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Professional Profile	Professional Golfer, PGA Professional, Teacher & Golf Director 1986 - 2019	
	PGA National Diploma – qualified 2006	Currently a Fellow Professional of The PGA of South Africa
Professional Accomplishments	<p>Amateur Golf 1984 - 1986</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Represented South Africa 4 times▪ Won numerous amateur titles in SA, incl S Tvl Open Strokeplay, Silver Vase, Tvl Amateur Strokeplay.▪ Won the 1986 English Open Strokeplay (Brabazon Trophy).▪ Played in 2 British Amateurs: 1985 (Royal Dornoch) and 1986 (Royal Lytham - finishing 5th qualifier after the strokeplay).▪ SA Maccabi winner 1985 and 2nd 1985 Maccabi Games in Israel <p>Professional Golfer: SA Sunshine Tour 1986 - 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Won SA Tour School Sept 1986.▪ Won 5 times on SA Winter Tour.▪ Shot 63 twice on Tour: at Royal Swazi and at Mooinooi.▪ Won 1996 Royal Swazi Open on the Sunshine Tour, beating Wayne Westner in a playoff.▪ 2nd 1999 Dunhill SA PGA Championships @ Houghton, behind Ernie Els.▪ 3rd (1999) and 5th (1996) Sunshine Tour Order of Merits.▪ Played in the inaugural American Express WGC event at Valderrama in Spain.▪ Represented SA in 1999 World Cup of Golf at The MINES in Kuala Lumpur. Finished T10th with David Frost. <p>Professional Golfer: Canadian Tour 1987 and 1988</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finished Top 30 on 1987 Order of Merit. <p>Professional Golfer: Asian PGA Tour 1995 - 2001</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 10th Omega APGA Order of Merit 1996.▪ Won 1996 Royal Thai Classic. <p>Competed in the 2012 Senior British Open Championships at Turnberry in Scotland.</p> <p>Player’s Committee: SA Sunshine Tour 1990 – 1994 & 1998 - 2001 Board Member: SA Sunshine Tour 2000 – 2003</p>	

	PGA Central Gauteng region Club Pro of the Year 2015 & 2016
Work History	<p>August 2003 – Sept 2009 Teacher & Technical Director, Gary Player Golf Experience @ The Vodacom World of Golf, Woodmead, Sandton. Started and ran the Gary Player School For Champions, where quite a few of our current top young Tour Pros today started. Wrote instruction articles for Compleat Golfer and Golf Digest magazines.</p> <p>Oct 2009 – Dec 2010 Golf Director, Houghton Golf Club, Johannesburg. Involved with club & course set-up at the re-developed Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course at Houghton GC. Liaised with Golf Data/Nicklaus Design SA as to the set-up of the new golf course. Helped re-introduce 600 members back into the club upon re-opening during Jan & Feb 2010.</p> <p>January '11 to present Head Professional Houghton GC, Johannesburg. Still involved on club committees to run golf and help with course set-up. Run & manage Scratch and Betterball League teams at the club. Teaching Members & Visitors and doing weekly Junior clinics and holiday camps. Houghton GC has 5 PGA members employed there: 2 Class AAA Pros, 2 Class A Pros, and 1 Apprentice Member currently in the programme. Write a weekly newsletter - through Retail Tribe - that goes out to a database of over 1100 golfers. Support various PGA Affiliate partners (Luca, Global Golf, etc) through sales of their goods in my shop. Not playing much tournament golf anymore other than odd PGA events. April 2017: Assumed the Captaincy of the club at Houghton (! believe this might be a 1st in our industry!!)</p>
Education	<p>Matriculated 1979 Highlands North Boys High School, Johannesburg.</p> <p>National Service 1982 - 1984</p>
Courses/Further Education	<p>PGA's of Europe Teaching & Coaching Conference – Munich, Germany 2006</p> <p>Numerous Psychology and Physical/Sports Science seminars at The World of Golf with Prof Deon Van Zyl, Theo Bezuidenhout & Dave Bensted-Smith 2003 -2009</p> <p>SA PGA Teaching & Coaching Conference 2008</p> <p>Certified Level 1 Titleist Performance Institute Golf Fitness Professional</p> <p>SA PGA CPD seminars</p>