



Stan Thirsk

(1928 -)

Long-time Professional and National Champion

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 35-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 qualifications for the Kansas City Golf Hall of Fame are indisputable.



Mr. Thirsk advanced through twenty-two US Open local qualifiers; played in nine US Opens between 1959 and 1979; played in ten PGA Championships from 1962 to 1978; played in six US Senior Opens, ten PGA Championships and sixteen Senior PGAs; and was the 1989 Senior PGA National Champion.