



How long have you been playing golf?

I have been playing golf since I was about 14 when the farm I lived on was transformed into Queenstown Harbour. I guess you can say golf kinda found me as a kid. Who knew it would turn into a 25-year career?

What made you interested in the sport/ Who influenced you?

I have been extremely lucky to be around such great professionals in our region like Mark Herrmann, Bill Horney, Mike Kohn, and Rich Setter who as a young professional, showed me the right way to care for your golfers. To give special care to local junior and adult beginner golfers, and continue to grow the game in our region.

What is your favorite course you have played?

I still have many courses to scratch off the bucket list, but my current favorite is Pete Dye's final design, the Links at Perry Cabin. It's a great test of all your skills and the island green 17th hole which is a copy of the TPC Sawgrass island green is always a challenge.

How did you get involved with the junior tour?

I think I can honestly say I am one of the few people that can say I've been involved with the junior tour from the beginning. First as a hosting club professional, then as a player caddy for one of my students, then finally stepping out of caddy duty to help out my good friend and former tour director Devan Scott with running the tour events. And of course illustrating a few cartoon promotional covers for our summer and winter championships, which are always fun to create.

Why do you think junior golf is important?

The future of the game lies in the hands of our youth. It's cool to play golf now and it's amazing to see so many great opportunities continuing to open up for our juniors. Equipment has evolved in leaps and bounds for quality kid-friendly clubs. School programs continue to develop and evolve, with courses opening their doors in support of those programs. Of course the growing opportunities for junior competitions that are accessible to all players. Tours like the Under Armour Junior Tour give juniors an amazing environment to gain experience, compete against other juniors of their skill levels, and most importantly create friendships that can last a lifetime.

What were you doing prior to your appointment running the UA junior Golf tour on the Shore?

5 years ago I had the amazing opportunity to join the team at Hearthstone Health and Fitness in Easton, MD. Looking to make a move from the traditional club professional day-to-day, there I have had the opportunity to build a golf program that is truly all-encompassing, including instruction, club fitting services, junior programs, and golf performance fitness programming for golfers of all ages and levels. The golf wing of the facility, known as Hearthstone Golf has become a go-to spot for many of our local golfers. Along with the above-mentioned offerings, it has also become a hot spot for locals to keep their swings tuned up through the cold winter months and play one of the many great courses on the HD Golf Simulator. Hearthstone Golf even offers winter leagues for both adults and juniors!

What excites you most about your new venture with the UA junior tour?

The Under Armour Junior Tour has grown in leaps and bounds over the past few years! It's an honor to be a part of the fastest-growing junior tour in the US, which is now expanding worldwide. How could you not be excited?!

What are your future plans for the tour?

I'm looking forward to continuing to help grow the tour here on the Eastern Shore. With so many juniors from the Bay Bridge to the beaches, I'm looking forward to seeing our returning players, and the many new players to our growing divisions. This coming fall season I am also looking forward to including some new courses in the schedule as well. The shore is full of so many great courses, and it's going to be exciting to see the new variety and challenges for our players.

meet the pro

DEVON SCOTT, PGA

interviewed by: Delaney Cha



How long have you been playing golf?

30 years now is when I first picked up a golf club

What made you interested in the sport/ Who influenced you?

My Dad introduced me to the game and always played with my family growing up. It continued over to Highschool when I was able to join my first golf team.

What is your favorite course you have played?

Kiawah Island Ocean Course is my favorite course that I have played so far. Along with TPC Sawgrass.

Where did you obtain your PGA certification?

I obtained my PGA Certification through The UMES PGM program. Received my PGA Status in 2012.

How did you get involved with the junior tour?

I was fortunate enough to meet Ray Taranto back in 2009 and in 2014 I ran one of Ray's Mens Events. That is how Ray and I met and it transitioned into the Junior Tour on the shore.

Why do you think junior golf is important?

Junior Golf is the most important aspect of our future in the game. They will be the future players, members, and pros as those currently in the industry start to fade out. They are our future to any success with golf as we know it.

What were you doing prior to your appointment as Rum Pointe's Head Pro?

I was the Maryland and Virginia Under Armour Sales Rep for all of the Golf Specific locations.

What excites you most about your new venture at Rum Pointe?

It is a chance for me to get back to what I desire the most in the industry. Growing staff to the fullest potential in a game they love and projecting my knowledge to future golfers. It has been my main focus in any career path I have chosen and the time just felt right. A chance to bring my knowledge and leadership back to the Green Grass Facilities where I plan to be as far as I can.

What are your future plans for the course?

The golf course is a very successful one here on the Eastern Shore. I would like to maintain any aspect I can while introducing some player development aspects to the facility. Rum Pointe is an amazing place to introduce anything we can as the industry requires. Many great opportunities that will hopefully be coming soon.

How do you want to build the youth program there?

Building a youth program has a lot of angles. It would start with what works with Schools and other Junior activities in the area. Many courses have a Junior program that is constantly growing to adapt. I hope to build and work with all facilities to offer more opportunities for the golfers. Growing the game is best when all facilities work together to give the juniors the most options out there.

