

PNW PGA Hall of Famer, Les Blakley, Joins Apple Tree Teaching Team.

Apple Tree is pleased to announce the addition of Les Blakley, an award-winning PGA Professional. Blakely has a wealth of experience and a long list of awards and recognition in his career as a teaching professional. Throughout his career, Blakely has been focused on helping students of all levels improve their golf game through technique, fitness and nutrition. Understanding a player's potential and/or limitations and adapting swing fundamentals to each individual is Les' approach to each lesson.

Prior to joining the Apple Tree Team, Blakley was the PGA Head Professional and Director of Golf at Kalispel Golf and Country Club (formerly Spokane Country Club) for 31 years. He served his members with distinction and was honored with the title of *Golf Professional Emeritus* by the club in appreciation for his dedication. Blakely served as President of the Pacific Northwest Section of the PGA in 2005-2006, President of the Inland Empire Chapter, and two separate terms on the chapter's Board of Directors.

During his career, Blakely was honored as PNW PGA Golf Professional of the Year in 2006 & 2014 and is a fourtime winner of the *Merchandiser of the Year Award* for Private Facilities. Blakley has also been recognized a record 11 times by the Inland Empire Chapter as Merchandiser of the Year. In 2017, Blakely received the highest honor bestowed upon a PGA professional when he was inducted as the 53rd member of the PNW PGA Hall of Fame.

Les Blakely is available for lessons by appointment on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. He can be reached by email at https://www.lbak.com. Rates for lessons are \$80 per hr. \$45 ½ hr.