



Rob Wilkin

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Rob Wilkin has served the golfers of Johnson County for over 30 years, first as Assistant Professional at Wolf Creek and, since 1997, as Head Professional and General Manager of Heritage Park Golf Course in Overland Park, KS. But, among his peers, Wilkin is highly regarded as an accomplished player and consummate gentleman.

Eighteen times he has been named the Midwest Section PGA Player of the Year; he has won the section championship *nine* times; he has won the section senior championship *three* times; was Midwest Section Golf Professional of the Year in 2017; and was inducted into the Midwest Section PGA Hall of Fame in 2018.



Born in Ottumwa, IA, Wilkin attended Coffeyville Community College where he earned Junior College All-America honors, and graduated from the University of Kansas where he played on the golf team from 1981 to 1983.

Not all of Rob Wilkin's accomplishments have been within the immediate geographical area. He has played in ten major professional championships, making the cut and finishing T-59 at the 1988 US Open (where his 72 hole score bettered both legends Jack Nicklaus and Greg

Norman).

He competed in the 1991, 1997, 2000 and 2001 PGA Championships; played in the 2011 US Senior Open; and the 2012, 2015, 2016 and 2018 Senior PGA Championships.

Wilkin has been in the field for every Watson Challenge contested in Kansas City. In 2016 he took the first round lead and held on to take down the event's namesake (and 2013 Hall of Fame inductee), Tom Watson, in a five hole playoff for the title.

In recognition of his long service to the game and his accomplishments as a player and teacher, the Board of Directors of Central Links Golf is proud to honor Rob Wilkin as a member of the class of 2020 of the Kansas City Golf Hall of Fame.