



INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY

MEET OUR COACHES



JONATHAN YARWOOD | DIRECTOR OF GOLF

Jonathan Yarwood, a British PGA Master Professional, has a long-standing career that speaks for itself. He has trained a U.S. Open winner, two U.S. Amateur winners, two U.S. Girls' Winners, three AJGA Players of the Year, four #1 juniors, a collegiate #1 and winners on the PGA, LPGA, European, Challenge, Asian and Australasian tours. He has been recognized for his contribution to the game by being the youngest person to be made a U.K. PGA Master Professional in 2011. He was also voted a "Top 20 Teacher under 40" by Golf Digest as well as voted in the "Best Teachers in State Rankings" for over a decade. He has taken kids of 11 years of age to the tour and knows the pathways and processes involved to create success. He is proud to be a part of the world-class team at IJGA and to bring his experience to a new generation of junior players.



STEVEN CHALMERS | GOLF COACH

Steven grew up in Scotland and is a U.K. AA Advanced PGA Member. He was awarded PGA Advanced status in December 2014 for his contribution in golf coaching. Steven attended University Birmingham, where he obtained a PGA Foundation degree, an Advanced Certificate in Golf Coaching and the Level 3 PGA Coaching award, the focus being on learning holistic approaches to golf coaching and performance coaching.

Steven spent ten years at Banchory Golf Club as a teaching professional and in 2012 was appointed by the Scottish Golf Union to become a development coach where he was responsible for developing the performance of young talented junior golfers who wanted to play for the national team. Steven achieved great success with his squads in performance, strategy, skill acquisition and technical development for junior golfers and is excited at the prospect at helping IJGA students.

Steven has developed a passion for 3D analysis and has been mentored by Biomechanics expert Dr. Rob Neal.



DWIGHT NEVIL | GOLF COACH

Dwight grew up in Texas where he attended the University of North Texas on a full golf scholarship. While serving the United States in the Air Force, Dwight won the All Air Force Golf Championship in 1968. After qualifying for the PGA Tour in 1970, Dwight spent the next eight years on the PGA Tour where he won the Magnolia Classic in 1973 and again in 1974. Dwight was in the top 60 money winners for two years, which gave him exempt status on the tour. Dwight has been a PGA of America Member since 1976 and is a Life Member. He is also a Veteran Member of the PGA Tour and Member of the Champions Tour (150+ career cuts). Dwight won the Texas State Senior Open in 1995. He was awarded the Northern Texas Distinguished Service Award in 2011. Dwight came to the IJGA from Hank Haney's Ranch in Dallas in 2012 where he was teaching and fitting putters as well as clubs.

Dwight believes that the only way to succeed in junior golf is through hard work and believing in yourself. "If it is to be, it is up to me".



SHAWN MEHRING | DIRECTOR OF PERFORMANCE TRAINING

Shawn played numerous sports growing up, but his main focus was baseball. He went to Lipscombe University in Nashville, Tennessee where he played Division I baseball as an outfielder. He majored in K-12 Health and Physical Education. Along with his teaching certification, Shawn is also TPI Fitness Level 2 and Medical Level 2 certified. Over the next year, he plans to be TPT Fitness Level 3 and earn the designation as a National Strength and Conditioning Association Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (NSCA-CSCS).



SKYLAR JEWELL | NEW MENTAL CONDITIONING COACH

Skylar is originally from Hyattstown, Maryland. After working in golf and playing throughout high school, Skylar set his sights on achieving a greater understanding of human performance and the psychological characteristics of success. Graduating Magna Cum Laude from West Virginia University, Skylar then continued his education at Georgia Southern University receiving a Masters in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Sport Psychology. During this time Skylar also received his first competitive internship opportunity from IJGA. After graduating, Skylar moved to Florida and continued to work in performance psychology and mental conditioning serving as the Director of Mental Performance Training at Gary Gilchrist Golf Academy. Skylar takes the knowledge he has gathered in working with students from various tours, different levels, and roughly 15 different countries and has found his way back here to IJGA. Bringing an upbeat and determined attitude, Skylar mentions that he is excited by the opportunity to work with an elite cohort of coaches at IJGA and ultimately to help students explore and expand awareness of their potential.

Skylar continually seeks to gather new information and best methods in practice. He has been member of (AASP) Association for Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology for 6 years and is currently in process for achieving his AASP certification, a benchmark in the field of Sport and Exercise Psychology.