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DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

Golf Magazine Top 100 Instructor

E.A. Tischler was born in Sunnyvale, CA and attended UCSD where he finished his senior year as the Number #1 Player, Team Captain and was a member of the school's Athletic Council. While at UCSD he pursued degrees in Philosophy, Economics and Psychology. In 1989 he turned professional and has been playing and coaching ever since. As a player he honed his skills to a +4.5 handicap, compiled 10 hole-in-ones, 2 double eagles, set over 20 course records, and won 30+ professional tournaments. He has self-published 28 golf instructional books, invented and patented a variety of golf training aids, and has helped dozens of golfers achieve their goals of playing professional golf. Before joining The Woodlands CC as the Director of Instruction E.A. was the Director of Instruction for Olympia Fields CC outside of Chicago for 11 years, 3 years at Inverness Club in Toledo Ohio as the Director of Instruction, and spent 25 years coaching Hawaii, California and abroad. E.A. has been a Golf Magazine Top 100 Instructor since 2015, 2017-18 Golf Digest Top 50 Instructor, is on Golf Digest's Best Teachers in State lists annually, and is a PGA Tour Coach having coached players to 50+ professional wins. Throughout his career he has worked with players like Dean Wilson, Perter Jacobsen, Stan Utley, Tom Pernice Jr, Brandt Jobe and many more. He also coached Scott McCarron to the 2019 Charles Schwab Cup season long championship.

As a professional coach he has dedicated his career and life to the game of golf in the quest for providing all golfers the tools they need to Own their swings and their games. Throughout that process he founded the New Horizons Golf Approach, BioSwing Coaching and developed the Power-of-3 Golf Biomechanics System which he introduced in his Secrets of Owning Your Swing book series. His short game and scoring approach is called the Fore54 Scoring System through which each player learns their own best way to play the game. He has also been an Inner Game Coach throughout his whole career having been mentored by Fred Shoemaker (Founder of Extraordinary Golf). Among the Top 100 Instructor community E.A. is known by many as "The Pro's Pro" because of how many coaches he has mentored and how many of them seek his knowledge regarding best practices and the science of the game. He is known to be one of the most energetic and enthusiastic coaches in the game. He believes improving is the standard and to do so we must be committed to continually learning. Lastly, he is always willing to share his knowledge with coaches and students.

Awards, Certifications and Accomplishments:

2015-Present Golf Magazine Top 100 Instructor

2017-2018 Golf Digest Top 50 Instructor

Golf Digest Best Teachers in State

Founder of the New Horizons Golf Approach

Founder of BioSwing Coaching

Authored 28 Golf Instruction Books



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HEAD COACH

PGA Class A Member

James is a Certified PGA Professional in Teaching & Coaching. He is currently working on the PGA of America Master Professional designation in Teaching & Coaching. With over 20 years of Coaching experience and 23+ years as a Playing Professional he brings extensive experience in playing the game to his students. Leveraging his playing experiences inside the ropes and on the course is one of the reasons he is a successful and award-winning coach.

With that said, he specializes in long-term development of athletes of all abilities and in all aspects of the game. Juniors to Seniors, beginners to high performance players, James will work alongside you to help you learn to Putt your best, while Saving Strokes in the Short Game, as well as tightening up your Tee-to-Green play. Additionally, he will help you develop a better shot routine and presence on the course so that you will apply your new skills effectively on the course. During lessons he uses TrackMan, Sam Putting Lab, video analysis, and time-tested fundamentals to bring together a plan for your development. Your goals are within reach and James will help you achieve them.

Awards, Certifications and Accomplishments:

Certified PGA Professional in Teaching & Coaching
2024 South Texas PGA Youth Player Development Award Winner
2022 South Texas PGA Youth Player Development Award Winner
4 Professional Victories & 12 Top Ten finishes



Craig Kanada

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HEAD COACH

Lifetime Korn Ferry Tour Member

Craig played professionally for 31 years, including 4 years on the PGA Tour (97,01,07,08). During the 2001 season he led the PGA Tour in putts per round and among his fellow competitors has been known as one of the best putters in the game. He is a Lifetime member of PGA Korn Ferry Tour having won twice. (2006 Utah Championship, 2006 Nationwide Tour Championship). As a playing professional he was called the Short Game "Wizard" because he skills around the green were second to none. Having played the game at the highest level, you can be assured that Craig will share the extensive experience and wisdom he has acquired throughout his career.

Craig will help you understand your own swing, make necessary changes to achieve your desired goals, and show you how to practice and play with more purpose. In the end his approach will help you play your best while having more fun.

Awards, Certifications and Accomplishments:

Won 1990 Western Amateur Championship

1991 Pacific Northwest Amateur Championship

1986 AJGA Second Team All-American - Winning once in Texas

College Golf played at The Ohio State University (1987-1991) - One college victory

Played in the 2007 US Open

Played in 3 PGA Tour Champions events

Certified Level 3 Sam Putt Lab Instructor



Susie Redman-Kirk

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HEAD COACH

LPGA Tour Lifetime Member

PGA Class A Member

A lifetime LPGA Tour member, Susie Redman-Kirk competed as an exempt player for 20 years, participating in over 500 professional events worldwide, including 48 major championships, and continues to compete on the Legends of the LPGA Tour. She is a quarter-century member of the PGA of America and has been recognized with multiple prestigious awards within the LPGA and PGA organizations. Within the Southern Texas PGA Section, she has been honored for her contributions to junior golf leadership and youth player development. She is Positive Coaching Alliance Double Goal Coach and has been nationally recognized among the top 50 coaches across all sports. An expert in Long-Term Athlete Development and Physical Literacy, Susie Redman-Kirk is also a passionate advocate for the Aspen Institute and initiatives supporting women and girls in golf. She has served as an instructor at The Woodlands Country Club since 2007 and is the founder of Keep Her Playing Initiative, a program dedicated to helping young female golfers continue their journey in the sport.

Awards, Certifications and Accomplishments:

2023 PGA of America Youth Player Development National Award

2024 LPGA Marilyn Smith Award

2025 LPGA Sandy LaBauve Award

Founder Keep Her Playing Initiative



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HEAD COACH

Johnny Montes is a dedicated golf instructor who specializes in club-focused instruction and performance-based player development. He is Club Focused Certified and Scott Cowx Level 2 Certified, with a teaching foundation influenced by MORAD, Stack & Tilt, and The Golfing Machine. While his certifications are in club-focused methodologies, his instruction integrates the core principles of these systems to help players understand how the club works and how to produce reliable ball flight.

Johnny's coaching philosophy centers on helping golfers build solid contact, improved distance, and control of shot shape, while learning to adapt their skills to the demands of the golf course. His lessons are clear, structured, and tailored to the individual, making complex ideas simple and actionable. He works comfortably with juniors and adults of all ages and regularly teaches elementary-age golfers (K-5), middle school players, and adults over 50 who want to play better, score lower, and enjoy the game more. Johnny is one of The Woodlands CC Head Coaches for the Junior Masters Developmental programs, being a primary organizer for the K-5 programs along with Joyce Trus. Johnny is especially known for creating a positive learning environment where players feel seen, supported, and confident in their development—whether they are new to the game or striving for higher performance.

Awards, Certifications and Accomplishments:

Club Focused Certified
Scott Cowx Level 2 Certified



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HEAD COACH

Joyce was an exceptional player and a Member of the Mexican National Team, representing Mexico, her home country, in 2006. Her college was filled with awards, honors and accolades, finishing her college career as the #1 player for Murray State University and nominated as the best women's athlete for that year. Each season, she was one of the top performers, winning the Newcomer Team Award, multiple All-Tournament Team honors, All Conference First Team honors, Lowest Stroke Average Award, Most Valuable Player of the Year 2009 and 2010, Twice All-Conference Player of the week and Team Champion Ohio Valley Conference 2010. Joyce also qualified for multiple professional tournaments as an amateur before focusing her efforts on family and her coaching career. Being such a good player, you can be sure she has the expertise and experience to help you play the type of game you dream of playing.

When it comes to coaching, Joyce excels in coaching Juniors, Ladies and Senior Golfers. Her professional experience involves being TPI levels 1 & 2 certified, and she has coached around the world from Mexico to Singapore to Australia. She is fluent in both Spanish and English and is comfortable working with players of all nationalities.

Awards, Certifications and Accomplishments:

TPI Levels 1 & 2 Certified
US Kids Certified



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HEAD COACH

Senior Coach

PGA Class A Member

As a Class A PGA Professional with over 20 years of coaching experience and a former hospitality executive, I bring a professional, results-oriented approach to every lesson. I specialize in helping golfers of all skill levels—from beginners to elite high school and collegiate players—reach their full potential. My background in business leadership allows me to connect naturally with executives and professionals from all industries, creating a comfortable and productive learning environment.

My teaching philosophy blends cutting-edge technology with time-tested fundamentals, mental performance coaching, and strategic game management to craft a personalized, long-term development plan for each student.

As both a Certified Golf Psych Instructor and Master Club Fitter, I take a holistic approach to player development, ensuring that each golfer's technical, mental, and equipment needs are aligned. Many of my students have advanced to play collegiate golf, reflecting the effectiveness and individualized focus of my coaching.

Awards, Certifications and Accomplishments:

Certified Golf Psych Instructor
Master Club Fitter



Matt McConnin, MBA

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HEAD COACH

Director of Club Fitting

PGA Class A Member

Matt McConnin grew up in Greenwich, CT playing many sports. After graduating with honors from University Michigan in Ann Arbor, he moved to San Diego to pursue his dream of becoming a Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) of America Member. In

2000, Matt realized the dream! He then opened and operated his own player development business in Encinitas, CA. While honing his craft, he continued his formal education. He obtained a Series 7 License and three master's degrees in business, before moving to Texas with his wife and son.

Matt has been recognized as a Master Club Fitter and has been certified in many cutting-edge golfer development technologies; TrackMan, BodiTrak, K-Vest, Swing Catalyst, and SAM Putt Lab. Over his 25+ year career, he has become an expert at fitting/coaching men and women of all ages and abilities. Matt was hired as Director of Club Fitting at The Woodlands Country Club in the Fall of 2022 and was awarded Employee of the Year in 2024. He believes that there is not one swing for everyone, but everyone needs to be fitted for his/her individual swing!

Awards, Certifications and Accomplishments:

Master Club Fitter

Trackman, BodiTrak, K-Vest, Swing Catalyst, SAM Putt Lab



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GOLF ACADEMY OFFICE MANAGER

Brenda Stewart has been The Woodlands Country Club's Golf Academy Office Manager for 18 years, starting in 2008. She is your main contact when you have questions about lessons, programs, scheduling, billing, etc.

If you have any questions about the programs and registration, please contact her at the office phone number or by email.