

Golf pros

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"My dad's the worst golfer, but he got me involved with the game early and taught me the respect for it," said the 40-year-old Todd.

Todd is employed for nine months and has three months off each year.

"I take off in my motor home and travel south, playing in a bunch of tournaments over the winter," he chuckled. "That's why they call me Tin Cup. I'm not married, and I like to travel when I have the time off and play golf."

Roger Bliss, head pro at Shanty Creek's Legend and Summit courses, has worked for the resort just about all his professional life.

"I was 23, just out of college and the PGA school, when I came to work for Shanty Creek, and it's been a great experience," said the 40-year-old Bliss.

"Growing up in a golfing family, I knew what I wanted to do from an early age."

Involved in all facets of the operation with the resort's Summit Village courses, Bliss also oversees the Shanty Creek Golf

Academy.

As director of golf and hotel operations for Garland Resort at age 31, Todd Campbell is one of the youngest head golf professionals in the region. In addition to being in charge of the golf operation for four 18-hole courses, he's also the hotel director.

"We have lots of groups coming through for our multiple day outings and golf schools, and coordinating the lodging with the golf works well as you book the rounds," Campbell

said.

Campbell still finds time to teach a little and play in a few of the Michigan sanctioned PGA events.

"It's definitely more work now and less playing time, but that's what I've had my sights set on," he said.

Campbell turned pro as a sophomore in college when he accepted a teaching job at Gladwin Country Club working with Lee Woodruff, whom he would later follow to Garland.

"I'm very happy with where my career has taken

me," he said. "Northern Michigan is a great place to raise a family."

Shane Hollandsworth, who is also 31, is the teaching pro at A-Ga-Ming Golf Club, where he's worked for the past four years.

"I'd worked with Larry Laverly (PGA pro and one of the owners) at another club downstate when I was in college, and when they purchased A-Ga-Ming, he asked me to come up and work for them," said Hollandsworth, who graduated from Ferris with a

marketing degree.

The Ming is getting ready to open an additional 18-hole course next season and establish a golf academy as well.

"It means more responsibility, but we are working towards becoming more of a family resort," he added. "We want to have a complete player development program ready to go with a new clubhouse and practice area. It's an exciting time to be involved, and a great opportunity for a young pro."



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