The Kansas City Golf Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame committee is made up of representatives from three area associations: the KCGA, the Mid- west Section of the PGA and the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association. Candidates are vet- ted by the committee to be placed on a ballot which is voted on by the Board of Directors of the KCGA, and representatives of the other two associations. The number of inductees is determined by the committee. Elections occur in even numbered years after 2014.

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At the age of 16 Miriam Burns won her first of many golf championships. She traveled the country, winning from California to New York. As a darling of the ‘Roaring Twenties’ along with Opal Hill, she drew national attention to Kansas City. Especially during the 1927 Women’s US Amateur. Eastern sportswriters like O.B. Keeler portrayed her as a beautiful “IT” girl who was surrounded by admirers of the opposite sex. Miriam, Tom Watson and Ellen Port are Kansas City’s three USGA champions. In 1930 at the age of 26, she followed Bobby Jones’ example of the same year, by retiring from competitive golf. After traveling the world with her second husband George Tyson, Miriam died of pneumonia in Kansas City at the age of 47 in 1951.

Kansas City Women’s Match Play Champion
1920 Mission Hills def Mrs E.R. McClelland
1921 Mission Hills def Esther Levy
1922 Meadow Lake def Mrs E.R. McClelland
1923 Milburn def Mrs O.C. Sullivan
1924 Blue Hills def Carolyn Lee
1927 Mission Hills def Opal Hill
1929 Blue Hills def Ann Webster

Medalist
1920 Mission Hills .......88
1922 Meadow Lake .......83
1923 Milburn .............86
1924 Blue Hills ...........78
1927 Mission Hills .......78
1929 Milburn .............84

USGA Women’s Amateur Champion
1927 Cherry Valley CC, Garden City, NY Quarterfinals
1924 Rhode Island CC

Women’s Western Amateur Champion
1923 Exmoor CC, Chicago
1930 Hillcrest CC, Kansas City

Women’s Trans-Miss Amateur Champion
1927 Blue Hills, Kansas City def Opal Hill 6&4 Runner-up
1928 Minikhada, Minneapolis lost to Opal Hill

Women’s Pebble Beach Amateur
Runner-up
1928 Pebble Beach lost to Marion Sollins 1 up (20)

Missouri Women’s Amateur
1920 Bellerive lost in semifinals Champion
1921 Blue Hills def Carolyn Lee
1922 Mission Hills def Carolyn Lee Match Play record: 13-1

1927 U.S. Women’s Amateur Final
At the eleventh green in the morning round of the final match, showing Miss Orcutt at the finish of a chip shot from the edge of the green, which landed the ball in the cup. Mrs. Horn retaliated by holing a ten-footer for a half.
Jim Colbert
b. March 9, 1941

Recognizable from anywhere on the golf course by his signature bucket hat and turned up collar, Jim Colbert distinguished himself as a tenacious player on both the PGA and Senior Tours.

Colbert turned professional in 1965 and entered the winners circle for the first time four years later at the Monsanto Open. His total of eight wins on the PGA Tour and twenty victories on the Senior Tour (including one major, the 1993 Senior Players Championship) span some 32 years.

He also scored victories in six team competitions (Diners Club matches and Legends of Golf) with partners Bob Murphy, Andy North and Jim Thorpe.

In addition to his success as a touring professional, Colbert was a golf analyst for ESPN for three years. He is president of Colbert Golf Design & Development, creators of Colbert Hills Golf Course in Manhattan, KS home of the K-State Wildcat golf teams.

He is a member of the Kansas Golf- and Kansas State Athletic- Halls of Fame.

Local Events
Kansas City Match Play
1959 quarterfinals Hillcrest

Heart of America 4 Ball
1962 medalist w/ Malcolm Johnson Oakwood
1963 quarterfinals w/ Matt Taber Blue Hills (old)
1964 Champions w/ Matt Taber KCCC

U.S. Amateur Qualifying
1961 2nd 73-70 Blue Hills (old)
1962 2nd 73-69 Mission Hills

U.S. Open Local Qualifying
1967 2nd 67-69 Indian Hills
1970 1st 70-69 Indian Hills

Missouri Amateur
Runner-up, 1962 Normandie CC, St. Louis
Champion, 1963 Hickory Hills CC, Springfield
Medalist, 1965 Meadowbrook CC, St. Louis
Won-lost record: 18-4 (1958-1965)

Kansas Amateur
Champion, 1965 Milburn CC
Medalist, 1965 Milburn CC

Professional Career
8 wins on the PGA Tour (1966-1990)
20 wins on the PGA Champions Tour (1991-2011)
Considered by many as “The Father of Kansas City Golf,” James Dalgleish emigrated to the United States from Scotland in 1896. In 1903 he moved to Kansas City to work as head professional at Evanston Golf Club. He was also the course designer.

A professional of that era was expected to be a club maker, greenkeeper, rules expert, teacher and tournament player. Dalgleish was all of those.

In 1912 Evanston acquired land south of town and hired Donald Ross to design a new course which would later be named Hillcrest. Dalgleish completed the Ross plan over the next four years. He would remain as professional at Hillcrest until 1924.

Dalgleish is credited with numerous course designs throughout the region from small-town Kansas to Swope Park. He was the owner, designer and head professional at the original St. Andrews course at 89th and Summit and designed Victory Hills in 1927.

He designed the original 1911 course at Swope Park, Log Cabin, James Dodson (privately owned), and Eastwood Hills.
“The Foursome” was a group of four African-American men who broke the color barrier at public golf courses in the Kansas City area. In March of 1950, George and Sylvester “Pat” Johnson, Reuben Benton and Leroy Doty laid their greens fee money on the counter of what is now Swope Memorial GC and said they were playing. Though the man at the counter told them they could not play because they were black, they teed off anyway.

After that, slashed tires and broken windows caused the men to have a fifth man stand guard over their car as they played the front nine. The man with the highest score then stood guard during the back nine.

Eventually other blacks began to play and the public courses of Kansas City slowly began to be fully integrated. This, three years after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball and four years before the Supreme Court’s Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision.

“The Foursome.”
(relatives and supporters at the 2014 induction at Indian Hills CC)
Doug Schroeder, KC Parks & Rec., Marion Watkins, Samuel Benton, Don Kuehn, Jenna Miller, Shomari Benton and Matt Roberts, Head Pro at Swope Memorial.

Two of “The Foursome.”
Reuben Benton and Leroy Doty
Marian Gault
1924 - 1996

From before WWII until the 1960’s Marian Gault was a leading contender in both the Kansas City Women’s Match Play and the Missouri Women’s Amateur. Marian received the KCGA Gof-fer Award in 1948, 1952, 1954, and 1955 as the areas top woman player. She was inducted into the Kansas City Amateur Hall of Champions in 1980. She was the first recipient of the Bernice Edlund Award from the Missouri Womens Golf Association in 1952 for outstanding conduct, demeanor and sportsmanship.

Beginning in the 1950s Marian was instrumental in starting the girls KCGA junior golf program. For 13 years Gault led the Kansas City Golf Association’s Junior Girls program. Thinking it would be a one or two year assignment, she was so successful in recruiting young players no one would accept her resignation until she finally called it quits in 1963.

The 1962 Missouri Amateur final was Marian’s last hurrah, pitting the teacher, 38, and one of her students. The student, Karen Schull, 21, prevailed, 2&1.

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Match Play record: 39-10

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Southwest HS ‘41
Gulf Park College ‘43
University of Arizona ‘45
Parsons School of Design, NYC
Member at Indian Hills CC, 1934-1996

Missouri Women’s Amateur
Champion
1952 Blue Hills def Shirley Chestnut 6&5
1955 Indian Hills def Jeannie Dobbin 6&4

Runner-up
1947 St. Joe CC lost to Jean Hutto 1 down
1948 Hillcrest lost to BJ Haemerle 7&5
1949 Hickory Hills lost to Betty Jane Broz 3&2
1962 Mission Hills lost to Karen Shull 2&1

Total Match Play Record: 36 wins, 9 losses.
In addition to his splendid record as a player, Duke Gibson was sought out by many of the best players in the area as a teaching professional, friend and mentor. As a seven-year-old, Tom Watson took lessons from Duke at the old Blue Hills course at 63rd and the Paseo.

Mr. Gibson served as Assistant Professional at the old Meadow Lake Country Club at 75th and State Line Road before moving to Swope Park No. 1, now Swope Memorial. After returning from active service in World War II, he was hired as Head Professional at old Blue Hills where he would serve for twenty-five years.

Mr. Gibson maintained his game well enough to make the cut in eight US Open Championships and played in the prestigious Masters Tournament eight times. He served his fellow professionals as President of the PGA Midwest Section for six terms.

1937 - 1939 - Asst. pro at Meadow Lake CC (75th & Stateline)
1939 - 1942 - Head pro at Swope Park GC
1942 - 1945 - U.S. Army Air Corps in WW II
1946 - 1971 - Head pro at Blue Hills CC

U.S. Open Sectional Qualifying
1934 Oakwood 1st 77-70 - 147
1941 Blue Hills 2nd 73-73 - 146
1946 Blue Hills 4th 68-71-74 - 223
1951 Milburn 1st 74-71 - 145
1952 Indian Hills T3rd 74-70 - 144
1953 Indian Hills 1st 68-71-74 - 223
1954 Indian Hills 2nd 68-70-78 - 216
1955 Kansas City CC 1st 72-68 - 140
1956 Blue Hills 1st 70-70-74 - 214
1957 Hillcrest 2nd 71-75 - 146

U.S. Open Local Qualifying
1960 Kansas City CC T4 67-76 - 143
1961 Indian Hills T2nd 72-70 - 142
1962 Indian Hills 5th 72-70-74 - 216
1963 Indian Hills T4th 69-76 - 145
1965 Indian Hills 5th 75-74 - 149
1966 Indian Hills 5th 74-74-74 - 222
1968 Indian Hills 1st 72-72 - 144
1969 Indian Hills T6th 73-74 - 147
1972 Indian Hills T4 72-72 - 144

The Masters
1946 78-80-75-75 - 308 43rd 0
1948 72-77-79-77 - 305 43rd 0
1949 78-73-72-74 - 294 T13 $275
1950 78-73-72-74 - 297 T14 $261
1951 74-74-75-78 - 301 T32 $100
1953 73-71-72-78 - 294 T23 $407
1954 75-77-78-75 - 305 T46 $250
1955 81-75-75-77 - 308 T43 $250

U.S. Open
1940 DQ at Canterbury CC (along with five others for starting early)
1946 74-71-78-72 - 295 T26 Canterbury
1947 69-76-73-71 - 289 T6 St. Louis CC
1948 71-76-69-74 - 290 T14 Rivera CC
1949 75-72-73-79 - 299 T35 Medinah #3
1952 73-76-72-76 - 297 T22 Northwood
1954 72-77-69-77 - 295 T18 Baltusrol
1955 76-78-76-74 - 304 T25 Olympic Club
1957 75-75-76-78 - 304 T48 Inverness

PGA
1947 lost in Semi-finals Plum Hollow, MI

Senior PGA
1959 Runner-up
Advised by her doctors to get more fresh air and exercise to combat a chronic kidney infection, Opal Hill took up the game of golf relatively late in her life (age 31). Under the watchful eye of Meadow Lake professional Al Lesperance, Mrs. Hill practiced her new-found love daily.

She went on to win four Trans-Miss titles, three Women’s Western Amateurs, the North-South Championship, three Missouri Women’s Amateurs, two Women’s Western Opens, fourteen various KC Women’s Championships and numerous regional tournaments.

Mrs. Hill played on the first three Curtis Cup teams representing the United States in matches against Great Britain.

With nothing left to prove among the amateur ranks, she became just the third American woman to turn professional and was one of the thirteen founding members of the Ladies Professional Golf Association in 1950.

When her playing career ended, Mrs. Hill spent nearly forty years teaching the game she loved to countless students at Hillcrest and the Kansas City Country Clubs.

Opal Hill was a member at three clubs during her career: Meadow Lake, Blue Hills and Indian Hills.

Curtis Cup
1932 Wentworth GC, England
1934 Chevy Chase CC, Maryland
1936 Gleneagles, Scotland

U.S. Women’s Amateur
Medalist
1930 Medalist (79) Los Angeles CC
1931 Medalist (82) CC of Buffalo, NY

Missouri Women’s Amateur
Champion
1935 Kansas City CC
1936 Algonquin CC
1937 Indian Hills CC

Trans-Miss Championship
1927 Runner-up Blue Hills
1928 Champion Minikada
1929 Champion Denver CC
1931 Champion St. Louis CC
1931 Medalist (76) St. Louis CC
1934 Champion Blue Hills
1935 Medalist (77) Omaha Field Club
1938 Runner-up Oakhurst CC Tulsa

Women’s Western Amateur
1929 Champion
1930 Medalist
1931 Champion Exmoor Club
1932 Champion

Women’s Western Open
1935 Champion Sunset Ridge, Chicago
1936 Champion Topeka CC

North and South
1928 Champion Pinehurst

Kansas City Women’s Match Play
Champion
1925 Indian Hills def Carolyn Lee
1926 Hillcrest def Esther Levy
1928 Meadow Lake def Mrs David Veitch
1933 Indian Hills def Mary E. Ford
1934 Milburn def Roxie Schenkman
1938 Indian Hills def Jean Pepper
Maxine played out of Belle Aire CC (Meadowbrook) from 1949-53. She was at Hillcrest after that. In 1949 at age 26 her competitive career began with Missouri and Kansas City tournaments.

In her thirteen year career she was in eleven final matches, winning nine of them. Karen MacGee remembers Maxine well as a fierce competitor, not above a little “gamesmanship” during matches, like standing unusually close to her opponents while they played a shot. Karen and Maxine played each other three times in Missouri Women’s Amateur matches, Maxine won only the first one in 1957 when Karen was 17.

Maxine Johnson
1923 -

1957
After defeating Karen MacGee in Joplin.

In later years; probably 1980s.

She retired from competitive golf at age 39 in 1962 and took up another competitive career. Tennessee Walking horses were her specialty in horse shows at the American Royal and other midwest events.

Kansas City Women’s Match Play
Three straight runner-ups to Marian Gault in KC Women’s Match Play.
Again runner-up in 1954 to Janet Severin.

Seven Championships:
1953 beat Mary Wilkin at Milburn
1955 beat Marie Belle Watson O’Hara at Swope
1957 beat Marian Gault at Lake Quivira
1959 beat Janet Sartain at Hillcrest
1960 beat Diane Wilson at Santa Fe Hills
1961 beat Jane Hyde at Mirror Lake
1962 beat Jane Hyde at Brookridge
Match Play record: 41-5

Missouri Women’s Amateur
1949 - lost 1st round to Frances Keating
1950 - lost 1st round to Claudia Fouke
1951 - Champion beat Georgia Schwartz
1952 - lost semifinals to Shirley Chestnut
1953 - lost semifinals to Marilyn Herpel Conroy
1955 - lost quarterfinals to Marilyn Herpel Conroy
1956 - Runner-up to Pat Rubelee
1957 - Champion beat Karen Schull
1958 - missed Champ. Flight (89)
1959 - lost quarterfinals to Karen Schull
1960 - lost semifinals to Karen Schull
1961 - lost semifinals to Marcella Rose
1962 - lost 2nd round to Karin Hayes
Match Play record: 25-11

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Few people know of the size and scope of the contributions to grow and promote local golf made by Frank Kirk. For more than five decades he has given generously of his time and financial resources to support organizations and causes that enhance the quality of golf and the lives of golfers in the Kansas City area.

Kirk is a graduate of the University of Kansas Law School and is Vice President and Senior Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch in Kansas City.

In the 1964 Kansas City Match Play, Kirk lost to the then 14 year-old Tom Watson, a match Watson often refers to as the turning point in his golf career. Knowing he could take on a man of Frank’s caliber convinced the young phenom that he just might have a future in the game. Kirk has served on the Board of Directors of the Kansas City Golf Association, Kansas Golf Association and Western Golf Association. He is a trustee of the Kansas Golf Foundation, the Midwest PGA Foundation and the Tom Watson Supporting Foundation.

He also gives freely of his time to the boards of the United Way, YMCA, Johnson County Community College and the Johnson County Community Foundation.

Perhaps no single individual is more responsible for the fantastic growth of the First Tee of Greater Kansas City than Kirk. As a principal founder, he has served on its Board of Directors and as President of the organization. Kirk has also been active in guiding the affairs of Blue Hills, Mission Hills, Wolf Creek and La Quinta Country Clubs as a board member and officer.
Born in St. Louis, Bill Ludwig was a standout golfer in High School, earning All-state honors in 1947. After college, he served in the U.S. Air Force (1951-1955). During his working years he moved frequently before settling down in Blue Springs in 1973.

Ludwig served on the Boards of Directors of the Kansas City Golf Association (1990-2012) and the Missouri Golf Association (1974-2008).

He was the lead person in USGA course rating team in Kansas City and central Missouri for more than two decades.

As a player, in 1974 he defeated Missouri Amateur Champion Dale Kutz to win the Kansas City Match Play Championship. He won the Missouri Senior Amateur in 1991, and the state Senior Four-ball with partner Jim Round in 1995. In 1992, at the age of 64 he qualified for match play in the Missouri Amateur, a record for oldest qualifier at the time.

In 2005, the Missouri House of Representatives passed Resolution #3995 recognizing Bill and Jacque Ludwig on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and noting Bill’s success as a golfer. He was inducted into the Missouri Golf Association Hall of Fame in 2008.

**Missouri Senior Amateur Champion**
- 1991 Lake Forest CC ........ 73-72 - 145

**Missouri Senior Four-Ball Champion**
- 1995 Lakewood Oaks w/ Jim Round

**Phil Cotton Senior Champion**
- 1994

**U.S. Open Local Qualifier**
- 1973 Indian Hills .......... 75-69 - 144

**U.S. Senior Amateur Qualifier**
- 1985 Milburn .................... 36-40 - 76
- 1986 Milburn ....................... 75
- 1988 Milburn ....................... 39-35 - 74
- 1989 Oakwood ...................... 38-37 - 75

**U.S. Senior Open**
- 1987 Brooklawn, Conn. ... 77-79 - 156
- 1988 Medinah, Chicago ... 82-83 - 165

**Kansas City Match Play Champion**
- 1974 Wolf Creek ...def Dale Kutz 1 up

**MGA & KCGA director from 1974 - 2008**

Leader of MGA & KCGA course rating team.

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1982 Midwest Section Cup Team:
Bill Ludwig on far right.
Karen Schull MacGee, born 1939, enjoyed a brilliant 27 year career in amateur golf, from 1955 until 1981. During those years she won the Missouri Women’s Amateur seven times and the Kansas Women’s Amateur five times. In addition, she was Missouri Amateur medalist three times and runner-up four times. Her record of 70-15 in Missouri Amateur matches won leads the second place player by 18 wins.

Karen was a quarterfinalist in the US Women’s Amateur in 1961 and the Trans-Miss in 1963 and 1965.

MacGee also won the Kansas City Women’s Match Play tournament eight times, between 1958 and 1980. Representing the University of Kansas in 1961, Schull was runner-up in the National Intercollegiate tournament in Ann Arbor, Michigan. On her way to the finals she defeated two Curtis Cup players, Judy Eller and JoAnne Gunderson, (later Carner) of the LPGA tour.

Karen was a pupil of Duke Gibson, HOF class of 2013, and gave much credit to Duke for her successes.

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| National Tournaments             | 1961 | Women’s Collegiate, runner-up, Ann Arbor, Michigan |
|                                  | 1961 | US Women’s Amateur, Tacoma, quarterfinals |
|                                  | 1963 | Trans-Miss quarterfinals, Denver |
|                                  | 1965 | Trans-Miss quarterfinals, Dubuque, Iowa |

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Known as the “dean” of golf course superintendents, Chet Mendenhall, a native of Kingman, Kansas began his career working for the Wichita Parks Department where he helped design and build his first golf course (Sim Park).

Taken by the process, Mendenhall attended night school to learn surveying, drafting and the related subjects he felt would help him design and build golf courses. Before he was done, he would build eleven courses in Kansas and Missouri and consult on many others.

Mr. Mendenhall became superintendent at the Wichita Country Club in 1928. In 1934, he accepted appointment as superintendent of Mission Hills Country Club in Kansas City where he served for thirty-one years until his retirement in 1965.

He was a charter member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Director of the association from 1940 - 1946; Vice President in 1947 and President in 1948. He received the organization’s Distinguished Service Award in 1986 and was honored by the USGA in 1990 with the Green Section Award.

The Mendenhall Award is given by the GCSAA in his memory, providing scholarships for deserving college students majoring in turfgrass research or golf course management.
Jean Pepper’s golf career was somewhat like Miriam Burns’, spanning only nine seasons, 1934-1942. But what a prime she had. Six Kansas City Match Play championships and three Missouri Amateurs in that decade.

The Peppers lived on Grandview Road, on the Oakwood grounds. Jean was the wife of the golf course superintendent at Oakwood Country Club. Jean Pepper (1903 - )

The Peppers had four children, two boys, two girls. Jean was the wife of the golf course superintendent at Oakwood Country Club.

She lost in the semifinals of the 1937 and 1938 Missouri Women’s Amateur before winning the next three years.

World War II interrupted this dazzling career. Who knows what it might have been with no war to intervene.

Kansas City Match Play

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<td>Milburn</td>
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<td>Hillcrest</td>
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Match Play record: 33-4

Missouri Women’s Amateur

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All scores were made from the “men’s tees”, the only tee in the era.

Match Play record: 22-3

Jean was the wife of the golf course superintendent at Oakwood Country Club.
Born in Webster Groves, Bob Reid served in the Army Air Corp during WW II, 1941-1945. He flew for TWA from 1945 until his retirement in 1980.

Bob served as Executive Director of the KCGA from 1982-1997. He also was the Missouri Golf Association Executive Director from 1982-1984. During the years 1982-1995 the KCGA was located in Mr. Reid’s home in Prairie Village. In 1995 the association had offices for the first time in the Ranch Mart shopping center.

Bob refereed the final match of the Missouri Amateur Championship 13 times. He was on the MGA Board of Directors 1982-2002.

He was also a USGA committee-man, 1970-1999. Bob worked more than twenty major tournaments, including the U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Senior Open and the Walker Cup.
Bob Stone was a PGA professional who won at least ten state opens in the midwest. He won a PGA tour event, the Florida Citrus Open in 1969. He was a USGA qualifier at least twelve times.

But perhaps his most famous accomplishment was a loss, not a win. The very first USGA Senior Open was held in 1981, perhaps coincidentally, the year Arnold Palmer turned 50. At Oakland Hills outside Detroit, Palmer, Billy Casper and Bob Stone tied for first place in the tournament. An 18 hole playoff resulted in Palmer winning with his score of 70, Bob Stone second with a 74.

Stone was also a teaching professional in the Kansas City area when not playing in tournaments. He was at Stayton Meadows, Crackerneck, Rockwood, Grain Valley as well as his own Bob Stone School of Golf in Independence.

Bob Stone was a Raytown High School graduate of 1949 and an Air Force veteran who served 1949-1953.

Descendants of Bob Stone (at the 2014 induction at Indian Hills CC)
Front Row: Jack Stone, Bob Stone, Jr., Alex Elkins, Janet Stone

Work Record
Head Professional at clubs listed
1956-1957 Princeton, Kentucky
1957-1958 Stayton Meadows
1958-1959 Sam Snead School of Golf
1960-1963 Junction City, Kansas
1964-1968 Rockwood CC
1968-1972 on the PGA Tour
1972-1974 Grain Valley CC
1974-1976 on the PGA Tour
1977-1980 Rockwood
1981-1990 on the PGA Senior Tour, representing Crackerneck GC
1990-1991 Bob Stone School of Golf Independence

Playing Record
Tournaments won
Missouri Open: 1975
Iowa Open: 1958, 1959, 1962
Kansas Open: 1962, 1963
Nebraska Open: 1960, 1963, 1966
Wisconsin Open: 1962
Florida Citrus Open: 1969 (PGA Tour win)
US Senior Open Qualifier: (2) 1981, 1983
US Senior Open, Oakland Hills, Birmingham, Michigan, 1981:
18 hole playoff for championship:
Arnold Palmer ....... 70
Bob Stone ............ 74
Billy Casper ............ 77
1st round leader of the 1972 PGA at Oakland Hills, Michigan.

Senior PGA Club Champion 1989.

Finished 7th at the 1965 Bob Hope Classic in Palm Springs, winning $2,850.

In 1963 he shot the course record of 62 at KCCC until Tom Watson shot 60 in 1990.

1980 PGA Golf Professional of the Year.

1992 Kansas Golf Hall of Fame

1995 Golf magazine’s top 100 teachers.

2011 PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame

Known to many as the man who taught a young Tom Watson the finer points of the game, Stan Thirsk was also an accomplished player who competed at the highest levels. A member of the PGA since 1957, his 29-year tenure as the Head Golf Professional at Kansas City Country Club would be reason enough to honor this statesman of the game.

When viewed in the context of his playing career in PGA and Senior PGA events, his induction into the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame, being named PGA Golf Professional of the Year in 1980, his status among his peers in the Midwest Section PGA and the regard in which he is held in the golf community at-large, his qualification for the Kansas City Golf Hall of Fame is indisputable.

U.S. Open Local Qualifying

1959 6 75-71
1962 2 69-72
1963 1 67-66
1964 1 66-72
1966 1 71-69
1967 1 67-68
1968 T3 74-72
1969 T6 72-75
1970 T9 75-73
1971 3 77-72
1972 T9 70-75
1973 T3 71-73
1974 1 74-65
1975 T1 68-71
1976 1 68-67
1977 1 67-71
1979 1 76-67
1980 3 70-73
1981 1 70-67
1982 2 74-71
1983 T4 71-76
1984 3 69-74
1985 T10 74-74
1986 T11 75-74

U.S. Open Sectional Qualifying

1958 T2 145 Blue Hills (old)
1959 T4 72-74 Kansas City CC
1962 1 67-71
1963 2 68-69
1966 T2 71-70
1967 T2 72-71
1975 1 68-70
1977 T4 71-73
1979 T3 73-68 Mission Hills

U.S. Senior Open Qualifying

1981 1 68 Oakwood
1983 1 67 Oakwood
1984 T2 73 Oakwood
1985 1 71 Oakwood
1987 T1 69 Mission Hills
1992 3 74 Hallbrook

PGA Championship

1962 MC 77-75 Aronomink GC, PA
1963 T63 73-74-73-79...Dallas Athletic Club
1965 MC 74-79 Laurel Valley, PA
1966 T37 74-77-70-75 Firestone, Akron
1968 MC 77-73 Pecan Valley, TX
1969 T73 73-75-75-75 NCR Club, Dayton
1971 MC 76-76
1972 T73 68-82-76-80...Oakland Hills, Mich
1976 T71 76-71-76-82 Congressional, Md.

Senior PGA Championship

1979 7 70-74-74-74 Disney World, Fl.
1979 T35 71-76-77-77 Turnberry Isle, Fla.
1980 T35 74-76-76-75 Turnberry Isle, Fla.
1982 T32 81-73-76-74 PGA National, Fl.
1984 76-76-74-70 PGA National, Fl.
1986 17 74-75-77-74 PGA National, Fl.
1988 T62 76-77-81-78 PGA National, Fl.
1989 T15 73-76-72-70 PGA National, Fl.
1993 44 72-73-71-79 PGA National, Fl.

PGA Professional National Championship

1968 T18 73-71-70-71 Road Runner CC, Az
1970 T46 73-72-77-74 Sunol Valley CC, CA
1971 T4 71-67-69-75 Pinehurst #1, NC
1973 T56 75-71-74-79 Pinehurst #3, NC
1974 T56 72-74-72-80 Pinehurst #3, NC
1975 T6 70-70-70-70 Callaway Gardens, GA
1977 T8 69-72-70-76 Callaway Gardens, GA
1980 T49 71-73-72-82 Frenchmen’s Creek, Fl.

Senior PGA Professional National Championship

1989 1 68-68-71-71 PGA National, Fl.
1990 T10 73-67-75-76 Ballenisles CC, Fl.
1991 T14 74-71-75-72 Ballenisles CC, Fl.
1992 T7 73-73-71-68 Ballenisles CC, Fl.
1993 T40 72-75-80-73 Ibis &G.CC, Fl.
1994 T54 75-76-79-75 Ibis &G.CC, Fl.
1995 T7 71-71-72 Ibis &G.CC, Fl.
1996 67 78-73-75-78 Ibis &G.CC, Fl.
1998 T60 74-80-72-78 Ibis &G.CC, Fl.
1999 T66 75-76-80-75 Ibis &G.CC, Fl.

U.S. Open

1958 MC Southern Hills
1959 MC Winged Foot
1962 MC Oakmont
1963 73-77-79-83 $325 The CC, Brookline
1966 72-79-72-82 $540 Olympic Club
Inducted into numerous Halls of Fame for his exceptional record as a professional golfer, his four Missouri Amateur Championships and the 1964 and 1967 Kansas City Match Play titles, Kansas Citians know Tom Watson as much for his humanitarian works as his outstanding performance on the course.

Few will forget either his iconic chip-in on the 17th hole at Pebble Beach in the 1982 US Open or his heartbreaking loss in the play-off for the 2009 Open Championship. But a career of nearly fifty years (including eight major championships, 39 PGA Tour titles, 13 Champions’ Tour victories, four-time Ryder Cup Team member -- twice Captain -- and five Champions’ Tour majors) cannot be summed up in a few brief memories.

For his efforts on behalf of Children’s Mercy Hospital, The First Tee of Greater Kansas City, Wounded Warriors and ALS Research among other worthy causes, in addition to his record as a course designer and player, the Board of Directors of the Kansas City Golf Association was proud to include Tom Watson in the inaugural (2013) class of the Kansas City Golf Hall of Fame.

Tom Watson
born September 4, 1949
Pembroke Country Day, 1967
Stanford, 1971

Kansas City Match Play
Champion
1964 Metro (old Blue Hills)

Missouri State High School
Champion
1966 Gustin GC, Columbia.................70
1967 Gustin GC, Columbia.................108

U.S. Junior Qualifying
1964 Indian Hills..........................73

U.S. Amateur Qualifying
1967 Kansas City CC ................... 75-71 - 146
1968 Kansas City CC .................... 69-69 - 138
1969 Kansas City CC .................... 71-66 - 137

Watson Challenge
2007 2nd Hallbrook* ..............75-71-68 - 214
2008 1st Milburn ......................71-74-70 - 215
2009 1st Shadow Glenn ............68-69-72 - 209
2010 1st Kansas City CC ..........65-69-134
2011 1st Blue Hills...............72-70-70 - 212
2012 4th Indian Hills..............72-69-71 - 212
2013 1st The National ............69-71-70 - 210
2014 2nd Loch Lloyd .............70-76-67 - 213
2016 2nd Hallbrook* ..............71-71-69 - 211
2017 13th Milburn ...................76-77-69 - 222
2018 2nd Shadow Glenn ...........67-72-70 - 209
* - lost playoff

Professional Career
39 wins on the PGA Tour
Eight Major Championships
1975 British Open ............... Carnoustie
1977 Masters ............... Augusta National
1977 British Open ............... Turnberry
1980 British Open ............... Muirfield
1981 Masters ............... Augusta National
1982 U.S. Open ............... Pebble Beach
1982 British Open ............... Royal Troon
1983 British Open ............... Royal Birkdale

14 wins on the PGA Champions Tour
Ryder Cup Captain, 1993, 2014

Missouri Amateur
Played eight times from 1964-1971.
Won-lost record of 27-3.
Champion
1967 St. Joseph CC ..........def Rod Horn 4 & 3
1968 Blue Hills ..def Dave Newquist 8 & 7
1970 Twin Oaks ..def Jim Jackson 2 & 1
1971 Milburn ............def Carl Ade 10 & 9
Medalist
1967 St. Joseph CC ............71-71 - 142

at age 14 in 1964

after first tour win in 1974