

# Jason Waters, PGA



**College/University: Penn State**

**Year Turned Pro: 1997**

**Facility and Job Title: Hop Meadow CC/Head Pro**

**What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?**

I wanted to help others love the game as much as I do. Helping someone enjoy golf whether it's getting them fitted for new equipment, helping them with their game, or pairing them with someone to help enjoy their day better makes my day.

**What is your specialty in the golf business?**

I feel as if I am a typical Head Professional, with no specialty other than trying to help my members enjoy their experience at their club. I feel I have a lot of skills that can help accomplish this main goal.

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

Certified in all 6 disciplines in the Specialty Certification program. Horton Smith Award Winner, 2009 Connecticut Section, Attended 2010 USGA Rules of Golf School

**What was your greatest moment in golf?**

Watching an autistic child enjoy participating in a golf clinic with other kids and know I had a part in his enjoyment.

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

Every Head Golf Professional I have worked for. They each have given me a piece of who they are to help make me who I am as a professional.

**Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?**

I love to compete in Bowling. I bowled for Penn State Collegiately and still compete in regional and national events during the off season.

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

Augusta National with My dad, Matt Heckman, by best man in my wedding and Brad Alexander, my best friend in college.

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

My kids, and my advice would be no matter what you do on the course or how you play, make sure you enjoy it and enjoy the company of those you are with.

**What is your favorite golf instruction tip?**

Trust yourself and don't hold back. Believe you can hit the shot and swing. Many times, students come to me and they over-think themselves in to bad swings and scores. Don't make the game harder than it already is.