



Fellow members and the Board of the PGA of South Africa

Firstly thank you to all that nominated me for teaching pro of the year in our region; it's great to know that your peers recognize your talents as a teaching professional and that you can get rewarded for it.

I have been a teaching pro for 18 years now and have been very blessed to have worked with golfers on all levels from the age of 2 years old all the way to 87. The game of golf has interested me from a very young age even though I only started playing when I was 12 years old. As all youngsters I aspired to become a touring pro but at the age of 18 I was complimented by my then coach Jamie Gough that I have a great eye for teaching and really good understanding of the golf swing, and if my golfing dreams did not happen I should seriously consider coaching. I started coaching when I was 20 years old and carried on doing it even whilst playing on tour, which only lasted for 3 full seasons.

Since then I have devoted myself to becoming one of the best coaches in South Africa, as we all know this would take lots of hours in the African sun and constant learning to better yourself! There has been a lot of talk around the world that you have to spend at least 10 000 hours on something to become an expert in that specific field, well I can confidently say I have surpassed those hours in my teaching career, and I see myself as an expert in my field. With the help of technology I have managed to add some hi tech equipment to my teaching making it even more accurate and even better for the client trying to reach full potential in his or her game. The combination of knowledge gained and learnt over the years as a teaching pro with state of the art technology to my exposure has definitely put me in a different category when it comes to teaching.

As mentioned earlier I have had the privilege to work with golfers of all ages, which includes men, woman, junior golfers and professionals. Some professional names you may know includes Michiel Bothma, Vaughn Groenewald, Christiaan Basson, Charl Coetzee and Shaun Norris. I thoroughly enjoy working with professionals even though I have not worked with someone on a full time basis recently.

My passion however lies with developing and improving the game of any level amateur player, beginners and juniors. Over the last couple of years many of my junior players have won local and international tournaments which motivate me even more as a coach and as mentor for them. With my experience gained playing the game at a high level and teaching over the last 18 years I am able to coach and guide players of all levels to reach their individual goals when it comes to this great game. The name of my business describes exactly how I feel about the game and what it means to be a coach and mentor, and that is "Passion for Golf". I will continue to better myself as a coach and person and will always love teaching this awesome game!

Thanks for taking the time to read my motivational letter

Yours in Coaching  
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