

# The Rawls Course has a new teaching pro....

## *Gregory Fields here from Kapalua on Maui*

Swap Hawaii's cool breezes for Lubbock's weather?

Of course, says the new teaching pro at the Rawls Course. Rawls General Manager Greg Winter made the announcement of the course's new teaching professional this week.

Gregory Fields, a PGA pro since 1990 and senior teaching professional at Kapalua's famed course on the island of Maui for the past 15 years, has family here. His parents, Davis and Bebe Fields, have lived here 16 years and his sister and brother-in-law Brenda and Tom Ferguson are Lubbock residents 30-plus years.

"I love what I do," Fields says. "I started playing at 10 years old and fell in love with the game." He says that's his goal in teaching golf to others. "I love to help people have more fun playing golf."

It matters not to him whether his students are beginners or players already familiar with golf, he enjoys the challenge of helping golfers of all ages and skill levels.

That's apparent from the experience he's had in Hawaii, where he was named 2014 PGA Aloha Section teaching professional of the year.

Fields began his career as a golf professional after studying at Arizona State. He was an assistant professional at Stardust Country Club in San Diego, CA, when he helped influence Phil Mickelson's decision to attend his alma mater at ASU. He later became head professional at two clubs in Colorado, where he grew up. Following those years, he was the head pro at Poppy Hills in Monterey, CA, when his passion for teaching led him to become director of instruction at Bayonet and Blackhorse golf courses there in 1997.

He joined Kapalua in 2000 and established the Kapalua Golf Academy, where he was senior teaching professional until July, 2015.

His first offering at the Rawls will be a half-day golf school with three hours of instruction covering putting, chipping, pitching and the full swing. Then there will be lunch at the Rawls restaurant and afternoon golf included. The price for this \$229 value will be discounted for the first offering of the school.

The new teaching pro at Rawls can be reached by calling the pro shop at the course, 806-742-4653. You can email him at [gregoryinlubbock@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryinlubbock@gmail.com).

