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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.

Mike Smelek started playing golf at age eleven. Since then, he has been fascinated by both the complexity of the game and the diverse beauty of the environment in which it is played. This appreciation for the outdoors and an emerging talent for art led him to pursue a career in Landscape Architecture. While attending the University of Idaho, he set a goal of specializing in golf course design and shortly after graduating in 1980, was given an opportunity to fulfill this passion. In March 1981, he moved to Texas and began his apprenticeship with Robert von Hagge.

In January of 1995, Mike forged a more definitive relationship with von Hagge Golf Course Architects by becoming a Senior Partner, with the distinctive honor of being added to the firm's name. Now, after nearly three decades and the design of countless golf courses all over the world, Mike continues to utilize his extraordinary talent in all areas of the design and implementation process at vHS&B. His meticulous attention to detail as well as diligence in performance

and service continues to garner praise from clients all over the world. As part of the award-winning global design team at von Hagge Smelek and Baril, the name Mike Smelek is synonymous with "premier global golf course architect."

Education:

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture - University of Idaho

Professional Status:

Registered Landscape Architect - #1090 Texas Board of Architectural Examiners

Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects

Associate Member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects