

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
@danadahquist
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.



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
seapinesgolfinstruction.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
Glen Arbor G.C.,
Bedford, N.Y.
Top 100 since: 2017

John Dunigan, PGA
johndunigan.com
@JohnDuniganGolf
White Manor C.C.,
Malvern, Pa.
Top 100 since: 2017

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

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

Chuck Evans
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@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
joeallettgolf.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
jimclean.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 Word 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
joepletcher.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*
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 Kiawah Island Club, Kiawah Island, S.C.
 Top 100 since: 2005

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

Tony Ruggiero
dewswEEPersgolf.com
@dewswEEPergolf
 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
adamschribergolf.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. Trollo, PGA
trollogolf.com
@VTrollo
 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 Tosi
 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.