

## Bio for Mark LaVigne

Golf has been part of Mark's life since his competitive hockey days ended after Junior A. From caddying all the way through to playing competitive golf, it has been a part of his life from a very early age. It just seemed natural to Mark to pick up a club and swing it like a hockey player. Realizing there was more to this game than meets the eye, a number of experiences occurred along his journey forever influencing his life and his perspective on playing and teaching this wonderful game of golf.

For his over 30 years of teaching, crossing paths with people like Moe Norman, Greg Norman, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Fred Couples and the incomparable Payne Stewart, left indelible, positive imprints on Mark that he often shares with his students. Travelling to Wales to see the 2010 Ryder Cup Matches at Celtic Manor gave Mark a close up view of what the 24 best in the world of golf were capable of. Special time spent with the likes of world class instructors such as Chuck Hogan, Jim McLean, Rick Smith, Dr. GioValiante, and Dr.Saul Miller have had a profound influence on the way he approaches every student in an individual way.

There is no one way to learn the game, but there are some basic fundamentals that don't change no matter who you are. Mark asks for only two things of his students, one is an open mind and the other is a willingness to try. He'll provide the rest and his students benefit from his patient progressive methodical approach to building a swing one step at a time.

This is a game for a lifetime and to quote the legendary Ben Hogan, ***"there are no shortcuts on the path to perfection"***.