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Johnny Miller

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Jack Ridd

Bev Nelson

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Mick Riley

Jimmy Thompson

Karl Tucker

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## Scott Whittaker

Scott Whittaker and other caddies would play Oakridge Country Club with mixed-and-matched sets of clubs and use golf balls they had found on the course. Those Monday rounds hooked him on the game.

“That’s when I learned to love it,” he said. “Just playing the game and being around the people.”

Whittaker’s father, Don, recognized his attachment to golf, but once asked his son if he really believed it was possible to make a living in the game. Scott succeeded, with the support of his wife, Jan. He became a head pro shortly after his father died.

Whittaker’s initial fascination with golf stemmed from the challenge of it, and his interest expanded to the many dimensions of golf. He’s known as the first pro of the course now called Bountiful Ridge, a founding father of the Utah Section PGA (he wrote the constitution) and the section’s longtime executive director.

Jeff Beaudry, a Utah Golf Hall of Fame member and the section’s first executive director, remembers attending a PGA Business School in San Francisco with Whittaker nearly 50 years ago. “Since that time,” Beaudry once wrote, “Scott has planned his career with one goal in mind: to make as positive a contribution as he can to golf.”

It all started in Kaysville, where neighborhood friend Ken Pettingill told Whittaker about the caddying opportunity at Oakridge when they were teenagers. From there, they became involved with the newly built Davis Park Golf Course, working for legendary pro Pierre Hualde when Whittaker was 15. As almost a “second father,” Whittaker said, Hualde “taught me the real, internal things that made a difference, in dealing with people.” Those lessons stuck with him as he moved to Bountiful City’s new course on the bench in 1975. He would stay there until 2002, when moving into the section’s top job became “the only opportunity that could entice me away,” as he said at the time.

During that quarter-century in Bountiful, Whittaker was a two-time Professional of the Year in the Utah Section PGA and received a UGA Gold Club Award, while also being honored twice as a Merchandiser of the Year in the section.

His experience in the creation of the section in 1986 helped develop his interest in the broader administration of the game, and he served as a PGA of America board member in 1993-96.

Having officiated high school basketball, Whittaker marveled about being involved in a game where players would call penalties on themselves. That’s partly why he enjoyed learning about the Rules of Golf and operating tournaments.

Among the hallmarks of Whittaker’s tenure as the section’s executive director were the remarkable growth of girls high school golf from its infancy and the rebirth of the Utah Open as both a playing opportunity for section members and a showcase of the game in the state. The section’s operation of what’s now the Siegfried & Jensen Utah Open is a success story, with sponsors supporting eight pro-am events during the tournament week.

Whittaker is known for having a mind that’s always working. Golf professional Steve Wathen once observed that “Scott has more good ideas in an hour than most of us have in a year.”

Implementing those ideas is the difficult part, and Whittaker made them work. His impact in Utah golf was recognized with a third Professional of the Year award in 2015, when he retired.

Beaudry recently introduced Whittaker as a winner of the section’s Gentleman Jeff Award, while noting that the recipient would respond by listing all the reasons he was unworthy of the award. Now comes his induction into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame, with even more recognition for a deserving steward of the game.

# Class of 2021



Joe Watts

In Logan, they like to say that Conley Watts invented the one-handed shot in basketball. His son is known for being similarly forward-thinking, amid his love of history and tradition.

Joe Watts has combined those traits in his administration of golf in Utah. His 18-year tenure as the Utah Golf Association's executive director is marked by his creation of the Arizona-Utah Shootout team matches that have become an annual competition for nearly three decades. He also has been determined to preserve the history of the game, notably driving the production of the book "100 Years of the Utah State Amateur."

Although he left the newspaper business in 1976, Watts maintained his view of the media's valuable role in chronicling golf in Utah. Even after retiring from the UGA in 2008 at age 70, he continued to write stories almost daily about Utah-connected golfers for the association's website.

Anyone familiar with the Watts family knows that Joe and his siblings are defined by their passion. There's no such thing as having mild interest in a subject; they become immersed in it. In Joe's case, golf is one of those obsessions, to the lasting benefit of golfers in the state.

Basketball also runs deeply in the Watts family; to this day, Joe is known for his early morning sessions at a recreational facility. Yet nothing quite took hold in him like golf, extending far beyond his own enjoyment of playing the game. His parents built the first home along the Logan Country Club, near the No. 7 tee, but he didn't really pursue the game until his mid-20s.

A graduate of Logan High School and Utah State, where he played basketball as an undersized guard, Watts became the sports editor of The Herald Journal and then moved to The Daily Herald in Provo. In that role, he became enamored of the State Amateur in 1967, watching twin brothers Craig and Kean Ridd battle in a 23-hole match at Alpine Country Club as their father, Jack, watched with a mixture of pride and agony. He was hooked.

Just try finding anyone who loves the State Am more than Watts, who raised a daughter and son with his wife, Sharon. As he once told The Herald Journal, "There are just so many interesting and fascinating stories of common people, just getting a chance for their moment in the sun."

Watts became part of a long, Logan-based history of UGA involvement, and he's now following Mark Passey and Keith Hansen into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame. After serving as president, he succeeded Passey as executive director and became a UGA institution. His influence extended beyond the amateur body, throughout the Utah golf community.

It would be fair to say that the UGA and the Utah Section PGA were not always completely aligned. They work together well now, and that's a credit to Watts, according to Jeff Beaudry, a former executive director of the section: "Joe's tenure was marked simply by, 'What's best for golf?' Fortunately for golfers in Utah, that philosophy is still practiced today, making Utah unique in the country."

Watts' seemingly ageless nature and his enthusiasm for the golf came through consistently. He once said, "I've never had a job I didn't have fun at." That includes the lumber supply business, and the Utah golf magazine he founded as the forerunner of Fairways.

This publication remains part of his legacy in a game he described as "the greatest sport for bringing a community together. It's a unifier, not a divider."

That's a good summary of Watts' own career in the game, taking him into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame.

# Class of 2021



## Doug Vilven

Doug Vilven loved the Rules of Golf, yet his mind was tuned more toward creativity than rigidity. His vision for the creation of the Utah Section PGA and the Golf in the Round facility resulted in lasting landmarks that frame his induction into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame.

Born in Kansas, Vilven moved with his family to Salt Lake City and attended Highland High School. He played for the Rams' golf team and claimed medalist honors in the state tournament, while earning a \$250 scholarship from the Utah Golf Association. Living near The Country Club of Salt Lake City led to his getting part-time jobs at the facility and furthering his love of the game.

The experience of caddying for Bob Goalby in the Utah Open, then a PGA Tour stop, convinced him that a touring pro's lifestyle was not all that appealing. So he became a club professional and worked at courses in Utah, California and Illinois after playing golf for Utah State University.

Vilven enjoyed working at Park City Golf Course, where the seasonal nature of the job gave him considerable time with his family. Eventually, his visionary side took over. He was involved in the building and operation of Golf in the Round in South Salt Lake from 1993 to 2012, with a huge driving range featuring covered stalls that allowed for year-round practice.

When the weather was unseasonably warm in December one year, Vilven said he looked forward to the arrival of winter and "my little monopoly" that the snow would create.

Denise, his wife of 43 years, was heavily involved in the facility's operation, providing much of the practical application of Doug's dream. Vilven, meanwhile, seemingly always made a good impression on people during his 70-year life.

When he died in 2018, this was a sampling of what others said about him:

Doug Rosecrans observed, "In the 20 years we were partners at Golf in the Round, there were good times and tough times, but we never had an argument."

Mike Jorgensen, a former Utah Golf Association board member, said, "I will never forget his smile, his amazing, happy demeanor, his love for the game and his loyalty to his friends."

One of his students labeled Vilven "a savant in his ability to give lessons that made sense to the pupil," adding that he was "always interested in you and your life."

That ability to communicate made him an effective Rules official and a good broadcaster, working on live, local telecasts from Jeremy Ranch during the annual event that was part of what's now called PGA Tour Champions.

Vilven was named the Utah Section PGA's Professional of the Year in 1986 and 2000 and was an eight-time winner of the section's Horton Smith Education Award. That recognition reflects his commitment to the profession and to the PGA of America, as a national board member. Vilven's persistence was instrumental in the founding of the Utah Section PGA in 1986, after the state's pros formerly belonged to the expansive Rocky Mountain Section. Scott Whittaker, another member of the Class of 2020, also was a key figure in that process.

In 2018, Vilven was the annual honoree of the Utah Senior Open. Reflecting on his career in an interview with Jeff Waters, he said, "I haven't had 10 bad days, really."

The best days included meeting his wife at The Country Club and being influenced in the profession by the likes of Tee Branca and Jimmy Thompson.

During the winters he spent at Tamarisk Country Club in Palm Springs, California, Vilven was associated with Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, the Marx brothers, Kirk Douglas and Dean Martin. All of them are memorable characters in the entertainment industry, in the same way as Vilven is unforgettable in the Utah golf community.

# Class of 2021



## Steve Schneiter

Steve Schneiter has accomplished more than any other Utah professional golfer in history, without ever becoming a PGA Tour or Senior PGA Tour member.

That statement may even be true from a national perspective. The graduate of Jordan High School and BYU has compiled a remarkable record as a club pro, with his 12 appearances in the PGA Championship unlikely to ever be matched. In 2016, he became the first player to add a Senior PGA Professional Championship to his victory in the PGA Professional Championship, 21 years earlier.

Schneiter's induction into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame enables him to join his grandfather, George Henry Schneiter, a charter member. Past honorees also include Ernie Schneiter Sr., George's brother, and Ernie Schneiter Jr.

Steve Schneiter won the State Amateur at age 18, shortly after claiming a high school state title. He turned pro after an All-America career at BYU and launched his pro golf ambitions. At 56, Schneiter describes that pursuit as "a little different than I pictured." Although he never became a PGA Tour member, his uncommon level of persistence resulted in major achievements regionally and nationally, while representing the family's Pebblebrook Golf Course in Sandy.

Explaining his success, Schneiter said, "I'm very driven. When I get focused on something, I can block out a lot of stuff. ... I've just always believed in my ability."

He's a winner of an estimated 100 pro tournaments, including the Provo Open (three times) and state opens in Idaho (twice), Wyoming (two in a row) and Arizona. He's also a four-time winner of the Utah Section PGA Championship and has claimed four straight titles in the Utah Senior Open.

Schneiter's biggest breakthrough came in the 1995 PGA Professional Championship at PGA West in southern California, where he rallied from four strokes behind with a closing 68.

That victory gave Schneiter access to several PGA Tour events the following year and, more important, a lifetime exemption into the PGA Professional Championship. He took phenomenal advantage of that opportunity, qualifying for the PGA Championship on 11 more occasions, even as the number of club pros advancing to the major tournament kept being reduced.

Schneiter made the 36-hole cut in the 2005 PGA Championship at Baltusrol in New Jersey, where the low finisher among club pros was officially recognized for the first time. He posted a final-round 70, highlighted by an eagle on No. 18.

Schneiter once qualified to play what is now the Korn Ferry Tour and spent multiple seasons in Canada, while narrowly missing full access to the PGA Tour Champions schedule after turning 50. Yet he continued to thrive as club pro, making the PGA Championship field again in 2014 as a 50-year-old. He played that summer at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, where he had made his first appearance in the major tournament in 1996.

His victory in the 2016 Senior PGA Professional Championship at the PGA Golf Club in Florida featured an unforgettable moment. Facing a difficult, 15-foot par putt on the last hole, Schneiter felt the presence of his grandfather and father, the late George M. Schneiter. "I don't know what it was, but something came over me," Schneiter said that day.

"This one's for you both," he said of his relatives, during the trophy presentation.

Reflecting on his unsuccessful chase of a PGA Tour career, Schneiter said, "I just kept going, for some crazy reason," figuring that someday "the golf gods are going to give me what I wanted."

That didn't happen, but everything else he's done as a professional golfer has served to reward his talent and drive in different ways. The entrance of another Schneiter family member into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame is further validation.



# Class of 2021



## Sue Nyhus

Sue Nyhus holds a distinction as the only person ever to have played in every United States Golf Association championship available to her. That statement overlooks the best part of the story, how the USGA kept adding new events and she just kept qualifying for them, maintaining her achievement.

Nyhus' participation in the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball (with Annette Gaiotti) and the 2019 U.S. Senior Women's Open extended her remarkable record, covering nearly 40 years of USGA competition.

It all started in the U.S. Girls' Junior in 1980, before the former Sue Billek left home in Florida to enroll at BYU. That move launched her longtime Utah residence, an existence framed by her decade-long tenures as the women's golf coach of BYU and Utah Valley University, while she and her husband, Steve, became parents of three daughters.

"I'm grateful to the people I have met in the golf course that have shaped my life," she said.

She loved sports while growing up, and came into golf almost accidentally. Her high school added a girls golf team in the interest of conforming to Title IX, and her brother volunteered her to fill the last spot necessary to create a team. "I fell in love with it," she said. "I could work as hard as I wanted at it, and I could get better."

As a golfer, Nyhus has gone from amateur to professional, back to amateur and again to pro, with the latest move enabling her to teach golfers apart from her UVU players. Her initial return to amateur status, after she played four seasons on the Ladies European Tour, made her a fixture in Utah women's golf. Nyhus is a two-time winner of the Women's State Amateur, in different phases of her life, and she made national impact in 1999 as the runner-up in the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links.

Nyhus was named an Academic All-American during her BYU career and has two degrees from the school, plus a doctorate from the University of Utah. She led the Cougars to a Western Athletic Conference championship and a 14th-place national finish as a senior.

As BYU's coach, she was a two-time Mountain West Coach of the Year and mentored two All-Americans, while taking the Cougars to their first NCAA appearance in 20 years and helping Carrie Summerhays Roberts become an LPGA Tour member.

At UVU, Nyhus' knack for recognizing and developing talent was reflected in Carly Dehlin Hirsch's completing her career as a three-time All-WAC player with the lowest stroke average in the program's history, after having little competitive golf experience prior to college. Nyhus had the memorable opportunity to coach her daughter Kimberly in the Wolverine program.

For the record, here's the list of her first appearances in those USGA events: U.S. Girls' Junior, 1980; U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, 1983; U.S. Women's Open, 1983; U.S. Women's State Team, 1995; U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, 1995; U.S. Women's Amateur, 1999; U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, 2013; U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, 2015; U.S. Senior Women's Open, 2019.

She was thrilled to qualify for the Senior Amateur at age 50 – at the time, temporarily completing her lifetime achievement. Then came the two added events, with their demanding qualifying stages. The Senior Women's Open became a career capstone, even though she didn't play well at Pine Needles in North Carolina.

As she reflected at the time, "I always want to play better but it was an amazing culmination to a lifetime of USGA Championships. ... It's been a wonderful life. Golf has given much to me and I hope to give back as long as I can."

# Class of 2021



## Riley Stottern

In one of the biggest accomplishments of his career, Riley Stottern played a major role in the development of a Utah golf course that staged a PGA Tour-brand event. His final project involved the construction of a new facility chosen to host an LPGA Tour-sanctioned tournament.

Stottern is the first superintendent selected to the Utah Golf Hall of Fame strictly for his work in the profession; Todd Barker's playing record contributed significantly to his induction. Stottern, who died in 2018 at age 75, brought distinction to the state as the president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. His GCSAA role in 1986 as the leader of a 6,700-member organization came during his tenure at Jeremy Ranch, which hosted an event on the circuit now known as PGA Tour Champions.

A graduate of Olympus High School, Stottern attended the University of Utah and studied turf management at the University of Guelph in Canada. He worked at Willow Creek Country Club in Sandy, Oakridge CC in Farmington and Desert Inn CC in Las Vegas before coming to Jeremy Ranch and helping fulfill the vision of architects Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay. Stottern prepared the new course for Utah's first senior professional tournament in 1982, when the tour consisted of only 11 stops.

"There were all kinds of issues with that first tournament, and he was terrific," said Lanny Nielsen, Jeremy Ranch's first head professional. "He really had a good feel for growing grass in."

"He took a lot of pride in that event," said Larry Emery, one of several assistants under Stottern who moved into head superintendent positions.

Emery forever will appreciate Stottern's management style of hiring the right people and letting them do the job. "He was a wonderful mentor, absolutely ... He was a good man. His knowledge and professionalism were excellent, but his quality as a person is what really set him apart," Emery said.

The GCSAA's final tribute to Stottern further endorsed him as a family-oriented man, raising three daughters with Barbara, his wife of 53 years.

Stottern was born into the golf course maintenance profession and he loved nurturing new facilities. That's partly why he moved often, always looking for the next grow-in opportunity. His course-construction list also includes Shadow Creek, Casablanca and Southern Highlands in southern Nevada and SunRiver and the new Copper Rock GC in southern Utah.

Copper Rock was awarded a Symetra Tour women's event in September. To extend the 2020 connection to Stottern's legacy, the Utah Golf Association booked the State Amateur for Jeremy Ranch in June.

Stottern worked at Copper Rock in Hurricane the day before he died, completing a life that began in Colorado Springs, Colo.

He followed his father, John, and grandfather, Wilford Thorne, as a superintendent, embracing the profession. He took that lineage seriously, explaining his commitment to mentoring the next group. As he once wrote, "I like to think that in some ways, golf course superintendents are like the turfgrass on which golf is played. With proper care, turfgrass is constantly regenerating, while the older turfgrass serves as a base. The game has been entrusted for now to our generation. May we continue to carry on in the best tradition of our predecessors."

In a Golf Course Management Magazine story, Stottern once said of the superintendent's job description, "You need lots of talents. You're an agronomist, a weatherman, a mechanic, a carpenter, personnel manager, accountant (and) public relations liaison with your crew, the directors, the members, the directors and the community."

He added to the job description, "Best of all, you get to work on a golf course. The job's always challenging and always interesting. What more could you ask?"

With such a positive outlook, it is no wonder he thrived in that setting, for nearly his entire life.



# Class of 2021



Florence Halloran

In her last appearance in the Utah State Women's Amateur, Florence Halloran earned medalist honors by 19 strokes in an 18-hole competition and never played beyond the 12<sup>th</sup> hole in any of her matches.

The history of Utah women's golf has been framed by dominant players of their eras, and Halloran's reign was as overwhelming as anyone's. She won five consecutive State Am titles (1917-21) and added a sixth win in 1924, a total that has been exceeded only by Bev Nelson's eight victories. Halloran is tied with Helen Hofmann Bertagnole, Mary Lou Baker and Marcia Thayne, all members of the Utah Golf Hall of Fame.

Halloran was roughly the same age as the legendary George Von Elm and her Utah golf achievements came in a very similar time frame (Von Elm's State Am titles were won in 1917, '20 and '21). Her father, William J. Halloran, was a prominent Salt Lake City businessman who owned the Boston Building and the Grand Hotel.

Florence Halloran and Von Elm staged an opening-day exhibition at Nibley Park Golf Course in 1922 and were reported to have joined Bobby Jones and three-time U.S. Women's Amateur champion Alexa Stirling in another exhibition in the East.

Halloran had arrived on the golf scene in 1913, when she was described as "a vivacious and athletic young golfer," although she lost a State Am match.

Newspaper accounts of women's golf in Utah were inconsistent in those days, when married women were identified in the sports sections by their husband's names. For example, Halloran's first State Am victory came via a 3-and-2 win over Mrs. R.W. Salisbury at The Country Club (what's now known as Forest Dale Golf Course).

According to the 2006 book "100 Years of History: The Utah State Women's Amateur," Halloran's titles in 1918 and '19 were acknowledged in newspapers only in 1920, when she was credited with a fourth straight victory. Halloran defeated her opponent 10 and 8 in the final match at the Ogden Golf & Country Club.

In 1921, also in Ogden, she shot a course-record 86 to become the medalist by 13 strokes and then, as The Salt Lake Tribune reported, "Halloran was in perfect form and practically unbeatable" in match play, defeating Mrs. Paul Keyser 4 and 2 in the final match.

Her sister, Mary Halloran Sowles, won the 1922 title in a 21-hole final match. In 1924, Florence was more dominant than ever, shooting an 85 in qualifying at The Country Club's current location (the next-lowest score was 104) and winning 8 and 7 in the 18-hole final match.

The book's profile of Halloran says she married George M. Lewis in 1925 and moved to Beverly Hills, California.

# Class of 2021



Lou North

Lou North once took a 10-stroke lead into the final round of the State Amateur.

That sentence helps illustrate two distinguishing elements of North's tenure as a Utahn in the 1950s. He was dominant amateur golfer, and two of his three State Am titles came during an unusual, two-year move to stroke play in the historic tournament.

The State Am would not have another three-time winner until Doug Bybee in the 1990s.

North, who was inducted into the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame in 1987, "represents in every way what the USGA wants in an amateur golfer," a Colorado pro once observed.

In other words, he was a lifelong amateur golfer who maintained a high-level game while pursuing a business career. North operated a pharmacy in Colorado and in 1954 moved his family to Salt Lake City, where he bought a propane distributorship, according to his profile in the 1998 book "100 Years of the Utah State Amateur."

During his relatively brief stay in Utah, North compiled a phenomenal record in the State Am and other notable tournaments. In the seven-year period from 1954-60, he won three State Am titles, while losing in the final match, twice in the semifinals and once in the quarterfinals, posting a 17-4 record in match play.

"I enjoyed living in Utah a lot," he said in an interview for the book, published when he was 84. "It was a great life and a lot of fun. ... We had a lot of good players in the Utah State Amateur back then and it was very competitive."

North lost 2 up to Jerry Cloninger in the 1954 final match at The Country Club of Salt Lake City in his first year as a Utahn and was eliminated in the quarterfinals the following year.

His first State Am trophy came via a 3-and-2 win over John Bowers at the Country Club in 1956. He lost to Joe Bernolfo in 20 holes in the '57 event, before adding his second title in '58 in a stroke-play format at Oakridge Country Club. North shot 73-75-73-72 to beat Brian Goldsworthy by two strokes.

In the '59 event at Bonneville Golf Course, North posted 69-66-68 to take a 10-stroke lead after 54 holes, then added a 75 in coasting to a five-shot win over Bowers. Other top finishers that year included Utah Golf Hall of Fame member Jack Ridd and Babe Hiskey, who would become a three-time winner on the PGA Tour.

North's biography in the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame also credits him with six wins in the Salt Lake City Amateur and two victories in the City Parks Open, along with several other titles in Utah.

# Class of 2021



## Marion Dunn

Marion Dunn was born in Colorado, but he became a loyal Utahn from age 2. His pride in the state and its residents was reflected in his newspaper coverage of golf for more than 40 years.

Dunn once said, "I'd rather cover a Utah Open than a U.S. Open. You're writing about people who you live with all year long, people you know."

Dunn's being honored by the Utah Golf Hall of Fame is a tribute to how much he cared about the game and the people who played and administered it in Utah. Nearly everyone who was a subject of his stories would describe him as supportive, hoping they would succeed. Dunn was "a kind, humble guy who never made an enemy," Deseret News columnist Dick Harmon wrote in 2004, when Dunn died at age 81.

From 1948 through 1990, Dunn worked for the Deseret News, The Salt Lake Telegram, The Salt Lake Tribune and The (Provo) Daily Herald.

In an editorial, the Deseret News said of Dunn, "He didn't badger people into giving him stories; he made them want to open up and share."

Dunn was a major promoter of golf in Utah. His style, both in his interactions with people and his writing of stories, validated and encouraged golfers. His columns often ended with an exhortation, such as "Go get 'em."

He once described the Utah golf community as being "almost like a family," and that's how he approached his role in covering the game. As the sports editor of The Daily Herald, his primary job involved writing about BYU's major sports. Yet he enjoyed nothing more than spending weekends covering golf events in Utah County, such as the Provo Open at the old Timpanogos Golf Course or the Sizzler Open at the venue then called Tri City GC in American Fork.

He considered reporting about BYU's 1981 NCAA golf championship among the highlights of his career. "His message was that golf personalities, professionals, events and college programs should be elevated as big news in the state," said Harmon, a former colleague at The Daily Herald. "Accordingly, golf found a high profile on the print pages. His work became a standard for those he worked with at the time and those who followed after him."

Dunn, who wrote a book about Bingham Canyon, the area where he grew up, was inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame in 1990. When he received the UGA's Gold Club Award in 1992, he said that recognition meant even more to him, due to his love of golf.

"Golf is the greatest game ever invented," he said. "It demands so much concentration that you're forced to put all other problems aside."

He liked to play golf, and he loved to write about golf. That's why he put so much effort into it.

# Class of 2021



## Jeannie Goddard

The most popular professional golf event in modern Utah history could not exist without Jeannie Goddard.

The timing may have been coincidental, but it's true: The Park City stop on what is now known as PGA Tour Champions went away soon after Goddard's passing in 2002 at age 70, a couple of months after her last tournament as the volunteer coordinator at Park Meadows Country Club.

That's just part of her legacy in the Utah golf community. She's remembered as the first first woman to serve on the Utah Golf Association's board of directors, for her role in the growth of the Utah State Women's Golf Association and for chairing both the State Amateur and the Women's State Amateur.

Goddard has been described as "the godmother of Utah golf," with her influence perpetuated by the Jeannie Goddard Cup matches. In 2019, that event became a competition between Utah's top female pros and amateurs, illustrating how the women's game has grown.

Goddard was a multidimensional person. She sang in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for 18 years and was a longtime comptroller for Rex W. Williams & Sons.

Her work with the Friends of Utah Golf, operating the senior tour event, was a labor of love. Goddard was known for having great relationships with the players, who enjoyed her friendly personality. They knew she could answer any question or solve any problem, according to Laury Livsey, a PGA Tour media official who got his start in the profession by working at the Jeremy Ranch event.

Her husband, Richard, was supportive of all the time and effort Jeannie expended in helping to operate the tournament and seemed to enjoy how she became well known among the tour players.

Having attended Granite High School and the University of Utah, she took up golf relatively late in life, while raising five children with Richard. She caught up quickly, becoming an avid player and contributor to the game. She was instrumental in the senior tour event's remaining on the calendar for as long as it did, working in various roles in the staging of the tournament at Jeremy Ranch and Park Meadows.

Bryan Naugle, a longtime tour administrator who took over the operation of the event, labeled Goddard "a wonderful asset to the tournament and the Utah golf community."

Naugle added, "But more than that, Jeannie was a great friend. She touched many lives."

Goddard received the UGA's Gold Club Award in 2001, recognizing her service to the game that now is being rewarded with induction into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame.

# Class of 2015



## Mike Malaska

Mike Malaska is an outstanding player with many accomplishments including winning the Utah Open Championship. Although his playing record is enviable, he enters the Utah Golf Hall of Fame as recognition for his national acclaim as one of the world's most respected golf instructors. He is the first to enter the Utah Golf Hall of Fame on the basis of his teaching credentials.

Malaska's knowledge of the golf swing, as well as his expertise at incorporating physical fitness programs into his golf instruction, has made him one of the most sought after instructors in the game today.

For the past 15 years, Mike has ranked among Golf Digest's, "America's 50 Greatest Teachers," and is currently listed as #15 in the nation. Mike has also been selected as one of Golf Magazine's "Top 100 Teachers" in America for the last 20 years. One of his highest honors came in 2011 when he was recognized as PGA National Teacher of the Year.

A graduate of Weber State University, Mike was a college "All-American" in 1974 and was inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame in February 1999. In September of 2013, Mike was awarded the "Distinguished Alumni Award" for his service to the University and his community.

Mike is currently the Director of Instruction for the Nicklaus Academies Worldwide, Superstition Mountain Country Club, and Las Sendas Golf Club in Arizona, a consultant for TaylorMade/Adidas, and the Vice President of GreatLIFE Malaska Golf & Fitness National Franchise.

As Director of Instruction for the Jack Nicklaus Golf Centers in Japan from 1992 to 1995, Mike was featured in Golf Digest Japan and was nominated for Japan's "Teacher of the Year" in 1993. Then in 1996 he received "Teacher of the Year" for the Utah Section PGA.

Mike worked alongside Jim Flick with the Nicklaus/Flick Golf Schools from 1991 through 2002. During 2003, he was the lead instructor with the TaylorMade/ESPN and Jim Flick Golf Schools. Mike has also worked with hundreds of corporations such as Lexus, American Express, Visa, Fidelity Investment, Merrill Lynch, and many others. Mike's students have included numerous PGA, LPGA, and Champions Tour players, many celebrities, as well as prominent political figures throughout the world.

As the Director of Instruction for Nicklaus Academies Worldwide, Mike instructs the teachers at each of the centers around the globe. He has also served as a consultant to TaylorMade/Adidas worldwide since 2002. He has been a guest lecturer at corporate functions, PGA Section Seminars, for the "PGA National Coaching and Teaching Summits," and as a guest speaker at the "World Golf Fitness Summit" in 2012. He has appeared numerous times on The Golf Channel as a guest instructor. In 2004, Mike produced his own DVD, "You Are Your Own Swing", featuring 2 ½ hours of both golf and fitness instruction. Mike's knowledge of the game has been featured in numerous publications, from hundreds of articles for Golf Digest and PGA of America publications to several cover stories for Golf Magazine.

Mike's incredible desire to understand and perfect the golf game has made him an outstanding player as well as an instructor. Mike has competed in a number of PGA and Champions Tour events, including the 1988, 2009, and 2010 PGA Championships. He also played the Asian Golf Tour for 2 years and competed in the 1982 and 1986 U.S. Opens. Mike was also named "2011 Senior Player of the Year" and "2010 Teacher of the Year" for the Southwest Section PGA.

Malaska's philosophy is simple, "There is no individual that is willing to practice, no matter what their physical limitations are, that I cannot teach to achieve their highest potential in the game of golf."

Mike was born May 23, 1954 in Salt Lake City, the son of Jack and La Raine Malaska. He graduated from Granite High School in 1972 and from Weber State in 1976 with a degree in business. He married his wife Charlene in 1974 and they have two daughters, Jennifer and Ashley. He currently resides in Mesa, Arizona. He says, "My wife has been my biggest fan and motivator. Without her, I would not have had the courage to do what I have done," Mike said. He also singled out Tom Sorensen, Don Johnson, Joe Nichols, Pete Egoscue, Jim Flick, and Jack Nicklaus, among others, for inspiring him.

# Class of 2015



## Keith Hansen

Keith Hansen is 'volunteer extraordinaire.'

There isn't a scorecard, or a won-lost record for volunteers. There is just gratitude and a spot in the Utah Golf Hall of Fame. Keith already holds the USGA's highest volunteer honor, the Ike Grainger Award, and now he holds Utah's highest volunteer honor as a member of both the UGA Gold Club and the Utah Golf Hall of Fame.

His closest friend in golf is Mark Passey and together they have made golf better wherever they have gone. They were both Board members and Presidents of Logan Golf and Country Club and the Utah Golf Association and have both been given the UGA Gold Club Award. Now, appropriately, they are being inducted into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame in the Class of 2015.

As a volunteer Keith's focus has been on the Rules of Golf where he has become one of the nation's top rules officials. He has officiated at more than 75 USGA national championships plus dozens of NCAA and other national events, and he still has found time to continue serving golf in Utah where he has marked and staked hundreds of golf courses and written local rules sheets for tournaments at almost all of Utah's top tournament sites. He is readily recognized as the "guru" of rules in Utah golf.

He began his interest in golf at the Logan Golf and Country Club where he was President, and then moved his attention state-wide and became two-time President of the UGA where he made many contributions beyond rules, including the establishment of the Utah-Arizona Shootout.

He coaxed and mentored many volunteers into becoming more knowledgeable and professional regarding the Rules of Golf, and to this day still conducts rules seminars for Utah volunteers. His service has been across the board, including men's and women's clinics and tournaments, and junior golf.

He was born in Logan, January 10, 1947, graduated from Logan High in 1965, graduated from Utah State in 1970, and earned an MBA at Utah State in 1971. He has been self-employed his entire life in a property management business and as owner-operator of the Utah Theatre.

He joined the Logan Golf and Country Club in 1972 and has served on its Board of Directors. He was on the committee that helped create the Logan River Golf Course, and has been a member of the Logan Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He married Dane Tang, who has a B.S. in math from the University of Utah, a Masters in biology at Utah State, and a PhD in genetics from Utah State.

They have two children; (1) Brittany, who is married to David Milligan (They have two children); (2) son Trevor William who is currently working as a golf course architect.



# Class of 2015



## Mark Passey

Golf is often referred to as an art form, and it was a pleasure for many to watch Mark Passey parlay his artistic talent and calligraphy skills into the beginning of what has become an outstanding career in golf administration. Passey mastered calligraphy working as a “signmaker “ for Smith’s Food King, and took scoreboard artistry to another level at Logan Golf and Country Club, the Smith’s Food King Utah Open, the Utah State Amateur Championship and onto the United States Open Championship. Even if you had a bad day on the course, Mark posted your score so craftily it seemed a little more tolerable than it probably should have been. His craft inspired many to take the same kind of dedication and precision he took with scoreboarding to the course with them the next time they played.

While his beautiful scoreboards were tangible and visible, his greatest achievements have been the intangibles. The impact he has had on the lives of others and the foundations he laid that will have importance into the unseen future are the true measure of this remarkable man.

Passey’s start in golf administration began in the early 1980’s when he served on the Board of Directors and became President of both Logan Golf and Country Club (1984) and the Utah Golf Association (1984-85). The major turning point in his professional life came when he was hired as the UGA Executive Director in 1985. In his short five-year post leading the Utah Golf Association, he created several new programs and tournaments that benefit UGA members and golfers in Utah to this day. One of the programs he took charge of was the daunting task of implementing the USGA Course and Slope Rating System across Utah. This required Mark alongside longtime UGA Volunteer Larry Disera to visit and rate every single golf course in the state, which is exactly what they did.

Mark’s unmatched work ethic soon caught the eye of the USGA, and he was hired as one of four Regional Affairs Directors. His new post allowed Mark to interact with state and regional golf associations on a constant basis and to assist in the sharing of knowledge between the USGA and state golf associations. This new position in Mark’s career allowed for his reach to stretch beyond Utah and spread throughout the country. In fact, Mark’s influence can be seen by just walking the halls of the USGA Headquarters in Far Hills, New Jersey. Former Utah Golf Association staffers such as Thomas Pagel (Senior Director, Rules) and Steve Edmondson (Senior Director, Handicap, Course Rating, GHIN and Championship Scoring) have advanced onto key positions within the USGA. Passey also played a key role in the development and advancement of former UGA staff member Kevin O’Connor who is the current Director of Handicapping and Membership for the Southern California Golf Association. He also influenced the career of Tyler Dennis who is now PGA TOUR Vice President of Competition.

His closest friend through every step of the way has been Keith Hansen, who also shares the stage with him this evening as a 2015 inductee in the Utah Golf Hall of Fame.

Passey was born March 4, 1947 in Healdsburg, California, and currently lives in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. He graduated from Cyprus High School in 1965, where one of his golf teammates was none other than Jeff Beaudry. He attended Utah State and Cornell Universities. Mark and his wife, Charlene, have two daughters, Allison Edmondson (Steve), and Hilary Walton (Rob), and seven grandchildren.

Mark Passey’s ‘mark’ on Utah golf is indelible. It can’t be erased. It is here forever. One would be hard pressed to find an individual in Utah golf history who has ever left a legacy of more far-reaching and with such a lasting impact.

# Class of 2015



## Jeff Beaudry

Coincidence aside, there was a certain amount of karma in 1986 when Jeff Beaudry was named Executive Director of the Utah Section of the PGA and Mark Passey was named Executive Director of the Utah Golf Association. They were high school classmates and played on the golf team together at Cyprus.

Jeff Beaudry was not just another executive director of the PGA. He was the right executive director at the right time and place. Big things happened, including an equitable sharing of handicap funds that were put to good use by the section; the hosting of the Ben Hogan Tour that has gradually morphed into the Web.com Tour; an elevation of professional standards: the creation of the annual Book of Golf; a cooperating participant with the UGA and Lynn Summerhays in the creation of the new Utah Junior Golf Association; and the partnership he spearheaded with the Special Olympics for the physically and mentally disabled community that has been an exceptional mission of compassionate service.

Under Jeff's leadership high school golf saw a dramatic upgrade when the Utah Section began conducting the State High School Golf Championships in the mid '90s. The championships were immediately followed by the Utah PGA's naming and sponsorship of the Utah High School All-State Golf Teams with a first class awards dinner featuring nationally known keynote speakers.

Beaudry is first class in every way. He displays his class in many forms, whether it is his flawless attire to his thoughtful, caring, and sharing approach to all problems and projects. Jeff is a great example and role model for all golf administrators. He is always willing to give credit where credit is due and share the spotlight with others.

The manner in which he conducted business led Lynn and Bruce Summerhays to initiate the Gentleman Jeff Award which is given annually now by the Utah PGA Section. He was an ideal top down model. He upgraded the Utah Section PGA and its members by example that has been carried on and enlarged by his protégé/mentor Scott Whitaker.

Under Beaudry's watch the Utah Section PGA expanded their role as a steward of the game and has been a key player in elevating golf ever since. Like Mark Passey, he was also in demand at the national level and he has been out of sight in Utah blazing trails as a key administrator of the PGA of America for the past 17 years.

Jeff began his career as an assistant to Norm Rackley at Mountain View for two years and became the head professional at the Copper Club from 1973 through 1984. He briefly went to work for Cobra golf until being hired as the Utah Section PGA Executive Director in 1986. He joined the National PGA staff in 1998 and he is now Western Director of Employment Services for the PGA of America managing the PGA staff in the western states.

Beaudry is PGA Certified in Executive Management and is experienced in facilitating business and strategic plans for sections and non-profit associations as well as staff and board training.

Beaudry has been the recipient of numerous awards including, the UGA Gold Club Award, the Colorado and Utah PGA Sections Bill Strausbaugh Award; Utah PGA Section Distinguished Service Award and Colorado Section President's Award as well as the Utah High School Activities Association Distinguished Service Award.

Actively involved in the Special Olympics, Beaudry was inducted into the Utah Special Olympics Hall of Fame in 2002 and was named the recipient of the Conrad Rehling Award for contributions to the growth of Special Olympics Golf nationally. He also served as Chairman of the Board, Utah Special Olympics; Rules Chair, for the first ever Special Olympics World Games in 1995.

Jeff and his wife Shawna have been married 42 years and have two children, Jamie and Zach and three grandchildren, Jamie's daughter Randi and Zach and his wife Kelley's two children, Ben and Katy.

# Class of 2015



## Jimmy Blair

Although Jimmy Blair grew up in a home without much interest in golf, he made golf his second home. He is surrounded by golf and is always in the middle of it.

Jimmy was born in Ogden on May 16, 1955, the son of James and Reva Blair. He attended both Logan and Ogden High Schools where his dad was superintendent. His mother, Reva, was a noted singer. Jimmy has five siblings, Jana (deceased), Judy, Jayne, Jon (deceased), and Jacqueline. With both parents working, his grandmother had considerable influence on his upbringing. "She taught me to 'always tell the truth,' which was just fine, but sometimes the truth hurts and that occasionally got me in trouble with some folks!" he said.

Jimmy was a child golf prodigy and started winning adult tournaments early in life. He gained valuable experience competing against the veteran players on the amateur golf circuit in Utah. At age 17 (1972), he was qualifying medalist in the State Amateur, but lost to Arlen Peacock in the semifinals. In 1973, the same year he graduated from Ogden High School, he won the State Amateur by beating Arlen Peacock in the semifinals and Brad Brandenburg in the finals. Thirty-six years later, in 2009, his son, Zac, won the title at age 19. They joined Jack and Craig Ridd as the only father-son Utah State Amateur champions. They are also the only Utah father-son combo to play in the U.S. Open. Jimmy played in the U.S. Open in 1981 and caddied for Zac in the 2014 U.S. Open.

He played college golf at BYU from 1973 through 1977, the heyday of Cougar golf. His teammates included Mike Reid, Pat McGowan, Mike Brannan, Jamie Edman, John Fought, Erich Gott, Jerry Rose, Dave Shipley, Joey Dills, Jim Nelford, and others. He married Cindy Hansen. They have two children, Zac and Rebecca. The Hansen side of the family is also loaded with golfers. She is the daughter of Farr Hansen, a long-time member of Jeremy CC, and her brother is 1986 State Amateur Champion Brad Hansen. Tom Costello is also in the extended family, as are notable amateurs Mike and Bryan Lewis. The Blairs have also enriched the Utah State Amateur family chapter with the successful play of several members of their extended family. Jimmy is not the only State Amateur champion in the genealogical chain. Cindy Hansen Blair is the sister of former State Amateur champion Brad Hansen, the 1986 State Amateur Champion.

Over the years, Jimmy developed a long list of valuable mentors, some of which include Utah Golf Hall of Famers Ernie Schreiber Jr., Billy Casper, Johnny Miller, Tee Branca, Dick Kramer, Jack Ridd, Karl Tucker, Mike Reid, and Arlen Peacock. Additional mentors were Dean Candland, Tommy Williams, Mike Farrell, Nolan Wathen, Arnie Ferrin, Loren Moench, LaDell Andersen, LaVell Edwards, Don and Ron Branca, and Dave Bingaman, who tutored him in agronomy.

Jimmy's professional career included victories in a number of western states where he won the state opens in Utah (1981), Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and North Dakota. He was also able to perform on the top tier of professional golf with over 20 starts on the PGA TOUR. While playing competitively has been his forte, he has also proved successful at course maintenance and management and is somewhat of a turnaround expert. Managing golf courses has been his main focus for the past 15 years. He has learned that there are bogeys and birdies on that end of the business as much as when playing the game.

He originated Mulligans Golf Center in Ogden in 1988-89 and expanded to Mulligans South in South Jordan in 1991. Don Branca joined him as a partner in that venture in 1993, and they sold it to South Jordan City in 2004.

As a manager, he has played critical roles in the improvement of Jeremy Country Club, Sun River Golf Club, and has recently taken over management of Bloomington Country Club. He has particularly received accolades for the turnaround at Sun River.

From a top-level player to a successful golf course operator, Jimmy Blair has been a success throughout his career by wearing a variety of hats and doing it all.

# Class of 2011



Dan Forsman

Dan Forsman was born in Wisconsin, raised in California, went to college in Arizona and has never won a tournament in Utah, and yet, here he is---in the Utah Golf Hall of Fame. Shortly after earning his PGA Tour card he became a Utah resident and in the next 25 years won nearly \$12 million on the PGA Tour and PGA Champions Tour.

Dan Forsman was born, July 15, 1958, in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, the son of Dave and Mary Ann Forsman. He has an older brother Scott, and a younger brother David.

He grew up in northern California and his father introduced him to the game of golf at the age of 13 at Los Altos Country Club. He graduated from Chester Awalt High School in Mountain View, California in 1977 where he played on the basketball and golf teams.

He played college golf at Arizona State where he was a two-time All American and co-champion of the PAC-10 and graduated in 1982.

After college he qualified for the PGA Tour on his first attempt by shooting a bogey free round 69 at TPC Sawgrass in horrible weather conditions and leaped from 33rd place to 9th place in a field where only 25 earned their tour cards. Conquering Sawgrass on that particular day, under those difficult conditions, was the 'turning' point in his career. Had he let the playing conditions whip him, like they did for so many that day, who knows if he would have continued his career?

He then promptly missed the first five cuts on the tour and realized that staying on the tour may be more difficult than getting on it. He then finished in the top ten at the Honda Classic and managed to finish 116th on the tour that only accepted 125.

After that close call and those hard lessons he remained on tour for 20 straight seasons in which he won five titles, seven seconds, and 64 top ten finishes and earned a PGA career total of \$8,518,877. His five victories were at the Lite Quad Cities Open in 1985; the Hertz Bay Hill Classic in 1986, the Shearson Lehman Brothers Open in 1990, the Buick Open in 1992, and then there was a long drought of ten years and 246 tournaments before he won the SEI Pennsylvania Classic in 2002 by eagling the final hole.

In 2009 he switched to the PGA Champions Tour where he has won twice, at the AT&T Champions Classic with a birdie in a playoff with Dan Pooley in 2009, and at the Regions Charity Classic by three strokes in 2010.

A serendipitous moment for Utahns came in 1980 when Forsman represented the Arizona Golf Association at the prestigious Pacific Coast Amateur championship at Riverside Country Club. It was there that he was introduced to his future wife by BYU Coach Karl Tucker. After a year long courtship they married in 1981 and set up residence in Provo in 1985. They joined Riverside Country Club where Trudy's parents were members. Her father, Lum, is a past president of Riverside CC and also served on the UGA Board of Directors. They have two children, Richard (Ricky), who is graduating from BYU, and Tom who is caddying for his dad full time on tour.

Forsman has been very generous with his time in support of Utah golf, speaking at various functions whenever possible, and is even occasionally spotted in the gallery at Utah tournaments. In fact, he watched Todd Barker's Hall of Fame moment when he won the Utah State Amateur title.

# Class of 2011



Jay Don Blake

Jay Don Blake is arguably the best collegiate golfer in the history of Utah and has played in more PGA Tour events (498) than any other native born Utahn.. He earned \$5,555,470 during his years on the PGA Tour and another \$1,000,000 on the Champions and Nationwide Tours. During his years on the PGA Tour he won the Shearson Lehman Brothers Classic, finished second five times, in the top ten 36 times, and in the top 25 123 times. He has had 28 holes-in-one including two par fours, the 8th and 16th holes at Logan Golf and Country Club.

Jay Don was born in St. George, Utah on October 28, 1958, the youngest of eight children of LaVer and Ilene Blake. The siblings in order were Karl, Verla Jean (died at two months old), Richard, Ward, Joann, Verlene, Rick, and Jay Don.

When Jay Don was eight years old St. George City built the Dixie Red Hills Golf Course and it changed his life forever. It was the first golf course in southern Utah and it had immediate and positive impacts, not only on Jay Don, but on many other youngsters in the city.

His older brother Ward loved the game and regularly took Jay Don to the course. He had a natural ability, caught onto the game quickly, and began winning junior titles his first year.

He graduated from Dixie High School in 1977. His golf teams won two state championships and he was medalist both years.

As a junior at Utah State he won seven tournaments in a row and was invited to play in the NCAA championship as an individual. At that tournament he birdied three of the last five holes to tie Hal Sutton and then won the title with a birdie on the fourth playoff hole.

His senior year he missed repeating as NCAA medalist by one stroke, and was named NCAA co-Player of the Year with Bob Tway. BYU won the team title and his Aggies finished 13th. Dan Roskelley was coach of the team and his teammates were Jess Moreno, Keith Banes, Roy Christensen, and Vance Christiansen.

Jay Don struggled on mini-tours and state opens for six years before earning his PGA Tour card in 1987. His best year was in 1991 when he won the Shearson Lehman, had six top ten finishes, and finished 21st on the money list at over \$500,000. That year he also won the Argentine Open.

Jay Don won the Utah Open in 1988 at Willow Creek Country Club, but never won the State Am. Fresh out of high school, in 1977, he lost in the finals to Arlen Peacock at Logan Golf and Country Club when Peacock ran off a string of six straight birdies near the end of the match. In 1978 he lost in the second round. In 1980 he shot a record qualifying score of 69-62-131 at Riverside Country Club. The 62 was a tournament and course record. He lost in the quarterfinals to BYU's Eric Gott in 22 holes, and Gott went on to win the title.

Except for his four collegiate years in Logan he has lived in St. George his entire life. His main diversion from golf has been a keen interest in drag racing.

He has two daughters, Jamie Dawn (Cody Andrew) and Bridgette, from his first marriage to Kim Chamberlain, and another daughter, Miranda Jay, from his second marriage to Marci DeKeyser, and Marci has a son, Patrick (Jennifer). They have two granddaughters, Jordyn and Malea Andrew, and two grandsons, Matik Blake and Patrick 'Trey' Amico.



# Class of 2011



## Todd Barker

Todd Barker was the dominate amateur player in Utah for nearly two decades and in that time frame he won the Park City Open, Brigham City Open, Wasatch Open, Tri City Open, and Red Hills Open with fields that included the top professionals in the state. He also won the Salt Lake Amateur five times (84, 88, 89, 91, and 92), the UGA Mid-Am twice, and the UGA Winterchamps three times. He was the UGA Player of the Year five times (86, 90, 92, 93, 97) and no other player has been so recognized more than twice.

During the first ten years of the Utah-Arizona Shootout he made the team seven times and score more points than any other Utah player during that era, He also represented Utah in the prestigious Pacific Coast Amateur more than ten times.

Despite all those impressive achievements he was haunted for several years by not having won the most coveted title of all, the Utah State Amateur. He chased that ghost away in 1997 at Alpine Country Club when he defeated Brandon Hargett, his close friend and best-ball buddy Kurt Bosen, Kevin Haslam, Jim McGregor, and then Todd Tanner in the championship match, and he's rested in peace ever since, That was the crowning glory that capped a brilliant amateur career. It was a Hall of Fame moment.

As superintendent of Fore Lakes Golf Course he won the National Superintendents Championship twice, in 1955 at Monterey and in 2000 at Mobile, Alabama. His dad, Vaughn, also won that title in 1977 and has played a key role in Todd's development as a player, superintendent, and golf course owner.

During his early years Todd worked on his family farm and spent a lot of time at Meadowbrook Golf Course where his grandmother, Jessie Smith, was the manager of food services. Todd helped her with various chores and in his spare time hung out with uncle Mike Smith and the guys at Meadowbrook. That is where he learned how to play and love the game that would influence his life forever.

He played on the Kearns High Scholl golf team and graduated in 1971. He got his 'college degree' at "Fore Lakes University," meaning that instead of college he helped turn the 60-acre family farm into the Fore Lakes Golf Course. They began moving earth in 1972, opened for play in 1974, and moved into the clubhouse in 1975. Todd began there as the assistant superintendent in 1986. He is now one of the principal owners while maintaining duties as superintendent.

Fore Lakes has been the entry point into the game for thousands of women and juniors and has played a significant role in growing the game in Utah and in serving the people of Taylorsville and the surrounding area.

Todd was born on September 13, 1953 in Salt Lake City to Vaughn and Lois Barker and has four sisters, Susan, Vaunalee, Robin, and Nancy, a brother Bryan, and a step sister Pam , and a deceased step brother, Brad Asplund.

He married Shauna Bringhurst in 1980 and they have four children, Shelby, Todd Jr., Abby, and Sara. Shauna has been his biggest golf fan and has been present at almost all of the historic moments in his golf career.



# Class of 2007



## Mike Reid

Everyone agrees----if there was a Nice Guys Hall of Fame Mike Reid would be a charter inductee.

And everyone agrees----if there was anyone whoever spoke softly and carried a big golf stick it is Mike Reid.

And everyone agrees---the soft spoken nice guy is a slam dunk choice for induction into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame.

Mike Reid became a Utah treasure via the immensely successful BYU golf program. During Reid's BYU years (1973-1976) the Cougars won the WAC golf championship all four years and finished second in the nation in 1976. That team, coached by Karl Tucker, also included Jimmy Blair, Mike Brannan, Jim Nelford, Pat McGowan, and John Fought. He was an All American in 1974 and 1975, and was the individual WAC winner in 1975, and runnerup in 1974. As a capper to his wonderful amateur career he won the prestigious Pacific Coast Amateur and was low amateur in the U.S. Open, both in 1976.

As a professional he advanced his "nice guy" status nationwide. He earned the nickname 'Radar' for his accuracy off the tee, winning the Most Fairways Hit statistical title in 1980. He became the first PGA Tour player to win a million dollars without winning a championship. In 25 years on the PGA Tour he played in more than 480 events and finished in the top ten 70 times and earned over \$4.5 million.

He got his first tour win in 1987 at the Seiko Tucson Open and in 1988 he won the NEC World Series of Golf in a playoff with Tom Watson. He also won the 1990 Casio World Open in Japan. In 1989 he came within a whisker of winning two major championships, the Masters and the PGA Championship, leading both of them on the final day.

In Utah he won the Utah Open in 1983 and 1985 and in 1983 won the Shootout at Jeremy Ranch with Bob Goalby as his partner.

A second golf life on the Senior Tour has rewarded him with one of his most important victories, the 2005 Senior PGA Championship.

He has lived in Utah ever since his college days and has been a big supporter of golf in Utah, and particularly with junior golfers. He has been a member of Riverside Country Club for more than 20 years recently served on its Board of Directors.

When the Utah Golf Hall of Fame was formed in 1990 he was the guest speaker at the Charter Induction Ceremony that included his heroes, Johnny Miller and Billy Casper, and even at that time it was clear that Reid was headed to the same destiny.

He was born July 1, 1954, in Bainbridge, Maryland, the son of William (Bill) and Mary Ann Reid. He has two brothers, Bill and Steve. He married Randolyn Brockbank, a cousin of BYU golf coach Bruce Brockbank, and they have six children, Brendalyn Hacking, Lauren Soffe, Daniel, Clarissa, John, and Hannah Jo.

# Class of 2007



Marcia Thayne

Marcia Thayne, the fifth woman to be inducted into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame, has the distinction of being the only woman to win the Utah State Women's Amateur six consecutive times. Two others won the tournament six times, but not consecutively. They were Bev Nelson and Mary Lou Baker.

Her competitive amateur tournament career was outstanding, but it wasn't total domination. She had capable opposition in all events and had to come from behind to win so many times that it became the hallmark of her career. She was a contemporary of Hall of Famer Bev Nelson and so there was always formidable competition. Nevertheless, from the age of 19 through 25 she won every major women's tournament multiple times and earned a total of 35 championships in just six years of competition. She set course records at Mountain Dell, Nibley, Patio Springs, Hidden Valley, Meadowbrook, Oakridge, and Park City.

Her first Women's State Am title came at the age of 19. It broke up a skein of three straight wins by Nelson and started her own record breaking streak. She had to come from seven strokes behind in each of her first three State Am victories. Her fourth title was another thriller. It ended in a tie with Nelson. An 18-hole playoff didn't break the deadlock and it took another couple of holes for Thayne to claim the title and keep her streak going.

Her fifth title involved another major comeback. She birdied the 53rd hole and parred the final hole to claim a one-shot win over Janet Thurgood. Her sixth title was more comfortable, winning by three shots.

In all six of her State Am championships she wore the same checkered skirt that became part of the tournament lore. She was also affectionately called The Golden Fleece because of her gorgeous blond hair.

She graduated from Highland High School in 1968 when girls couldn't play on high school golf teams. While in college she initiated the University of Utah women's golf team and was the player-coach until her graduation.

One of her golfing highlights was playing an exhibition match with famed Patty Berg. She lost the match by a mere two shots and Berg offered high praise for her performance.

At the young age of 25, with the local amateur world conquered, Thayne left amateur golf behind and became an assistant golf professional at Glendale Golf Course. She was already an English teacher at Granger High School and the golf position meshed nicely with her teaching career.

She was the administrator of the Utah Junior Girls Golf Association from 1972-1979, a program she inherited from Mary Lou Baker. She also organized a competitive women's golf association that included an opportunity for women professionals to play, but it functioned for only two years. She wrote a column for Fairways Magazine for three years and coined it "From the Reds."

She taught English at Granger High from 1972 through 1997 and was Teacher of the Year in 1990. She was an adjunct professor at the University of Utah from 1992-1995. She graduated from the University in 1972 and earned her Masters in 1992, also from the U. of U. She also earned a Masters of Social Work at Boise State University in 2001. Her counseling centered around mental health, drug abuse, depression, and domestic violence.

Her life partner is Mary Lee Brighton. They are also partners in pioneering a new concept of teaching personal relationships through interaction with the American wild horse. They have formed Windhorse Relations, a non-profit organization, which promotes the potential of using the American Wild Horse in educational, experiential trainings.

She was born on February 9, 1949 in Salt Lake City. Her parents are Shirl and Florence Thayne, both deceased. She has two brothers, Mike in Salt Lake City, and Steve, deceased.

# Class of 2007



Bob Betley

There is no one in the Utah Golf Hall of Fame who started golf anywhere near as late in life as 28 years old----until now with the induction of Bob Betley. Almost all Hall of Famers had a foundation in junior golfer and steadily grew in the game to Hall of Fame status. Not Bob Betley. In fact, he almost skipped amateur golf, turning pro after just two years of minor accomplishments. As an amateur he earned a statewide reputation for driving the ball long distances, but his tournament wins were thin and he never played in the State Am.

His career path changed dramatically when he decided to turn professional and went to Las Vegas to learn how to play. He was hired as an assistant at the Desert Inn Country Club where he got good instructions and changed his swing dramatically. He practiced and practiced, sometimes hitting thousands of balls in a day, into the night, and even into the early morning. To the outside observer it seemed like he became a super player over night, and in reality that was almost true, except that it was over many nights of intense hard work and dedication to achieving the proper swing.

It was a story book start. It was not a fairy tale, and the clock didn't strike twelve.

He began playing professional tournaments in Utah and throughout the Intermountain West, and he found that he liked winning, and winning he did. He won State Open titles in Utah, Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, and Idaho, and numerous other titles totaling well over 75 victories.

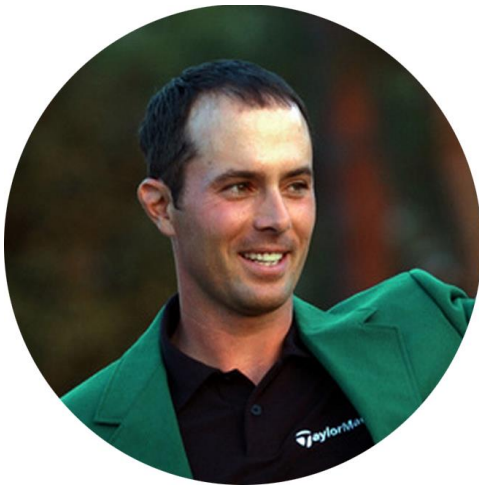
His booming (pre-high tech) drives were prodigious and crowds soon gathered in amazement to watch him hit the ball. He had charisma. A charming gait, Popeye forearms, vice-like grip, wavy blond hair, a cheerful, friendly smile, and he always remained a commoner, a motorcycle cop turned golf pro. He loved a gallery and the gallery loved him back.

The Senior Tour capped his flamboyant career. He earned his way onto the Tour in 1990, and despite a shoulder injury and five subsequent surgeries that seriously stymied his success he earned more than \$1 million. Highlights included losing an 8-hole sudden death playoff with Orville Moody at the 1992 Shootout at Jeremy Ranch, and winning the championship at the 1993 Bank of Boston Classic.

He won the Arizona Open in 1978 with Jane Telford as his caddie. They married two months later and have been sidekicks ever since. She has caddied for him in almost all of his tournaments and was the first female caddie on tour. They are Team Betley.

He was born on February 1, 1940 in Butte, Montana. His parents are John and Jean Betley. He has two brothers and two sisters. He moved to Utah in 1961 to accept a job as a policeman at Ogden City. He attended Weber State where he studied police science and administration. He was on the Weber State track team where he excelled in the javelin and shot put. He also studied art and painting has become his lifetime hobby and avocation.

# Class of 2004



Mike Weir

At just 33 years of age Mike Weir becomes the youngest player ever inducted into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame. He was already in a queue for the honor, but his 2003 Masters Championship catapulted him several decades ahead of his time.

When the Utah Golf Hall of Fame was established the committee included a by-law that gave automatic admission to the Hall of Fame for any Utahn who wins a major championship. That rule put George Von Elm, Billy Casper, and Johnny Miller among the charter members of the Hall of Fame. Now young Mike Weir gives the Utah Golf Hall of Fame a foursome of major winners.

With the prospects of a long and successful career still ahead of him this plaque of honor will have to undergo numerous updates as the years go on.

Weir was born in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada on May 12, 1970, and his Masters victory thrust him into the role of a Canadian national hero. He was named Canadian Athlete of the Year and he instantly became one of the most popular figures in Canada, rivaling the legendary hockey star, Wayne Gretzky.

Weir's Utah connections came through his matriculation to Brigham Young University where he starred on the BYU golf team from 1990 through his graduation in Recreation Management in 1993.

This year, highlighted by a spectacular clutch shot on the final hole, he won the Nissan Open for the second straight time and now has seven PGA Tour victories and more than \$13 million in career earnings.

His wonderful golf talent did not come easily or instantly. His first significant junior victory came at the age of 16 when he won the Canadian juvenile Championship. At 18 he won the Ontario junior Championship. While attending BYU he returned to Canada to win the 1990 and 1992 Ontario Amateur Championship. His BYU career concluded in 1992 with him being named WAC Player of the Year and Second Team All American.

In 1993, his first professional year, he was named the Canadian Tour Rookie of the Year. His first effort on the PGA Tour in 1998 concluded with a 131st place finish on the money list, which forced him back to the PGA Tour Qualifying School. He not only qualified again, but won golf's most grueling test.

Canada was also a springboard to his PGA Tour success, as his first PGA Tour victory was the 1999 Air Canada Championship. An eagle two on the 14th hole highlighted the victory which was also the first time a Canadian had won the PGA Tour event on Canadian soil in over 40 years. Another BYU player from Canada, Richard Zokol, won a PGA title, but not in Canada.

He gained international acclaim in 2000 when he won the World Golf Championships in Spain, defeating a world class field including Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh, and Lee Westwood. He finished the season ranked sixth in earnings and ranked 21st in the world.

In 2001 he won the PGA Tour championship in a playoff with David Toms, Sergio Garcia, and Ernie Els. It was Mike's first PGA Tour win on American soil and it moved him into the top ten in the world rankings and the honor of Canadian Male Athlete of the Year. In comparison to the year previous and the year after, 2002 was an off year for Mike, but he still managed to win \$850,000 and another \$160,000 for charity in his own charity events. He also fired a 63 in the Mercedes Championship to establish a new course record.

His 2003 year will be hard to equal. His Masters victory was preceded by wins at the Bob Hope Chrysler and the Nissan Open. He won \$4.8 million and that's a pretty good year.

Mike's parents are Rich and Rowie Weir and he has two older brothers, Jim and Craig. He and his wife Bricia reside in Draper, Utah with their two children, Elle Marisa, and Lili.

# Class of 2004



Ernie Schneider,  
Jr.

For the past half century Ernie Schneider, Jr. has played a prominent role in Utah golf activities and the Utah Golf Association is recognizing his contributions to golf by presenting him with the UGA Gold Club Award.

The award, presented annually to an individual who has made significant achievements or contributions to Utah golf will be presented at the UGA Annual Meeting Wednesday, October 18th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ogden Golf and Country Club. The dinner meeting is open to the public and the dinner costs are \$20 per plate. Reservations can be made at the UGA office, 563-0400.

Previous winners of the award have been George Marks, Steve Dunford, Karl Tucker, Jimmy Thompson, Marion Dunn, Mark Passey, Larry Disera, Garey Chadwick, Lynn Summerhays, Scott Whittaker, Gordon Sperry, and Toni Guest.

Ernie Schneider, Jr. is the son of Utah Golf Hall of Famer, Ernie Schneider, Sr. He followed in his father's footsteps and became a successful competitive golfer and teacher and club professional, and golf course owner.

Arlen Peacock, a long time admirer of Ernie and a member of the UGA Board of Directors, said, "I think we are giving him this award more for the way he handles his daily activities than for anything else. He is just such a remarkably friendly person that it is a joy for all golfers to be able to spend a few minutes with him. That is really his trademark," Peacock said.

Of course, to go along with it he has many personal achievements as well. He won the Utah Open in 1968 at the Ogden Golf and Country Club, and won many opens on the Utah-Idaho circuit through the 50s, 60s, and 70s.

Ernie Schneider Jr. was born in 1930. He married Sue Mattsson in 1955. She recently retired from Nordstrom's where she was a department manager for years. They have four children, Brett, Julie, Jon, and Lori. They are all active in various phases of managing the Schneider family golf courses.

Ernie graduated from Weber High School in 1948 and turned professional in 1950. He became the head professional at Oquirrh Hills Golf Course in Tooele, was an assistant professional for his father at the Ogden Golf and Country Club, spent two years at Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls, and was the head professional at Ben Lomond Golf Course for 11 years.

In 1968, at the passing of his father, he took over ownership of Schneider's Riverside, which was then a 9-hole course on 40 acres designed by his father. In 1985 Ernie purchased an additional 39 acres and expanded the course to 18-hole and redesigned the original nine. In 1993 he purchased 150 acres in West Point, near Syracuse, and built Schneider's Bluff Golf Course.

The Schneider family is one of Utah's greatest golfing families and will remain so for many generations to come.

# Class of 2004



Mary Lou Baker

Mary Lou Thomson Baker, 83, was one of Utah's top women amateur players during the 40s and 50s. She won the Utah State Women's Amateur title six times and was runner-up three times. She becomes the fourth woman to be inducted in the Utah Golf Hall of Fame, being preceded by Helen Hofman Bertagnole, Bev Nelson, and Marge Fillis.

Mary Lou was born on August 8, 1921 in Salt Lake City, the daughter of Bertha and Tom Thomson. As a junior player, Mary Lou Thomson was a local phenom. She grew up near the Nibley Park Golf Course and established course record scores for women at that course.

As part of her normal play activity Mary Lou's earliest recollections include having a golf club in her hand and hitting a ball across the street to a nearby vacant field when she was as young as seven or eight. At South High, although golf wasn't part of the high school sports program, she was recognized for her athletic ability in other sports and graduated in 1937.

Mary Lou started her competitive career while still in high school and at a time when the legendary Helen Hofman Bertagnole was still in her prime. She gave Bertagnole some very close battles in the finals of the Women's State Am in 1939, 1940, and 1941, but lost each time. Bertagnole then retired from competitive golf and the women's organization failed to hold the State Am in 1943 and 1944, years that 'could have been,' for Mary Lou.

The women renewed the tournament in 1945 and Mary Lou, who was now Baker instead of Thomson, promptly won the title three years in a row, in 1945, 1946, and 1947. Between giving birth to two sons she also won the title in 1950, 1952, and 1953. In addition to the Women's State Am she won all of the other major tournament events for women in the state on a regular basis.

Mary Lou became one of Utah's first women teaching professionals and for about ten years worked for Dick Kramer at Bonneville Golf Course. During that time she was instrumental in starting and supervising a junior golf program for girls. Assisting her in the successful program were Helen Hofman, Belle Fellows, Jean Dalton, and Hazel Taylor.

She married Max Baker in 1942 and he passed away several years ago. Max was also a very popular golf figure. He was a sales representative for Hogan and was the first 'artist' of golf scoreboards in Utah. Max and Mary Lou owned and operated one of the first retail golf stores in the state. They have two children, Richard Max Baker of Grem, and Tom Baker of Salt Lake City, and seven grandchildren.



# Class of 2002



Bruce  
Summerhays

As he is inducted into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame Bruce Summerhays is still an active player on the PGA Senior Tour and his already impressive career numbers will undoubtedly improve. On the Senior Tour he has earned more than \$5 million in a span of nine short years and has two PGA Senior Tour wins, in 1997 at the St. Luke's Classic and in 1998 at the State Farm Senior Classic. In 1996 he earned PGA Senior Tour 'Ironman' title by playing an amazing 119 consecutive rounds, breaking the old record of 115.

While the PGA Senior Tour has catapulted Summerhays into national acclaim and made him one of Utah's most famous golfers, his accomplishments in Utah amateur and professional events, and his contributions to golf in other capacities, are of Hall of Fame caliber, PGA Senior Tour aside.

He was an All American golfer at the University of Utah and won the Utah State Amateur in 1966. He coached golf two years at Stanford and was named PAC-8 Coach of the Year. He was an assistant professional at the Olympic Club for eight years, where he set the record on the Ocean Course with a 60. He played briefly on the PGA Tour, finishing third at the Bing Crosby Pro-Am in 1974. He was a long time club pro at Wasatch Mountain State Park, and designed three golf courses in Utah, including the Homestead Resort in Midway.

In 1966 he won nearly every amateur title in Utah, including the prestigious Utah State Amateur title, defeating Craig Ridd in the finals, 4 and 3, at Oakridge Country Club, where he is now a member. En route to the title he defeated his younger brother Lynn in the semifinals, and Arlen Peacock in 19 holes. Summerhays started that phenomenal summer by winning the Western Athletic Conference championship, a field that included Johnny Miller. He then won the Provo Open, the Salt Lake City Amateur, and the City Parks in a thrilling 39-hole match over Arlen Peacock.

He won the Provo Open three times, the Wasatch Open three times, the Rocky Mountain PGA Section Championship twice, the Utah Section Championship in 1991, and the Dixie Open and the Wendover Open. In California he won the Northern California Open, the Northern California Match Play twice, and the Northern California Medal Play twice.

His biggest thrill in golf was teaming with his son Joseph to win the Champions Challenge at Thanksgiving Point in 2001.

He was inducted in the University of Utah Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. His father, Pres, coached baseball and other sports at the University of Utah and was inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame.

Bruce married Carolyn Merrill and they have eight children, Shelly, Bryan, Joseph, William, Rachel, Susanna, Bruce Jr., and Carrie.

# Class of 2002



## Joe Bernolfo

For three decades Joe Bernolfo was one of Utah's most significant amateur players. He was one of only a handful of players to win both the Utah Open and the Utah State Amateur.

He won the Utah Open in 1949 at The Country Club in a four-way playoff involving George Schneiter, Bill Korns, and Jack Koennecker. The field included Lloyd Mangrum and Bud Ward.

In 1957 he won the Utah State Amateur title by default when Ralph Johnson withdrew in the final round because of back trouble. He defeated defending champion Lou North in the semifinals that year by shooting a four under par round at the Ogden CC.

In 1961, at the age of 49, he became the oldest player to ever win the State Am by defeating Arnie Ferrin at the Alpine CC, 4 and 2.

Bernolfo was also runnerup in the State Am to Bill Korns in 1946 and 1950, both times at The Country Club, where Bernolfo was also club champion 20 times. Bernolfo and Korns also shared a State Am record of playing in 42 matches, but that has been exceeded recently by Doug Bybee who has played in 43 matches.

Bernolfo advanced to the fourth round of the 50th U.S. Amateur Championship at Minneapolis Country Club. He won the International Amateur in Switzerland and played in the U.S. Open.

He was an organizer of many community activities and was the chairman of the 1947 Western Open at the Salt Lake Country Club that was then part of the PGA Tour and attracted Ben Hogan, Sammy Snead, Lloyd Mangrum, and Jimmy Demaret to Utah.

Bernolfo was born September 3, 1911 in New York City and died at the age of 77 in 1988. He graduated cum laude in engineering at Northwestern University where he also lettered in football, basketball, track, water polo, wrestling, and was an All American swimmer. He became a world class pigeon shooter, winning the Grand Prix Cote de Azur in France. He was also an avid skier, fly fisherman, and horseman, a true Renaissance Man.

He was very active in community affairs. He was president and chairman of Bamberger Investment and Exploration and served 12 years on the Board of Regents and Institutional Council at the University of Utah and also served on the board at Westminster College. He was a director and member of the executive committee of Zions Bank. He was active in charitable fund raising.

He married Marie Odel Bamberger, and they had three children, Joseph E. Bernolfo III, David Bernolfo, and Gloria Rothwell.

# Class of 2002



## Marge Fillis

Marge Fillis took up the game late, had a short, white-hot career, and retired from competition as suddenly as she took up the game. During that short spell in the 50s she dominated women's golf in Utah, set a higher standard of performance for winning, and advanced the cause of women's golf that has benefited women golfers ever since.

She won the Utah State Women's Amateur Championship in 1954, 1956, 1957, and 1958. During that same period she won the City Parks in 1953, '54, and '55, and the Schubach in 1955, '56, '57, and '58. Those three tournaments were the "Big Three" in Utah women's golf at the time.

She started the game at the age 30 in 1951 and just three years later won the State Am. She retired from competition after the 1958 season to accept a business opportunity. She continued casual golf on a limited basis during her working years. After retirement she joined Alpine Country Club and has been active in club events.

Probably her greatest individual achievement was winning the Southern Oregon Open in 1957. During that tournament she broke two course records and finished five under par for the event. In 1953 she finished second in the Nevada Open and that was a precursor of her outstanding play in Utah tournament golf.

She won her first State Amateur title in 1954 by defeating Doris Thorpe, 6 and 5, at Logan. She lost in 1955 to Hall of Famer Bev Nelson, 3 and 1, at Meadowbrook, but defeated Nelson the next year at Fort Douglas, 7 and 6. In 1957 she defeated Lee Hulbert, 12 and 11, at Timpanogos, and in 1958 defeated Wendy Wangsgaard, 6 and 5, at Bonneville. During those events she set course records at Logan G&CC and Timpanogos. During her career she also set course records at Nibley, Vernal, the Copper Club, Rose Park, and others.

She was also a state bowling champion and an outstanding tennis player.

She was born October 15, 1922 in Duchesne, Utah. She attended Duchesne High School and graduated from Wasatch Academy in Mt. Pleasant, where she was recently honored as the Alumnus of the Year.

Her greatest fan and constant companion was her husband Dewey Fillis, who became the Salt Lake City Chief of Police. He passed away in 2001. They have three children, Marilyn (Joyner), Dale, and Susan (Cook).

One of her proudest moments was being recognized the Utah State Employee of the Year in 1978, a honor presented by then Gov. Scott Matheson. She also spent many years of service in fund raising for the March of Dimes and other charities and was active in American Legion Auxillary.

# Class of 2002



William H. Neff

William Henrichsen Neff was the foremost golf course architect in Utah during the first boom of golf course construction in Utah from 1950 through 1980. He designed and supervised construction of three country club courses, Oakridge, Alpine, and Bloomington, and they remain three of Utah's most playable and enjoyable courses.

On the public side he designed and supervised construction of Bountiful Ridge, St. George Golf Club, Stansbury Park, Mountain View, the Canyon and Lake nines at Wasatch Mountain, the second nine at Davis Park, Cascade Fairways, Cottonwood Club, Fore Lakes, Westland Hills (later became Glenmoor), the mountain nine at Hidden Valley CC, the original nine at Park City, and Sweetwater.

A landscape architect for over 20 years, he shifted focus to golf in 1954 when he helped implement architectural changes to the Salt Lake Country Club under direction of architect William P. Bell. He also worked with architect Ralph Plummer and contractor Enoch Smith in the redesign at The Country Club in 1960 when the interstate was built through the club.

He became the on site contractor for architect William F. Bell in the construction of Riverside CC. In that capacity they became a team and built the second nine at Bonneville, and the courses at Mountain Dell and Rose Park. He then ventured out on his own and became Utah's premier home-grown golf course architect until he retired.

He was one of the early members of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and helped write the by-laws for the organization and reorganize it into a professional and purposeful structuring. He invented a lawn-planting machine to seed many of his projects. He was a nurseryman and enjoyed growing trees and plants. He was proud of his landscape architecture work at the Los Angeles LDS Temple.

His long time aide, Doris Taylor, said, "Bill was an artist. The earth was his canvas, trees and flowers were his palette, and cranes, trucks, front loaders, rakes and shovels were his brushes."

He was born September 22, 1905 and died March 24, 2001. He married Elizabeth (Betty) Leggett and they had two daughters, Carolyn Dunn and Diana Gouge. He attended the University of Utah and graduated from the American Landscape School in Des Moines, Iowa.

He was a member of the LDS Church and first president of the Holladay Lions Club. He was also a member of the Sugarhouse Rotary Club and president of the Utah-Idaho Nurseryman's Association. He was also a long-time member of the board of the Red Butte Garden and Arboretum. His architectural work and drawings are archived at the University of Utah.

# Class of 2002



## Arlen Peacock

Arlen Peacock and the Utah State Amateur Championship are good friends. Peacock not only won the event twice, but was runner-up once, medallist once, advanced to match play 13 times, and was semifinalist five times. As he advanced in years he moved from the playing side of the tournament to the administrative side and in that capacity served as tournament chairman twice and the rules chairman five times.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Utah Golf Association for nine years, including two years as the UGA President in 1996 and 1997.

While he has a remarkable record as a player and an administrator, he is best known as Utah's Gentleman Golfer. He is a superlative competitor and sportsman at the same time and admired throughout the state by thousands of golfers for his gracious manner.

As a player he was runner-up at the Utah State Am in 1968 to Tom Christensen. At that time he was 35 years old and the news media thought that because of his age it was his last chance to win the title. But Arlen only got better.

In 1972 he proved the pundits wrong by claiming the championship at Patio Springs, now known as Wolf Creek Resort. In that tournament he edged Jimmy Blair in the semifinals and downed Steve Sharp in the finals, 2-up.

Five years later, at 44, he won the title again, this time at Logan Golf and Country Club, and against a foe who would become one of Utah's most famous golfers, Jay Don Blake. Blake was only 18 at the time and was still learning the game and one of his lessons was from Peacock who ran off a skein of six straight birdies from the 16th through the 21st holes to jump to a 5-up lead. The six straight birdies remains a Utah State Am record. Peacock won the match, 7 and 5.

That State Am championship earned Arlen his most memorable golfing experience as it resulted in an invitation to play in a special exhibition match at The Country Club with the world's most famous golfing duo, Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. Joining them was another two-time State Am champion, Don Branca.

He also won many other amateur tournaments throughout the state, participated in many USGA national tournaments, and was well known as a four-ball partner with his cousin Dick Peacock. He represented Utah in the Pacific Coast Amateur at Pebble Beach and was a PCA trustee for seven years. He was both a player and captain for the Utah Shootout Team in the matches with Arizona.

In addition to golf, he was also an outstanding in baseball and basketball. He played professional baseball in the New York Yankee chain in Idaho and Georgia as a pitcher, and was an outstanding player in the Utah semi-pro circles. He was inducted into the Army in 1952 and was stationed in Germany where he played on the 19th Group Battalion basketball team in the USARA finals.

He was the city circulation manager for the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News for 38 years and was a surgical tech at the LDS Hospital for 13 years. He was also chairman of the NAC Employees Credit Union for 25 years.

He was born August 7, 1932, in Salt Lake City, graduated from South High in 1950, attended the University of Utah and graduated from Radio Institute Electronics School in 1955. He married his childhood sweetheart, Mary Clark, and they have three children, Craig, Kurt, and Brent, and Kyle (deceased after three days).

# Class of 1998



Hal Lamb

Harold (Hal) Lamb won five Utah State Amateur Championships and probably would have earned several more except for an untimely death at the age of 38 from a ruptured appendix.

He won the Utah State Am in 1915, 1919, 1922, 1923, and 1924, and passed away before the next tournament. He was runner-up to the legendary George Von Elm in 1920 and 1921. He was also runner-up in 1916. In the 1924 State Am qualifying round he shot two under par 70, which at the time was the competitive course record.

In out of state competition he won the Southern California Amateur in 1916, and was runner-up in 1915 and 1918.

He was the 'visionary' behind the move of The Salt Lake Country Club from Forest Dale to its present site. He promoted the idea, and designed and built the course. Many people thought it was foolhardy to build a course six miles from town, but Lamb persisted and he left us a wonderful legacy, and a testament to his devotion to the game. The layout and design of the course received national acclaim. The construction of a highway through the course in 1961 made it necessary to change much of the original design.

Hal Lamb was born September 26, 1886 in California and died in May 1925. He married Grizzelle Houston and they had three children, Joe H. Lamb, Suzanna Lamb, and Harold B. Lamb. He was a landscaper architect and graduated from Cornell University.



# Class of 1998



Dick Kramer

Dick Kramer, 77, has been the head professional at Bonneville Golf Course in Salt Lake City for more than half a century and has earned legions of friends among Utah golfers. No golf professional in Utah has ever been a club professional for 53 years, and Kramer has done it all at one club.

He was born and raised in Salt Lake City and was an all-state performer at Granite High School in 1937 in both football and basketball and played both sports at the University of Utah.

He was named head professional at Bonneville in 1943, and except for a two-year stint in the Navy, has held that position through his induction date into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame.

He won many professional tournaments on the Utah circuit, and also won the Idaho Open. He is also recognized as an outstanding golf teacher.

He served as President of the Rocky Mountain Section of the PGA and has received the Professional of the Year Award and a Special Achievement Award from the Utah Section of the PGA.

He has conducted the Salt Lake City Amateur since 1943 and the City Parks Open from the early 50s.

Bonneville has been the training ground for thousands of golfers and many of those them have continued to serve golf in all facets of the industry. He trained many youngsters to be club professionals and greenskeepers.

He married Doris Swenson and they had two children, Shannon (deceased) and Richard Kramer, Jr.

# Class of 1998



Mick Riley

Joseph Michael (Mick) Riley was one of Utah's most prominent golf figures in the early years of Utah golf.

He was the first head professional at Nibley Park Golf Course in 1922. He held that position for a few years and then left the state. He returned in 1950 to design, build, and manage Meadowbrook Golf Course, the first Salt Lake County golf course. He held that position until his death in 1964.

He was recognized as an innovative professional who originated many programs for golfers all across the golfing spectrum. He organized junior tournaments for boys and girls, and established senior tournaments. He also established the first long drive contest. He was a strong organizer of men's and women's clubs and through those organizations created a broad community interest in golf.

An example of his progressive thinking was his establishment of a day care center at Meadowbrook so that young mothers could take up the game. He was particularly interested in promoting women's golf programs.

He served as Vice President of the National PGA for three years. He also served on several national PGA committees. He was President of the Rocky Mountain Section of the PGA and Golf Professional of the Year in 1955 for the Rocky Mountain Section.

He was a strong supporter of the Utah Open and helped with the architecture and building plans of a number of golf courses. He was an advocate of public golf and encouraged municipalities to build public golf facilities.

He was born July 3, 1897 in Burke, Idaho was married Estella Isom. They had six children, Sean, Dion, Brian, Kevin, Rory, and Pat.

# Class of 1998



Jimmy  
Thompson

Jimmy Thompson, one of Utah's most popular golf professionals, is viewed as the consummate golf professional by professionals and amateurs alike. His hallmarks are courtesy and friendliness, which make him one of Utah golf's great gentlemen. When you think of Jimmy you think of a smile, of loyalty, of love. He is a genuine father figure to dozens of Utah golfers.

During a long career as a club professional he made small daily contributions to the game and his profession that, like daily deposits in a piggy bank, have amounted to a small fortune.

Although retired for 12 years Jimmy Thompson, 77, is ever present on the Utah golf scene, lending his support wherever it is needed. He has retained an active teaching position at Golf in the Round, and continues to serve the Utah Section PGA.

He was the head golf professional at the Timpanogos Golf Course in Provo from 1949 to 1951 when it became the first 18-hole public facility in Utah.

He left Utah for several years and was a club professional in California. He returned as the first head professional at Tri City Golf Course in 1973, a position he held until retirement in 1986. During his years as a head professional he trained 28 assistants who went on to become head professionals.

His wife, Helen, has been his sidekick and partner in every venture. They are inseparable.

He was a very good player, having won the Rocky Mountain PGA Championship in 1951 and played on the PGA Tour in 1952.

He has served the Utah Section PGA and the National PGA in many capacities and was recognized by the Utah Section of the PGA with several awards, including a special award in 1988 for his contributions to golf. He also received the Gold Club Award, the Utah Golf Association's highest honor.

He was born January 19, 1919 in Houston, Texas, but lacking a solid family life he was raised on an Oklahoma golf course by golfing friends whom he still reveres and emulates, which is why he and Helen have 'adopted' so many young people.

# Class of 1998



Karl Tucker

Karl Tucker's very successful golf teams at Brigham Young University brought national and international acclaim to the state and elevated Utah golf to world class status. His program attracted some of the best young golfers in America, and the association with those golfers planted a seed of excellence that has raised the level of expectations of all golfers in the state. He has shown to others that the 'Impossible Dream' is neither impossible, nor a dream.

During Tucker's years as coach at BYU the Cougars were perennial contenders for the national championship, winning the NCAA title in 1981, finishing second twice, in 1976 and 1980, third twice, in 1969 and 1970, fourth three times, and fifth five times, for a total of 13 top five finishes. On four other occasions the Cougars finished in the top ten, for a total of 17 top ten finishes in 20 years.

His teams won 19 Western Athletic Conference champions and 16 individual WAC championships. His teams won 170 tournaments. He coached at BYU from 1961 through 1992.

He is a member of the National Golf Coaches Hall of Fame, the Utah Sports Hall of Fame, and has received the Dale Rex Award, the Bob Poulsen Award, and the UGA Gold Club Award.

Johnny Miller and Mike Reid are his most famous players. Both were first team All Americans at BYU. After graduating Miller went on to win the U.S. Open, the British Open, and wide acclaim as one of the greatest golfers in history. Reid won the World Series of Golf, finished second at the PGA, third in the Masters, and has had a long and successful career on the PGA Tour.

John Fought (1977) and Bobby Clampett (1978) two other products of the BYU golf program, were named U.S. Amateur of the Year. Pat McGowan (1978) and John Fought (1979) were named PGA Tour Rookie of the Year.

First team All Americans under Tucker were Miller, Reid, Clampett, Mike Brannan, Keith Clearwater, Rick Fehr, Ray Leach, Lance Suzuki, and Brent Franklin.

Many other BYU golfers have become professionals and are leaders in the golf industry throughout the country. Many of Utah's professionals played under Tucker and have been influenced by him.

His players will be making significant contributions to golf for many years to come, not only in the state, but the nation, and throughout the world, and many future inductees into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame will have roots with his BYU golf program.

Tucker was born Nov. 18, 1926 in Orem, Utah and has lived in Orem his entire life. He graduated from BYU in 1952 and received a Masters Degree from BYU in 1964. He married Joanne Eliason in 1952, and they have four children, Jackie, Shellie, Larry, and Phillip.

# Class of 1994



Billy Johnston

Billy Johnston, 69, has had a diverse career as a player, a club professional, tournament director, and golf course architect.

He won the Utah State Amateur in 1947 and the Utah Open in 1954 and 1960, one of only six golfers to win both crowns.

He played on the PGA Tour from 1950 through 1980, and since then has played on the PGA Senior Tour. On the PGA Tour he was a semifinalist in the PGA Championship when it was a match play tournament, won the Sahara Invitational, and the Texas Open. He was runner-up in the French Open, the Denver Open, the Long Beach Open, and the Texas Open.

In addition to his two Utah Open victories he won the Nevada Open four times, the Arizona Open three times, the Colorado PGA Match Play twice, the Southwest PGA twice, the Arizona PGA Match Play twice, the Rocky Mountain PGA twice, the Montana Open twice, and the Colorado Open once.

He has played in the majors, the British Open, the U.S. Open, the Masters, and the PGA a total of 22 times.

As a club professional he has hosted and sponsored many tournaments, including six PGA Senior Tour events and ten Arizona Opens.

His first club professional job was at Dinaland Golf Course in Vernal. He later became head professional at the Timpanogos Golf Course in Provo.

He won many Utah events as a professional and was known for his charismatic personality. He has a distinguishing walk, and played with a winning flair that made him easily recognizable and attracted large galleries.

After leaving Utah he held numerous club professional jobs, and has built and owned several of his own golf courses. He has designed eight golf courses.

He was born January 2, 1925 in Donora, Pennsylvania. His family moved to Ogden when he was four years old. He graduated from Ogden High School and the University of Utah.

He played golf on the University of Utah golf team where he was the Skyline Conference individual champion twice. He was recent inducted into the University of Utah Sports Hall of Fame.

He served in the U.S. Navy and graduated from Submarine and Torpedo School.

He married JoAnne Whitehead and they have four sons, Brad, Blake, Brice, and Burke.

He is currently the head professional at Orange Tree Golf Club Scottsdale, Arizona.

# Class of 1994



Ed Kingsley

Ed Kingsley, who died of a heart ailment in 1957 at the young age of 42, dominated Utah golf during the 1930s and established himself as an international player of note.

He won his first Utah State Amateur Championship at the age of 17, and four years later he had won four straight Utah State Amateur Championships, a feat no one else has been able to achieve. In 1934 he won both the Utah Open and the Utah State Amateur, another feat that hasn't been duplicated since.

In addition to winning most of the amateur tournaments in Utah he won the Rocky Mountain Amateur and the Colorado Open.

He also earned a significant reputation on the national and international golf scene. In his day the Trans-Mississippi was regarded as one of the nation's premier amateur events and he advanced to the finals of the Trans-Miss on three occasions. He also reached the semifinals and quarterfinals of the U.S. Amateur and was low amateur in the British Open.

He began caddying at the Salt Lake Country Club at the age of 12 and was a quick study. He played in knickers, was nicknamed "Kingfish," and had an unorthodox, but effective putting stance.

Good friend and professional Jerry Henderson said unhesitatingly of him, "He is the best putter I ever saw. He figured every putt should drop, and most of them did."

Kingsley limited his playing career in Utah because he felt an animosity was developing toward him because of his dominance in amateur golf events.

There was a time when he was all set to turn professional, but his father died and he gave up those dreams to help the family.

Kingsley was born January 27, 1915 in Salt Lake City, and married Dorothea Fetzer. They had three children, Patricia Lee, Pamela Joy, and Edwin Charles, Jr.

He enlisted in the Army in 1942 and made it his career. He rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel. One of the highlights of his military career was when he directed the famed "Berlin Express," the first military train to enter Berlin, which ended the 327-day siege of the city.

While serving in the Army he played golf competitively in Germany, the Far East, in England, and in his last years when he was stationed in Washington, D.C. He won many tournaments during those years.

He was a natural at the game, and although his career in Utah was very short, he dearly became one of Utah's greatest amateur players.



# Class of 1994



Jack Ridd

John W. (Jack) Ridd, Jr. won the Utah State Amateur Championship, in 1963 and 1964, and won three UGA Senior Amateur Championships, in 1985, 1987 and 1993, and in between those major championships participated in and won more golf tournaments than any other Utahn, accumulating approximately 200 victories.

His 1993 UGA Senior Amateur Championship came at the age of 73, a feat that will probably stand for many years. That championship added an explanation point to a long career of dominance on the Utah amateur scene spanning 40 years.

Ridd has represented Utah in four USGA National Senior Amateur Championships and in 1983 he advanced to the semifinals after defeating the defending champion, but lost on the 18th hole to the eventual champion.

Three years after winning the Utah State Amateur, his son Craig also won the State Am title. Craig had to defeat his brother Kean in the semifinals. The Ridds are the only father-son duo in the country to win their state amateur championship.

Jack also won the World Father-Son Best Ball Championship on two different occasions, once with Kean, and once with Craig.

During the 60s and 70s Ridd teamed with Jack Noble and the duo became known as the King of Utah Best Balls.

He has been the low amateur in many Open tournaments, including the Idaho and Nevada Opens. He tied for first in the Provo Open with Tony Lema and Ernie Schneider, Jr.

Although he caddied and played some golf in his early teens, because of an outstanding athletic career in football, basketball, and baseball he didn't take up golf seriously until he hung up his semi-pro baseball cleats for golf spikes in 1953.

Since then he has traveled the entire state and has won a championship of some sort in nearly every city in Utah. He has been the most active amateur in the history of the state and in the process established a high standard of competitiveness and sportsmanship for thousands of other amateurs to emulate.

Jack was born on October 3, 1920 in Salt Lake City. He graduated from Cyprus High School in 1938 and attended the University of Utah.

He married Zenda Orr and they have four children, Judith Fallick, Craig, Kean, and Jackie Michas. Craig and Kean, both outstanding club professionals, have established enviable records of their own in golf.

Jack worked for 30 years at Kennecott Copper, and eleven years as a sales rep for Dunlop. He is currently serving a second stint on the Board of Directors of The Copper Club and is a member of the Alpine Country Club.

# Class of 1994



Bev Nelson

Bev Nelson, 68, won the Utah State Amateur Championship eight times, from 1955 through 1979, more than any other player, and dominated the women's golf scene during those years with more than 50 other victories.

She won her first Utah State Women's Amateur title in 1955, defeating Marge Fillis in a 36-hole match, 3-1.

She didn't win her second State Am title for six years, and it was another five years before she won it the third time. She then ran off a streak of three successive titles in 1966, 1967, and 1968. After another seven year lapse she won it in 1975, 1976, and 1979.

During her playing years the PAX Tournament was one of the most prestigious events, and she won that tournament ten times during a 15 year period from 1961 through 1976. She won many individual and best ball tournaments in Palm Springs and San Diego.

Her playing career was intermittently interrupted by illness and accidents, which prevented her from establishing an even more imposing playing record.

She was a member of the Patio Springs and Mountain Dell golf clubs, and was club champion at both clubs many times.

She established competitive course records at Meadowbrook, Patio Springs, Bonneville, and Quail Lake in California.

She assisted in the establishment of the initial junior golf program for girls, and served as an officer in the Utah State Women's Golf Association and the Mountain Dell Ladies Golf Association.

She was playing her best golf in her late 40s, and at the time one reporter, in summing up her career, wrote, "She is the most revered of the women golfers, the most admired, the most liked, and the most respected, but another significant point stands out, she is also the best."

She first took up the game at the age of 28 under the tutelage of Mick Riley at the Meadowbrook Golf Course. She won her first State Am title the very next year.

She was born on June 8, 1926 in Salt Lake City, the daughter of Walter and Audrey Nelson. She graduated from Granite High School and attended college at Weber State and the University of Utah.

She was a cost accountant at Hill Air Force Base until her retirement.

# Class of 1991



Helen Hofmann  
Bertagnole

Helen Hofmann Bertagnole dominated women's golf in Utah during the 1930's and 40's. Those who watched her hit a golf ball believe that had she hungered for personal glory and fame a whole lot more, while loving Utah a little less, she might well have dominated the national and international golf scenes at the same time.

Helen is recognized as Utah's greatest woman golfer, but she was also an outstanding star in basketball, softball, swimming and bowling. In 1950, the Deseret News honored her as Utah's Most Outstanding Woman Athlete in the 1850 to 1950 century.

Helen's greatest triumph in golf came in the 1938 Women's Western Open in Colorado Springs when she defeated World Golf Hall of Famer Babe Didrickson Zaharias 1-up in the semifinals. She lost the final match to Beatrice Barrett of Minneapolis, 4-3.

Another achievement at the national level came when she reached the of the Women's Trans-Mississippi Classic in 1939.

Babe Didrickson was credited for changing the way women swing at a golf ball. Babe had a high, hard swing that enabled her to out-hit most of her rivals who at that time used the Scottish swing that was waist high, fl. and short. Helen, though, swung just as high and hard and hit it just as long as Babe.

The two long hitting women stars opened a lot of eyes during their match in 1938. One magazine printed a story of Helen's victory over Babe that said in part..." At that, Helen drove just as far as di~ Babe-if you want to know something, we were surprised not a little as we saw them wham out tee shots one along side the other well past the 240-yard marker.

She could have been one of the golfing world's all-time greats but she wanted to remain at home with her friends, especially the man she would eventually marry, Robert Bertagnole.

Helen won her first major tournament, the Forest Dale Invitational, at the age of 18, the same year she first won the women's state driving title averaging 218 yards.

In 1935 Helen won the "Grand Slam" of Utah women's golf, the Fort Douglas Invitational, the Salt Lake City Amateur, and the Utah State Open. She won the Utah State Open six times.

She was the first woman inducted into the Utah Sports Hall of Fame.

After retiring from tournament golf, Helen turned professional and taught golf at Bonneville Golf Course. She worked untiringly as a leader in the Utah Junior Golf program.

She was born on April 15, 1916 in Salt Lake City. She lived in Utah her entire life and died on February 15, 1962. Helen and Robert have two children, Albert Bertagnole and Barbara Earl.

# Class of 1991



## Tee Branca

Tee Branca, Utah golf's Mr. Gentleman, has set an example in golf professionalism that has become the standard of excellence among his peers. He has been the head professional at The Country Club for 46 years and during those years he has played a significant role in helping develop the club into what it is today, one of the finest country clubs in the nation. The membership is constantly changing, but Tee has remained the constant. His personality, his love of golf and people, coupled with his gentility, has been an unchanging hallmark at the club. New members quickly sense the tone set by Tee and it permeates throughout the club. The tone, if it were to be labeled, is gentlemanly conduct.

Tee became a professional in 1929 at the age of 18 when he was hired as an assistant at The Country Club by then head professional Alex McAfferty. He left The Country Club in 1936 to become the head professional at the Fort Douglas Club.

He served in the army in 1942 and 1943 and then was hired at The Country Club as the head professional on March 7, 1944.

He had an outstanding playing record during his young years. His concentration on being a club professional limited his playing achievements, but they are still impressive.

He won the Utah State Parks Tournament four times, won the Utah Copper Open in a sudden death playoff over George Schneiter in 1942, tied for the Utah Open Championship in 1938, but lost in a playoff. He was the low qualifier in the U.S. Open Sectional in 1940 and 1955, won the Rocky Mountain PGA Championship in 1953, and won the Utah State Long Drive Contest in 1955.

He was born June 30, 1912 in Challis, Idaho. He married Cleo Epperson, an outstanding golfer in her own right, and a former Utah Women's Champion. She passed away in 1990. They have two children, Ron and Don, both of whom have followed in their father's footsteps as outstanding golf professionals. Don won the Utah State Amateur Championship twice, and Ron is the head golf coach at The University of Utah.

While Tee Branca's golf record, both on the course and in professional service, speaks for itself, for those who know him he will be remembered more for his personal character and demeanor. He is respected and appreciated by his friends as a soft-spoken, impeccably polite and well mannered, well groomed, soft-hearted, gracious gentleman.

# Class of 1991



## George Von Elm

In his day, George Von Elm joined the legendary Bobby Jones among the elite players in golf. The Salt Lake City native's crowning achievement came in 1926, when he defeated Jones 2 and 1 in the finals of the U.S. Amateur Championship at Baltusrol in New Jersey. At the time the U.S. Amateur was considered at least as prestigious as the U.S. Open.

Von Elm was known for his confidence and toughness under pressure, which was illustrated by his history of matches against Jones. While he also had outstanding results in stroke play events, Von Elm was at his best in match play tournaments, convinced that his game would hold up against anyone's- including Jones'. He once acknowledged being mildly overwhelmed by Jones in losing to him in the U.S. Amateur finals in 1924 and the semifinals the next year; but was determined to reverse the outcome in their next meeting. "I made up my mind I was going to stop that," he told his younger brother, Roy.

No other golfer had defeated Jones after having lost to him, but Von Elm overcame Jones' intimidating presence to become the only winner of the U.S. Amateur other than Jones in a five-year span. The two golfers became and remained close friends.

The consistent play of Von Elm and Jones in major tournaments in the mid 1920s caused one columnist to observe, "George and Bobby are unquestionably the two greatest shotmakers in the game; they are in a class by themselves."

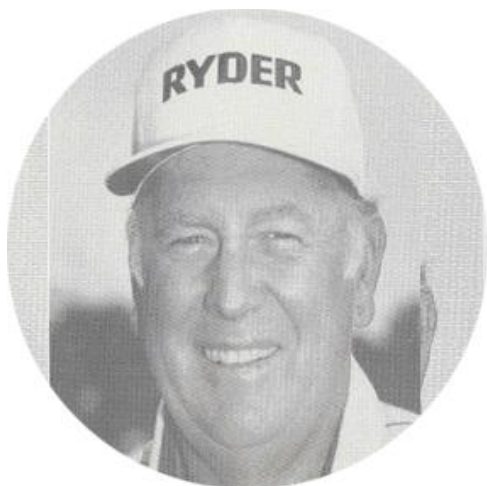
Later, Von Elm found another way to enter the history books, losing a remarkable 72-hole playoff for the 1931 U.S. Open title at Inverness in Ohio. Von Elm tied with Billy Burke through the regulation 72 holes, resulting in the standard 36-hole playoff. When they remained tied, they settled the issue with another 36-hole playoff, with Burke finally prevailing by one stroke.

Competing favorably with the likes of Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, Tommy Armour, Francis Oiumet, Craig Wood and other premier players of the era, Von Elm registered good finishes in other U.S. Opens and the British Open.

Born in 1901, Von Elm grew up playing the present Forest Dale Golf Course. A quarterback at West High School, he also attended the University of Utah before moving on to a business career in insurance and investments. He won his first Utah State Amateur Championship at age 16 and added two other titles before moving to the national level, and also claimed victories in several other state and regional amateur tournaments. Three times, Von Elm represented the United States in Walker Cup competitions.

Von Elm played with hickory-shafted golf clubs, requiring precise contact with the ball. Chances are, he would be shocked by advances in today's equipment. Before his death from cancer in 1961, he complained that changes in clubs were "ruining the game" by helping to straighten poorly-struck shots.

# Class of 1991



Billy Casper

Billy Casper has been at the forefront of two golfing booms—one in the 1950s that catapulted golf into a major sport, and one in the 1980s that put senior golf on the sporting map.

From 1955 to 1975—a span of 20 years—Casper was one of golf's Big Four. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, and Billy Casper were the key personalities who ushered in a boom in golf brought into our living rooms via television. Casper is known world wide for his proficiency around the greens, his famous diet, for winning 50 PGA tournaments, nine PGA Senior Tour events, and over \$3 million in career earnings.

Today, Billy Casper is being inducted into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame, having lived here from 1972 through 1987, raised his children here, played golf here, rediscovered his golf game here, and won tournaments here.

Casper won the U.S. Open in 1959 at Winged Foot, New York, over-came a seven stroke deficit to win again at the Olympic Club in San Francisco in 1966 over Arnold Palmer, and captured the Masters in a playoff victory in 1970.

Of all the accolades, none are as high as being honored by your peers. In 1978 Casper was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame and in 1982 into the PGA Hall of Fame.

In 1981, when it looked as though professionals his age would have to find another line of work, along came the sponsors, money, and PGA backing for the Senior Tour. In the past ten years Casper has won another nine tournaments and \$1.5 million.

What Casper has brought to the game of golf can easily be measured in stats, but it's his consistency that stands out in the record books. Including unofficial events Casper has averaged two wins a season since he took that first swing as a pro in 1954. He was the tour's Player of the Year in 1966 and 1970 and a member of the Ryder Cup team in 1961, '6: '67, '69, '71, '73, and '75.

He won the Vardon Trophy for scoring average in 1960, '63, '65, '66, and '68 and was the second player in golf history to attain the million dollar mark in winnings.

But statistics aside, Casper's involvement in Utah golf, BYU golf, and junior golf has meant the difference in more than one player's career.

As BYU coach Karl Tucker said, "from 1966-69 there was no better player in the world. He's always been a great supporter of golf, a great ambassador for golf, and one of the greatest ball strikers to ever play the game."

Billy was born in San Diego, California on June 24, 1931. He and his wife Shirley have 11 children, Linda, Billy Jr., Robert, Byron, twins Judi and Jeni, Charles, David, Julia, Sarah, and Tommy.



# Class of 1991



## Steve Dunford

Steve Dunford died an early and untimely death at the age of 56, but in those years he packed a full lifetime of service and accomplishments into the game he loved.

While the Utah Golf Association existed in some form or other since 1898, it didn't become formally incorporated until Steve Dunford came on the scene. He became its president, a position he held for 14 years, and then was full time general manager of the UGA for another three years until his sudden and unexpected passing.

During those years Dunford did everything he could to put Utah in the national mainstream of golf. He promoted and helped bring to Utah several major tournaments from the then fledgling PGA Tour. Most of the great players of the era came to Salt Lake City for those tournaments, including Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead, Bobby Locke, Ed Furgol, Lloyd Mangrum, Jimmy Demaret, Cary Middlecoff, Lew Worsham, Julius Boros, and Billy Casper.

Those tournaments were well attended and widely publicized and brought an increased public awareness about golf to Utahns. The natural surge in interest resulted in the construction of many new golf courses throughout the state.

Steve was a member of The Country Club, but led out in taking the Utah Golf Association to the public courses. He felt golf was for everyone. He, along with George Marks, helped establish a fair handicap system for Utah golfers, and was responsible for encouraging the organization of junior and women's golf programs. He was instrumental in the success and growth of the Utah State Amateur and the Utah Open.

The persuasive power of his personality kept many projects alive and well long after they had been pronounced dead by others.

When Steve died in 1969, Hack Miller, of The Deseret News, wrote, "Steve had done more for the organizational side of Utah golf than any other person."

He was born in Salt Lake City on July 25, 1912 and married Mae Christensen. They had seven children, Larry, Craig, Jayne, Mrs. David (Kay) Thomas, James, Steven, and Christopher.

He graduated from LDS High School in 1929 and Utah State University in 1933. He was president of Dunford Bakeries, a wholesale and retail bakery he jointly owned with his brothers.

What is the power of one individual? We can see and know and still feel the effects of Steve Dunford's efforts. What would golf be like in Utah if he had lived longer? Have we filled his shoes? In some ways, sure; but it is also certain that golf in Utah would be better if Steve had been able to live longer.

Jack Schroeder, of The Salt Lake Tribune, wrote, "Steve Dunford's monument is the dignity, grace, and style that he brought to golf in Utah. His reward was not in money, but in the building of an ideal." Utah golf is the beneficiary.

# Class of 1991



Bill Korn

Billy Korn won the Utah State Amateur Championship six times, a record that is likely to stand forever.

He won back-to-back titles in 1941 and 1942, won it again in 1946, 1948, 1950, and 1951. That's six victories in an 11 year stretch, and what makes it even more phenomenal is that he didn't play in 1943 through 1945, as he was serving his country in World War Two.

That singular achievement alone merits entry into the Utah Golf Hall of Fame, but of course, anyone who can win the state amateur six times is likely to achieve other successes along the way, and Billy Korn did just that.

He won the Intermountain Amateur four times and the Salt Lake City Amateur five times. He represented Utah in the National Public Links Championship five times during the 40s, was second low qualifier in the finals one year, and advanced to the quarterfinals twice.

Although he was the low amateur in the Utah Open several times the overall championship eluded him. One year at The Country Club he finished in a tie with Joe Bernolfo, but lost in the playoff.

During his amateur career he combined his playing with volunteer service in administrative roles. He was President of the Utah Golf Association in 1948, and prior to that served on various tournament committees.

He turned professional in 1953 and was the head professional at Rexburg, Idaho; Caldwell, Idaho; Billings, Montana; and at Riverside Country Club in Provo. He retired as a club professional from Riverside in 1971.

His professional career was also marked by many years of service. He was President of the Utah and Idaho Chapters of the PGA, and assisted in organizing the Montana and Wyoming Chapters. He was President of the Rocky Mountain Section of the PGA for two years.

He was named Golf Professional of the Year in the Rocky Mountain Section in 1969, and in 1987, although retired for 16 years, was awarded the Bill Strausbaugh Award for club relations for the Utah Section of the PGA.

He was born on November 18, 1921 in Salt Lake City, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roderic Korn. He attended high schools in Salt Lake and following the war years graduated from the University of Utah in 1946.

He and his wife, Jane, have two children, Dr. W. Robert Korn and Mrs. Stephen (Susan) Hughes, both residing in California.

# Class of 1991



George Marks

George Marks is Utah's P.J. Boatright and Joe Dey. In essence, he's Utah's Mr. Golf.

From 1966 through 1982 he served in various capacities with the Utah Golf Association and was instrumental in developing and directing the UGA into the productive organization it has become.

He is known throughout the state for his expertise on the rules, and is recognized as one of the pre-eminent rules officials in the nation. He has served as a rules official at the U.S. Open for nearly 20 years, as well as many other USGA national championships.

While his rules experience gave him visibility, perhaps his most significant contribution came in the behind the scenes development of the UGA handicap system. From the early period of hand calculations through to the modern era of computers, George Marks has been at the center of handicap policy and procedure.

In addition to the handicap program Marks played major roles in developing and improving other UGA programs such as the Utah Open, the Utah State Amateur, the UGA Women's Tournament, and the Four-Man Team competition. He was also one of the founders of the Pacific Coast Golf Association.

The combination of his achievements and character earned him the honor of being selected as the first recipient of the Utah Golf Association's Gold Club Award in 1988.

The inscription of the award was written to fit the first recipient and says, "Presented annually to an individual who through singular achievement or unselfish service has contributed significantly to the history and tradition of the game of golf in Utah, and whose personal integrity, sportsmanship, common courtesy, loyalty, and friendship earn him the love and respect of his fellow golfers."

He has served on many committees for the United States Golf Association and has been Utah's link with the USGA for many years.

He was born in Worland, Wyoming on January 27, 1920, graduated from the University of Denver in 1941, and served in the Navy from 1942 through 1946.

He moved to Utah in 1951 and immediately became involved in golf on a volunteer basis. He was President of Willow Creek Country Club in 1968 and Vice-President of The Country Club in 1989.

He served on the UGA Board of Directors beginning in 1966, and was Executive Secretary and Director from 1969 through 1982.

He is married to Phyllis Spurrier and they have three children, Harlow, Jerry, and Diana, deceased.

Kindness is his nature. His soft-spoken, gracious manner has earned him the nickname among his close friends of 'Gentle George.'

# Class of 1991



Ernie  
Schneider Sr.

The list of contributors to Utah golf is long, but few Utahns have contributed more than Ernie Schneider, Sr.

Some people have left their mark as a player, others as teaching professionals, or administrators, superintendents, or architects. Ernie Schneider, Sr. left his mark in each category. He covered the entire gambit of the game.

As a player, he carded 23 holes-in-one. He competed in four National Seniors Professional Championships and won the Rocky Mountain Section Seniors Professional title four consecutive years from 1957 through 1960.

As a teacher he was head professional in Burley, Idaho, 1930-32; Twin Falls, Idaho, 1932-34; Logan Golf and Country Club, 1934-35; El Monte in Ogden, 1936-45; the Ogden Golf and Country Club, 1942-60; and at his own Schneider's Riverside in Ogden. At each stop he was recognized as a great teacher of the game and helped make the game popular in each community.

As an administrator he helped sponsor and host many tournaments and brought to the state such golfing legends as Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, Patty Berg, and Mickey Wright. He was President of the Rocky Mountain Section of the PGA in 1959 and 1960.

As outstanding as he was in each of those areas, perhaps his greatest contribution was as a golf course architect. Golf courses with his signature include the front nine at Ogden Golf and Country Club; the old Brigham City golf course; Davis Park; Preston, Idaho; Montpelier, Idaho; Dixie Red Hills, and his own Schneider's Riverside.

Ernie's career in golf spanned a remarkable era of growth. He took up the game when golf courses were mowed by horse drawn mowers, and caddy rates were 15 cents for nine holes; and he saw the day when his own golf courses were mowed by gas powered riding mowers and electric cart served as caddies at \$8 per nine holes.

He played a significant role in the development of Utah golf. He was popular wherever he went, and was always an ambassador for golf, encouraging everyone to take up the game he loved. If he had a trademark for which he is remembered the most, it would be his warm smile.

Ernie Schneider, Sr. was born on February 1, 1907 in Bern, Switzerland. He married Mildred Taylor, and they have four children, Ernie Schneider, Jr.; Gene Schneider, Colleen Randall, and Carolyn Thornton.

All of the children and many of the grandchildren are actively engaged in golf. Ernie Jr. is the owner of Schneider's Riverside Golf Course in Ogden, his son Jon is an assistant pro at the course and another son, Brett is the green superintendent; Gene is the green superintendent at Sunbrook Golf Course in St. George; Colleen and Dean Randall are owners of The Barn Golf Course in Ogden and their sons, Kelly, Shon, and Cary operate the course; and Neil Thornton, Carolyn's husband, is an assistant pro at Schneider's Riverside Golf Course, and their daughter Michelle is a former Women's State Amateur Champion.

# Class of 1991



Johnny Miller

Johnny Miller won the U.S. Open Championship in 1973 and the British Open Championship in 1976. He has won 21 other tournaments and earned more than \$2.5 million in prize money. He is recognized world wide as one of the greatest players in the history of the game.

Miller's U.S. Open Championship came in spectacular fashion at the Oakmont Country Club where he shot a final round of 63, a U.S. Open record, and in the process left legendary golfers Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, and Lee Trevino in his wake.

That stunning U.S. Open victory thrust Miller into the international spotlight. He was featured on the cover of major news magazines throughout the world and became an international celebrity.

He proved it wasn't a fluke as he followed up that grand entrance into the golfing spotlight with a steady string of successes.

In 1974 he won eight tournaments, a feat no golfer has accomplished since then.

He produced such a phenomenal stretch of shotmaking on the Arizona desert in 1975 that there was talk of banning him from the tour. "He's in a league of his own," was the common talk.

In back-to-back tournaments at the Tucson and Phoenix Opens he shot eight consecutive rounds in the 60s and tallied a two tournament total of 49 under par and won by a total of 23 strokes. At Phoenix he shot 67-61-68-64-260. Could there ever be an encore? At Tucson he shot 66-69-67-61-263.

Those eight consecutive rounds that included two 61s have never been equaled since and come as close as anything to achieving the unending quest of man actually being victorious over golf rather than the other way around.

It was during that period of time that even the greatest of them all, Jack Nicklaus, was moved to say, "There has never been anyone put on a pair of golf cleats who ever struck it purer than Johnny Miller."

Miller was born April 29, 1947 in San Francisco, California and has made his home in both Utah and California during his playing career. He graduated from BYU in 1969 where he was an All American.

Since semi-retiring from the PGA Tour he has become a national television commentator for NBC Sports, and is hoping to make a new career on the PGA Senior Tour.

He has been very instrumental in helping develop the strong junior golf program in Utah, and has been one of its biggest contributors.

He and his wife Linda have six children, John, Kelly, Casi, Scott, Brent, and Todd.

# Class of 1991



George  
Schneider Sr.

A three-time winner of the Utah Open, George H. Schneider made his mark on the PGA Tour as a player and tournament supervisor.

The Ogden native claimed the Utah Open titles in 1936, 1941, and 1943, besides winning the Intermountain PGA tournament four times. He finished among the top 25 money-winners on the PGA Tour in 1946, and cashed checks in the Masters, the U.S. Open, and the PGA Championship, where he once defeated Sam Snead in match play.

The professional at the Ogden Golf and Country Club and The Country Club of Salt Lake City, Schneider was instrumental in bringing the 1947 Western Open to The Country Club and in making the 1948 Utah Open at Fort Douglas Country Club an official stop on the PGA Tour.

Schneider was described as the 'Czar of Golf' when he served as the PGA's tournament supervisor. Assuming the newly created position in 1947, Schneider directed tournaments and organized the tour in the fashion it is conducted today. Working with a small staff, he would organize the tournaments at each stop, besides playing in many of them.

He played exhibitions throughout the West with the likes of Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, and Byron Nelson and was known as an excellent shotmaker. Ben Hogan was amazed when Schneider set a course record at Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas, Hogan's home course. Snead once said that if Schneider's putting stroke had matched his swing he would have won several tour events. Schneider once won the annual iron-play contest held at the Masters.

Schneider was known for doing anything he could to promote golf, even helping competing players with their games.

Schneider became a caddy at the Ogden Golf and Country Club as a young boy and later assumed the club's professional duties as a teenager. He was skilled in all aspects of the golf business, including playing, teaching, and designing and managing courses. A consultant on several local design projects, Schneider built the Lake Hills course in Billings, Montana.

A back injury interrupted his playing career, but after the problem was at last diagnosed, he won the PGA Quarter Century Championship in 1963, competing with other players who were members of the PGA 25 years or more.

Killed in an auto accident along with his wife, Bernice, in 1964, Schneider left a personal legacy in Utah golf. His son, George M., and grandsons Gary and Steve became PGA professionals. He is also survived by a daughter, Cheryl (Mrs. Earl White), and son Thair, who is a part-owner of Glenmoor Golf Course.