



**Warren Schutte**

**Director of Instruction  
Moon Valley Country Club**

Warren was born in Durban, South Africa where he played cricket, rugby, soccer, field hockey, baseball, and of course golf, as a young boy.

At 12 Warren gave up all the other sports to concentrate on golf and like so many other people, was bitten by the bug. (Could not get enough of golf, sun up to sun down)

At 13 he represented South Africa in the Topolino World Championships in Italy for kids 14 and under. It was there that he says he realized the world was a big place and that there were many more and much better players outside of Durban, and the dream of improving started.

At 14 he came to the Junior World Championships in San Diego. At Balboa Park he became the second player and the first in this age group to win the Junior World Championships from South Africa. (Ernie Els is the other player).

At 17 he received a scholarship to attend UNLV where he later became the first golfer to be inducted into the University of Las Vegas Hall of Fame. Warren became the first ever-individual NCAA Champion in the School's history when he won the 1991 NCAA Championship. It was also the first time in their 106 year history that a foreign born player had won this title. Warren lived in Las Vegas for 13 years before moving to Phoenix in 2002. Warren and his family became members at Moon Valley and in 2006 he became our Director of Instruction.

Warren has a beautiful wife Joan and they have been married for 11 years. In 2003 they were blessed with their first child, a boy, Hayden, and 19 months later they were blessed again with a little girl, Abbey. Warren's family is a huge part of his life and you will often see his kids tagging along with him at Moon Valley.

## **Warren's Accomplishments**

- Junior World Champion
- Winner of more than 30 Junior and Amateur events
- First foreign born NCAA Champion in 106 year history
- First foreign born Publinx Champion
- Winner of most collegiate events at UNLV
- The only college golfer to win Conference, Regionals, and Nationals in same year
- First golfer inducted into UNLV Hall of Fame
- First golfer inducted into Southern Nevada Hall of Fame
- Played in the Masters 1993 (played with Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer)
- Played in 3 U.S Open's (made the cut in 2000 when Tiger won at Pebble)
- Played in the 1999 World Series of Golf
- Has played on the PGA Tour, European Tour, South African Tour, Asian Tour, Canadian Tour, and the Australasian Tour.
- Has won over 40 professional events in 5 countries.
- Has been a member of the PGA Tour playing on the Nationwide Tour for 6 years
- Has been Director of Instruction at Moon Valley for 2 years.
- Has coached juniors at Moon Valley Country Club to more than 25 victories in the past 2 years.
- Has sent 4 juniors to the High School State Championships and has produced one State Champion.
- Has helped a number of members win their flights in our club championships.
- Has helped some professionals that play on the Gateway Tour who have won three times in the past two years.

## **Philosophy and method of teaching**

I believe that my background of competitive golf has taught me that having too many position thoughts stops a person from playing their best. Keeping it simple and clear is the best way for golfers to perform at their highest level. I am convinced that a perfect start and a perfect finish is what we should be spending most of our time working on when it comes to the swing. Being out of position causes a lot of our problems before we even start and then we are so busy trying to work on our swing that we forget to complete the swing. I will always strive to have the student have a few defined thoughts that have a specific order and can be taken to the course. With good course management and clear defined thoughts on the course, everyone can improve and enjoy this wonderful game. Time spent on the course learning how to play the game from a different perspective is something that I know can help most people.

This Fall I have set up some clinics and lessons for the short game, course management, and ladies clinics. I hope you find these interesting and I know that they will be fun as well as informative. As usual I am always available for private instruction at a rate of \$100 an hour and \$75 an hour for juniors. If you would like on-course private instruction, I know I can help you, as this is what I specialize in. I have played professionally for 16 years and am still a member of the PGA Tour with playing privileges on the Nationwide Tour.

We have a number of other instructors here at Moon Valley including Tyler Kirkendoll, Sinclair Torrilhon, Pam Barnett, Drew Billow, Andrew Yang and Garrett Copp. We are truly lucky to have so many fine instructors, and I am confident that if I can't help you with what you are looking for, one of our other instructors can. I am dedicated to providing our members with the highest level of instruction, so between our team and myself I know we offer an extremely high product.

Please contact me for rates or any other info you might need on our instructors.

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