

Cottage Grove Girls Golf



Jennifer Husk discusses how to hold a golf club with the team.

Team Rundown:

From Taiwan to China to Rhode Island to Cottage Grove, first year head coach Jennifer Husk has had a journey to where she is today. Husk who moved to the area in November with her husband to be a part of the church Hope in the Grove, was excited to see that there was a coaching position open.

"I used to be a professional golfer so this was like my dream job to be a coach so here I am," she said.

After having a small team last year that saw players graduate or move to new sports this year, Husk is currently unsure if she will have one or two players on her team this season.

"I'm excited. And I know, I know I was hoping to have a huge team. Let's have 10 kids out here, that'd be great. But you know, you got to start somewhere and I'm excited

that they're excited to be here," said Husk.

She plans to stay around in Cottage Grove and is looking to work to build up a program. And to do that, she sees an important step is getting kids interested.

"That's the thought to build a program. (Athletic Director) Gary (Roberts) and I have been talking about how to do that. And I think we really need to get in the middle school. And get some help out there somehow with the PE program and get golf in that," she said.

"So that's what I'm kind of hoping to do. ...Having a couple of junior clinics and then trying to keep that interest because that's the hard part. Because golf takes a lot of time, a lot of time, a lot of effort."



A Cottage Grove golfer takes some chip shots at practice.

Team Perspective with Jennifer Husk:

On when she started golfing

I was 14. Like these two girls, their dad's played. My whole family played my mom, my dad and my brother. I was in to other sports but they were always on the golf course so I started taking it up and got serious probably by the time I was in high school. By the end of high school I was a lot more serious, went to college on a golf scholarship and after school I played professionally.

It was a lot of fun. And playing professionally you're basically living in a hotel every week and living out of your car. The hardest question to answer is where are you from. I had no home but my car, my little Honda. So I did that for awhile. And had fun playing.

On what she's excited about

For coaching I'm excited to take

these girls here that I do have, I don't think they've ever had this one-on-one kind of attention with golf. So they just play because their families started playing. And just to share that excitement that this game can bring. Frustration too but more the excitement, we're focusing on that side. I mean this is one of those games that you can do forever. It's not like football or baseball or basketball or soccer where after you get injured so many times you're not going to be able to walk.

On living in Cottage Grove

Somebody once asked me where would you want to live if you could live anywhere, near the mountains or near the ocean. And I was like both. I didn't know a place existed so here we are between the mountains and oceans.

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