

# **Dan Walker, PGA**



**College/University:** Ferris State University

**Year Turned Pro:** 1999

**Facility and Job Title:** Black Bear Casino Resort, PGA Head Golf Professional

## **What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?**

- #1 - My love for the game and passion for playing professionally.
- #2 – The PGA Professional at the public course where I grew up had a direct impact on my love for the game and making a career out of it.
- #3 – My father was/is an avid golfer.

## **What is your specialty in the golf business?**

My specialty in golf is customer service. I believe that a golf professional wears many hats. No matter what hat you wear you need to provide your customers with the service that they desire and are looking for. If you cover all areas- teaching, merchandising, tournaments, for example, and provide consistent customer service you will be successful.

## **Please list any accomplishments (Awards, Certifications, and Tournaments):**

I was nominated for Assistant Professional of the Year in the Illinois PGA and shot a low round of (69) in the Illinois PGA Section Championship. I finished second in the Illinois PGA Stroke Play McHenry Classic with a score of 69. I am certified in Custom Club fitting with Titliest and Ping and was medalist when I took my PGA Playing Ability Test.

**What was your greatest moment in golf?**

My greatest moment had to be making a hole in one when I was 17 in a ten team high school invitational and eventually taking my team to the state tournament.

**What or who has had the greatest impact on your career?**

My mother and father have had the greatest impact on my career. My mother for raising me with the value and belief system I have and my father for the sound business advice and direction.

**Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?**

Besides golf, I enjoy playing the guitar and writing my own music.

**If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome?**

I would play at Augusta National with my father, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Bobby Jones.

**If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give?**

Tiger Woods – You need to change your outfits on Sunday's.

**What is your favorite golf instruction tip?**

Keep your hips still when putting.

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