

Ed Britton, PGAMP

Ed Britton, PGAMP is a long-time resident of the greater Tucson area and has been an active golf professional for 30 years. Ed grew up in Belle Vernon, PA, not far from both Pittsburgh and Latrobe, PA. He attended Cal State University of Pennsylvania where he played football and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education.



After college, Ed joined the US Air Force and had a 20-year career as a fighter pilot, flying F-4 and F-16 fighter jets. As his career continued through the service, Ed became the program manager for F-16 fighter jet training worldwide. Air forces from all over the world used the curriculum and syllabus Ed created. It was during this period in Ed's life that he had the opportunity to meet and train Arnold Palmer on flying the F-16. Ed spent a full week with Arnold in 1984 which inspired and motivated Ed to work on and pursue his love of golf and this motivation eventually became his motivation to become a PGA member.

Following his military service, Ed located to Tucson, where he applied for and was hired by Steve Porter at Arthur Pack Golf Course as an assistant pro. Not long after, he accepted an assistant's position at Skyline Country Club, working for Rick Rando. Following his time there, he moved on to Green Valley where he was an assistant for Jim Goettel at Desert Hills. Ed received his PGA membership in 1994.

Teaching was always a passion for Ed. First teaching pilots to fly and then teaching golfers to play better. Ed worked for John Jacobs Golf Schools for a brief period as well as General Manager of Torres Blancas. Through Ed's military connections, he also taught the game in several different countries in Europe including Poland, Germany, Holland, Italy, Austria, Czech Republic, and Scotland. During this time Ed began working on becoming a Master Professional which he eventually earned in 2018.

Currently Ed spends his time working with veterans through the PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) initiative. You will generally find him anywhere veterans are gathering to learn the game. Ed's military experience enhances his empathy to connect with those who have had military careers and are looking to make golf a sport to enjoy. Ed also continues to learn. He especially enjoys learning the mental side of the game. He studies the power of positive thinking...what your mind says and how it affects your ability to be a better golfer. This, coupled with practicing meditation, keeps Ed busy and actively learning and helping others be better at golf as well as life itself.