



## Carl-Van Vallier (PGA) Head Golf Professional

Carl-Van Vallier started his golf career in 1987 when he purchased a full service retail golf shop in Santa Maria, California specializing in fitting and making clubs, teaching, and club repair. This business opportunity blossomed into consulting work with larger golf club manufacturers to develop club building techniques and assembly line systems.

In 1993 Vallier earned his degree from the San Diego Golf Academy with certifications in teaching, club fitting, and playing credentials. Upon graduation he accepted an Assistant Golf Professional position at a private club in Mesa, Arizona. This is where he started playing professionally on various mini-tours and traveling to compete in State Opens.

He moved back to Santa Maria in 1997 to be closer to family. Once back in California, Vallier continued to play professionally and work as a consultant until 1999 when he decided to become a club professional and earn his PGA card. He was hired at Santa Maria Country Club and worked his way through the PGA's "Professional Golf Management Program" acquiring his membership into the PGA in 2004.

Since 2004, he won the Club Fitter of the Year Award for the Northern Chapter of the Southern California PGA and twice nominated for Assistant Professional of the Year Award. His time with Santa Maria Country Club lasted eight years until he moved to Ventura, CA to open Olivas Links as PGA Head Golf Professional. Today Vallier is PGA Director of Golf for Olivas Links and Buenaventura Golf Courses in Ventura, CA.

In 2011 he was honored with the Bill Strausbaugh Award, that is presented to a PGA Professional who by their day-to-day efforts distinguishes themselves by mentoring their fellow PGA Professionals in improving their employment situations and through service in the community.

His passion and commitment to golf are evident. As Vallier currently serves on the Chapter Board for Junior Golf, SCPGA Junior Golf Tour Advisory Committee. He is also a Get Golf Ready Leader and Growth of the Game initiatives. He currently mentors three apprentices, all of which are in good standing. To contact Carl-Van Vallier please email <u>cvanvallier@kempersports.com</u> or call 805-677-6770

