Ben Weir Director of Instruction

Experience

- PGA Class-A14 Professional, PGA CPP (Certified Professional Program)
- 2022-present, Tru-Spec Staff Professional Ambassador
- 2018-present, National Adjunct Staff/Professor: designated PGA Master "Short Game Expert"
- 2017-present, Lone Tree GC, Director of Instruction
- 2014-present, Taylor Made Golf Professional Staff member & Crusader Team member
- 2014-present, ADIDAS Golf Professional Staff member
- 2007-present, Organize and host one of the Top After School & Summer Junior Programs
- 2014-2018, SW Section PGA JR. GOLF Advisor Board Member for JGAA,
- Antigua, & PING JR Series
- 2013-2017, Red Mountain Ranch CC (Pete Dye), Director of Instruction
- 2007-2013, Las Sendas GC (Robert Trent Jones Jr.), Director of Instruction
- 1993, ASU Graduate, Bachelor of Science, two years Academic All-Honors
- College roommate & teammate w/Phil Mickelson '90 & '91

Playing Experience

- 3 Million Dollars Earned while playing on 4 Worldwide Tours (Asian, S. Africa, Canada, & Korn Ferry/PGA) over 11-year span in 27 countries
- 2014-present, PGA Goldwater Cup Team Member
- 2014, PPC National Championship, placed 55th out of 320 club
- professionals
- 2013 PGA PPC Club Pro Champion for all Arizona & Nevada PGA professionals
- 1990, NCAA Division I National Championship Team Member (ASU)

Teaching Accolades

- Currently 17 D1-D3 College Scholarship players nationwide
- Two million dollars in current athletic scholarship aid to students
- 2018-present, AIA "D1" State Championships, instructed average 17 of 90 players (5 yrs)
- 2018-present, AIA "D2" State Championships, instructed average 8 of 90 players (5 yrs)
- 2016, LEAD SW Section PGA Teaching & Coaching Summit, "Short Game Expert Instructor"
 Desert Mountain GC
- Perennially ranked "Top 10 Best of the West" Short Game Experts, by California
- Golf & Travel
- 2007 AZ Central's Best New Instructor

Notable Students

- **Brady Schnell**: 2017 Argentina Open Winner, Korn Ferry Wichita Open Winner, Korn Ferry Tour Member (2012-2017, 2020-2021), PGA Tour Member (2018-2019), 2018 The Open participant.
- **Brock Goyen**: BYU team member & 2015 AIA D1 Boys State Champion.
- Charlie Beljan: PGA Tour 2012 Disney Classic Winner, Former PGA Tour member

- **Gabe Salvanerra**: ASU Team Member, Former South Mountain C.C. Team Member, 2017 AIA D1 Boys State Champion.
- Kaitlyn Saum: NAU Team Member Alumni, 2013 AIA D1 Girls State Runner-Up.
- Member.
- **Mahanth Chirivurri**: 2022 USC Commit, 2020 AIA D1 Boys State Champion, Top 5 World Ranked Junior.
- Mason Andersen: ASU Boys team captain (2017-2022), 2015-2018 US AM Participant, 2017 US Open Participant (Youngest in field at 18 years old), 2022 NCAA Team Finalist.