



DIRECTOR OF GOLF

Mark Krizic

Mark has worked in the golf industry his entire life, starting as a caddie at age 13 at Olympia Fields. In 2004, he was elected to Membership in the PGA of America as a Class “A” Member. He has been the Director of Golf since 2009. Prior to Ridge, Mark’s employment includes Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, Troon North Golf Club, and The Course at Aberdeen. He has made his number one responsibility to ensure the tradition of excellence at Ridge and 100% guest satisfaction.

Additionally, Mark is a dedicated coach focused on helping golfers achieve results and enjoy the game. Mark has had the opportunity to work with players of all ages and skill levels. He has played an instrumental role in developing Junior and Ladies Programs at Ridge. Mark brings his focus and passion to both individual lessons and group instruction. As a result, he has the ability to develop and hone the performance of all his students. Mark is a certified U.S. Kids Instructor and a member of the Positive Coaching Alliance. He was named a US Kids Top 50 Junior golf instructor in 2014 & 2015. His enthusiasm, positive attitude and love of teaching come together to provide an exceptional golf experience to his students.

Mark is dedicated to furthering his education, in order to remain current in his field strategies. He is very involved in various associations and organizations, and is currently enrolled in the PGA’s certified Professional Program. Mark is a member of the Illinois PGA Finance Committee and the 2016 Illinois PGA Player Development Award winner.

In 2011, Mark was selected to the PGA Magazine Ambassador Program, which is a select group of PGA Professionals that influence golf travel at domestic and international resort destinations. As a member of this program Mark has represented himself and the club regionally, nationally, and internationally at conferences all over the globe. In 2013, he was named as the PGA Magazine Ambassador of the Year. Furthermore, Mark operates the Chicago Callaway Performance Center. He is a Callaway Master Staff Professional, a Certified Fitting and Product Specialist, and was a featured presenter at the 2013 PGA Professionals’ National Club-fitting National Conference.

- ▶ Callaway Certified Fitting Specialist
- ▶ Callaway Certified Product Specialist
- ▶ Callaway Master Staff Professional
- ▶ 2013 PGA Ambassador of the Year
- ▶ Top 50 US Kids Golf Instructor 2014 & 2015
- ▶ Positive Coaching Alliance member
- ▶ 2013 PGA National Club Fitting Conference at Prestonwood CC Presenter
- ▶ 2016 PGA Illinois Section Player Development of the Year
- ▶ Illinois PGA Finance Committee Member
- ▶ Illinois PGA Teaching & Coaching Summit
- ▶ Certified in Golf Operations

Teaching Philosophy:

"I believe there is no right or wrong way to swing the club, but rather an efficient, repeatable way and an inefficient. The golf swing should be as simple as possible with no unnecessary movements. The golf club swings on a plane with a square club face that is comfortable to the student and matches their body type. The body should be relaxed and free of tension to maximize the students' power within."