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**PHILOSOPHY**

Tennis is a wonderful sport that engages people physically, mentally and socially. My philosophy of

teaching is helping students to build a strong sense of self-efficacy through progressive steps

of success. Since most instruction occurs in group settings, I emphasize interactive and

interdependent strategies and activities that can be scaled to engage all participants. Learning

becomes a collaborative effort. Building self-confidence individually and collaboratively through

progressive, successful steps is critical to developing self-confidence and a desire to develop

an ongoing relationship with the sport.

**INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS:**

 Extensive experience developing learning programs and activities for players

 of all ages in competitive, recreational, social and educational settings.

Extensive experience as teaching professional at some of the largest, most

comprehensive instructional tennis programs for learners at all levels.

Professional credentials from the United States Tennis Association.

Highly ranked player in multiple categories throughout youth competition,

college career, semi-pro circuits, and senior competitions.

 Extensive involvement in the Victoria tennis scene for the past 12 years. Professional and personal references upon request.

 University educator with extensive experience working with multiple and diverse groups. Excellent communication skills, experienced learning and teaching disposition, and ethical commitment to the well-being of students.

 Life-time commitment to the sport.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

 2003 – Current **Tennis Consultant**, *Victoria, BC.*

 Over the past years I have periodically given private lessons and consulted

 on player development. In addition, I have participated in events, courses and general instructional planning with members of the UVic EPHE Dept, particularly Tim Hopper and John Meldrum.

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| 2001 - 2003 | **Coaching Assistant and Playing Partner,** *University of Victoria Tennis* *Team, University of Victoria, BC.* Assisted Tim Hopper, coach, with team building, player development, and logistics. Participated in team practices as instructional playing partner and mentored development. Focused on building awareness of strategies, mechanics, training methods, and mental preparation.  |
| 1995 - 1999 | **Playing Partner and Mentor**. *Eastern Washington University Tennis Team, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA.* Participated in team practices, mentored team members. Mentored strategizing, learning, training, and preparation.  |
| 1989 - 1992 | **Part-time Pro and Mentor,** *Chapel Hill Tennis Club, Chapel Hill, NC.*Assisted with numerous tennis clinics and events throughout my years at the University of North Carolina completed my MA. Helped organize and teachlearners of all ages and worked individually with developing players. |
| 1985 - 1988 | **Full-time Pro.** *St. Petersburg Beach Tennis Club. St. Petersburg, Fl.* Worked full-time teaching youth clinics, private lessons and groupactivities. Instructed novice, intermediate and advanced players.  |
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**INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION**

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| 1983 - 1988 | **United States Tennis Association (USTA) Instructor Certification** *St. Petersburg Tennis Center, St. Petersburg, Fl.* Committed to comprehensive instructional training from the USTA certification program and renewed certification for numerous years. |

**PLAYER EXPERIENCE**

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| 2000 - 2012  | **Elite Senior Player**, *Victoria, BC.*  |
|  | For the past 12 years I have continued to compete and stay active in senior tournaments and events. I do this primarily for the engagement, comradery, physical well-being. This is a commitment to staying healthy, maintaining relationships and having fun. I belong to multiple tennis groups and maintain consistent schedules. |
| 1988 - 2000 |  **Elite Amateur Player,** *North Carolina and Washington.*Throughout these years I transitioned gradually from a professional level commitment  to that of committed amateur. I continued to compete regularly but  |
| 1985 - 1988 |  **Touring Pro,** *St. Petersburg Beach Tennis Club, St. Petersburg, Fl.* Played multiple amateur and professional circuit events in the southwest of the United  States. Trained and taught out of the St. Petersburg Beach Tennis Club.  |
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| 1981 - 1985  | **Team Member and Captain,** *Eckerd College Tennis Team, Eckerd College, St.* *Petersburg, Fl.*Played the number #1 position in both singles and doubles. Ranked in the top 20 nationally in 3 of 4 years on the team. As captain, assisted coach in player development and provided leadership for the team. Taught summer clinics at various tennis clubs during summer and off-season times. |

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