

Ray's Golf Repair

My name is Ray Tomaszewski, I'm the owner of Ray's Golf Repair. I started working on golf clubs in the 80's, changing grips, and then refinishing wood heads. I was hooked on fixing clubs and a hobby was born. My next step was to buy Maltby's Repair Manual and traveling to garage sales finding old clubs inexpensively and performing each repair in the book. So mostly I have been self taught in club repairs.

I first joined the PCS in 1990 to belong to an organization that would add creditability to my hobby. But after I went to a conference and met some of the clubmakers I knew I wanted to make a business of club repair and custom clubmaking. I started to attend some seminars on clubmaking and soon took my certification test, first to see just how much I knew, and second to add creditability to my evolving business. Soon after taking the Class A Clubmaker test I took the Repairmen's Test and passed it becoming a Professional Class A Clubmaker. I had a shop in my basement for a long time and it served me well but space was a problem.

I retired in 1997 after 30 years in the auto industry and opened a repair shop in a local driving range. After 6 years at the range it was sold and soon closed. I had a difficult time deciding which way to pursue my goals in clubmaking, because of the expense of adding a launch monitor and additional equipment. I decided to build a home base shop to fit my needs. The shop was ready in a year and in January of 2005 I opened for business.

I have developed a following over the years and my customers continue to be loyal. I added certain lines of components that reflect my values for quality. I became a Fijikura Dealer, UST Tour Spec, Accra and KBS Shaft Dealer and a PFC Performance Fitting Center. I am a Wishon, Alpha, Swing Science Dealer. My hobby has evolved into a full time retirement job, which I enjoy and have a passion for; when I start talking about golf it is hard to shut me up. I attended the Master Craftsman School to further learn about my craft, and expand my services.

I have met some of the best people because of fixing and building golf clubs, as well as attending the annual PCS and GCA conferences for several years. After the PCS and the GCA went out of business I was looking for an organization that would keep me connected to the clubmakers. I joined the ICG and got involved a little more over the last 3 years. With all the advancement of the ICG it became a must to get certified. We are becoming an organization that is on the rise and the PGA Show will be the crowning jewel. I could never have dreamed just where golf and clubmaking could have taken me. I work daily in my shop, by appointments; it serves me well as I can still get some golf in. I have 3 courses for which I do repairs for, as well as a driving range. I believe I have helped many people to play better golf by fitting them with clubs made specifically for them. I have built sets of clubs for people who have special challenges in playing golf: a

man with only one arm, a blind golfer, a man with an artificial hip whose leg was 4 inches shorter than the other, and a pro basketball player who was 7'3".

That is the fun part of this business...

To get up every morning and go out to the Studio, to have someone come in for a fitting or work on golf clubs is truly a dream come true.