

Dan Baker, PGA



**College/University: University of North Carolina-Pembroke
(Formerly Pembroke State University)**

Year Turned Pro: 1982

**Facility and Job Title:
Dick's Sporting Goods # 128,
Richmond, VA
Retail Golf Facility Head Professional
& District Golf Service Expert**

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?

To give back what I enjoyed as a youth and give golf enthusiasts the opportunity to learn and enjoy a game that will truly last a lifetime.

What is your specialty in the golf business?

Business Management, Club Repair & Club Fitting

Please list any accomplishments (Awards, Certifications, and Tournaments.)

Mitchell Golf "Gold Certified" Repair & Fitting Expert
Golf Works Repair & Fitting Expert
PGA Member, 1991

What was your greatest moment in golf?

Midwest PGA Match Play Semi-Finalist 1987
State Open of Virginia T-11th 1992
MAPGA Match Play Quarter Finalist 2004

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

Lacey Gane – PSU College Coach, my parents and DSG (Dick’s Sporting Goods) Upper Management

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?

Hunting, fishing, boating & restoring cars

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

Augusta National with Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson

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

-Most new golfers

-Swing within yourself, keep good balance and don’t hang back on back foot.

What is your favorite golf instruction tip?

Pre-Swing Principles – “Grip, Aim, & Setup”