

Christopher W. George, PGA

Teacher of the Year
Kingsmill Resort
Williamsburg, Virginia

Christopher George was born in Richmond, Virginia on January 25, 1972 to Bill and Pat George. He is one of five children with Sue, Terry, LouAnn and Richard. He began to play golf at the age of five when his parents introduced the game to him at West Point Country Club in West Point, Va. Christopher was fortunate enough to grow up within walking distance of the golf course and both of his parents played a lot of golf. He played golf every day with friends and family and actively participated in junior golf.

The one person that was very influential in Christopher's decision to play golf was his dad. As they played countless rounds of golf, he learned about the history of the game as well as how to play. Over the years, Christopher's love for golf is what inspired him to become a PGA Professional.

Christopher earned his Bachelors degree in Recreation and Leisure from Ferrum College in Ferrum, Va. He also became a Level 1 Golf Fitness Instructor from the Titleist Performance Institute and is a Titleist, Cobra, Callaway, Ping and TaylorMade custom fitter.

Christopher became a golf professional in 1996 and was elected to PGA membership in 1999. His first golf-related job was as an Assistant Golf Professional at Fredericksburg Country Club under Carl Koons, PGA. He stayed at Fredericksburg Country Club until 2000 when he relocated to Kingsmill Resort and Spa. Christopher was selected to be the Director of Instruction at Kingsmill in 2003.

Christopher was voted one of U.S. Kids Top 50 Teachers in 2008 and Kingsmill Resort was named Golf Magazine's Top 25 Golf Schools in America in 2008. Christopher attributes several things to his success as a teacher, such as gaining knowledge from other PGA professionals, applying knowledge in instruction through effective communication and learning from each experience in teaching. This allows him to keep his strength current and make his weaknesses his strengths.

Chris has initiated and implemented the Elite Sports Performance Junior Training Center at Kingsmill. This is a program designed for junior golfers ages 12 – 18 who are playing competitively at the high school level, and/or Plantations, AJGA, FCWT, and IJGT junior golf tours. The mission of the Elite Sports Performance Junior Training Center is to raise the level of play of junior players through a commitment to improvement by the players and the Kingsmill Golf Academy Staff. The Training Center will play a key role in developing junior players potential. This focused intense training is provided for players that have a strong

desire to pursue golf to the next level. The program consists of individual instruction, golf specific fitness training, golf bio-dynamics, and supervised practice sessions. The results speak for themselves. The average stroke average per player dropped four points and there have been two tournament wins, three top fives and five top ten finishes in the first year of the program.

Christopher married his high school sweetheart, Leslie Wilson. They have been married for 13 fantastic years and have a three year old daughter, Ella Grace.