

Meet GOLF's Top 100 Teachers in America

* Former PGA or LPGA National Teacher of the Year

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1991, GOLF's Top 100 Teachers in America franchise has established itself as the industry standard for recognizing excellence in coaching. We hold ourselves to a rigorous process in a quest to highlight the most innovative, committed and accomplished teachers in the country.

2019 is a historic year for the reimagined GOLF brand. We're delighted to mark the occasion by welcoming 16 new teachers to our esteemed list, while also inducting five new teachers into our Hall of Fame, including our long-time columnist and world-renowned short-game expert, Dave Pelz.

Each instructor comes to us from a diversity of backgrounds and with their own unique viewpoint on golf instruction.

Among our new additions is Suzy Whaley, who last year became the first female President of the PGA of America. You can read about her career and outlook on teaching in the opening of this month's Lessons section (p. 111).

Andrew Rice is another new Top 100 featured in this month's issue, who brings to us his new findings on the atmospheric effects on ball flight (p. 128), while another newcomer, Terry Rowles, explains how to match different types of grips with various swing styles (p. 119). As you'll learn, there's no one perfect grip for everyone, even at the PGA Tour level. It's about finding the perfect grip for you.

Expect tons more in the coming months. We truly believe each new member of the Top 100 will uphold GOLF's mission to deliver the best instruction to golfers of all abilities. See you on the lesson tee.

THE NEW CREW

How We Pick Our Top 100s

The biennial process is powered by the Top 100 Teachers Credentials Committee, and is the only national golf instructor search that combines outside academic and PGA peer review.

Candidates are screened against 15 baseline criteria, including their teaching experi-

ence and accomplishments, student portfolio and peer ratings, along with their overall commitment to the growth of the game, both through volunteerism and their ability to use digital platforms.

In addition to a public application, candidates are nominated by the PGA, LPGA and United States Golf Teachers Federation, among others. The committee reviews 250 applications, on average, before selecting the new members.



Jason Baile, PGA
@JasonBailePGA
Belfair Plantation,
Bluffton, S.C.
Top 100 since: 2019

Studied under fellow GOLF Top 100 Teachers Todd Anderson, Mike Shannon and newly inducted Hall-of-Fame member Jack Lumpkin.



Tim Cusick, PGA
timcusickgolf.com
Four Seasons Resort and Club, Irving, Texas
Top 100 since: 2019

PGA Master Professional, three-time Texas PGA Section Teacher of the Year and a two-time Horton Smith Award winner.



Dana Dahlquist
@danadahlquist
El Dorado Park G.C., Long Beach, Calif.
Top 100 since: 2019

PGA Tour coach of Si Woo Kim, Dana recently helped Charles Howell III back into the winner's circle for the first time in more than 11 years.

Scott Cook; Kristina Fanelli; Courtesy



ACTIVE 100

Dale Abraham, PGA
daleabraham.com
Bighorn G.C.,
Palm Desert, Calif.
Top 100 since: 2017

Eric Alpenfels, PGA
Pinehurst Resort,
Pinehurst, N.C.
Top 100 since: 2001

Cheryl Anderson, PGA/LPGA*
mikebender.com
Mike Bender Academy,
Lake Mary, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2013

Todd Anderson, PGA*
PGA Tour Performance Center at
TPC Sawgrass, Ponte
Vedra Beach, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2003

Mike Bender, PGA*
mikebender.com
Mike Bender Academy,
Lake Mary, Fla.
Top 100 since: 1996

Mike Bennett
stackandtilt.com
Monarch C.C.,
Palm City, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2013

Mark Blackburn, PGA
blackburngolf.com
@BlackburnGolf
Greystone C.C.,
Birmingham, Ala.
Top 100 since: 2013

Steve Bosdosh, PGA
stevebosdosh.com
@SteveBosdosh
Steve Bosdosh Golf
Academy at P.B. Dye
G.C., Ijamsville, Md.
Top 100 since: 2001

Michael Breed, PGA*
michaelbreed.com
@MichaelBreed
Trump Golf Links at
Ferry Point, Bronx, N.Y.
Top 100 since: 2003

Jason Carbone, PGA
@JasonCarbone
Baltusrol G.C.,
Springfield, N.J.
Top 100 since: 2007

Martin Chuck, PGA
@tourstriker
tourstriker.com
Raven G.C., Phoenix, Ariz.
Top 100 since: 2017

Chris Como
@ChrisComoGolf
Gleneagles C.C.,
Plano, Texas
Top 100 since: 2013

Tim Cooke, PGA
seapinesgolfinstruct-
ion.com
@TimCookeGolf
Golf Learning
Center at Sea Pines
Resort, Hilton Head
Island, S.C.
Top 100 since: 2017

Dom DiJulia, PGA
dijuliagolf.com
@DiJuliaGolf
Jericho National G.C.,
New Hope, Pa.
Top 100 since: 2007

Debbie Doniger, LPGA
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@DDonigerGolf
GlenArbor G.C.,
Bedford, N.Y.
Top 100 since: 2017

John Dunigan, PGA
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White Manor C.C.,
Malvern, Pa.
Top 100 since: 2017

Krista Dunton, PGA/LPGA*
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@KristaDunton
Berkeley Hall,
Bluffton, S.C.
Top 100 since: 2011

Mark Durland, PGA
durlandgolf.com
@DurlandGolf
Durland Golf School
at Naples Grande,
Naples, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2017

Chuck Evans
chuckevansgolf.com
@ChuckEvans
Apache Creek G.C.,
Apache Junction, Ariz.
(w); Tiffany Greens
G.C., Kansas City, Mo. (s)
Top 100 since: 2009

Sean Foley
eaglesdream.com
Foley Performance
Academy at Eagles
Dream, Timacuan G.C.,
Lake Mary, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2013

Bryan Gathright, PGA
bryangathrightgolf.com
The Clubs of Cordillera
Ranch, Boerne, Texas
Top 100 since: 2001

Gary Gilchrist
ggga.com
Gary Gilchrist Golf
Academy, Howey-in-
the-Hills, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2013

Rick Grayson, PGA
rickgraysongolf.com
Rivercut G.C.,
Springfield, Mo.
Top 100 since: 1996

Ron Gring, PGA
gringgolf.com
Capital Canyon Club,
Prescott, Ariz.
Top 100 since: 2003

Lou Guzzi, PGA*
louguzzi.com
Talamore C.C.,
Ambler, Pa.
Top 100 since: 2011

Mark Hackett, PGA
Old Palm G.C., Palm
Beach Gardens, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2009

Martin Hall, PGA*
martinhallgolf.com
@MartinHallGolf
The Club at Ibis,
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Top 100 since: 1996

Joe Hallett, PGA
joehallettgolf.com
Vanderbilt Legends
Club, Franklin, Tenn.
Top 100 since: 2011



George Gankas
@GeorgeGankas
Westlake Golf Course,
Westlake Village, Calif.
Top 100 since: 2019

Social-media sensation whose methods have been sought out by the likes of Masters champ Adam Scott and highly rated amateur Matthew Wolff.



Matt Killen
@Killengolf
Troubadour Golf
and Field Club,
Nashville, Tenn.
Top 100 since: 2019

Short-game coach to former World No. 1 Justin Thomas, his stable includes J.B. Holmes, Nick Watney and Bud Cauley.



David Orr, PGA
flatstickacademy.com
Pine Needles
Lodge & Golf Club,
Southern Pines, N.C.
Top 100 since: 2019

Renowned putting instructor, fitter and 3D putting researcher; founder of the Flagstick Academy.



Andrew Park
@TheAndrewPark
Orange County
National Golf Center,
Winter Garden, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2019

Coach of numerous PGA Tour, LPGA Tour and Champions Tour players during his 14 years under David Leadbetter.



Andrew Rice
@AndrewRiceGolf
Westin Savannah
Harbor, Savannah, Ga.
Top 100 since: 2019

Trackman Partner, founder of Coach Camp and author of *The Wedge Project*, a scientific and technical analysis of the wedge game.

Scott Hamilton, PGA
scotthamiltongolf.com
 @ScottyHamCville
 Cartersville C.C.,
 Cartersville, Ga.
 Top 100 since: 2015

Bill Harmon
 Bill Harmon Performance Academy
 at Toscana C.C.,
 Indian Wells, Calif.
 Top 100 since: 2002

Claude Harmon III
 The Floridian,
 Palm City, Fla.
 Top 100 since: 2015

Sean Hogan
davidleadbetter.com
 Leadbetter Golf
 Academy, Orlando, Fla.
 Top 100 since: 2015

Michael Hunt, PGA
jimmclean.com
 Jim McLean Academy
 at Miami Beach G.C.,
 Miami Beach, Fla.
 (w); Bayonne G.C.,
 Bayonne, N.J. (s)
 Top 100 since: 2017

Ed Ibarguen, PGA
golf.duke.edu
 @EdIbarguen
 Duke University G.C.,
 Durham, N.C.
 Top 100 since: 2001

Michael Jacobs, PGA
xgolfschool.com
 @xgolfschool
 Rock Hill G.C.,
 Manorville, N.Y.
 Top 100 since: 2017

Eric Johnson, PGA
ericjohnsongolf.com
 @EricJohnsonGolf
 Nemacolin Woodlands
 Resort, Farmington, Pa.
 Top 100 since: 2011

Jerry King, PGA
jerrykinggolf.com
 @JerryKingGolf
 Discovery Land Co.
 (El Dorado, Chileno
 Bay, Gozzer Ranch)
 Top 100 since: 2009

Kevin Kirk, PGA
 The Woodlands C.C.,
 The Woodlands, Texas
 Top 100 since: 2013

Mike LaBauve, PGA
labauvegolf.com
 @TheLaBauves
 Kierland G.C.,
 Scottsdale, Ariz. (w);
 Roaring Fork Club,
 Basalt, Colo. (s)
 Top 100 since: 1996

Jeff Leishman
jeffleishmangolf.com
 @JLeishmanGolf
 Dye Preserve,
 Jupiter, Fla.
 Top 100 since: 2017

James Leitz, PGA
leitzgolf.com
 Tchefuncta C.C.,
 Covington, La.
 Top 100 since: 2013

Keith Lyford, PGA
lyfordgolf.net
 Whitney Oaks G.C.,
 Rocklin, Calif. (w);
 Top 100 since: 1999

Mike Malaska, PGA*
malaskagolf.com
 Superstition Mountain
 G.C., Superstition
 Mountain, Ariz.
 Top 100 since: 1996

Brian Manzella, PGA
brianmanzellagolf.com
 @BrianManzella
 English Turn Golf &
 C.C., New Orleans, La.
 Top 100 since: 2011

Lynn Marriott, PGA/LPGA*
vision54.com
 @VISION54
 Talking Stick G.C.,
 Scottsdale, Ariz.
 Top 100 since: 1996

Cameron McCormick, PGA*
cameronmccormickgolf.com
 @CMcCormickGolf
 Trinity Forest G.C.,
 Dallas, Texas
 Top 100 since: 2015

Mike McGetrick, PGA*
mikemcgetrickgolf.com
 @MikeMcGetrick
 Golf Club of
 Houston,
 Humble, Texas
 Top 100 since: 1996

Susie Meyers, PGA
susiemeyersgolf.com
 @SusieMeyers60
 Ventana Canyon
 Golf & Racquet Club,
 Tucson, Ariz.
 Top 100 since: 2017

Brian Mogg
moggacademy.com
 @MoggAcademy
 Waldorf Astoria G.C.
 Orlando, Fla. (w);
 Chambers Bay G.C.,
 University Place,
 Wash. (s)
 Top 100 since: 2005

Jamie Mulligan, PGA
 Virginia C.C.
 Long Beach, Calif.
 Top 100 since: 2015

Scott Munroe, PGA
scottmunroegolf.com
 Boca Raton
 Resort & Club,
 Boca Raton, Fla. (w);
 Nantucket G.C.,
 Siasconset, Mass. (s)
 Top 100 since: 2009

Jim Murphy, PGA
jimmurphygolf.com
 @MurphGolf
 Sugar Creek C.C.,
 Sugar Land, Texas
 Top 100 since: 2003

Bernie Najar, PGA
bernienajar.com
 @BernieNajarGolf
 Caves Valley G.C.,
 Owings Mills, Md.
 Top 100 since: 2015

Pia Nilsson, PGA/LPGA
vision54.com
 VISION54 at
 Talking Stick G.C.,
 Scottsdale, Ariz.
 Top 100 since: 2001

Rob Noel, PGA
robnoelgolfacademy.com
 @RobNoelGolf
 Rob Noel Golf
 Academy, Abita
 Springs, La.
 Top 100 since: 2015

Chris O'Connell
 The Plane Truth at
 Watters Creek, Plano,
 Texas (w); Friar's Head,
 Riverhead, N.Y. (s)
 Top 100 since: 2013

Mike Perpich, PGA
mikeperpich.com
 RiverPines Golf,
 Johns Creek, Ga.
 Top 100 since: 2001



Terry Rowles, PGA (UK)
 @golfperformance
 Cool Clubs Scottsdale;
 Metedeconk National
 G.C., Jackson, N.J.
 Top 100 since: 2019

Three-time presenter at the World Golf Science forum, he implements "systematically verifiable" research.



Jeff Smith, PGA
 @RadarGolfPro
 Course Kings;
 TPC Summerlin,
 Las Vegas, Nev.
 Top 100 since: 2019

Course Kings founder has coached numerous players, including Aaron Wise and former World No. 1 amateur Patrick Rodgers.



Boyd Summerhays
 @boydsummerhaysgolf
 McDowell Mountain
 G.C., Scottsdale, Ariz.
 Top 100 since: 2019

Former PGA Tour player who has helped coach Tony Finau from the Web.com Tour to a high of No. 14 in the World Golf Rankings.



John Tillery, PGA
 @jtillerygolf
 Cuscowilla G.C.,
 Eatonton, Ga.
 Top 100 since: 2019

2015 Georgia Section Teacher of the Year; coaches Kevin Kisner, Brandt Snedeker, Scott Brown, Roberto Castro, Brice Garnett, Rick Lamb and Will McGirt.



Tina Tombs, LPGA*
tinatombsgolf.com
 Arizona Biltmore G.C.,
 Phoenix, Ariz.
 Top 100 since: 2019

Former LPGA Tour player, two-time LPGA National Teacher of the Year and current member of LPGA Tour's Top 50 Best Teacher list.

Gale Peterson, PGA/LPGA*
galepeterson.com
Sea Island Golf Performance Center, St. Simons Island, Ga.
Top 100 since: 1996

E.J. Pfister, PGA
@EJPFisterGolf
Oak Tree National, Edmond, Okla.
Top 100 since: 2009

Dave Phillips, PGA
mytpi.com
@mytpiDave
Titleist Performance Institute, Oceanside, Calif.
Top 100 since: 2001

Joe Plecker, PGA
joeplecker.com
@JoePleckerPGA
Swing AI
Top 100 since: 2017

Andy Plummer
stackandtilt.com
Monarch C.C., Palm City, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2013

Carol Preisinger, LPGA*
carolpreisinger.com
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Kiawah Island Club, Kiawah Island, S.C.
Top 100 since: 2005

Brady Riggs, PGA
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Woodley Lakes G.C., Van Nuys, Calif.
Top 100 since: 2007

Tony Ruggiero
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C.C. of Mobile, Mobile, Ala.; Sheraton Bay Point Resort, Panama City Beach, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2017

Don Sargent, Jr., PGA
donsargentgolf.com
Scioto C.C., Columbus, Ohio.
Top 100 since: 2013

Adam Schriber, PGA
adamshribergolf.com
LochenHeath G.C., Williamsburg, Mich.
Top 100 since: 2009

Mike Shannon, PGA
PGA Tour Performance Center at TPC Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2011

Ted Sheftic, PGA
tedsheftic.com
Indian River Club, Vero Beach, Fla. (Feb.); Bridges G.C., Abbottstown, Pa.
Top 100 since: 2003

James Sieckmann, PGA*
jsegolfacademy.com
@JamesSieckmann
Shadow Ridge C.C., Omaha, Neb.
Top 100 since: 2013

Laird Small, PGA*
pebblebeach.com
Pebble Beach Golf Academy, Pebble Beach, Calif.
Top 100 since: 1996

Rick Smith, PGA
ricksmith.com
@RickSmithGolf
Trump National Doral, Miami, Fla.
Top 100 since: 1996

Todd Sones, PGA
toddsones.com
Buffalo Grove Dome, Buffalo Grove, Ill. (w); White Deer Run G.C., Vernon Hills, Ill. (s)
Top 100 since: 1996

Mitchell Spearman, PGA
mitchellspearman.com
Academies in New York, the Bahamas, London and Cabo del Sol, Mexico
Top 100 since: 1996

Kevin Sprecher, PGA
kevinsprecher.com
@KevinSprecher
Sleepy Hollow C.C., Scarborough, N.Y.
Top 100 since: 2017

Kellie Stenzel, PGA/LPGA
kelliestenzelgolf.com
@KellieStenzel
Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton, Fla.; Palm Beach C.C., Palm Beach, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2009

Jason Sutton, PGA
golfgurutv.com
@golfgurutv
Carmel C.C., Charlotte, N.C.
Top 100 since: 2017

Jon Tattersall, PGA
fusionatlanta.com
@JonTattersall11
Fusion ATL, Atlanta, Ga.
Top 100 since: 2007

E.A. Tischler
newhorizonsgolf.com
@EATischler
San Juan Oaks G.C., Hollister, Calif. (w); Olympia Fields C.C., Olympia Fields, Ill. (s)
Top 100 since: 2015

V.J. Trolio, PGA
troliogolf.com
@VTrolio
Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss.
Top 100 since: 2015

Kevin Weeks, PGA
kevinweeksgolf.com
Cog Hill Golf & C.C., Lemont, Ill.
Top 100 since: 2013

Gary Weir, PGA
garyweirgolf.com
Westchester C.C., Rye, N.Y.
Top 100 since: 2017

Dr. David Wright, PGA
wrightbalance.com
Arroyo Trabuco G.C., Mission Viejo, Calif.
Top 100 since: 2005

Josh Zander, PGA
zandergolf.com
@ZanderGolf
Stanford G.C., Stanford, Calif.; Sharon Heights Golf & C.C., Menlo Park, Calif.
Top 100 since: 2013

EMERITUS

John Elliott, Jr., PGA
Ocala, Fla.

David Glenz, PGA*
Long Valley, N.J.

Fred Griffin, PGA
Orlando, Fla.

Craig Harmon, PGA*
Delray Beach, Fla.

Peter Kostis, PGA
Scottsdale, Ariz.

Tim Mahoney, PGA
Scottsdale, Ariz.

Rick McCord, PGA
Kissimmee, Fla.

Bill Moretti, PGA
Austin, Texas

Dana Rader, LPGA*
Charlotte, N.C.

Craig Shankland, PGA*
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Randy Smith, PGA*
Dallas, Texas

T.J. Tomasi, PGA
Port St. Lucie, Fla.

HALL OF FAME

Mike Adams, PGA*
Bedminster Township, N.J.

Chuck Cook, PGA*
Austin, Texas

Hank Haney, PGA*
McKinney, Texas
[Class of 2019]

Jim Hardy, PGA*
Houston, Texas

Butch Harmon
Henderson, Nev.

Michael Hebron, PGA*
Smithtown, N.Y.
[Class of 2019]

David Leadbetter*
Orlando, Fla.

Jack Lumpkin, PGA*
St. Simons Island, Ga.
[Class of 2019]

Jim McLean, PGA*
Miami, Fla.

Eddie Merrins
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dave Pelz
Austin, Texas
[Class of 2019]

Dr. Jim Suttie, PGA*
Naples, Fla.
[Class of 2019]

Bob Toski
Coconut Creek, Fla.

Gary Wren, PGA*
West Palm Beach, Fla.



Jeff Warne, PGA
@jeffwarnegolf
The Bridge G.C., Bridgehampton, N.Y.
Top 100 since: 2019

Met PGA Teacher of the Year in 2014, director of instruction at The Bridge Golf Club, and a former member of GOLF's Top 100 Teachers.



Suzy Whaley, PGA, LPGA
@suzywhaley
C.C. at Mirasol, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
Top 100 since: 2019

Current president of the PGA of America; in 2003 became the first woman in 58 years to qualify for a PGA Tour event.



Jonathan Yarwood, PGA (UK)
@JonathanYarwood
International Junior Golf Academy, Bluffton, S.C.
Top 100 since: 2019

Coach of five USGA champions, including 2005 U.S. Open winner Michael Campbell. Oversees the IJGA.