

JIM FITZGERALD- Chevy Chase

Jim Fitzgerald has been a PGA Member since 1982 and the Head Professional at Chevy Chase Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland since 1987. Prior to serving at Chevy Chase Club he was the Head Professional at Sankaty Head Golf Club in Nantucket, Massachusetts. Like many Golf Professionals, Jim Fitzgerald gravitated toward golf after a good amateur career. He was exposed to golf during summer jobs at Lakewood Country Club working for Dick Wilson. After graduating from the University of Maryland in 1978 he went to work at Montgomery Village Golf Course as an assistant. He realized his love for teaching during his second year at Montgomery Village after meeting Tim Schaaf, who he regards as the most knowledgeable person he knows regarding the golf swing. It was Tim's influence that fueled his desire to teach.

Working for Bill Strausbaugh for five years at Columbia Country Club was a defining moment in his career and cemented his love of teaching and dedication to the profession. Jim developed the basis of his teaching style from the many conversations and insights that Bill Strausbaugh conveyed during their time together and created a sense of professional pride, member service and enthusiasm that Jim credits for his success in the golf business. His love for the game is evident throughout his golf operation and he brings patience and expertise to the lesson tee. His dedication is demonstrated to his students with a solid approach to teaching that utilizes an understanding of latest swing theory and equipment presented in an easily understood manner. This approach is coupled with an excellent personal playing record that includes twice qualifying for the Kemper Open, being the 1991 Central Chapter Champion, the 1996 Central Chapter Pro/Assistant Champion and winning over 40 Section events over the past 18 years. This translates into credibility on the lesson tee and creates a source of pride for his membership to enjoy. He is a shining example of the complete Golf Professional and stands as a constant reminder to all aspiring golf professionals. Providing excellent service, personal involvement and tireless dedication to his students has earned Jim Fitzgerald the greatest respect as a teacher.