



Richard Baril, ASLA ASGCA
Senior Partner / Architect



VON HAGGE, SMELEK & BARIL
GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTS

Von Hagge, Smelek and Baril is unsurpassed in golf course design and exceptional golf course renovation worldwide. Each professional shares a passion for excellence, working in concert with one another to complement the entire team in every project undertaken.

Rick Baril graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in Landscape Architecture in 1981. Rick worked at a Landscape Architectural design/build firm during college and following graduation. In 1982 he accepted a position with Robert von Hagge. Becoming a Registered Landscape Architect in 1983, Rick simultaneously assumed increased responsibilities with various U.S. and Mexico projects.

When von Hagge, Smelek and Baril ventured into the European market, Rick was designated project architect for that theater. As such he has been instrumental in the design of world-renowned golf courses in France, Spain, Italy, Denmark and Morocco. His efforts have helped von Hagge, Smelek and Baril garner a first ever nomination for the Gold Medal Award for European Excellence.

In January of 1995, Rick accepted an offer to become a Principal. By doing so, his name was added to the company name. With close to three decades of intimate involvement in every area of golf course design and implementation, Rick continues to bring his enthusiasm and extraordinary eye for design to the

forefront of the golf course architecture world. As part of the award-winning global design team at von Hagge, Smelek and Baril, the name Rick Baril is synonymous with “premier global golf course architect.”

Education:

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture - University of Idaho

Professional Status:

Registered Landscape Architect - #1205 Texas Board of Architectural Examiners

Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects

Associate Member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects

President, Board of Directors - International Foundation for Junior Golf (IFJG)

Member - Urban Land Institute

Golf Course Superintendent’s Association of America (GCSAA)