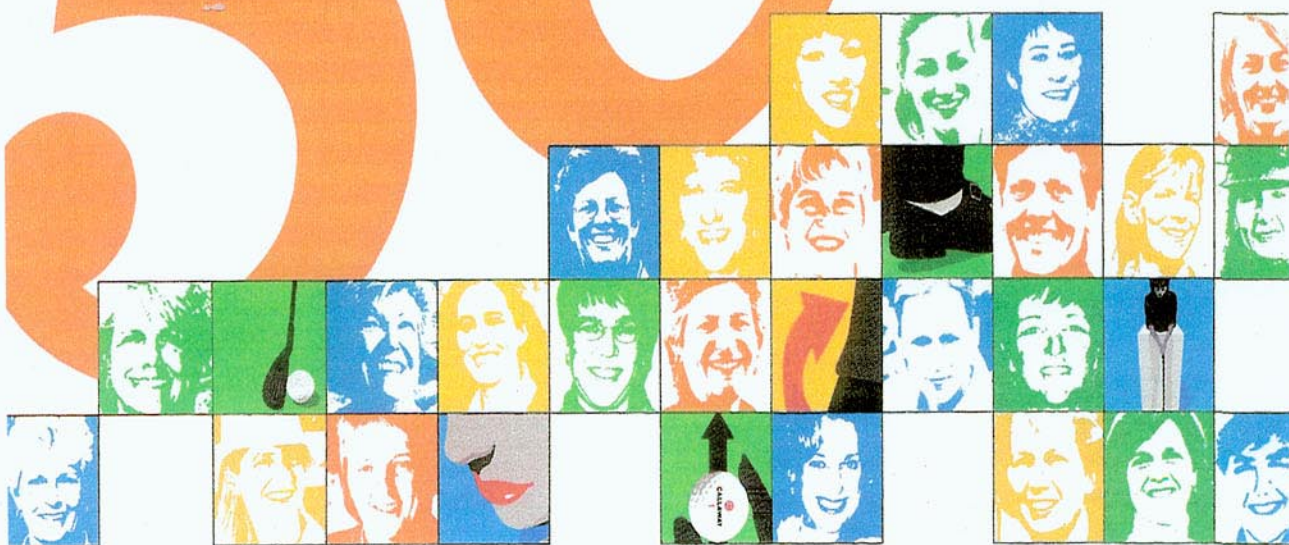


TOP 50 TEACHERS



WHAT DO AN LPGA HALL-OF-FAMER, THE FIRST WOMAN ever to qualify for a PGA Tour event and the first female golfer to grace the cover of *Sports Illustrated* have in common? They're all gifted instructors, willing to devote hours to helping others achieve their own golf dreams. So it's no surprise that these women (Sandra Haynie, Suzy Whaley and Barbara Romack, respectively) as well as 47 other high achievers have been named to our list of the nation's Top 50 Teachers. Who makes the grade, and why? Each instructor must have been on the lesson tee for at least 10 years and earned a Class A rating from either the LPGA Teaching & Club Professional Division or the PGA of America. The remaining criteria are more subjective but no less compelling. We've consulted golf educators, satisfied students and our expert teaching panel to find active instructors who exhibit the perfect combination of passion and compassion, innovation and tradition. Our goal in compiling the list is to provide you with a resource for future lesson plans. To get you started right away, we've included a tip from each instructor. Congratulations to all, and to dedicated teachers everywhere!

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NORHTSTONE ACADEMY OF GOLF AND SWINGBLADE ENTERPRISES, HUNTSVILLE, NC

If you're a chronic slicer, that means your clubface is open at impact. A primary cause of this is cupping the left wrist, or flexing it back, at the top of the swing. The solution is to keep your wrist flat. Imagine there's a splint on the back of your left wrist, and maintain a straight line between the back of your forearm and the back of your hand at the top. • 704-662-0075 • karen@aboutgolf.com





Katherine Marren

PEBBLE BEACH GOLF
ACADEMY
PEBBLE BEACH, CA

When putting, always aim your ball at your target. The best players in the world do this, and you should too. Use the logo as a directional arrow toward the target. This will improve your aim, swing path and confidence—a winning combination for better putting. • 831-622-8650

Nancy Quarcelino

NANCY QUARCELINO
SCHOOL OF GOLF
LEGENDS CLUB OF
TENNESSEE
FRANKLIN, TN

For easy outs from the sand, try playing greenside bunker shots with a square clubface and stance. Play the ball just inside your target foot, then adjust the length of your backswing and the speed of your swing to achieve the right distance. • 615-599-1344 • www.qsog.com



Krista Dunton

FORSGATE CC
MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ

A COMMON MISTAKE IS TO GRIP THE CLUB TOO MUCH IN THE PALMS OF THE HANDS. TO GET THE FEEL OF A GOOD GRIP, PICK UP A HAMMER WITH YOUR LEFT HAND. SEE HOW THE HANDLE RESTS MORE IN YOUR FINGERS THAN IN YOUR PALM? THE GOLF CLUB SHOULD DO THE SAME. THIS WAY, YOUR WRISTS CAN FREELY HINGE AND UNHINGE DURING THE SWING. • 732-656-8953



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Gale Peterson

SEA ISLAND GC
SEA ISLAND, GA

Bow the left wrist (flexing your palm toward the inside of your forearm) through impact for a lower ball flight and great chips. • 912-638-5119

Vicki Phillips

EVERYBODY GOLF SCHOOL/OAK MARR GOLF
COMPLEX, OAKTON, VA

Before you start your swing, think about your finish, with your arms and hands ending over your left shoulder. Imagining a strong finish position will help you accelerate through the impact area, creating greater clubhead speed and more distance. • 703-255-5396

Renee Powell

CLEARVIEW GC, EAST CANTON, OH

When addressing the ball for a drive, make sure it sits forward of center in your stance, in line with your left heel, and tee the ball so the top of it is a little higher than the top of the clubhead. You'll hit the ball higher and farther. • 330-488-0404

Carol Preisinger-Nitkewicz

CITY CLUB MARIETTA, MARIETTA, GA

Tired of hitting worm-burners? For high, soaring shots, be sure to extend your arms down the target line through impact. When the clubface travels low after impact, the ball flies high. • 770-794-5613 • golfcarol@aol.com

Dana Rader

DANA RADER GOLF SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, NC
Golfers tend to focus too much on hitting that little

white ball. The longer you stand fretting over it, the greater the tension and potential for disaster. Try taking a longer look at the target and a shorter look at the ball. You won't have time for too many swing thoughts. • 704-542-7635 • www.danaradergolf.com

C.J. Reeves

CENTURY CC, PURCHASE, NY

If your drives tend to veer to the right, check your grip at address. You should be able to see three knuckles on your left hand, and your left thumb should be on the right side of the shaft. You should feel the club handle in your left fingers, not your palm. Your right hand should mold together with the left and feel comfortable, your right fingers adding grip pressure. Remember, your hands should work as a unit, with equal pressure. • 914-761-2424

Cindy Reid

TPC SAWGRASS, PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL

If you tend to sway during your backswing or follow-through, try this drill to improve your footwork and balance. Tee up six balls in a row (they should extend in front of you in a line perpendicular to your target line). With your feet together, hit the balls in quick succession, focusing on swinging the clubhead freely with your arms and keeping your body quiet. This will help you swing within your physical capabilities, which will improve your overall timing. • 904-273-3334 • www.cindyreid.com

Barbara Romack

ATLANTIS GC, ATLANTIS, FL

You can rapidly improve your short game by asking yourself a few questions as you prepare to hit your shot: Exactly where do I want to land the ball? Do I need a lofted shot or a low-running shot? Do I have a lot of green to work with or very little? What shot can I execute best? This thought process is swift, and it will take needless strokes off your scores immediately. • 561-966-7626

M.J. Smith

ARMY NAVY CC
ARLINGTON, VA

If you're not getting good results with your driver, check its loft before you blame your swing. Most women would benefit from a 12-, 13- or 14-degree