



A Message to Golfers from the USGTF President

It has been said by many pertinent individuals that golf is without a doubt the greatest game ever invented. Athletes from other sports often turn to golf to fuel their competitive fire, and for the addictive challenge that golf represents. Others turn to golf for the social aspects and relaxed atmosphere that no other sport offers. For whatever reason you may play golf, the common theme is that we all want to improve.

In 1989 the USGTF was founded in order to bring the golf teaching profession to a new level. Previously, golf teaching professionals received extremely minimal education and were expected to learn by simply giving lessons. You often hear older teachers say they should not have charged their students for the first few years of plying their trade.

We felt that by making the golf teaching profession a separate entity unto itself, it would elevate the profession and provide true quality lessons to the American public. This particular concept quickly proved to be valid, as newly certified USGTF professionals found immediate success in the golf teaching industry. For the first time, a standard method of training and certifying golf teaching professionals had been established, which surprisingly had never been done before. And, for the first time, golf teaching education was required in order to become a member of an organization of golf professionals.

Today, USGTF professionals are required to complete 35 hours of learning and testing procedures, ensuring that they are the most thoroughly trained and qualified teaching professionals in the industry.

This model of training and certification of golf teaching professionals has expanded into a worldwide enterprise known as the World Golf Teachers Federation. Throughout the world, 25,000 WGTF members who specialize in teaching golf are sharing their passion each and every day with golfers such as yourself.

Only those who have earned the right to display the gold standard of the letters "GTF" beside their names have earned the right to call themselves a Certified Golf Teaching Professional®, a federally registered trademark for the exclusive use of only fully-certified USGTF members.

Sincerely,

Geoff Bryant