How do I select a golf professional?

Sometimes we take the path of least resistance when deciding a golf lesson. We look for the closest...the cheapest...a quick fix...a group setting so we don't feel awkward.

Is improving your enjoyment of the game of golf a worthy goal?

One person's enjoyment may be to win her local flight of the club championship, another's may be to lower the number of putts per round and still another reason may be to enjoy some camaraderie with good friends. There are many things that will improve a golfer's enjoyment of the game of golf.

Selecting the proper golf professional for you is the first step to broaden your golf skills.

Golf instruction has evolved from lessons and equipment to additional areas of, course management, mental (intention and attention), physical conditioning (may include physical training and medical assistance), nutrition and special shot making skills.

Do they have a certification of competency for the role of golf instructor? Have they the knowledge and education necessary to attain their title.

Do they have experience?

They play (or have played) the game.

They have teaching experience.

They use video.

They are aware of my physical attributes and limitations.

Do they appear Professional?

They are groomed and dressed professionally.

Do they have a pricing and policy procedure that can fit your needs?

Their costs fit your budget, they offer multiple sessions. A good instructor values their own time as well as yours.

Do they have a personality that you can connect with?

You can understand what they are teaching you, why they want you to learn it and how it will improve your short and long term goals without leaving and thinking "I don't have a clue what he/she said!"