



LEGEND OAKS
GOLF

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TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL PRO

I believe every player learns uniquely, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to mastering the game of tennis or pickleball. My coaching emphasizes personalized training tailored to each player's style, strengths, and goals, all while fostering a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

I began playing tennis at age 7 and competed on back-to-back high school state championship teams in 1983 and 1984. As a junior, I honed my skills at the prestigious Harry Hopman Academy (now Hopman Academy at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, FL) and the NIKE-sponsored tennis academy at Yale University in New Haven, CT. As a proud member of the Racquet Sports Professional Association (RSPA, formerly USPTA), I am committed to continuous learning and professional development.

As an adult player, I've continued to succeed, training with some of the world's best players, including Michael Chang, former French Open Champion. I've also competed on several USTA championship teams, achieving 10 state championships, 5 regional championships and two runner-up finishes at USTA Nationals.

My passion for teaching tennis began in 1989 while studying at the University of Arizona. Currently, I serve as the Head Teaching Professional at Baseline Tennis Academy, where I coach high-performance juniors and adults of all levels. Many of my students have achieved state, regional, and national success. My coaching experience includes players as young as 4 years old, middle and high school students, competitive adults, and adult beginners. Additionally, I've served as the Director of Junior Tennis for Five Seasons Sports Club and coached middle and high school tennis teams.

Eight years ago, I discovered pickleball and quickly became passionate about the sport. I've since competed in numerous high-level leagues and regional tournaments, earning medals in multiple events. While pickleball is easy and fun for everyone to start playing, success requires learning the rules of the game and fundamental skills like serving, volleying, and dinking, along with strategies for positioning and shot placement.

I look forward to meeting everyone and sharing my passion, experience, and enthusiasm at your club!

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