

YOUTH PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

This award bestows special recognition on a PGA Professional who is a leader in junior golf, reflects the image and qualities that juniors can emulate, and provides opportunities for juniors to learn and play golf.

Billy Hoffman, PGA
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Billy is regularly called upon by other PGA Professionals, locally and nationally, to consult about improving junior golf programs, teaching junior golfers and the role of coach. He has a strong presence on social media that promotes the game, positivity and inspires others. He is upfront and honest with parents and will customize lessons and training to fit the junior golfers level of interest.

Billy (William) Hofmann was born June 21, 1981 in Washington D.C to parents Mike and Pressie Hofmann and has two brothers, Brad and Eric. Billy's parents had a golf club in his hand at a very young age. He spent most of his summers hanging out at the golf course playing and practicing sun up to sun down. Both of Billy's parents and brothers grew up playing golf. His father learned to play on his own at East Potomac Golf Course, gambling with Lee Elder and others in the 60's and 70's. His mother learned the game from her parents, both avid golfers, at Chevy Chase Club. She also has 14 Ladies Club Championship titles over 4 different decades. The Hoffman family has a lot of great matches, golf trips and shared memories on the golf course.

Billy graduated from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School in 2000, playing on the golf and ice hockey teams all 4 years. He then attended Methodist College (currently Methodist University) was enrolled in the PGM Program and graduated with his PGA Membership in 2006.

Billy Hoffman started his golf career at Chevy Chase Club picking the range, working in the bag room and caddying. Billy started his professional career at Congressional Country Club in 2006 and in 2008 moved to Westwood Country Club, where he is currently employed. During his time as a PGA Professional, Billy has received many recognitions. He is a 3-time APA Player of the Year, has competed in 5 National Assistants Championships, and played in the 2009, and 2019 PGA National Championships. He was also recognized as one of Golf Digest's Top Instructors in Virginia from 2017 – present, U.S. Kids Top 50 Teachers in 2018, and chaperoned a student to the National Drive, Chip & Putt Event in 2017.

Joy Bonhurst, PGA/LPGA is both a mentor and teacher to Billy. PGA Members Kevin Taylor, Jim Fitzgerald, Bob Dolan, Steve Bosdosh, Danny Shanz, Brad Myers, Stacy Miller-Arndt, Glenn Brown, Matt Gallagher, Marty O'Rear and Mike Fischer have all influenced and supported Billy and his career as a PGA Professional.

Billy has been married to Hillary Hoffman for 13 years. Hillary is a personal trainer and group instructor and has a health coaching business. They enjoy working out together,

cooking and eating (a lot) and both share a strong shoe addiction. His daughter Isabella (Isa) Hoffman is 8 years old. Isa enjoys drawing, playing with slime, YouTube and has been boxing for over a year. Isa and Billy spend time hiking the Billy Goat trail and anything outdoors.

Billy believes that he has a responsibility to help build the character of each student and to make golf instruction FUN for them. He finds something in common or something he can use to connect with his students to make them feel comfortable in a learning environment. His philosophy is to build character, build the athlete and then build the golfer.