

# **Dean Zahn, PGA**



**College/University: Arizona State**

**Year Turned Pro: 1989**

**Facility and Job Title: Moccasin Creek Country Club, PGA Head Professional**

## **What was your motivation to become a PGA Professional?**

I grew up with golf and always knew I wanted to be involved with the game. Upon graduation from college, with a degree in Finance, I was not thrilled with the job market. Golf is where my passion lied.

## **What is your specialty in the golf business?**

Overseeing the entire golf operations and making sure that all the different jobs and duties are accomplished with the customer in mind.

## **Please list any accomplishments:**

Dakota Chapter PGA Professional of the Year -2002

Junior Golf Leader of the Year – 2006

Education Leader of the Year 1999 and 2000

7-time Member of South Dakota Cup Professional Team

Advanced to final qualifying stage of 2001 and 2009 US Open

Medalist at 2009 US Open Local Qualifying

## **What or who has had the greatest impact on your career?**

My Father, Ted Zahn, a PGA Member. He started as a caddie at the age of 8, was a high school teacher & golf coach, director of education for the NGF, golf school owner, and head professional at Moccasin

Creek prior to me taking his position (although he will tell you he is still in charge).

**Besides golf, what else do you enjoy?**

Reading (especially history of golf or anything about history), spending time with my family and enjoying their activities, and hunting.

**If you could play any golf course in the world, which one would it be and who would complete your foursome?**

Tie: St. Andrews and Cypress Point. My group would consist of my father Ted Zahn, my son Tyler, and Harry Vardon if we are at St. Andrews or Bobby Jones if we are at Cypress Point.

**If you could give lessons to anyone in the world who would it be and what advice would you give?**

President Barack Obama – He needs to work on his balance and how his upper and lower body work together. A better turn on his back swing and more connection of arms to chest would result in better balance and more power. If the president started playing really good golf it would be great for the sport!

**What is your favorite golf instruction tip?**

Hit the tee out of the ground. Break it in half...destroy it. Forget about the ball.