughters, Kari and Amy. My two son-in-laws would be very upset, though.

If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give?

It would be my new grandson, Chase, who is only two days old. I would teach him that this is a lifetime learning sport. One never stops learning while playing this game. Golf teaches many real life lessons. It will teach you how to control your emotions and how to respect others, as well as how to deal with this awesome world that we live in.

What is your favorite golf instruction tip?

I believe Harvey Penick's Little Red Book has some of the simplest tips to pass on to the average golfer. I like to use his example of throwing the water out of the pail, which helps with several aspects of the golf swing.

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