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Michael Brennan

Things To Know

- Earned his second PGA TOUR title with a three-stroke victory at the 2026 Wyndham Championship, a victory which propelled him into the 2026 FedExCup Playoffs after he began the week at No. 105 in the FedExCup standings. Marked his second PGA TOUR win in 29 career starts on TOUR. The Wake Forest University alum noted he visited campus Monday of tournament week. Also noted his younger brother, Sean, won the club championship at their longtime home course, River Creek Club, mere hours before his win at Sedgfield Country Club.
- Earned his first PGA TOUR title at the 2025 Bank of Utah Championship, where he won as a sponsor exemption in his third career TOUR start and first TOUR start as a professional. At the time, was the seventh player since 1970 to earn his first PGA TOUR win within his first three career starts, following a group of players which included Seve Ballesteros (1978 Wyndham Championship), Russell Henley (2013 Sony Open in Hawaii), and Matt McCarty (2024 Bank of Utah Championship). Prior to the career-altering win, Brennan was in line to play the 2026 Korn Ferry Tour season with fully exempt status as the No. 1 finisher from the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Points List.
- In his first full season as a professional, finished No. 1 on the 2025 PGA TOUR Americas Points List off the strength of three victories and nine additional top-10s. Brennan's three victories all came in a span of four starts in August and September. Prior to the first of his three wins, Brennan stood No. 418 in the Official World Golf Ranking. Upon conclusion of the season-ending 2025 Fortinet Cup Championship in late September, Brennan rose to No. 107 in the OWGR.
- Although Brennan finished No. 18 on the 2024 PGA TOUR Americas Points List as a rookie with five top-10s in 10 starts; he lost a five-stroke lead in the final seven holes of the season-ending 2024 Fortinet Cup Championship, where a victory would have moved him into the top 10 of the PGA TOUR Americas Points List and secured him Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2025 season. In a three-hole stretch (Nos. 12-14) in the final round at TPC Toronto, Brennan made (in succession) a bogey, double bogey, and quadruple bogey. Brennan said the final round ate at him for a month, though he now refers to it as one of the most important learning experiences of his career, noting the collapse taught him how to handle the pressure of a lead.
- Michael returned to TPC Toronto nearly a year later for the 2025 Osprey Valley Open, where he got the chance to play the same hole that he quadruple bogeyed at the 2024 Fortinet Cup Championship. Although the Osprey Valley Open was played at TPC Toronto's Heathlands Course, Michael participated in a content shoot at the North Course to replay the par-3 14th.
- Finished No. 12 in the 2024 PGA TOUR University Ranking after four seasons at Wake Forest University (2020-24), where he earned eight individual victories, highlighted by back-to-back wins at the 2023 and 2024 Atlantic Coast Conference Championships. Brennan's collegiate victories included the 2021 Wake Forest Invitational contested at Pinehurst No. 2. Brennan's eight wins were tied with 17-time PGA TOUR winner Curtis Strange for third in program history, only behind three-time PGA TOUR winner Gary Hallberg (nine) and 2011 FedExCup champion Bill Haas (10). Performance benefits for Brennan's finish in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2024 included PGA TOUR Americas membership.

Background

- Began playing golf at four years old at River Creek Club in his longtime hometown of Leesburg, Virginia, which is roughly 40 miles northwest of Washington, D.C. His father, Michael, played amateur golf throughout his adult years and was known to bring his son to the range in a stroller.
- Says of River Creek Club, "Really, really fond memories playing with my family, brother, and a bunch of friends out there. It's a very calming and peaceful place to me. When I try to imagine hitting shots, just a 7-iron I would hit at River Creek, makes me feel a little bit better out on the golf course."
- Played multiple sports growing up - basketball, football, lacrosse, soccer - before committing fully to golf, as he didn't want to specialize in one sport too early. Basketball was perhaps Brennan's favorite of the other sports; he was a shooting guard.
- Attended The Academies of Loudoun, a STEM-focused high school which he had to test into during middle school. The Academies of Loudoun is comprised of three schools on one campus: Monroe Advanced Technical Academy, Academy of Engineering and Technology, and Academy of Science. Michael loved math and science, so he studied engineering at the Academy of Engineering and Technology. Played his high school golf at nearby Tuscarora High School in his longtime hometown of Leesburg, Virginia.
- For his "sophomore year project" at The Academies of Loudoun, worked on a theoretical project focused on improving scoliosis treatment, specifically the brace-fitting process, which is a time-consuming process for patients. Brennan and his team developed the concept of a compression-fitting shirt with sensors to calculate body alignment, earning second place in the academy's competition based on feasibility and creativity.
- Hoped to continue studying engineering in college, but realized throughout the recruiting process the demands of college golf would conflict with such a rigorous major, so he shifted his focus to economics upon enrolling at Wake Forest University.
- Won three consecutive Middle Atlantic Amateur Championships (2017, 2018, 2019). Past champions of the event include PGA TOUR winner Billy Hurley III (2004), 21-time TOUR winner Davis Love III (1984), eight-time TOUR winner Fred Funk (1979), and former PGA TOUR commissioner Deane Beman (1962, 1963).
- Won the 2019 Virginia State Golf Association Amateur Championship. Past champions of the event include 21-time PGA TOUR winner Lanny Wadkins (1970), 17-time TOUR winner Curtis Strange (1974, 1975), three-time TOUR winner John Rollins (1997), and TOUR winner Billy Hurley III (2004, 2005).
- Totaled a 71.46 career scoring average across his four seasons at Wake Forest University (2020-24), which, upon exhaustion of his eligibility, ranked fourth in program history in records dating back to 1981. Brennan's average only trailed Alex Fitzpatrick (70.94 from 2018-22), 2011 FedExCup champion Bill Haas (70.87 from 2000-04), and PGA TOUR winner Will Zalatoris (70.44 from 2015-18).
- Cited the team title at the 2022 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship as the proudest and most exciting moment of his collegiate career. It marked Wake Forest's first conference title since 1989.

Family

- Parents are Michael and Shannon Brennan. Prior to their retirements, Michael worked as an air traffic controller for the FAA, while Shannon was a property manager for AvalonBay, a multifamily real estate investment trust.

- Shannon played volleyball in high school and got into the game of golf when she met her husband, Michael. Roughly 12 years after retiring and leaving the real estate industry, Shannon earned an expert rules certification from the USGA and became a volunteer on the Middle Atlantic Golf Association Rules Committee. Shannon, who scored over 90 on her rules exam, has served as a rules official for collegiate and amateur tournaments in the region.
- Michael (son) remembers Shannon studying for her exams by constantly quizzing the family with different rules scenarios. Michael smiles as he recalls how most of them were "super obscure ruling situations."
- Younger brother, Sean, is both Michael's best friend and biggest inspiration. Sean was born with an underdeveloped right femur. Though not genetic, the condition has required more than five major procedures and numerous surgeries, often involving year-long recovery processes. Despite the challenges, Sean has maintained an incredibly positive attitude, never sought special treatment, and served as a constant source of inspiration to those around him. Michael often says he tries to be more like Sean, whose resilience and spirit continue to motivate him on and off the golf course.
- Sean is a senior at the University of Kentucky (Class of 2026) and is majoring in finance.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Outside of golf, got into tennis in 2025, as many of his hometown friends picked up the game. Says of getting into tennis, "They think it's a little ridiculous, but I went out and get tennis lessons from a tennis pro because I don't like being average at it." Says Carlos Alcaraz is his favorite tennis player.
- Hardly ever read for leisure in high school or college, but one of his professors and close friends, Michael Sloan, encouraged Brennan to pick up books for many years. Brennan and Sloan grew close through their shared love of golf and Sloan's Greek mythology course, which was quite memorable for Brennan. In 2025, Brennan created a Goodreads account to track his reading history and identify what he wants to read next. Two of Brennan's favorite books - "Island of the World" and "The Lighthouse" - were written by Michael O'Brien, and he hopes to read all of O'Brien's books.
- Fan of the Washington, D.C. sports teams, with his favorites being the Commanders (NFL football) and Nationals (MLB baseball).
- Active on Letterboxd, a social media platform used by movie fans to rate movies, share reviews, and create both rankings and watchlists. In college, Brennan and his friends and teammates got together weekly to watch movies, and they managed an Excel spreadsheet to select movies for the group to watch.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Had an NIL partnership with Tom Brady's clothing brand (BRADY) -- which later became part of NOBULL -- during his college career at Wake Forest. Brennan and University of Texas golf star Cole Hammer were both featured in a 2022 video with Brady announcing the brand's launch of its golf-specific apparel. Brennan got to do the shoot with Brady and meet the seven-time Super Bowl champion.
- With Wake Forest University men's golf head coach Jerry Haas as his caddie, Brennan played alongside PGA TOUR winner and fellow Wake Forest alum Will Zalatoris as he won the 2022 Genesis Invitational Collegiate Showcase at The Riviera Country Club, which earned him an exemption for the PGA TOUR's 2022 Genesis Invitational. Brennan played a practice round with Rory McIlroy and took a picture with his favorite golfer, Tiger Woods.

- Teammates at Wake Forest included Alex Fitzpatrick, younger brother of multi-time PGA TOUR winner Matt Fitzpatrick.
- Represented the United States at the 2022 Arnold Palmer Cup; his teammates included Johnny Keefer, Gordon Sargent, and Michael Thorbjornsen.
- Spent his formative years under the tutelage of Adam Harrell, a PGA of America professional who (as of January 2026) now works out of the 1757 Golf Club and Academy in Dulles, Virginia. Brennan took his first lesson with Harrell in 2014 (when he was 12 years old) and the two worked together for many years thereafter.

Other

- Cites The Genesis Invitational as "his" PGA TOUR event given it is where he made his first TOUR start in 2022 (as the winner of The Genesis Invitational Collegiate Showcase), and the fact Riviera is among his favorite golf courses.

Zach Bauchou

Things To Know

- Pronunciation: BOH-shoo
- Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time via a No. 11 finish on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List (top 20 earned TOUR cards), largely off the strength of his victory at the 2025 Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation. The season prior, carried a one-stroke lead into the final round of the season-ending 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Championship, but carded a final-round 76 and finished T9, which ultimately left him three strokes short of a PGA TOUR card.
- Began the 2023 season without status on a PGA TOUR-sanctioned circuit, but played his way to Special Temporary Membership on the Korn Ferry Tour and finished No. 82 on the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, earning conditional status for the 2024 season. Bauchou won the 2023 Auggie Navarro Pro-Am Invitational with an eagle on the first playoff hole, and the victory earned him a sponsor exemption for the Korn Ferry Tour's 2023 Wichita Open, where he recorded a T4 finish. Two months later, Bauchou parlayed a sponsor exemption for the 2023 Utah Championship into a top-25 finish, and a top-five finish the following week at the Pinnacle Bank Championship earned him Special Temporary Membership.
- Turned professional in 2019 but struggled to earn membership on tours around the world until 2022, when he played a season on the Asian Tour and recorded one top-25. Bauchou would fly back and forth from Asia a couple weeks at a time in order to spend time at home with his wife, Victoria.
- Member of the famed 2018 Oklahoma State University team which won the 2018 NCAA Championship. Bauchou, who garnered a 2018 All-America Second team honor, was part of a championship-winning lineup which featured future FedExCup champion Viktor Hovland, PGA TOUR winners Austin Eckroat and Matthew Wolff, and Korn Ferry Tour graduate Kris Ventura. Bauchou went 2-1 in match play, with his victories coming in the semifinals and championship match. Korn Ferry Tour graduate Sam Stevens was also a member of the 2018 team, though he did not make the team's NCAA Championship lineup.
- Of choosing Oklahoma State, Bauchou said, "Coming out of high, I felt like if I could play with better people, and guys that were always better than me it would be a good catalyst for me to get better at golf. I was never the best player at Oklahoma State... but I was able to push myself every day. I felt like that was something that really helped me improve."

Background

- Resides in Edmond, Oklahoma, where he plays and practices at the famed Oak Tree National.
- Born and raised in Forest, Virginia, where he grew up playing golf at London Downs Golf Club. Bauchou also played a lot of junior golf events in North Carolina, which exposed him to tougher competition, including the likes of Ben Griffin. Later prepped at Liberty Christian Academy in nearby Lynchburg, Virginia.
- Finished T2 at the 2013 Junior PLAYERS Championship, finishing behind champion Austen Truslow. Bauchou notably finished ahead of future PGA TOUR winners Collin Morikawa (fifth), Scottie Scheffler (sixth), Cameron Young (T20), and Davis Riley (T22). A year later, finished T5 (tied with Sam Burns, among others) at the 2014 Junior PLAYERS Championship.
- Won the 2014 Faldo Series Grand Final at The Greenbrier; there is a picture of he and Sir Nick Faldo holding the trophy.
- Earned AJGA Rolex Junior All-America First Team selections in 2013 and 2014. Other members of the 2013 First Team included future PGA TOUR winners Ben Griffin, Collin

Morikawa, and Scottie Scheffler. Other members of the 2014 First Team included future PGA TOUR winners Sam Burns, Nick Hardy, and Davis Riley.

- Played four seasons at Oklahoma State University (2015-19), where he was a 2018 All-America Second Team selection, two-time All-Big 12 Conference selection (2017, 2018), earned one individual victory, and helped the Cowboys win the 2018 NCAA Championship. Capped his collegiate career with a T8 individual finish at the 2019 NCAA Championship.
- Finished runner-up to Korn Ferry Tour graduate Jimmy Stanger at the 2016 Southern Amateur, which was contested at The Dunes Golf & Beach Club, host of the PGA TOUR's ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic.
- Qualified for match play at the 2017 U.S. Amateur Championship, contested at The Riviera Country Club, and lost in the second round to future PGA TOUR winner Kevin Yu.
- Won back-to-back Canadian Amateur Championships in 2017 and 2018. Past champions of the event include PGA TOUR winners Richard Zokol (1981), Nick Taylor (2007) and Mackenzie Hughes (2011, 2012).

Family

- Zach and his wife, Victoria, wed in November 2021; they met in college while she was working at a golf course. Zach and Victoria have two children - James (December 2023) and Cooper (March 2025).
- Zach withdrew in the middle of the first round of Final Stage of 2023 PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry (where the top five and ties earned TOUR cards for 2024) to fly home for the birth of his first son, James.
- Will often watch golf highlights on the PGA TOUR YouTube channel with his young children to put them to sleep.
- Parents are Ed and Renae.
- Has four siblings - two brothers (Jacob, Paul) and two sisters (Julia, Natalie).

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Enjoys playing poker with friends, including one friend who goes back to his high school days. While at Oklahoma State, Bauchou, Viktor Hovland and Aman Gupta would play Texas Hold 'Em in the evenings.
- Likes watching movie reviews / breakdowns and video game reviews on YouTube; he enjoys movies, but has a hard time carving out enough time to sit and watch them given the time spent between his golf game and parenting.
- Plays the adventure video game Elden Ring with a small group of friends, one of whom is former Oklahoma State teammate and fellow professional golfer Rayhan Thomas.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Teammates at Oklahoma State included multi-time PGA TOUR winners Wyndham Clark (2015-16 season) and Austin Eckroat (2017-19 - two seasons), FedExCup champion Viktor Hovland (2016-19 - three seasons), PGA TOUR winner Matthew Wolff (2017-19 - two seasons), as well as Korn Ferry Tour graduates Sam Stevens (2015-18 - three seasons) and Kris Ventura (2015-18 - three seasons).
- Made headlines in 2023 when former college teammate Viktor Hovland caddied for him at the U.S. Open qualifier in Columbus, Ohio - which was the day after Hovland won the Memorial Tournament; the two had dinner together in Columbus the Tuesday of the Memorial and Zach floated the idea to Viktor, who stayed true to his promise.

- Represented the United States at the 2018 Arnold Palmer Cup in France; his teammates included PGA TOUR winners Collin Morikawa, Davis Riley, Sahith Theegala, and Matthew Wolff, as well as Korn Ferry Tour graduates Chandler Phillips, Justin Suh and Braden Thornberry.

Jacob Bridgeman

Things To Know

- The week before his Presidents Cup debut, earned his second PGA Tour title at the 2026 Biltmore Championship Asheville, closing with a career-low 10-under 61 (with birdies on four of the final six holes) for a two-stroke victory over Ben James. Won the title roughly 50 miles from his longtime hometown of Inman, South Carolina. Referred to it as a "hometown event" early in the week and said after the win, "I feel like I had all my family and friends out there cheering for me. Super special. I told my parents last time when I won, I said I want them here for the next one, and they're here for this one."
- Earned his first PGA TOUR title at the 2026 Genesis Invitational, a one-stroke victory over Kurt Kitayama and Rory McIlroy, his playing partner in the final group of the final round. In his tournament debut and 66th career start on TOUR, built a six-stroke lead through 54 holes, one stroke shy of the tournament record for largest 54-hole lead (Arnold Palmer/1966). Became the first player since Pat Fitzsimons in 1975 to win The Genesis Invitational in their tournament debut. Said of being congratulated by tournament host Tiger Woods, "Knowing he was the one to be waiting to shake the winner's hand made it a little more nerve-racking, because when I was growing up, my youngest memory was watching him on TV. When he was in his prime, I was learning to talk and walk and play golf. I'm still kind of in awe of him."
- Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time via the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season, which was his first full season on the Korn Ferry Tour; he previously made eight starts on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2022 via PGA TOUR University performance benefits.
- After four seasons at Clemson University (2018-22), finished No. 2 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2022, only trailing No. 1 Pierceson Coody from University of Texas.
- Grew up a Clemson fan and frequently attended Clemson football games; he had a number of family members attend Clemson, so he grew up around campus and said, "It was an obvious decision for me to go to Clemson, and then when I met the team, met the coaches, I fell in love with the program."
- Frequently checks leaderboards and rankings, saying, "I like to know where I am. I don't want any uncertainty. I like to know what I can do... I want to know what I have to do to get it done."

Background

- Born and raised in Inman, South Carolina, which is less than 15 miles northwest of Spartanburg. Jacob's parents still live in his childhood home in Inman.
- Played primarily golf and baseball until about age 12, when the conflicting swing styles led to him focus solely on golf. The decision came down to practice; he loved baseball, but hated baseball practice.
- Played four seasons at Clemson University (2018-22), winning five times individually, with the crown jewel being medalist honors at the 2022 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship en route to earning the 2022 ACC Player of the Year award. Also garnered All-America Second Team honors in 2021 and 2022, in addition to being the 2020-21 ACC Men's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year.
- Five career wins at Clemson tied a school record previously established by D.J. Trahan and Chris Patton.
- Represented the United States at the 2017 Junior Presidents Cup, 2018 Toyota Junior World Cup in Japan, and the 2021 Arnold Palmer Cup; he notably posted a 3-1 record at Arnold

Palmer Cup, including a singles win over Alex Fitzpatrick, younger brother of U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick.

- Upset top-seeded Kelly Chinn to reach the Round of 16 at the 2018 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship at Baltusrol.
- Finished sixth at the 2017 Junior PGA Championship, which was won by PGA TOUR winner Akshay Bhatia.

Family

- Jacob and his wife, Haley, grew up in the same hometown but didn't meet until they both attended Clemson. Jacob proposed in December 2024 and they got married in December 2025 in Greenville, South Carolina.
- Parents grew up in the greater Greenville, South Carolina area, specifically in the uniquely-named city of Travelers Rest.
- Mother, Angie Bailey, is a high school math teacher.
- Father owned a home inspection company in Spartanburg for many years, but sold the company in 2022. Currently installs electronic / motion-activated gates. Jacob says of his dad, "If anything were to ever break in our house, he would fix it that day."
- Has a sister who is three years older than him. Like Jacob, she also attended Clemson. Jacob says she is a talented musician, writer, and artist.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Bucket list includes deep sea fishing.
- Cites fresh-water fishing as a hobby, and is learning how to fly fish.
- Enjoys exploring the cities he plays in when traveling on the road, mostly because he is not someone who likes to sit around a rental house all day.
- Likes playing pickleball.
- Watches pro sports but does not root for specific teams; he mostly just watches teams featuring former Clemson standouts.
- Big fan of country music singer Cody Johnson.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Grew up taking lessons from Tommy Biershenk, who held PGA TOUR membership for the 2012 season, and made 147 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour from 1999 through 2013.
- Became close friends with Chris Gotterup during their time on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2023. Would stay in a house together most weeks on the road and continued the trend on the PGA TOUR.
- Frequent playing partners when at home include fellow Clemson University alums Ben Martin and Carson Young.
- Jordan Byrd, older brother of five-time PGA TOUR winner Jonathan Byrd, was the Clemson head coach in Bridgeman's final season with the program.
- Teammates at the 2021 Arnold Palmer Cup included Sam Bennett, Pierceson Coody, and Ricky Castillo (pronounced kuh-STILL-ee-oh).
- Maintains a friendship with Hunter Tyson, a former Clemson basketball player who was a second-round pick in the 2023 NBA Draft. Jacob and Hunter were at Clemson together from 2018 through 2022.

Adam Scott

Things To Know

- Named one of 14 finalists for the World Golf Hall of Fame's Class of 2027.
- Represented the International Team for the 12th time in his career at the 2026 Presidents Cup, tying Phil Mickelson for the most appearances in the event's history.
- One of six Player Directors on the PGA Tour Policy Board; he will be replaced in 2027 by Lucas Glover, who was elected chairman of the 2026 Player Advisory Council (PAC). Scott is also one of six players on the nine-member Future Competitions Committee, which has been tasked with defining the optimal competitive model that enhances the PGA Tour's value to fans, players and partners.
- Earned his first PGA Tour title at the 2003 Deutsche Bank Championship at TPC Boston, and followed it with a victory at the 2004 Players Championship a little over six months later. At the time of his victory, Scott was the youngest winner of The Players, as he accomplished the feat at 23 years, 8 months, 12 days of age. Scott's record stood until 2017, when 21-year-old Si Woo Kim won The Players.
- Believes the high point of his career was spending 11 consecutive weeks at No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking in 2014 (May 18 through August 2). Scott says of the feat, "Getting to No. 1 when I turned pro seemed like that childhood dream was not realistic anymore. Tiger (Woods) was so dominant. To stick at it and finally get there. . . I didn't keep it very long, but I was there."
- Came close to a first major in 2012, losing The Open Championship to close friend Ernie Els after leading by four with four holes to play. Rebounded by winning the Masters Tournament in 2013, becoming the first Aussie to do so. Famed for screaming "C'mon Aussie" on the 18th green in regulation and beat Angel Cabrera in the second extra hole in a sudden-death playoff.
- Earned the 2020 Jim Murray Award from the Golf Writers Association of America for reflecting the most positive aspects of the working relationship between athletes and journalists. "As athletes and writers, we do different jobs, but we all love the game of golf and its values," Scott said.
- Recognized for his significant service to golf at the elite level in Australia, he was made a Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours list on Monday, June 13, 2022.
- Represents Boston Common Golf alongside teammates Rory McIlroy, Keegan Bradley and Hideki Matsuyama in TGL presented by SoFi, a primetime golf league in partnership with the PGA Tour which launched in January 2025 on ESPN. The new golf league was created by TMRW Sports whose co-founders include Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, fuses advanced technology, innovation and live action for ESPN's primetime television audience. Boston Common Golf is owned by John Henry, Tom Werner, Mike Gordon and Fenway Sports Group.

Background

- Born in Adelaide, South Australia and moved to the Sunshine Coast before settling down on the Gold Coast. He completed his high school education at the Kooralbyn International School, where he undertook extra subjects in golf with the school noted for its golf program.
- Interest in golf started when he was about four years old after his father, Phil, taught him the game at a par-3 course in Adelaide. Started to beat Phil consistently when he was about 13 years old.

- Also excelled at cricket, tennis, and soccer throughout his youth.
- Was a member of Golf Australia National Squad and won back-to-back Australia Boys Amateur titles in 1997 and 1998.
- Spent a summer playing high-level junior tournaments in 1997 with a goal of qualifying for the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship at Aronimink Golf Club; he accomplished his goal, though he lost in the second round of match play. Scott also made appearances at the 1996 and 1997 Junior World Championships at Torrey Pines, notably finishing T8 in 1997 -- the same year Trevor Immelman was the runner-up finisher to Kevin Stadler.
- Attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) for one and a half seasons (1998-99). Scott was unfamiliar with the college recruiting process as he began hearing from college coaches in summer 1997, when he played a number of high-level junior events in the United States. Scott received several brochures / prospectuses, and he chose UNLV because it had the nicest one, saying, "They had a really beautiful glossy magazine about their golf program. I didn't visit or anything. They were also the No. 1-ranked team in the country at the time I was looking."
- Scott's decision to play at UNLV was in large part because his primary goal was to play on the PGA Tour, and he believed the college golf experience (even if it was brief) would prepare him for his future as a professional golfer. Scott explained, "I could shoot good scores as a 17-year-old, but could I do it 25 weeks a year in an unlimited wide-open field? The short answer was no... I wasn't ready. Even though golf is golf, it is different in the U.S., so getting comfortable with the culture, the golf courses, the style of golf, all of that kind of stuff was important."
- As a freshman at UNLV -- and what would be his only full season with the program -- Scott finished 11th individually at the 1999 NCAA Championship, contested at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Minnesota. Luke Donald of Northwestern University, who like Scott later rose to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking, won the individual national title.
- Scott left UNLV after the fall semester of the 1999-2000 season, midway through his sophomore campaign. Scott, who maintained his amateur status for roughly six months between the time he left UNLV and turned professional in 2000, says of the decision, "I felt like, to move forward at that point, I needed to not spend the next three years in college. Looking back on it, it was an incredible experience. I think it was the most challenging year of my life, and I probably learned the most. I was way out of my comfort zone going over (to Las Vegas)."
- Scott also said of his time at UNLV, "We could call up any golf course in Las Vegas and go and play, and we were welcomed out there as a team. We had the best time playing the best tracks. It was great."
- Returned home to Australia at the end of 2022 for the first time in three years to compete in the Australian PGA and the Australian Open. At that time, his last visit home was in 2019, when he won the Australian PGA Championship in the Gold Coast for his 30th professional win and ended a title drought of nearly four years. Has won in Asia, Europe, South Africa and Australia.

Family

- In April 2014, Scott married Marie Kojzar, a Swedish architect. They have a daughter, Bo Vera, and two sons, Byron and Bjorn.
- Father, Phil, picked up golf as a teenager and joined Mount Lofty Golf Club in Adelaide, Australia at 14 years old. Became a trainee pro at a nearby Blackwood Golf Club outside Adelaide, with aspirations of either playing professionally or becoming a club pro. A motorbike accident when he was 19 years old and set to go through the qualifying ranks derailed his aspirations, with Phil saying, "I was a decent enough player to be a pro. I had an

accident that shattered my right leg... shattered my kneecap and did it badly. I had steel pins in my knee for a few years. I just rolled with the punches. My leg fixed up... and I didn't play as well as I did. I found other things to do."

- Phil got Adam started in golf by hitting large balls and gradually worked down to a golf ball. For example, when Adam had plastic clubs as a youngster, Phil had him hit a beachball. Phil says of the logic, "How do you miss a beachball? You can't. So it was always fun to him because he could hit it. And then we just brought the size of the ball down. By the time it got to playing par-3 golf, he was confident. He hit every shot great, but he was confident because he was used to hitting it. We had fun, and that was the key."
- The Scotts moved from Adelaide to Queensland at the end of the 1980s (Adam was about eight years old), and a year after the move Phil became general manager of Twin Waters Golf Club. Phil later entered the golf equipment and course designing industries, as he established Scott Golf Designs in 2001.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- An avid surfer; he picked it up when his family lived in the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast in Australia.
- Collects vintage Rolex watches.
- Other hobbies include photography and architecture, as his wife, Marie, is an architect.
- Favorite sports team is the Adelaide Crows, an Australian rules football club.

Charity

- Global apparel retailer UNIQLO in partnership with the American Junior Golf Association held the first UNIQLO Adam Scott Junior Golf Championship at the River Ridge Golf Club in Oxnard, California (between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles) in February 2022. In a cross-continental golfing collaboration, The AJGA, Japan Golf Association, and Golf Australia selected 78 members (ages 12-18), to join and compete in the tournament. As part of the tournament program, Adam Scott hosted special discussion and golf clinic for the junior players. The tournament was also contested in 2023 (Hammock Creek Golf Club in Palm City, Florida) and 2024 (The Falls Club of the Palm Beaches in Lake Worth, Florida).
- The Adam Scott Foundation was initiated in 2005 and provides life opportunities for Australian children and youth. The Foundation strives to assist and support young people, to provide a greater range of options and to enhance life and career possibilities.
- Scott spent most of his time during the COVID-19 lockdown in Gold Coast, Australia with his family. Conducted talks and golf clinics to junior golfers at Caloundra Golf Club and held IG Live "Nine holes with a mate" a few times to help promote golf in the area, junior initiatives and answer questions from fans.
- Kickstarted a \$5 junior program in the area and urged golf clubs around Australia to latch on. Scott offered cash from his own pocket to any club on the Sunshine Coast who created specific tee time blocks for juniors at just \$5 a head. He challenged the rest of the country to do the same.
- Scott partnered with his sponsor UNIQLO to have 150,000 medical masks donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Australia, a non-profit organization that provides emergency and primary health care services over an area just short of three million square miles. They also donated jackets for the health care workers.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Maintains a friendship with Kelly Slater, a decorated world champion surfer.
- Shares his name with American actor, Adam Scott. The actor noted that he was mistaken for Adam Scott the golfer early in his career and detailed the story on Bravo's Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen.
- Owns a textbook golf swing and previously compared to Tiger Woods due to his days working with Butch Harmon. Has been featured across various media platforms for his golf swing and dashing good looks. He recalls the first time he played with Tiger: "A week or so before the (2000) U.S. Open, I was in Las Vegas and Tiger was stopping in on the Sunday before heading to Pebble Beach. Butch said to me on Saturday, Tiger is coming in and if he goes and plays, you can play with him. So I was nervous, of course. We went out and played and we had a match, and I was maybe 1-down through the turn at Rio Secco, and then Tiger stepped it up and went birdie, birdie, birdie and had an eagle. He closed me out on the 14th and shot 63 - with a double bogey at the ninth. I was a bit blown away by what I saw. It was quite windy and I thought I played quite well. I probably shot even par and I was nine off the pace. I made a throwaway comment to Butch, something like, Maybe I should reconsider turning pro. The only thing that made me feel good was he won the U.S. Open by 15 the next week, so I was quite happy to see that no one else really played like that."
- Teammates in his season and a half at UNLV included future multi-time PGA Tour winner Charley Hoffman, who was a senior when Scott was a freshman for the 1998-99 season. Hoffman said of their season together, "He was a different specimen than he is now. He was this skinny little kid that had knee problems and could barely walk. It's definitely a different human being now than he ever was in college."
- Dwaine Knight, who took over as UNLV men's golf head coach in fall 1987 and maintained his position until retiring in 2021. Knight said of Scott, "People ask me all the time, who was the most impressive player I've coached, and I've had some obviously win the national championships individually, but the most impressive player for me, just pure talent-wise, was Adam Scott."
- Knight's understated personality was a big factor in Scott signing with UNLV. Scott recalled, "Dwaine had a much quieter nature about him (than other coaches on the recruiting trail), and that probably appealed to me. You could get the feeling that although he may have really wanted me to go there, he was not desperate. He was just calm and confident and kind of reassuring that he had a good program, that it was a good environment to go into."

Other

- Scott typically resides in Switzerland and travels in blocks to the U.S. to compete but in 2023 based himself in Florida between the Arnold Palmer Invitational in March and the U.S. Open in June in effort not to give up ground to U.S.-based players. "I don't live in the States, but I'm going to spend way more time in the States next year to compete seriously," Scott said. "I can't be flying all around the world playing against guys who don't."
- Scott is very particular about his irons. The Miura AS irons that he uses are special because they're made to match Scott's exact preferences; he prefers more offset, higher toe sections and longer blade lengths.
- Recipient of the inaugural Spirit of Golf Award, presented by The R&A ahead of the 2026 Open Championship. The R&A introduced the award to "recognize an individual who exemplifies the spirit of the game on a global scale and displays the values, behaviors, and traditions inherent to golf." Scott said of receiving the award, "All of that's meaningful, awards that are not just down to getting a trophy or what score you shoot. It feels very nice to be recognized, that I've put one foot in front of the other in the right direction for my career, and to be appreciated for that is very nice."

Jordan Smith

Things To Know

- Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time for the 2026 season, securing his TOUR card through the DP World Tour -- which awarded TOUR membership to the top 10 players in the 2025 Race to Dubai standings who were not already exempt.
- Prior to earning TOUR membership, played nine consecutive seasons on DP World Tour, earning victories at the 2017 Porsche European Open and 2022 Portugal Masters.
- After turning professional in 2014, quickly ascended to the DP World Tour as he finished atop the 2015 PGA EuroPro Tour Order of Merit and 2016 Challenge Tour Order of Merit, winning twice on both circuits.
- Notable players who also finished No. 1 on the Challenge Tour Order of Merit include Henrik Stenson (2000) and Tommy Fleetwood (2011).

Background

- Grew up in Wiltshire, England, which is best known as the home of Stonehenge.
- Played rugby and soccer and didn't pick up golf until the age of 12.
- Longtime member of Bowood in Wiltshire. The club features an 18-hole PGA Official Golf Course designed by Dave Thomas, as well as a PGA Golf Academy. Thomas was best known for playing in four Ryder Cups (1959, 1963, 1965, 1967) and his runner-up finishes at the 1958 and 1966 Open Championships. In a DP World Tour release acknowledging his passing in August 2013, it recognized Thomas as "a renowned designer of more than 100 courses."

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Fan of Liverpool F.C., a Premier League soccer team.
- Favorite food is spaghetti bolognese

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Represented Great Britain & Ireland at the 2013 Walker Cup; his teammates included fellow Englishman Matt Fitzpatrick. Team GBI lost to an American team led by Max Homa, Michael Kim, Patrick Rodgers, and Justin Thomas.
- Maintains a connection to Jimmy Bullard, a retired Premier League soccer player turned golf enthusiast. As of January 2026, Bullard has 580k followers on Instagram and has participated in a number of videos for the Golf Life YouTube channel (367k subscribers).

Other

- Made his PGA TOUR and major championship debut at the 2017 PGA Championship, where he finished T9.
- Made a hole-in-one at No. 17 at The Renaissance Club during the second round of the 2022 Genesis Scottish Open, earning a Genesis Electrified GV70 (luxury mid-size SUV). His caddie for the event, Sam Matton, received a Genesis GV60 (electric cross-over vehicle). Used a 6-iron from 193 yards for the ace.

Justin Thomas

Things To Know

- Serving a third consecutive year (and eighth year overall) on the 16-member Player Advisory Council (PAC) for 2026; he previously served on the PAC for five consecutive years from 2017-21. The PAC serves as a consulting body which vets and recommends changes to the PGA TOUR Policy Board on behalf of the membership.
- Underwent a successful microdiscectomy (back surgery) on November 13, 2025 and missed the first two months of the 2026 PGA TOUR Season, as he returned to action at the 2026 Arnold Palmer Invitational.
- Earned his 16th PGA TOUR title at the 2025 RBC Heritage, ending a winless drought which spanned 2 years, 10 months, 29 days (previous title came at the 2022 PGA Championship). Prior to the winless drought, had earned a PGA TOUR victory in seven consecutive seasons (2015-16 season through 2021-22 season).
- With his victory at the 2017 PGA Championship at Quail Hollow Club, became the ninth son of a PGA of America professional to win the PGA Championship; he was the first such winner since Keegan Bradley in 2011. With his victory at the 2022 PGA Championship at Southern Hills Country Club, Thomas followed Raymond Floyd (1969, 1982) as the second son of a PGA of America professional to win multiple PGA Championships. Justin's father, Mike, was the longtime pro at Harmony Landing Country Club in Goshen, Kentucky (roughly 20 miles outside the family's longtime hometown of Louisville). Additionally, Justin's late grandfather, Paul (Mike's father), spent 26 years as the head professional at Zanesville Country Club in Ohio (just under 60 miles east of Columbus). The pro shop at Harmony Landing Country Club has memorabilia from all three generations, including balls from Thomas' wins dating back to his early junior days.
- 2017 FedExCup champion and 2016-17 PGA TOUR Player of the Year; he accomplished both feats in his third season on TOUR with five victories and a runner-up finish at the season-ending TOUR Championship. At the time, followed Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, and Jordan Spieth as one of four players since 1960 to earn at least five victories (with one being a major championship) in a PGA TOUR season prior to turning 25 years old. Also carded an 11-under 59 en route to victory at the Sony Open in Hawaii, becoming the youngest player to record a sub-60 round in PGA TOUR history.
- Called representing the United States in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics "the coolest thing I've ever been a part of."

Background

- Born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, and honed his game at Harmony Landing Country Club in nearby Goshen, Kentucky, where his father, Mike, served as head professional for three decades (1990 through 2020) and later became Golf Professional Emeritus. Justin's mother, Jani, ran the pro shop at Harmony Landing. Once Mike finished his duties for the day, he and Justin would typically play an evening nine holes with a standing bet of one dollar.
- Introduced to golf at an early age, with his father, Mike, saying, "He was not quite two yet and he asked me for a golf club." Justin's also been told his first words as a baby were "bag of balls."
- One of his favorite golf memories is making a hole-in-one with a cut-down driver on the 144-yard par-3 16th at Harmony Landing Country Club when he was six years old. Thomas noted, "For years it was the only hole I could reach in regulation. My dad had made an ace there, and

so had my grandpa, Paul. Three generations scoring aces on the same hole. How many families can say that?"

- At age 7, attended the 2000 PGA Championship (won by Tiger Woods) at Valhalla Golf Club in his longtime hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. Thomas recalled, "(Tiger) and that week was the reason I was like, 'This is really what I want to do.' Watching it in the clubhouse, and he hits the putt on camera, and before it can fall in on TV, I can just hear the roar outside. I'll never forget that."
- Prepped at St. Xavier High School, a powerhouse golf program in Louisville, Kentucky. As a junior, Thomas won the individual state title at the 2009 Kentucky High School Athletic Association Boys State Championship, and helped St. Xavier win back-to-back team state titles in 2008 and 2009 (the 17th and 18th team state titles in program history). Other notable St. Xavier alums include 12-time PGA TOUR winner Bobby Nichols, who won individual state titles in 1953 and 1954, and 11-time PGA TOUR winner Frank Beard, who won the 1957 individual state title.
- As a 16-year-old amateur, made his PGA TOUR debut at the 2009 Wyndham Championship. With his father, Mike, as his caddie, shot 65 in the first round and became the third-youngest player to make the cut in a PGA TOUR event. Earned the sponsor exemption for his TOUR debut as the winner of the 2009 FootJoy Invitational, an AJGA event contested at Sedgefield Country Club. Thomas also laughs as he recalls how Jordan Spieth, his junior golf rival and eventual close friend, called him after the first round, confirmed Thomas shot a 65, and hung up immediately, leading Thomas to tell his family and friends, "I don't think Jordan is very happy for me right now."
- Runner-up finisher at the 2010 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship. Notably defeated Denny McCarthy in the semifinals, but fell to Jim Liu in the championship match.
- Qualified for match play at three consecutive U.S. Amateur Championships (2010, 2011, 2012), with his best finish being a semifinals appearance at Cherry Hills Country Club in 2012. Path to the semifinals in 2012 included victories over Max Homa (Round of 32) and Bobby Wyatt (Round of 16).
- One of three recipients of the Byron Nelson International Junior Golf Award in 2011, with the others being Denny McCarthy and Michael Johnson. The award recognizes the achievements of junior golfers who distinguish themselves with a high level of junior tournament play, as well as excellence in academics, exceptional character, and a commitment to community service.
- Played two seasons at University of Alabama (2011-13), where he broke school records for career scoring average (70.73), career wins (six), single-season scoring average (70.44 in 2011-12), and single-season wins (four in 2011-12). Notably earned individual medalist honors at the 2012 Southeastern Conference Championship.
- As a freshman at Alabama, earned the 2012 Jack Nicklaus Award and 2012 Haskins Award -- two of the three national player of the year awards for collegiate golf. Also earned the 2012 Phil Mickelson Outstanding Freshman Award.
- Alongside fellow PGA TOUR winner Trey Mullinax, helped Alabama win its first national title at the 2013 NCAA Championship. Alabama defeated a University of Illinois team led by PGA TOUR winners Brian Campbell and Thomas Detry in the championship match, though Thomas lost his match against Thomas Pieters. A year later, by which time Thomas turned professional and forewent his final two seasons of eligibility, Alabama won the 2014 NCAA Championship.
- Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time after a standout season on the Korn Ferry Tour, as he finished in the top five of the 2014 Korn Ferry Tour standings off the strength of a victory at the 2014 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship in Columbus, Ohio. Thomas said of his time on the circuit, "I learned how to be a professional golfer. It also taught me how to win."

Family

- Justin and his wife, Jillian (also goes by Jill), have one child -- a daughter, Molly Grace (November 2024). The family also has a dog, Franklin. Jillian grew up in Kentucky and earned a degree in journalism from University of Kentucky in May 2015.
- Justin and Jillian wed in November 2022 in Franklin, Tennessee. Jordan Spieth served as his best man (Justin and Jordan met and developed their friendship as they competed against one another on the national junior golf circuit), with fellow professionals Rickie Fowler and Bud Cauley also serving as members of the wedding party. Entertainment host Jason Kennedy was the officiant.
- Father, Mike, followed his father, Paul (Justin's grandfather), into the club pro ranks and is the only coach Justin has ever had. Mike, who became a PGA of America professional in the 1980s and later earned PGA Master Professional status, served as head professional for three decades (1990 through 2020) and later became Golf Professional Emeritus at Harmony Landing Country Club in Goshen, Kentucky (roughly 20 miles outside Louisville). Prior to his time at Harmony Landing, Mike played collegiately at Morehead State University, spent time as an assistant pro at multiple clubs in Pennsylvania (noting he crossed paths with Davis Love Jr.), and became head professional at Cherrington Golf Club in Pittsburgh in 1987.
- Grandfather, Paul, who also went by PT, passed away at 89 years of age on February 6, 2021, the Saturday evening of the WM Phoenix Open. Paul attempted to play on the PGA TOUR in 1957 with little success, though he qualified for the 1960 PGA Championship (Firestone Country Club), 1961 PGA Championship (Olympia Fields), and 1962 U.S. Open (Oakmont). Paul most notably began a 26-year stint as head professional at Zanesville Country Club in Ohio in 1963, and later finished his career at Peek'n Peak Resort in Clymer, New York prior to retirement.
- Paul's dream was to get together with Justin and hold the Wannamaker Trophy -- a dream which was realized after Justin's victory at the 2017 PGA Championship.
- The 2021 PLAYERS Championship marked Thomas' first win after his grandfather passed away in February 2021. One of Thomas' two tattoos is in honor of his grandfather (his signature on the inside of his right upper arm), which he inked shortly before Paul passed. In his post-win interview at the 2021 PLAYERS, Thomas held back tears and said "I wish he could have been here."

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Avid collector -- predominantly shoes, athlete jerseys, and Rolex watches. Enjoys collecting / gifting Rolex watches to mark special occasions or dates; he had a gold Rolex engraved with the date he first reached No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking (May 13, 2018). Framed and signed jerseys he owns include those of Tom Brady, Vince Carter, Stephen Curry, Josh Donaldson, Wayne Gretzky, Derek Jeter, Michael Jordan (college and professional), Peyton Manning, and Aaron Rodgers.
- Entered the golf course design business with Panther National, a luxury golf community in Palm Beach County, Florida. Thomas co-designed the property, the county's first new golf course community in nearly two decades, with Jack Nicklaus. Thomas' biggest influence was the layout of the driving range and practice facilities. The project broke ground on February 22, 2022 and officially opened on November 17, 2023. The opening featured a star-studded exhibition match with Rickie Fowler, Xander Schauffele, Morgan Hoffmann, Erik van Rooyen, and Lexi Thompson.
- Grew up a Boston Red Sox (MLB baseball) fan thanks to his Uncle Bill (brother-in-law of his mother, Jani), who is from the area. Every birthday and Christmas, Uncle Bill gifted Justin Red

Sox gear, with one of the earliest and most cherished gifts being a David Ortiz jersey. Justin threw the first pitch at Fenway Park in August 2018 ahead of his title defense at the Dell Technologies Championship, formerly a FedExCup Playoffs event at TPC Boston. Justin also threw the first pitch for a Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley Field earlier that month.

- Also a fan of the Florida Panthers (NHL hockey).
- When going on "boys trips" with three / four of his close friends, who often want to just play golf, will bring a left-handed set of clubs to use throughout the trip. Has one friend in particular who hates losing to him playing left-handed, with Justin saying, "I have one friend who talks a lot of s***, and I just love beating him left-handed, because then he can't say anything. I remind him of that quite often." Has only played a couple 18-hole rounds left-handed but says he will typically shoot in the mid-40s for nine holes.
- Featured in a spread "The Young Gentleman of Golf" in the Cigar Aficionado June 2022 issue. Said his foray into cigars came from his late grandfather, Paul, who always had one on him, and then later at Alabama, where it was tradition to light up a cigar if it won the annual football game against Tennessee. Thomas' cigar of choice is Montecristo No. 2.

Charity

- Launched the Justin Thomas Foundation in 2019 in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky to positively impact children in need, junior golf, and military families with the intent of helping all achieve their full potential. The Justin Thomas Foundation has made significant charitable contributions to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana, First Tee, Kentucky Golf Foundation (via the Justin Thomas Fund), and USA Cares.
- Established the Justin Thomas Junior Championship, an American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) event, in 2016. Following the inaugural event at University of Louisville Golf Club, the tournament relocated to Harmony Landing Country Club in Goshen, Kentucky, where Thomas learned the game as a youngster while his father, Mike, served as head professional. After the tournament moved to Harmony Landing in 2017, Mike took a more active role and later became tournament chairman of the event, which has won several AJGA Tournament Awards, including the Charitable Giving Award, Volunteer Award, and multiple Tournament Fundraising Awards. In 2023, Thomas announced a personal commitment of \$40,000 to provide a \$500 stipend to every player in the tournament field, making the tournament as accessible as possible. A notable past champion of the event is Austin Greaser, who won the title in 2018 and later finished runner-up at the 2021 U.S. Amateur Championship.
- Established the Cameron Young/Justin Thomas South Florida PGA Junior Tour Challenge Cup, a Ryder Cup-style event set to be played for the first time in winter 2026. The event will feature two teams of 12 players each (eight boys, four girls) at Emerald Dunes Club in West Palm Beach, Florida. Thomas said of establishing the event, "Cameron and I had such a great partnership together at the (2025) Ryder Cup, and we looked at what we could do with this incredible opportunity through the PGA of America. With both of us having family associated with the PGA of America, this runs in our blood. I'm excited Cameron and I can do this together."
- Raised money for ALS Bridge Foundation through a charity auction in early 2026, as he auctioned off a round of golf with he and his father, Mike, at Panther National -- which Justin co-designed with Jack Nicklaus.
- In December 2025, donated \$1 million to his alma mater, the University of Alabama, to be directed to the men's and women's golf facility, the Crimson Reserve.
- After experiencing a skin cancer scare, has been very vocal about protecting your skin and wearing sunscreen. Launched his own sunscreen line -- Wear SPF -- in May 2022, with a portion of proceeds from every sale going directly to the Justin Thomas Foundation.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Developed a close friendship with Tiger Woods, who he first met in 2015 on the range at THE PLAYERS Championship during his rookie season. The pair are known to practice together at home in South Florida. Justin and his father, Mike, played alongside Tiger and his son, Charlie, in the PNC Championship in 2020 (where the Thomas' won) 2021, 2022 and 2023, with Charlie referring to the Thomas' as family.
- Thomas knew Michael Jordan long before they were both members at The Bears Club or at Jordan's private club, The Grove XXIII in South Florida. He first met MJ as a teenager in Kentucky. Every year, MJ and a group of friends would play Harmony Landing (where Mike Thomas was head pro) before the Kentucky Derby. Thomas would caddy for the group as early as 13, and finally got a chance to play with MJ years later (playing from the same tees).
- Maintains a friendship with retired University of Alabama football head coach Nick Saban. The two first met during Thomas' recruiting visit to Alabama, and Saban personally invited Thomas back to campus after his victory at the 2017 PGA Championship. Thomas also called Saban to congratulate him after Alabama defeated Georgia and won the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship. As part of media day for the 2022 PLAYERS Championship, Saban surprised Thomas on the 16th tee at TPC Sawgrass, and the pair played Nos. 16-18 together.
- In the late 2010s, had a custom shoe tradition with Michelle Wie, a Nike ambassador; she often designed custom shoes for Thomas after his victories or major awards. One special pair of Nikes in Thomas' collection are a pair Wie designed in honor of his being named the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Player of the Year.
- Through their mutual partnership with WHOOP, Thomas participated in a PGA TOUR Originals piece with 23-time Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps in summer 2022.
- Ahead of the 2023 Nedbank Golf Challenge, an annual DP World Tour event in South Africa, Justin and his wife, Jillian, joined close friend Max Homa and his wife, Lacey, on a safari trip to Madikwe Game Reserve in South Africa.
- Faced Max Homa (Cal) and Jordan Spieth (Texas) as he helped University of Alabama reach the championship match of the 2012 NCAA Championship as a freshman. Thomas, who won two of the three national player of the year awards (Nicklaus and Haskins awards) and Phil Mickelson Outstanding Freshman Award in 2012, lost his individual matches against Homa and Spieth, and Alabama fell to Texas, 3-2, in the championship. Thomas said in a 2016 interview the loss to Texas "hurts me today like no other loss ever has." Alabama notably defeated a Kent State University team which featured future PGA TOUR winners Corey Connors, Mackenzie Hughes, and Taylor Pendrith (Thomas faced Kevin Miller) in the match play quarterfinals of the 2012 NCAA Championship. A year later, Thomas led Alabama to victory at the 2013 NCAA Championship for the program's first national title.
- Represented the United States at the 2012 and 2013 Palmer Cups, 2012 World Amateur Team Championship (won Eisenhower Trophy), and 2013 Walker Cup, his final event as an amateur. Teammates on the victorious Walker Cup team included Max Homa, Michael Kim, and Patrick Rodgers. Teammates on the victorious 2013 Palmer Cup team included Kim, Rodgers, and Daniel Berger.
- At the 2013 Palmer Cup at Wilmington Country Club in Delaware, met Arnold Palmer, who recalled playing with Thomas' grandfather, Paul Thomas, in PGA TOUR events in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Thomas recalled how Mr. Palmer impressed upon him to always make his autograph legible.
- Represented the United States at the 2010 Junior Ryder Cup at Gleneagles Resort in Scotland; his teammates included Denny McCarthy and Jordan Spieth.

- Part of the famed high school class of 2011 which included PGA Tour winners Daniel Berger, Emiliano Grillo, Michael Kim, C.T. Pan, Xander Schauffele, and Jordan Spieth, as well as longtime PGA Tour member Patrick Rodgers.
- In November 2023, teamed up with Spanish Formula 1 driver Carlos Sainz Jr. to win the Netflix Cup, the first live sports event on Netflix. The match play event at Wynn Golf Club in Las Vegas paired PGA TOUR players (Tony Finau, Rickie Fowler, Max Homa) with F1 drivers (Alex Albon, Pierre Gasly, Lando Norris) featured in the Netflix documentary series "Full Swing" and "Drive to Survive."

Other

- Represents Atlanta Drive GC alongside teammates Patrick Cantlay, Billy Horschel, and Lucas Glover in TGL presented by SoFi, a primetime golf league in partnership with the PGA TOUR which launched in January 2025 on ESPN. The new golf league, which will complement the PGA TOUR season, was created by TMRW Sports whose co-founders include Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, and fuses advanced technology, innovation and live action for primetime television audiences. Atlanta Drive GC is part of Arthur M. Blank's AMB Sports and Entertainment (AMBSE) portfolio.
- Previous sons of PGA of America professionals to win the PGA Championship (according to PGA of America records): Melvin "Chick" Harbert (1954), Doug Ford (1955), Jack Burke Jr. (1956), Dave Marr II (1965), Raymond Floyd (1969, 1982), Davis Love III (1997), Rich Beem (2002), Keegan Bradley (2011).
- In the leadup to the 2024 PGA Championship, contested at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky, Thomas was named a Kentucky Colonel -- the state of Kentucky's highest honor -- by Governor Andy Beshear. As part of the same ceremony, a "Hometown Hero" banner was unveiled, and Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg proclaimed May 6th "Justin Thomas Day" in Louisville. The "Hometown Hero" banners are public displays sponsored by the Greater Louisville Pride Foundation recognizing famous Louisvillians. Other notable "Hometown Hero" banners include Muhammad Ali, Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee Paul Hornung, Academy Award-winning actress Jennifer Lawrence, 12-time PGA TOUR winner Bobby Nichols, National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Pee Wee Reese, and two-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback Phil Simms. An emotional Thomas said of the recognition, "The things I've felt today, I've never felt in any golf tournament I've won. It's just an unbelievable honor. There's a reason why when I tee off, I announce I'm from Louisville, Kentucky."
- Made a cameo appearance in Happy Gilmore 2, released on Netflix in July 2025.
- Played his first professional round at St. Andrews as part of the 2013 Alfred Dunhill Links Championship on the DP World Tour.
- Appeared on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon in August 2018 and October 2022. Later appeared on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert in March 2024.
- Cover star of PGA TOUR 2K21, the August 2020 release of the popular sports video game franchise PGA TOUR 2K.
- Appeared in GQ's "10 Things You Can't Live Without" (March 2022) and "The Walk-In" (June 2020).
- Named the 2022 Best Male Golfer ESPY Award winner.

Stephan Jaeger

Things To Know

- The German-born (Munich) Jaeger pronounces his first name like Stephen or Steven (NOT Steph-an). He still speaks fluent German and tries to visit his family back in Germany on an annual basis. Represented Germany in the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- Earned his first PGA TOUR title at the 2024 Texas Children's Houston Open. Jaeger's victory upended Scottie Scheffler's bid to win three consecutive starts. Scheffler, who entered the Texas Children's Houston Open fresh off victories at the Arnold Palmer Invitational and PLAYERS Championship, finished T2 in Houston. Scheffler won his next two starts at the 2024 Masters Tournament and 2024 RBC Heritage, meaning Jaeger's victory actually broke up what would have been wins in five consecutive starts for Scheffler.
- Stephan moved to the U.S. in summer 2006 at the age of 17 and barely spoke English. He was an exchange student at the Baylor School in Chattanooga, Tennessee -- which his family learned about via an exchange agency in Germany -- for his junior and senior years. Teammates on the golf team included Keith Mitchell (Class of 2010) and Harris English (Class of 2007). "I was a 17-year-old coming to a new country without my parents, so it was difficult in the beginning. But that Baylor family, they take care of you really well early on. It's the Southern hospitality, you can feel comfortable pretty quickly." Multi-time PGA TOUR winner Luke List (Class of 2003) also attended Baylor School. All four (English, Jaeger, List, Mitchell) were inducted into the Baylor School Sports Hall of Fame. Stephan's Hall of Fame induction came in 2018.
- Upon arriving in the U.S. in 2006, he went directly to The Honors Course (a Pete Dye design which hosted the 1991 U.S. Amateur), met the Baylor School golf team and beat nearly everyone on the team in a two-round tournament. Keith Mitchell recalled, "It was our first tournament of the year, and I had played that golf course hundreds of times growing up in Chattanooga. I think I shot 78-81, maybe even worse. Nobody knew Stephan. His English was not good at the time, and we didn't really know how to communicate with him. Our coach reluctantly let him play, because we didn't know if he was going to shoot 110 or what. He went out as an individual, versus part of the team, and shot 74 (Jaeger claimed it was a 71)... and the next round he shot 68 and was first on the team other than Harris (English). I remember our coach going absolutely berserk, because this kid who spoke no English, just got off the plane, was jet-lagged, played the hardest course in the state and beat everyone on the team."
- Carries three ball markers in his bag that his wife made for him: (1) has a four leaf clover with son Fritz' name; (2) his dog, Phil; (3) his father Klaus. Says he never knows which one he will pull out to start a round. For the final round of the 2024 Texas Children's Houston Open, where he earned his first PGA TOUR win, he pulled out the ball marker with his dad's name on it. He had pulled out the one with his son's name the first three days.

Background

- Resides in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he plays out of Chattanooga Golf and Country Club.
- Grew up playing soccer and tennis; he quit those sports in his early teens (between 13-14). He grew up about a mile from a golf course in Germany and his whole family played.
- Started playing golf around 9-10 years old. Growing up, his parents frequently played golf on vacation. They would bring his sister, who was a good golfer and Stephan would ride in the golf cart when he was 6-8 years old. Eventually, he decided he wanted to try playing. His local

club had a great junior program and loved being at the course. Photo exists in Catalyst file of Stephan at age 4 in a cart at Kapalua, and photo was recreated at the 2025 Sentry.

- Helped Baylor School win consecutive TSSAA Division II state titles in 2006 and 2007. The program was a true dynasty under longtime head coach King Oehmig, who himself was a Baylor School alum (Class of 1969). Oehmig served as head coach of the boys and girls golf teams at Baylor School from 1997 through 2008. In Oehmig's 12 years at the helm, Baylor School won 21 state championships (12 for the girls, nine for the boys), in addition to 15 individual state championships (11 by girls, four by boys). Oehmig passed away in May 2015.
- Played four seasons at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (2008-12) and earned the first All-America First Team honor in school history; he set school records for career wins (four) and scoring average (72.10). Additionally, Jaeger was a three-time Southern Conference Player of the Year (2010-12).
- As a senior at UT-Chattanooga, Jaeger won the 2012 Southern Conference Championship by 11 strokes, tying the tournament record for largest margin of victory previously set in 1983 by Furman's Brad Faxon, an eight-time PGA TOUR winner.
- Won his sixth Korn Ferry Tour title at the 2021 Emerald Coast Classic, where he defeated David Lipsky in a sudden-death playoff. Jaeger became the sixth player in Korn Ferry Tour history with at least six wins. Among those six players, Jason Gore holds the Korn Ferry Tour record for career wins (seven). With his victory at the 2024 Texas Children's Houston Open, Jaeger followed Gore and Matt Gogel as the third player in history to win at least six times on the Korn Ferry Tour and win on the PGA TOUR.
- Stephan rejoined the PGA TOUR for the 2021-22 season, as he graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour for a third time following the 2020-21 combined season (46 events across two years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic). Jaeger, who previously graduated from the Korn Ferry Tour after the 2017 season and 2018 Korn Ferry Tour Finals, finished No. 1 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Points List (with two victories and four runner-up finishes across 35 starts) en route to being named the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year.

Family

- Stephan and his wife, Shelby, have two sons -- Harrison (November 2022) and Oliver (July 2025).
- Met wife Shelby while they were both at UT-Chattanooga, and the two eventually wed in 2018.
- Golden Retriever, Phil.
- Father, Klaus passed away March 11, 2022. Mother is Sophie and sister Michaela was a single digit player in her youth. Stephan said if he stayed in Germany instead of coming to the United States, he likely would have worked for his father's travel agency company.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Fast cars, especially BMWs. Says if he was not a golfer he would be a rally car driver.
- Considers himself a foodie (especially of German, Italian and Asian cuisines); loves cooking and fine wine.

Charity

- Supports the Jordan Thomas Foundation. Jordan was a rival high school golf competitor of Stephan. Post-boating accident where Jordan lost both his legs, Jordan still played on the varsity team at McCallie and Stephan is inspired by what he does for the Chattanooga

community. The Jordan Thomas Foundation returns children and adolescents to a life without physical limitation by providing quality prostheses until adulthood, serving as a caring resource for the child and family living with limb differences and tirelessly advocating for insurance fairness.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Friends with NBA superstar Stephen Curry; the two were paired together when Curry played the Korn Ferry Tour for the first time at the 2017 Ellie Mae Classic. He also saw Curry score 32 points when Davidson beat UT-Chattanooga, 92-70, in January 2009. It was Curry's last college season, while Jaeger was a freshman watching in the stands (he says UT-Chattanooga has a photo of him from the game which resurfaced ahead of the 2017 Ellie Mae Classic pairing).
- College teammates for three seasons (fall 2009 through spring 2012) with 2012 U.S. Amateur champion Steven Fox.
- Represented Germany at the 2016 World Cup of Golf alongside Alex Cejka at Kingston Heath in Melbourne, Australia.

Other

- Shot a 12-under 58 in the first round of the 2016 Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae (July 28) on the Korn Ferry Tour, which made him the first player to ever shoot a 58 in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned round; he was matched roughly a week later by Jim Furyk, who shot a 12-under 58 in the final round of the 2016 Travelers Championship (August 7). Jaeger still holds the Korn Ferry Tour's 72-hole scoring record (30-under 250) he set the same week, and he was only playing on conditional status at the time of the record-breaking victory.
- For Arnold Palmer Invitational: Stephan Jaeger framed the letter that Arnold Palmer sent him after he won the 2016 Ellie Mae Classic and it is still hanging in his house today. Under the picture of Arnold Palmer it reads "RIP The King." He made his API tournament debut in 2022 on a sponsor exemption after earning 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year honors.
- Riviera Country Club is among his favorite golf courses; he played there in college at the 2012 NCAA Championship. Jaeger finished T45 individually in a field which featured Patrick Cantlay (T4), Corey Conners (T4), Justin Thomas (T7), Max Homa (T9), Keith Mitchell (T9), Patrick Rodgers (T9), and J.J. Spaun (T13).

Keith Mitchell

Things To Know

- Won his first PGA Tour title at the 2019 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches in what was his second season on Tour. An avid watch collector, bought himself a Rolex Yacht-Master 42mm to commemorate the win.
- Has been a visor guy from "day one." Keith notes he posted a picture on Instagram of himself wearing a visor at 4 or 5 years old. Keith also said, "My dad always wore a visor... he was the cool guy wearing the visor, so I started wearing the visor." Keith wore a visor all the way through his college years, after which he signed with Nike and wore a hat. Keith eventually signed with different apparel companies and brought the visor back.
- Earned the nickname "Cashmere Keith" given his reputation as one of the most stylish players on Tour and his penchant for wearing cashmere sweaters. Keith says the best fashion advice he ever received was from his father, Jerry, who said, "Elegance is simplicity."
- In April 2024, appeared on the cover of the Style issue of Golf Digest, which recognized him as the "Best Dressed on Tour." In a Q&A with Marty Hackel, the longtime fashion director at Golf Digest, Mitchell gave opinions on the state of men's golf fashion ("Too scripted!"), white belts (they need to go), pro golfers' scripted outfits compared to their personal style ("If more golfers could wear their own style on the course, I think a lot of guys would blossom. Then again, I also think some players are helped by their uniforms."), as well as his own personal style choices on for the golf course ("I like to wear something I can go straight to dinner in at a nice restaurant, or vice versa if there's something to do before I get to the course."), and which golfers of the past he's looked to for style inspiration ("Arnold Palmer and Seve Ballesteros are the easy ones. Johnny Miller when he wasn't completely loud.")
- Developed a friendship -- which blossomed into a menswear partnership -- with Sid Mashburn, a fashion designer who designed for J. Crew, Ralph Lauren, and Tommy Hilfiger prior to launching his own brand (Sid Mashburn). Keith first heard about Sid Mashburn during his college years at University of Georgia. As a young pro in 2014, Keith visited a Sid Mashburn store and recalled, "I could barely afford to buy a pair of jeans and was treated like a guy buying a \$10,000 suit. That stuck with me." A couple years later, Keith met Sid at a pop-up store in New York. In 2021, the two struck up an official partnership (which was highlighted by GQ), with Sid saying via his website's blog, "Keith has been a customer and friend off the course... and we've always dug his spirit and enthusiasm (for clothes, cars, records, watches) whenever he was in the shop. His observation was that golf-wear (just like office-wear) was getting super casual and losing some of the tradition and formality of its roots. He had no idea one of my favorite coffee table books happens to be Arnold Palmer: A Personal Journey... so we were on the same wavelength from the get-go." When Keith is in Atlanta, he often brings friends to the Sid Mashburn store to "play ping-pong and drink bourbon."
- Served four consecutive years on the 16-member Player Advisory Council (PAC) from 2022-25. Mitchell and Maverick McNealy were elected Co-Chairmen of the PAC for 2025, and the two replaced Peter Malnati and Webb Simpson as Player Directors on the PGA Tour Policy Board in January 2026.
- Also one of six players on the nine-member Future Competitions Committee, which has been tasked with defining the optimal competitive model that enhances the PGA Tour's value to fans, players and partners.

Background

- Grew up in Chattanooga, Tennessee and played a lot of golf at The Honors Course in nearby Ooltewah, Tennessee.
- Attended The Baylor School, a private school in Chattanooga, Tennessee from 2003-10; he qualified for five state championships with the golf team, making his first appearance as an eighth-grader in October 2005. Played multiple seasons on the golf team with future PGA Tour winners Harris English (Class of 2007) and Stephan Jaeger (joined team in summer 2006, graduated 2008). Mitchell helped The Baylor School win four consecutive state championships from 2005-08.
- Another notable attendee of The Baylor School was PGA Tourwinner Luke List (Class of 2003).
- Played four seasons at the University of Georgia (2010-14), where he recorded a 72.53 career scoring average. Teammates included future PGA Tour winners Harris English (2010-11 season), Russell Henley (2010-11 season), and Sepp Straka (three seasons -- 2011-14). Mitchell and Straka were roommates for three years. Mitchell graduated in 2014 with a degree in Business and Real Estate.
- Very proud of his path to the PGA Tour, particularly the season he spent on PGA Tour Latinoamerica in 2015. Learned a lot from travels to unfamiliar places and how to deal with adversity. Played the 2016 and 2017 seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour, earning PGA Tour membership via the 2017 Korn Ferry Tour Finals after being the first man out (No. 26) in the regular season. [NOTE: beginning with the 2023 season, the Korn Ferry Tour Finals ceased awarding a separate set of PGA Tour cards and became part of the season-long points race.]

Family

- Got married to his wife, Claire, in Hawaii in January 2022, and played the following week at the Sony Open in Hawaii (T7).
- Mother, Cynthia, plans girls trips to his tournaments with her best friends, who have all known Keith his entire life. The members of the group, who call themselves the "Auntorage," travel to tournaments every few months and wear matching hats.
- Father, Jerry, is a longtime member of the R&A.
- Sister, Brindley, attended the University of St. Andrews in Scotland from 2009 to 2013. Would visit her as much as he could throughout college.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- When at home in St. Simons Island, typically drives a 1977 Jeep Cherokee Chief he restored with the help of fellow TOUR winner Michael Thompson. Keith bought the Jeep in fall 2018.
- Will often listen to music on vinyl records when at home. Two of his all-time favorites are Carolina Confessions from Marcus King, and Live at the Regal from B.B. King. Keith says, "Music to me is another one of those things that I love and I'm very passionate about. I tend to categorize my music into whatever mood I feel, or the situation that presents itself. I really like blues and that sort of guitar vibe."
- In addition to carefully curating his on-course style, has a deep fascination for watches. Keith says, "I'm fascinated by the sophistication of workmanship in watches that goes back hundreds of years." Keith's favorite watch in his collection is a Laurent Ferrier with a jade dial. Keith also noted that when he and his wife, Claire, got married, they each bought Cartier Tank watches engraved with their initials and wedding date. Keith claims to have bought all his watches at a jeweler run by a friend in Carmel, California, and he visits the store every time he plays at Pebble Beach Golf Links.

- Perhaps the most significant watch in Keith's collection was a Rolex Datejust. When Keith was in eighth grade, his grandfather passed away, and his father, Jerry, gifted him the Rolex Datejust with the engraving "To Keith with love, Papaw and Dad." Keith explained the watch's history, saying, "When my dad graduated from medical school, he bought my granddad this Rolex Datejust as a gift for putting him through school." Sadly, Keith's Rolex Datejust was stolen in his college years, as his car was broken into and his golf bag (with the watch inside) was stolen on a Fourth of July weekend. Fortunately, Jerry had insurance on the watch and ultimately gifted Keith a Rolex Submariner for graduation. Keith traded the Submariner for a GMT-Master II, which may be one of, if not the most-worn watch in his collection.
- Shortly after Keith earned his PGA Tour card in late 2017, he bought his father a Rolex Datejust and had it engraved "Thanks for the love and support, Keith." Keith also bought his mother, Cynthia, a Rolex before he bought anything big for himself.
- Deep into his coffee routine at home and enjoys taking time to make the perfect cup of coffee.
- On Tuesday of tournament week at THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2021, rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange to promote the beginning of the FedExCup Playoffs, checking off an item on his bucket list.

Charity

- Established the Keith Mitchell Foundation -- based in his hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee -- in 2020, and is passionate about providing opportunities to people in the area who did not have the same opportunities as he did growing up. Has enjoyed participating in fellow Tour player foundation events (i.e., Zach Johnson's) and looks forward to putting on fun charitable events to help people in Chattanooga.
- Co-sponsored the AJGA's Mizuno Junior Championship for three years (2022-24). The 2022 event was contested at Golden Bear Golf Club at Indigo Run in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, while the 2023 and 2024 events were contested on the Plantation Course at Sea Island Resort in St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Knows Peyton Manning and first met him at age 4, as Mitchell grew up playing The Honors Course, where Manning frequently played during his NFL offseasons. Partnered with Manning and Andy Roddick, among others, on Sweetens Cove, an award-winning nine-hole public golf course outside of his hometown of Chattanooga.
- Once beat two-time Super Bowl champion quarterback Eli Manning in a football contest at a charity event at Sweetens Cove. Former NFL wide receiver Eric Decker was so impressed by his throwing motion that he asked if Keith played quarterback in high school. During a press conference ahead of the 2022 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am alongside partner Josh Allen, Keith called Decker's question the biggest compliment he has received in his career, on or off the golf course.
- During the PGA Tour's West Coast swing in 2024, played a match at Los Angeles Country Club with NFL quarterback Jared Goff, retired seven-time MLB All-Star David Wright and another friend. Mitchell recalled, "(Goff) ended up making a putt on No. 18 to beat us. He made a gross birdie to clip us by one. He's good. We had to strengthen his grip a little bit; he was hitting it out to the right."
- Attended the 2004 Open Championship at Royal Troon at age 12 and recalled, "Darren Clarke gave me his glove -- I'll never forget that."

Other

- Entered the final round of the 2024 Valspar Championship with a two-stroke lead, but carded a 77 in the final round and finished T17. A year later, was an 18-hole co-leader at the 2025 Valspar Championship and reflected on the rocky finish the year prior, saying, "I still think about it. It's still definitely in the back of my mind, and I want it to stay there for, hopefully, the rest of my career to just motivate me to remember what it feels like when you let those kind of nerves get in your way. You look at a lot of guys in their career, everybody has a few of those, and that was mine."
- Made his PGA Tour debut at the 2017 Valspar Championship as an open qualifier (finished T11).

Ryan Gerard

Things To Know

- In a February 2026 interview on The Smylie Show, revealed he does not have a kitchen table in his Jupiter, Florida townhouse because his dining room has multiple putting mats on the floor, as well as three TVs mounted on the wall (mostly for watching sports). Gerard also revealed he would also be installing a Full Swing "Virtual Green" in the near future.
- Clinched a spot in the top 50 of the final Official World Golf Ranking of 2025 -- and thus secured an exemption for the 2026 Masters Tournament (will be his first appearance) -- with a runner-up finish (in a playoff) at the 2025 AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open (concluded December 21st), where he was one of only five Americans in the field. Gerard entered the tournament -- which is co-sanctioned by the DP World Tour and Sunshine Tour -- at No. 57 in the OWGR and rose to No. 46. Mauritius is an island in the Indian Ocean east of Madagascar. Gerard initially looked at playing one of the two DP World Tour events in South Africa in December, but neither was an option since he needed to attend the wedding of longtime friend and fellow PGA TOUR winner Ben Griffin (December 6). The trip consisted of an overnight flight from Miami to Rome, where he had a layover of nearly eight hours and had enough time to tour the Colosseum and visit some ruins, followed by a 12-hour flight to Mauritius.
- Earned his first PGA TOUR title at the 2025 Barracuda Championship. Gerard said of his victory, "It's just a culmination of a lifetime of work. I can't tell you how many hours I've spent hitting golf balls dreaming of winning on the PGA TOUR." Played the Genesis Scottish Open the week prior and arrived in California around 2:30 a.m. Tuesday as the second alternate for the 2025 Open Championship. A text exchange with fellow University of North Carolina alum and PGA TOUR winner Ben Griffin convinced him to stay in the U.S. for the Barracuda Championship. Gerard said in an interview following the third round, "There was some conversations as to whether we should fly back and try and wait (it) out. I love playing golf, so I figured I might as well play this week. It was a tough (decision), because if I skipped going and missed out on a major, would've been a kick in the pants for sure. I'm glad we made the right decision."
- Although the Wyndham Championship was closer to his family's home in Raleigh, North Carolina, the PGA TOUR event he most frequently attended and considers his "home" TOUR event is the Truist Championship at Quail Hollow. The first PGA TOUR event Gerard attended was the 2007 Truist Championship, and he remembered following Tiger Woods (eventual winner) and Vijay Singh in the final groups. Gerard was also in attendance for the 2011 Wyndham Championship, which was won by fellow Raleigh native Webb Simpson.
- Enjoyed playing "Impossible Chipping Contests" with his friends -- a group which included the late Grayson Murray (two-time PGA TOUR winner), as well as fellow professionals Doc Redman and Carter Jenkins -- at Wildwood Green Golf Club in his hometown of Raleigh, North Carolina. They would intentionally give each other the worst lies possible and see who could get the ball closest to the pin. Gerard's family moved into a home near the 15th hole at Wildwood Green Golf Club around the time Ryan was five years old.
- Returned to the PGA TOUR in 2025 following a top 30 finish (No. 12) on the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Points List. Graduated to the PGA TOUR via the Korn Ferry Tour for the first time, doing so off the strength of his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the 2024 BMW Charity Pro-Am just outside Greenville, South Carolina.
- Earned Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR amid the 2022-23 season. Open qualified for the 2023 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, gaining entry to the event via a 5-for-3 playoff Tuesday morning. Finished solo fourth that week at PGA National Resort and

followed it with a T11 at the Puerto Rico Open a week later. Secured Special Temporary Membership after the 2023 Valero Texas Open.

- Played five seasons at University of North Carolina (2017-22), winning once individually and garnering 2022 All-America Second Team and All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors. Also broke Ben Griffin's program record for career scoring average, finishing with a mark of 71.65 (this record has since been broken multiple times).

Background

- Relocated to Jupiter, Florida at the end of 2022.
- Received his first set of golf clubs at age 2. Parents said he tried to sneak out of the house whenever he could to hit balls in his yard. Gerard also noted, "I apparently just loved golf. I was told that as a little kid, I would take shovels and rakes I found at daycare and swing them around like golf clubs. I always got in trouble for doing it, because I nearly took the heads off other kids. Anything that could be turned into a ball or a club was fair game for me."
- Remembered sneaking out of his room after his bedtime as a youngster to watch the conclusion of the 2012 U.S. Open, which was won by Webb Simpson at The Olympic Club. Ryan and Webb -- both Raleigh natives -- played a couple practice rounds together on TOUR in 2023.
- He was passionate about playing both basketball and baseball growing up, but his interest in baseball harmed his golf swing. He said he imitated the golf swing too closely in the batter's box, leading to "too many strikeouts."
- Graduated from Ravenscroft School in his childhood hometown of Raleigh, North Carolina. Notable alums of Ravenscroft School include actor Michael C. Hall (Class of 1989), best known for his award-winning performance in the television series Dexter, and former NFL safety Antwan Harris (Class of 1996), who won three Super Bowls with the New England Patriots.
- Junior golf victories included the AJGA's 2015 Polo Golf Junior Classic, a match play tournament contested at PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida - which hosts the PGA TOUR's Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches. Gerard defeated fellow Korn Ferry Tour graduate Norman Xiong in the semifinals, and fellow professional Cooper Dossey in the championship match. Other past champions of the event include Stewart Cink (1989), Tiger Woods (1991), Trevor Immelman (1995), Brian Harman (2003), Cameron Young (2013), Akshay Bhatia (2018), and Nick Dunlap (2021).
- Named a 2016 AJGA Rolex Junior All-America First Team selection alongside fellow Korn Ferry Tour graduates Ricky Castillo, Noah Goodwin, John Pak, and Norman Xiong.
- Majored in economics and minored in geography at University of North Carolina.

Family

- Father, Robert (also goes by Bob), played collegiately at Florida Atlantic University and professionally in the 1980s. One of Robert's college teammates was Joseph Vogel, father of Korn Ferry Tour winner T.J. Vogel.
- In 2009, Robert co-founded the Tarheel Golf Foundation, a non-profit organization which operated the Tarheel Junior Golf Tour (for middle school and high school players) and Tarheel Future Stars Series (for elementary school players). Robert co-founded the non-profit with Eric Murray, father of two-time PGA TOUR winner Grayson Murray (who tragically passed away in 2024). Robert said of establishing the Tarheel Golf Foundation, "Basically there was nothing (in Wake County) for kids who were competing and wanted some acknowledgement of where they stood against other players in the state and region." The foundation had more

than 1,000 members by its second season. Robert is no longer involved with the Tarheel Golf Foundation, which sold to Drip Golf and was rebranded as what is now the Tarheel Junior Golf Tour in 2022.

- Mother, Judy.
- The Gerards are a dog-loving family. Judy named one of their dogs Stevie in honor of Steve Stricker, her second-favorite golfer (behind Ryan, of course) because both went to University of Illinois. They also have a Cavapoo puppy named Brookline, a nod to The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, where Ryan made his PGA TOUR debut at the 2022 U.S. Open.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Music. Knows how to play the piano and played violin for 14 years; he previously played in an orchestra and a quartet. Also enjoys listening to hip hop.
- In high school, was president of the badminton club and a member of the chess club. Still enjoys playing chess today. Used to play a lot of online chess, but eventually got frustrated after reaching a relatively high level of competition; he estimated he was a "2 or 3 handicap" in golf terms.
- Devoted fan of the Carolina Panthers (NFL football) and the New York Yankees (MLB baseball).
- Enjoys cooking when at home.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Good friends with fellow University of North Carolina alum Ben Griffin. Gerard grew up playing junior golf against Griffin, and the two lived in the same apartment complex during Griffin's hiatus from golf in 2021. The two also spent a lot of time together when Gerard was a PGA TOUR rookie with Special Temporary Membership in 2023.
- Met fellow University of North Carolina alum Michael Jordan. Jordan gifted him a pair of golf shoes, which he keeps in a case.
- Former University of North Carolina men's basketball coach Roy Williams has been an influential figure in his career. Gerard said Williams helped him find competitiveness through happiness and positivity.

Other

- Used to play custom golf balls numbered 19 because he wanted to win more majors than Jack Nicklaus.

Mac Meissner

Things To Know

- Last name pronunciation: MIZE-nurr
- Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time via the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season, which awarded TOUR membership to the top 30 players on its Points List. Meissner finished No. 20 off the strength of three top-10s, including a T3 at the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship, which took him from No. 35 to No. 20 on the final 2023 Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- Carded the eighth sub-60 round in Korn Ferry Tour history with a 12-under 59 in the second round of the 2023 LECOM Suncoast Classic at Lakewood National Golf Club in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Meissner closed his round (which began on the back nine) with a birdie-eagle finish to post the 59.
- Previously finished No. 46 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List as a rookie, which earned him fully exempt status for the 2023 season.
- Finished No. 8 in the inaugural PGA TOUR University Class of 2021 after four seasons at Southern Methodist University (2017-21); his performance benefits included Forme Tour membership for the remainder of the 2021 season. Meissner won his third start on the circuit and finished No. 5 on its Order of Merit to earn Korn Ferry Tour membership for 2022. [NOTE: the Forme Tour was played for one season in place of PGA TOUR Canada, which had its 2020 and 2021 seasons canceled amid the COVID-19 pandemic.]

Background

- Born in Charleston, South Carolina but eventually graduated from Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio, Texas. Currently resides in Dallas, where he attended Southern Methodist University.
- Played four seasons at Southern Methodist University (2017-21), winning twice individually, earning two All-America honors (third-team in 2019, second-team in 2020), and garnering the 2018-19 American Athletic Conference Golfer of the Year award. Meissner's two wins included medalist honors at the 2019 American Athletic Conference Championship.
- Recipient of the 2021 Byron Nelson Award, which is presented annually to a graduating senior for the combination of performance, academics, character, integrity, and citizenship. The award granted him an exemption for the 2022 CJ CUP at Byron Nelson, where he missed the cut in what was his first PGA TOUR start as a professional.
- Represented the United States at the 2021 Walker Cup; he began the week as the first alternate but saw action in the first foursomes session, winning a point alongside Ricky Castillo.
- Won the 2020 Southern Amateur Championship at Maridoe Golf Club in Carrollton, Texas, closing with a final-round 66 and winning in a playoff.
- Finished third at the 2018 Texas Amateur; he finished six strokes behind the champion, his older brother Mitchell Meissner. Mac notably finished ahead of fellow PGA TOUR rookies Chandler Phillips (T5), Pierceson Coody (T8), and Parker Coody (T12).

Family

- Older brother (by three years), Mitchell, played golf at Rice University and continues to play professionally. Mitchell notably finished No. 1 on the 2021-22 PGA TOUR Latinoamerica Order of Merit. Mitchell finished No. 21 on the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, which left

him as the first man out of PGA TOUR membership for 2026, as the top 20 earned TOUR cards.

- An uncle, Todd Haney, was an infielder who played college baseball at University of Texas and played professionally from 1992 through 1998 for the Montreal Expos, Chicago Cubs, and New York Mets. In 2019, Haney became head coach of the Victoria (British Columbia) HarbourCats, a member of the West Coast League, which is a premier summer collegiate baseball league.
- Wife, Kennedy, played golf at SMU and currently works for the Payne Stewart Foundation.

Charity

- Would like to start a foundation which encourages less-opportune children to get into golf in his hometown of San Antonio, Texas.
- Volunteered at Brother Bill's Helping Hand, Watermark Church, and the College Golf Fellowship through the years.
- While in high school, earned the President's Volunteer Service Award, which requires upwards of 100 hours of community service. The award is bestowed by the President of the United States and was established to honor volunteers who give hundreds of hours per year helping others through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The award can be granted to individuals, families, and organizations located throughout the United States.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Teammates on the United States team at the 2021 Walker Cup included Korn Ferry Tour winner Ricky Castillo, fellow PGA TOUR rookie Pierceson Coody, as well as TOUR members Austin Eckroat and Davis Thompson.

Max Homa

Things To Know

- Serving on the 16-member Player Advisory Council (PAC) for a fifth consecutive year in 2026. The PAC serves as a consulting body which vets and recommends changes to the PGA TOUR Policy Board on behalf of the membership.
- Cover star of the latest release of the popular video game, PGA TOUR 2K25, his first appearance in the game.
- The six-time PGA TOUR winner has four wins in his home state of California (2021 Genesis Invitational, 2021 and 2022 Procore Championship, 2023 Farmers Insurance Open), and has won the Truist Championship twice, at different venues (2019/Quail Hollow Club, 2022/TPC Potomac at Avenal Farm).
- On what keeps him optimistic about the future of his career, Homa says, "I think I just outwork a lot of people, and the more I can keep my brain in a good spot or get it in a good spot, I can do that for a long time. I love looking at people like Adam Scott, Justin Rose, Billy Horschel, guys who are a bit older than me who are still phenomenal. If I stay healthy and keep the passion for the work, I'll be all right."
- Gave updated comments on his departure from social media in an interview with Brentley Romine (for Golf Channel) in March 2026, saying, "When I hear stories about people saying something from the internet that's kind of dark and dire, I laugh and think about how I used to just be immersed in that. The world in public, people are so much nicer than they are on the Internet, and I think the further you get away from it, you realize the more good there is than bad... I can't quantify that, but it is nice to see."
- Although he gained popularity for engaging with fans on Twitter (now known as X) throughout the late 2010s and early 2020s, decided in 2025 to avoid the platform entirely and take breaks from other social media platforms, saying, "The reason for that was just the vitriol you read online. I stepped away a lot also from Instagram. X is an awful, awful place. It took me a while to catch onto how impactful that can be, and how much of a waste of energy. You just realize how much you don't need it. When you first step away from it, you feel like you're missing something, but you start to realize that you're missing absolutely nothing. I wish I would've done it earlier. I've met some awesome people through the internet, but just think it's become far more negative than positive." Max did say he still enjoys TikTok, noting, "I feel like the generation is a bit younger. They're still nice and haven't been jaded by the world yet. I've enjoyed that one."
- Coupled with his decision to avoid X (formerly known as Twitter) beginning in 2025, turned to the New York Times app for mini-crosswords and Wordle. Max says, "I'm still on my phone, I'm just doing some other stuff. It's just nice when you don't have 500 people every month telling you you're not very good at golf when you know you're not playing well. It gets a bit redundant."
- On dealing with nerves: Max likes to keep his strategy simple when he's between the ropes. "I guess it's corny and like old school... but breathing is important." Homa also said he has to remind himself not to rush things when he gets nervous. He's a fast walker by nature, but sometimes slowing down is the best thing for his golf game. "I try to slow down on Thursday to Saturday but especially on Sunday I have to like tell myself to slow down," he said. "I think that goes to just self awareness, knowing yourself, knowing your tics and know what's going to maybe speed up that heart rate and try to avoid those things."
- After successfully defending his title at the 2022 Procore Championship for his fifth career win, flew straight to Charlotte, North Carolina, to make his Presidents Cup debut as one of Davis Love III's six captain's picks for the U.S. Team (arrived after midnight and was greeted at

the hotel by Love). Secured a 4-0 record by defeating International Team star Tom Kim in Sunday Singles, rallying from 3 down with just seven holes to play, taking four straight holes at one point. "He's a great player and a really great kid," Homa said. "He's going to be amazing. But I wanted a point real bad."

Background

- Born in Burbank and grew up in Santa Clarita, California. In Burbank, the family home was near a driving range at Griffith Park (most notably home to the famous Griffith Observatory). After the family relocated, Homa developed his game at Vista Valencia Golf Course in Santa Clarita. Vista Valencia has an 18-hole par 61 executive course (The Vista) and a 9-hole par 3 course (Chica). According to its website, The Vista Course plays a little over 4,300 yards from the back tees and has nearly 50 bunkers, with water in play on 10 different holes. The "signature 17th hole" is a 158-yard par 3 with an island green surrounded by three bunkers and only accessible by bridge. Vista Valencia also had a driving range with lights and a strong junior golf program, which helped Max get into the game. Max said of the junior program, "Everyone just loved to go there. You get french fries, an Orange Bang, and played a bunch of holes. That was like the hangout, like the movie theatre of golf courses."
- Vista Valencia Golf Course was also a "home" course for PGA TOUR winner Jason Gore, a longtime Valencia resident who attended nearby Hart High School and played a lot of golf at Vista Valencia with Max's father, John. Max recalled, "You got to see someone who is a professional golfer on the PGA TOUR. We watched him win the 84 Lumber (Classic) at the golf course." Gore joined the PGA TOUR in 2022 and is currently the Chief Player Officer.
- Was introduced to golf by his father, John, and Max learned to appreciate the honesty in players, saying, "We would watch a lot of golf on TV. And I remember any time there was a press conference or an interview going on, if I started to talk, my dad would tell me to listen and try to absorb well and learn something. I think maybe from that I've appreciated athletes who are really honest."
- In 2010, he reached the quarterfinals of the U.S. Amateur before losing to reigning champion and Cal teammate Byeong Hun An.
- 2013 NCAA Individual Champion at Cal after birdieing three of the last five holes to come from behind and overtake Jon Rahm (he is friends with Rahm today). Has spent time as a volunteer coach helping the Cal team.
- Turned pro in 2013 after competing on the winning U.S. Walker Cup team with teammates Justin Thomas, Patrick Rogers and Michael Kim among others. Matt Fitzpatrick was on the losing GB&I team.
- Early in his professional career, went back and forth between the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR until securing his first TOUR title at the 2019 Truist Championship. A particularly low moment in the stretch was the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season, when he finished with 15 missed cuts in 17 starts. Max, who won twice on the Korn Ferry Tour, said of his "rocky road" to maintaining PGA TOUR membership, "I've always been a really slow learner. I did a tremendously bad job of looking down the range every week and trying to be as good as the guy next to me was at their best quality, instead of thinking, 'Why am I here? What am I good at?' I went down a rabbit hole of trying to change stuff and get better at things I probably didn't need to."
- Cited Thursday and Friday of the 2017 Wyndham Championship as both the lowest point of his career and a high moment. Homa, who entered the week well outside the top 200 in the FedExCup standings, explained, "I had to get a third place solo to keep my (TOUR) card, and maybe for five total seconds that week I thought I could do it. I hadn't done anything good, let alone a third place. I knew I was going back to Q-School, and I played terrible Thursday. I remember I was (in) the morning wave, and I went to the range and I hit balls so long I'm

pretty sure the afternoon wave finished. I just kept hitting balls. It's the worst I could've felt about myself, but I look back at that day more than I look back at any day. I thought, 'There's no reason for me to do this. I'm not going to find something for tomorrow.' The reason it's a high is... I wasn't working for tomorrow. I was working for 2024, 2023, things like that. I was proud of doing that. It was probably a little crazy, but I like that."

Family

- Married in December 2019 to Lacey Croom; following his win at the 2019 Truist Championship he mentioned how they could now pay for the wedding.
- Homa and his wife Lacey welcomed Cam Andrew Homa in October 2022. Homa posted on Instagram: "He is healthy, peaceful and happy. Full transparency, Lacey had some complications and had to have multiple surgeries. She spent quite a bit of time in the ICU. Fortunately, she was released to the postpartum room earlier today and finally got to be with me and reunited with Cam. We are so happy and on the long road to recovery. Thank you to everyone who has reached out to help. It means the world to us. We are already so in love with him. P.S. My wife is a freaking super hero and I've truly never been more proud and impressed."
- His father, John, is an accomplished Los Angeles acting coach who counts among his past pupils Kirsten Dunst, Brie Larson and Michelle Williams. John grew up in small Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania, where many of his classmates went to work for Mack Truck, Bethlehem Steel or in the coal mines. As Max developed his golf career, John used to encourage him to listen intently to TOUR players' interviews in order to glean insights.
- Max and Lacey met through his dad, John, who was Lacey's acting coach. They were around the same age and eventually connected via social and started dating.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Wants to find something outside of golf he can have fun with and get better at. As of summer 2025, Homa has thought about cooking, saying, "I can grill a little bit. I can make a decent sauce for pasta. But I'm not super great at it." Also thought about fishing, saying, "That seems peaceful, and no one can bother me out there."
- Chipotle fanatic. In May 2025, partnered with Cobra and Chipotle on a signature headcover and shag bag -- both of which sold out in a matter of hours. Homa said of the partnership, "It's a dream to play on TOUR. It's probably a bigger dream for me to be friends with the CEO of Chipotle, to be quite honest." Homa's Chipotle order is a burrito bowl with white rice, black beans, chicken, fresh tomato salsa, roasted chili-corn salsa, and guac. Homa developed his love for Chipotle in college, where he frequented the Telegraph Avenue location in Berkeley, California.
- Loves Outback Steakhouse and In-N-Out Burger.
- Huge sports fan of Los Angeles teams including the NBA's Lakers, NFL's Rams and MLB's Dodgers. First met Tommy Lasorda, who passed away on January 7, 2021, in 2015 when Lasorda told him he'd call him when he won his first PGA TOUR win. Four years later when Homa won his maiden PGA TOUR title at the 2019 Truist Championship, Lasorda called him. The moment was captured on camera.
- When asked why he loves golf, Max answered, "That's a funny question. What's funny is I think when I was a kid I truly loved golf. I'm not so sure I love golf anymore, but I love competing and getting better so much, so golf provides the platform for that. People ask that in a different way a lot, but like golf is a job now. ... Now we've done so much in the game that sadly an amazing 7-iron doesn't make me as happy as it used to, which is sad. But I don't

know, I would be obsessed with something else if I didn't have this. And I'm thankful I have this because I have direction, so I do love that about what golf is giving me at the moment."

- His Jewish faith is very important to him.
- Loved to play pickup basketball. In fact, his favorite sport was basketball growing up but he was better at golf. During his time at Cal, Homa and four of his teammates wound up playing a game of pickup basketball against two students and three receivers from the football team - two of whom were future NFL players Keenan Allen and Marvin Jones Jr. Homa guarded Allen for much of the game and managed to get a partial block on a fastbreak layup attempt, with Homa recalling, "I got lucky... I got my fingers on it and smoked some of the backboard with the ball. I'm not sitting here claiming I'm better at basketball or anything. It was my time to shine, for one moment in the sun." Homa did note, in his brief moment of celebration, an opposing player swiped the loose ball and dunked on him. "My moment in the sun burned up faster than any human has ever burned up."
- Sports a tattoo on his arm that reads - Relentless. "You have to be relentless, you have to be a bulldog, you have to be tough." When did he get tattoo? "Right after I made \$18,008 in 2017."

Charity

- In February 2026, partnered with Arcutis Biotherapeutics to help raise awareness for the company's campaign encouraging "the millions of Americans living with seborrheic dermatitis (seb derm) to speak with their healthcare providers about long-term treatment options." Homa unknowingly dealt with seb derm for years prior to his diagnosis in 2025, after which he treated his condition with a once-daily, non-steroidal foam produced by Arcutis Biotherapeutics. Seb derm is a chronic, inflammatory skin condition which causes scaly patches, inflamed skin and stubborn dandruff. According to Mayo Clinic, seb derm "usually affects oily areas of the body, such as the face, sides of the nose, eyebrows, ears, eyelids, and chest." Homa said of his condition, "Even on the days when my face wasn't red or flaky, seb derm was in the back of my mind -- I'd catch myself wondering if other people could see it. Getting a proper diagnosis and treating my seb derm made a big difference."
- The Max and Lacey Homa Endowed Scholarship was established at Cal in September 2021.
- Alzheimer's Disease initiatives are close to Max's heart, as his grandmother had Alzheimer's, and Kathy Pappageorge, the mother of one of his longtime best friends, Peter Pappageorge, was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's at 58 years old. Max shared his experience as both a friend and family member in a 2019 blog post for Alzheimer's Association, saying, "In someone as young as Peter's mother, it's shocking and eye opening. It wasn't until I had a tournament near Peter's hometown and I stayed with his mom, dad and sister that I began to understand how scary and debilitating Alzheimer's can be. That gave me a better understanding of the disease and how it affects a family." At the 2019 Valero Texas Open, Max wore purple to support Peter and honor Kathy and all those living with Alzheimer's, in addition to making a donation for birdies and eagles he made that week.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Close friends on TOUR include fellow PGA TOUR winners Rickie Fowler and Jake Knapp. Homa, Fowler and Knapp all hail from Southern California. Homa also developed a close friendship with fellow Cal alum Collin Morikawa. Homa says of his friendship with Morikawa, "On his off weeks, he'll check in on me. I have the utmost respect for him. I owe him a ton just giving his time, and the fact that he really cares."

- Ahead of the 2023 Nedbank Golf Challenge, an annual DP World Tour event in South Africa, Max and his wife, Lacey, joined close friend Justin Thomas and his wife, Jillian, on a safari trip to Madikwe Game Reserve in South Africa. Max said, "I was kind of scared to do it, and it's oddly peaceful. You get to watch the circle of life. You realize there's a lot more out there than just golf."
- Known to make friendly wagers on his beloved Los Angeles Dodgers with fellow TOUR player J.T. Poston (an Atlanta Braves fan). Homa took over Poston's Twitter account for 24 hours on October 19, 2020, after the Dodgers beat the Braves in the 2020 NLCS. However, Homa lost the bet to Poston in 2021 when the Dodgers lost to the Braves in the 2021 NLCS and, as a result, Homa had to wear a Braves jersey on No. 16 during the second round of the 2022 WM Phoenix Open.
- Friendly with four-time NFL MVP Aaron Rodgers, a fellow Cal alum. Rodgers "virtually" introduced him for first-tee introductions in the TOUR's Return to Golf from the 2020 COVID-19 shutdown (at the Charles Schwab Challenge). Rodgers also congratulated Homa via Twitter after his 2021 Genesis Invitational title.
- In 2013, Homa tweeted at Tiger Woods "just won PAC 12s, NCAA championship, and qualified for the U.S. Open. Any chance I can get a practice round with u?? #hero." His chance finally came at the 150th Open Championship in 2022 at St. Andrews when he was paired with Woods for the first time during the opening rounds (Matt Fitzpatrick was the third). After Friday's round, Homa tweeted "Typically after a missed cut u hope to flush it from ur memory. But not this one. This was pretty unforgettable. Incredibly bummed to not be playing the weekend but endlessly thankful for the 2 days with Tiger at St Andrews. That walk up 18 was a movie."
- When asked what story would he tell his grandkids from those two days playing with Woods at St. Andrews, Homa said "A bunch. It was a six-and-a-half-hour round that day on Thursday. During one of the long waits on nine, Tiger came up to me and asked how many times I had won and I said four. I made a joke about flexing on him with all my wins, only 78 more to go to pass him, and he very seriously said, 'You should have a lot more.' So kind of don't brag about that one and that was pretty cool, so I liked that."
- Homa first met Tiger Woods at the 2013 U.S. Open. He deliberately set up next to him on the range at Merion and eventually worked up the courage to introduce himself - but not until after getting caught on Golf Channel (who was covering Tiger's warm up) "staring" at Tiger. Homa said his phone was "blowing up" from friends sending him screenshots of the awkward moment, and he still has those photos saved.

Other

- Represents Jupiter Links Golf Club alongside teammates Tiger Woods, Tom Kim and Kevin Kisner in TGL presented by SoFi, a primetime golf league in partnership with the PGA TOUR that launched in January 2025 on ESPN. The new golf league was created by TMRW Sports whose co-founders include Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, and fuses advanced technology, innovation and live action for ESPN's primetime television audience. Jupiter Links Golf Club is owned by Tiger Woods' TGR Ventures and David Blitzler.
- When referring to Max's college career it's "California" or "Cal" and the University is "UC Berkeley" - but it's never "Cal-Berkeley."

