## **SEAN RICHARDSON**



Sean Richardson July 20th, 1968 - April 18th, 2021

The Harvest Golf Club regrets to share the news that Sean Richardson passed away Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the age of 52.

One of the most accomplished coaches and instructors among the ranks of PGA of BC Professionals, Sean had battled cancer for several years prior to his passing. He spent the entirety of his impressive career based at golf facilities in British Columbia.

Sean first became a PGA of Canada member in 1988 while working at 108 Golf Resort. He also served as an Apprentice Professional at Quilchena Golf & Country Club, Fraserview Golf Course and Crown Isle Resort & Golf Community before obtaining Class "A" status in 1994.

Following several years as a Teaching Professional at Musqueam Golf & Learning Centre, he became the Head Professional and General Manager of The Falls Golf Club

in 1998, a role he held for two seasons.

In 2000, Sean began a four-year stint as a regional coach for Golf Canada. He also served as a provincial coach for British Columbia Golf from 2000 to 2006, during which time he taught out of Mayfair Lakes Golf & Country Club and Eaglequest Coyote Creek.

Sean moved to the Interior region in 2007 to take up a post at Predator Ridge Resort, staying there until he transitioned into his role as Director of Instruction at The Harvest Golf Club in 2013.

Sean was an integral part of the golf instruction team at The Harvest Golf Club. He impacted the lives of many, be it through coaching, mentoring or just talking golf. Sean helped many get their golf games on track. It did not matter the level of the player; Sean had a solution to set them in the right direction. The void that is left behind is an immeasurable one. He will be dearly missed.

A testament to his work with players at all levels, Sean was a three-time provincial award recipient of the PGA of BC, taking home the Association's Junior Golf Leader of the Year Award in 2004, the Teacher of the Year Award in 2010 and Coach of the Year honours in 2018. Sean also spent most of the past decade working as a technical coach for the Kelowna chapter of BC Special Olympics.

Many of Sean's students have gone on to achieve tremendous success. They include two-time PGA Tour winner Nick Taylor, two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner Adam Svensson, former LPGA Tour player Sue Kim, and Darren Wallace – the youngest-ever winner of the Canadian Men's Amateur Championship at age 15 in 2004 – just to name a few. A couple of other students that Sean worked with very closely that have been very successful in golf and life are 2-time Special Olympic National Champion Kyle Grummet, Jessica Wallace (Darren's sister), and Megan Osland. He was particularly proud of their accomplishments outside of golf and the role that golf played in their success.

Sean has been the topic of many articles of writing - please take a moment to read through some of the amazing stories and lessons that Sean has left us with. Click here for <a href="Encouraging the Heart, Tribute to Sean Richardson">Encouraging the Heart, Tribute to Sean Richardson</a> and <a href="Sean Richardson">Sean Richardson</a> – Life <a href="Lessons">Lessons</a>.

Sean is survived by wife Tracy, daughters Alexis and Kiana, stepsons Ewan and Colin, brother Michael, and parents Keith Richardson (Nanae) and Susan Hodges. The Harvest Golf Club extends its sympathies to all of Sean's family, friends and colleagues during this difficult time.