
LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals



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Founded in 1959, the LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Membership (T&CP) has enjoyed an unprecedented growth in recent years and boasts the largest membership of women golf professionals in the world. With more than 1,300 members, the LPGA T&CP are dedicated to the advancement of golf through teaching coaching and managing golf facilities.

The LPGA T&CP has earned a reputation as the leader in research-based golf education. The LPGA provides its members with section, regional and national programs that further the LPGA's commitment to offering state-of-the-art education in the area of golf education and the business of golf for teachers, coaches and club professionals.

The LPGA T&CP membership daily operations are administered by a full-time staff based at LPGA Headquarters in Daytona Beach, Fla., and has a seven-member, elected Executive Committee consisting of the national president and vice president and the presidents of the five geographical membership sections. Dana Rader is national president and Deb Vangellow is national vice president for 2010-12. The section presidents for 2010 are: Dawne Kortgaard, Central Section; Beverly (B.J.) Miller, Midwestern Section; Angela Aulenti, Northeast Section; Sue Powers, Southeast Section; and Kathy O'Kelly, Western Section. The LPGA T&CP national president is also a voting member of the LPGA Board of Directors.

The various programs of the LPGA T&CP membership are outlined below.

Membership Certification

To ensure the high quality of professional skills of its members, the LPGA T&CP provides membership certification. The certification process prepares members for teaching, coaching and managerial leadership opportunities in the golf profession. The membership certification process features three levels of education programs, educational activities, practical and written evaluations, culminating with a Class A credential.

National Education Program

For more than 50 years, the LPGA has developed and enhanced golf education for teachers and coaches of the game. The role of the LPGA as a leader in the golf industry for teaching and coaching development is reflected in the LPGA National Education Program (NEP) Series, the most comprehensive and dynamic teacher education series in the industry.

In 2006, the LPGA NEP Series was expanded to include coaching and managerial leadership.

With the inclusion of the additional educational offerings, the LPGA Education Research and Advisory Board revised the original LPGA NEP Series to offer three specialty education tracks: Teaching, Coaching and Managerial Leadership. The LPGA NEP Series is a progressive series of three levels: Level One is core to all three education tracks, then Levels Two and Three continue the training for each education track.

As in the original LPGA NEP Series, the Education Research and Advisory Board utilizes research-based theory that has identified the core competencies required to be an effective teacher, coach, and manager, incorporating interactive practical applications of these competencies to the golf industry in the program content. All programs are interactive in nature, balancing theory and practice. Concepts presented in the classroom through dynamic audio-visual presentations are applied through "hands on" learning experiences either at the practice facility or in real-life simulations.

Effective January 1, 1997, all LPGA T&CP members are required to complete Program I, II and III of the LPGA NEP series before they advance to Class A certification.

National Seminars and Workshops

The LPGA offers national seminars/conferences and/or regional summits. These education programs offer professional leadership, business, career and personal development training sessions to members and are open to others involved in the golf industry.

Sectional Seminars and Workshops

Throughout the year, each LPGA T&CP Section conducts local and regional, one (1) or two (2)-day educational workshops on a variety of topics, including teaching techniques, coaching, fundamentals, marketing, financial planning, psychological aspects of golf and other special business and teaching issues.

Youth Initiatives

The LPGA T&CP membership has been a pioneer in developing golf programs that focus on learning and playing the game of golf as a vehicle for developing positive self-esteem and life skills in children. The LPGA's programs to advance interest in golf among today's youth (ages 7-17) include the LPGA Tour Junior Clinic Program and LPGA-USGA Girls Golf.

The LPGA T&CP membership has also been instrumental in assisting the World Golf Foundation's First Tee initiative in developing the national curriculum for First Tee chapters that are being established throughout the United States as well as The National School Golf Program.

Women's Initiatives

Created in 1991, the LPGA Golf Clinics for Women from Metlife were one of the first events of their kind for businesswomen and remain an industry leader. This series achieves a dual purpose: to help women become more comfortable with golf, both as a sport and as a business tool; and to raise funds for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the LPGA's official national charity since 1992. LPGA T&CP members provide personalized golf instruction and lessons on course management and etiquette as part of each clinic program.

Tournaments

The LPGA T&CP Championship is acknowledged as the premier competitive event for women teaching and club professionals. This annual 54-hole championship tournament has a projected total purse of more than \$90,000. A Senior Division Championship is also staged for professionals 50 years of age and older. The winner of the LPGA T&CP Championship earns a place in the field of the LPGA Championship Presented by Wegman's, one of the LPGA Tour's four majors.

Another annual LPGA T&CP event is the LPGA T&CP National Team Championship. The event features an entertaining two-person team format within the 36-hole competition for more than \$40,000 in total prize money.

LPGA T&CP members may also participate in the LPGA T&CP Section Championships held annually in each of the five LPGA T&CP sections. The winner of each section championship also earns a place in the field of the LPGA Championship Presented by Wegman's.

In addition to LPGA T&CP tournaments, Class A or Class B LPGA T&CP members are eligible to enter one LPGA Tour co-sponsored event per calendar year. Each member is permitted entry into the open tournament nearest or next nearest to her place of employment.

LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame

The most prestigious honor in the LPGA T&CP is entrance into the LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame. The LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame recognizes women teaching and club professionals who have demonstrated extraordinary service and leadership to the membership and contributions to the game of golf and the golf industry. Established in 2000, the inaugural class of the LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame was inducted in October 2000 and included: Patty Berg; Peggy Kirk Bell; Betty Hicks; Marilyn Smith; Shirley Spork; and Louise Suggs. The 2001 class of inductees included Goldie Bateson; Ellen Griffin; Dr. DeDe Owens; and Joanne Winter. In 2004, Anne Casey Johnstone was elected

into the LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame and was inducted in 2006 along with 2006 inductee Annette Thompson. In 2009, Kerry Graham, Lorraine Klippel, Pat Lange, and Penny Zavichas were inducted .

Past LPGA T&CP National Presidents

According to the LPGA Teaching Division Register (1950-90), the LPGA Teaching Committee was created in 1959, was comprised of Tour members and was led by a Teaching Committee chairperson. In 1976, the Teaching Committee was reorganized to what is now the LPGA Teaching & Club Professional (T&CP) Membership.

The LPGA T&CP is directed by an Executive Committee, which is comprised of the five section presidents, a national president and national vice president. Women who have served as the national president (or chairwoman in the early years) of the membership are listed below.

LPGA T&CP Founding Members

Betty Hicks	Marilynn Smith
Barbara Rotvig	Shirley Spork

Past LPGA Teaching Committee Chairpersons

Mary Dagraedt	(1974-75)	Jane Read	(1968-70)
Jane Read	(1972-73)	Shirley Spork	(1960-67)
Penny Zavichas	(1970-71)	Betty Hicks	(1958-59)

Past National Presidents of the LPGA T&CP Membership

Patti Benson	(2002-2009)	Kerry Graham	(1988-93)
Nora McGuire	(2000-01)	Nell Frewin	(1986-87)
Kay McMahan	(1998-99)	Annette Thompson	(1981-85)
DeDe Owens, Ed.D.	(1994-97)	Sherry Allison	(1976-80)

LPGA T&CP Honorary Members

Patty Berg	Pia Nilsson
Helen Dettweiler	Renee Powell
Sandra Haynie	Marilynn Smith
Betty Hicks	Shirley Spork
Opal Hill	Louise Suggs
Carol Mann	Kathy Whitworth
Paula Marafino	

LPGA T&CP Master and Master Life Professionals

Master Professional classification is the most distinguished and highest classification for an LPGA T&CP Class A member reflecting commitment and dedication as a professional and to the LPGA. An LPGA T&CP Class A member earns Master Professional status by meeting the following criteria: a member in good standing for 15 or more years; earned a minimum of 300 certification units as a Class A member, 50 of which have been earned as service points to the LPGA T&CP Membership; and completed and presented an approved golf-related thesis. LPGA T&CP Master Life members have met all of the requirements for Master Professional classification and in addition have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 20 years.

Master Professionals

Lynda Branstrom	Sally Dodge
Christine Burkhart	Susan Fiscoe
Deborah Constantin	Nell Frewin-Hays
Barbra Crawford-O'Brien	Jean Harris

Janice Johnson
Lorraine Klippel
Nora McGuire
Kathy Murphy
Cheryl Pastore
Dana Radar

Noni Schneider
Annette Thompson
Melanie Trowbridge
J. Kristy Vik
Sue Werkheiser

Master Life Professionals

Lorraine Abbott
Donna Abrego
Gloria Armstrong
Marcia Bailey
Betty Bullard
Judy Carls
Rosanne Caulder-Isom
Margaret Cirino
Betsy Cullen
Mary Dagraedt
Sue Dailey
Janet Dearcopp
Marian Dorn
Kathy Dougherty
Doris Earls
Shirley Englehorn
Susan Fiscoe
Joan Gearhart
Patsy Hahn
Dr. Jean Harris
Nancy J. High
Kay Hines
Sandi Hitch
Joyce Ann Jackson
Carol Johnson
Ann Casey Johnstone
Patricia Kimball

Peggy Kirk Bell
Claudette LaBonte
Pat Lange
Susan Little
Maryanne Maile
Nora McGuire
Martha Mitchell
Alberta Mount
Mary Beth Nienhaus
Barbra O'Brien
Jane Read
Barbara Romack
Carrie Russell
Kimberly Sandmann
Noni Schneider
Barbara Smith
Lee Spencer
Shirley Spork
Frances Steere
Judy Trulock
Margo Walden
Mary Warnock-O'Neal
Sue Werkheiser
Judy Whitehouse
Betty Lee Wood
Penny Zavichas