



PROfiles – Ray B. Mahon, PGA

College/University: Southern CT State University

Year Turned Pro: 1999

Facility and Job Title: Owner/PGA Teaching Professional, presently unemployed
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Please give a summary of your background and credentials.

Former school teacher, Milford, CT (high school basketball and golf coach). New Haven University Golf Coach, PGA Golf Professional at Fairfield CC, The Farms CC, Director of Instruction CC of Waterbury, PGA Pro at Wethersfield CC, Junior Golf Director and Director of ladies Golf at all above country clubs.

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?

Having a career following teaching retirement. I always wanted to be a PGA Professional and I found a second career which I love with a passion!

What is your specialty in the golf business?

Teaching Jr. Golf is what I specialize in. As a former school teacher I enjoy instructing young people and watching them improve. My expertise in teaching extends to helping men and women as well. Once a teacher, always a teacher!

Please list any accomplishments (Awards, Certifications, and Tournaments.)

Nominated by peers every year as Jr. Golf Leader and Teacher of the Year. CT Section PGA Champion (Legend Division) 2009 = (76). Club Champion, Yale GC 3 years in a row, Sr. Division. CT Open and CT Amateur Qualifier.

What was your greatest moment in golf?

Becoming a PGA member and holding my plaque at the graduation ceremony (Celebration afterwards).

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

Gary Player – the ultimate gentleman – humble, knowledgeable and diplomat of golf.
Ben Hogan – I employ his teaching methods and philosophy.

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?

Gardening, swimming and being with my grandchildren.

If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome?

Augusta National with Gary Player and my two sons. One is a PGA member (Mark Mahon).

If you could give lessons to anyone in the world, who would it be and what advice would you give?

I would give lessons to a junior high school student who loves golf, has raw talent, and wants to learn. I would show and tell him the basics, provide strategy and motivate him to improve so he wants more lessons.

What is your favorite golf instruction tip?

1. Head steady and eyes on back bottom of the ball
2. Make a full backswing with balance, feel the weight shift to the back leg, complete the front swing with weights to the front leg and hold your follow through.