

Richard Iwaszko is a PGA Life Member Active whose career in golf has spanned more than four decades. His love for the game began at Bourne High School, where he captained the golf team, and at 17 he won the Men's Club Championship at Otis Air Force Base Golf Course. He went on to play at Northeastern University and compete in regional events, including the Greater Boston Open and New England Intercollegiate Golf Tournament. After earning his degree in Accounting, Richard competed in mini-tour events in San Diego.

Richard's professional career began when he persuaded the U.S. Coast Guard to reopen the abandoned Otis Golf Course. In just two years, he restored the facility without government funding, creating a profitable operation that supported the Moral, Welfare, and Recreation Fund for Coast Guard families. For his 13 years of service, he was recognized as the best golf professional the Coast Guard ever had and received a personal letter of appreciation from Arnold Palmer.

He next served as Director of Golf at Quashnet Valley Golf Club in Mashpee, MA, where he improved the course and expanded both membership and public play. Two years later, Richard became Director of Golf at Pocasset Golf Club. Tasked with guiding the club's transition from public to private, he successfully recruited 100 new members and established a waiting list. Over 26 years at Pocasset, he built a strong foundation for its long-term success before retiring in 2015.

Beyond his club leadership, Richard served three years as President of the Cape Cod PGA and served 2 years on the NEPGA Relations Committee. He wrote regular golf columns for the *Falmouth Enterprise* and *Golf on Cape Cod* magazine, with additional articles published in *PGA Magazine*. He also authored two books: *Dial It In*, a golf instruction guide, and *Golf Murder Mysteries – Breaking the Rules*, a creative way to teach golf rules and swing methodology.

Richard's impact on the game has been recognized with multiple honors, including twice being named Cape Cod PGA Professional of the Year, as well as the NEPGA Bill Strausbaugh Award and NEPGA Golf Professional of the Year.

Richard and his wife, Sandra, now make their home in Florida.