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Tony Troncale

PGA Golf Professional



Tony Troncale has been around sports his entire life. Athletics runs in the Troncale family. Tony's sure that he was born in the gym. His father, Anthony Troncale was an Athletic Director and a Varsity Basketball and Baseball Head Coach after a brief professional baseball career. Tony's memories of a young boy focus on being at the gym with his Dad's team, watching and listening as he coached, and in later years assisting with his Dad.

Tony played several sports while growing up, and while in High School he focused on Basketball and was voted a High School All American, and voted into his High School's Hall of Fame as he broke and still holds several school records. His introduction to golf came during the off-season with his Dad and friends playing golf and spending time at the driving range. At that time, playing competitive golf was the farthest thing from his mind.

While playing College Basketball, the Head Coach was also the Assistant Golf Coach. Once, while on a basketball trip, the coach and Tony played nine holes. After basketball season was over, the coach convinced him to play golf as well. Following a golf and basketball career in college, as a four-year letterman in both sports, Tony played in a few amateur golf events with some success and was encouraged to turn pro. In 1984, Tony moved to Stockton and soon after became an Assistant Golf Professional. In January 1989, Tony received the honor of becoming a Class "A" PGA Golf Professional.

Tony has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Point Loma University in San Diego. His teaching experience and employment history includes both public and private golf courses in the greater Stockton area including Stockton Country Club, Discovery Bay Country Club, The Reserve at Spanos Park, and Swenson Park Golf Course. With nearly thirty years of golf teaching experience, Tony has decided that one way of giving back to golf is to dedicate his time to becoming a full-time instructor of the game. "After all, I became a golf professional because of my ability to play and teach the game of golf," Troncale says. And, in an interview with San Joaquin Sports Talk, Troncale stated that he feels that his Dad blessed him with the gift of teaching and coaching and he feels that it is his specialty that he can pass along what he has learned to others.

As a PGA Professional, Tony must participate in the PGA Professional Development Program to maintain his Class A status. Tony attends Teacher/Player Development Programs regularly with such notable instructors as Hank Haney, David Ledbetter, and Jim McLean. Troncale views continuing education imperative as a golf instructor to ensure he is providing up-to-date, state of the art, teaching techniques to his students. He is dedicated to encouraging growth of the game by introducing golf to new students and coaching experienced and advanced golfers to improve their game. Tony also coaches both the Men's and Women's Golf Team at San Joaquin Delta College.

Tony is currently the PGA Teaching Professional for the City of Stockton Golf Courses. When Tony started this Position, there was no formal instruction program. He fully developed and implemented several Golf Programs for all skill levels by developing solid group programs and offering individual lessons. The Stockton community is embracing the teaching environment that Tony has created. And, as a professional recognition, Tony Troncale was selected as one of the Top 25 Golf Instructors in the 2004 Northern California Golf Guide.

Testimonials

"I would like to thank Tony for giving me the confidence to enjoy the game of golf. I started the game at the age of 51, and three years later I found myself retired in Florida. I am so thankful for the wonderful lessons I had with Tony. I even surprise myself as to how well I am keeping up with the best of them out here. Thank you, Tony!!!"

-- *Clare Faber (retired school teacher)*

"Tony is enthusiastic about the game and that rubs off in big doses!! Since I started taking lessons from him, I have doubled the number of times I play and I look forward to improving my game each time I go out. He is a master at developing my game in increments I am able to handle without becoming overwhelmed."

-- *Wes Dunn, Vice President, Goodwill Industries of San Joaquin Valley, Inc.*

"Tony is truly one of the most gifted golf pros with whom I have ever worked. He has a very straightforward, uncomplicated way of getting to the essence of what each student needs, and is supportive but direct in his quest for their improvement. There is no question that I am generally playing the best golf of my life since I began working with him. He has sorted out issues that have been in my swing for years and solidified my ball striking in a way that has brought me a lot more pleasure in the game."

--*Frank H. Wiens, Professor, University of Stockton*

"I started playing golf three years ago and started taking lessons from Tony Troncale. My index went from a 30 to a low of 14. The thing I appreciate about Tony is that he understands my game and has always been able to make the proper adjustments to my game when I need them."

--*Rick Goucher*

"Tony has a phenomenal knowledge of the swing and is an asset at any Level. He has an uncanny ability to learn some ones strengths and weaknesses. Basically, what I like most is that Tony has the ability to look at one or two swings and give me easy to try ideas to fix the flaws that I can't see. He works with the swing that I have or any other player has to help them improve, instead of making them mold to some perfect swing that is unachievable to the average person."

--*Kevin Wolf*

"Tony Troncale has been the perfect example to our son, both as an educator and as an athlete. His teaching exemplifies integrity; and the patience, diligence, generosity, and perseverance, he shared with our son, did not go unnoticed by us, or more importantly, by St. John."

-- *Robert and Morgan Smith*

"I was so excited when I won my first tournament last week and I was so glad Mr. Tony was at the course to see my trophy --Swenson Park Junior Club Champion-- 4th flight! I won because I did the things I learned from him. Mr. Tony Rocks! He helped me learn how to adjust my shots. I was so frustrated with all this growing and thought maybe golf wasn't my thing. One week, I hit great. The next week, I couldn't hit anything. I am glad Mr. Tony taught me how to see what I was doing wrong and correct it. Now, even those hizzle shots are history!"

--*St. John Smith*

"Tony is a strong mentor to a group of young golfers. He works with us individually so we can learn from him, and, he works with us as a group so we can learn from each other. Tony is helping me work to achieve my goals of playing collegiate level golf at top schools. He helps with on and off course aspects of my goals."

--- *Josh Stone*

"Tony is there for whatever reason you are, regardless of your skill level. He has the ability to turn each and every student into a great golfer if that is what the student desires. He just has a knack for picking things out in the golf swing. I can come see him with a problem and leave a half hour later with it resolved. He really has a gift for teaching "

-- *Ryan Carter, Sonoma State Golf Team-NCAA Champions 2009*