

PACIFIC NORTHWEST GOLF HALL OF FAME INDUCTION



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On April 26, 2019 at Inglewood Golf Club in Kenmore, Wash., the PNGA added three new members into the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame, while the Pacific Northwest Section PGA added two to the Section's Hall of Fame, during a joint Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for the two organizations.



RICK FEHR was introduced to the game when he was 10 years old, caddying for his father. The Fehrs were members at Sand Point Country Club in Seattle, and although Rick got some instruction from the club's head PGA professional, he was a self-described self-starter. At age 12, he won his age bracket in the Seattle Junior Amateur, and began building an impressive resume. He won the WJGA state title in 1979, and later that summer he grabbed national attention by winning the PGA Junior National Championship. Attending BYU on a golf scholarship, he helped lead the team to an NCAA Division I national title in 1981, then went home that summer and won the PNGA Men's Amateur. While in college, he won the Western Amateur, was twice named first-team All-American, was a semifinalist in the 1982 U.S. Amateur, was selected for two Morse Cup teams in the Pacific Coast Amateur, and was named to the 1983 U.S. Walker Cup team. In 1984, Rick was the low amateur at both the Masters and the U.S. Open. He qualified for the PGA Tour in 1985, and during his 18 years as a tour pro Rick won twice and had 41 top-10 finishes. He also won the 1994 Northwest Open.



PAT FITZSIMONS has a distinguished playing record that includes winning the Northwest Open (three times), the Pacific Northwest PGA Professional Championship (three times), the Oregon Open (twice) and the Al C. Giusti Memorial (twice). These titles span 27 years of consistently impressive play. Only three Northwest professionals hold more titles and they are all Hall of Fame members. Fitzsimons played on two Hudson Cup teams as an amateur, 10 as a professional and four as a senior professional. His record in the professional matches is an impressive 20-4-4. He was the PGA Tour's 1975 Glen Campbell Los Angeles Open champion and played in two Masters. Fitzsimons served as the PGA Head Professional at Prineville CC, The Oregon Golf Club and The Cedars on Salmon Creek. A renowned teacher, he taught students at Salem Golf Club and was an instructor to his fellow professionals at PGA Teaching Workshops.



DAN HILL, PGA Director of Golf and Operations at Broadmoor Golf Club in Seattle, has a career of unparalleled service to his fellow professionals. He served 13 consecutive years in PGA governance, highlighted by his role as President of the Pacific Northwest Section PGA from 2009-2010. Hill's duties moved to the national level from 2014-2016, when he served on the PGA of America's National Board of Directors. A passionate advocate of education throughout his entire career, he has led education committees at the chapter, section and national level, including serving as Chair of the National Education Committee. Hill has achieved the PGA's highest certification level in becoming a PGA Master Professional. Honored by his peers, he was the 2010 Pacific Northwest Section Golf Professional of the Year and a six-time Pacific Northwest Section Merchandiser of the Year. Hill's career includes employment at Wing Point Golf and Country Club and Hayden Lake Country Club, between three postings at Broadmoor Golf Club.



CATHY MANT played on the boys' golf team at St. Francis High School, and began entering junior events outside of Eugene. From 1966 until 1970, there was no better amateur golfer in the region than Mant. She won the Southern Oregon Junior Amateur, Oregon Junior Girls' Amateur, the 1968 PNGA Women's Amateur, the Oregon Women's Amateur three times, the Southern Oregon Women's Amateur twice, and the Oregon Coast Amateur. She also qualified for two U.S. Girls' Juniors, three U.S. Women's Amateurs, the Women's Western Amateur, the Women's Broadmoor Invitational, and finished runner-up in the 1967 PNGA Junior Girls' Amateur. Attending Arizona State University, she won the 1970 NCAA Women's Individual national title, was named a first-team All-American, and won six individual collegiate titles. Cathy played on the LPGA Tour from 1976 to 1986. One of her mentors on tour was PNGA Hall of Famer JoAnne Carner. Cathy played in 10 U.S. Women's Opens, as well as each major on the tour. She has been the head women's golf coach at Georgia State University since 2000, and has been named her conference's Coach of the Year six times. Cathy served on the U.S. Girls' Junior Committee for 25 years, receiving the USGA Ike Grainger Award in 2014, which recognizes outstanding volunteer service to the game.



BILL SANDER began working as a caddie at age 12 at Inglewood Country Club in Kenmore, Wash. in 1968. He would become a shooting star that illuminated the Northwest golf scene in the 1970s. In 1973 he won the Washington State Junior title, and in 1974 he won the first of three consecutive Seattle Amateur titles. Just prior to the 1976 U.S. Amateur, Bill won the Washington State long drive contest with a 329-yard smash, using a Persimmon driver, at Seattle's Jefferson Park Golf Course. It was in 1976 that Bill exploded onto the regional and national golf consciousness. That summer, in preparation for his upcoming departure for the University of Houston, Bill won his third Seattle Amateur, and then won the PNGA Men's Amateur. He then was selected for the PNGA Morse Cup team in the Pacific Coast Amateur, and a week later the unheralded Sander won the U.S. Amateur by the widest margin in the championship since Jack Nicklaus won it 15 years earlier. He accepted invitations to play in the World Cup, the Walker Cup, the Masters (where he finished low amateur), the U.S. Open, and the PGA Tour's Sea Pines Heritage Classic. Sander qualified for the PGA Tour in 1978, where he competed for 15 years.