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Akshay Bhatia

Things To Know

- NOTE: please do NOT mention or reference Akshay's physical attributes, specifically weight or build. This is a sensitive topic for him and his family. From Akshay's agent: OK to reference him "pound for pound one of the best athletes/longest hitters on the PGA TOUR".
- Won his first PGA TOUR title at the 2023 Barracuda Championship (defeated Patrick Rodgers in a playoff) while playing the TOUR via Special Temporary Membership. Bhatia began the 2022-23 season with fully exempt membership on the Korn Ferry Tour, and later joined the PGA TOUR via Special Temporary Membership following a runner-up finish at the 2023 Puerto Rico Open.
- On whether he reached the PGA TOUR earlier or later than he would have liked after he turned professional at age 17, Bhatia says, "You want to succeed early, but sometimes that's not the best thing. I've learned so much. I've gotten to play with some of the best players in the world. I've had to deal with so many downs, but doing it at 17 versus 23, 24 out of college is a big difference, because I've learned in the three and a half, four years I've played professional golf what it takes to get it done. I feel like I'm ahead of the schedule."
- Made his first PGA TOUR-sanctioned start as a 17-year-old amateur in March 2019 at the Valspar Championship (sponsor exemption, missed cut). A month later, he Monday qualified into the Korn Ferry Tour's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship (finished T42).
- Akshay proposed to his girlfriend, Presleigh Schultz, in the Napa Valley Wine Country and announced on Instagram on Sept. 10, 2023.
- At the 2019 Walker Cup, Bhatia, 17 years old at the time, became the first golfer still in high school to represent the United States, as well as the youngest American player in Walker Cup history. Prior to Bhatia, the youngest American Walker Cupper was Jordan Spieth, who played less than two months after his 18th birthday in 2011. Bhatia went 2-1 and the United States won by five points. Teammates at the 2019 Walker Cup included PGA TOUR members Brandon Wu and Alex Smalley, and Cole Hammer.
- Turned professional at age 17 and signed an endorsement deal with Callaway following the Walker Cup in September 2019. Akshay finalized his decision to eschew college just prior to the NCAA recruiting contact period for high school juniors. On forgoing college and the criticism of his pathway to pro golf he said, "In a way, it was hard not to go to college. You want to win a national championship for the school, your team, yourself. People say it's some of the best four years of your life. But a lot of people say you take the criticism... you want to prove them wrong."
- Akshay admitted in a self-authored Golf Digest story published in 2022 he turned pro "thinking I was ready, but I was wrong." Akshay made his professional debut in September of 2019 at the Sanderson Farms Championship, but missed the cut in his first five PGA TOUR starts (all via sponsor exemptions), had spent a lot of money on travel expenses, and burnt himself out by January 2020. Amid the shutdown stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, Akshay began working with a new coach (Chase Duncan, who operates out of North Carolina State University's Lonnie Poole Golf Course in Raleigh) and a mental coach, both of whom helped Akshay realize much of professional golf is failure, and that it's important to accept and learn from failure, which ultimately helped Akshay mature.

Background

- Goes by "Shay" among his family and friends.
- Born in Los Angeles, California but considers Wake Forest, North Carolina (roughly 20 miles north of Raleigh) his home, as Akshay's parents, Sonny and Renu, moved the family there in 2012 and wanted to raise their children outside of chaotic Los Angeles. Sonny first thought of moving the family there after Akshay and his older sister, Rhea, played in the 2009 U.S. Kids Golf World Championships at Pinehurst. Sonny said, "It just felt right. I thought, wouldn't it be great to come back and live here?"
- Akshay's love of golf began after the family's move from Los Angeles to Wake Forest, North Carolina in 2012. Akshay recalled how he once woke his father up in the middle of the night with a question, "Dad, how do I become the best player in the world?" Sonny told Akshay that to be the best he had to be the first one on the course and the last one to leave. Sonny said in an interview years later, "And that's exactly what he does. He practices and works on his game non-stop. Absolutely non-stop."
- Grew up five minutes from The Country Club at Wakefield Plantation, formerly home to the Korn Ferry Tour's UNC Health Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina. Other professional golfers who practiced there while Bhatia was growing up included Chesson Hadley, Carl Pettersson, Cameron Percy and the late Grayson Murray.
- Participated in the inaugural Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club in 2014. At 12 years old, Bhatia finished sixth place overall for the boys 12-13 age group after sinking his 15-foot putt attempt. Became the first Drive, Chip and Putt National Finalist to compete in the Masters with his Masters debut in 2024.
- Went the traditional educational route until middle school, after which he was home schooled (with online courses) and earned a high school diploma in 2019. He noted, "I get a better understanding when I do it on my own versus trying to listen in a classroom where it's dead silent." When he attended traditional elementary school, Akshay typically wore golf clothes to school so he could go straight to the course afterwards.
- As a junior golfer, regularly played in tournaments against older kids and wasn't a long hitter, which forced Akshay to get creative. He often got around forced carries by playing to other tee boxes and frequently hit driver off the deck.
- Climbed into the top five of the World Amateur Golf Ranking prior to turning professional and was the 2018 AJGA Rolex Player of the Year.
- Represented the United States in its victories at the 2017 Junior Presidents Cup and 2018 Junior Ryder Cup. Also finished runner-up at the 2018 U.S. Junior Amateur, falling 1 up to Michael Thorbjornsen in the final.
- Won silver medals at the 2018 Summer Youth Olympics in the boy's individual and mixed team with Lucy Li, now an LPGA player.
- Considers himself very analytical and was introduced to TrackMan when he was 14, 15 years old.
- Won the 2019 Jones Cup, an amateur tournament at Ocean Forest Golf Club in Sea Island, Georgia, in February. Defeated future PGA TOUR member Davis Thompson in an impromptu sudden-death playoff, as the 54-hole tournament's final round was cancelled due to heavy rain. Past champions of the annual event include Corey Connors (2014), Justin Thomas (2012).
- Played numerous Monday qualifiers for PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour events prior to earning Korn Ferry Tour membership for the 2022 season.
- Earned enough non-member FedExCup points on the PGA TOUR during the 2020-21 season to play the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals. Playing the three-event series earned Bhatia an exemption to Final Stage of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament, but he finished T63 and failed to improve his conditional status for the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season.

- Won first career start as a Korn Ferry Tour member (and fifth overall start) at the 2022 The Bahamas Golf Classic with a tap-in birdie on the 72nd hole; he hit the flagstick with a pitching wedge from 156 yards out, ultimately stopping the ball inches from the cup. At 19 years, 11 months, and 19 days old, he became the third youngest winner in Korn Ferry Tour history, only behind Jason Day (19 years, 7 months, 26 days at 2007 Legend Financial Group Classic) and Sungjae Im (19 years, 9 months, 17 days at 2018 The Bahamas Golf Classic). Three weeks before the win, Akshay dislocated his shoulder playing pickleball, and doctors advised him to delay the start of his season.

Family

- Akshay says his family "sacrificed a normal family life, but we believed it was worth it." His father, Sonny, stopped working to travel with Akshay throughout his junior golf career, while his mother, Renu, continued to work to support the family and Akshay's career. Family time was still sparse at home due to Renu's long working hours; she was at one point in time working two jobs. Akshay says, "One day, I'll repay my mom."
- Father, Sonny (Sunil), traces his roots to Delhi but grew up in London; he previously ran a real estate business. Sonny is blind in one eye, a result of a tumor which he had removed. Part of the reason behind the family's move to North Carolina in 2012 was the convenience of accessibility to top doctors and medical facilities in the area.
- Mother, Renu, organizes golf outings and trips. She grew up in Hong Kong.
- Older sister, Rhea, played college golf at Queens University in Charlotte, North Carolina. Akshay said he got his start in golf after watching her play. The two played together countless times as kids. They are four years apart in age.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Loves Korean barbeque, Indian food, and reviewing pizza.
- Not a huge sports fan and does not watch a lot of live sports, but attended some Lakers (NBA basketball) games when the family lived in Los Angeles and admired Kobe Bryant and the Mamba Mentality.
- Enjoys bowling.
- Especially interested in cars.
- Started YouTube channel in 2023, sharing personal and professional vlogs from life on the PGA TOUR and highlights at courses he plays in his free time.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Admired Rickie Fowler as a young golfer. He even attended the 2014 TOUR Championship at age 12 and bought an orange headcover as a nod to Fowler.

Other

- Quail Hollow is one of his favorite golf courses, and the Truist Championship ranked very high on his personal list of PGA TOUR tournaments he looked forward to playing.
- On playing the PGA TOUR, Bhatia says, "I've dreamed about playing the PGA TOUR. I don't thrive off of anything but winning golf tournaments and being the best player in the world. I think the PGA TOUR has the best platform... everything they're doing to help the TOUR grow, the players grow, that's something I want to be a part of."

- His T9 at the 2020 Procore Championship (when he was 18 years, 7 months, 14 days old) made him the youngest player to record a top-10 in a stroke-play event on the PGA TOUR since Justin Rose finished solo fourth at the 1998 The Open Championship, which concluded 11 days before Rose's 18th birthday.
- Bhatia has some interesting recent history at Torrey Pines, making the cut at the 2021 U.S. Open, which was his major championship debut. Bhatia, 19 years old at the time, played the third round with a marker (Jason Gore) and the final round with Patrick Rodgers. Gore is now the Chief Player Officer at the PGA TOUR, and Bhatia defeated Rodgers in a playoff at the 2023 Barracuda Championship to earn fully exempt membership on TOUR.

Collin Morikawa

Things To Know

- One of eight PGA TOUR players featured in the latest release of the popular video game, PGA TOUR 2K25 and his second straight appearance in the game.
- Competed at the Paris 2024 Olympics for Team USA , his second consecutive Olympics after competing at Tokyo 2020, where he fell in a seven-man playoff for the bronze medal. Morikawa was one of four Americans to qualify in 2024, joining Scottie Scheffler, Xander Schauffele and Wyndham Clark.
- Captured the 2023 Baycurrent Classic in Japan for his sixth PGA TOUR title and first worldwide victory since the 2021 DP World Tour Championship. Morikawa's six-stroke come-from-behind victory held special meaning due to his father's Japanese heritage. "I knew at the beginning of the week that the fans out here are obviously rooting for the Japanese players, but I like to count myself as a part Japanese player in that, so I felt the love."
- Among his PGA TOUR titles are major championship victories at the 2020 PGA Championship, contested at TPC Harding Park in San Francisco, California, and the 2021 Open Championship at Royal St. George's Golf Club. Won both titles in his tournament debut. At 23 years old, became the third-youngest PGA Championship winner since World War II (only behind Jack Nicklaus and Rory McIlroy). Also followed Tiger Woods as the second player to win both the PGA Championship and The Open Championship prior to turning 25 years old.
- Earned his first PGA TOUR win as a Special Temporary Member at the 2019 Barracuda Championship in what was his eighth career PGA TOUR start.
- As a little kid, his dream was to throw out the first pitch at a Los Angeles Dodgers game. On September 3, 2019, his wish came true, as he threw out the first pitch and called it one of the "most memorable moments in my life."

Background

- Grew up in La Canada (tilde over the "n"), California, located 30 miles northeast of Riviera Country Club, host of The Genesis Invitational. Moved to Las Vegas in 2019 and plays regularly at The Summit Club, which hosted THE CJ CUP in 2021.
- Growing up, practiced at the nine-hole Chevy Chase Country Club in Glendale, California. Never let himself hit off mats to avoid giving himself a flat lie.
- Played basketball and baseball growing up. Knew golf was what he wanted to do, so quit other sports around 11 or 12. Baseball was the toughest sport to say goodbye to.
- Won the 2013 Western Junior Championship -- the oldest national junior tournament in the United States. Past champions of the event include Jim Furyk (1987) and Rickie Fowler (2005).
- Played four seasons at Cal (2015-19), where he was a four-time All-American with first-team honors each of his final three seasons (2017, 2018, 2019). Named the 2018-19 Pac-12 Conference Player of the Year, following Michael Kim (2013) as the second player in program history to earn the award. Also named the 2015-16 Pac-12 Conference Freshman of the Year. Earned five individual victories (and lost playoffs on two other occasions) at Cal, with the crown jewel being medalist honors at the 2019 Pac-12 Championship, where he became the fourth Cal player to win the individual conference title (Max Homa/2013, Eric Mina/2010, Charlie Wi/1995).
- Between his freshman and sophomore seasons at Cal, nearly won his first start in a professional tournament -- the 2016 Wichita Open on the Korn Ferry Tour -- but fell to J.J.

Spaun and eventual champion Ollie Schniederjans in a playoff. Morikawa earned a sponsor exemption for the Korn Ferry Tour event by virtue of his victory at the 2015 Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship, which was contested in nearby Andover, Kansas. At the 2016 Wichita Open, Morikawa made the cut on the number, carded back-to-back 63s on the weekend, and forced a playoff as he played the final five holes of regulation in 5-under par (eagle-birdie-birdie-par-birdie). Despite his near miss, Morikawa remained patient and stayed at Cal for all four years, eventually earning his degree prior to turning professional in 2019.

- Morikawa later reflected on how winning the 2016 Wichita Open could have changed his career trajectory, "I don't know," Morikawa said of whether he would have turned professional with a win. "100 percent would not have been ready. But it's hard to say no if you win as an amateur. It all worked out."
- Notable amateur victories included the 2015 Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship, 2016 Sunnehanna Amateur, 2017 Northeast Amateur Invitational. Past champions of the Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship include Jack Nicklaus (1958, 1959), former PGA TOUR commissioner Deane Beaman (1960), Ben Crenshaw (1972), Gary Koch (1973), Bryson DeChambeau (2013), Will Zalatoris (2014, 2016), and Cameron Champ (2017).
- Even after a strong junior season at Cal, which saw him rise to No. 1 and spend three weeks atop the World Amateur Golf Ranking in May 2018, in addition to breaking the NCAA's all-time single-season scoring average record (68.68), Morikawa never truly considered turning professional at that time, saying, "One of my goals was to finish college, and I had one more year. I used that senior year to get as prepared as I could for when I turned pro, and I thought I had one of the easiest transitions turning pro that summer of 2019. Nothing surprised me from any direction when I was out there (on TOUR)."
- Graduated from University of California-Berkeley in May of 2019 with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Haas School of Business, which ranked third on the 2020 U.S. News and World Report for Best Undergraduate Business Programs. On September 27, 2021, Cal announced the creation of two endowed scholarships to honor the legacies of Morikawa and Max Homa and their contributions to the Cal men's golf program. "I owe a lot to Cal golf. It was a huge four years of my life that I would never trade in for anything."

Family

- Parents are Blaine and Debbie. Blaine is Japanese-American from Hawaii and Debbie is Chinese-American from California. Qualifying for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics was incredibly special for Collin given his father's heritage.
- Collin's heritage on his father's side is Japanese, and also distinctly Hawaiian. His great grandparents emigrated from Japan to Hawaii, which Collin considers to be a second home. His grandparents and uncle were born in Lahaina (father, Blaine, was born in Los Angeles), which was almost all destroyed in the devastating fires in August 2023. The family owned a restaurant, "Morikawas," which was sold before Collin was born. A lot of his family is in Oahu, with some still in Maui.
- Wife, Katherine "Kat" Zhu (shoo), played collegiate golf at Pepperdine. The two were married on November 26, 2022. They met and started dating through one of Collin's teammates while in college (Collin at Cal; Kat at Pepperdine). After graduating from Pepperdine, Zhu played on the China LPGA but eventually decided it would be too tough for the couple to play on separate tours on opposite sides of the world. She travels with him and he credits her for helping him handle his quick rise. Collin didn't start winning college events until he and Kat started dating. "It's been pretty good since, I'd have to say."
- Collin and Kat got engaged on Nov. 30, 2021 in The Bahamas prior to the Hero World Challenge after dating for five years. The two took a boat ride around Nassau and stopped at a beach Collin had researched. He wanted to propose on the beach because he was worried

about dropping the ring in the water. "I had never been so nervous as I was before proposing. We didn't get into The Bahamas until about midnight Monday (into Tuesday). I got out to the course early Tuesday to practice. I was driving the cart and was close to running into ropes...I was not only tired, but was kind of freaking out, too. Even though I believed she was going to say 'Yes,' it's a one-time opportunity and I wanted to make it really special. So, yes, I was really nervous."

- Collin and Katherine have their own dog, a Goldendoodle named Koa, who shows up frequently on Collin's Instagram page.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Loves cereal, specifically Cinnamon Toast Crunch. He created significant debate after stating he pours the milk before the cereal.
- Has breakfast foods stamped on his wedges [Eggs Benedict, Sourdough Toast, Bacon, Hash Browns, Avocado among them]
- The one thing he always buys at the grocery store - oat milk or oat milk ice cream.
- Big foodie and loves sushi; enjoys eating food at some of the popular local spots on TOUR. Says the New Orleans cuisine has grown on him throughout his years on TOUR, and notes Shaya Restaurant -- an award-winning contemporary Mediterranean restaurant -- is one of his favorite places to eat on TOUR.
- Loves sports and is a fan of the Los Angeles Lakers (NBA basketball) and Dodgers (MLB baseball). Enjoys watching basketball the more than other sports. Through his rise on the global golf scene, developed relationships with six-time NBA All-Star and former Lakers power forward Pau Gasol, as well as Lakers head coach JJ Redick.
- Grew up as a big fan of the Reggie Bush-led college football teams at University of Southern California since his mother, Debbie, went to USC.
- Very athletic and plays several sports outside of golf, but says he is a terrible ice skater.
- Huge fan of Post Malone and would love to go to one of his concerts.

Charity

- Made financial donations during the 2023 FedExCup Playoffs for those affected by the Maui fires and will donate \$2000 for every birdie and \$4000 for every eagle made at The Sentry to local Hawaii charities (and matched by Collin's sponsor, adidas).
- Wife, Kat, trained and participated in the 2024 New York City marathon. She ran as a "St. Jude Hero," raising money for St. Jude in support of childhood cancer. In total, Kat raised more than \$30,000 with the greater TOUR community making donations. St. Jude is the sole beneficiary of the FedEx St. Jude Championship, the first of three FedExCup Playoffs events.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- While at home in Las Vegas, plays with fellow PGA TOUR winner Kurt Kitayama and 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year Justin Suh. Morikawa says he and Kitayama play "pretty much every day we're home, not just against each other, with each other." Morikawa and Kitayama were teammates at the 2024 and 2025 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.
- Also when at home in Las Vegas, will often play the popular video game Call of Duty with fellow PGA TOUR winners Kurt Kitayama and Min Woo Lee. Their attempts to get Tiger Woods to play online with them have thus far been unsuccessful.

- Had dinner with Justin Thomas ahead of his professional debut at the 2019 RBC Canadian Open to ask about how to handle life on TOUR. Almost a year later, the two squared off in a playoff at the 2020 Workday Charity Open, with Morikawa earning the victory.
- Fell to PGA TOUR winner Kevin Yu in the Round of 16 at the 2017 U.S. Amateur Championship, contested at The Riviera Country Club, host of The Genesis Invitational on TOUR.

Other

- When referring to Collin's college career it's "California" or "Cal" and the University is "UC Berkeley" - but it's never "Cal-Berkeley".
- Represents the Los Angeles Golf Club alongside teammates Sahith Theegala, Tommy Fleetwood and Justin Rose in TGL presented by SoFi, a primetime golf league in partnership with the PGA TOUR that will begin 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.
- Finished T5 at the 2013 Junior PLAYERS Championship, a premier AJGA event contested at TPC Sawgrass.

Sepp Straka

Things To Know

- Earned his fourth PGA TOUR title (and second win of the 2025 season) at the 2025 Truist Championship, contested at The Philadelphia Cricket Club. Straka's win in Philadelphia -- which he referred to as the biggest win in his career -- came roughly four months after his third career TOUR title at the 2025 American Express. Straka's victory also vaulted him into the top 10 of the Official World Golf Ranking for the first time in his career.
- Proud to have made the TOUR Championship in each of the last three seasons, in part because of the tournament's partnership with Coca Cola. Will bring Diet Coke to tournaments if he knows they will only provide Pepsi. After Sepp lost in a playoff to Will Zalatoris at the 2022 FedEx St. Jude Championship, his wife, Paige, joked on Instagram, "I'm not saying he would have won if this were a Coke week, but I'm also not NOT saying it."
- Earned his first PGA TOUR title at the 2022 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, becoming the first Austrian and the 14th player from the University of Georgia to win on TOUR. Wife, Paige, flew in Sunday morning at 5:30 a.m. to surprise him, after spending Saturday night at her father's surprise 60th birthday party.
- Was born in Austria and lived in Vienna until he was 14, when his family moved to Valdosta, Georgia. Upon earning PGA TOUR membership via the 2018 Korn Ferry Tour season, became the first TOUR member from Austria.
- Played five seasons (2011-16 -- redshirted the 2013-14 season) at the University of Georgia, and remains a huge Georgia Bulldogs fan. Sepp, who was a team co-captain as a fifth-year senior, says of his time at Georgia, "I definitely had some talent... but very rough around the edges. I just felt like I kept getting better. Had a quick bout with the chipping yips my junior year and redshirted, but other than that, I felt like I just kept getting better."
- Was so discouraged by his rough start to the 2018 Korn Ferry Tour season that by July, he had already registered for Q-School again. He won the following week at the AdventHealth Championship, and eventually secured his PGA TOUR card through Korn Ferry Tour Finals with a T3 finish at the season-ending Korn Ferry Tour Championship.
- Often plays Yahtzee! with the players he is staying with on the road, including Chris Kirk, Brendon Todd and Denny McCarthy.

Background

- Sepp is a nickname for Josef.

Family

- Sepp and his wife, Paige, welcomed their first child (son, Leo) just before Christmas in December 2023. Sepp left the hospital wearing a Diet Coke hat. The 2024 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches, which Sepp won in 2022, was Leo's first trip to a tournament. Second son, Thomas, was born prematurely in August 2025. Straka withdrew from the 2025 BMW Championship due to a "private family matter" and was the only European Ryder Cup team member not to compete at the BMW PGA Championship, which allowed him to dedicate time at home to his family.
- Married Paige Dean (an Auburn graduate) the weekend before the start of the new season. The couple got engaged in December 2020 and were married on September 11, 2021 at Shoal Creek in Alabama. Georgia friends in attendance included UGA head men's golf coach Chris Haack, Keith Mitchell and Chris Kirk. Paige was certain she'd marry an Auburn man, but

met Sepp at a bar in Auburn in November 2017 only to learn he was a UGA fan and the rest was history!

- His mother, Mary, first traveled to Austria to be with her boyfriend, who was designing a golf course in Salzburg. After they broke up, Mary remained in the country and began working in a golf shop, where she one day sold a glove to Peter, Sepp's father.
- Credits brother, Sam, with getting him into golf, despite both parents being big fans of the sport. Both boys grew up playing soccer (Sam was a forward and Sepp a goalie), but one day, after they attended a week-long junior golf camp, Sam told Sepp they were quitting the soccer team and picking up golf. The twins went on to play at the University of Georgia together, though Sam was the more heavily recruited player of the two. Sam currently sells real estate in Valdosta.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Grew up watching elite Austrian alpine ski racing, with two-time 1998 Olympics gold medalist Hermann Maier being his favorite. His mother's favorite was 1976 Olympics gold medalist Franz Klammer, who was also a talented golfer. Straka is also quick to say, "I was not a very talented skier. I grew up in Vienna, so not a whole lot of skiing there."

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Teammates at University of Georgia included his twin brother, Sam (who was actually more heavily recruited than Sepp), PGA TOUR winner Keith Mitchell, Joey Garber and Greyson Sigg.
- Shane Lowry is one of his favorite players to play with on TOUR. Sepp says of Lowry, "He's a fiery competitor but a really good friend as well."

Other

- Two-time Olympian who represented Austria at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo (T10) and 2024 Olympic Games in Paris (T35).

Jake Knapp

Things To Know

- Last name pronunciation: NAP (as in taking a nap).
- Has a number of relationships within the Anaheim Ducks organization, which is why Knapp typically sports a Ducks logo on his apparel / golf bag. The connection began with Tim Ryan, formerly the president and CEO of the Honda Center, as well as a former high-ranking member of the Ducks front office. Ryan was a member at Costa Mesa Country Club, Knapp's home course in southern California. One late afternoon shortly after he turned pro in 2016, Knapp wanted to play nine holes before going to a Ducks game. Seeing as Knapp didn't have a full group, Ryan asked if he could join. After the round, Ryan handed Knapp a business card and told him to reach out if he needed anything at the game. The two remains friends today. Ryan and Knapp often joked about putting a Ducks logo on his bag or apparel, and the two struck a deal once Knapp earned Korn Ferry Tour membership for the first time ahead of the 2020-21 season. Knapp also developed a relationship with Aaron Teats, who was the club's longtime director of broadcasting (as well as the publications/new media and entertainment departments) prior to taking over as president of the Ducks in February 2022.
- Among the congratulatory texts Knapp received following his win at the 2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta was a message from friend Ryan Getzlaf, formerly the captain of the Anaheim Ducks who won a Stanley Cup and two Olympic gold medals.
- Following his win at the 2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, Knapp enjoyed a celebratory cigar -- a Macanudo -- in honor of his grandfather, Gordon Sydney Frederick Bowley, who passed away in April 2023 following a multi-year battle with colon cancer. As a kid, Knapp remembered Gordon giving him cigar tubes full of dimes as "bonus" gifts. Knapp also has a tattoo with Gordon's initials on his left bicep (see Family section for more details).
- Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time via the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season; his only previous Korn Ferry Tour season was 2020-21, a two-year season (as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic) which saw him finish outside the top 100 and lose membership. Knapp says, "I got my PGA TOUR card at the right time. If you would have put me out here three, four years ago, I don't think I would have been ready to handle it in terms of the preparation, the style of courses, everything else that goes on. It just would have been a lot for me to take in. Now I feel super comfortable, kind of feel like where I'm supposed to be."
- On being relegated to PGA TOUR Canada after finishing outside the top 100 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Points List his rookie season, Knapp says, "That season was tough on me. I don't think I was ever that comfortable, and I was just trying to work on too many things in my game. I feel like I was making some changes that were too aggressive to try and play through."
- Of regaining Korn Ferry Tour membership via the 2022 PGA TOUR Canada season, Knapp says, "I would have loved to not go backwards, but, if anything, those first couple years (on the Korn Ferry Tour), especially through COVID-19 where it was two seasons, it was just really humbling playing as poorly as I did and having to go back, retrace my steps, and prove you're good enough to do this and good enough to compete at the next level."

Background

- Moved from his lifelong hometown of Costa Mesa, California to Scottsdale, Arizona in November 2023. When not on TOUR, will play and practice at Whisper Rock Golf Club, Scottsdale National Golf Club, or TPC Scottsdale -- home of the WM Phoenix Open.

- Born in Newport Beach, California but grew up in nearby Costa Mesa -- which is southeast of Los Angeles and sits between Huntington Beach and Irvine; he continued to live in Costa Mesa early in his professional career (until November 2023, when he relocated to Scottsdale, Arizona) in order to remain close to his family and friends.
- Knapp's longtime home course in his hometown of Costa Mesa, California was Mesa Verde Country Club; he has been an honorary member of the club since roughly 2012.
- Grew up across the street from Costa Mesa Country Club, which featured two 18-hole municipal golf courses (Los Lagos and Mesa Linda). Jake once shot a 58 on the Mesa Linda course (a par 70 on the shorter side in terms of yardage) around the time he was a junior in high school. Jake says of Costa Mesa, "I spent every day there as a kid, all the way up until I was a senior in high school. That's where I was every single day."
- Earliest golf memory is watching Tiger Woods defeat Stephen Ames 9&8 at the 2006 WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship (played at La Costa Resort & Spa in Carlsbad, California) and having Woods' caddie, Steve Williams, toss him one of the balls from the match. Knapp says of the souvenir, "It's really the only piece of sports memorabilia I have that I really cherish. Still got it in the same little plastic case sitting on my shelf at home."
- Dabbled in baseball, basketball, and soccer before he dedicated himself to golf. Played one year of high school basketball and gave it up after he realized he could play golf in college and beyond.
- Travis Johnson, who founded Travis Mathew apparel, partly influenced Jake's decision to sign with UCLA. Jake's father, Robert, was a fan of Johnson, in part because Johnson's father established a California junior golf tour in 1999. Travis Johnson played golf at UCLA in the early 2000s, and Knapp was such a fan of Travis that he did a high school senior project on him. Knapp visited some schools on the West Coast, but once he found out UCLA was interested in him, UCLA immediately became his preference.
- Played three and a half seasons at UCLA (2012-15), winning twice individually; he turned professional in January 2016, forgoing the spring of his senior season.
- Enjoyed a strong summer of 2015 on the amateur circuit leading into his senior season at UCLA, as he reached the semifinals of the 2015 Western Amateur (lost to Aaron Wise) and qualified for his major championship debut at the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay (missed cut).
- Turned professional in January 2016 and played predominantly on PGA TOUR Canada for his first four seasons as a pro (2016-19).
- Three-time winner on PGA TOUR Canada who won twice in 2019 en route to a No. 3 finish on the Order of Merit (which earned him Korn Ferry Tour membership for 2020-21), then won again in 2022 en route to a No. 2 finish on the Order of Merit (which earned him Korn Ferry Tour membership for 2023).

Family

- While Jake was born and raised in California, his father, Robert (goes by Bob), is a Wisconsin native, and his mother, Jennifer, hails from Winnipeg in Canada.
- Only sibling is an older brother, Ryan, who played college golf at University of California Irvine (2011-14) and played some professional golf. The two were intensely competitive in video games (mostly played FIFA and NHL against one another).
- Got a tattoo on his left bicep with the letters G.S.F.B as a tribute to his maternal grandfather, Gordon Sydney Frederick Bowley, who passed away on April 17, 2023 at age 85 after a multi-year battle with colon cancer. Knapp and his cousin got matching tattoos in honor of Gordon. Knapp was very intentional about the tattoo's location, saying, "I know it's seen in every single golf photo, but I wanted to make sure it's seen every time when I finish. Jake and Gordon had a very special relationship, as the two would text after every one of Jake's

rounds. Jake has carried on the tradition of texting Gordon before and after rounds despite his passing. The morning of the final round of the 2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta -- which Knapp went on to win -- Jake noted he texted Gordon and "had a little conversation... just talked about the day, and wish he could be here to experience all of it." Jake was confident after his win that Gordon would have replied, "Winner, winner, chicken dinner. Cigars on me," as those were his go-to congratulatory messages.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Says his hobbies outside of golf are video games and the gym. He typically plays video games every night, with Call of Duty and Apex Legends being the games he plays most frequently. And Jake says if he did not play golf, he would pursue a career in the fitness industry given his love of personal fitness.
- The week before his first PGA TOUR win at the 2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, received food sensitivity results which revealed he should not eat gluten, dairy, egg whites, whey protein, and a wide variety of nuts. Knapp said the biggest hit was losing dairy, as he loved milk. Will occasionally allow himself to enjoy some of those foods, but is strict with his diet during tournament weeks.
- Enjoys following Formula 1 racing and is a fan of drivers Max Verstappen and Carlos Sainz. His favorite teams are Red Bull and McLaren. Tries to watch the Sunday morning races when he has a late tee time, or will watch the full replay while traveling the following day.
- Longtime fan of the bodybuilding community, which he followed closely throughout his high school and college years. Huge fan of Steve Cook, who finished in the top 10 of Mr. Olympia in both 2013 and 2014. Cook is also known his YouTube channel (@swoldiarnation), which has more than 1 million subscribers.
- Can solve a Rubik's Cube. Typically has one on his kitchen counter at home, and he used to travel with one to pass time while on the road.
- Likes playing spikeball with friends at the beach back home in California.
- Lifelong fan of the Anaheim Ducks (NHL hockey), which completed its inaugural season roughly a month before Knapp was born in May 1994. Knapp's family had season tickets in the franchise's early years, and Knapp remembers Paul Kariya and Teemu Selanne being among his favorite players growing up.
- Also a fan of the Los Angeles Lakers (NBA basketball), Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (MLB baseball), and Michigan Wolverines football -- which he is a fan of since a number of his family members attended the University of Michigan.
- Favorite movies include Miracle, a biopic about the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team.

Charity

- Connected to Costa Mesa United, which helps raise money for youth sports in his hometown. Knapp's grandfather, Gordon Bowley, was the president of Costa Mesa United until he passed away in April 2023. Jake's mother (and Gordon's daughter), Jennifer, serves on the Costa Mesa United Board of Directors.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Competed against Patrick Cantlay in junior and high school golf in California. Knapp joined the UCLA program mere months after Cantlay turned professional in June 2012 following his sophomore season with the Bruins.

- Friends with former Anaheim Ducks captain, Stanley Cup champion, and two-time Olympic gold medalist Ryan Getzlaf, who retired in 2022 and transitioned to a front office role within the Ducks organization.
- Also counts NHL players Josh Manson and Luca Sbisa, both of whom played for the Anaheim Ducks in their careers, as close friends. Sbisa (pronounced SPEE-zuh) was a member at Knapp's home club (Costa Mesa Country Club) during his time with the Ducks.
- Met Clint Eastwood at a Folds of Honor event at La Quinta Country Club in March 2016. Knapp was a last-minute fill-in for a pro who could not attend, and he was in a group with Eastwood. The two also learned they share the same birthday (May 31), though the two were born 64 years apart (Eastwood in 1930, Knapp in 1994).
- Good friends with Bob Murray, a former NHL player and former Anaheim Ducks general manager.
- Is friends with Albert Pujols' son and is close to the Pujols family [Laury Livsey has a photo of Knapp with the Pujols on the golf course].
- Trains and maintains a friendship with MLB pitcher Trevor Megill. Knapp's father and Megill's father were crew teammates at Orange Coast College.

Other

- Considers The American Express and Farmers Insurance Open as his "home field events". Knapp previously made his PGA TOUR debut at the 2015 Farmers Insurance Open as an open qualifier amid his junior season at UCLA; he missed the cut but played the first two rounds with Justin Thomas, a TOUR rookie at the time.
- The LTD on Knapp's social handles stands for "Living The Dream"
- Has a tattoo on the inside of his arm that says, "Confidence comes from doing."
- [NOTE: this story has been told a number of times via a number of different platforms] Spent roughly nine months (fall 2021 through spring 2022) as a security guard at The Country Club, a fine-dining establishment and nightclub in his hometown of Costa Mesa, California. The job filled a void of time between the end of the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season (lost membership) and beginning of the 2022 PGA TOUR Canada season (which saw him regain Korn Ferry Tour membership). Knapp typically worked until 2 or 3 a.m. and said of the job, "I knew it was a nicer restaurant, and I knew they did bottle service on the weekends... but I didn't know it got as crazy as it did."

Jacob Bridgeman

Things To Know

- Earned PGA TOUR membership for the first time via the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season, which was his first full season on the Korn Ferry Tour; he previously made eight starts on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2022 via PGA TOUR University performance benefits.
- After four seasons at Clemson University (2018-22), finished No. 2 in the PGA TOUR University Class of 2022, only trailing No. 1 Pierceson Coody from University of Texas.
- Grew up a Clemson fan and frequently attended Clemson football games; he had a number of family members attend Clemson, so he grew up around campus and said, "It was an obvious decision for me to go to Clemson, and then when I met the team, met the coaches, I fell in love with the program."
- Frequently checks leaderboards and rankings, saying, "I like to know where I am. I don't want any uncertainty. I like to know what I can do... I want to know what I have to do to get it done."

Background

- Born and raised in Inman, South Carolina, which is less than 15 miles northwest of Spartanburg. Jacob's parents still live in his childhood home in Inman.
- Played primarily golf and baseball until about age 12, when the conflicting swing styles led to him focus solely on golf. The decision came down to practice; he loved baseball, but hated baseball practice.
- Played four seasons at Clemson University (2018-22), winning five times individually, with the crown jewel being medalist honors at the 2022 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship en route to earning the 2022 ACC Player of the Year award. Also garnered All-America Second Team honors in 2021 and 2022, in addition to being the 2020-21 ACC Men's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year.
- Five career wins at Clemson tied a school record previously established by D.J. Trahan and Chris Patton.
- Represented the United States at the 2017 Junior Presidents Cup, 2018 Toyota Junior World Cup in Japan, and the 2021 Arnold Palmer Cup; he notably posted a 3-1 record at Arnold Palmer Cup, including a singles win over Alex Fitzpatrick, younger brother of U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick.
- Upset top-seeded Kelly Chinn to reach the Round of 16 at the 2018 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship at Baltusrol.
- Finished sixth at the 2017 Junior PGA Championship, which was won by PGA TOUR winner Akshay Bhatia.

Family

- Parents grew up in the greater Greenville, South Carolina area, specifically in the uniquely-named city of Travelers Rest.
- Mother, Angie Bailey, is a high school math teacher.
- Father owned a home inspection company in Spartanburg for many years, but sold the company in 2022. Currently installs electronic / motion-activated gates. Jacob says of his dad, "If anything were to ever break in our house, he would fix it that day."
- Has a sister who is three years older than him. Like Jacob, she also attended Clemson. Jacob says she is a talented musician, writer, and artist.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

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

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Became close friends with Chris Gotterup during their time on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2023. Would stay in a house together most weeks on the road and have continued the trend on the PGA TOUR in 2024.
- Frequent playing partners when at home include fellow Clemson University alums Ben Martin and Carson Young.
- Grew up taking lessons from Tommy Biershenk, who held PGA TOUR membership for the 2012 season, and made 147 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour from 1999 through 2013.
- Jordan Byrd, older brother of five-time PGA TOUR winner Jonathan Byrd, was the Clemson head coach in Bridgeman's final season with the program.
- Teammates at the 2021 Arnold Palmer Cup included Sam Bennett, Pierceson Coody, and Ricky Castillo (pronounced kuh-STILL-ee-oh).
- Maintains a friendship with Hunter Tyson, a former Clemson basketball player who was a second-round pick in the 2023 NBA Draft. Jacob and Hunter were at Clemson together from 2018 through 2022.

Hideki Matsuyama

Things To Know

- Claimed his 11th PGA TOUR title at the 2025 Sentry. Recorded the lowest score in relation to par since the start of the 1983 season (35-under par) and set new tournament scoring record with 257 total.
- The 2022 Sony Open in Hawaii marked his eighth PGA TOUR title, tying K.J. Choi for most wins by an Asian-born player. Matsuyama usurped Choi with his victory at the 2024 Genesis Invitational, which marked his ninth PGA TOUR win.
- Following his bronze medal-winning performance at the 2024 Paris Olympics, made his sixth consecutive appearance for the International Team at the 2024 Presidents Cup in Montreal, Canada.
- In April 2021, became the first Japanese player to win a men's major championship when he won the Masters Tournament.
- Following his victory at the 2021 Masters, Matsuyama was the recipient of the Prime Minister's Award; he received the Certificate of Commendation from Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga. Inscribed on the Certificate of Commendation include the following text: We hereby honor you and your achievement that has greatly contributed to the promotion of sports in Japan, conveys the importance of perseverance to our people, and provides dreams and hopes that are truly remarkable.
- Turned professional in 2013 and was the first rookie to lead the Japan Golf Tour money list, as he won four times on the circuit in 2013. Prior to his rookie season on the Japan Golf Tour, won on the circuit as an amateur in 2011.
- Was a student at Tohoku Fukushi University in Sendai, Japan when the city was devastated by an earthquake and tsunami in March 2011, but was in Australia training at the time. Returned to find his dorm room destroyed and struggled to find food. A few weeks later, made his debut at the Masters having won the Asian Amateur. He was the first Japanese amateur golfer to play in the Masters.

Background

- Born: February 25, 1992 in Matsuyama, Ehime, Japan
- Was introduced to golf at age 4 by his father, Mikio. His father took him to the driving range with him one day and Hideki told him "I want to hit a ball too." Mikio cut down a secondhand 9-iron and gave it to Hideki, but it was still too long for a 4-year-old boy, so Mikio had to teach Hideki how to stand steadily over the ball and help him with his posture.
- First broke 100 when he was in 2nd grade competing in the first tournament he ever played in, the "Shikoku Junior."
- When Hideki was in 4th grade, his father qualified to play in the Chushikoku Open and asked for permission to have Hideki be his caddie. Mikio wanted to show his son the "strong play" of good players up close, but even more important than showing him their swings, he wanted him to see firsthand how they handled the mental part of the game. Mikio saw this as "mental training" for Hideki. After being advised by Coach Akio Takahashi of Meitoku Gijuku Jr./Sr. high school in Kochi prefecture, Hideki transferred there in search of a better golf environment.
- College: Tohoku Fukushi University in Sendai, alma mater of fellow professionals Hiroshi Iwata and Yusaku Miyazato. Hideki planned on turning pro right after high school, but as a senior in high school (after losing in the third round of the Japan Amateur Championship) Coach Abe from Tohoku University came to his home in Ehime and told him he could become

a mediocre pro now if he wanted to, but if he really wanted to have an active career as a pro, he needed to practice more first. That's when he decided to attend college and play for Coach Abe.

- Hideki's family wasn't wealthy, and they would rarely be able to go to the range. But because Hideki was so captivated with golf, his father decided that he himself would try and become a better golfer in order to help teach Hideki how to play better. He would practice in local competitions and eventually joined a club and would go there often, always taking Hideki with him. Hideki would sit and practice his approach shots while he waited for his dad to finish. This gave Hideki the chance to polish his short game. Consequently, Hideki's favorite club growing up was his sand wedge. "When I was a junior I was always small and couldn't hit the ball very far, but I loved hitting onto the practice greens and approach greens with my sand wedge. I always had my sand wedge. Ironically, now it's one of my worst clubs (laughs)." Mikio's practice eventually paid off and he was able to qualify for the Japan Amateur Championship at the age of 52.
- Growing up, if someone gave him a toy to play with, he would immediately get bored with it and just give it away to a friend. But for some reason, even as a kid that never obsessed over anything, he never got tired of golf. "My memory is a bit rusty, but I remember when I was just starting out I'd hit like 1,300 balls a day. I have no idea why I thought that was even fun. But I guess because I had no idea then maybe why I am still doing the same thing now."

Family

- Married his college sweetheart Mei in January 2017 and welcomed a baby girl Kanna in July of that year.
- When questioned about his personal life during the 2017 PGA Championship, he had this to say: "No one really asked me if I was married, so I didn't have to answer that question. But I felt that after the PGA would be a good time, because our baby is born and I thought that would be a good time to let everyone know."

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- He enjoys watching baseball, especially Japanese players. Admires baseball players: Yu Darvish, Shohei Ohtani, Kenta Maeda.
- Likes playing catch (baseball) and table tennis during his free time.
- Brings a rice cooker wherever he goes, so he always has rice balls and bananas in his bag. His now former caddy (Daisuke Shindo) introduced him to beef jerky, which he now really likes a lot as well. The one food he brings with him back from Japan is "Uruki" soy sauce. It's brewed in Ehime near his grandparents' home (about an hour away from his parents' house). Whenever he would go and visit his grandparents he always knew they were getting close when he could smell the aroma of the soy sauce being made nearby.
- When he goes home to Japan, he likes to fish. "I caught a 12-pound Hamachi (yellowtail) when I was 10 years old. Twelve pounds isn't that big, but it is for a 10-year-old. It's my fondest memory of fishing with my grandparents. I might have had bigger ones after that, but that is one I'll never forget."
- He started using an interlock grip during his junior year in high school. He also used interlock when he was younger but then switched to overlap. He eventually returned to interlock on his own because he felt overlapping was making him turn the ball over too much.
- Known to use Srixon balls marked with the number 78. He uses the number 78 because it was his player registration number when he won the 2021 Masters.

- He wears five-toe socks during his competition rounds, while training and during other athletic activities. In the past, with normal socks, there have been times when his toenails have cut into his skin causing him to bleed.
- Big foodie and loves Sake.
- Interested in photography.

Charity

- "Matsuyama Foundation" For Tohoku earthquake support. Launched prior to the 2013 President's Cup. 1 birdie = 10,000JPN (~\$100); 1 eagle = 20,000JPN (~\$200) Also donated his President's Cup participation fee (\$150k) to earthquake relief

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- After former caddie Daisuke Shindo retired from full time caddying in 2018, Hideki's good friend and college teammate Shota Hayafuji began looping for him during the 2019 season. The two have known each other since junior high school in Japan and attended the same high school and college. Shota himself went viral after famously grabbing the pin flag on 18, removing his hat and bowing to Augusta National in a show of respect. My heart was full of gratitude and it was the natural thing for me to bow and show respect to the Masters," Hayafuji said through interpreter Bob Turner. "I was saying 'Thank you very much!' I bowed to the course mainly because I was thankful. I wasn't thinking about doing it and it just happened -- like an instinct," he said.

Other

- Represents Boston Common Golf alongside teammates Rory McIlroy, Keegan Bradley and Adam Scott in TGL presented by SoFi, a primetime golf league in partnership with the PGA TOUR which launched in January 2025 on ESPN. The new golf league was created by TMRW Sports whose co-founders include Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, 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.
- Finished T4 at the 2020 Olympic Games (July-August 2021) in his home country of Japan. Did not compete in 2016 in Rio. Claimed the bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Maverick McNealy

Things To Know

- Served three years on the 16-member Player Advisory Council (PAC) in 2022, 2023, and 2025. McNealy and Keith Mitchell were elected Co-Chairmen of the PAC in 2025, and the two replaced Peter Malnati and Webb Simpson on the PGA TOUR Policy Board in January 2026.
- Also one of six players on the nine-member Future Competitions Committee, which has been tasked with defining the optimal competitive model that enhances the PGA TOUR's value to fans, players and partners.
- Born in Portola Valley, located on the San Francisco Peninsula. He grew up playing the Stanford Golf Course where he later played collegiate golf.
- Oldest of four brothers, who all played ice hockey for the San Jose Jr. Sharks (Maverick was a four-time captain) and all played competitive amateur golf. All four are named for American cars: Maverick, Dakota, Colt and Scout, because of their family's connection to Detroit. Maverick's grandfather, Raymond William McNealy Jr., was vice chairman of American Motors, which was headquartered in Detroit from the 1950s through 1970s.
- Writes down the details of every shot he hits on his pin sheet. Said he can go back to any pin sheet – which he saves and scans and has them all stored – and be able to remember every shot he's hit at every golf course.
- Since he turned professional, has a deal with his grandmother, Marm, (father, Scott's mom), that for every \$50,000 check he earns, he sends her flowers, and for top-10s she gets chocolates. He says its her "bragging rights around her retirement home." He calls her his biggest fan "I know that her watching my golf in a lot of ways keeps her going, gives her something to look forward to to the point where she won't let people talk to her when she's watching me play. It's pretty special." Marm notably attended the 2021 CJ CUP @ SUMMIT to watch him play for the very first time. She wore a hat that said 'team MAV.'
- Quotable: "The golf ball doesn't care who you are. You take full responsibility for every shot. If you hit a terrible one, you have to take ownership. Your caddy, coach, or even the cameraman who clicked a few seconds too early didn't hit that shot. You did. But if you hit a great one, you can take ownership of that too. Golf is the ultimate meritocracy and an exciting way for me to work hard and see what I can do -- because nothing in golf is ever given to you."
- Passed the necessary exams to receive his private pilot's license in 2023. Took an instrument-check ride in September 2023 which certified McNealy to fly solo through adverse weather conditions.
- Married wife, Maya, on December 6, 2023 in an intimate elopement overlooking Las Vegas with just their parents in attendance. Held a ceremony with friends and family a year later.

Background

- Represented the United States on two Walker Cup teams (former teammates include Cameron Champ and Collin Morikawa).
- Won the Ben Hogan, Fred Haskins and Jack Nicklaus awards as collegiate player of the year, the Mark McCormack Medal as the world's #1 amateur and the Byron Nelson award for golf, academics and community service.
- By the time he graduated, he shared Stanford's school wins record with Tiger Woods and Patrick Rodgers (11). In 2015 as a sophomore at Stanford, he won six titles and earned Player of the Year honors.

- Majored in management science and engineering at Stanford.
- Won the Mark H. McCormack Medal as the leading men's player in the 2016 World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR).
- Stanford head coach Conrad Ray, says that being a part of the Stanford golf program is like a slow-moving train. You get on for four years, then you get off; you have only that time to make your mark.
- Said, "Coach Ray took a huge chance on me. I was an unranked, unknown junior golfer, was "recruited" by only one other school, and was the last addition to the top-ranked recruiting class in the country. I was joining the team's stacked top five of Patrick Rodgers, Cameron Wilson, David Boote, Viraat Badhwar and Jim Liu, all of whom had impressive golf pedigrees."

Family

- Growing up, Maverick and his family spent most of their time together either on the golf course or at the dinner table.
- Father Scott McNealy is the former co-founder of Sun Microsystems, a company he sold in 2010 for \$7.4 billion. Maverick has always faced the perception that he's a silver spooner, but he and his three brothers were never raised as children of privilege. Maverick and his three brothers shared a bedroom - had 4 twin beds lined up. Scott has a rod he takes with him to every golf course to fish out balls from ponds. Maverick said his father never bought golf balls for any of them. The same rules applied for all of the boys: their parents would cover costs through college, and then three months of free room and board at home after graduation. But after that they were on their own.
- Maverick on being taught to respect the value of money: "My brothers and I never got an allowance, and we were told that once we graduated from college, we'd have one summer to find a job and then we'd be on our own....My dad would've made me pay rent to live at home after school--I'm not kidding!"
- On learning "discipline": "You'd think my dad is the intimidating one, but my mom was strict. "Good grades, good attitude, good effort" is her mantra. She always said I had to do my homework before I got to play sports. Bad grades meant taking away my golf and hockey gear."
- Maverick says of his father, "My dad was (and still is) my hero. And I always thought that if I could work half as hard as he did, and accomplish a fraction of the things he did, I could make the world a better place."
- At 5 years old, Maverick was with his father, Scott, while he played in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, and when he drained a long putt, the crowd went wild and it scared Maverick, so he ran and jumped in his father's arms.
- He first beat his dad at golf at the age of 12. Maverick shot 87, and Scott - who was just recovering from a broken leg - shot 89. Whenever one of his sons would beat him for the first time, Scott would lay down on the 18th green and have someone take a photo with their foot on Scott's stomach and their arms in the air.
- Maverick's grandfather, Raymond William McNealy Jr., was vice chairman of American Motors (hence, his four grandson's names), and an avid golfer who had 8 holes in one to his credit.
- Welcomed first child, Adeline, with wife Maya in November 2025.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Considers himself an avid reader (audio books when he travels).
- Collects golf pencils and hotel room keys.

- Favorite basketball team: Dallas Mavericks
- Favorite music artist: Jason Aldean
- Vacations at Incline Village, Nevada, a place McNealy describes as "my favorite place in the world."

Charity

- Maverick has worked with Curriki, a non-profit created to make high-quality education free and available for everyone.

Other

- On his upbringing: "Since I was little, my parents have always told me "to whom much is given, much is expected." My background is not something I should run from, ignore, be embarrassed about, or fall back on. I have to work harder than everyone else to prove I earned my success -- that it wasn't given to me. I just wasn't sure if golf was the way for me to do this."
- On ice skating: "I think it's one of the best cross training you can do because it makes your hips stable and strong in every plane, every motion. There's a lot of rotational strength and stability. That's all fantastic for golf."
- On how often he hears Top Gun references: "I'd say more than a quarter of the people I meet for the first time reference "Top Gun."

Tommy Fleetwood

Things To Know

- Tommy says he isn't a "massive trophy guy," explaining, "They're amazing to have there and look at, but the trophies aren't what mean the most to me. The moments are what drives me and motivates me. I can write so many images and moments down, even for the future that I can dream of and picture, and those are my dreams. Trophies are what comes with it." Tommy did admit, though, to being particularly struck by the FedExCup when it arrived at his home in Abu Dhabi.
- Earned his first PGA TOUR title and won the FedExCup at the 2025 TOUR Championship. The 2025 season marked the first time the FedExCup was awarded without starting strokes (2019-24) or the continuation of the season-long FedExCup standings (2007-18) at the season-ending TOUR Championship. Followed Justin Rose (2018) as the second Englishman to win the FedExCup, and became the first player since Chad Campbell (2003) to make the TOUR Championship his first PGA TOUR win. Prior to his first TOUR title, won seven times on the DP World Tour and recorded 30 top-five finishes (six of which were runner-up finishes) on the PGA TOUR.
- Said in his greenside winner's interview at the 2025 TOUR Championship, "Whether I've won (on the PGA TOUR) or not, I've still been proud of my career so far, knowing that I still have a long way to go and lots of learning. This doesn't change that. This is hopefully just one win, the first of many to come. You cannot win plenty if you don't win the first one."
- On what he learned about himself throughout the journey to his first PGA TOUR title, Fleetwood said in his winner's press conference at the 2025 TOUR Championship, "I think it's easy for anybody to say they are resilient, that they bounce back, that they have fight. It's different when you actually have to prove it. I've had to be resilient in terms of putting myself back up there, getting myself back in that position, no matter how many times it doesn't go my way, no matter how many doubts might creep in... and I am really pleased I can be proof that if you do all the right things and you just keep going that it can happen."
- The 2026 Open Championship is set to be contested at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Tommy's longtime hometown of Southport, England. As a youngster, Tommy and his father, Pete, used to sneak on to the course at Royal Birkdale (typically finding their way to No. 5 tee). At 7 years of age in 1998, Tommy attended his first Open Championship at Royal Birkdale. Tommy later made his first cut in an Open Championship at Royal Birkdale in 2017. Tommy says of potentially winning an Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, "To win an Open at Birkdale is the wildest dream you can imagine, but playing in an Open at Birkdale is a dream in itself. It's so special."
- In June 2025, launched a YouTube channel. Roughly two months later, announced the channel would showcase his journey to break 100 playing left-handed. Said he would love a lesson from eight-time PGA TOUR winner Mike Weir, a famous lefty. In December 2025, published a video of his first round as a left-hander; he carded a 9-over 36 at Yas Links, a par-3 course in Abu Dhabi.
- Silver medalist at the 2024 Olympic Men's Golf Competition, contested at Le Golf National outside Paris, France; he finished one shot behind gold medalist Scottie Scheffler. Says the silver medal is the favorite token of his career.

Background

- Born in Southport, a popular golfing area and coastal town in northwest England (less than 20 miles outside Liverpool). Learned to play on his local municipal course before showing promise as a junior at Formby Hall Golf Club under the tutelage of Norman Marshall.
- Tommy said one of his favorite features of Formby Hall was its 9-hole Par 3 course, which he believes strengthened his iron play as a youngster.
- Turned professional at 19 years old in August 2010, making his professional debut at the Czech Open on the DP World Tour (though it later transitioned to an event on the Czech PGA Tour). Amateur highlights included a runner-up finish at the 2008 Amateur Championship, representing Great Britain and Ireland at the 2009 Walker Cup, and winning the 2010 English Amateur.
- In 2011, his first full year as a professional, finished No. 1 on the Challenge Tour Order of Merit, which earned him DP World Tour membership for the following season. At 20 years old, Fleetwood was the youngest player to finish No. 1 on the Challenge Tour.
- Earned his first professional title at the 2011 Kazakhstan Open on the Challenge Tour; his father, Pete, caddied for him. Five years later, Tommy said of the victory, "Once you've won it, you know you're on the (DP World) Tour. It is the Challenge Tour major, and everybody puts so much pressure and so much emphasis on it."
- Finished No. 1 in the DP World Tour Race to Dubai in 2017; he was also named the 2017 DP World Tour Players' Player of the Year, with the winner being determined by a vote of tour members. [NOTE: the Players' Player of the Year award was later renamed the Seve Ballesteros Award, and it merged with the DP World Tour Golfer of the Year in 2021 to create one singular honor voted on by tour members.]
- Enjoyed an outstanding debut at the 2018 Ryder Cup in Paris, winning four points in four matches alongside close friend Francesco Molinari. The partnership was affectionately dubbed 'Moliwood'. Fleetwood's only loss of the week came against Tony Finau in singles.

Family

- Wife and manager, Clare. The couple wed 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).
- Frankie became a viral phenomenon at the 2022 Masters when, at age 4, he appeared as Tommy's caddie in the Par 3 Contest, sprinting from hole to hole to rapturous applause.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Enjoys yoga and meditation.
- Watches lots of other sports including football (soccer), rugby, and darts. Tommy supports Everton Football Club (based in Liverpool, England) in the Premier League.
- Enjoys watching NBA basketball, especially Stephen Curry, and has become more interested in NFL football after watching the Netflix documentary series "Quarterback" -- which follows a select group of quarterbacks through the NFL season.
- Likes going to baseball games while on the road.
- 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.

Charity

- In May 2019, announced the founding of the Tommy Fleetwood Golf Academy at Formby Hall Golf Club, where Tommy grew up playing junior golf. Fleetwood said of the academy, "From a young age, sport and golf in particular has brought me a lot of happiness and many friends. It has taught me many valuable lessons along the way, lessons that I continue to learn each and every day. My family and I are therefore truly grateful to be in a position where I can give something back and help kids who are in a similar position to me when I was growing up. We want to give them the same opportunity to learn and enjoy the game that I love and to be able to start their own journey."
- In 2022, announced the establishment of the Tommy Fleetwood Academy at the DP World Golf Performance Centre at Jumeirah Golf Estates in Dubai.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Fellow Englishman Justin Rose is one of his closest friends on TOUR, as the two have competed together on multiple Ryder Cup teams.
- Helped England win the 2010 European Amateur Team Championship. Teammates included future DP World Tour winners Laurie Canter, Tom Lewis, Chris Paisley, and Eddie Pepperell.

Other

- Known for his flowing mane, Tommy grows out his hair because his father, Pete, is bald and he wants to grow hair while he can.
- Represents the Los Angeles Golf Club alongside teammates Sahith Theegala, Collin Morikawa and Justin Rose in TGL presented by SoFi, a primetime golf league in partnership with the PGA TOUR which launched in January 2025 on ESPN. The new golf league was created by TMRW Sports whose co-founders include Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, 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.

Sam Burns

Things To Know

- Qualified for his fifth consecutive TOUR Championship in 2025, finishing a career-high seventh in the final FedExCup standings.
- On the same day as his World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play win in 2023, his childhood idol David Toms won the Galleri Classic on the PGA TOUR Champions. "Growing up watching him play, I can remember sitting on the back of the range and just watching him hit golf balls. It's still one of the most amazing things I've ever seen, just the way he could hit it. So straight and just like his tempo is amazing. Still is. To be able to win on the same day is really cool."
- Three wins during the 2021-22 PGA TOUR season included a playoff victory over good friend Scottie Scheffler at the 2022 Charles Schwab Challenge. Burns said of the victory, "We're probably best friends. But at the same time I can assure you, he wanted to beat me more than anybody else and I wanted to beat him more than anybody else, and it just happened to be the two of us at the end." The win held added meaning given the fact Burns' childhood hero, David Toms, is a past champion of the event. Burns says watching Toms win the 2011 Charles Schwab Challenge remains his favorite golf memory from his youth.
- Owns a house in Choudrant (SHOE-drint), Louisiana, which doesn't even qualify as a 'town,' it's actually a village. With a population of less than 1,000, one stoplight (and a Subway), Burns bucked the trend of his fellow PGA TOUR professionals who set up in popular destinations like South Florida or Scottsdale. He instead decided to buy a home in The Orchards at Squire Creek, a housing development adjacent to Squire Creek Country Club, a private Tom Fazio design about an hour from Shreveport, Louisiana - where Burns grew up.
- A returning member of the 16-member Player Advisory Council (PAC) for 2026; he previously served on the PAC in 2023, 2024, and 2025. The PAC serves as a consulting body which vets and recommends changes to the PGA TOUR Policy Board on behalf of the membership.

Background

- Named the 2014 AJGA Rolex Junior Player of the Year. Past recipients of the award include Scottie Scheffler (2013), Jordan Spieth (2009), Brian Harman (2003, 2004), Tiger Woods (1991, 1992), David Duval (1989), and Phil Mickelson (1986, 1987, 1988).
- Decorated junior career included a victory at the 2014 Junior PGA Championship, contested at Miramont Country Club in Bryan, Texas. Burns' victory came one year after a runner-up finish at the 2013 Junior PGA Championship.
- Played two seasons (2015-17) at Louisiana State University, electing to turn professional after a breakout sophomore season which saw him earn the 2017 Jack Nicklaus Award, in addition to being named the 2017 Southeastern Conference Player of the Year.
- In two seasons at LSU, earned four collegiate victories (tied for the second-most career wins in school history, only behind David Toms' six wins in the 1980s), and broke school records for single-season scoring average (70.047 as a sophomore in 2016-17) and career scoring average (71.127).

Family

- His mother, Beth, insisted his brother Chase, who was 12 at the time, teach 4-year-old Sam how to hit golf balls in the backyard. Chase handed Sam an 8-iron from a brand-new junior set he received for Christmas and dropped a ball for Sam to hit. Chase expected Sam to whiff,

but Sam instead launched the ball 70 yards with a 5-yard draw. He did that five times in a row before their father Todd walked outside to watch for himself as Sam hit a perfect sixth ball in a row.

- Brother, Chase, and father, Todd, played football at Louisiana Tech. Chase redshirted in 2007 as a freshman and was a member of the scout team in 2008. Todd played in the early 1980s but is not listed on any historical roster.
- Sam played football like his dad and brother but gave it up to pursue golf. Mostly played strong safety and some at quarterback.
- Proposed to girlfriend of four years, Caroline, Friday night of the 2019 RBC Heritage. The two both grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana and met in a class at church when they were little kids. They went to different high schools and didn't start dating until Sam was a freshman at LSU. Caroline was Sam's first Valentine at 5 years old. The two stayed in Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina outside of Hilton Head during tournament week, and he decided to propose there because Caroline had spent a lot of time there as a kid. They wed on December 14, 2019 in Palmetto Bluff.
- Sam and his wife, Caroline, welcomed their first child, a son named "Bear," in April 2024. Regarding the name: "It was one area where I had some say," Burns joked. "But we both like the name. We wanted to do something a little different."

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Grew up and enjoys hunting, and said during Barstool's Fore Play podcast that he has a pretty good turkey call. Has been on hunting trips with David and Carter Toms. The first time they hunted together, Sam was placed in a prime position to shoot but missed everything. Sam calls David "The Godfather of Duck Hunting".
- Is able to participate in several outdoor activities around his home in Choudrant and loves bow hunting and fresh-water fishing
- Big fan of college football and is passionate about his LSU Tigers.

Charity

- For a period of time early in his career, Sam donated a portion of each tournament paycheck to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He has never visited the hospital before, but he first became passionate about it through the work his wife Caroline's sorority did in college.
- Passionate about charities helping those with Juvenile Diabetes. His best friend is a type 2 diabetic.
- In both 2021 and 2022, hosted the Sam Burns Classic at The Landings Club, an AJGA event in Savannah, Georgia. The 2022 event was won by Kyle Haas, son of longtime Wake Forest University men's golf head coach Jerry Haas, nephew of nine-time PGA TOUR winner Jay Haas, and cousin of 2011 FedExCup champion Bill Haas.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- David Toms is a big supporter of Sam's. Growing up in Shreveport, Louisiana, Sam grew very close with David and his son, Carter, who was his teammate at LSU. Sam used to practice at Toms' 265 Golf Academy in Shreveport. Sam and David are still very close and go duck hunting together during their off time.
- Grew up with APGA Tour player Ryan Alford, who received a sponsor exemption to compete in the 2022 Farmers Insurance Open. The two met when they were 6 years old and lived five

minutes away from one another in Shreveport, Louisiana. They competed together in a nine-hole junior league and later as high school teammates at Calvary Baptist Academy.

- Was paired with Tiger Woods in the final round of the 2018 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches. Burns shot 68, Tiger shot 70. As they walked off the first tee, he put his hand on Tiger's shoulders and told him: "Can you believe all these people came out here just to watch me?"
- Represented the United States at the 2014 Junior Ryder Cup; his teammates included future PGA TOUR winner Davis Riley, and Korn Ferry Tour graduate Cameron Young.
- Burns graduated from Calvary Baptist Academy (Shreveport, Louisiana) in 2019. Another notable Calvary Baptist Academy graduate is Addison Rae (Class of 2019), who rose to prominence as one of the most-followed individuals on TikTok and launched careers as both a singer and actress. Rae also briefly attended LSU. Another notable name with ties to Calvary Baptist Academy is Super Bowl-winning NFL head coach Doug Pederson, who began his coaching career at Calvary Baptist Academy, spending four seasons (2005-08) as head coach before accepting his first NFL coaching position with the Philadelphia Eagles in January 2009.

Other

- Finished T5 at the 2014 Junior PLAYERS Championship.

Min Woo

Min Woo Lee

Things To Know

- Represented Australia in the 2024 Olympic Men's Golf Competition in Paris. He was joined by fellow Australian Jason Day. Reflecting on competing in the Olympics, Lee said, "It's special. Obviously representing your country, there's a little bit of pressure... I think the crowds are really special. Every stand-out hole, there were a lot of people... It was special."
- His sister, Minjee Lee, also competed in the 2024 Olympics, which marked her third appearance in the Olympic Women's Golf Competition (2016 Rio, 2020 Tokyo, 2024 Paris). She had the chance to watch a few holes of Min Woo during his final round.
- Selected as a captain's pick for the International Team for the 2024 Presidents Cup at Royal Montreal Golf Club, which marked Lee's Presidents Cup debut; he was one of three Aussies on the team (Adam Scott, Jason Day).
- First DP World Tour victory came at the 2020 Vic Open, finishing two shots clear of New Zealander Ryan Fox. The victory continued a remarkable run of family success at 13th Beach Golf Links in Victoria, Australia, as his older sister, Minjee Lee, is a two-time winner of the Women's Vic Open. Minjee won the event as an amateur in 2014 (which made her the No. 1 women's amateur in the world), when it was a WPGA Tour of Australasia event, and again in 2018, when it was co-sanctioned by the Ladies European Tour.

Background

- Plays out of Royal Fremantle Golf Club in Western Australia. The club was established in 1905 and notably hosted the 1960 Australian PGA Championship. PGA TOUR winner Greg Chalmers rose through the club's junior program, winning both the Junior and Men's Club Championships in 1989 at age 15. Oliver Goss, the low amateur at the 2014 Masters Tournament and runner-up to Matt Fitzpatrick at the 2013 U.S. Amateur, also honed his game at the club and won three consecutive Junior Club Championships from 2009-11.
- Also played soccer, taekwondo, and swam growing up, but dedicated himself to golf at age 15. In a Golf Digest feature in October 2024, Lee said, "I didn't necessarily love golf when I was younger. I quit for a year when I was 11 because I thought it was a boring, old-man's sport. I really liked soccer, [Australian Rules] football, taekwondo and lifting weights. I enjoyed them much more than golf."
- Min Woo and his older sister, Minjee Lee, dominated the junior and amateur circuits in Western Australia. Min Woo won the Western Australia Junior Championships three times (2013, 2014, 2016) to his sister Minjee's two times (2010, 2011). Both siblings won the Amateur Championships of Western Australia twice, with Min Woo winning in 2015 and 2017, and Minjee winning consecutive titles in 2010 - becoming the youngest winner in history at age 14 - and 2011. Minjee one-upped her brother with back-to-back victories at the 2013 and 2014 Australian Women's Amateur Championship. Min Woo's best finish in the Australian Amateur was a runner-up in 2017.
- Won the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, defeating Noah Goodwin 2&1 in the final. Min Woo became the first Australian to win the title and, combined with his older sister, Minjee Lee, became the first brother-sister tandem to win USGA Junior Championships. Minjee won the 2012 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship.
- Represented Australia at the 2018 Eisenhower Trophy. Denmark won the title, while the United States team of Collin Morikawa, Justin Suh, and Cole Hammer finished second.
- Earned conditional status on the Korn Ferry Tour for the 2019 season with a T67 finish at Final Stage of the 2018 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament, which he played as an

amateur. Min Woo finished fourth in his second DP World Tour start of the season and missed the cut in his Korn Ferry Tour debut, leaving him buried in the priority ranking and thus leading him to focus on playing the DP World Tour.

- Turned professional in January 2019 at age 21 and made his professional debut at the DP World Tour's Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship. Later made his PGA TOUR debut at the 2021 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Family

- Older sister, Minjee Lee, is two years and two months older than Min Woo. Minjee, who turned professional in 2014 at age 18, is a three-time Olympian representing Australia.
- Minjee and Min Woo speak to each other quite often, but they rarely talk about their golf. Conversations tend to be more about their personal lives rather than their professional careers.
- Minjee caddied for Min Woo in the 2022 Masters Tournament Par 3 Contest.
- Min Woo and Minjee are of Korean descent, as their parents, Soonam and Clara Lee, emigrated from Korea to Australia in the 1990s. Min Woo's upbringing is more in line with Western Australia than his Korean heritage.
- Mother, Clara Lee, was an excellent golfer herself and coached both Min Woo and Minjee as kids.
- Father, Soonam, was also an excellent golfer who played off a +1 handicap. Soonam has also spent time as a swimming instructor.

Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

- Loves animals.
- Has never owned a car.
- Although he has not had much of a chance to play the newer versions due to a busy golf schedule, loves playing Call of Duty video games.
- Watched Netflix's "Full Swing" series, saying, "Was incredible actually, just shows how hard it is, showed the highs and lows. And also some personalities, loved the [Matt Fitzpatrick] episode. One day, I hope I can win a major and have my family there."
- Utilizes mementos from his previous major championship appearances, as he carries an Augusta National Golf Club ball marker and a divot repair tool from The Open Championship.
- Favorite sports team is the Fremantle Dockers, an Australian rules football club in the Australian Football League.
- Posted his Spotify Wrapped, which features the musical artists he listened to the most in 2024, which were (in order): Post Malone, Kanye West, Drake, 21 Savage and Travis Scott. Post Malone's song, "Candy Paint," was Min Woo's most played song in 2024.

Charity

- Supports Golf Australia and their initiatives to help more juniors gain access to golf in Australia.

Inner Circle/Special Connections

- Three months prior to his win at the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, met his golfing idol, Tiger Woods, during a clinic at the Junior Invitational at Sage Valley. Tiger was a surprise

guest at the clinic and Min Woo received a few notes on how to hit a stinger. Following his win at the U.S. Junior, Min Woo said of the notes, "What he said at the clinic just clicked. I've used (the stinger) a while, but this week I've probably hit it the best. It was a big advantage. It came in handy."

- Asked who would make up his dream foursome, he said his sister (Minjee), Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus.
- Views fellow Australian Adam Scott as a mentor: "He's a good role model for golf, and for Australian golf, and I look up to him still, and it's cool to have his as a friend."
- During the 2024 PGA TOUR season, spent time in Las Vegas, Nevada, playing out of The Summit Club and staying with "good mate" Kurt Kitayama. Collin Morikawa also plays out of The Summit Club in Las Vegas.

Other

- Represents The Bay Golf Club alongside teammates Ludvig Aberg, Wyndham Clark and Shane Lowry in TGL presented by SoFi, a primetime golf league in partnership with the PGA TOUR which launched in January 2025 on ESPN. The new golf league, was created by TMRW Sports whose co-founders include Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, and fuses advanced technology, innovation and live action for ESPN's primetime television audience. The Bay Golf Club is led by Avenue Sports Fund with Marc Lasry and Stephen Curry with limited partners including Andre Iguodala, Klay Thompson, Alex Albon, Leonardo Fioravanti, Kanoa Igarashi and John Stones.
- Nickname is Woozy.
- At the 2024 WM Phoenix Open, over 200 fans - all dressed in Lululemon (Lee's new apparel sponsor) shirts, pants and shoes - followed Lee during his second round. All 200 of the fans wore a red chef hat, which had "Let him cook" across the front, and they also chanted "let him cook" after every one of Lee's made putts. On the origin of how he's been connected with the "let him cook" phrase, Lee said, "A lot of golfers only do their thing and don't do the social media side as well as they can. I really enjoy that side of things. I've done it since I was young. ["Let him cook"] started in a few of my posts, randomly. I don't know if someone commented it, or I said it. It's nice to have something to relate to me, or something that I started."
- In January 2024, he announced a partnership with clothing brand Lululemon, saying, "I'm excited to bring my sense of fun and freshness to the game and lead the way for a new generation of golfers." Lee summarized his excitement for the partnership by adding, "Look good, feel good, play good... you're in front of the cameras and a lot of people. You don't want to be wearing clothes that you don't feel good in. Everyone has that outfit they wear on a night out - you start to feel yourself a little bit. When I'm out on the course and I do wear fits that I love, I have that bounce in my step. I have that swagger."
- Holds a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title for the 'Fastest hole of golf by a team of four' achieved a Real Club Valderrama in 2021. The hole was a 501-yard par four, and they holed out the putt in 24.75 seconds to set the new record.

