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Eric was born March 18, 1964 in Abilene, Texas to Ronnie and Kathleen McGraw. Eric has two brothers, Ron and Scott. Golf has always been a part of their lives. Eric's father was a head PGA Professional; Eric's uncle, Gervis McGraw, is a Life Member; and Eric's grandfather owned a golf club repair shop.

Eric grew up at his dad's golf course, Brownwood Country Club in Brownwood, Texas. His dad introduced him to the game and Eric began competitive golf at age 10, though he was swinging a golf club long before that time. Eric's first jobs were working for his dad as bagroom boy, cart boy, and "all-around gopher".

Ben Hogan was Eric's childhood idol – still is. He tries to mimic Ben's work ethic. The history of the game has also been a strong influence. Watching the British Open as a youngster on Saturday and Sunday mornings is a cherished memory.

Eric played on a strong golf team at Abilene Cooper High School. Two of his teammates from high school – Bob Estes and Mike Standly – are PGA Tour players. He scored two top 10 finishes in American Junior Golf Association events and qualified for the Junior College National Championship. Eric received his Bachelor of Education degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, in 1988.

Eric began working in 1988 as an assistant at Quail Creek Golf and Country Club in Oklahoma City. In 1993, he was elected to PGA membership. He accepted the head PGA Professional position at Brandermill Country Club in Midlothian, Virginia in 1995. In 1999, Eric became the head PGA Professional at The Keswick Club in Keswick, Virginia. Eric was selected as Jefferson District's 2000/2001 Coach of the Year for his work at Monticello High School in Charlottesville, Virginia. He has served on the Section's Membership Committee for four years assisting new apprentices getting started with their careers in golf and has recently become the Southern Chapter's Western Director.

Hard work and honesty are the keys to Eric's success. His genuine interest in his members and customers is easy to see and feel. Golf instruction is his strongest area – teaching is a priority for Eric. His students get 100% of his attention. Eric believes that members and customers will support him when they see the effort he makes to help them improve their game.

Eric and his wife, Patti, have been married for thirteen years and have four children: Taylor, age 13; Ian, age 10; Molly, age 6; and Michael, age 4.