



JON LADD Executive Director Baltimore Municipal Golf Corporation

You could say Jon Ladd grew up on a golf course as he's spent his entire life around the game. His parents were the owners/operators of an 18-Hole Par 3 golf course in northern Indiana. While his dad had another "real job," Jon's mom basically ran the course and his parents put him and his brother to work cutting grass, helping in the shop, etc. as soon as the boys could walk.

Even when he went off to college, Jon continued to work in golf. He was a member of the Tri-State University's Zollner Golf Course maintenance staff throughout his entire college career until he began working under internships through Ferris State University.

In addition to his parent's course in Indiana and Zollner Golf Course, Jon's experience included Katke-Cousins Golf Course in Rochester, Mich. and the Dorado Beach Resort in Puerto Rico prior to joining the Baltimore Municipal Golf Corporation (BMGC) as the company's first full-time employee. He actually began as an independent contractor for BMGC during the winter of 1984 until the company took over management of the courses on March 1, 1985.

Following college, Ladd moved to Baltimore, Md. to work at Pine Ridge Golf Course in August of 1980 as an assistant to head golf pro Johnny Bass. Following Bass' death in 1981, Ladd worked under well-know local professional Jay Perkins when he took over at Pine Ridge. In 1984, he moved to Mount Pleasant Golf Course when BMGC began to transition into managing all five courses. Once BMGC officially took over, Ladd served as the Head Golf Professional at Mount Pleasant from 1985-1987 before assuming the same role at Pine Ridge from 1988-89. He was promoted to the corporation's Director of Golf in late-1989 and held that position until becoming BMG's Executive Director in May of 2006.

Ladd has been a member of the Professional Golf Association (PGA) for over 30 years and served the Baltimore golf community for three decades. He is a former member of the Board of Directors for the PGA's Northern Chapter of the Middle Atlantic Section, and was honored in 1993 as the Middle Atlantic PGA's Junior Golf Leader for his work to restore and develop a strong junior golf program in the city of Baltimore. On the links, Ladd holds the course record at Parlor City Country Club in Bluffton, Ind. with a 10-under par 61, scored in an afternoon skins game in 1978. During his final summer on campus at Ferris State in 1980, he went undefeated in the PGMSA tournament series and was named *Player of the Year*.

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