



The LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals: A History

The Turn of the 21st Century to the Present – 2000-2009

The LPGA T&CP Hall of Fame



In October, 2000, The LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals established its **Hall of Fame** to honor teaching and club professional members for extraordinary membership service and leadership while contributing to the game of golf and the golf industry.

The inaugural class of six was officially inducted on Oct. 25 at the kickoff dinner for **Celebrating Women in Golf: An LPGA 50th Anniversary Event**, which was held at the World Golf Village from Oct. 25-28, as part of the LPGA's 50th anniversary celebration.

The inductees were: LPGA and LPGA T&CP Founders **Patty Berg, Marilynn Smith, Shirley Spork, Louise Suggs** and **Betty Hicks** and LPGA teaching legend, **Peggy Kirk Bell**.

In 2001, inductees included **Goldie Bateson, Ellen Griffin, Dr. DeDe Owens,** and **Joanne Winter**. **Ann Casey Johnstone** and **S. Annette Thompson** joined the honorees in 2004 and 2006, respectively.

On Saturday, September 12, 2009, **Kerry Graham, Lorraine Klippel, Pat Lange** and **Penny Zavichas** were honored with a reception and induction ceremony held at Kingsmill Resort & Spa in Williamsburg, Virginia.

<p>Ann Casey Johnstone</p>	<p>S. Annette Thompson</p>	<p>L to R: Penny Zavichas, Pat Lange, Lorraine Klippel, Kerry Graham</p>



The National Education Program's Education Tracks

Also in 2003, **Benson** established **The LPGA Education and Research Advisory Board**, whose purpose was to review the National Education Program's curriculum to ensure that it was the best in the industry and that it reflected the needs of a changing membership, which included not only golf teachers, but coaches and business leaders as well. Based on the Advisory Board's recommendations, the **National Education Program Series** curriculum was expanded in 2006 to include coaching and managerial leadership education. With the additional educational offerings, the LPGA NEP now offers three specialty education tracks: **Teaching, Coaching and Managerial Leadership**.

In 2008, the LPGA T&CP's very first NEP Managerial Leadership graduate, **Susan Helmerich**, was promoted to General Manager of EAGLE Golf Management Company due to the LPGA training she received. **Kelley Hester**, Head Women's Golf Coach at the University of Georgia, was the first Coaching track graduate. The Bulldogs finished third at the 2008 East Regional and entered the NCAA championships at No. 7 in the Golf World coaches' poll and No. 8 in both the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index and the Golfstat rankings.

LPGA Top 50 Teachers



In 2007, **Nancy Henderson** was hired as the LPGA Executive Director, Teaching and Club Professionals, to direct the operations of the T&CP. As a T&CP member herself, Henderson was able to view LPGA practices from the member side as well.

One of the results was the LPGA's first-ever compilation of **The LPGA 50 Best Teachers List**. LPGA members were asked to rank their peers by voting for the top teachers in their sections. The list identified and recognized the best instructors in each of the five T&CP sections (Central, Midwest, Southeast, Northeast and Western).

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LPGA Top 50 Teachers – 2008-09



Central Section

Dr. Debra Crews, *Mesa, Ariz.*
 Betsy Cullen, *Sugar Land, Tex.*
 Amy Fox, *Mansfield, Tex.*
 Kathy Gook, *Phoenix, Ariz.*
 Peggy Gustafson, *Peoria, Ariz.*
 Sandy LaBauve, *Scottsdale, Ariz.*
 Lynn Marriott, *Phoenix, Ariz.*
 Kathy Murphy, *Phoenix, Ariz.*
 Penny Pulz, *Phoenix, Ariz.*
 Deb Vangellow, *Sugar Land, Tex.*

Northeast Section

Troy Beck, *Glenn Dale, Md.*
 Rebecca Dengler, *West Chester, Penn.*
 Jane Frost, *Marstons Mills, Mass.*
 Lorraine Klippel, *Camp Hill, Penn.*
 Kelli Kostick, *New Durham, N.H.*
 Kammy Maxfeldt, *Norwalk, Conn.*
 Cindy Miller, *Silver Creek, N.Y.*
 Vicki Phillips, *Fairfax, Va.*
 Rita Slavetskas, *Hilton Head Island, S.C.*
 Suzy Whaley, *Farmington, Conn.*

Western Section

Dana Bates, *Thousand Palms, Calif.*
 Judy Carls, *Huntington Beach, Calif.*
 Sally Dodge, *Pebble Beach, Calif.*
 Beverly Fergusson, *Carlsbad, Calif.*
 Judy Furst, *Palm Desert, Calif.*
 Sheri Hayes, *Carlsbad, Calif.*
 Patti Marquis, *Spokane, Wash.*
 Kathy O'Kelly, *Olympia, Wash.*
 Lynn Ralston, *Los Angeles, Calif.*
 Mardell Wilkins, *Mission Viejo, Calif.*

Midwest Section

Molly Baney, *West Chicago, Ill.*
 Nancy Bender, *Valparaiso, Ind.*
 Patricia Butcher, *Grand Rapids, Mich.*
 Laurel Dieken, *Worthington, Ohio*
 Faith Egli, *Mogadore, Ohio*
 Betty Kaufmann, *Lake Forest, Ill.*
 Beverly Miller, *Hillsboro, Mo.*
 Margie Muzik, *Naperville, Ill.*
 Maria Palozola Long, *St. Louis, Mo.*
 Nancy Quarcelino, *Franklin, Tenn.*

Southeast Section

Julie Cole, *Charlotte, N.C.*
 Jennifer Cully, *Tierra Verde, Fla.*
 Marie-Claire De Bortoli, *Port St. Lucie, Fla.*
 Debbie O'Connell, *Palm City, Fla.*
 Gale Peterson, *St. Simons Island, Ga.*
 Carol Preisinger, *Johns Island, S.C.*
 Dana Rader, *Charlotte, N.C.*
 Lynn Stellman, *Palm City, Fla.*
 Donna White, *West Palm Beach, Fla.*
 Teresa Zamboni, *Port Orange, Fla.*



The LPGA Front Row Experience



The brainchild of past LPGA Southeast Section President, **Lynn Stellman**, the **LPGA Front Row Experience** premiered at the Kraft-Nabisco Championship in April 2006 and has become one of the T&CP's most sought-after programs. The program offers fans the unique opportunity to get inside the ropes of LPGA Tour events to test equipment and receive a free 10-minute lesson from an LPGA Teaching Professional right on the tournament driving range. It creates a win/win situation: fans get a unique "experience" from the "front row" of tournaments and LPGA Teaching Professionals gain exposure to golfers from their locales who want to improve their skills.

In 2009, the program was expanded to include Duramed FUTURES Tour events as well as LPGA Tournaments. In the first half of 2009, over 5,000 minutes of free lessons were given by 42 LPGA Teaching Professionals who donated their time to instruct. Over a dozen fans have contacted LPGA Headquarters requesting more lessons. The Front Row Experience has proven to be both a unique and successful program for promoting LPGA Teaching Professionals, supporting event sponsors, and pleasing LPGA fans.

The Nancy Lopez Golf Achievement Award

This award was created by the LPGA T&CP in 2007 and is given to an LPGA professional who emulates qualities valued by **Nancy Lopez**: Leadership; Passion; Giving; and Approachability. **Debbie O'Connell**, a 16-year LPGA T&CP member, was the recipient of the first-ever Nancy Lopez Golf Achievement Award for giving back to the game in the spirit of Nancy Lopez. **Troy Beck** received the award in 2008 and **Patti Benson** in 2009.



Debbie O'Connell



Troy Beck



Patti Benson

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A New Membership Classification

In 2009, the **LPGA "ONE" Initiative** program was introduced and will continue until 2011. It offers LPGA Tour members "ONE" free year of membership in the LPGA T&CP as a Class A-T professional and allows members to participate in T&CP tournaments and educational programs. At the end of the free year of membership, participants have two options:

- They may either remain a dual Tour and T&CP member with all of the benefits and **not** be obligated to complete any of the education or testing, or
- they may choose to go through the education and testing and become a **certified** teaching professional, manager or coach.

As of July 2009, 15 Tour members have taken advantage of the initiative to become T&CP A-T members, joining the 66 former Tour players who are now T&CP members and 42 who are dual Tour/T&CP members.



Her-story

In 2003, a proposed amendment to the LPGA T&CP Constitution that would allow men to become members was voted down by the membership. Thus, the LPGA T&CP history remains "her-story."



LPGA Founders at the LPGA 50th Anniversary Celebration

Top Row, l to r: Marilynn Smith, Marlene Hagge, Alice Bauer, Betty Jameson, Louise Suggs

Bottom Row, l to r: Bettye Danoff, Patty Berg, Shirley Spork

Not pictured, deceased: Helen Dettweiler, Helen Hicks, Opal Hill, Sally Sessions, Babe Zaharias



Past National Presidents – 2000s

Patti Benson	2002-present
Nora McGuire	2000-2001

The Ellen Griffin Rolex Award – 2000s

2000	Dr. Gary Wiren
2001	Penny Zavichas
2002	Annette Thompson
2003	Dr. Barbara B. Smith
2004	Marge Burns
2005	Pat Lange
2006	Donna White
2007	Betsy Cullen
2008	Lynn Marriott
2009	Kay McMahon

Teacher of the Year Award Winners – 2000s

2000	Nancy Quarcelino
2001	Kathy Murphy
2002	Krista Dunton
2003	Nancy Bender
2004	Rosey Bartlett
2005	Marie Claire De Bartoli
2006	Cheryl Anderson
2007	Teresa Zamboni
2008	Karen Palacios-Jansen
2009	Rita Reasons

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LPGA Professional of the Year Award Winners – 2000s

2009	Linda Nevatt
2008	Donna White
2007	J. Kristy Vik
2006	Janet Phillips
2005	Susan Roll
2004	Holly Juergens
2003	Dawne Kortgaard/Lisa Masters
2002	Debbie O'Connell
2001	Nancy Henderson
2000	Cathy Jo Johnson

LPGA Coach of the Year Award Winners – 2000s

2009	Kelley Hester	University of Georgia, Athens, GA
2008	Michelle Melia	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ
2007	Maria Lopez	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL
2006	Janet Bolle-Carl	University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
2005	Shelly Haywood	University of Arizona, Tuscon, AZ
2004	Sally Austin	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
2003	Nancy McDaniel	University of California at Berkeley
2002	Jackie Booth	University of New Mexico
2001	Dianne Dailey	Wake Forest University
2000	Nancy Lewis	San Jose State University

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The LPGA Team Championship – 2000s

Year	Championship Division	Senior Division	Tournament Site
2009	Malia Folquet & Bobbi Salmon		Palm Valley Country Club, Palm Desert, CA
2008	Angela Aulenti & Kammy Maxfeldt		Palm Valley Country Club, Palm Desert, CA
2007	Julie Hennessy & Marjorie Jones		Palm Valley Country Club, Palm Desert, CA
2006	Karen Davies & Lisa DePaulo	Karyn Dunphy & Julie Lynd	Sandia Golf Club, Albuquerque, NM
2005	Dana Dormann & Laura Witvoet	Karyn Dunphy & Julie Lynd	Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel, CA
2004	Dede Cusimano & Mary Enright	Leslie Van Syckle & Lorraine Klippel	Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel, CA
2003	Dede Cusimano & Mary Enright	Patty Snyder & Mardell Wilkins	The Legacy Golf Resort, Phoenix, AZ
2002	Stephanie Comstock & Lisa DePaulo	Patty Snyder & Mardell Wilkins	The Legacy Golf Resort, Phoenix, AZ
2001	Robyn Frantz & Lee Huntley	Patty Snyder & Mardell Wilkins	Heritage Palms Golf Club, Indio, CA
2000	Marci Bozarth & Piper Wagner	Leslie Van Syckle & Lorraine Klippel	Heritage Palms Golf Club, Indio, CA

The LPGA T&CP National Championship – 2000s

Date	Championship Division	Senior Division	Tournament Site
2009	Jean Bartholomew	Dede Cusimano	Kingsmill Resort & Spa, Williamsburg, VA
2008	Laura Shanahan-Rowe	Linda Nevatt	Pinehurst No. 8, Village of Pinehurst, NC
2007	Lisa DePaulo	Angela Aulenti	Pinehurst No. 8, Village of Pinehurst, NC
2006	Karen Davies	Judy Furst	Pinehurst No. 8, Village of Pinehurst, NC
2005	Dana Dormann	Linda Groover	Slammer and Squire, St. Augustine, FL
2004	Cindy Miller	Linda Groover	LPGA International; Daytona Beach, FL
2003	Dede Cusimano	Carla Glasgow	LPGA International; Daytona Beach, FL
2002	Suzy Whaley	M.J. Smith	Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club; Southern Pines, NC
2001	Julie Hennessy	Vicki Phillips	Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club; Southern Pines, NC
2000	Connie Baker	Robyn Frantz	Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club; Southern Pines, NC