



## **Scott Davis** – *Sports and Athletics*

Born May 6, 1956, in Wheeling, Scott Davis dedicated his entire career to growing the game of golf in West Virginia. He graduated from Triadelphia High School where he was a three-sport athlete in football, basketball, and golf. He was recruited by Marshall University golf coach Joe Feaganes to play golf, and his career took off.

At Marshall he met his mentor Harold Payne and played, as a sophomore, on the 1976 NCAA Tournament team while not a member of a Division I conference. The Thundering Herd finished 17th in team standings, and Davis won the NCAA Long Drive title in Albuquerque, N.M. As a college junior, he helped the Herd win the Marshall Invitational. A year later, the senior was the individual medalist in the Marshall Invitational. He led Marshall in stroke average and received All-Southern Conference honors in 1978. Later that year, he won the West Virginia Amateur championship. In the process, he recorded a round of 64 to tie the all-time tournament record as he birdied six of the first 11 holes on the Old White course at the Greenbrier Resort.

After his graduation from Marshall, Davis worked as an assistant golf professional under Karen Murphy at Speidel Golf Club in Wheeling where he was given the responsibility of directing the Wheeling Junior Golf Association. His love of working with the junior golfers is what sparked Davis' career.

The Hurricane, W.Va., resident has been a four-decade Professional Golf Association of America and West Virginia PGA Golf Professional. The majority of his time was spent in the Tri-State PGA Section as Head Golf Professional at Scarlett Oaks Country Club and Edgewood Country Club in southern West Virginia. In 2004, he received the PGA of America Bill Strasbaugh Award in the Tri-State Section. This award represents Davis' career, his dedicated involvement in charitable and community activities as well as his mentoring of PGA Golf Professionals.

As a competitor, he excelled on the state level. He won four West Virginia Open championships in 1982, 1990, 1995, and 1998. He also was a four-time Low Senior at the Open, 10-time West Virginia PGA Player of the Year, four-time Senior West Virginia PGA Player of the Year, Tri-State PGA champion, Tri-State Tour Championship champion, and Tri-State Match Play champion, and has competed in 18 National Club Professional Championships and six Majors Championships.

Inducted into the Marshall University Sports Hall of Fame in 2004, he also was enshrined in the West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame in 2017. The state honor cited him in this way, "Scott Davis is a trained instructor, a golf mentor, an accomplished player, a tournament director, event planner, club fitter, and merchandiser, but most importantly: A friend to the game."