Kirk C. Hanefeld's professional golf career was preceded by a brilliant amateur career. Hanefeld won the New Hampshire Junior Amateur in 1971, 1972 and 1973, the New Hampshire Amateur in 1974 and 1976, the New England Junior Amateur in 1973 and the New England Amateur in 1976. He also played on the #1 ranked University of Houston Golf Team and made it to the 4th round of the United States Amateur in 1976.

As a highly respected Club Professional Hanefeld was elected to P.G.A. membership in 1983 and served the majority of his career at two prestigious clubs, Salem Country Club from 1985 – 1999 and The International Golf Club from 2001 – 2006. Hanefeld served as a N.E.P.G.A. Vice President from 1992 – 1994 and was awarded the section's highest honor of "Golf Professional of the Year" in 2005. As a club professional Hanefeld won three N.E.P.G.A. Championships, 2 Maine Opens, 2 Rhode Island Opens, 1 New Hampshire Open and 8 Pro-Pro Match Play and Stroke Play titles. In 1990 he qualified and played in both the United States Open at Medinah and the PGA Championship at Shoal Creek. 23 years later he qualified for and played in the 2013 P.G.A. Championship at Oak Hill at the age of 57. Hanefeld was honored with 2 "Skip Wogan Player of the Year" awards in 2000 and 2002. As a senior club professional Hanefeld is only one of 5 players in P.G.A. of America history to have won 2 National Senior Professional National Championships.

At the age of 50, Hanefeld finished 2nd at the Champions Tour annual Tour School and would play Senior Tour golf for the next 5 years. During that time he played in 41 Champions Tour events and 25 Senior Major Championships including 3 United States Senior Opens, 7 Senior British Opens, 8 Senior P.G.A. Championships, 6 Players Championships and 1 Tradition. In Hanefeld's 5 year Champions Tour career he made 61 of 66 cuts, had a career stroke average of 71.80 with more than \$780,000.00 in official P.G.A. Tour earnings.