

# Ron Beck, PGA



**College/University:** Jacksonville University  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Year Turned Pro:** 1982

**Facility and Job Title:** Fox Hopyard Golf Club East  
Haddam, Connecticut  
Director of Golf

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

Just to be fully and forever engaged with the game of golf and all that surrounds it.

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

Probably teaching and coaching but I enjoy all aspects of the business.

**Please list any accomplishments.**

- CTPGA Merchandiser of the Year (4 times)
- CTPGA Horton Smith Award (twice)
- CTPGA Bill Strausbaugh Award (twice)
- CTPGA Teacher of the Year CTPGA Golf Professional of the Year --  
National PGA Merchandiser of the Year

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

It was sinking a 25 foot putt on the 36th hole in front of a small crowd to edge Gary Hallberg and Ray Goodman by one stroke in prestigious Illinois state junior tournament.

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

The club professionals at the club where I grew up in Decatur, Illinois - Frank Lovrine, Steve Cheaney and Jim Arendt and all of their assistant professionals.

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

I enjoy basketball, baseball, fishing, music, gardening and family.

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

I would play Augusta National with Ben Hogan, Bobby Jones and my dad.

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

Earnie Els....I would tell him to keep his swing exactly as it is and to tell everyone I taught it to him.

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

Don't follow-up a bad shot with a stupid one.

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