

Garrett Holt, PGA

Horton Smith Golf Course



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How long have you been a PGA Member?

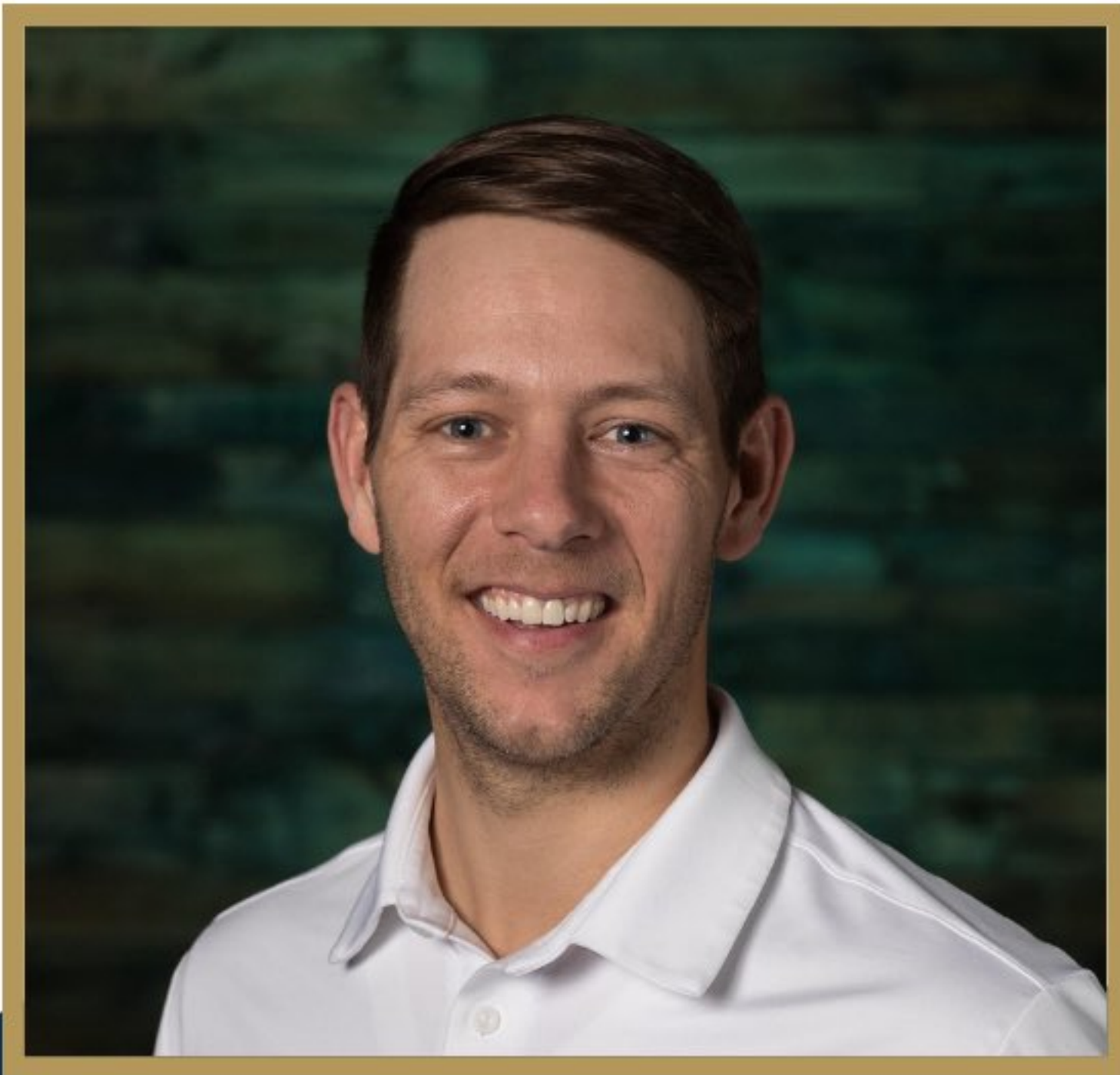
This past April I hit the double-digit mark, celebrating ten years as a PGA Member.

Favorite part about working in the Golf Industry?

The people and the stories. I love how golf is a positive and enriching lifetime sport and I love that at my course, it is usually the place that people learned the game as a kid.

Tell us a little about your family

My wife and I have been married for twelve years and we are proud parents of our daughter, Sophie, who turns three this coming October. She knows that Daddy works at the golf course, and she loves visiting me at work and knocking the golf ball around the shop. She is a big fan of all the fun golf balls with different colors and designs.



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The MWPGA Golf Professional Spotlight is where we showcase and feature our outstanding professionals across the Midwest Section. These golf professionals wear many hats at their facilities and are dedicated to making golf a better game for everyone.

What would you be doing for a career if you weren't a PGA Professional?

I graduated with a degree in education and majored in history, so teaching and coaching was the backup plan. I am very happy to be in the golf business though!

Excluding the Midwest, what is your favorite course?

Wow, this is hard... I can be quite nostalgic, so I have to say some of the courses from my youth. I have many fond memories of golfing with my brother and dad at Ballwin GC (nine-hole municipal) and I have been itching to get back to my high school home course again—Wolf Hollow Golf Club outside of Washington, MO.

Best 18-hole score?

Not super low--just 67. My favorite low round was shooting three under par in a high school match, with a prospective college coach watching and beating future PGA tour winner Adam Long in the match.

Favorite club in your bag?

It's always the putter.

Who is your Mentor in the Golf World?

My stepfather Glenn Paulus and the late Hall of Fame Golf instructor, Manuel de la Torre.

What is a little known fact/fun fact about your facility?

I love that our facility was named after Horton Smith, who was a fascinating golfer and PGA member that grew up in the area.



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What do you enjoy doing on your days off?

I stay active with running or cycling or golfing. I really, really enjoy a good movie as well, so that's a great getaway when we have a babysitter scheduled.

Something that might surprise us about you?

Of course, I have to mention speedgolf. It's currently about the only golf I get in these days. Last year at the US Speedgolf Championships I shot rounds of 76-77 in 45 minutes each day, using only five clubs and running in between each shot.

Is there a quote or saying that you live your life or work by?

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

- Ferris Bueller

Individuals that make up your dream foursome?

-Not famous answer: my late Dad, my brother, and my stepfather

-Famous players: Bobby Jones, Horton Smith, Annika Sorenstam

Favorite Golf Memory?

It's tough to top the first hole in one, but mine was even more special with my late father visiting me in Springfield and it happening on one of our last rounds together. A close second would be the first time playing the Old Course at St. Andrews and shooting mid-70s with rental clubs! (airlines—delayed luggage)



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