



Stan Thirsk

(1928 - 2015)

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 Mid-west 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.

For his accomplishments as a player and teacher of the game, the Board of Directors is proud to include Stan Thirsk in the inaugural (2013) class of the Kansas City Golf Hall of Fame.



Mr. Thirsk's record:

Advanced through twenty-two US Open local qualifiers 1959-1986

Played in nine US Opens 1959-1979

Played in six US Senior Opens 1981-1992

Played in ten PGA Championships 1962-1978

Played in sixteen Senior PGA Championships 1979-1996

Senior PGA Professional National Champion 1989

Head Golf Professional Kansas City Country Club 1962-1997