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The Ohio Golf Association announced the class of 2021 to be inducted into the Ohio Golf Hall of Fame.

The Ohio Golf Hall of Fame strives to recognize outstanding achievements of Ohioans who play or support the game of golf. The Hall of Fame was founded in 1992 and its members include Jack Nicklaus, Bob Hope, Tammie Green, John Cook and Ben Curtis among others. (Hall of Fame Inductees by year at the bottom of this release).

The induction ceremony will be held at Plum Brook CC, in Sandusky, Ohio on Monday, August 2. Plum Brook CC is also the host of the annual Ohio Senior Amateur Hall of Fame Tournament, showcasing the banquet dinner and ceremony. Tickets for the dinner and ceremony may be purchased by calling the Ohio Golf Association at 614-698-0014.

**J. Stuart “Stu” Francis** was born and raised in Madison, Ohio from 1952-1977. Francis lived a few years in New York City prior to residing in the San Francisco Bay area since 1980.

Francis is the current President of the United States Golf Association having been elected in 2020. Francis has served on the USGA Executive Committee since 2015 and chaired the USGA Championship Committee from 2016 thru 2019.

Francis attended Princeton University and was the team captain of the golf team. During his career at Princeton the team won two Ivy Leagues Championships. In 1973 Francis was selected to the first team All-Ivy and Division 1 All American golf teams (Honorable Mention). Francis played in two NCAA Championships (1973, 1974). In 1975 Francis was third at the Ohio Amateur Championship trailing only Rick Jones and Pat Lindsey, both of whom are members of the Ohio Golf Hall of Fame. Francis competed in several other Ohio Amateur Championships from 1970 through 1977.

Francis qualified and played in three USGA Amateur Championships (1974, 1975, 1978) and three Canadian National Amateurs along with being an alternate for several USGA Mid-Amateur Championships.

**Rosie Jones** an Ohio State golfer from 1978-1981 earned All-America honors in 1981 and won the 1980 individual Big Ten Championship. After her collegiate career, Jones had a storied professional career on the LPGA Tour.

Jones played on the LPGA Tour from 1982 to 2006, winning 13 times with four runner-up finishes in major championships. Jones represented Team USA in seven Solheim Cup competitions from 1990-2005, a stretch in which the USA side never lost. Jones captained the USA Team in the 2011 Solheim.

Jones is a member of the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame (1994), NGCA Hall of Fame (1998) and Georgia Golf Hall of Fame (2006).

Jones retired from the LPGA Tour in 2006 and launched her own golf travel company, Rosie Jones Golf Getaways. Jones is currently #27 on the LPGA all-time money list with over 8 million in earnings.

**Meg Mallon** an Ohio State golfer from 1982-1985 earning All-Conference honors in 1984 and 1985. Mallon was the runner-up at the 1985 Big Ten Championship. Mallon won the 1983 Michigan Women's Amateur Championship.

Mallon joined the LPGA Tour in 1987 and had her breakthrough year in 1991, when she won four times. Two of her victories were majors. Mallon won the Mazda LPGA Championship and the USGA Women's Open that year. Mallon was named Female Player of the Year by the Golf Writers Association of America and Most Improved Player by Golf Digest after the 1991 season.

Mallon added two more major wins with her 2000 du Maurier Classic victory and her second USGA Women's Open victory in 2004. In 2003 Mallon won the season ending ADT Championship.

Mallon ended her LPGA Tour career with 18 wins, including 4 majors and currently sits 20<sup>th</sup> on the all-time money list with over 9 million in earnings.

Mallon represented Team USA in the Solheim Cup eight times, was the assistant captain in 2009 and captained the team in 2013.

Mallon is a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame (2017), Ohio State Athletic Hall of Fame (1996), Michigan Golf Hall of Fame (2002), Michigan Sports Hall of Fame (2008) and the Palm Beach County Hall of Fame (2011). In 2000 Mallon was recognized by the LPGA Tour as one of the LPGA's top 50 players and teachers.

Mallon retired from professional golf on July 7, 2010, shortly before the start of the 2010 US Women's Open.

For more information regarding the Ohio Golf Hall of Fame or the Ohio Senior Amateur Hall of Fame Tournament, contact the Ohio Golf Association at 614-698-0014.

1992

Jack Nicklaus  
Peggy Kirk Bell  
Earl Hamilton  
Byron Nelson  
Toney Penna  
E. Mandell De Windt  
Bob Hope

James Rhodes  
Ed Preisler  
Denny Shute  
Pete Dye  
Arnold Palmer  
Rick Jones

1993	Janet Beardsley Arthur Hills	William Bosshard Kenneth Young
1994	Jack Hesler Chuck Smith	Nicholas Popa Jan Taylor
1995	Walker Inman, Jr. Mark H. McCormack	Donald A. Kotnik Barbara McIntire
1996	Tony Blom Tom Nieporte Joseph M. Wells	Herman Keiser Bob Rankin
1997	Jack Kidwell John Fischer	Mike Hurdzan Bob Servis
1998	Bob Kepler Jack Grout	Pandel Savic
1999	Henry Picard Dick Gordin	Dow Finsterwald
2000	Jack Waldock	George Mateyo
2001	Kaye Kessler Paul Hornung	Bucky Albers George Sweda
2002	John Kretzschmar Ed Meister	Bob Lewis Kermit Blosser
2003	Don Albert Dan Carmichael	Steve Pipoly Randy Reifers
2004	Tom Weiskopf Tammie Green	Herb Page George "Duke" Smith
2005	Ralph Maltby George Bellino	Harold Weber
2006	Glenn Apple Joe Ungvary Sr.	Jim Brown
2007	Renee M. Powell Rod Myers	William Powell
2008	Duane Guerin Rodger Cromer	Fred Balthaser
2009	Denny Gallagher Pat Lindsey	Ed Sneed
2010	Hugh Wall III Alex Nipper Campbell	Taylor Metcalfe
2011	Raymond Sovik George Sargent	Howard Peterson
2012	Roger McManus Tom Elfers	Don Perne
2013	S.P. Jermain Don Padgett II	Jim Logue Jerry McGee
2014	Alan Fadel John Cook	Don Nist Frank Stranahan
2015	Mike Kiely Lalu Sabotin	Doug Gordon Bob Fairchild

2016	Jack Sayers James Stahl	Duff Lawrence
2017	Gary Trivisonno Gary Robison	Sterling T. Beckwith
2018	Ben Curtis Al Espinosa	Rob Moss
2019	Doug Hanzel Rod Spittle	James "Skip" Snow
2020	Robert Gerwin II Betty Kerby Peppard	Thomas Grzywinski