

James C. Fagan, PGA
Dogwood Trace Golf Course, Petersburg, Virginia

James (“Jamie”) was born in Richmond, Virginia and began playing golf at the age of 10 when his dad introduced him to the game. His family joined Richmond Country Club when Jamie was still a youth and he was taken under the wing of Leo Steinbrecher, PGA. Under Leo’s guidance, Jamie began working in the Golf Shop at the age of 15 and it was soon thereafter he decided on a career as a golf professional. After graduating from the University of Richmond in 1993, he began his career as an Assistant Professional at Richmond Country Club. Later that year, Jamie was offered an Assistant Professional position at The Dominion Club. Under the guidance of Richard White, PGA, Jamie attained full membership in The PGA in 1996. Jamie became the Head PGA Professional at The Dominion Club in 1997 and the Richmond Junior Golf Tour was formed. The Tour was transformed from small local events to a completely web based regional golf tour. Even as the tour grew in size, the mission of the Tour remained the same, to introduce competition to young players who are taking up the game. He resisted the desire of some to make the events ultra competitive for the elite players. Jamie knew the true way to grow the game was to stick to the large core of youth players who are not aspiring tour players and to keep the prices low. In 2004, as the tour continued to grow, Jamie embarked on a new phase of his golf career, golf course owner. After buying in as a minority partner to Queenfield Golf Course, Jamie served as their General Manager until selling his interest in 2007. While at Queenfield, Jamie received a national Growth of the Game grant from The PGA to develop new senior players. The “Swingin’ Senior” program was a resounding success reuniting over 125 players with the game of golf.

In 2007, Jamie took over as the General Manager of Dogwood Trace Golf Course in Petersburg, Virginia. The newly renovated golf course lies in the heart of Petersburg. The mission of the city is to provide “at risk” children additional programs. Since opening, Jamie has partnered with Wes Swope, fellow PGA Professional and the Director of Golf of the First Tee of Chesterfield, to bring a summer program to the youth of Petersburg. In its first season, the two were able to triple the number of children in the program. All of these children went through the program at no cost to them. Currently, Dogwood Trace and First Tee of Chesterfield are actively pursuing grant funding to become a full affiliate of the First Tee. When successful, this will allow Dogwood Trace to expand the program to accommodate almost 2000 “at risk” children.

While this was going on, The Richmond Junior Golf Tour completed its eleventh season as strong as ever. Over 3000 children have gone through the program that has received high praise and appreciation from the parents of their participants.

Jamie currently resides in Glen Allen, Virginia with his wife Jennifer and their four children: Christian (11); Andrew (8); Braxton (6); and Molly (4).