

1960s GOLF STARS ★ HISTORY MAKER GOLF

(Date after the golfer's name denotes the year they turned professional)

GEORGE ARCHER (USA) 1964

Seven of Archer's 13 PGA Tour victories came in the 60s, including the 1969 Masters, and at 6 ft. 5½ in. he is the tallest ever golfer to win a major. Archer was barely able to read or write, and since his death in 2005, the Foundation set up in his name has raised more than \$1m to help those afflicted with learning disabilities.

JERRY BARBER (USA) 1942

Standing at just 5 ft. 5½ in. and often referred to in the media as "little Jerry Barber," he was one of the top putters of his era and recorded seven PGA Tour victories, including the PGA Championship in 1961.

MILLER BARBER (USA) 1958

Remembered for his unusual swing with a flying right elbow, Barber holds the record for combined PGA Tour and Champions Tour starts at 1,297. He won 11 times on the PGA Tour in the 1960s and 70s, and his 24 victories on the Champions Tour place him sixth on the all-time list.

JOHN BARNUM (USA) 1950

Tall and thick set, 'Big John' Barnum played part-time on the PGA Tour in the 1950s and 60s, and is one of only seven golfers ever to win a PGA Tour event after turning 50, and the *only* player to win his first PGA Tour event past the age of 50 (the Cajun Classic, in 1962).

FRANK BEARD (USA) 1962

The businesslike and bespectacled Beard had 11 wins on the PGA Tour, eight of which came in the 60s, and he topped the official money listings in 1969. He is probably best known as the author of *Pro*, the revealing story of his year on the tour in 1969.

DEANE BEMAN (USA) 1967

Beman was a short hitter by top-class standards but possessed an outstanding short game. He won four times on the PGA Tour between 1969 and 1973, and after injuries curtailed his playing career, he served as the second commissioner of the PGA Tour from 1974 until 1994.

TOMMY BOLT (USA) 1946

Bolt did not turn professional until he was 30 but still managed 15 victories on the PGA Tour, including the 1958 U.S. Open. Nicknamed "Thunder" and "Terrible Tommy" due to his fiery disposition and penchant for throwing – and even breaking! – clubs during rounds.

JULIUS BOROS (USA) 1949

Noted for his effortless-looking swing and quick pace of play, Boros won 18 times on the PGA Tour in the 1950s and 60s, including the U.S. Open in 1952 and 1963, and – at the age of 48 – the PGA Championship in 1968.

GAY BREWER (USA) 1956

Known for his jovial personality and his unusual 'loopy' golf swing, Brewer won nine times on the PGA Tour in the 1960s, culminating with the 1967 Masters, which was the first golf tournament to be broadcast live on television from the United States to Europe.

JACK BURKE, JR. (USA) 1941

Most prominent in the 1950s, Burke won 16 PGA Tour events, including both the Masters and PGA Championship in 1956. At the Masters, he rallied from a remarkable eight strokes behind to overtake the then-amateur Ken Venturi in the final round.

JOE CAMPBELL (USA) 1958

A highly successful amateur golfer, Campbell turned professional in 1958, joined the PGA Tour in 1959 and competed for 14 years. He received Golf Digest's Rookie-of-the-Year award in 1959. His 43 top ten finishes included three wins, seven runner-up and six third-place finishes.

BILLY CASPER (USA) 1954

Respected for his extraordinary putting and short-game skills, Casper was one of the most prolific tournament winners in PGA Tour history. He won 51 times between 1956 and 1975, placing him seventh on the all-time list, and his victories included three majors: the U.S. Open in 1959 and 1966 and the Masters in 1970.

BOB CHARLES (New Zealand) 1960

One of the most successful left-handed golfers of all time, Charles was the first lefty to win a major (1963 Open Championship), and he won more than 70 titles over the course of his career, including six victories on the PGA Tour between 1963 and 1974.

CLIVE CLARK (England) 1965

Clark finished tenth on the European Tour Order of Merit in the tour's first official season in 1972 and was a member of the 1973 Great Britain & Ireland Ryder Cup team. He left the European Tour in the late 1970s and became well known as a commentator for the BBC and CBS.

NEIL COLES (England) 1950

Remarkable for his consistency and durability, Coles claimed 50 professional wins and was five times a top-ten finisher in the Open Championship. Even at the peak of his career though, he made few appearances in the United States because of his fear of flying.

BILL COLLINS (USA) 1951

Collins won four events on the PGA Tour between 1959 and 1962 and was a member of the victorious American Ryder Cup team in 1961, but back surgery in 1963 limited both his appearances and effectiveness thereafter.

CHARLES COODY (USA) 1963

Coody won only three times on the PGA Tour, but one of those victories came at the 1971 Masters. He had seven other top ten finishes at major championships, but there were to be no further wins on Tour after his triumph at Augusta.

CHUCK COURTNEY (USA) 1963

Courtney played on the PGA Tour for more than a decade in the 1960s and 70s, recording two wins and more than two dozen top ten finishes.

BRUCE CRAMPTON (Australia) 1953

Bruce Crampton had 14 career wins on the PGA Tour between 1961 and 1975 and was runner up in four major championships – one Masters, one U.S. Open, and two PGA Championships – all to Jack Nicklaus.

JACKY CUPIT (USA) 1960

Cupit had four victories on the PGA Tour between 1961 and 1966 and won the PGA's Rookie of the Year award in 1961. His best finish in a major was runner-up at the U.S. Open in 1963, when he and Arnold Palmer lost to Julius Boros in a three-way playoff.

ROBERTO DE VICENZO (Argentina) 1938

Won a record 230 professional tournaments worldwide in his career, including eight on the PGA Tour and, most famously, the 1967 Open Championship. However, he is perhaps best remembered for signing an incorrect scorecard that kept him out of a playoff for the 1968 Masters Tournament.

BRUCE DEVLIN (Australia) 1961

During his PGA Tour career, Devlin had eight victories, all of which occurred between 1964 and 1972, and he also recorded 16 top ten finishes in major championships between 1964 and 1982.

GARDNER DICKINSON (USA) 1952

Nicknamed the "Slim Man" because of his 5-foot-10-inch, 130-pound frame, Dickinson won seven times on the PGA Tour and was one of the founders of the Senior PGA Tour (now Champions Tour). He played on the 1967 and 1971 Ryder Cup teams and holds the record for best winning percentage (minimum of seven matches).

DALE DOUGLASS (USA) 1960

Douglass won just three times in almost 25 years on the PGA Tour, but his fortunes improved dramatically after the age of 50, with 11 wins in just over 10 years on the Senior PGA Tour.

DON FAIRFIELD (USA) 1948

Fairfield enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War, and after returning from service he played full-time on the PGA Tour between 1956 and 1963, winning three times.

DOW FINSTERWALD (USA) 1951

Best known for winning the 1958 PGA Championship, Finsterwald won 11 Tour titles between 1955 and 1963, played on four Ryder Cup teams, and served as non-playing captain for the 1977 U.S. Ryder Cup team.

JACK FLECK (USA) 1939

Fleck served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and took part in the D-Day landings. He won three times on the PGA Tour in the 1950s and early 60s, the first of which came at the 1955 U.S. Open at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, where he beat his idol, Ben Hogan, by three strokes in an 18-hole Sunday playoff.

MARTY FLECKMAN (USA) 1967

While still an amateur, Fleckman played in the U.S. Open at Baltusrol in 1967 and led after the first and third rounds, but he shot 80 on Sunday and finished tied for 18th place. Later in the same year Fleckman won the Cajun Classic in his first start on the PGA Tour, his first – and only – victory as a professional.

RAYMOND FLOYD (USA) 1961

Ray Floyd notched 22 victories in a long career on the PGA Tour, with five of those victories coming in the 1960s, culminating with the 1969 PGA Championship, the first of his four majors. Floyd's short game was considered exemplary, and he is often acknowledged as one of the greatest chippers the game has ever seen.

DOUG FORD (USA) 1949

Despite not turning pro until he was 27 years of age, Ford ended his career with 19 wins on the PGA Tour, including two major championships, the 1955 PGA Championship and the 1957 Masters. In his youth, he showed enough promise as a baseball player that he received a contract offer from the New York Yankees.

AL GEIBERGER (USA) 1959

Al Geiberger won 11 tournaments on the PGA Tour, including the 1966 PGA Championship, but he is perhaps best known for becoming the first player to post a score of 59 on Tour, at the Danny Thomas Memphis Classic in 1977.

BOB GOALBY (USA) 1952

Goalby won 11 times on the PGA Tour between 1958 and 1971, and famously won the 1968 Masters when Roberto De Vicenzo, with whom he was tied after 72 holes, signed for an incorrect scorecard to give Goalby a one-stroke victory. Goalby's nephew is 9-time PGA Tour winner, Jay Haas.

BERT GREENE (USA) 1966

Tall and lean, Greene played on the PGA Tour from 1967 to 1975. His one Tour victory, the 1973 Liggett Myers Open, came less than a year after he had accidentally shot himself in the foot when a pistol in his golf bag discharged whilst he was loading the bag into his car.

PAUL HARNEY (USA) 1954

After serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, Harney played full-time on the PGA Tour from 1955 to 1962, and part-time from 1963 to 1973. He won six Tour events and also recorded six top ten finishes at major championships.

JAY HEBERT (USA) 1949

Won seven times on the PGA Tour between 1957 and 1961, including the 1960 PGA Championship, a tournament that had been won by his younger brother, Lionel, in 1957. Hebert was wounded in the left thigh at the Battle of Iwo Jima and awarded a Purple Heart.

LIONEL HEBERT (USA) 1950

Lionel Hebert won five times on the PGA Tour between 1957 and 1966, including the PGA Championship in 1957, the last edition held at match play.

HAROLD HENNING (South Africa) 1953

Nicknamed 'The Horse', Henning was born into a golfing family, with his three brothers also playing professionally. A much-travelled golfer, Henning won 41 events internationally during his career, including two victories on the PGA Tour in 1966 and 1970.

DAVE HILL (USA) 1958

Dave Hill, whose younger brother, Mike, also played on the PGA Tour, won 13 times between 1961 and 1976, but he was perhaps better known for his quick wit and biting sarcasm. He frequently led the tour in fines and was once suspended for two months after he deliberately broke his putter on national television.

BRIAN HUGGETT (Wales) 1951

Huggett won sixteen events on the European circuit, including two after the formal start of the European Tour in 1972. He also played in the Ryder Cup six times, and in 1970 was ranked as high as tenth in the world.

BERNARD HUNT (England) 1946

Hunt was a leading player on the European circuit in the 1950s and 1960s. He topped the Order of Merit three times, and between 1953 and 1969 he represented Great Britain in the Ryder Cup eight times out of nine.

TONY JACKLIN (England) 1962

Jacklin was the most successful British player of his generation, winning two major championships, the 1969 Open Championship and the 1970 U.S. Open. He was also Ryder Cup captain from 1983 to 1989, Europe winning two and tying another of these four events.

TOMMY JACOBS (USA) 1956

Jacobs won four PGA Tour events between 1958 and 1964, and twice finished runner-up in major championships, first at the 1964 U.S. Open and then at the 1966 Masters, where he and Gay Brewer lost to Jack Nicklaus after an 18-hole Monday playoff.

DON JANUARY (USA) 1956

January won ten PGA Tour titles, most notably the 1967 PGA Championship. During the 1963 Phoenix Open, he had a putt stop on the lip of the hole; he waited for seven minutes for the ball to drop (it never did), and the rules of golf were changed as a consequence so that now players must tap the ball in within ten seconds.

GEORGE KNUDSON (Canada) 1958

Knudson, along with Mike Weir, holds the record for the Canadian with the most wins on the PGA Tour, with eight career victories. Knudson's best finish in a major championship was a tie for second at the 1969 Masters, one shot behind champion George Archer.

TONY LEMA (USA) 1955

A tall, handsome man, "Champagne Tony" was hugely popular and had 12 victories on Tour, including the 1964 Open Championship, before tragedy struck in 1966 when his private jet ran out of fuel and crashed landed on a golf course in Lansing, near Chicago. All on board died, including Lema and his wife Betty. He was only 32.

GENE LITTLER (USA) 1954

In a career of sustained excellence, Littler won 29 PGA Tour tournaments, including the 1961 U.S. Open, and represented the U.S. in seven Ryder Cups. Only once from 1954 to 1979 did he finish out of the top 60 on the money list, and that was in 1972, when he was sidelined by surgery to remove a cancerous lymph node.

DAVIS LOVE, JR. (USA) 1960

Father of Davis Love III, Davis Love Jr. spent most of his professional career as a respected teaching professional. He never played full-time on the PGA Tour, but he played in 13 major championships and finished tied for sixth place at the 1969 British Open.

BOB LUNN (USA) 1965

Lunn's best years in professional golf were 1968-72, during which time he won six tournaments on the PGA Tour and appeared in the top 60 on the money list in each of those years.

DAVE MARR (USA) 1953

Perhaps more well known for his work as a golf analyst for ABC in the 1970s and 80s, Marr won three times on the PGA Tour, with the last of those victories coming at the 1965 PGA Championship, played at Laurel Valley, PA, the home course of his close friend, Arnold Palmer.

DON MASSENGALE (USA) 1960

Massengale had two wins and 32 top ten finishes on the PGA Tour, with both his victories coming in 1966. His best finish in a major was a 2nd at the 1967 PGA Championship where he lost to Don January in an 18-hole playoff. Massengale's younger brother, Rik, won three times on the PGA Tour in the 1970s.

BILLY MAXWELL (USA) 1954

After serving in the U.S. Army, Maxwell began a professional golf career in 1954 that saw him win seven times on the PGA Tour and finish eight times in the top ten at the Masters, U.S. Open and PGA Championship.

BOB McCALLISTER (USA) 1959

McCallister played full-time on the Tour throughout the 1960s after serving in the U.S. Army, winning twice and recording 18 top ten finishes. He retired in 1969 after being affected by early onset arthritis.

ORVILLE MOODY (USA) 1967

Moody gave up his military career in favour of a run at professional golf – his nickname on the Tour was “Sarge” – and his sole victory on the PGA Tour came at the 1969 U.S. Open, which he won having come through local and sectional qualifying.

BOB MURPHY (USA) 1967

Murphy won the U.S. Amateur in 1965 whilst still a student at the University of Florida, and after turning professional he won five tournaments on the PGA Tour between 1968 and 1986.

KEL NAGLE (Australia) 1946

Nagle won 94 professional tournaments around the world during his long career and won at least one tournament each year from 1949 to 1975, but he is best known for his shock victory at The Open Championship in 1960.

BOBBY NICHOLS (USA) 1960

Won 12 times on the PGA Tour, including the 1964 PGA Championship. In his youth, Nichols recovered from serious injuries sustained in an automobile accident resulting from a 100-mph joy ride, and in 1975 he, Jerry Heard, and Lee Trevino all survived unscathed after being struck by lightning at the Western Open.

JACK NICKLAUS (USA) 1961

“The Golden Bear” is widely considered to be the greatest golfer of all time, with 73 PGA Tour victories, including a record 18 majors. His first professional victory came at the 1962 U.S. Open, and when he won the Open Championship in 1966, he became, at age 26, the youngest player to complete a career Grand Slam.

TOM NIEPORTE (USA) 1953

He played full-time on the PGA Tour for five years, but like most professional golfers of his generation, he spent most of his career earning his living as a club pro. Nieporte won three PGA Tour events between 1959 and 1967, and his best finish in a major was T5 at the 1964 PGA Championship.

CHRISTY O'CONNOR, SR. (Ireland) 1951

Sufficiently revered in his home country to be known simply as “Himself,” O'Connor recorded 64 professional victories, finished in the top ten at the Open Championship on ten occasions, and competed in every Ryder Cup between 1955 and 1973.

ARNOLD PALMER (USA) 1954

Generally regarded as one of the greatest and most charismatic players in the history of golf. “The King” won 62 PGA Tour titles, including seven majors, from 1955 to 1973 and is widely credited, along with Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, with popularizing and commercializing the sport around the world during the 1960s.

GARY PLAYER (South Africa) 1953

Widely considered to be one of the greatest golfers ever, Player won over 150 professional tournaments on six continents, including 24 victories on the PGA Tour between 1958 and 1978. He won nine majors, and he is the only non-American to win the career Grand Slam.

JOHNNY POTT (USA) 1956

Pott won five times on the PGA Tour in the 1960s, and he was a member of three Ryder Cup teams; 1963, 1965, and 1967, although he injured his back in 1965 and did not play. His best finish in a major was T-5 at the 1961 PGA Championship.

DAVE RAGAN (USA) 1956

Ragan played on the PGA Tour in the late 1950s and 1960s, winning three times. He finished second to Jack Nicklaus in the 1963 PGA Championship and was a member of the 1963 Ryder Cup team.

DAI REES (Wales) 1929

Rees' career spanned from the 1930s to the 1960s. He won numerous tournaments in Britain, Europe and South Africa, and finished as runner-up in three Open Championships. He played in nine Ryder Cups and was captain on five occasions, famously leading the British team to a rare victory in 1957,

PHIL RODGERS (USA) 1961

Rodgers won five times on the PGA Tour between 1962 and 1966, and at the 1963 Open Championship he lost to Bob Charles in a 36-hole playoff. After a stint on the Senior PGA Tour, Rodgers became a much sought-after teacher, specializing in the short game, with one of his first pupils being Jack Nicklaus.

JUAN ANTONIO (“CHI CHI”) RODRIGUEZ (Puerto Rico) 1960

Recorded 37 professional victories, including 8 on the PGA Tour between 1963 and 1979. A natural showman, he quickly became a fan favourite for his habit of covering the hole with his straw hat after making a birdie, or waving his putter like a swordsman after holing a putt of any length.

BOB ROSBURG (USA) 1953

Rosburg won six times on the PGA Tour, his biggest win being the 1959 PGA Championship, where he came from six strokes behind entering the final round. Rosburg went on to become a commentator for ABC Sports Television, pioneering the now-common practice of roving on the golf course and reporting from the fairways.

MASON RUDOLPH (USA) 1958

Rudolph joined the PGA Tour in 1959 and was Rookie of the Year, and he went on to win five official PGA Tour events during his career. Known for his consistency, he made the cut in 409 of 430 career starts, was in the money in 52 straight events, and once went 105 consecutive tournaments without hitting a ball out of bounds.

JACK RULE (USA) 1961

Following a successful amateur career, Rule turned professional at the start of the 1960s and played on the PGA Tour full-time between 1962 and 1967, winning twice and recording 19 top ten finishes.

DOUG SANDERS (USA) 1956

Known as the “Peacock of the Fairways” for his flamboyant dress sense, Sanders won 20 times on the PGA Tour between 1956 and 1972 and had 13 top ten finishes in majors. He lost the 1970 Open Championship in a playoff to Jack Nicklaus after missing a 30-inch putt on the final hole for the title.

TOM SHAW (USA) 1962

Shaw won four PGA Tour events and had over two dozen top ten finishes. In 1966, he was seriously injured in a car accident on the way to the Bob Hope Classic, but he recovered and enjoyed his best year on Tour in 1971, when he won twice and finished 15th on the money list.

CHARLIE SIFFORD (USA) 1948

In 1961, Charlie Sifford became the first African-American to play on the PGA Tour, going on to win the 1967 Greater Hartford Open and the 1969 Los Angeles Open, and in 2004 he became the first African-American to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

DAN SIKES (USA) 1960

Sikes won six PGA Tour events, with his career year being 1967, when he won twice and was fifth on the money list. Known as the "golfing lawyer" (he was a qualified lawyer but never actually practiced), he was the chairman of the tournament players committee in the late 1960s, prior to the formation of the modern PGA Tour.

R.H. SIKES (USA) 1964

Richard Horace Sikes (no relation to Dan) had a stellar amateur and college career before joining the PGA Tour in 1964. He won twice on Tour and recorded 43 top ten finishes in total between 1964 and 1971.

SAM SNEAD (USA) 1934

"Slammin' Sammy" was said to have had the "perfect swing" and is widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time. He won seven majors and a record 82 PGA Tour titles in all (a number since equalled by Tiger Woods), and in 1965 he became, at 52 years and 10 months, the oldest winner of a PGA TOUR event.

MIKE SOUCHAK (USA) 1952

Souchak won 15 times on the PGA Tour between 1955 and 1964, and whilst he never won a major, he had eleven top ten finishes at major championships, including third place at the U.S. Open in both 1959 and 1960.

STEVE SPRAY (USA) 1964

Spray recorded one victory and 14 top ten finishes on the PGA Tour between 1966 and 1972 and finished T5 at the 1968 U.S. Open. He was hampered by injuries during the last years of his career, including tendinitis in his left thumb that forced him to change his grip and back surgery that caused him to miss almost all of 1974.

KEN STILL (USA) 1953

Still played in 489 events during a long career on the PGA Tour, winning three times and finishing in the top ten on 42 occasions. Two of those top ten finishes came at major championships: a fifth-place finish at the 1970 U.S. Open, and a T-6 at The Masters in 1971.

DAVE STOCKTON (USA) 1964

Renowned as a great putter, Stockton won ten times on the PGA Tour between 1967 and 1976, including two PGA Championships in 1970 and 1976. Stockton's son, Dave Jr., also played professionally on the PGA Tour.

DAVE THOMAS (Wales) 1949

Thomas was one of Britain's leading golfers during the 1950s and 1960s and was runner-up at The Open Championship in 1958 and 1966. He was renowned for his long, straight, driving, and once hit a drive during a practice round for the 1967 Open at Hoylake onto the green at the 420-yard second hole.

PETER THOMSON (Australia) 1949

An infrequent competitor on the PGA Tour, Thomson was a prolific tournament champion around the world, winning 95 professional tournaments during his career. He won the Open Championship five times between 1954 and 1965, including three times in succession in 1954, 1955 and 1956.

LEE TREVINO (USA) 1960

Known for his unorthodox, compact swing and for his sense of humour, "Supermex" is regarded as one of the greatest shot-makers in golf history, winning 92 career titles, including six majors and 29 events on the PGA Tour between 1968 and 1984.

KEN VENTURI (USA) 1956

Venturi first gained national attention in 1956 when, at age 24, he finished second in the Masters while still an amateur. He eventually won 14 events on the PGA Tour, including the 1964 U.S. Open, and after injuries forced his retirement from playing in 1967, he spent the next 35 years working as a commentator and analyst for CBS.

ERNIE VOSSLER (USA) 1954

Vossler won three times on the PGA Tour between 1958 and 1960, and in 1958 he finished T-5 at the U.S. Open. Later in life he became widely known as one of golf's leading course designers and developers.

ART WALL, JR. (USA) 1953

Wall won 14 times on the PGA Tour, including the 1959 Masters, with his last win coming in 1975 at the age of 51 years and seven months, making him the second-oldest ever winner on Tour behind Sam Snead. Wall is also notable for sinking 45 holes-in-one in his career (including casual rounds), a world record for many years.

TOM WEISKOPF (USA) 1964

He won 16 PGA Tour titles between 1968 and 1982, including the 1973 Open Championship at Royal Troon, and was also a four-time runner-up at The Masters and had a T2 finish at the 1976 U.S. Open. Weiskopf stood at 6 ft.3 in., and his displays of temper on the golf course earned him the nickname of "The Towering Inferno".

BO WININGER (USA) 1952

Wininger won six times on the PGA Tour between 1955 and 1963 and also recorded several runner-up finishes. His best finish at a major was fourth place at the 1965 PGA Championship, but two years later, at the age of just 45, he died after suffering a stroke.

JIMMY WRIGHT (USA) 1961

A career club professional, Wright played part-time on the PGA Tour between 1962 and 1972, with his most notable achievement being a fourth-place finish at the 1969 PGA Championship.

DUDLEY WYSONG (USA) 1963

Wysong recorded two wins and 16 top ten finishes on the PGA Tour, which he played full-time between 1963 and 1970. He twice finished in the top ten at a major championship, including a runner-up finish at the 1966 PGA Championship.

BERT YANCEY (USA) 1960

Yancey, who suffered from bipolar disorder, won seven PGA Tour events between 1966 and 1972, and also had six top-5 finishes in major championships. Yancey's illness resurfaced in 1974 and led him to be involved in a series of bizarre incidents, for which he was at various times arrested, incarcerated, and institutionalized.