

Golf Instructor Biographies

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Marti O'Neill - PGA Class "A" Member Head Professional

Marti O'Neill has been a teaching professional at Riverbend for 15 years and a lifelong protege of the Northwest's leading golf instructors and club designers. His teaching background was greatly enhanced while working as a junior at the City of Seattle's golf courses under the supervision of Tom Sovay, Western Washington PGA's 7-Time Teacher of the Year. Marti worked alongside former PGA Tour Player and PGA Professional David Gibson for 12 years. He also spent 3 seasons working alongside Chuck Evans who holds a Doctorate in Golf Stroke Engineering and was listed as Golf Magazine's Top 100 Teachers in 2009. As a result of his experience and devotion, Marti attained his Class "A" certification from the PGA in an unprecedented 9 months, graduating in the top 5 percent of his class and obtaining scholarship honors from Titleist-Footjoy Worldwide. His ability to distinguish the strengths and weaknesses of each individual and to create an instructional regimen accordingly is second to none. Marti's personality, teaching diversity and patience has helped elevate the game of golf to students of all abilities with an accumulated 13,000 lessons to his credit. In 2005 he was awarded the Western Washington PGA's President's Plaque for his extraordinary and exemplary contributions and achievements in the area of Player Development. Marti utilizes video software from Swing A'tem on his portable iPad 2.

one of the top left-handed players in the PNW PGA section and has

Eric Hinrichs - PGA Class "A" Member Professional

Eric Hinrichs is a familiar face after spending the majority of his youth playing golf with his father, an accomplished amateur golfer, at Riverbend. After setting almost every golf record at Thomas Jefferson High School and winning his share of regional events, Eric decided to become a golf professional at an early age. For the last 13 years, Eric has helped run Riverbend's 18-hole golf course and he has also helped coordinate Riverbend's junior golf camps, clinics and tournaments. Eric has ascertained a thorough understanding of the golf swing becoming

Josh Immordino - PGA Class "A" Member Professional

Josh Immordino has been a standout golfer in the Pacific Northwest ever since his years as a junior. After setting almost every golf record at Kentwood High School and holding his own against the state's best players in the Washington Junior Golf Association, Josh continued his golfing prowess at Western Washington University where he finished as a 3-Time All American with a 5th at the National Championship. Josh's talent and dedication were rewarded handsomely in the amateur ranks capturing the Seattle Amateur Title, representing Washington in the USGA State Team Championship, qualifying for the prestigious Hudson Cup Matches and in 2006 capturing the exclusive Washington State Open Title. He turned professional shortly after his win and followed that up with a win at the 2007 Oregon State Open, a qualification into the 2005 U.S. Open Championship as an alternate and a 2009 win at the Pacific Northwest PGA Pro-Assistants Championship. He brings a great understanding of the game of golf to players of every age and ability, especially junior golfers. His patience, demeanor and personal experience make him a perfect fit for educating our local youth. He utilizes video software from Swing A'tem on his portable iPad 2.

Jon Shabel - PGA Apprentice Teaching Professional

Jon Shabel started his golf education working at the Riverbend Driving Range in 2002 and also at Auburn Golf Course. Jon is currently in his third year of the PGA education program. This is his 5th year assisting at Riverbend's 18-hole golf course and Riverbend's Discount Golf Center where he has been honing his skills in the area of club-fitting. Upon seeking his membership into the PGA, Jon has proved to be

a great addition in assisting with the complex's production of junior camps. In 2009 he was offered a position as an assistant instructor to the First Tee of Greater Seattle. Jon has an extensive knowledge of golf swing fundamentals, golf fitness and club fitting which fosters a great approach to learning the game at any skill level especially with his friendly attitude.

Justin Harvey - PGA Apprentice Teaching Professional

Justin has been a familiar face at Riverbend for years. He started golfing in Jr. High School and has always had a passion for sports, especially the game of golf. Once out of high school he decided to take his passion for the game to the next level and attended Skagit Valley CC as a member of the golf team. Justin is now in his 6th season at Riverbend and over that time he has amassed multiple wins in the Riverbend Men's Club as well as other local events. He has studied under all of Riverbend's PGA instructors and has worked as an assistant coach and consultant to the Seattle Christian High School Team. Justin's easy going and friendly nature allows him to work well with players of all ability levels but he also takes his students development and progress seriously. Justin has also embraced current technology by using "Swing A'tem" computer software for swing analysis. Justin's goal as your instructor is to reduce strokes and improve overall play consistency. He has a passion to help new and experienced golfers improve and grow the game.

assisted many high school and college players throughout their early careers. As a result of his abilities, Josh Immordino secured Eric as his caddie when he qualified as an alternate for the 2005 U.S. Open Championship. Eric's disposition and willingness make him a perfect fit for all your instructional needs. He spent 7 years working alongside former PGA Tour Player and PGA Professional David Gibson. Eric utilizes video software from Swing A'tem on his portable iPad 2.