

Getting to Know Your Fellow Members

by John Meyer



Our current president of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents is Ray Schmitz. Everyone knows that or everyone should. What most people don't know is what follows.

Ray was born April 30, 1937 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. After graduating from St. Mary Springs Academy, Ray enlisted in the Air Force as a still photographer. During his four year enlistment Ray flew over 250 hours taking pictures of every golf course this side of Russia, just kidding.

After leaving the Air Force Ray attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison. There he studied agronomy and soils and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1964.

Ray's first job out of college was at the small nine hole Mount Horeb Golf Course in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. Ray was only superintendent there one year before he moved up to Riverside Golf Course in Janesville, Wisconsin.

After two years in Janesville, Ray left the great state of Wisconsin for the great state of Illinois and a superintendent job at Hickory Hills Golf Club. Ray stayed at Hickory Hills for six years before he was asked to build Green Garden Country Club.

Ray was at Green Garden Country Club for six years before he accepted his current position at Flossmoor Country Club. Ray is now in his 14th season at Flossmoor.

Ray and his lovely bride, Jan, of 28 years reside in Frankfort. They have three sons, Mark, Andrew, and Todd. As well as one granddaughter Tiffonie Marie.

When Ray is not on his golf course or tending to the business of the Midwest he is on someone else's golf course playing in a weekly golf league. When the golf league is not happening the bowling league is.



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