

Paul Kelly
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Paul first picked up a golf club when he was 25 years old and immediately became addicted to the game. Within a short time, he decided the only way he could eat, breathe and sleep golf was to establish a career that embraced his new passion. In 1992, he enrolled in and completed a Golf Teaching program in the United States

In 2001, after a lengthy stint as the Head Professional of Terra Nova, Paul accepted the position of Head Golf Professional for what is now known as Glendenning Golf, a semi-private club in the west end of St. John's.

Paul's role at Glendenning has evolved along with the golf course. During his time there he has been involved with establishing a Golf Academy and a thriving Junior Golf Program, the complete renovation of the club house and golf course, the opening of a banquet facility and restaurant, and the rebranding and launch of a new property name. Regardless of his hectic schedule, he has always found time to follow his first passion, teaching golf.

Helping new players enter the game has always been the most enjoyable aspect of Paul's work. Since giving his first lesson almost 20 years ago Paul figures he has helped introduce over 1000 new golfers to the sport.

Recently Paul was awarded the Investors Group Sport Administrator Award at a Provincial golf conference. Paul was selected as a recipient based on his commitment to developing programs to grow golf in Newfoundland, specifically at the grassroots junior level.

When not overseeing the golf course Paul spends most of his time involved with other sports activities. During the summer he coaches minor baseball. The winters are even more hectic as hockey plays a large role in Paul's family. He helps coach his daughter's Girls Under 15 hockey team, his sons PeeWee All Star hockey team and still finds time for 4-5 games a week himself. Paul is also a Black Belt and former Provincial Gold Medalist in Tae Kwon Do.