

## **Robert Tudor, PGA**



**College/University: Pennsylvania State University**  
**Year Turned Pro: 2008**  
**Facility and Job Title: Galloway National Golf Club**  
**Assistant Golf Professional**

### **What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?**

I was lucky to have had a high school job working in a golf shop. I fell in love with the game as well as the role of golf professional in a club setting. I always felt that helping other people enjoy their day never felt much like work. With that mindset it is a very easy job to do!

### **What is your specialty in the golf business?**

Teaching golf and merchandising. I have had the opportunity to work for some great teachers as well as some great merchandisers. Becoming an authorized instructor of The Golfing Machine really gave me a passion for helping people with their game. With concrete factual information; I truly believe that everyone can be helped.

### **Please list any accomplishments (Awards, Certifications, and Tournaments.)**

Authorized Instructor of The Golfing Machine - Baccalaureate, and Certified Ping Club Fitter.

### **What was your greatest moment in golf?**

I was working on my first internship when I got a call from a friend with an invite to play Pine Valley. The tee time was only a couple hours from the time I got the call. My boss at the time got wind of it and told me to suit up and leave work. I will never forget that day.

**What or who has had the greatest impact on your career?**

It may not be P.C. anymore to say this but probably Tiger Woods. I honestly do not see myself having developed the passion for this game had I not spent every Sunday watching Tiger on TV in my late childhood.

**Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?**

Anything outdoors. Mostly fishing, boating, kayaking, biking, and gardening. Aside from that, just spending time with family and friends.

**If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome?**

Ask me tomorrow and the answer will probably be different. Today it would be Cypress Point with my brother and my two best friends from college.

**If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give?**

I am thrilled to teach anyone, from the scratch player to the very beginner. For the beginner my advice would be to work your way up! Start on the putting green. When you can hit almost every putt solid and on line then move to chipping. Repeat this process through pitching, half swings, and then finally full swings. Most people learn the full swing first. Lots of bad habits are learned because of this. In a perfect world, someone learning the game should never miss (whif) a golf ball.

**What is your favorite golf instruction tip?**

Trying to get students to understand club head lag. In my opinion golfdom is too caught up with positions in the golf swing. The physics of the swing, or the motion itself, is first and foremost. Hold a driver with the headcover on in your right hand (for right handed golfers). On a horizontal plane hold the club out in front of you. Turn your shoulders back and then turn your shoulders through like you normally would in a golf swing. Focus your attention on the pad of the pointer finger (the last piece of your grip touching the club). When done correctly you will feel a great dragging sensation on that spot. It should feel like the club is resisting the motion of your shoulders. It should not feel like the pointer finger is "pushing" the clubhead. If you do not feel this sensation in your golf swing, you are not maintaining clubhead lag!