



Rion D. Summers, PGA

College/University: Central Texas College

Year Turned Pro: 2000

Facility and Job Title: Meadowcreek GC/ Director of Golf

What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?

I began to play golf while stationed in San Diego in 1991 (US Navy). It was then I hit my first golf ball and I immediately fell in love with the game. I knew at that moment I would be around golf for a very long time. I passed my PAT 4 years later in August, 1995.

What is your specialty in the golf business?

I have been in management for the entire time I have been a PGA member. My specialty is conceptualizing a facility/golf course renovations project or existing facility and making it more playable/functional while providing a great golf experience.

Please list any accomplishments (Awards, Certifications, and Tournaments.)

1. Featured as "Golf's Mr. Fixit" in Golf Inc. 2006, August Issue
2. Golf Digest 2008 "Best Places to Play" @ Meadowcreek GC
2. Myrtle Beach Golf Course Owners Assoc. 2004 "Golf Course of the Year" @ Indian Wells GC

What was your greatest moment in golf?

Beating the PGA member in an 18 hole stroke play match who taught me how to play two years earlier.

What or who has had the greatest impact on your career?

1. My loving wife, Kelina of 20 years of marriage.
2. My lovely daughter Christi, 13 years old.
3. The inspiration I find in reading the Bible and learning the power of scripture(s).

Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?

1. Bass fishing as often as possible!
2. Cooking (mostly traditional southern dishes like those I grew up with)

If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome?

Augusta National: 1. Scott Grimes (friend) 2. Scott Bentley, PGA,
3. David Summers (brother)

If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give?

I would give it to the person who has never played before but would like to try. (Then I would sell them all of the equipment and a membership to my club!!!)

What is your favorite golf instruction tip?

"Swing down and the ball goes up, swing up and the ball goes down."