HUBERT GREEN
HAS A UNIQUE SWING IN WHICH HE CROUCHES OVER THE BALL WITH VERY BENT KNEES AND WITH HANDS WELL AHEAD OF THE BALL AT THE ADDRESS HE POWERFULLY FLICKS THE BALL AWAY WITH A SHORT BACKSWING. ALTHOUGH UNORTHODOX, HE WON THE 1977 US OPEN AND THE 1985 US PGA.
MAX FAULKNER
WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS GAGS, TURNING UP AT BIG TOURNAMENTS WITH WEIRD PUTTERS SUCH AS ONE MADE OF DRIFTWOOD, OR IN OUTLANDISH OUTFITS SUCH AS PURPLE PLUS-FOURS! HE WAS ALSO A TALENTED GOLFER WHO WON THE 1951 BRITISH OPEN.
CARY MIDDLECOFF
SANK AN 86FT (26M) PUTT, THE LONGEST EVER RECORDED IN A MAJOR TOURNAMENT, ON THE VAST 13TH GREEN AT THE AUGUSTA NATIONAL ON HIS WAY TO WINNING THE 1955 US MASTERS BY A RECORD SEVEN STROKES FROM BEN HOGAN. HE ALSO WON THE US OPEN IN 1949 AND 1956.
JO-ANNE CARNER
BECAME FONDLY KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE TOUR AS "BIG MOMMA". A POWER HITTER, SHE WAS RATED BY SAM SNEAD IN 1984 AS THE BEST WOMAN PLAYER HE HAD EVER SEEN.
GLENNA COLLETT VARE
WON THE US LADIES' AMATEUR 6 TIMES IN THE 1920'S AND 1930'S AND FROM 1928 TO 1931 SHE WON 19 CONSECUTIVE MATCHES, IN BOTH CASES SETTING NEW RECORDS.
TED RAY
ATTRACTED GREAT PUBLIC INTEREST WHEN HE TOURED THE US WITH HARRY VARDON IN1913 EVEN THOUGH THEY BOTH LOST IN A PLAYOFF TO UNKNOWN AMERICAN FRANCIS OUIMET IN THE US OPEN. NEVERTHELESS, HE RETURNED TO WIN THE US OPEN IN 1920, ADDING TO HIS BRITISH OPEN VICTORY OF 1912.
GENE LITTLER
CALLED "THE MACHINE" BY SPORTS WRITERS BECAUSE OF HIS SILKY-SMOOTH SWING AND REGARDED AS ONE OF THE BEST EVER. AS WELL AS WINNING THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS THREE YEARS IN A ROW, HE WON THE 1961 US OPEN IN OAKLAND HILLS.
TOMMY NAKAJIMA
SEVERAL TIMES THE LEADING MONEY WINNER IN JAPAN, BUT VERY ACCIDENT PRONE ABROAD. IN THE 1978 BRITISH OPEN AT ST ANDREWS, HE PUTTED HIS THIRD SHOT ON THE 17TH GREEN INTO THE INFAMOUS ROAD BONKER AND FINISHED THE HOLE WITH A NINE, AND IN THE 1987 US OPEN HIS BALL GOT STUCK IN A TREE!
JAMES BRAID
WAS THE FIRST GOLFER TO WIN THE BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 5 TIMES, ALL BETWEEN THE YEARS 1901 AND 1910. HE WAS ONE OF THE "GREAT TRIUMVIRATE" OF BRITISH PLAYERS WHO DOMINATED THE GAME AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.
NICK PRICE
WON THE 1992 US PGA CHAMPIONSHIP BECAME THE LEADING MONEY WINNER IN 1993, AND WON BACK TO BACK MAJORS IN 1994 - THE BRITISH OPEN AND THE US PGA.
CYPRESS POINT
DESIGNED BY GREAT GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT, ALISTER MACKENZIE. IT HAS THREE HOLES - THE 15TH, 16TH, AND 17TH - ALONG THE CLIFFS OVERLOOKING THE PACIFIC OCEAN THAT HAVE BEEN CALLED "THE SISTINE CHAPEL OF GOLF".
PATTY BERG
FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE US LADIES' PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION IN 1948 AND ITS FIRST PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS THE WINNER OF THE FIRST US WOMAN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1946. SHE WENT ON TO BECOME ONE OF THE GREAT MODERN PLAYERS, WINNING 57 PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENTS.
JOHNNY MILLER
HAILED AS THE "NEW NICKLAUS" WHEN HE WON THE 1973 US OPEN WITH A RECORD FINAL ROUND OF 63, HE THEN WENT ON TO WIN THE 1976 BRITISH OPEN BY 6 STROKES.
GARY PLAYER
ALTHOUGH ONLY 5'7" TALL, HE USED MUSCLE BUILDING EXERCISES, FIERCE DETERMINATION AND TREMENDOUS SKILL TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL OVERSEAS PLAYERS EVER ON THE US TOUR. HE WON THE US MASTERS IN 1961, 1974 AND 1978, THE US OPEN IN 1965 AND THE US PGA IN 1962 AND 1972.
GEORGE DUNCAN
WAS THE WINNER OF THE BRITISH OPEN IN 1920, AND WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS VERY FAST IMPATIENT PLAY WITH ALL HAS STROKES INCLUDING PUTTS. HE APPROPRIATELY WROTE THE BOOK "GOLF AT A GALLOP"!
WINGED FOOT
ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT COURSES IN THE USA, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY "BIG SCORE" US OPEN VICTORIES HERE, MOST NOTABLY HALE IRWIN'S WINNING SCORE OF 287, 7 OVER PAR, IN 1974.
BEN HOGAN
AFTER SURVIVING AN APPALLING CAR CRASH IN 1949 DOCTORS SAID HE MIGHT NEVER WALK AGAIN. ONLY 16 MONTHS LATER HOWEVER, HE WAS THE US OPEN CHAMPION AGAIN! HIS REMARKABLE STORY WAS MADE INTO THE FILM "FOLLOW THE SUN" IN WHICH HE WAS PLAYED BY GLEN FORD.
WAYNE GRADY
BEAT FRED COUPLES TO WIN THE 1990 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP AT SHOAL CREEK.
ROYAL TROON
WHERE ARNOLD PALMER DEFENDED HIS BRITISH OPEN TITLE IN 1962, TOM WEISKOPF WON IN 1973, TOM WATSON WON IN 1982, AND MARK CALCAVECCHIA BEAT GREG NORMAN AND WAYNE GRADY IN A PLAYOFF TO WIN IN 1989.
MILLER BARBER
WAS KNOWN FOR YEARS AS "X" BECAUSE HE DISLIKED THE LIMELIGHT. ALTHOUGH HE NEVER WON A MAJOR TITLE IN HIS 20 YEARS ON THE US TOUR, HE BECAME THE FIRST PLAYER TO WIN $2 MILLION ON THE SENIOR TOUR.
CARNOUSTIE
IS LAID OUT IN SUCH A MANOR THAT NO TWO CONSECUTIVE HOLES ARE PLAYED IN THE SAME DIRECTION, FORCING PLAYERS TO COPE WITH THE FREQUENTLY FIERCE WINDS FROM ALL ANGLES. FOR THIS REASON, BEN HOGAN'S FAMOUS WIN THERE IN THE 1953 BRITISH OPEN AT HIS FIRST ATTEMPT IS REMARKABLE.
FRED COUPLES
IS KNOWN AS "BOOM BOOM" FOR HIS ABILITY TO HIT THE LONG BALL. HE BEAT RAY FLOYD TO WIN THE 1992 US MASTERS, AND ALSO BECAME THE PGA LEADING MONEY WINNER THE SAME YEAR.
PETER THOMSON
EARNED THE GREATEST RECORD OF ANY AUSTRALIAN PLAYER, HAVING WON THE BRITISH OPEN IN 1954, 1955, 1956,1958, AND MOST NOTABLY IN 1965 WHEN HE BEAT JACK NICKLAUS, ARNOLD PALMER AND TONY LEMA.
OLD TOM MORRIS
THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS GOLFER IN THE LATTER PART OF THE CENTURY. BORN AND RAISED IN ST ANDREWS, SCOTLAND, HE WAS A FOUR TIME WINNER OF THE BRITISH OPEN IN 1861, 1862, 1864, AND 1867 AND AN INSTITUTION IN HIS HOME TOWN, WHERE HE BECAME A PROFESSIONAL AT THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT CLUB.
YOUNG TOM MORRIS
EVEN MORE BRILLIANT THAN HIS FATHER. WHILE STILL A TEENAGER HE WON THE BRITISH OPEN 3 TIMES IN A ROW UNTIL THE TOURNAMENT LAPSED IN 1871. WHEN IT RE-STARTED THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE WON AGAIN, TRAGICALLY HE DIED SOON AFTER AT THE AGE OF 24.
JOSE-MARIA OLAZABAL
RUNNER-UP TO IAN WOOSNAM IN THE 1991 US MASTERS AND WENT ON TO BECOME THE SECOND GREATEST PLAYER FROM HIS COUNTRY AFTER SEVE BALLESTEROS.
MUIRFIELD
WAS WHERE THE BRITISH OPEN WAS FIRST PLAYED OVER 72 HOLES IN 1892 WHEN IT WAS WON BY HAROLD HILTON. SINCE THEN, NUMEROUS MEMORABLE OPENS HAVE BEEN HELD THERE INCLUDING THE DRAMATIC CONTEST BETWEEN TONY JACKLIN AND LEE TREVINO IN 1972.
TOM WEISKOPF
POSSESSED A MAJESTIC SWING WHICH HELPED HIM WIN THE BRITISH OPEN IN 1973, BUT HIS UNPREDICTABLE TEMPERAMENT ARGUABLY STOPPED HIM FROM WINNING MANY MORE MAJORS. HOWEVER, HE WAS RUNNER-UP 4 TIMES IN THE MASTERS AND ONCE IN THE US OPEN.
PAUL AZINGER
BEAT GREG NORMAN IN A PLAYOFF TO WIN THE 1993 US PGA CHAMPIONSHIP, HIS FIRST MAJOR. IN 1994 HE MADE A COURAGEOUS COMEBACK AFTER A BOUT WITH CANCER.
BOBBY LOCKE
HAD SUCH A PRONOUNCED HOOK THAT HE AIMED TO THE RIGHT OF HIS TARGET BY ALMOST 45° TO COMPENSATE! NEVERTHELESS, HE COULD CONTROL IT SO WELL THAT HE WON THE BRITISH OPEN IN 1949, 1950, 1952 AND 1957.
SEVE BALLESTEROS
CALLED THE "PARKING LOT CHAMPION" BY THE PRESS AFTER HE HAD PLAYED HIS SECOND SHOT ON THE 16TH HOLE FROM AMONG THE CARS PARKED AT THE 1979 BRITISH OPEN. IT WAS A DELIBERATE TACTIC THAT BROUGHT HIM A BIRDIE, AND HE WENT ON TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME.
CURTIS STRANGE
WILLIE PARK JR.
WAS THE SON OF THE WINNER OF THE FIRST BRITISH OPEN, AND WENT ON TO WIN THE OPEN IN 1887 AND 1889, AS WELL AS WRITING THE FIRST COMPLETE GOLF BOOK BY A PROFESSIONAL. HE ALSO DESIGNED APPROXIMATELY 170 COURSE AND INVENTED SEVERAL NEW CLUBS AND BALLS.
ALISTER MACKENZIE
THE WORLD'S LEADING GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT, DESPITE NOT BEING A GOOD PLAYER! AFTER SERVING IN THE BOER WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA, HE BECAME AN EXPERT IN CAMOUFLAGE AND LATER USED HIS SKILLS TO DISGUISE PITFALLS WHEN DESIGNING THE AUGUSTA NATIONAL AND CYPRESS POINT COURSES.