

## Mark Bates - Innisfail, Alberta, Canada



**PGA Certification:** Canadian PGA – Class “A”, HGTPC – Specialist Instructor

**Education:** Bachelor of Management, University of Lethbridge  
Professional Golf Management Diploma, Lethbridge Community College

**Interests:** Ice Hockey, Travel, Business

Mark took up golf at the age of 9 and progressed quickly. By the age of 14, Mark was playing to a 2 handicap and representing his province at provincial and national tournaments.

After graduating from high school, Mark set aside ice hockey to focus on a Management Degree and further his golf career by joining the Canadian PGA., spending 7 years working at premier clubs in Canada. For 1 year, Mark made the move to Bangkok to work directly under Tony Meechai, learning the Natural Curriculum and taught hundreds of students in Thailand. Mark also won on the Alberta PGA circuit and attained a 9-hole scoring record, carding a 29 on the front 9 of an APGA competition.

He rejoined the Heartland team in Singapore at the beginning of November, 2006 and is excited to be “Growing the Game of Golf in Asia”. Since arriving in Singapore, Mark has conducted clinics in China, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia, on top of regular teaching duties in Singapore. Through various “Beat the Pro for Charity” events Mark has managed to raise almost \$30,000 for local charity. Mark is an ambassador for Titleist golf equipment and FootJoy shoes and apparel.