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The PGA of America - Golf Professional Hall of Fame

The PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame originated in 1940 at the suggestion of famed sportswriter Grantland Rice. Most of the original inductees were later enshrined at the PGA World Golf Hall of Fame in Pinehurst, N.C.

In 1993, The PGA of America ceased PGA World Golf Hall of Fame operations in Pinehurst and subsequently relocated to the World Golf Hall of Fame in St. Augustine, Fla. While all of the Pinehurst-enshrined members were transferred to the new World Golf Hall of Fame, there were some members of the PGA Hall of Fame who were not recognized at the new facility at the World Golf Village.

In 2003, The PGA opened the PGA Historical Center at PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, Fla., paving the way for the first home for the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame. It is the highest honor that The PGA of America can bestow upon its membership. The inaugural ceremony was conducted on Sept. 8, 2005, at the PGA Historical Center.

With the establishment of this Hall of Fame, the Association recognizes all PGA members who have made significant and lasting contributions to the building of The PGA of America and the game of golf.



The members of the 2006 class of the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame, inducted Dec. 8., in Port St. Lucie, Fla., are: (From left to right) PGA Honorary President Roger Warren, Bill Eschenbrenner, Dow Finsterwald, William Heald, Barbara Nicklaus (accepting for husband Jack Nicklaus), Manuel de la Torre and Gary Wiren.

Original Inductees	
Tom Addis III	Jim Albus

Willie Anderson	Tommy Armour
Dugan Aycock	Jim Barnes
Joe Black	Julius Boros
Mike Brady	Jim Brotherton Jr.
Billy Burke	Jack Burke Jr.
Warren Cantrell	Frank Cardì
James Ray Carpenter	Billy Casper
William Clarke	Ross Collins
Jack Connelly	Harry Cooper
Jerry Cozby	Bobby Cruickshank
Manuel de la Torre	Jimmy Demaret
Roberto DeVicenzo	Leo Diegel
Ed Dudley	Eddie Duino Sr.
Olin Dutra	Max Elbin
Gary Ellis	Bill Eschenbrenner
Johnny Farrell	Dow Finsterwald
Bob Ford	Doug Ford
Leo Fraser	John Gerring
Vic Ghezzi	Bill Gordon
Ralph Guldahl	Hubby Habjan
Walter Hagen	Charles Hall
Chick Harbert	Craig Harmon
Paul Harney	Chandler Harper
Dutch Harrison	William Heald
Bruce Herd	Ed Hoard
Ben Hogan	Jock Hutchison
Walker Inman Jr.	George Jacobus
Joe Jemsek	Martin T. Kavanaugh II
Mark Kizziar	Charles "Vic" Kline
Don Kotnik	Ron Letellier
Ken Lindsay	Lawson Little
Gene Littler	Tom Lo Presti
Hardy Loudermilk	Walter Lowell
Jack Mackie	Hank Majewski
Lloyd Mangrum	Will Mann
Johnny McDermott	Fred McLeod
Cary Middlecoff	Harry Moffitt
Tony Morosco	Howard Morrette
Ken Morton Sr.	Jerry Mowlds
Wally Mund	Dick Murphy
Byron Nelson	Jack Nicklaus
Joe Novak	David Ogilvie
Jock Olson	M.G. Orender
Warren Orlick	Don Padgett
Arnold Palmer	Harry Pezzullo
Henry Picard	Alex Pirie
Henry Poe	Bob Popp
Mickey Powell	David C. Price
Johnny Revolta	Patrick Rielly

Paul Runyan	Gene Sarazen
Harold Sargent	George Sargent
Tom Sargent	Gary Schaal
Harry Shepard	Grady Shumate
Denny Shute	Horton Smith
Alex Smith	Macdonald Smith
A. Hubert Smith	Warren Smith
Dick Smith	Randall Smith
Sam Snead	Don Soper
Bill Strausbaugh Jr.	Lou Strong
Stan Thirsk	Walter Travis
Ernie Vossler	Tom Walsh
Roger Warren	Lyle Wehrman
Robert White	Gary Wiren
Craig Wood	



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