

LEARNING GOLF

Other than being genetically predisposed to playing golf from infancy (being born with a silver club in your mouth), how do people arrive at their individual hacker skills? We all have our stories as to how it all began and how we got to where we are in this sport. It would probably require a library to compile a collection of these stories in one location. Fortunately for you, you only have to read this one. The daughter only needed one physical education class to complete her nursing degree. So she asked her mother, my wife, if she would please take the golfing course with her, and the rest is history, end of story.

Where can youngsters start? It seems we get a several page quarterly magazine from our local association, community activity center and the local college with its children, adolescent and adult section. And guess what? That's right there are introductory courses in golf for children of all ages even children all the way up into their eighties (seniors). All of our local courses and driving ranges offer introductory golf instruction as well.

If the kids show any proficiency at all, or more importantly an enjoyment of beating a little white ball to death with a stick then by all means take the next step. The above mentioned magazines also offer intermediate and advanced instruction at the same locations. If the inclination is to one day see your children furthering their education keep in mind those junior college golf courses also carry P.E. units. So there they are proud earners of 1 P.E. unit (or more) of college level courses well on their way to that eventual advanced university degree. Why they are almost there! Nice try!

Living vicariously through our kids, whose skills we imagine were arrived at through some god like D.N.A. genes derived from none other than ourselves. However, sometimes these genes need a little extra help, other than steroids, and this help can be acquired from the pro at your local golf course. Don't even begin to think about giving the kid or your wife a lesson! Their minds are closed to anything you could possibly have to offer. If you are not a licensed golfing professional you might just as well try teaching them how to play the bag pipe or giving them sky diving lessons because you will be more successful with those and the lessons won't be so prolonged.