

Eric Haile, PGA



Eric Haile, PGA, is a highly respected golf professional whose career reflects a lifelong commitment to excellence, education, and service to the game. A PGA Class A member since 1995 and a PGA Quarter Century Member as of 2021, Eric has served as the Head Golf Professional at Stafford Country Club since 1998, where he continues to lead the club's golf operations and instructional programs with passion and professionalism.

Eric's foundation in the game was built through a distinguished competitive and academic career. He is a graduate of Methodist University's Professional Golf Management program and was a four-year member of the university's Division III men's golf team from 1990 to 1993. During that time, Eric helped lead Methodist University to three NCAA Division III National Championships (1991, 1992, and 1993) and earned All-American honors at the NCAA Division III Championships held at Torrey Pines in 1993.

Following college, Eric pursued competitive professional golf, playing on the Florida Space Coast Tour in 1994 and the Arizona Mini-Tour in 1995. He began his PGA professional career as a member of the Philadelphia PGA Section before relocating to Western New York, where he has become a long-standing leader within the WNYPGA.

Throughout his career, Eric has demonstrated a deep dedication to growing the game at every level. He has served on WNYPGA Section committees focused on Junior Golf and Player Engagement and has been a driving force in youth development and player outreach. In 2022, he became a PGA HOPE adaptively trained instructor and remains actively involved in delivering programming for military veterans. He also serves as a PGA Jr. League Professional, continuing his commitment to introducing young players to the game in a fun, team-oriented environment. He currently serves on the Western New York PGA Board of Directors, supporting the section and helping to grow the game of golf.

Eric's impact on golf education and leadership has been widely recognized. His honors include the WNYPGA Section Junior Golf Leader Award (2011), the Horton Smith Award for Education (2013), and the WNYPGA Section Golf Professional of the Year Award (2014), reflecting both his instructional excellence and service to the profession.

Eric and his wife, Julie, are proud parents to their children, Sam and Paige. He is an integral part of the Stafford Country Club community, where his passion for teaching, mentoring, and growing the game continues to shape golfers of all ages and abilities.

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