



Coach Richard Gaona

Golf has been one of Richard's greatest passions in life from the time he first touched a club at 5 years old. He grew up loving to play the game with his father and his friends in Globe-Miami, Arizona. His small-town high school did not have a golf program so he convinced the football coach to start one. You might say this is where Richard's teaching career began, leading and helping his fellow teammates to improve their individual games. He went on to play at Mesa Community College until turning Professional in 2005. Richard has 23 professional wins among numerous high-place finishes, and holds 4 course records, including the one at Springfield!

Since 2010, Richard has been teaching professionally at Dobson Ranch Golf Course, and joined the Springfield Golf Resort team in May 2020. He has also enjoyed assisting the coaching staff and players of Mesa Community College, and Glendale Community College.

Richard says, "I enjoy teaching anyone how to improve their golf game; but I truly love being part of developing young players and using my experience and expertise to help them be their best."

Some of Richard's Playing Accomplishments:

He has won state opens like Southern Utah Open and Sierra Vista Open twice. Numerous wins on Mini tours like the Pepsi Tour, the Dream Chasers Tour, the Championship Players Tour, the National Pro Tour, and the National Golf Tour.

By having the lowest scoring average for the season he earned an exemption into Q-School on the National Golf Tour.

He has also played seasons on the Gateway Tour with a best finish of 3rd.

