



Future Champions Golf Academy

CHRIS SMEAL, PGA

Note from Coach Chris

I truly feel that any player that spends a significant amount of time working with me will have lifelong benefits that are immeasurable in personal development. Even though my emphasis is on helping my students play the game of golf better, I spend equal time helping my students be better people. I have been successful in taking some of the most timid and scared young people and helped transform them into confident adults who are powerful, fearless, poised, confident, and respectful.

Chris Smeal



MY PHILOSOPHY
in a Nut Shell

College Scholarship Recipients

Courtney Hooton – Harvard
Chloe Belle Hooton – Harvard
Texie June Petchel – UNLV
Nahum Mendoza – SDSU
Daniela Martinez – Central
Oklahoma
April Ranches – SDSU
Griffin Tso – Chapman
Carlos Kim – Lehigh
Marcos
Glennon Waters – Navy

Jonah Texeira – USC
Ryan Odom – CSU San Marcos
Otto Vanhatalo – SDSU
Bobby Gojuangco – USC
Garrett Cypher – SDSU
Stacey Rayo – CSU San
Marcos
Kathleen Crossley – Point
Loma Nazarene
Carter Pool – San Jose State
Eric Peng – WestPoint
Jennifer Peng – Yale
Caitlin Farley – Cal Poly Slo
Mikayla Fitzpatrick

Danny Ochoa – USC
Stephen Watson – Cal Baptist
Tyler Moore – U of A
Haley Moore – U of A
David Watson – Central
College
Sean Hickey – University of
Rochester
Luis Calderon – CSU
Northridge
Tavit Garabedian – CSU
Northidge

Jessica Mangrobang –
Gonzaga
Cara Barker – Texas Tech
Timmy Davis – Emory
William Wells – TSU
CSU Northridge
Gianna Waddy – CSU
Monterey Bay
Cecelia DeMatteo – Tulane
Charlie Magruder – Gonzaga
Kevin Cline – CSU San Marcos

Student Testimonial

Chris Smeal has been my Coach since I was 6 years old! Along with my younger sister Isabella who has also been with Coach Chris since she was 5. We are 15 and 11 now. He was just so welcoming to myself and my family and he has an amazing connection with kids. I was so shy and quiet when I was younger but he always made me feel comfortable and I was always so excited and happy to come back and let him teach me. Golf has been a new adventure for my family and land to be honest we had no idea what to do or what to expect, but Chris has guided us through this process and still is! My game wouldn't be nearly this improved without the great teaching and philosophy of Chris Smeal and we are so thankful! Most importantly Chris genuinely cares about the improvement and development of our skills along with how we grow and develop into respectful and successful adults. He not only teaches us the fundamentals of the game, but also the life lessons that can be learned through playing this game. Chris really is the man and he can improve your golf game with every lesson! He keeps the game fun and has mastered the art of being a motivating but never too serious to be around Coach! He absolutely does wonders and is the number one golf instructor around!"

-April R



Parent Testimonials

"Celia is taking Alex down for his last lesson today. I just wanted to thank you for working with him the past few years. You've been a great coach as well as example for him- he always quotes you when we're out playing. He's really grown a lot with his approach to the game. In fact we think you should move to Dallas as well. We'll definitely be looking up the FCG tournaments in Texas. Please pass along our best to Antrone. He's a true professional as well."

-John W. Kopenhaver

"Rei has been taking lessons from Chris for 4 years! Chris has been not only a great instructor but wonderful mentor. He doesn't just teach how to swing, chip and putt. He teaches kids how to be mentally strong on the course and to have fun. My son says, "coach Chris is so cool and makes golf so much fun! Chris has a magic that he can fix things right away. My son is improving his game and has been in Junior World for three times. Mostly, we are happy that he enjoys playing golf so much!" - Thanks to Chris! He is the best coach!!!"

- Kelly Harashima



Parent Testimonials

“Before we moved in San Diego and met Chris Smeal in January 2012, my 12-year-old son Zihao had experienced 5 coaches since he started learning golf when he was 6. After one year of learning from Chris, I have realized his strengths and value when compared with my sons' former coaches who are all good coaches in one way or the other. Chris has combined almost all of the others' strengths. I feel in my heart that he has REAL passion, constant endeavor and enough seriousness in helping his students and digging out their potential. His teaching method is practical and insightful, never boring students or losing students confidence and inner self by comparing their swing with other famous pros' swing in every detail. In addition, he himself is a competitive player and still plays tournaments nowadays. This makes him offer fresh, practical tournament strategies and better understandings to advanced junior tour players. He keeps thinking and writing various articles and tips for players, sharing his wisdom in the game of golf. He also has a positive learning attitude, keeping in attending PGA seminars and making sure he acquires the most advanced knowledge in this industry. Furthermore, he sharply observes the individual characteristics of his students, then teaches and communicates with them accordingly. Most importantly, he cares about the integrity of his students' long-term development and stresses the importance of balance, guiding them to develop well as a whole person not merely a golfer. In sum, he is the best combination coach for advanced junior tour players in our experiences so far. My son has improved much in many aspects, and will continuously learn from him for sure.” – Lucy Jin

Zihao Jin has won 35 Junior Golf Tournaments between age 12 and 16 while working with Chris Smeal. He is one of the most local junior golf. He is a scholar athlete with over 4.0 GPA.



Awards and Recognition

- ▶ Top 25 FCG Elite Junior Golf Coach in USA Award – 2015
- ▶ Golf Digest Top Teacher in California – 2013-2014-2015
- ▶ Golf Range Top 50 US Growth of the Game Coach – 2013-2014-2015
- ▶ SDPGA Junior Golf Leader – 2013
- ▶ SCPGA Junior Golf Leader – 2011
- ▶ US Kids Master Kids Instructor – 2008
- ▶ US Kids Top 50 USA Teacher – 2004-2005-2006-2007
- ▶ SDPGA Junior Golf Leader – 2005
- ▶ SDPGA Apprentice of the Year - 2005



About Coach

Switched from Baseball to Golf at age 15 and fell in love with the game. Spent everyday after that practicing and playing. Was a 3 year varsity letter winner at a very competitive Rancho Bernardo High School. Received a Division 1 College Scholarship to play at San Diego State University. Won 10 tournaments in one year at age 18. Course record 63 at Carmel Mountain Ranch, 9 under par 51 at Oaks North Golf Course, 6 under par 9-Hole score at Four Points Par 3 course. Played College Golf with multiple PGA Tour Winner – Scott Piercy. Played College Golf with SDSU Men's Head Golf Coach – Ryan Donovan. Was mentored by Keith Sbarbaro who was #2 ranked player on ASU behind Phil Mickelson. Attended the Butch Harmon School of Golf, learned for several hours with Carl Welty, spent over 6 hours with Ben Doyle attended several National Teaching Seminars. Founded the award winning Future Champions Golf Program in January 2004 that has become one of the largest and most successful junior golf programs in history with more than 100 junior golf tournaments. Chris has coaches some of the best players in Southern California year after year and has helped over 70 juniors receive college golf scholarships. There isn't a day that goes by that Chris doesn't look for a new angle to help his students improve while maintaining the key principles of the game.



Coaching Opportunities

- ▶ Private Coaching
 - ▶ \$125 per Hour / \$1000 for 10 Hour Package
- ▶ On-Going Monthly Programs (Recommended)
 - ▶ 4 1-Hr. Sessions: \$400
 - ▶ 2 1-Hr. Sessions: \$225
- ▶ Group Coaching
 - ▶ \$50 per Hour / \$200 per Month for 4 Hours / \$375 per Month for 8 Hours
- ▶ Monthly Player Development Consulting Program
 - ▶ \$150 per Month includes 2 Phone Calls and Swing Analysis
- ▶ On Course Coaching
 - ▶ Private: \$250 per 9-Holes / Group of 3: \$250ea per 18-Holes
- ▶ Mentorship and College Readiness Annual Program
 - ▶ \$5,000 per year



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