

# 2017 Hall of Fame

*dinner & induction ceremonies*

Birmingham Golf Association

1965-2017



Hoover Country Club  
Saturday, April 22, 2017

# 2017 Hall of Fame

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7:00 pm Cocktails (cash bar)

8:00 pm Dinner

9:00 pm Welcome and opening remarks,

Thomas Brooks, BGA President

Induction of Jamelle Shaw

Induction of Mike Greer

Induction of T.P. Mills

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# Brief BGA History



Many years ago, Vestavia Country Club conducted a July 4th annual Invitational Tournament. During the weekend, the club hosted a past Champions Dinner. It was a highlight of the tournament for all former champions and was always a memorable occasion.

At the Champions Dinner in 1962, a discussion evolved that there should be a Birmingham Golf Association with the following objectives: to provide clubs group purchasing for sand, seed, fertilizers, etc. to obtain lower costs per club; to serve as a clearing house for clubs to avoid conflicts of dates in scheduling events; to conduct an annual championship and junior championship; to stage exhibitions for the enjoyment of members in member clubs; and to raise funds for worthy causes, especially junior golf.

In attendance at that 1962 dinner (and the year they won are as follows): Press Thornton 1953, 1954, Buddy DeBardeleben 1955, Walter Wood 1956, Elbert Jemison 1957, John Gross 1958, 1962, Jack Vardaman 1959, and Jim Head 1961. Also in attendance were L. J. Griffis, club general manager, Russ Dimick, club tournament chairman, and Jack Murphy, head golf professional.

It was agreed that there should indeed be a Birmingham Golf Association. Elbert Jemison was asked to serve as the first President, and to formulate a Board of Directors consisting of two members from each of the private clubs in the area. It also was suggested that Joe King and Bob Ramsay represent the Country Club of Birmingham; Jerry Seigel, Pine Tree Country Club; Jim Norton and Russ Dimick, Vestavia Country Club; and Johnny Thames, Mountain Brook Club.

The following year the Board of Directors decided to create a Birmingham Golf Association Hall of Fame. The first induction class was in 1965 and the list of inductees is found on the back page of this program. The names of the inductees are also featured on a plaque at the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

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## Birmingham Golf Association 2017 Hall of Fame Inductees



### Jamelle Shaw

Jamelle Shaw was just trying to raise a little money for her women's golf team at Samford University. Close to 25 years later she's still raising money; it's just the scope is a lot larger.

She started the Lady Legacy Scholarship Foundation that goes hand-in-hand with the Lady Legacy Metro Championship and the funds raised each year have helped, and continue to help, many, many young women attend college, as well as helping establish or enhance middle school and high school women's golf teams.

Shaw moved on from Samford many years ago, but her heart for

women's golf remains.

"Back then we didn't have any money for (golf) bags, uniforms, etc. (at Samford). The (BGA's) Men's Legacy was very popular and there was no ladies version. I thought it would be a great tournament and a great way to raise money," Shaw said.

"So, the Lady Legacy Metro Championship was born and we played it at Bent Brook early on.

"The Ladies Birmingham Golf Association became involved and money started to be raised through Lady Legacy reps at their local clubs. This is how we continue to raise money."

Shaw was joined as a founding director by Kathy Baggio, Jean Miller and Mary Welden. They realized they could do a vast amount of good by establishing a scholarship fund to help girls attend college.

Their first scholarship was \$500; it's now \$16,000, spread over four years, with over \$200,000 awarded.

And they help grassroots golf by awarding grants to area middle school and high school girls golf programs. Sixteen schools received up to \$750 each last year and over \$70,000 has been awarded.

"To have the BGA recognize me in this special way is beyond anything I could ever imagine," Shaw said.

"While I have the distinct honor of being recognized, please know that there are many other women and men who have worked tirelessly and served on our board that deserve the majority of the credit for the success of the Lady Legacy Scholarship Foundation. The LBGA (Ladies Birmingham Golf Association) was so kind to partner up with us by providing Lady Legacy representatives from their clubs who annually raise the money for the grants and scholarships."

She is a member at Shoal Creek.



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## Mike Greer

Greer, who grew up in Vernon moving to the Birmingham area in 1986, has long been a top amateur player and continues to be such. He played college golf the University of North Alabama, as did his son, Jake.

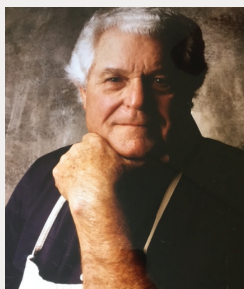
He has captured nine Alabama Golf Association championships: State Four Ball championships with John Stewart and Robbie Cotten; three State Mid-Amateurs; and four State Senior Four Ball titles with BGA Hall of Fame member Tom Jungkind.

“To be honest, it was kind of a surprise (his impending induction),”

Greer said.

“I’ve had a decent career playing (amateur) golf and I’m most honored and humbled. The game has been great to me and I still love it.”

He was a long-time member of Inverness Country Club.



## T.P. Mills

T.P. Mills grew up in and lived in Tuscaloosa, designing putters that would become famous in golfing circles the world over.

He believed in the early 1960s that he could design and produce a putter that would be superior to the one he used. That was the start of the T.P. Mills Co.

Truett P. Mills Sr., who passed away in 2006 aged 85, started with little more than basic hand tools and unformed blocks of carbon steel. He began designing, shaping and building true handmade putters that would lead a whole industry. Going on for over 40 years, the

company continues to build carbon-steel putters of high renown.

What started out as a hobby, became his job...one he loved and it is continued on by his son, David.

His handmade putters, thanks to word of mouth, soon found themselves into the hands of some of golf’s greatest players.

Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino and Phil Mickelson are just a few of the players who have won major championships using a T.P. Mills putter.

“This (BGA Hall of Fame) recognition is a wonderful honor for our family,” David Mills said. “I know my Dad would wholeheartedly be so very proud. For him to be so honored by such a distinguished organization is very special indeed.”

Mills built putters for a Who’s Who of top amateurs from across the state including, but far from limited to, former State Amateur champions Sonny Holt, Sam Farlow, Jackie Cummings, M.C. Fitts, Mac McLendon, Hubert Green, Buddy Gardner, Cecil Ingram III, Steve Lowery and Hunter Hamrick amongst many others.

He was a long-time member of the Country Club of Tuscaloosa.

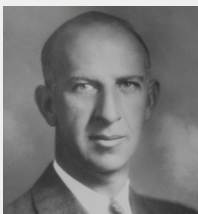


# Birmingham Golf Association

## Hall of Fame Inductees



1965  
Charles Boswell  
Vestavia CC



1965  
William McWane  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1965  
Elbert Jemison Jr.  
Mountain Brook Club



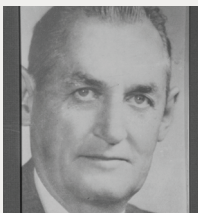
1965  
Sam Perry  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1966  
Robert Gregory  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1966  
Mrs. Carl (Netti) Hess  
Pine Tree CC



1966  
Bob Phillips  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1967  
Johnny Thames  
Mountain Brook Club



1967  
Mrs. David (Sadie)  
Roberts  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1967  
E.B. Moore  
Green Valley CC



1968  
Mrs. William (Louise)  
McWane  
Mountain Brook Club



1968  
Dr. A.B. (Buck)  
Harris  
Green Valley CC



1969  
Mrs. S.E. (Ann)  
Upchurch  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1970  
Frank McGowan  
Vestavia CC



1971  
Russ Dimick  
Vestavia CC

# Birmingham Golf Association Hall of Fame Inductees



1971  
L.J. Griffis Jr.  
Vestavia CC



1972  
Al Defuniak  
Green Valley CC



1973  
William Ireland  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1974  
Joe King  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1975  
John Donovan  
Mountain Brook Club



1975  
Mrs. Stewart (Dell)  
Graham  
Vestavia CC



1976  
Jerry Seigel  
Pine Tree CC



1977  
Bob Hilton  
Greystone GC



1977  
Walter Wood  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1977  
Mrs. Russell  
(Jeanette) Sell  
Vestavia CC



1978  
William Moughon  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1979  
Jim Norton  
Vestavia CC



1979  
F. Dixon Brooke  
Mountain Brook Club



1980  
Mrs. Jesse (Jean)  
Miller  
Mountain Brook Club



1981  
Ben Wilkinson  
Woodward CC



# Birmingham Golf Association Hall of Fame Inductees



1981  
Jim Spader  
Vestavia CC



1982  
Chuck Jones  
Chace Lake CC



1983  
Mrs. Malcolm (Baker)  
Smith  
Altadena Valley CC



1983  
Bancroft Timmons  
Chace Lake CC



1984  
E.C. Cost  
Chace Lake CC



1984  
Mrs. Walker Mattison  
Vestavia CC



1984  
Robert Ramsay  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1985  
Hall Thompson  
Shoal Creek



1986  
Richard Anthony  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



1986  
Fred Stephens  
Chace Lake CC



1988  
Robert Winters  
Grayson Valley CC



1990  
Mrs. Dudley (Ceil)  
Watkins  
Vestavia CC



1991  
Carney Crick  
Grayson Valley CC



1994  
Ronald Bruno  
Greystone GC



1994  
Sam Farlow  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



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## Hall of Fame Inductees



1994  
James Lee III  
Bent Brook GC



1995  
Ouida Cunningham  
Vestavia CC



1997  
Dr. Frank Holt  
Shoal Creek



1997  
Frank Vines  
Vestavia CC



1998  
Mrs. Bee McWane  
Reid  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



2002  
Miss Chris Spivey  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



2002  
John Stamps  
Riverchase CC



2005  
Mrs. Kathy Hartwiger  
Hoover CC



2009  
Mrs. Martha Jones  
Lang  
Shoal Creek



2009  
Ian Thompson  
Hoover CC



2009  
Bob Wise  
Shoal Creek



2010  
Jackie Cummings  
Indian Hills CC



2010  
Bob Moody  
Greystone CC



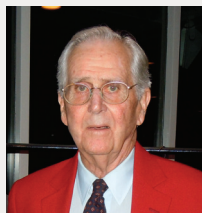
2011  
Tab Hudson  
Musgrove CC



2011  
Joe Lee Griffin  
Vestavia CC



# Birmingham Golf Association Hall of Fame Inductees



2011  
Buddy  
DeBardeleben  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



2012  
Mrs. Mary Isbell  
Grayson Valley CC



2012  
Gene Hallman  
Vestavia CC



2013  
Dr. Ben Dowdey  
Pine Tree CC



2013  
Steve Hudson  
Musgrove CC



2014  
Buford McCarty  
Hoover Country Club



2014  
Luther B. (Barney)  
Lanier  
Country Club of  
Birmingham



2014  
John Gibbs  
Limestone Springs



2015  
Mrs. Carol Lell  
Old Overton Club



2015  
René Williams  
Musgrove Country  
Club



2015  
Michael D. Thompson  
Shoal Creek



2015  
Charles P. Bagby  
Mountain Brook Club



2016  
Cecil Ingram III,  
Green Valley Country  
Club



2016  
Tom Jungkind,  
Hoover Country Club



2016  
Alan Kaufman,  
Vestavia Country  
Club



# Hall of Fame members



1965 Charles Boswell\*, Vestavia Country Club

1965 William McWane\*, Country Club of Birmingham

1965 Elbert S. Jemison Jr.\*, Mountain Brook Club

1965 Sam Perry\*, Country Club of Birmingham

1966 Robert L. Gregory\*, Country Club of Birmingham

1966 Mrs. Carl (Netti) Hess\*, Pine Tree Country Club

1966 Bob Phillips\*, Country Club of Birmingham

1967 Mrs. David (Sadie) Roberts\*, Country Club of Birmingham

1967 E.B. Moore\*, Green Valley Country Club

1967 Johnny Thames\*, Mountain Brook Club

1968 Mrs. William (Louise) McWane\*, Mountain Brook Club

1968 Dr. A.B. (Buck) Harris\*, Green Valley Country Club

1969 Mrs. S.E. (Ann) Upchurch\*, Country Club of Birmingham

1970 Frank McGowan\*, Vestavia Country Club

1971 Russ Dimick\*, Vestavia Country Club

1971 L.J. Griffis Jr.\*, Vestavia Country Club

1972 Al Defuniak\*, Green Valley Country Club

1973 William R. Ireland\*, Country Club of Birmingham

1974 Joe H. King\*, Country Club of Birmingham

1975 John Donovan\*, Mountain Brook Club

1975 Mrs. Stewart (Dell) Graham, Vestavia Country Club

1976 Jerry Seigel, Pine Tree Country Club

1977 Robert L. Hilton\*, Greystone Golf Club

1977 Walter Wood\*, Country Club of Birmingham

1977 Mrs. Russell (Jeanette) Sell, Vestavia Country Club

1978 William S Moughon\*, Country Club of Birmingham

1979 James C. Norton, Vestavia Country Club

1979 F. Dixon Brooke\*, Mountain Brook Club

1980 Mrs. Jesse E. (Jean) Miller\*, Mountain Brook Club

1981 Ben Wilkinson\*, Woodward Country Club

1981 James K. Spader, Jr.\*, Vestavia Country Club

1982 Charles D. Jones \*, Chace Lake Country Club

1983 Mrs. Malcolm (Baker) Smith \*, Altadena Valley Country Club

1983 Bancroft Timmons\*, Chace Lake Country Club

1984 E.C. Cost\*, Chace Lake Country Club

1984 Mrs. Walker Mattison\*, Vestavia Country Club

1984 Robert Ramsay\*, Country Club of Birmingham

# Hall of Fame members

1985 Hall W. Thompson\*, Shoal Creek Country Club

1986 Richard E. Anthony, Country Club of Birmingham

1986 Fred Stephens, Chace Lake Country Club

1988 Robert R. Winters\*, Grayson Valley Country Club

1990 Mrs. Dudley (Ceil) Watkins\*, Vestavia Country Club

1991 Carney R. Crick\*, Grayson Valley Country Club

1994 Ronald G. Bruno, Greystone Country Club

1994 Sam N. Farlow, Country Club of Birmingham

1994 James C. Lee III, Bent Brook Golf Club

1995 Ms. Ouida Cunningham\*, Vestavia Country Club

1997 Dr. Frank L. Holt, Shoal Creek Country Club

1997 Frank W. Vines, Jr., Vestavia Country Club

1998 Mrs. Bee McWane Reid, Country Club of Birmingham

2002 Ms. Chris Spivey, Country Club of Birmingham

2002 John Stamps, Riverchase Country Club

2005 Mrs. Kathy Hartwiger, Hoover Country Club

2009 Mrs. Martha Jones Lang, Shoal Creek Country Club

2009 Ian Thompson, Hoover Country Club

2009 Bob Wise, Shoal Creek Country Club

2010 Bob Moody, Greystone Country Club

2010 Jackie Cummings\*, Indian Hills Country Club

2011 Joe Lee Griffin\*, Vestavia Country Club

2011 Buddy DeBardeleben\*, Country Club of Birmingham

2011 Tab Hudson, Musgrove Country Club

2012 Mrs. Mary Isbell, Grayson Valley Country Club

2012 Gene Hallman, Vestavia Country Club

2013 Dr. Ben Dowdey, Pine Tree Country Club

2013 Steve Hudson, Musgrove Country Club

2014 Buford McCarty, Hoover Country Club

2014 Luther B. (Barney) Lanier, Country Club of Birmingham

2014 John Gibbs, Limestone Springs

2015 Mrs. Carol Lell, Old Overton Club

2015 René Williams, Musgrove Country Club

2015 Michael D. Thompson, Shoal Creek

2015 Charles P. Bagby, Mountain Brook Club

2016 Cecil Ingram III, Green Valley Country Club

2016 Tom Jungkind, Hoover Country Club

2016 Alan Kaufman, Vestavia Country Club

\* *Deceased*