

Report (13 players)

Tommy Fleetwood

Things To Know

- Represents the Los Angeles Golf Club alongside teammates Sahith Theegala, Collin Morikawa and Justin Rose in the inaugural 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. Los Angeles Golf Club was founded by Alexis Ohanian, Seven Seven Six, Serena Williams, and Venus Williams. Limited partners include The Antetokounmpo brothers, Alex Morgan, Servando Carrasco, Michelle Wie West, Tisha Alyn, Carolyn Tisch Blodgett and Shonda Rhimes.
- Wife and manager, Clare. The couple married in The Bahamas on the Tuesday following the 2017 Hero World Challenge. They have one child together, a boy named Franklin ("Frankie"), and Tommy is stepfather to two older boys (Oscar and Mo).
- At the 2024 Summer Olympics at Le Golf National, Fleetwood won a silver medal after finishing the tournament 18 under par, one shot behind gold medalist Scottie Scheffler
- Known for his flowing mane, grows out his hair because his father, Pete, is bald and he wants to grow hair while he can.
- Tommy's a football (soccer) fan and supports Everton (based in Liverpool) in the Premier League.
- Drama was his best subject in school. Likes attending musicals and has a great appreciation for the performers. Counts "The Lion King" as a favorite.
- Loves books, especially detective stories, historical books and biographies.

Background

- Born in Southport, a popular golfing area and coastal town in the North West of England in January 1991. He learnt to play on his local municipal course before showing promise as a junior at Formby Hall under the tutelage of Norman Marshall.
- When he was younger he used to sneak on to the course at Royal Birkdale with his father, Pete. Years later, Tommy made the cut at the 2017 Open Championship at Royal Birkdale.
- He enjoyed a stellar amateur career finishing runner up in the 2008 Amateur Championship and representing Great Britain and Ireland in the 2009 Walker Cup before turning professional the following year.
- In 2011, as a 20 year old, he became the youngest player to win the European Challenge Tour.
- He claimed his first DP World Tour title in 2013 at the Johnnie Walker Championship at Gleneagles. His second title came at the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship in 2017 finishing a shot clear of Dustin Johnson and Pablo Larrazabal. That win was the catalyst for a great 2017 season, which saw him win the DP World Tour's season-long Race to Dubai.
- Tommy enjoyed a record-breaking debut at the 2018 Ryder Cup in Paris, winning four points out of four alongside close friend Francesco Molinari. The partnership was affectionately dubbed 'Moliwood'.

Family

- Frankie became a viral phenomenon at the 2022 Masters when the four year old appeared as Tommy's caddy in the Par 3 contest, sprinting from hole-to-hole to a rapturous applause.

Charity

- Announced in May 2019 the founding of the Tommy Fleetwood Golf Academy at Formby Hall (near Southport). He grew up playing at Formby Hall with fellow juniors in Sefton (borough that Southport is in) on Monday nights and wants the kids today to have as much fun as he did.

Russell Henley

Things To Know

- College teammates at University of Georgia included PGA TOUR winners Harris English, Keith Mitchell and Brian Harman.
- Fan of Georgia football. After winning the 2022 World Wide Technology Championship, said the following while Georgia was playing Tennessee: "I was playing while the game was going on, so I didn't get to see it. I heard on No. 13 or so that we were winning 21-3, so I was very happy to hear that. I'm still kind of living off of last year's National Championship, though. Yeah, it's a fun time of the year to be a Georgia fan."
- Watched the 2022 College Football Playoff National Championship (Georgia vs. Alabama) with fellow Georgia players on Monday of the 2022 Sony Open in Hawaii. All 10 Georgia players in the field would go on to make the cut with Henley coming close to victory (lost to Hideki Matsuyama in a one-hole playoff).

Background

- Born and raised in Macon, Georgia; Attended the University of Georgia, where he won the 2010 Haskins Award as most outstanding collegiate golfer. Graduated in 2011 with a degree in Consumer Economics.
- Was named Georgia's Student-Athlete of the Year for the 2009-10 season and helped the Georgia Bulldogs win the Southeastern Conference title in his junior and senior years.
- Won his first start as a PGA TOUR member at the 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii.

Family

- Russell and Teil Henley have three children: Son, Robert (2018); Daughters, Ruth (2019) and Jane (2022).
- Wife, Teil Duncan, is an accomplished artist whose impressionistic paintings and prints are sold all over the world. She paints out of a studio in their backyard in Columbus, Georgia.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Self-taught, Henley has played guitar since he was eight years old. His best friend and brother-in-law, they actually married sisters, always seemed to be in a band, and Henley loved music, too, particularly newer country music and anything from the '90s. Through PGA TOUR opportunities, has played onstage with O.A.R. (2015 Genesis Invitational) and Darius Rucker.

Charity

- Each September, Russell hosts the Five Star Kevin Brown Russell Henley Celebrity Classic in his hometown to benefit the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia, a faith-based, life recovery program for men, women, and children, in addition to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- Macon Volunteer Clinic, founded by Russell's father, provides free primary medical care and dental care to uninsured, working adults in the Macon-Bibb County area and whose income is equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Played on 2011 Walker Cup team with Jordan Spieth, Patrick Cantlay, Patrick Rodgers and Harris English, among others.

Keegan Bradley

Things To Know

- Featured in the latest season of Netflix's Full Swing, an immersive documentary that follows life on the PGA TOUR. Season Three features returning favorites and new faces offering a look on and off the course across a relentless 2024 season.
- On July 8, 2024, the PGA of America announced Bradley as the 2025 U.S. Ryder Cup Team Captain. Two months later, Bradley was announced as a captain's pick for the 2024 Presidents Cup; he was previously announced as a captain's assistant to U.S. Team Captain Jim Furyk, and was eventually replaced by Brandt Snedeker. In what was his second Presidents Cup appearance (previous being in 2013), Bradley earned the clinching point for the U.S. Team with his 1-up victory over Si Woo Kim.
- Bradley has played in two Ryder Cups (2012 and 2014) and two Presidents Cups (2013, 2024). The 2025 Ryder Cup will be held at Bethpage Black, where he played often as a collegiate golfer at St. John's University in New York City. Bradley will be 39 at the time of the 2025 Ryder Cup, making him the youngest Ryder Cup captain since 34-year-old Arnold Palmer was a playing captain in 1963.
- Won his seventh PGA TOUR title at the 2024 BMW Championship, contested at Castle Pines Golf Club (roughly 25 miles south of Denver, Colorado). Bradley entered the week as the last man in the field at No. 50 in the FedExCup, saying after the win, "I'm in a bit of a state of shock... a week ago about this time I didn't think I was going to be coming here. I had to have a lot of magical things happen for me to just play in this tournament." It also marked the first time his father, Mark, was in attendance for one of Keegan's PGA TOUR victories. Prior to retiring in late 2023 / early 2024, Mark was a PGA of America member who spent nearly 20 years as the Director of Instruction at Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Club in Wyoming, which limited his ability to travel to Keegan's PGA TOUR events; he could usually attend a handful each year, but had never been on hand for one of Keegan's wins. The victory came on August 25, the same day his aunt, World Golf Hall of Fame member Pat Bradley, won the 1985 LPGA National Pro-Am in nearby Englewood, Colorado.
- After securing his sixth career PGA TOUR victory at the 2023 Travelers Championship Bradley shared, "This is for all the kids that grew up in New England. Gotta sit through the winters and watch other people play golf... I'm so lucky and so thankful to be from this New England area and I just can't believe -- this feels like a dream."
- Following the end of his 2021-22 PGA TOUR season in August 2022, Bradley developed a health and fitness regimen to radically change his diet and improve his game. Bradley lost over 30 pounds in five months, saying of his diet, "Eggs in the morning, maybe chicken or ground beef for lunch and then steak at night. All grass-fed meat is the key. No vegetables. And no condiments, no sides, no starches, not even ketchup. All I did was salt, pepper... and some hot sauce." Bradley went on to earn two victories in the 2022-23 PGA TOUR season, winning the 2022 ZOZO Championship in October, followed by the 2023 Travelers Championship in June.
- With his victory at the 2011 PGA Championship -- which was Bradley's first start in a major championship -- at Atlanta Athletic Club, became the eighth PGA Championship winner who is the son of a PGA of America professional. Bradley's father, Mark, became a PGA of America member in 1997. Mark retired in late 2023 / early 2024 after nearly 20 years (hired in 2005) as the Director of Instruction at Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Club in Wyoming. Mark is the younger brother of LPGA great and World Golf Hall of Fame inductee Pat Bradley.
- Keegan is the nephew of LPGA great and World Golf Hall of Fame inductee Pat Bradley. Keegan was born in 1986, the year Pat won three major championships. Pat won 31 LPGA

Tour titles, was a two-time LPGA Tour Player of the Year (1986, 1991), and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1991. Keegan says of Pat, "Aunt Pat has been an unbelievable mentor to me over the years. She has had such a great influence on me, and I like to think that we are both very similar. She has taught me the importance of focus and intensity, not only in competition but in practice."

- Represents Boston Common Golf alongside teammates Rory McIlroy, Adam Scott and Hideki Matsuyama 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. Boston Common Golf is owned by John Henry, Tom Werner, Mike Gordon and Fenway Sports Group as well as Niall Horan as a limited partner.

Background

- Resides in Jupiter, Florida and spends most of his time playing out of The Grove XXIII. Loves the area because there is always another TOUR pro available to play, and he frequently goes out with Justin Thomas, Rory McIlroy and Rickie Fowler.
- Born and spent much of his youth in Woodstock, Vermont.
- When Keegan was born in 1986, his father, Mark, coached skiing and was the golf pro Haystack Golf Club in Wilmington, Vermont. Mark later became a PGA of America member in 1997 and worked as the golf pro at Crown Point Country Club in Springfield, Vermont (roughly 30 miles south of the family's longtime hometown of Woodstock). Mark recalls, "We skied in the winter and we played golf in the summer. Keegan came to work with me every day at the golf course for years. He practiced and played, and played, and played some more." Mark specifically remembered he and Keegan created their own golf game during that time, saying, "We played Ryder Cup-Walker Cup. If (Keegan) hit a good shot, he could ride in the cart. If his shot was not so good, I made him walk. We had so much fun with that."
- Moved to Hopkinton, Massachusetts with his father, Mark, in summer 2003, prior to his senior year of high school. After two years as an assistant pro at Portsmouth Country Club in New Hampshire, Mark took a job at Hopkinton Country Club. Keegan and Mark spent seven months living in a 28-foot trailer, which they named "Tin Cup II," at Crystal Springs Park until the hard winter hit. Keegan loves to tell the story, but he wants people to know it didn't indicate he grew up poor.
- Spent his first three years of high school at Woodstock Union High School in his longtime hometown of Woodstock, Vermont, where he competed on the golf and alpine ski teams, followed by his senior year at Hopkinton High School in Massachusetts. In his lone year at Hopkinton (2003-04 academic year), Bradley won the individual state title and led Hopkinton to its first team state title (contested in fall 2003). Bradley's teammates on the state title-winning team included Jon Curran, who went on to play collegiately at Vanderbilt University and won the 2014 Brasil Champions on the Korn Ferry Tour.
- Played four seasons (2004-08) at St. John's University in Queens, New York, where he earned nine collegiate victories -- which ranked second in program history, behind Andrew Svoboda's 14 wins from 1999-2003 -- and posted a 72.12 career scoring average. Bradley was inducted into the St. John's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2020; he remains close to many college friends and faculty members.
- Although St. John's was hardly a force on the national collegiate scene, the program had a national travel schedule and access to a handful of prestigious courses in the Metropolitan area -- most notably Bethpage Black, which the team was permitted to play on Mondays in the fall given the fact the course was closed.

- During his college summers, Keegan would make the three-day drive from New York to Jackson, Wyoming, where his father, Mark, became the Director of Instruction at Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Club in 2005. Keegan would work for his father at the club, play in local tournaments, and fish all summer until driving back in his Ford Focus for the start of the new semester.
- With his father, Mark, as his caddie, won the 2005 Wyoming State Amateur Championship.
- Burst onto the scene as the 2011 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year. Bradley won his first TOUR event at the 2011 CJ CUP Byron Nelson, and won the 2011 PGA Championship in what was his first major championship start. Bradley was the first rookie to win twice in a season since Todd Hamilton in 2004.

Family

- Married Jillian, his longtime girlfriend and Vermont sweetheart in 2016. Among the PGA TOUR colleagues who attended were Luke Donald and Camilo Villegas. The couple honeymooned in Italy.
- Keegan and Jillian welcomed son Logan James Bradley (November 2017) and son Cooper Leo (Leo was Keegan's grandfather's middle name) in January 2021.
- Father, Mark, is a life member of the PGA of America who retired in late 2023 / early 2024 after nearly 20 years at Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Club in Wyoming. When Keegan was born in 1986, Mark worked as a golf pro at Haystack Golf Club in Wilmington, Vermont, followed by stints at Crown Point Country Club (also in Vermont), Portsmouth Country Club in New Hampshire, Hopkinton Country Club in Massachusetts, and finally, in 2005, as the Director of Instruction Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Club.
- Mark's parents (Keegan's grandparents) founded a ski shop in Westford, Massachusetts in 1958. The shop is known today as Bradley's Pro Shop Ski & Bike, and is owned and operated by Keegan's uncle, John Bradley, a former professional ski racer.
- Mother, Kaye.
- [NOTE FOR CONTEXT ONLY: Keegan's parents -- Mark and Kaye -- separated in the early 2000s.]

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Huge fan of Boston sports teams - most passionate for the NFL's New England Patriots and MLB's Boston Red Sox. His Boston Sports Mount Rushmore includes Tedy Bruschi, Paul Pierce, Patrice Bergeron, and Trot Nixon.
- Big fan of Boston-based rock band, Dropkick Murphys.
- Enjoys collecting sports memorabilia. His favorite piece is a pair of boxing gloves autographed by Micky Ward.
- Enjoys fly-fishing; his mother, Kaye, recalled how young Keegan used to hide a telescopic fishing rod in his golf bag to fish in the river on the 13th hole at Woodstock Country Club in Vermont.
- Likes reading and learning about World War II history.
- Began skiing at just 19 months of age, and competed in high-level alpine ski racing in Vermont throughout his youth. In March 1999, at 12 years old, finished ninth at the Vermont J4 State Championships. The winner of that race, Tim Kelley, went on to represent the United States at the 2015 Alpine World Ski Championships. Keegan recalls, "At the start of the year, that's what you wanted to be -- top 10 in the states. It was everyone's goal. The junior skiing in Vermont is arguably the best in the country, so top 10 was pretty good." Keegan eventually gave up competitive skiing to focus on golf, capping his high school skiing career with a third-

place finish in the giant slalom at the 2003 State Alpine Championship as a junior at Woodstock Union High School.

- Bradley once gave a first-person perspective of an alpine ski race in a story for PGATOUR.com, saying, "When you're staring out at Vermont cold, the ice and wind and snow, and you're standing there in the starting gate, I don't think there's a scarier place in sports. There are no teammates. It's all you. It's all about your guts. You had to go push yourself, almost to a dangerous line."

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- First met Michael Jordan at the 2012 Ryder Cup in Chicago, where Jordan came and spoke to the team and spent time inside the ropes watching the U.S. Team play. Jordan lives nearby in South Florida, so the pair frequently play together. "It's very rare that I find somebody that loves the game of golf like I do. He wants to play all the time. He's just the greatest guy, I can't say enough about him."
- Bradley was the first ever Jordan Brand ambassador in the golf space. Since the brand didn't manufacture golf shoes back when they started working together, they created custom Jordan golf shoes for him. Bradley flew out to Oregon and participated in hours of tests. Today, despite the brand expanding into golf shoes, Keegan still receives his custom shoes from Jordan brand. He has a dedicated team at Nike HQ that works with him on his shoes. Bradley said "as a kid, I was so obsessed with Michael Jordan and Jordan shoes so it's surreal to be part of that company."
- Since he's a Jordan Brand ambassador, he receives a ton of shoes - in fact he had to get a storage unit because shoes were coming so often. He does reserve some shoes that are particularly special - like the Jordan 1s he matched with his family in when he threw out the first pitch at Fenway Park. Other special pairs include ones he wore in the Masters and some of the original shoes that were made.

Other

- At the age of 12 in 1998, caddied for his father Mark at Innisbrook Resort for the unofficial JCPenney Classic - a mixed team competition. Mark was paired with his sister, LPGA Hall of Famer Pat Bradley.

Jason Day

Things To Know

- Made his fifth appearance for the International Team at the 2024 Presidents Cup in Montreal, Canada, marking his first appearance since 2017. Previously represented the Presidents Cup International Team in 2011 (1-3-1), 2013 (3-1-1), 2015 (0-4-1) and 2017 (1-3-1). Was also a captain's pick for the 2019 team but withdrew with a back injury; he was replaced by Byeong Hun An.
- Won the 2023 CJ CUP Byron Nelson, his first PGA TOUR victory in more than five years (1,835 days since winning the 2018 Truist Championship). Victory came on Mother's Day, a year after his mom, Dening, had passed away after a five-battle with cancer. The win was his 13th TOUR title, 13 years after winning his first, which coincidentally was THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson in 2010.
- Is a very dedicated family man. Married Ellie of Lucas, Ohio in 2009, whom he met while she was waitressing in a restaurant in Cleveland. They have five children (Dash James, Lucy, Arrow Joseph, Oz Nilo and Winnie Joanna) and live outside of Columbus in Westerville, Ohio.
- Jason and his wife Ellie had baby No. 5 in September 2023 (Winnie Joanna). From Jason, "Don't worry, I'm done now, hopefully. Me and Tony (Finau), we're fighting for strokes gained kids on the TOUR."
- His mother, Dening, died at 65 after long battle with cancer. "My mum peacefully left us after battling cancer for five years," Day said on Instagram. "We are heartbroken but incredibly grateful for the gift we had in her living with us for the last almost two years full time. She fought so hard until the very last breath. I am forever indebted to her for the sacrifices she made for me to be successful, and for the person she helped me to become. We will miss her so much."
- He was introduced to the game by his father Alvin, who passed away from stomach cancer when Jason was just 12 years old. His mother, Dening then enrolled him Kooralbyn International School, a boarding school south of Brisbane, which had a golf course attached. It was there he honed his game under the watchful eye of mentor Colin Swatton.
- Mentor Colin Swatton persuaded him to attend golf college in Australia, where Day read and was inspired by a Tiger Woods book. He started getting up at 5 a.m. to work on his game and used Woods' achievements by age to measure and propel his own progress, with his ultimate goal to "take the No. 1 spot from him." Did ultimately ascend to No. 1 in the world in 2015.
- His 2015 season was the best of his career, reaching the World No.1 spot, winning his maiden major at the PGA Championship and winning four other PGA TOUR titles.
- He has a street named after him in his hometown of Beaudesert, Australia (south of Brisbane). They named it 'Jason Day Drive' after his exceptional 2015 season.

Background

- Turned professional in 2006 and played the 2007 season on the Korn Ferry Tour. Became the youngest winner in Korn Ferry Tour history (19 years, 7 months, 26 days) at the 2007 Legend Financial Group Classic, though he was eventually usurped by Aldrich Potgieter in 2024. Earned PGA TOUR membership at season's end, becoming the youngest graduate in Korn Ferry Tour history at 19 years, 11 months, 23 days of age. Through the end of the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season, Day remains the only player under the age of 20 to graduate from the Korn Ferry Tour.

Family

- Son of Alvin, an Irish Australian, and Dening, a Filipino (both deceased).
- Has two siblings, Yanna and Kim.
- His mother, Dening, was diagnosed with Stage 4 non-small cell lung cancer in 2017, despite the fact she didn't smoke. Doctors in Australia at first gave her 12 months to live. Upon hearing the news, Day flew his mother to his home in Ohio to be closer to her and to allow her to receive treatment in the U.S. He came close to giving up his golf career to care for her. "It's been really hard to play golf lately, this year," Day said at the time. "I just need some time away with her." Day withdrew from the 2017 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, where he was the defending champion, after just six holes in his opening round, explaining through tears in a press conference that his mother was scheduled to undergo surgery later in the week and that golf was the last thing on his mind. In March 2018 Day said, "She's the reason I'm the player I am today, through her strict rule over the house, but also her work ethic is unbelievable."

Charity

- With his wife, Ellie, launched the Brighter Days Foundation in 2015, with a mission of working to end child hunger in Ohio, giving hope to those who may be feeling hopeless, and supporting child-serving organizations. With a desire to help families in need and animal causes, Brighter Days Foundation exists to ensure everyone has a change for a brighter day and brighter future.
- Partnered with AstraZeneca and hosted a six-episode video series called "Getting out of the Rough" in 2022. The series aimed to educate lung cancer patients and their caregivers about biomarker testing and the importance of completing a lung cancer diagnosis through this approach. Guests included actress Julie Bowen (Modern Family, Happy Gilmore) and actor/comedian Anthony Anderson.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Friends with Tiger Woods and admits "we're both golf nerds." The pair exchange texts regularly, the content of which is mostly about the golf swing. Shared a recent example of this at the 2022 Rocket Classic, when he showed Wyatt Worthington II, a sponsor exemption who earned a spot in the field at the tournament by winning the John Shippen National Invitational, a text exchange with Tiger Woods.
- Ohio State football welcomed Jason as a special guest to a practice fall of 2023 as a Buckeyes fan and a Westerville, Ohio resident (less than 20 miles from Ohio State's campus in Columbus).

Other

- Eight of Day's relatives in the Philippines, including his grandmother, died during Typhoon Haiyan in November, 2013.
- Has struggled with vertigo, collapsing during play at the 2015 U.S. Open. Says the effects of vertigo contributed to a final-round 80 at the 2023 Masters Tournament after being in contention which led to his withdrawal ahead of the RBC Heritage the following week to undergo tests.
- Despite qualifying to represent Australia in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, ultimately decided not to go. Qualified to represent Australia in the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris and will join Min Woo Lee on the team.

Brian Harman

Things To Know

- Earned the first major championship of his career at the 2023 Open Championship, posting a 13-under 271 total, good for a six-shot victory; moved to No. 10 in the Official World Golf Ranking after the win, marking the first time in his career he reached the top 10.
- Plays golf left-handed but is actually right-handed; his brother is the opposite; when he was young, his parents got him a right-handed baseball glove, thinking he would throw lefty, but when they threw the ball to him, he'd take the glove off and throw it back righty
- University of Georgia alum and a big Bulldogs supporter; PGA TOUR winners on his teams at UGA include Harris English, Russell Henley and Chris Kirk; helped lead the Bulldogs to the 2005 NCAA Championship at Caves Valley G.C. outside of Baltimore
- An avid outdoorsman, Harman marks his golf balls with "deer tracks"
- Lifelong teacher was Jack Lumpkin, who passed away at the age of 86 on February 11, 2022. Lumpkin, a renowned instructor from Sea Island, worked with Harman for 24 years. Harman skipped a football practice at the age of 11 to take his first lesson from Lumpkin. After his passing, Harman wrote on Instagram, "I owe so much to him. His brilliance as a coach was only matched by his class and grace as a person. I will miss you so much Jack. Rest in Peace, and save me a spot on the range up there." Harman also works with Sea Island instructor Justin Parsons.
- Played baseball at a competitive level until age 16 before turning his full attention to golf after his father suggested that, if he wanted to play college sports, golf was the only choice; says he was a shortstop and pitcher and turned to golf when he "saw too many balls going over the fence;" cites the 1997 WM Phoenix Open (specifically Tiger's hole-in-one on 16) as the moment when he realized he wanted to excel in golf and start playing more seriously; began to ride his bike to the driving range 1.5 miles from his house in order to practice more.
- Cites being on bad baseball and football teams as a kid helped him develop the tenacity he uses to be successful in golf.
- One of 16 members on the Player Advisory Council (PAC) for 2025, having previously served in 2024. The PAC advises and consults with the PGA TOUR Policy Board (Board of Directors) and Commissioner Jay Monahan on issues affecting the TOUR.

Background

- Born in Savannah, Georgia, but currently resides on Sea Island, Georgia
- 2003 U.S. Junior Amateur champion; 2005 Junior PLAYERS champion; AJGA Player of the Year in 2003 and 2004; three-time second-team All-America selection at UGA; member of 2005 and 2009 U.S. Walker Cup teams; member of 2007 U.S. Palmer Cup team
- Turned professional in 2009 and spent 2010-11 on the Charlotte-based eGolf Professional Tour before earning his PGA TOUR card at Q-School in December of 2011; earned his first professional victory at the eGolf Tour's Manor Classic (Farmville, Virginia).

Family

- Wife, Kelly (married 12/13/14); Cooper Marie (June 2016), Walter Hobbs (July 2018); Jack Red Harman (July 2022).
- Kelly was a radiation therapist; Harman proposed to her during a spring turkey hunt when he slipped the engagement ring into the pockets of her new hunting pants.
- Dad, Eric, is a dentist and said he would not be a golf fan if it wasn't for his son.

- Mother, Nancy, is a chemist.
- Brian takes after his parents and is incredibly smart, marking the highest GPA amongst UGA athletes while in school; earned academic achievement awards three years in a row while in college for having the highest GPA.
- In October 2024, his son, Walter, nearly drowned in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida after getting caught in a rip current while boogie boarding during a family vacation. Family friend Cathy Dowdy went in to try and save him, but got swept up in the current as well, before local resident Crane Cantrell jumped in to save him. Dowdy was in a coma then in critical condition as of late December, 2024. Harman was not with his family at the beach when the incident occurred.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Avid hunter and fisherman and enjoys his home on St. Simon's Island, where Patton Kizzire is a frequent hunting companion; "When I'm hunting, that's where I get most of my mental work for golf done. I'm always thinking about what I can to do better. Both take a lot of patience and both frustrate you to your wit's end. Both can be extremely rewarding, but you fail way more than you succeed in hunting, and that's the same way it is in golf."
- Maintains he has a deep respect for wildlife and enjoys hunting for many reasons, but mainly to know where his food is coming from. At the age of 8, shot a squirrel in his backyard and was immediately told by his father that he's not to shoot for fun, but rather to provide (in turn he had to clean up the squirrel for dinner); says he enjoys the more organic way of living which hunting provides ... "We hunt the animals, yes, but we also plant a bunch of food for them, increase the natural habitat"; his general outdoors/hunting schedule is to fish in the spring and summer, hunt deer and elk during bow season and rifle season, then duck hunting after that, and turkey hunting in the spring.
- The Harman family, including Brian, are all skilled scuba divers
- The only trophy he showcases at his barn on his property is his Most Valuable Defensive Player trophy from middle school football.

Charity

- Has participated in Birdies for the Brave.

Other

- At the 2015 NORTHERN TRUST, became the third player in PGA TOUR history to make two holes-in-one in one round: 183-yard par-3 third; 218-yard par-3 14th, at Plainfield Country Club.

Wyndham Clark

Things To Know

- Featured in the latest season of Netflix's Full Swing, an immersive documentary that follows life on the PGA TOUR. Season Three features returning favorites and new faces offering a look on and off the course across a relentless 2024 season.
- In late April 2025, Wyndham partnered with the Colorado Golf Association to host a new AJGA event -- The Wyndham Clark presented by Colorado Golf Association. The inaugural playing of the event will be June 3-6, 2025 at Walnut Creek Golf Preserve in Westminster, Colorado (less than 20 minutes northwest of Denver).
- Clark was inducted into the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame on December 1, 2024, alongside six others - including LPGA star Jennifer Kupcho. The year 2024 marked the 50th anniversary of the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame, and the inaugural 1974 inductee class was highlighted by World Golf Hall of Fame member Hale Irwin, who was 29 when he was enshrined.
- With his win at the 2023 U.S. Open, became the first Colorado native to win a men's major championship.
- After winning the 2023 Truist Championship - his first career victory on TOUR - he credited his improvement to a change in the mental aspect of his game, saying "Mentally, I'm a lot stronger... I'm more patient out there and more comfortable playing." He attributed that change in mentality to reading books and meditation. He highlighted "The Energy Bus: 10 Rules to Fuel Your Life, Work and Team with Positive Energy" by Jon Gordon and "The Obstacle is the Way" by Ryan Holiday as two of the books that impacted him. The solo 54-hole leader at Wells Fargo, Clark fell into second place during the final round, before recovering for a four-shot victory. Following the win he said "I felt like in the past, it always seemed so tough for me on Sundays. Today I wouldn't let my mind go in that direction. I just kept reminding myself that I could play great golf and I could play good golf on Sundays."
- Represents The Bay Golf Club alongside teammates Ludvig Aberg, Min Woo Lee, and Shane Lowry 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. The Bay Golf Club is owned by a group led by Avenue Sports Fund with Marc Lasry (former co-owner of the Milwaukee Bucks), Stephen Curry and limited partners including Andre Iguodala, Klay Thompson, Alex Albon, Leonardo Fioravanti, Kanoa Igarashi and John Stones.
- Mother, Lise (pronounced Lisa) Clark, died from breast cancer in August 2013 after first being diagnosed in 1997. Following his win at the 123rd U.S. Open in June 2023, Wyndham said he felt like his mother was watching over him. "You know, my mom was so positive and such a motivator in what she did... She called me winner when I was little, so she would just say, 'I love you, Winner.'"
- Uses a ball marker that says "Play Big" and has prayer hands along with the date of his mother's passing (August 2, 2013) inscribed on one side. On the other side is inscribed "John 16:33," referencing this biblical passage: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
- Does not have a coach. "I worked with some great coaches and they were very good at what they do, but I didn't know where the ball was going and I didn't own it. So when I decided to go on my own -- I do work a little bit with my caddie, but typically it's on my own -- I learned about my game and my swing, and that's what I did when I was younger. I knew how to hit shots and I got away from that when I was with a coach."

Background

- Resides in Scottsdale, Arizona. First moved to Las Vegas for 2.5 years after turning professional and played a lot with residents Scott Piercy and Ryan Moore who gave him valuable advice.
- Born and raised in Denver, Colorado.
- His mom, Lise (pronounced Lisa), took him to the driving range for the first time when Wyndham was just 3 years old. "I hit a bucket of balls and asked to hit another bucket," Wyndham recalled. Lise Clark remembered an elderly gentleman asking how long her son had been playing the game. She said, "30 minutes," to which the man replied, "Don't change his swing."
- At 6 years old, young Wyndham made his first hole-in-one. "I hit a driver from 125 and made it," Clark said. "I actually got on the front page of the Denver Post. I have that framed." His father told him that he'd buy him a PlayStation if he made eagle, and he paid up.
- Won the prestigious Byron Nelson International Junior Golf Award in 2012.
- Clark attended Valor Christian High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, where he won Class 4A individual state titles in 2009 and 2011. Clark was also a two-time runner-up finisher at the state championship tournament. In 2009, Clark led Valor Christian, which opened in 2007, to its first state team title in any sport. Clark also played basketball at Valor Christian.
- Following his mom's death, Wyndham fell into a deep depression at Oklahoma State and received a medical hardship after playing in two events during his freshman year; remained at Oklahoma State for three more seasons before transferring to Oregon (2016) for his senior year for a change in scenery. He has called then Oklahoma State Head Coach Mike McGraw "like a father figure to me, especially during that time." After his mother passed away, Clark said "Coach McGraw had the wisdom to just -- he could see that it was affecting me so much more and the golf was where it was coming out. I didn't show any emotion off the course, but when I was on the golf course I couldn't have been angrier. I was breaking clubs when I didn't even hit that bad of a shot. I was walking off golf courses. He said, 'Hey, I think it's just best if you step away from golf.' At first I really was mad. I'm competitive. I didn't want to not play, and I thought it was bad if you redshirted, that you weren't good enough. But it was also the best thing for me. I owe Mike a lot for that."
- Longtime men's golf head coach Casey Martin was a big reason why Clark chose to transfer to Oregon; he credits Martin with his return to high-level golf after struggling. "He instilled that I was one of the best players in the world, and he goes, 'You're good enough to play on [the PGA TOUR] but also in college and win.' Then I had my best year ever. He instilled the confidence in me that maybe I lost."
- Pac-12 Conference Player of the Year for the Oregon Ducks in 2016-17, with three individual victories and 10 top-10 finishes in 11 starts. He shot 69 or better in 18 of 28 rounds that season, including all three rounds of the 2017 Pac-12 Championship held at Boulder Country Club in Boulder, Colorado, which he won. He was also named a finalist for the Ben Hogan Award. Clark finished his collegiate career as a winner of Player of the Year awards in two different leagues: Big 12 Conference Player of the Year at Oklahoma State (2014) and Pac-12 Player of the Year at Oregon (2017).

Family

- After his mother's death, Clark contemplated quitting the game. "It just wasn't as much of a priority for me after she passed," he said. "It got to where it was really hard and just not enjoyable. But I know that she wouldn't want me to do that. ... She's really helped me get

through a lot of tough things since she's passed. I want to honor her and honor what she wanted me to do and try to make her proud."

- Father is Randall; has one brother, Brendan, and one sister, Kaitlin
- His parents got married at The Riviera Country Club, host of The Genesis Invitational.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Loves fishing, fly fishing and ping pong. "My favorite passion is to fly fish. I grew up in Colorado, so I love to fish. So if I do have more than a week, and I can go back home or go do some trip, I'll do that. Kramer Hickok and I kind of started this little mini tradition that every year after the playoffs, we go do a fishing trip."
- Big sports fan. Specifically, his teams are the Denver Broncos (NFL), Colorado Avalanche (NHL) and St. Louis Cardinals (MLB).
- Wyndham's favorite food is sushi. "I love sushi. I think all sushi tastes amazing, and then it's just how good is the sushi. "
- Participated in a hometown sports tour with his U.S. Open trophy when he attended the Denver Nuggets vs. New York Knicks matchup on March 21, 2024 and the Colorado Avalanche vs. Columbus Bluejackets game on March 22, 2024. Photos can be found on his Instagram.

Charity

- Launched his foundation "Play Big Foundation" in January 2024 and will focus on giving back to families affected by cancer. "I really want to focus on the families, give to them and try to help them in any way I can. Then the overall breast cancer awareness for research." An additional small portion of the funds will benefit young, underprivileged kids, who are interested in playing the game of golf. "I'm really excited about this foundation. Every year I'm going to be giving a good portion of money I earn on the golf course to the foundation. In the future, I hope we're going to have a golf event that's going to be very fun. It could be in Vegas or Arizona or maybe back in Colorado -- or do two events. So hopefully we'll raise a ton of money and continue to grow this foundation so that we can go and really impact people's lives. ... I want (the kids) to be involved in the actual golf event, and I want to hopefully be able to do clinics and whatnot. Then I'll ultimately give a financial donation to these organizations. That's the smaller portion of it, but it's definitely part of it."
- After the outpouring of love and support at the 2024 BMW Championship in Colorado, Wyndham announced on Instagram that he would donate \$50,000 to local Colorado charities and cancer nonprofits through his PLAY BIG Foundation. Wyndham wears pink on Sundays in remembrance of his mom, and asked the crowd to sport their pink as well to celebrate his late mother and all those that have been affected by cancer.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Was close with Jordan Spieth during junior golf days and visited the University of Texas together where Spieth tried to sell Clark on attending with him. Clark eventually decided on Oklahoma State.
- Attended Valor Christian High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado with San Francisco 49ers running back and 2023 NFL Offensive Player of the Year Christian McCaffrey. They became close friends and remain in contact. The two were in a fantasy football league together named High School Heroes before Christian turned professional. Wyndham is still in the league and finished second following the 2023 NFL season.

- Played high school basketball against Derrick White, an NBA point guard and member of Team USA at the 2024 Paris Olympics. The two met up on the Team USA boat at the Opening Ceremonies in Paris. Derrick and Wyndham have known each other since they were nine or 10 years old. The two played basketball against each other - Wyndham on Cherry Creek and Derrick played for the Dolphins. They were both point guards and would guard each other.
- Attended the 2007 PGA Championship at Southern Hills, where he watched Tiger Woods compete for the first time.

Other

- Earned a spot on Team USA in the 2023 Ryder Cup, marking his first career appearance in the competition. Clark earned his roster spot via automatic qualification on points.
- Finished T14 at 2024 Olympic Men's Golf Competition in Paris, where he represented Team USA alongside Scottie Scheffler (gold medalist), Xander Schauffele and Collin Morikawa
- Asked once if it was an advantage or disadvantage growing up in Colorado as a golfer, Clark replied: "I think it's a disadvantage, personally. Because you don't ever really play at altitude at any of these events. The most you play at is maybe 1,000 feet. I think growing up in Colorado, not only are you playing different distances, but the ball actually spins less and is affected by the air less. So the ball goes straighter and doesn't go offline as much. When you go play in Florida or other places where the air is thick, your misses are exaggerated a lot more. I think that's definitely a disadvantage."
- Aced the long par-3 17th at Kiawah Island's Ocean Course during a practice round at the 2021 PGA Championship. It was the first time Clark had played the hole.

Harris English

Things To Know

- Welcomed first child, a baby girl named Emilia Elizabeth English, with wife Helen Marie in July 2023. The couple met at the University of Georgia and were married at Ocean Forest in Sea Island, Georgia.
- In February 2022, English underwent right hip surgery to repair a torn labrum. The surgery was performed by Dr. Philippon at the Steadman Clinic in Vail, Colorado.
- Grew up in Valdosta, Georgia. Favorite sports teams include the Jacksonville Jaguars (NFL) and Atlanta Falcons (NFL).
- Lists Davis Love III and Fred Couples as favorite players he followed while growing up.
- Attributes success dating back to 2020 to returning to the swing that helped him have so much success earlier in his career. Started working with swing coach Justin Parsons in the spring of 2019. Harris: He just kind of brought me back from getting lost in this whirlwind of different swings and different mechanics and swing positions. He simplified it so much that I can know what I'm doing. (Golf) is actually a game now. I'm not worried about how my swing looks.
- A week after the 2021 Ryder Cup, made an appearance on ESPN's College Gameday as the guest picker between then-No. 2 Georgia and No. 8 Arkansas in Athens, Georgia. Of course, he picked his Georgia Bulldogs to win (37-0 UGA). Joined a select list of golfers who have appeared on College GameDay, including Jack Nicklaus, Dustin Johnson, Rickie Fowler, Billy Horschel and Justin Thomas.

Background

- Attended Baylor School (2003-07) in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he led the boys golf team to four state titles (2003-06 -- all contested in the fall). Also won the 2005 individual state title. Teammates at Baylor School included future PGA TOUR winners Keith Mitchell (2005, 2006 state championship-winning teams) and Stephan Jaeger (2006 state championship-winning team).
- Competed for the University of Georgia and graduated in 2011. UGA teammates included fellow PGA TOUR winners Brian Harman, Russell Henley and Keith Mitchell. Counts Henley among his best friends and was influential in fellow Baylor School alum Mitchell attending UGA.

Family

- Welcomed first child, a baby girl named Emilia Elizabeth English in July of 2023.
- Married wife Helen Marie in 2017, who attended the University of Georgia between 2010 to 2014.
- His father (Ben English) played basketball at UGA in the 1980s.
- Dog, Maisy (Cavalier King Charles), loves to play "catch" with Harris. He'll chip golf balls in the backyard and Maisy will run to catch them and bring them back.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Nicknamed "the Giraffe".
- Not many people know he is a "Jeopardy" fanatic.

- Bucket list includes skydiving, flying in a F16 and driving a NASCAR vehicle.
- Likes to hunt and one of his best experiences outside of golf was shooting an 11-point buck.
- Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Charity

- Remains deeply connected to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Harris: It's incredible. It puts things in perspective. Here I am, playing golf, doing what I love to do. And a few miles away, there are kids struggling with something they didn't deserve. As much money as we can raise, it's amazing. I donate to St. Jude every year. It's one of the charities I hold dear to my heart. I love helping kids get healthy, so they can grow up and be whatever they want to be. It's cool how t TOUR gets behind the cause.

Other

- Earned his fourth career PGA TOUR victory at the 2021 Travelers Championship via playoff over Kramer Hickok. The playoff lasted eight holes, tied for the second longest playoff in TOUR history (11 holes, 1949 Motor City Open).
- On Travelers Championship: "This is an awesome tournament to win and being back home over the last few months [recovering from hip surgery] and seeing some of those names on that trophy just makes you realize how big this tournament is, how long it's been around, and a lot of legends in this game have won the tournament. So it's awesome to be a part of that."
- On 2021 playoff win against Kramer Hickok at Travelers Championship: "We really didn't know anything about each other's games and it made it fun. It made it interesting. We were pulling each other. We had respect for each other when we were making those putts, when I was making those putts, we were fist pumping, and it was cool. It was a cool camaraderie we had and we wanted to bring out the best in each other, and I think that's what you got."

Lucas Glover

Things To Know

- Finished No. 78 in the 2024 FedExCup and missed the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time since the 2017-18 season.
- Earned two significant honors in 2024, as he was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame and received the Order of the Palmetto. South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster presented the Order of the Palmetto -- the state's highest civilian honor -- to Glover following the second round of the 2024 RBC Heritage.
- Gave an emotional speech at his induction to the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in 2024. Glover recounted, "The best piece of advice I got when becoming a father was how to spell love, and that was T-I-M-E. I didn't understand that until pretty recently, when I became a father and was apart from my family for a long time. Reflecting on that statement made me realize how fortunate I was that so many people gave me time. My parents are here. The time and the sacrifice they made for me is the main reason I'm standing here. My grandparents -- that aren't with us -- also a big sacrifice. My wife and children aren't here tonight, but they sacrifice a lot, because I'm not there a lot, They're my motivation to keep going. That's the biggest thing I want to leave is... if you care about somebody, T-I-M-E spells love."
- In 2023, won the Wyndham Championship and the FedEx St. Jude Championship (finale of the FedExCup Regular Season and the first leg of the FedExCup Playoffs) in back-to-back weeks. Stood No. 182 in the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List through the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (ended on June 4). Earned his third trip to the TOUR Championship and FedExCup Playoffs finale since 2007 (qualified in 2009, 2019, 2023).
- His grandfather, Dick Hendley (passed away in 2014), gave him a cut down club when he was three years old, which marked Glover's start in golf. Hendley also took him at age six to the 1986 Masters Tournament, his first Masters, the year Jack Nicklaus won his record 18th major championship title. Glover won the 2023 Wyndham Championship on August 6 -- which would have been his grandfather's 97th birthday.
- Inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. He and grandfather Dick Hendley became the first grandfather-grandson combination in the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame. Hendley was a standout baseball and football player at Clemson (1946-51), and later played one season (1951) with the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- Won the 2009 U.S. Open at Bethpage Black -- which is set to host the 2025 Ryder Cup. Glover reflected on the victorious week years later, saying of the weather-delayed event which ultimately concluded on Monday, "It was just an odd week. Nothing about it was normal. I didn't play at all Thursday. Played like five holes Friday. It was just weird. Play until dark, go to bed, wake up and do it all over again. There wasn't much time to think. It was probably a good thing." Following his victory, appeared on Late Show with David Letterman and read Letterman's Top 10, threw out the first pitch at a New York Yankees game (Glover is a lifelong fan of the franchise) in August 2009, attended Games 1 and 2 of the 2009 World Series at Yankee Stadium, and posed for photos with the U.S. Open trophy atop the Empire State Building. Glover said of those experiences, "I don't know if I could've done any of that if I hadn't won that trophy." Seven years prior to his U.S. Open victory, Glover made his major championship debut at the 2002 U.S. Open at Bethpage Black.
- Represents Atlanta Drive GC alongside teammates Patrick Cantlay, Billy Horschel, and Justin Thomas 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. Atlanta Drive GC is part of Arthur M. Blank's AMB Sports and Entertainment (AMBSE) portfolio.

Background

- Hails from Greenville, South Carolina.
- In four years at Wade Hampton High School in Greenville, South Carolina, won individual state championships as a freshman and sophomore (1994, 1995), finished behind individual medalist (and two-time PGA TOUR winner) D.J. Trahan as a junior and senior (1996, 1997). Glover later won three consecutive South Carolina Amateur Championships (1998, 1999, 2000).
- Played four seasons at Clemson University (1997-2001), where he was a two-time All-America First Team selection (2000, 2001) and won three times individually. Helped Clemson to runner-up finishes at the 1998 and 2001 NCAA Championships. The 1998 Tigers finished second to a UNLV team led by Charley Hoffman and Bill Lunde, while the 2001 Tigers finished second to a University of Florida team which featured true freshman Camilo Villegas.
- Graduated from Clemson in 2001 with a degree in Communications Studies. Glover was also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity during his time at Clemson.
- Represented the United States at the 2001 Walker Cup (lost 15-9 to Great Britain & Ireland). The GB&I team notably featured Luke Donald.
- Won the 2001 Sunnehanna Amateur. Other notable winners of the Sunnehanna Amateur include Collin Morikawa (2016), Rickie Fowler (2007, 2008), Webb Simpson (2006), Brad Faxon (1982), and Ben Crenshaw (1973).
- Jumped into the top 20 on the 2003 Korn Ferry Tour money list with his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Gila River Golf Classic at Wild Horse Pass Resort. The victory propelled him to his first PGA TOUR card at season's end.

Family

- Has two children with his wife, Krista: a daughter, Lucille, and a son, Lucas Jr. The 2021 John Deere Classic was his first victory that his kids were alive for.
- Lucas and his wife, Krista, had their honeymoon in New York in 2005; they are big fans of New York City.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Loves to read books whose genres are mystery and/or thrillers. En route to winning the rainy 2009 U.S. Open, he read four books that week.
- Enjoys completing crossword puzzles.
- Likes music and fishing.
- Passionate Clemson Tigers sports fan. Was given the honor of running down "The Hill" during Clemson's 2009 football game against Florida State in celebration of his U.S. Open triumph earlier that summer.
- Fan of the New York Yankees (MLB). Glover's favorite player during his little league baseball days was Don Mattingly, who played his entire career for the Yankees and was named the 1985 American League MVP, a nine-time Gold Glove Award winner, and a six-time All-Star. Mattingly's number (23) was retired by the Yankees in 1997.

Charity

- Spearheading "Recharge the Sarge," working alongside the Congaree Foundation to renovate the Sergeant Jasper Golf Club (in Ridgeland, South Carolina) to use it for public functions and to host youth programs. Founded in the 1960s, Sergeant Jasper Country Club was a top-notch 18-hole private country club and is now a nine-hole public course.
- Glover played in the 2007 and 2009 Presidents Cup and has donated his Presidents Cup charitable allotment to the Greenville Humane Society, Pros Beating Cancer and Clemson University.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Jay Haas lived in his hometown growing up. He said he modeled the way he acted after Jay. "He's a consummate professional."
- Swing coach was Dick Harmon until 2006, when he passed away. Lucas served as a pallbearer and delivered the eulogy at the funeral.
- Teammates at Clemson University included Jonathan Byrd (three seasons -- 1997-2000) and D.J. Trahan (two seasons -- 1999-2001).

Other

- Known as 'cool calm and collected' among fellow TOUR players. When asked what gets him rattled or under his skin: "People that don't take the shopping cart back. That bugs me."
- Received the most votes for PGA TOUR player that treats caddies best in a December 2021 survey by Caddie Network.
- He has never worn a glove. Says he is a solid 10-handicapper with a glove.
- Made his 500th career start on the PGA TOUR at the 2023 Valero Texas Open.
- Good friends with Bermudian Michael Sims, who has competed in the Butterfield Bermuda Championship as a sponsor exemption. The two met while playing against one another in college at Clemson (Glover) and Sims (Rhode Island). The two signed at the same agency out of college and often played mini tour events together as well as Monday Qs. Sims played professional until 2013 and continued to keep in touch with Glover. Sims then attended The YOU Institute in California and now serves as not only Glover's friend, but life coach, sounding board and pinch-hitter caddie (2019 Valero Texas Open).

Rory McIlroy

Things To Know

- Won the 2025 Masters Tournament to complete the career grand slam, becoming the sixth player in history to accomplish the feat. Followed Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, and Tiger Woods as winners of all four major championships. Victory at the 2025 Masters also ended an 11-year major championship drought, as McIlroy had last won the final two majors of the 2014 season (The Open Championship in July, PGA Championship in August).
- Of completing the career grand slam, McIlroy said, "It's a dream come true. That was my dream. My dream was to win the four major championships in golf. To be able to say that I've done that, I always go back to eight-year-old Rory that said that, and he would be, hopefully, very proud of the person he's turned into. I had a dream from a very young age, and I've put everything into fulfilling that dream."
- Became the first European player to complete the career grand slam, and followed Gary Player of South Africa as the second international player to accomplish the feat. Of the discussions about whether McIlroy is the greatest European player in history, McIlroy said following his victory at the 2025 Masters Tournament, "Sir Nick Faldo has six majors, Seve (Ballesteros) has five, I now have five. But I also am the first European to win the career grand slam, so I would say there's an argument to be made. You think about Gary Player on that list (of career grand slam winners) with nine major championships, probably the greatest international player ever, that's something I'd like to be able to say about myself when all is said and done."
- In describing his emotions immediately following his victory at the 2025 Masters Tournament, McIlroy alluded to his devastating final round at the 2011 Masters Tournament, saying, "I released 14 years of disappointments, of frustrations, of pent-up emotion I probably kept in this entire time." In his champion's press conference, McIlroy added, "It's the best day of my golfing life. I'm very proud of myself. I'm proud of never giving up. I'm proud of how I kept coming back and dusting myself off and not letting the disappointments really get to me."
- With victories at the 2025 PLAYERS Championship and 2025 Masters Tournament, followed Tiger Woods (2001) and Scottie Scheffler (2024) as the third player in history to win both events in the same year.
- Featured in the latest season of Netflix's Full Swing, an immersive documentary that follows life on the PGA TOUR. Season Three features returning favorites and new faces, offering a look on and off the course across a relentless 2024 season.

Background

- From Holywood, a town of around 12,000 people in the metropolitan area of Belfast in County Down, Northern Ireland. He was raised as a Catholic, and identifies as Irish and Northern Irish.
- He was first introduced to golf by his father, Gerry (a scratch player), who coached him; McIlroy began by swinging a plastic club and trying to mimic his dad's swing. Enjoys playing with his dad to this day - the pair frequently play together at Seminole in South Florida.
- McIlroy became the youngest golfer at the Holywood Golf Club at the age of seven.
- The idea of him as a child prodigy or 'golf's next big thing' was given some credence when at just 9 years of age, he claimed the under-10 World Championship in Doral, Florida.
- McIlroy attended St. Patrick's Primary School and Sullivan Upper School.

- Left school at age 16 to concentrate on amateur golf. To support their son's golf game, McIlroy's father held down several jobs to earn additional income, and Rosie, his mom, worked extra shifts at the local 3M plant.
- Shot 61 at Royal Portrush (the course record) when he was 16 at the Northern Ireland Open. He recalls every shot of the round and has said, "I probably had more confidence [at 16] than I do now."
- At the age of 15, McIlroy was part of Europe's winning 2004 Junior Ryder Cup team at Westfield Country Club, held in conjunction with the Ryder Cup Muirfield Village Golf Club; Tony Finau was on the U.S. Team.
- Initially, McIlroy signed a letter of intent in 2004 to play college golf at East Tennessee State University. However, after becoming the youngest-ever winner of both the West of Ireland Championship and the Irish Close Championship in 2005, he decided to not attend college and continue playing golf around Europe (Seamus Power benefitted from scholarship funds available when McIlroy vacated the spot at East Tennessee State).
- After turning professional in 2007, McIlroy joined the DP World Tour (formerly European Tour). He had his first win on the DP World Tour in 2009 (Dubai Desert Classic in February 2009), and on the PGA TOUR in 2010 (Wells Fargo Championship in May 2010). At the age of 22, McIlroy was the youngest player to achieve 10 million in career earnings on the DP World Tour, and the youngest Affiliate Member to earn a Tour card. In 2012, he became the youngest player to reach \$10 million in career earnings on the PGA TOUR.
- In 2014, McIlroy won The Open Championship at Royal Liverpool, beating Rickie Fowler and Sergio Garcia by two strokes. McIlroy's father won approximately \$342,000 after making a bet with two of his friends that McIlroy would win The Open before the age of 26 (the 2014 event was the last chance for his father/friends to cash in).

Family

- McIlroy is the only child to Rosie and Gerry McIlroy.
- Married to Erica Stoll. McIlroy did not properly set his alarm for his Sunday singles match at the 2012 Ryder Cup; Erica was head of Volunteer Management for Championships for the PGA of America and noticed his car had not yet left. The two were married in April 2017 at Ashford Castle in Ireland.
- He and his wife Erica welcomed first child, daughter Poppy, born in August 2020.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Along with Tiger Woods and TMRW Sports, founded TGL, a prime-time golf league which debuted on January 7, 2025. The league features six three-player teams competing in head-to-head matches in a purpose-built, tech-driven arena in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. McIlroy is a member of Boston Common Golf along with teammates Keegan Bradley, Adam Scott and Hideki Matsuyama. The team is owned by John Henry, Tom Werner, Mike Gordon and Fenway Sports Group.
- Symphony Ventures is an investment partnership established in 2019 by McIlroy and his management team, Sean O'Flaherty and Donal Casey, focused on investment opportunities across health, wellbeing and golf sectors; if he's not on the golf course and not with his family, he wants his time to be used on activities and investments that are interesting to him, personally.
- Among his investments, McIlroy invested in Alpine (pronounced AL-peen), a Formula 1 Racing Team, joining other notable investors which include actor Ryan Reynolds and NFL players Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce.

- Hobbies include football (Manchester United), rugby, cars, movies, music and basketball.
- He is also a fan of the Northern Ireland National Team and Ulster Rugby.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- His caddie is Harry Diamond, a childhood friend. They began working together in 2017. McIlroy met Diamond when he was seven and Diamond was 12, on the putting green at Hollywood Golf Club. "I was an only child, and Harry was a big brother," he said in an interview. They were the best man at each other's weddings.

Other

- McIlroy earned an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in 2012 at the age of 22 for his services to sport. Other PGA TOUR players to receive an MBE include Luke Donald and Justin Rose.
- He named his first dog after Ernie Els, calling him Theo (Els' first name).
- McIlroy claimed his 21st win on TOUR at the 2022 RBC Canadian Open, where he successfully defended a title for the first time on the PGA TOUR. With the victory, he became the 35th player to reach 21 PGA TOUR wins. His regular caddie, Harry Diamond, was not on the bag as he was waiting for the birth of his second child. Instead, his other longtime friend, Niall O'Connor, was on the bag.
- Representing Ireland, lost out on an Olympic Bronze Medal at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo when he was knocked out on the third hole of a seven-man playoff (eventually won by C.T. Pan of Chinese Taipei). McIlroy said, "I've never tried so hard in my life to finish third." Furthermore, McIlroy - who skipped the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio - said, "I made some comments before that were probably uneducated and impulsive, but coming here experiencing it, seeing, feeling everything that goes on, not just Olympic golf but just the Olympics in general, that sort of Olympic spirit's definitely bitten me and I'm excited how this week's turned out and excited for the future."
- Finished T5 at the 2024 Olympic Men's Golf Competition contested at Le Golf National in Paris.

Patrick Cantlay

Things To Know

- Represents the Atlanta Drive GC alongside teammates Justin Thomas, Billy Horschel, and Lucas Glover in the inaugural 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 primetime television audiences. Atlanta Drive GC is part of Arthur M. Blank's AMB Sports and Entertainment (AMBSE) portfolio.
- Cantlay is a Player Director on the PGA TOUR Policy Board (Board of Directors). His appointment was determined by the four Player Directors in 2023.
- Winners of the 2022 Zurich Classic, Cantlay and Xander Schauffele first became friends traveling over to Australia for the 2019 Presidents Cup where they drank coffee to stay awake and played hours and hours of gin on the 23-hour flight (with the duo admitting Cantlay is the better gin player). The teamed together at the 2019 Presidents Cup where they went 2-2-0 in team matches and again at the 2020 Ryder Cup in September 2021, winning both Foursome matches when paired together. After going 2-0 through the first two rounds of the 2022 Presidents Cup at Quail Hollow, the duo was finally beaten when Tom Kim (playing with partner Si Woo Kim) drained a 10-footer for birdie on the 18th to win 1-up.
- Cantlay on his friendship with Schauffele: "One of the best things personally for me about Presidents Cup other than golf was just being able to be forced to spend time with Xander, and he's become one of my best friends through that experience. If we were at a regular tournament, there's no way I would have spent the time or gone out of my way to invest in a relationship with one of the other guys that I was playing against. But now that he's on my team and it might help me in golf to get along with this guy, I realized that I really liked him as a person and we've become great friends."
- Cantlay on his friendship with Schauffele (part 2): "He's incredibly smart, and I think he's incredibly conscientious. He is someone that probably brings out the best in me. He's more positive, and he has a way of being more light as opposed to me being serious. Yet he's very quiet and reserved, so we kind of have that bond, and yet he balances me out a little bit."
- After his win at the 2022 BMW Championship, Cantlay, who has 10 runner-ups to his eight career TOUR wins said "The thing I always remind myself of when I finish second or I'm close is Jack Nicklaus had more seconds in majors than he had wins. That stat will shock you considering he has the most majors ever. No one would ever say he couldn't close or no one would say that he wilted under pressure, and yet he had more second places than anybody else. With that being said, I think putting yourself in position is maybe the thing that you can control in golf. You can't always control what other people around you do or where you get the right bounce or the wrong bounce. But putting yourself in contention time after time after time, the bounces are going to go your way and you'll get your fair share of wins."
- Nicklaus, who holds the records for most major victories at 18, also holds the records for most runner-up finishes in majors with 19.
- From the time he won the Jack Nicklaus Award as the best collegiate player in America in 2011, Cantlay and Nicklaus have had a kinship. Nicklaus went as far to say Cantlay, and all of the other previous winners of the award, are "in many ways my children." Cantlay on Nicklaus' signature handshake awaiting players at 18 green: "It's always special coming off the 18th green and shaking his hand. We have a great connection and we are, I would say, good friends at this point, and so that makes it just a little more special. He's taken me under his

wing and to do it at his place with the advice and encouragement that he's given me over the years is very special for me."

- Conversations with Jack Nicklaus greatly assisted Patrick's confidence and strategy at the 2021 the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday. Cantlay bumped into Nicklaus inside the Muirfield grill room over lunch, offering this unsolicited advice: relax and look around and see all the people having fun, smile and have a good time with it. That's why you're here. Let's figure out how to finish this golf tournament and enjoy it." Cantlay, who's facial expression can best be described as focused, took Nicklaus' advice to heart. "I felt at ease," Cantlay said. "Having his words in my head coming down the stretch like that meant a lot."
- Jack Nicklaus has said Cantlay's play and demeanor remind of him of how he played in his 20s and 30s.

Background

- Born in Long Beach, California; grew up in Los Alamitos, California, where his parent still reside. Patrick currently lives in Jupiter, Florida.
- Got started with the game after his Grandfather - Big Pat (Pat Neylan) - put a chipping and putting green in his backyard, even though Patrick was told to go inside with the other kids and let the adults play.
- He learned to play golf at Virginia Country Club in Southern California with his lifelong coach, Jamie Mulligan (CEO of Virginia Country Club).
- Played at UCLA for two years (2010-12) and rose to No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking. Avidly supports the UCLA Bruins, even though he came from a family of USC alumni.
- Made his professional debut at the 2012 Travelers Championship, where he missed the cut, only his second missed cut in 11 TOUR starts.
- Cantlay turned pro in June of 2012 and won the 2013 Astara Golf Championship in Bogota, Colombia (second event of the 2013 season) on the Korn Ferry Tour. Later suffered a back injury while warming up prior to the second round at the 2013 Charles Schwab Challenge, where he was playing as a sponsor exemption. Played just seven holes in the second round before withdrawing. During the next three years, he played a total of nine tournaments while trying to resolve what eventually was diagnosed as a stress fracture in his L5 vertebrae.

Family

- Married Nikki Guidish in October 2023 at The St. Regis Rome following the 2023 Ryder Cup. Nikki and Patrick got engaged after the 2021-22 PGA TOUR season (September 2022) in Napa, California while on vacation with close friends Xander and Maya Schauffele.
- Father - Steve, Mother - Colleen, Three younger siblings - Caroline, Nick and Jack -- all play golf competitively. Because of their age differences and varying schedules, it's rare when all four play together. Nick, a former player at Loyola Marymount and Long Beach State, plays professionally, while Caroline, was the 2017-18 Big West Conference Freshman of the Year for Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and the 2019 Southern California Golf Association Match Play champion.
- In July 2022, Cantlay's 18-year-old brother, Jack, set a USGA record for the lowest nine-hole score in U.S. Junior Amateur history. Playing at Bandon Dunes, the incoming freshman at Long Beach State opened the 36-hole stroke-play portion of the U.S. Junior Amateur with a 5-under 67 that included a final-nine, 8-under 28, breaking the previous record of 29 held by Eric Bae (2014) and Yuri Moriyama (2018). Highlights included a 45-foot eagle putt at the

par-5 third hole and a final birdie on the par-5 ninth with a chip-in eagle from 30 yards. Jack was eliminated in the Round of 16.

- Jack (brother) was eight when Patrick lost to Kelly Kraft in the 2011 U.S. Amateur final at Erin Hills. "Ever since I saw what Patrick did as an amateur and then as a pro, [I knew] this is what I want to do for a living," said Jack. "I want to be on the PGA TOUR."

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Highly intelligent and a lifelong learner. He is an avid reader, especially of biographies.
- Classic rock is his preferred music choice.
- Film enthusiast; favorite director is Quentin Tarantino and enjoys the Lord of the Rings books and movies.

Charity

- The Patrick Cantlay Foundation partners with initiatives that support the game of junior golf as well as programs assisting and advocating on behalf of first-responders. In Summer of 2021, launched a two-year partnership with the Southern California PGA and the SCPGA Junior Tour for the "Patrick Cantlay Series," a series of four elite junior events on the SCPGA Junior Tour, where Cantlay played during his formative years.
- In April 2025, Folds of Honor announced a partnership with Cantlay, and his caddie, Joe LaCava, to establish three Folds of Honor scholarships. The scholarships will be given to qualified recipients from first responder families in the name of Patrick Cantlay and Joe LaCava: one scholarship will be awarded to a first responder family in California where Patrick grew up, a second to a family in Connecticut, where Joe resides, and the final to a family in New York.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Friends with Danny Wagner – drummer for American rock band Greta Van Fleet.
- Good friends with Fred Couples. The pair grew close as Couples spent time in Newport Beach and they played a ton of golf together. During team events, Couples has spent time practicing and mentoring Cantlay.

Other

- In March 2011 he became the top-ranked amateur in the world and held that spot for 54 weeks (55 total).
- Low Amateur at the 2011 U.S. Open and 2012 Masters. Was the low amateur at the 2012 Masters. Players to win low amateur and go on to win the Masters include Cary Middlecoff, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Crenshaw, Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods, Sergio Garcia and Hideki Matsuyama.
- Named winner of the Fred Haskins Award, the Phil Mickelson Award, the Ben Hogan Award, the Mark McCormack Medal and the Jack Nicklaus Award—all by the end of his sophomore year at UCLA.
- On Wednesday night of the 2022 Masters, was honored by the Golf Writers Association of America (GWAA) as the recipient of the 2020 Ben Hogan Award. Due to COVID, the annual awards ceremony was postponed until 2022. The Ben Hogan Award is given to a player who has overcome a physical handicap or serious injury to remain active in golf. After spending

more than a year as the No. 1 ranked amateur, his professional career stalled for more than three years due to a back injury. He reached the 2017 TOUR Championship without full status on the PGA TOUR and won the 2017 Shriners Children's Open, his first of six PGA TOUR wins. The Ben Hogan Award was first given to Babe Zaharias in 1954, and was most recently awarded to Tiger Woods in 2019.

- Made his second PGA TOUR start (first non-major) at the 2011 Travelers Championship where he recorded a second-round 60, the lowest round on TOUR by an amateur. Played the first two rounds with Billy Horschel and Sung Kang, with the group playing all 36 holes on Friday due to weather that suspended play on Thursday at 11:28 a.m. Took a one-stroke lead into the weekend, before finishing T24.
- On the round of 60 in second TOUR start: "Yeah, it was huge. It was, I had played the U.S. Open the week before and so it was my first TOUR event that wasn't a U.S. Open and so I was really excited about it, just because it was so new and exciting. That day was the -- it was Friday, but I played 36 holes. They had a bunch of rain on Thursday. So it was kind of good that I got my nerves out of the way the first 18 holes. And I was out there all day and really got in the zone the second 18 and kind of went unconscious and everything went my way. Made a bunch of putts. It was one of the most fun rounds of golf I've ever played."
- First went to St. Andrews at age 12 with his grandfather and again later ahead of the 2011 Walker Cup where his teammates included Jordan Spieth, Harris English and Russell Henley. On his trip with his grandfather (Pat Neylan), "I remember the Old Course being really windy the day we played and not having played in wind like that before. I remember being surprised at how undefined the lines were. Getting on a tee and not knowing which direction to go. Most of the golf I had played was very park land up and to that point."
- Became the first player in history to successfully defend a FedExCup Playoffs event, winning the BMW Championship two years in a row (2021/Caves Valley, 2022/Wilmington Country Club).

Nick Taylor

Things To Know

- Earned his fifth PGA TOUR win in his 284th start at the age of 36 years and nearly 9 months at the 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii, where he defeated Nico Echavarria in a sudden-death playoff. Taylor improved to 3-0 in sudden-death playoffs on TOUR. The win in Hawaii also marked Taylor's third consecutive season with a TOUR victory (2023 RBC Canadian Open, 2024 WM Phoenix Open, 2025 Sony Open in Hawaii).
- Nick appears in Season 3 of Full Swing (Ep 2) with good friend, Adam Hadwin, as they go through the ups and downs of the life on TOUR in 2024 which included both missing out on the Presidents Cup 24 roster (when it was played in their home country).
- Taylor made history in 2023 when he became the first Canadian to win the RBC Canadian Open since 1954 (Pat Fletcher - not officially recognized by the PGA TOUR). The victory came on the fourth hole of a sudden-death playoff, with Taylor holing a 72-foot eagle putt to defeat Tommy Fleetwood. Canadians Adam Hadwin, Mike Weir and Corey Connors were greenside for the playoff. It was the first time the tournament was played at Oakdale Golf & Country Club in Toronto, which will host again in 2026. The RBC Canadian Open, which is the second-oldest non-major on the PGA TOUR schedule, changed its 2024 tournament logo to a silhouette of Taylor flipping his putter in the air in reaction to his winning putt. The tournament made the change permanent in 2025.
- Home course is Ledgeview Golf and Country Club in Abbotsford, British Columbia (also the home club of fellow Canadian and PGA TOUR winner Adam Hadwin).
- Made his Olympics debut at Paris 2024, representing Canada alongside Corey Connors. Taylor finished T30 at Le Golf National. Prior to golf returning to the Olympics in 2016, the last time the Olympics featured golf was in 1904 (St. Louis), when Canadian George Lyon won the gold medal. As a senior in college at University of Washington, Taylor served as an Olympic torchbearer for the Winter Games in Vancouver in February 2010 in his hometown of Abbotsford, British Columbia.
- Played four seasons at University of Washington (2006-10), where he was college teammates for the 2006-07 season with fellow PGA TOUR winner Joel Dahmen (they both joined the program as true freshmen in 2006). Taylor and Dahmen were roommates for two years.
- Prior to winning the 2024 WM Phoenix Open, Taylor had previously attended the tournament as a fan in his mid-20s. Somewhat of a "hometown tournament," the Taylor family splits time between Scottsdale and Canada.

Background

- Born in Winnipeg, Canada, but grew up in Abbotsford, British Columbia (Greater Vancouver), where the family moved before Taylor turned 3.
- Won the 2007 Canadian Amateur Championship at Riverside Country Club in Saskatoon, which marked the last time the champion was determined through a match play competition. Only a few years later, Mackenzie Hughes won back-to-back Canadian Amateur Championships (2011, 2012).
- Reached the quarterfinals of the 2007 U.S. Amateur Championship at The Olympic Club in San Francisco; he was ousted by Colt Knost.
- Played four seasons at the University of Washington (2006-10) in Seattle, which is just over two hours from his hometown of Abbotsford. Taylor won the 2010 Ben Hogan Award, which annually recognizes the outstanding male amateur and collegiate golfer of the year, was a two-time Pac-10 Conference Co-Golfer of the Year (2009, 2010), and was credited with four

individual victories. Taylor recorded a pair of top-10 finishes at the NCAA Championship, including a T2 finish (shared second place with Jorge Campillo from University of Indiana, with both finishing three strokes behind individual national champion Kevin Chappell from UCLA) in 2008. Other notable players in the field at the 2008 NCAA Championship were Oklahoma State University's Rickie Fowler (T4), University of Florida's Billy Horschel (6th), University of Georgia's Russell Henley (22nd), Brian Harman (T71), and Harris English (T73).

- In the 2009 University of Washington golf team media guide, Taylor's then-coach Matt Thurmond wrote, "I've never coached anyone that can raise his game so much in difficult conditions and high-pressure situations. Nick can hit the best shot at the biggest moment."
- Earned the 2009 Mark H. McCormack Medal as the leading player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking upon conclusion of the 2009 amateur season (following the European and U.S. Amateur Championships). Taylor was ranked No. 1 in WAGR for 20 weeks (June through October of 2009); he overtook Morgan Hoffmann to reach No. 1, and he eventually ceded the No. 1 ranking to Victor Dubuisson.

Family

- Nick met his wife, Andie, in high school (Yale Secondary in Abbotsford). Andie's father, Phil Dodd, was the President of Ledgeview G.C. and knew Taylor well before he and Andie started dating in grade 12.
- Son, Charlie, born in 2019 and daughter, Harper in May 2023.
- The family splits time between Scottsdale, Arizona and Canada. Andie and the kids travel to the majority of tournaments but were not onsite for the 2023 RBC Canadian Open win as Harper was just born. When Nick made it to the playoff, their neighbors crashed their gathering with the Taylor-extended family.
- Nick's older brother, Josh, was a successful amateur golfer who also earned a scholarship to the University of Texas El-Paso.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Fan of Toronto Blue Jays (MLB) and Seattle Seahawks (NFL). Threw out first pitch at Toronto Blue Jays game (against the Yankees) the week of 2019 RBC Canadian Open.
- Mario Kart 64 expert (video game).
- Loves astronomy; has visited NASA's Johnson Space Center.
- Loves Star Wars.
- Spends time focusing on fitness and nutrition.

Charity

- Started the The Nick Taylor Charity Classic with his wife, Andie, in 2017. The event's mission is to build community, academic success and athletic excellence. The NTCC has raised over \$1.2 million to date in charitable proceeds for various beneficiaries in Abbotsford and Chilliwack, BC, along with \$450k in scholarship funds for the University of the Fraser Valley.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- In addition to being close with Joel Dahmen, he's good friends with fellow Canadians - Adam Hadwin, Corey Connors and Mackenzie Hughes.

- Played under head coach Matt Thurmond in his four years at University of Washington, where Thurmond served as head coach for 15 seasons (2001-16). Thurmond took over as head coach of Arizona State University in summer 2016.

Other

- Is the only Canadian male in history to win the trifecta of the Canadian Junior Boys Championship (2006), Canadian Amateur Championship (2007) and RBC Canadian Open (2023).
- Was low amateur at the 2009 U.S. Open (Bethpage Black) won by Lucas Glover, his second major start (made his major and PGA TOUR debut at the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, won by Tiger Woods). Became the third amateur in U.S. Open history to record a 65 or lower with a second-round 65.
- Finished T16 at the 2005 Junior World Championships (Boys 15-17 Division) at Torrey Pines. Other notable players in the field that week were Joseph Bramlett (T3), Jason Day (T8), and Tom Whitney (T35).

Denny McCarthy

Things To Know

- Since joining the PGA TOUR in 2018, McCarthy has established himself as one of the best putters in the world, ranking first in Strokes Gained: Putting in both 2019 and 2020. McCarthy has a "system" when it comes to his putting. He embraces his artistic side and sticks to his own system, "I treat it as an art form and just have fun with it."
- During the 2022 Memorial Tournament's pre-tournament press conference, Patrick Cantlay was asked about the best putters on TOUR: "Denny McCarthy is probably the best putter out here the last few years. I'll take Tiger Woods if the putt has any consequence. I'm probably too young to have seen many of the putts Jack hit. But I'm sure I would have said the same thing about Jack if I was back in that era."
- Was technically born at a hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, but grew up in Rockville which he identifies as his hometown. Attended nearby PGA TOUR events like the Booz Allen Classic, Kemper Open. and Quicken Loans National at Congressional.
- Part of the famed high school class of 2011 which included Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Daniel Berger, Xander Schauffele and Emiliano Grillo.
- Played four seasons at the University of Virginia (2011-15), where he was a two-time All-American and graduated in 2015 (Anthropology). Follows the Virginia men's basketball program very closely, and notably attended Virginia's win over Texas Tech in the 2019 NCAA Championship game with close friend and fellow UVA alum Ben Kohles. (Photo of McCarthy and Kohles at the 2019 NCAA Championship game available.)

Background

- Grew up playing Argyle Country Club in Maryland. "We all got dropped off in the summer and were playing golf all day and I was very lucky to have that growing up. Argyle is kind of where I fell in love with the game and that's definitely where my enthusiasm has come from."
- Has been playing competitively since he was 10, starting with the MAPGA junior tour.
- McCarthy won the Maryland Amateur twice (2013, 2014) and the Maryland Open three times (2010, 2013, 2015).
- Semifinalist at the 2014 U.S. Amateur Championship at Atlanta Athletic Club. McCarthy fell to Corey Connors in the semifinals.
- Turned professional following the 2015 Walker Cup and played the 2016 and 2017 seasons on the Korn Ferry Tour. Earned TOUR membership for the first time upon conclusion of the 2017 Korn Ferry Tour season.

Family

- Brother, Ryan, played college golf at Loyola University in Maryland. Sister, Christina, played lacrosse at James Madison University. Uncle, Mike McCarthy played golf at James Madison.
- Mom, Elena, lives in Rockville, Maryland.
- Married wife Samantha in December 2023.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Big D.C. sports fan, supporting the Washington Commanders (NFL football), Washington Capitals (NHL hockey), Washington Wizards (NBA basketball), and Baltimore Orioles (MLB)

baseball). He was an Orioles fan before the Nationals came to town, so he remained an O's fan.

- McCarthy played guard on the varsity basketball at Georgetown Preparatory School and was an excellent three-point shooter. He was quoted as saying he visualizes things very well, allowing him to point and shoot around the arc. Basketball was his first love.
- During the 2022 Wells Fargo Championship at TPC Potomac at Avenal Farm, went to the Washington Wizards practice facility to shoot hoops with Wizards player Anthony Gill. Gill was incredibly impressed with his three-pointer (footage available).
- Excellent ping pong player.
- Likes to workout on his off days.

Charity

- Announced as an official Play Yellow Ambassador on Wednesday of the 2024 Memorial Tournament through a handshake with Barbara and Jack Nicklaus. Denny was inspired to join Play Yellow as an official ambassador for his family friend, Madison Smith, who played high school golf in his hometown. In October of 2023, Madison passed away after her fight with cancer at 16 years old. Her favorite color was yellow and she loved rubber duckies, so Denny honors Madison by displaying a rubber duckie on his golf bag. The 2023 Memorial Tournament was the last tournament Madison attended to watch Denny. Play Yellow is a Children's Miracle Network Hospitals campaign with support from Jack and Barbara Nicklaus and the PGA TOUR to bring the entire golf world together to help the 10 million kids treated at local children's hospitals each year.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Friends with Max Homa and fellow University of Virginia alum Ben Kohles.
- Played on the 2010 Junior Ryder Cup team alongside Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas.
- While he was a senior at the University of Virginia, McCarthy led the United States to victory in the 2014 World Amateur Team Championship (Eisenhower Trophy) alongside Beau Hossler and Bryson DeChambeau.

Other

- Denny played his first round with Tiger Woods during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was at his home course, Medalist Country Club, when Rickie Fowler and Justin Thomas asked him if he wanted to play a round. He was feeling a bit tired but decided to play anyway. As he was warming up, he realized Tiger Woods was going to be their fourth. He was very nervous at first, but became very energized and amped up after realizing who he was playing with and shot 8-under through 13 holes (did not provide final score).
- When he was 12 or 13, he played TPC Potomac at Avenal Farm for the first time. "Before they redid it, I think I was like 12 or 13 years old and I played--the first time I ever played here I shot like 1-under 70 from like maybe the ladies tees or a combo and it was like my best round ever on a golf course."

Scottie Scheffler

Things To Know

- Already a three-time winner in 2025, with wins at THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson, PGA Championship (third major championship), and a successful title defense at the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday. Followed Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods as the third player in the modern era to earn 15 PGA TOUR wins and three major championships prior to turning 29 years old. Also followed Woods as the second player in history to win consecutive titles at the Memorial Tournament (2024 and 2025 for Scheffler; 1999, 2000, and 2001 for Woods).
- Following his victory at the 2025 PGA Championship, said of playing golf, "When I think about the game of golf, my favorite thing to do is... when I can be by myself and I can just practice, it's one of the most fun things for me. It's so peaceful, and I love the pursuit of trying to figure something out. That's what I love about this game. I feel like you're always battling yourself, and you're always trying to figure things out. And you're never going to perfect it. In golf, there's always something you can figure out, there's always something you can do better. It's a great challenge, and it's a lot of fun."
- On where the trophy from the 2025 PGA Championship will be displayed at home, Scheffler said, "I have a room in my house called 'The Golf Room,' and that's where all my crap goes. Literally. It's just a room full of all my golf junk. I've got some trophies in there as well, and that's probably where this one will go. I'd like to say that (The Golf Room) is nicely presented, but it's not."
- Earned his 14th PGA TOUR title at the 2025 CJ CUP Byron Nelson, where he previously made his PGA TOUR debut as a 17-year-old amateur in 2014. Scheffler tied the lowest 72-hole score in PGA TOUR history (31-under 253), equaling Justin Thomas (253 / 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii) and Ludvig Aberg (253 / 2023 RSM Classic). The victory also marked Scheffler's fourth consecutive TOUR season with a victory (2021-22, 2022-23, 2024, 2025).
- Said of winning the 2025 CJ CUP Byron Nelson, an event to which he has deep ties, "This tournament means a lot to me. I grew up coming here to watch. It's very special to have won this tournament. It's really fun to be able to play here in my hometown, in front of the hometown fans. This was my first start on the PGA TOUR when I was in high school. The girl I was dating at the time (Meredith) is now my wife. We have one son. My sister (Callie) was caddying for me at the time; she was here today, she has two kids. We have a lot of great memories as kids coming to watch this tournament. I just dreamed to be able to play in it, and it's more of a dream to be able to win it."
- Played the 2014 CJ CUP Byron Nelson via a sponsor exemption as a 17-year-old amateur, finishing T22 with sister Callie on the bag. Carded an ace in the third round, holing his tee shot with a 5-iron from 221 yards at TPC Las Colinas. The high school grad was heading to the University of Texas later that summer to embark on his college career. Asked about not receiving the \$50,000+ that would have come with his finish, Scheffler joked: "Jordan (Spieth) told me I would be mad when I get down to Austin next year and I don't have any money. I guess I'll be mad then. I'm not too upset right now."
- Following the 2024 PGA TOUR season, was named PGA TOUR Player of the Year for a third consecutive season (2022-24), following Tiger Woods as the second player in history to earn the accolade in three straight seasons. Scheffler was surprised with the award in December during a FedEx charity event at a local PGA TOUR Superstore, where he and wife Meredith hosted the Dallas-based charity, Behind Every Door. In honor of Scheffler's historic year, which saw him win the 2024 FedExCup title, FedEx donated \$50,000 to the non-profit, as it is close to the Scheffler's heart. Behind Every Door is committed to creating pathway

opportunities of hope for individuals to realize their God-given potential, fostering lasting change in their lives and communities.

- Reached No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking for the first time in his career on March 27, 2022 after winning the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play. At just 25 years old, he became the sixth-youngest player to reach No. 1 since the OWGR was established in 1986.
- On becoming World No. 1: "It's not something that I didn't want to achieve or didn't believe that I could do. It's just I grew up at Royal Oaks (GC in Dallas). I grew up wearing long pants to go practice because I wanted to be a professional golfer. That's what I dreamed of. I dreamed of being out here. I've always been, I would say, fiercely competitive, and so for me getting out here was a goal per se, and being out here, I like competing and I enjoy the challenge of playing out here every week. Just competing out here is really fun for me and just being able to win tournaments is pretty awesome. The rankings never really crossed my mind. It was always just about being out here and competing."
- Featured in the latest season of Netflix's Full Swing, an immersive documentary that follows life on the PGA TOUR. Season Three features returning favorites and new faces offering a look on and off the course across a relentless 2024 season.
- Returned to the Player Advisory Council (PAC) in 2025, having previously served on the 16-member council in 2024. The PAC advises and consults with the PGA TOUR Policy Board (Board of Directors) and Commissioner Jay Monahan on issues affecting the TOUR.

Background

- Born in Ridgewood, New Jersey; moved Dallas when he was six.
- Was a Ewing Automotive North Texas PGA Junior Tour member from 2002-2010, competing in 136 tournaments and winning 90 (66.2 percent). Often played in the older divisions, which included players such as Jordan Spieth.
- Attended Highland Park High School in Dallas and won three individual state titles in golf - the only other person to have done that was Jordan Spieth. Notable alumni of Highland Park include Super Bowl champion quarterback Matthew Stafford, World Series champion pitcher Clayton Kershaw, and Pro Football Hall of Fame members Bobby Layne and Doak Walker.
- Won the 2013 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, defeating Davis Riley in the championship match, and was named the 2013 AJGA Rolex Junior Player of the Year.
- Played collegiately at the University of Texas from 2014 to 2018, where he helped the team win three Big 12 Conference championships and was named Freshman of the Year in 2015; member of U.S. Walker Cup Team in 2017. At UT, was teammates with future PGA TOUR members Beau Hossler, Kramer Hickok and Doug Ghim.
- After turning professional in 2018, competed on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019 and earned two victories en route to being named the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year. Within the next two seasons, Scheffler was named 2020 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year and represented the United States at the 2021 Ryder Cup.
- Breakout season on the PGA TOUR was the 2021-22 season, when he won his first four PGA TOUR titles in a span of six starts, including his first major championship title (2022 Masters Tournament). Scheffler was named 2022 PGA TOUR Player of the Year at season's end and set the single-season earnings record with \$14,046,910 (previous record was held by Jordan Spieth, who amassed \$12,030,465 in 2014-15).
- Became the first back-to-back winner of THE PLAYERS Championship (2023, 2024) in the 50th playing of the tournament.

Family

- Married to high school sweetheart, Meredith Scudder. The pair first crossed paths at Highland Park High School in Dallas, where they began dating as seniors. They stayed close despite attending different colleges - he at University of Texas and she at Texas A&M. The couple wed in December 2020 in a winter wonderland-themed wedding. Meredith was unaware of Scottie's fledgling golf career until 2014, when he received a sponsor exemption into THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson: "We were hanging out with her dad and (THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson) commercial came on TV. And she was kind of looking around, she was like, 'Wait a minute. Isn't that next weekend? Isn't that what you're doing?' And I was like, 'Yeah, that's what I'm doing.' She's like, 'Wow, that's cool.'"
- Scottie and Meredith welcomed their first child -- a son, Bennett (Bennie) -- in May 2024.
- Father, Scott, played high school basketball at the same school Vince Lombardi attended -- St. Cecilia High School of Englewood, New Jersey. Mother, Diane, went to high school with and was friends with the late James Gandolfini at Park Ridge High School in Park Ridge, New Jersey. While Scottie was growing up, Scott was a stay-at-home father for four Scheffler children while Diane was (and still is) Chief Operating Officer at a law firm.
- Three sisters: Callie, Sara and Molly. Callie played golf at Texas A&M.
- Scottie says of his parents and sisters: "A lot of my personality probably comes from my dad. My dad is fiercely competitive like I am. My parents, they made a lot of sacrifices to put me in a position where I'm able to do this for a living, and they made a lot of sacrifices when I was a kid. My sisters as well. They've seen a lot of golf tournaments in their lifetime, probably a lot more than they've wanted to. I'm very grateful for the sacrifices they made and obviously had such a huge impact on my life."
- Grandmother, Mary DeLorenzo, lives in the greater Jacksonville area and was notably in attendance for wins at the 2022 Arnold Palmer Invitational and 2023 PLAYERS Championship.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Makes himself coffee every morning at home in Texas (double shot of espresso with a little honey and cinnamon), but does not drink coffee prior to tournament rounds, and only occasionally before practice rounds. Scheffler developed his at-home coffee routine in summer 2022, when he bought an espresso machine and taught himself how to use it.
- Basketball; excellent shooter but was small (5-2) in seventh grade so focused on golf. Loves to play pickup basketball.
- Wearing the Green Jacket, threw out the first pitch at a Texas Rangers-Houston Astros MLB game on April 27, 2022. In addition to meeting players and coaches, he and wife Meredith were both presented personalized Rangers jerseys. "I love Dallas. It's my home. It's probably where I will live the rest of my life. I don't root for any teams outside of Dallas. We grew up going to a lot of Mavs games in high school and I've become a bigger Rangers fan in the last couple of years. A lot of my buddies from college love the Astros, so it's fun to be a Ranger fan. We have a good rivalry. Hopefully, the Rangers start winning some championships."
- Pickleball. Scheffler teamed up with Jordan Spieth on October 13 of 2022 in Frisco, Texas for the Celebrity Battle of the Paddle against Dallas Mavericks legend Dirk Nowitzki and American tennis star John Isner. Despite a massive disadvantage in reach - Nowitzki and Isner are listed at 7-feet and 6 feet 10 inches tall, respectively, with wingspans to match - Spieth and Scheffler held their own and flashed some skills before ultimately losing 11-6.
- During the 2023 TOUR Championship, announced his co-ownership of the Texas Ranchers, one of the eight founding Major League Pickleball (MLP) teams in the U.S. Pickleball is one of Scheffler's favorite activities outside of golf. Other notable Texas athletes investing in this new venture include Dallas Cowboys star Micah Parsons, Houston Texans quarterback C.J. Stroud, and former Texas A&M standout Myles Garrett.

Charity

- Close to a non-profit -- Triumph Over Kid Cancer -- founded by his late friend James Ragan who was from Corpus Christi, Texas. The two met while playing on the Texas Legends Tour. Ragan had been diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer, in June 2006, when he was 13. He went on to become a public advocate and fundraising force for pediatric cancer. When Scheffler won the U.S. Junior Amateur in 2013, he choked up during a Golf Channel interview when asked about Ragan. Scheffler said he thought about his friend several times during the final match. Ragan passed away at the age of 20 in 2014.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- At University of Texas, played under longtime head coach John Fields, who took over the program in August 1997. One of the biggest lessons Fields taught Scheffler was staying in the present, with Scheffler explaining, "When I first got to college, I was trying to date this girl whose name was Meredith [now his wife], and I would come out to the course and if she shot me a text or gave me a call, I would pick it up. And I would get a little distracted when it came to practicing. Coach [Fields] sat me down and said, 'Hey, listen, when you're at the golf course, you need to be focused on what you're doing at the golf course. When you're in class, you need to be paying attention in class. When you get to do your social stuff, you need to be present where you are.' It's a daily battle to try and focus on the task at hand... when you're thinking about what you're doing, I think that's when you're living."
- Began working with famed instructor Randy Smith at Royal Oaks Country Club after moving to Dallas around the time he was eight years old. Smith guided Scheffler through the pain and adjustments of going from 5-foot-2 in seventh grade to 6-foot-3 by the time he headed to University of Texas. Smith says of his earliest days with Scheffler: "He hit low and high. Here's this tiny little kid who could hit every shot. He could shape it, move it, and he was doing it by feel." Smith says Scheffler has a "blue-collar work ethic with an artist's imagination and high intelligence."
- Randy Smith is a PGA of America Hall of Famer. In a career spanning more than four decades, he developed a reputation as the go-to instructor for young players in North Texas, including 12-time PGA TOUR winner Justin Leonard, four-time TOUR winner Ryan Palmer, three-time TOUR winner John Rollins, TOUR winners Harrison Frazar and Cody Gribble, and 2007 U.S. Amateur Championship winner Colt Knost.
- Scottie says one of the most important things Randy Smith taught him was patience, explaining, "When you're younger and things aren't going the way they're supposed to, Randy always did a really good job of reminding me that it was a long journey to become good at golf. You're going to have ups and downs. I wasn't always the best player. I felt like I could be the best player. Randy was always by my side helping me stay patient, and teaching me little things along the way."
- Agent, Blake Smith, is the son of Randy Smith.
- Good friends with Sam Burns, who he faced in the 2023 Charles Schwab Challenge playoff (Burns won). The pair have known each other since they were teenagers, playing AJGA golf events together. Along with spouses Meredith (Scheffler) and Caroline (Burns), the group has vacationed together, including a trip to Greece after the 2022 Open Championship, and are members of the TOUR's Bible study, as faith is a shared foundation of their friendship.
- Scheffler hired veteran Ted Scott to caddie for him starting with the 2021 RSM Classic and won in their fourth official start together at the 2022 WM Phoenix Open. Met Scott through a Bible study composed of players and caddies.

Other

- During THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2021, penalized himself one stroke for surpassing the three-minute time period (Rule 18.2) allowed in search of an errant second shot on the 15th hole of the opening round. After the round was over, Scheffler talked with fellow competitor Daniel Berger and PGA TOUR Rules Officials to determine what to do. "We couldn't figure it out", Scheffler said. "They didn't have ShotLink data or anything, so just went with it was over 3 minutes. Just too long."
- Won The Genesis Invitational Collegiate Showcase in 2018 as a senior at the University of Texas at Riviera Country Club. Other winners have included Will Zalatoris (2015) and Sahith Theegala (2016).
- Won The East Lake Cup in 2018. The East Lake Cup is a collegiate competition featuring top-performing teams from the NCAA Men's and Women's Golf Championships.
- Played three times in The Junior PLAYERS Championship conducted by the AJGA: (2011/5th - 2012/T33 - 2013/6th).

