

I would like to introduce myself and to give you some background about the impact that golf has had upon me. My name is Pat Hill and I took up the game of golf at the age of thirty-four.

At this time I owned two auto parts stores and my suppliers would bring in golf balls, shirts, irons etc. This inspired me to ask a friend to show me how to play the game. It took no time at all for me to become hooked on the game of golf. I subsequently joined a local country club to work on my game and read as many books about golf that I could. As a result, I was able to improve my game until I was playing to a two handicap.

When the golf pro at our country club passed away the members asked me if I would give lessons to them. Since I had no idea how to teach golf I was motivated to learn. At this point I asked the owners of the club if I could become the golf pro with the condition that I went to school and earned the necessary credentials. They answered with a resounding yes.

After exploring various golf school options, I fortunately found Mitchell Crum at the PGTCA. In 1994 I attended his school in Florida. I was overwhelmed by the amount of information that I was learning. Mitch was outstanding in his demonstration of techniques and fundamentals of the golf swing. I am proud to say that I was one of the two people to pass his demanding class.

When I left golf school I was armed with a ton of information and books which I devoured throughout the winter, in addition to maintaining my auto parts stores. In the spring I opened up my own pro shop with merchandise from all the major companies and immediately the phone began to ring with members requesting lessons. I used the techniques I learned in Mitch's school and started video analysis for the members and was amazed to find myself working for twelve hours straight.

I began teaching all day with very little time to play golf or to attend to my business. My family helped me to run the auto parts store until a fire destroyed my entire business. This tragedy was lessened by the fact that my affiliation with PTCA gave me the opportunity to still provide for my family. To this day I am grateful to the PGTCA for giving me a new lease on life and allowing me to go to work each day to teach my students and attend to my pro shop.

The PGTCA was a tremendous way for me to learn golf and to become a great teacher. I attended two golf schools with Mitch and assisted him in teaching people in Florida and in Pennsylvania. This experience has been invaluable to me throughout the years in all my teaching experiences.

I am proud to say that I have been teaching golf for the past fifteen years and my accomplishments bring a smile to my face because it is reflected in the achievements of my students. For example, I have had four students who

received scholarships to college. Another one of my students has become a golf coach at the local high school and now helps me with our junior clinics, which are extremely successful and in demand. In addition, all the club championship winners were my students and they were schooled in the methods of the PGTCA. One of my junior students won the club champion as a scratch golfer at the age of thirteen. As the pro at Peace Pipe Country Club I have never had to advertise for lessons. I am booked all day for both members and non-members. My name is known all over the state.

I am extremely grateful to Mitch Crum and the PGTCA for the success I have been able to achieve. When I do get to play golf it is a lot of fun because when something is wrong I am able to fix it while I am playing. My personal accomplishments include setting the course record for a 28 on the front and a 31 on the back and 73 holes-in-one. I have also achieved notoriety by being featured on the front page of the local newspaper and on television for back to back holes-in-one on a par 4 and a par 3.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Mitchell Crum and the PGTCA golf school. If you want to teach golf there is nowhere else to go. PGTCA is the only school where you can really learn and be successful. I have talked to many pros who went to other schools and they do not have the knowledge and expertise that I have been privileged to have acquired. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for this wonderful opportunity.

Sincerely,

Pat Hill