

Meet Rick Arnett

Rick has been in the golf business since 1988, and a Class A PGA Professional since 1994. Originally from Palestine, Texas, Rick has been in Austin since 1986, when he came to attend the University of Texas. While attending school, he worked at Onion Creek Country Club until he was sponsored to play on the Texas Tour tour in 1992-93. Following several local PGA positions here in the Austin-area, he was hired at Great Hills Country Club in 2000. He worked his way up to the Head Golf Professional position in 2002. In addition to running the day-to-day operations of the Golf Shop, running all of our many tournaments, and teaching, Rick has a nice resume as a player as well. He qualified for five Hogan/Nike Tour events, one PGA Tour event (1995 Texas Open), two Professional National Championships (2012 and 2016), five Senior Professional National Championships (2015-2019), and the 2017 USGA Senior Open. He has been a winner of eight major titles as a member of the STPGA: 1995, 2000, and 2002 Titleist Pro-Assistant, 2000 Western Section Champion, 2004 Match Play Champion, 2018-2019 US Foods Senior Champion, and the 2019 Traditions Champion.

In addition to his accomplishments in stroke-play events, he has also been a fixture in several match play events. Rick has played on the Joe Black Cup Matches (for the STPGA team) for 14 years, and has played for the Professional Team on the Hanon Cup for 21 years (including Captain in 2014.). In 2021, Rick was named the Southern Texas Section Captain for the Joe Black Cup matches held at Boot Ranch in Fredricksburg. He led his team to victory over the Northern Texas Section (12.5 to 11.5). Rick's extensive playing experience has helped him become a sought-after instructor in the Austin-area. He loves helping players improve their games and lower their scores - especially their short game!

Rick is married to Shannon Fisher Arnett, and they have two children: Caroline and Eric.