



AN INTERVIEW WITH GOLF PRO SUE DELANEY

By: Kathleen Dunne

Basking Ridge Country Club is a delightful setting at any time of year, but now that it's spring and summer is around the bend, its charms are even more attractive. The club boasts a magnificent golf course that is woman-friendly as well as kid-friendly. The club's golf academy is open to members and non-members. It is staffed by 5 golf professionals; their mission is first and foremost to help you achieve the confidence you need to fully enjoy the game.

This goal is evident when you talk to Sue Delaney, one of the club's PGA professionals. She is the only female pro at BRCC and one of only a handful in the state. She is very enthusiastic about the ladies' clinics offered throughout the golf season. April will kick off ladies' Wednesday morning instructional clinics that introduce newcomers to the game with a focus on golf basics, rules and etiquette. Women can also sign up for additional instruction afterward where they implement their skills and techniques out on the course. Thursday afternoon clinics are also available.

Sue feels these ladies clinics are the ideal learning and playing situation for women. She is aware that many women are more comfortable learning the game among other women. The classes are small so they are perfect for a group of friends to learn together. They can make a day of it, incorporating lunch at the inviting Bamboo Grille on the club premises. And the Friday evening Create Your Own Clinic option puts a new spin on Girls' Night Out.

When you read Sue's resume, you feel as if she was practically born with a club in her hand. She's been playing for 35 years. She is a several-time award-winning, highly diversified golf professional. Sue has played and taught the game at several country clubs, up and down the east coast. She's worked with large groups of women and juniors and run highly successful junior camps. And that's another wonderful thing about BRCC - the junior golf camp.

BRCC has golf lessons and programs for kids starting at age 4 and going all the way up to 18. The Swinging in the Sand Box 1-hour clinics are geared for younger kids from 4 to 8 and are available from April through September. Two-day, 2-hour sessions are available for 8 to 18-year olds. These weekend sessions are great preparation for Swing FORE Life, the summer golf camp program for juniors. It is open to kids from age 8 to 16.

Swing FORE Life is a truly innovative golf camp program. The kids are taught both in the classroom and on the course. Depending on the level of skill, half-day and full-day programs are offered. (A dip in the gorgeous private pool at lunchtime is part of the package.) A low student-to-teacher ratio provides quality instruction and the focus is on teaching simple movements that are easy for kids to understand and master. This forms the basis for skills, an enjoyment of the game and a swing that will last FORE a lifetime.

So for juniors or any age golfer that was not born with a club in his or her hand, BRCC has a program of instruction that will make him or her feel comfortable and more confident in the game.

You can register for golf clinics and camps at baskingridgecc.com. Club membership is not required. The use of golf clubs is included in any clinic, and can be rented for the summer camps. Kids do not need golf shoes; they can wear sneakers.

For more information about clinics and camps, contact Bill Littlefield, Golf Academy Administrator, at 908-766-8200 ext 143 or academy@baskingridge.com.

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