

Ed Kirby, PGA, was born in Cumberland, RI, where he fell in love with golf at age eight. From shagging balls for Glenna Collett-Vare to watching Sam Snead at Point Judith Country Club, he was inspired by the game early on. One of seven children found his place at the golf course.

At Cumberland High School, Ed was a three-time First Team All-Stater and led his team to its first State Championship in 1980. He continued at Furman University, winning the Southern Conference Championship in 1984 and qualifying for his first U.S. Open at Winged Foot.

Turning professional in 1985, Ed won the New Hampshire Open in just his second start and later added the 1989 Rhode Island Open. He competed internationally on the Asian PGA, Sunshine, and Ben Hogan Tours, finishing runner-up in the 1990 New England Classic. Ed played in four U.S. Opens (1984, 1987, 1989, 1993) and earned his PGA Tour card at Q-School in 1993.

After retiring from tour life in 1996, Ed began his career as a club professional, serving as Head Professional at Alpine Country Club for 15 years, where six of his assistants went on to become head professionals. He later joined The Aquidneck Club as Director of Golf in 2018 and became PGA Director of Instruction in 2022. Among his many accomplishments, Ed won the NEPGA Championship (2012, 2024) and NEPGA Senior Championship (2013), becoming the first professional to win both titles in the same year at age 61. He has also competed in two U.S. Senior Opens and three Senior PGA Championships.

Since 2018, Ed has been the Men's Head Golf Coach at Roger Williams University, leading the team to two conference titles and NCAA appearances. He has also served as Tournament Chair for the RIPGA and on the NEPGA Tournament Committee.

Ed lives in North Kingstown, RI, with his wife, Susan, and daughter, Marissa.