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Jon was born March 27, 1961 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he grew up with his father, Lawrence, mother, Elva Brusca, and three sisters, Jeana, Gemma, and Marianne. Jon's mother stressed discipline, respect, and tolerance for others. While his father was not a golfer, he did emphasize sports and taught Jon the value of good sportsmanship.

Jon's first exposure to golf came when he was eleven years old. A planned outing to the movies with his best friend's family turned into a trip to a driving range instead. A few days later, Jon and two other friends sneaked onto the Somerton Springs Golf Course in Feasterville, Pennsylvania and, as luck would have it, they were caught by the owner, David Platt, who agreed to not notify the police if the boys would agree to attend a junior golf clinic. That was the beginning of Jon's love affair with golf. The following year he accepted a caddie position at Philmont Country Club in Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania, and three years after that he became a counselor for the Somerton Springs Junior Camp. Over the next eleven years, Jon captured numerous amateur titles, including the Philadelphia Caddie Championship (four times), Philadelphia Junior Championship (two times), Temple University Championship, and others.

Jon declared his professional status in 1983 and was elected to PGA membership in 1989. Ironically, as an apprentice, he worked at the same golf course that he sneaked onto as an adventurous eleven year-old. In 1988 Jon became the Director of Instruction/Head Golf Professional at J.K.S.T. Golf School at Haverford Golf Range in Haverford, Pennsylvania where he reconditioned and maintained an old driving range and was the owner/operator of two golf shops. In 1992 Jon became the PGA Teaching Professional at Old South Country Club in Lothian, Maryland. He moved to the PGA Teaching Professional position at Fort George Meade Golf Course in 2004 and the Head PGA Professional position at Heritage Harbour Golf Club in April of 2005.

Jon believes that one should always put forth one's best effort and should enjoy doing so. Jon was selected as the MAPGA's Teacher of the Year in 2000. He has appeared in *Golf Digest's* "Top 10 Teachers in Maryland" listing and in *Golf Magazine's* "Best Teachers in Region" listing every year since 2000. Jon volunteers as a rules official and as an instructor at PGA workshops, clinics, and summits. He participates in Play Golf America day and Free Lesson Month and has contributed instructional articles to *Washington Golf Monthly*, *Virginia Golfer*, *Pros N Hackers*, and *Maximum Golf*.