



PROfiles- Brad J. Smith, PGA

College/University: Ohio University

Year Turned Pro: Got into the business in 1985 – Class A 1988

Facility: The Golf Club at Yankee Trace – Director of Instruction

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?

Wanted to do something I loved so I got into the golf business.

What is your specialty in the golf business?

Teaching, Coaching and Club Repair

Please list any accomplishments (Awards, Certifications and Tournament.)?

2008 Finalist for SOPGA Teacher of the Year; Nominated SOPGA Teacher of the Year 2006 & 2007; 2008 Coach of the Year – (High School) GWOC South; Certified Class A Clubmaker/member thru PCS since 1994

What was your greatest moment in golf?

Seeing my kids swing a golf club for the first time and getting the ball in the air.

What or who has had the greatest impact on your career?

My mom. She played golf with me late in the afternoon when I was young and worked with me on my short game – which is the best part of my game.

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?

Relaxing with my wife and kids, watching my kids play sports, working out, listening to music and of course, reading golf books.

If you could play any course in the world, which one would it be and why?

St. Andrews with my foursome being my father and both my sons. My father always wanted to play there before he passed away and never did. So it would be nice to have that one last time with him while playing with his grandkids.

If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would you choose and what tips would you give them?

Not sure who that would be, since there are many people I would like to meet and learn from. I would like to give a lesson to anyone that has the passion for this game and wants to be the best, however may not have the opportunity to play. The advice I would give is to set your goals high and have a game plan of how to get there. Be aware that sometimes there are sacrifices. However, in the end, it will be worth it.

What is your favorite golf instruction tip?

Never try to hit the ball, swing the club. Higher handicap players try to hit the ball instead of swinging the club.

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