

OAKWOODS HISTORY...2004-Present

The spring of 2004 brought Oakwoods its fourth PGA Golf Professional in its fifty-six year history when Kenny Cashwell accepted the head pro's position vacated by Lee Duncan. The Cashwell hiring was somewhat unique in that his wife, Becky, was also a Class A PGA Professional. Thus, in a very real sense, OCC "got two for the price of one", although Becky was not officially employed by the club. Becky Cashwell did however give golf lessons to many of Oakwood's female golfers, and worked behind the scenes to benefit the club in many other ways. The Cashwell's stay in Wilkes County was a productive, albeit brief, one as they left mid-year in 2006 to take employment at a club in South Carolina. Cashwell's departure left Oakwoods looking for only its fourth Head PGA Pro in its long history. The position was filled in March of 2007 by a promising young Class A PGA professional named Randy McCoy.

Randy McCoy brought 9 years of experience as an assistant pro from Mimosa Hills C.C. in Morganton, and 6 years of experience as an assistant at Jefferson Landing Club located In Jefferson, NC. It was to be Randy's first Head PGA Pro position. The OCC Board of directors immediately challenged McCoy with a number of organizational objectives and goals. Randy completed an important project in 2009, establishing Oakwoods as a Family Friendly Golf Facility. This program was initiated by the U.S. Kids Golf organization and required golf clubs to give their "golfing kids" a set of tees to make the game more fun and manageable. In the spring of 2011, Randy decided to pursue other interests in the golf industry. Although his friends at OCC were sad to see him and his family leave the club, it did open an exciting new chapter in the club's continuing evolvement as a first-rate recreational facility.

The new chapter was opened when Guy Carroll, OCC's current Director of Golf & Clubhouse Operations, Guy came to Oakwoods from The Club Pelican Bay in Naples, Florida, bringing 20 years of experience from many areas of the Golf business. Growing up in Naples, Guy has been involved in some aspect of the golf industry for the majority of his life. Guy's father, John M. Carroll, is a noted PGA golf professional, who helped create The Club Pelican Bay and raise it to the status it holds today. During this time, he helped to carve Guy's career at The Club Pelican Bay starting in 1991. He began in the cart barn and steadily worked his way up the organizational ladder to the Head Professional position in 2006. Guy attended Appalachian State University during his sophomore year in college, and completed his degree in Business Management at Florida Gulf Coast University. During this time at FGCU, Guy also completed the GTP program of the PGA to attain his Class-A PGA Professional status in 2006.

When hired, the Board of Governors tasked Guy with creating functional budgeting, developing an enjoyable atmosphere with the membership, and reestablishing the Golf Shop to create a respected amenity for the membership. He was also tasked with creating a visual difference in and around the facility. By successfully doing this, Guy was advanced to his current title, Director of Golf & Clubhouse Operations, after several years of exemplary service to the membership and community.