

# When Tyrone met Greg

Two like-minded PGA Professionals from different continents came together at Foxhills Club & Resort in Surrey over the summer to share their coaching philosophies and passion for golf. Steven Carpenter joined Greg Brodie and Tyrone Lorusso to find out how their meeting came about.

**W**hen Greg and Tyrone meet for the first time there is an instant bond. Their love of golf and coaching in particular is there for all to see and a brief introductory chat goes on for well over an hour.

Greg is a well-respected PGA Level 4 Advanced Professional who is considered to be one of the best coaches in the country. His route into the sport was a natural one because Scotland and golf go hand-in-hand.

"You can't swing a cat without finding a golf course in Scotland," Greg said. "I just fell in love with the game. I watched Nick Faldo win the Masters and that started my love affair that, thankfully, is still strong today."

Tyrone, meanwhile, is a PGA Professional based in Johannesburg and was guided down the golfing route by his father.

"Even when I was sitting down I had plastic clubs in my hand and I was hitting things on the floor," Tyrone revealed. "As soon as started walking I was given my first set of clubs and I carried on from there."

It's an early start at the stunning Foxhills Club & Resort, venue for the 2017 PGA Cup, as both coaches learn more about each other. But how did this meet up come about?

Greg continued: "Tyrone's father works here and we'd often chat about coaching. He mentioned his son and how one day he'd love for him to come over so that we could hook up."

"It's a fantastic opportunity to meet a like-minded, passionate professional."

We soon move from the café to the manor where Tyrone gets his first glimpse of Greg's coaching philosophies.

From motion capture to how to deal with injuries, a wide range of topics are covered as Tyrone listened intently, but there was one particular aspect that stood out for the South African.

"At my driving range in Johannesburg, we haven't got Trackman yet for coaching," he said. "We just do your basic coaching with video analysis. I've always wanted to learn about the Trackman."

"Greg has got a full system here with 3D viewing. It's incredible to learn about how Trackman works and how you can use it to change and improve your game just by looking at a couple of stats. It makes a big difference because it's stuff we don't see with the naked eye or a camera."

In the afternoon we move to the driving range and Tyrone sees Greg in action as he shadows his lessons.

As I watched both coaches on the driving range, it was very noticeable this is where they belong. I took this opportunity to find out more about their respective paths into The PGA and what aspect of coaching they enjoyed in particular.

Tyrone explained: "With encouragement from my dad, he said I should try and get into a qualification and the PGA in South Africa took me in. I did a three-year apprenticeship through them and I qualified in 2015 and I've carried on coaching."

"As we've seen in this game, it's so overwhelming for so many golfers to get to the level that they want and it becomes so technical. As soon as they hit that shot or get that score, it brings us all back for more, so it's very addictive."

Greg began working in a pro shop in a gap year before university and has remained in golf ever since. His PGA exam results showed he had great potential as he finished in the top ten in the country.

However, it was not all plain sailing for Greg, who questioned whether a career as a PGA coach was the right one after the birth of his first child.



Tyrone Lorusso



Greg Brodie

