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HOGAN TROPHY WINNERS & FINALISTS EXCEL ON TOUR



Victor Hovland bested Collin Morikawa and Matthew Wolff to win the 2019 Hogan Trophy but the three semi-finalists have already combined to win five PGA Tour events and cash over \$16 million in prize money.

Many have compared FOG's role in college golf and the Ben Hogan Trophy to New York's Downtown Athletic Club's role in college football's Heisman Trophy. The award was the brainchild of FOG board member and 1940 Heisman Trophy winner, Tom Harmon and his friend, Ben Hogan. Since then, many that have either won the award or have been a finalist or semi-finalist have gone on to stellar careers on the PGA Tour. Collin Morikawa never won the Ben Hogan Trophy Award. He got close. He was a semi-finalist three times and a Finalist twice losing out to Doug Ghim of Texas in 2018 and Oklahoma State's Victor Hovland in 2019. However, since turning pro, Morikawa is making up for any disappointment he may have experienced watching another individual hoist the trophy. As of this writing, he's number five in the World Golf Rankings and has already won three tournaments including 2020's first major golf championship, the PGA

Championship. The La Canada High School product has made 32 of 37 cuts as a pro after qualifying for weekend play in his first 22 PGA Tour appearances, second only to Tiger Woods' 25. Morikawa isn't the only young golfer with Hogan Trophy ties finding recent success. Jon Rahm, the trophy's only two-time winner ascended to the #1 spot in the world rankings and spent four weeks there. He already has 11 professional wins. The other 2019 Finalist who went home without the hardware was Matthew Wolff. All the Westlake High grad did was win one of his first tournaments as a pro while still only 20 years old and finish second in this year's U.S. Open. Hovland, Wolff's Oklahoma State teammate, hasn't fared so bad himself having already notched two PGA Tour wins in 2020; the Puerto Rico Open and the recent Mayakoba Golf Classic in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Another Hogan Trophy Semi-finalist who has

enjoyed lofty success is Coastal Carolina's Dustin Johnson. In 2007, he lost to Georgia's Chris Kirk, but since then FOG's 2018 Honoree and Bel-Air member has recorded 27 professional wins including two major championships. His historic performance at the 2020 Masters solidified his position as the world's #1 golfer. Bryson DeChambeau, a 2016 FOG Honoree and a 2014 Hogan Trophy Semifinalist, already has seven PGA Tour victories including the 2020 U.S. Open, 28 Top 10 finishes and banked \$21 million in prize money. Another Hogan Trophy winner and FOG's 2018 Co-Honoree with Lorena Ochoa, Patrick Cantlay of UCLA recently recorded his third PGA Tour victory and has amassed over \$16 million in winnings in spite of some physical setbacks.

SCGA HONORS FOG WITH FOUNDERS AWARD

FOG added to its prestigious list of awards and recognitions when the Southern California Golf Association presented FOG with the John Argue Founders Award. FOG had been a key contributor to SCGA for a number of years but in 2015 provided the seed funding for the organization's Player and Youth Development program called SCGA Junior. Buoyed by FOG's support, SCGA Junior has provided over \$750,000 in college scholarships for its boys and girls members. Along with year-round instruction, SCGA Junior also provides members with Golf Pass which allows members to pay \$1-\$5 green and range fees at over 150 Southern California facilities. Last year, SCGA Junior served over 1,600 junior golfers with 77% being minority and 37% being female. The award honors SCGA Foundation Founder and former SCGA

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"The finest one day tournament of its kind in the USA." - Byron Nelson





(SCGA Honors FOG story cont.)

President, John C. Argue. Argue, a leading civic figure in Southern California for several decades, was most notable for his efforts in bringing the 1984 Olympic Games to Los Angeles. He was a major USC contributor and a recipient of the Olympic Order, the highest award given by the International Olympic Committee. The Exposition Park pool that hosted the swimming competition in both the 1932 and 1984 Olympics now bears his name.

WE GET LETTERS

In each edition of FOG Horn we devote space to reprinting excerpts from a few of the many letters FOG receives from the schools and organizations it benefits. They not only offer thanks but remind us that FOG’s value extends beyond the golf course and into the community. Many coaches, especially at the high school level are fighting budget cuts and other economic realities and FOG’s support is the primary reason their programs survive.

“Friends of Golf, there was a time when you were our only source of support. You have been with us from the very beginning. Since then, I have been able to find matching donations, but you kept our program alive when it really mattered.”

Jenna Stuck, Royal High School
Attending: UC Santa Barbara

“The relationships that I have formed through golf have taught me many valuable lessons—from respect and honor, to the importance of emotional stability and developing a healthy competitive drive. I aim to continue to be a friend of golf to be able to serve as that trusted teammate for anyone who needs it. I hope to continue to give back to the game and evolve as a person. Through volunteering at junior camps or adult classes or by simply helping a friend learn to enjoy the game. I believe that I can organically grow the game and help others develop the same love for golf that I have. Through sharing my experiences, both my successes and failures, and showing others how the game can be part of a very rich, fulfilling life, I know I am and can continue to be a Friend of Golf.”

Paulette Pera, Women’s Golf Coach
UC Santa Cruz

“You are a friend! I love the game of golf and I love sharing my knowledge of the game with the student-athletes here at Taft. I am grateful and always moved by your commitment to this most beautiful game. I cannot begin to thank you for your financial support. We have been able to purchase all we need to be successful. Just today I ordered two pair of golf shoes for kids. This stuff can be pricey as you know. On

behalf of the team, Taft Charter High School, and myself, thank you. You have helped to make many things possible for the golf team and this year we have the possibility of producing the individual champion of the Los Angeles Section.”

Edwin Tucker, Boys Golf Coach
Taft Charter High School

“On behalf of The Beach, I want to thank Friends of Golf for the organization’s recent gifts to Long Beach State Athletics in support of our men’s and women’s golf teams. As a mid-major athletics program, we are competing with some of the nation’s top collegiate programs in both athletics and academics. Thanks to loyal support from partners like Friends of Golf, we can focus on recruiting the most talented student-athletes and develop their success, both on the course and in the classroom. We appreciate your confidence in Long Beach State and your commitment to ensuring that the men’s and women’s golf programs continue to thrive at The Beach.”

Andrea Taylor, Vice President
Long Beach State University

“I want to once again express my sincere appreciation for your kind donations to our golf program. The donation from Friends of Golf helps our team start and finish the season all the way through with its funding. As fees increase at golf courses, it’s becoming harder to keep programs such as golf open in many schools. I know that golf is not a big sport in our community, but all student-athletes that have played golf for me have enjoyed every single minute of it. It has been a pleasure to coach these young adults because of the donations from FOG. We have been able to practice and play at different courses, pay for our matches, and buy gloves and tees. The team and I would like to thank Friends of Golf.”

Wilquin Garcia, Girls and Boys Golf Coach
Sylmar Charter High School

PEPPERDINE’S THEEGALA WINS 2020 HOGAN TROPHY

In capturing the 2020 Hogan Trophy Award, Pepperdine’s Sahith Theegala became the first collegiate golfer from a non-Power 5 Conference school to win since UNLV’s Ryan Moore in 2005. The Chino Hills resident and Diamond Bar High graduate beat out two other semi-finalists from the Southeastern Conference, John Augenstein of Vanderbilt, and Florida’s Ricky Castillo. Criteria for the award combines success in both college play and amateur performance during the previous year. Theegala, who at the time was



Sahith Theegala became the first Pepperdine golfer to win the Ben Hogan Trophy Award and received the trophy at his Chino Hills home from Sal Cimbolo and The Lil’ Pro.

the third ranked amateur in the world, won the 2019 SCGA Championship and the 2020 Australian Masters of the Amateurs. He later posted two college tournament victories and lead his Waves teammates to victories in the Southwestern Invitational played at North Ranch CC in Westlake Village and the Alister McKenzie Invitational, a tournament in Fairfax, CA hosted by UC Berkley. Theegala has already joined the PGA Tour and has made three cuts and already earned over \$100,000. Traditionally, the award is presented during the Colonial Invitational in Fort Worth, TX (Ben Hogan’s home course), and the winner earns an exemption in the following year’s tournament. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, Theegala received the trophy in his home during a ceremony that included FOG’s Eddie Merrins and Sal Cimbolo.

DINAH SHORE TROPHY GOES TO HURRICANE’S GRIMSTAD

Past Dinah Shore Trophy winners have not only been outstanding college golfers, they’ve been extraordinary young women. Renate Grimstad, the 2020 Dinah Shore



Grimstad’s nearly perfect GPA earned her two Academic All-American recognitions and three ACC Academic All-American nods.

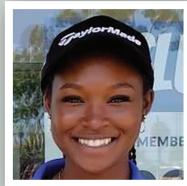
Trophy recipient, is no exception. Each year’s winner is determined by multiple criteria, golfing prowess, classroom performance and community service activities. The Norway native solidly checked all those boxes. She graduated from the University of Miami this past spring with a 3.853 grade point average and as the captain of the Hurricane’s Women’s Golf team, shattered the season long scoring average with a 71.00. Grimstad

is very involved in community service activities in both the Miami area and her home country where she works with future golfers 7-12. In South Florida, her community involvement includes Amnesty International and Special Olympics children with a desire to learn golfing skills. The award, named for “The First Lady of FOG”, is a joint effort between Friends of Golf, the LPGA and ANA Inspiration. Past winners include Stacey

Lewis, Alice Chen, Amy Olsen and two-time winner and current Golf Channel personality, Amanda Blumenhurst. The Dinah Shore Trophy was first presented in 1995 when Stephanie Neil of Wake Forest captured the award.

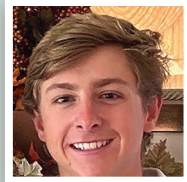
IT’S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS

To fully understand the true mission of FOG, one only needs to read these remarkable essays from the five recipients of the Southern California Professional Golf Association’s (SCPGA) Friends of Golf Scholarships. Asked to write what it means to be a *friend of golf*, these young college bound student-athletes penned words that not only make one feel good about golf’s future, but the future of society as well.



Shani Waite

SCGA Junior introduced me to Friends of Golf (FOG) when I was 11 years old. I was so honored that they gave me an opportunity to hit balls on the range with Luke Donald at their annual FOG event at the Bel-Air Country Club in 2013. During this event, I was amazed at the number of supportive people who loved the juniors and held an event to financially support juniors like me who love the game of golf and aspire to be the best on and off the course. I took that experience, went back to my community, and continued to mentor juniors in the First Tee of Los Angeles, represented the SCGA Junior during donor outings and showed good decisions and values to my peers. As a Friend of Golf, I will continue to work with SCGA Junior in their USGA/LPGA Girls Golf program to mentor young girls and play the game of golf. There is so much that this sport has to offer and with the right guidance, support, and mentality, anything is possible.



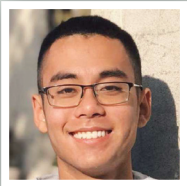
Nicolas Harrison

One of the most important concepts in the game of golf is integrity. In many other sports, referees are constantly watching to make sure that the players do not commit a foul or penalty and are obeying the rules. But in golf, the idea of following the rules is all self-regulated. Each and every player must have the integrity to abide by the rules even when not being watched. This “self-regulation” may be the most unique but also the most important part of the game. Because of this, golf is seen as a game that helps instill the core values of not only being an honest golfer, but of being a good and morally upright person in our society. I also believe golf should be available to anyone and everyone who wants to play.



Shannon Martin

I’ve always enjoyed every game I played. Earning a Babe Zaharias Sportsmanship Award was one of the best highlights in my golf career because this award solidified my belief that golf is not only about playing a game, but values integrity, sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership. Playing golf has strengthened my character and confidence. I will continue to be a friend of golf and serve as a trusted ambassador for the game. I hope to give back to the game of golf and the golfing community as much as the game has given me.



Ryan Ruaysungnoen

I fell in love with golf because it is a perfect metaphor for life. Golf is remarkably simple yet endlessly complicated. Like each day, each round presents different challenges, requiring me to adapt and find new solutions. Mistakes are made every round and every day. Yet mistakes only serve as opportunities to learn and grow. Golf and life bring out the full range of emotions and forces me to control them. Sometimes I feel like the best golfer on the planet. Other times I start to wonder why I first picked up a golf club. I often ask myself, “What keeps me going?” I began to understand that neither life nor golf can be perfected, but it is the pursuit towards unattainable perfection which pushes me to be the best version of myself that I can be every day. As the captain of the varsity boys golf team, I try to be a friend of golf by preaching the value behind these ideas to our team in order to create a deeper sense of appreciation for the game of golf. I work with everyone on our team in an effort to push them to limits they never thought were possible.



Lauren Wahlstrom

I believe that a true friend of golf is not necessarily one who practices and plays on the course, but one who uses golf’s teachings even when off the course. While I do not plan on playing golf at Texas Christian University this fall, I will take the qualities that golf has strengthened in me into my future. As golf has been the greatest friend to me, I will live my life being a great friend back—using the lessons and beauty that golf has given me to help others. I plan to be able to use what golf has taught me, as well as a college education, to propel myself into a position where I can share this: that anyone can conquer their goals through creativity, an open mind, and the ability to visualize your own success before having to take any other step.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

SAL CIMBOLO



Anyone contemplating writing an autobiography will no doubt require an entire chapter for this past year. The year 2020 has been a year like no other and I don't need to tell FOG Horn readers about the sacrifices we've all made this past year. One bright spot has been the world of golf. It was the first professional sport to resume play when the Charles Schwab Challenge was played at Fort Worth's historic Colonial Country Club in mid-June. From that moment on, we've been able to enjoy televised PGA events almost weekly with very few players having to opt out due to illness or quarantine. Traditionally, Colonial Country Club is also the site of the Ben Hogan Trophy Award presented by Konica Minolta Business Solutions, USA, is announced during a black-tie affair. This year the announcement was done virtually, and Eddie Merrins and I presented to trophy to Pepperdine's Sahith Theegala at his home here in California. As part of the tradition, Sahith has been extended an invitation to play in the 2021 Charles Schwab Challenge scheduled for the final week of May. My thanks to Konica Minolta's Rick Taylor for his support of FOG as title sponsor and for being the presenting sponsor of the Ben Hogan Trophy.

Along with our support of the Ben Hogan Trophy, FOG was able to make our annual contributions to high schools, colleges, and the other organizations we support financially at the beginning of the year. I was extremely pleased when the Southern

California Golf Association presented FOG with their Founders Award for the contributions we've made to their SCGA Junior program. It's a terrific organization and their work on behalf of young golfers is inspiring and fully aligned with FOG's mission and purpose.

FOG lost Dr. David Boska, one of our founders and a longtime board member, this past year. He was a terrific human being and physician to many celebrities including the 1940 Heisman Trophy winner, Tom Harmon. It was Harmon, along with his friend Ben Hogan, that initiated the Hogan Trophy and why it is referred to as "the Heisman of college golf."

As far as FOG's plans for 2021, we are currently working to pin down some dates. Stay tuned and keep checking FOG's website and our email blasts for further details.



FOG Chairman Sal Cimbolo (right) is joined by Mike Dooley, coach of the Mount Saint Joseph golf team, at the dedication of the Friends of Golf Room. The Baltimore High School is the Chairman's alma mater.

19th HOLE

By Lil' Pro



I was as disappointed as many others that we could not have a FOG Tournament in 2020 due to the pandemic. However, due to our board and some exceptional donors, we were still able to provide some meaningful contributions to the programs we support. Over the years, FOG has meant so many things to so many people and we've done a lot we can be proud of. From the beginning, we made an effort to give more than we took in. The FOG Tournament not only became an opportunity to play Bel-Air CC, a world class golf course, but sponsors like Callaway, Skechers and others allowed us to provide memorable tee bags and additional gifts at every hole. FOG has enjoyed great support throughout the years. From philanthropist John Anderson, who co-founded the organization with me and helped attract both players and high-profile sponsors, to Jim Nantz, who has participated in our dinners and mentioned FOG numerous times on PGA Tour national telecasts. The Calling, Nantz's winery has even been one of FOG's sponsors.

FOG has also been able to attract an impressive list of the game's greatest as Honorees. In the beginning, it was men like Arnold Palmer, Byron Nelson, Jack Nicklaus,



The Lil' Pro chats with 2018 Honoree Dustin Johnson, now a Bel-Air CC member. While Johnson was winning a green jacket and solidifying his position as the #1 ranked golfer in the world in 2020, the Lil' Pro was being inducted into his 14th Hall of Fame.



A slimmer Bryson DeChambeau (center) is pictured with the Lil' Pro, two SCGA Juniors, and fellow U.S. Amateur winners John Cook and Jerry Pate. DeChambeau has since added 40 lbs. in a successful attempt to overpower courses on the PGA Tour.

Lee Trevino, Sam Snead, Gary Player, Payne Stewart and many more that did it for the right reasons. Our Honorees haven't been limited to men. Kathy Whitworth, Amy Alcott, Annika Sorenstam and Lorena Ochoa are some of the greatest names to ever play on the LPGA Tour. Recently, our Honorees have included some of the newest stars on the PGA Tour such as Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau, Patrick Cantlay and Brooks Koepka. The one thing all these men and women have in common is a desire to give back to the game of golf. They recognize that the game has been so good to them that making sure it thrives within our youth is crucial. When Koepka was our Honoree in 2019, he stayed for over an hour after the clinic to talk with the youngsters. It's that spirit that drives all who are involved in FOG past and present.

Another significant FOG achievement is initiating and being involved in the Hogan Trophy. A recent list of winners and finalists has become a bellwether for success as a pro golfer. Due to the limited travel options in 2020, Sal Cimbolo and I presented the 2020 award to Pepperdine's Sahith Theegala at his Chino Hills home with a sizable ZOOM audience looking on from Ft. Worth. His Pepperdine team, coached by Michael Beard, was the #1 ranked team in the nation and had

a good shot at winning an NCAA title if the spring season hadn't been cut short. Beard, who won the 2020 National Coach of the Year honors, is the son of former PGA Tour player, Frank Beard. Frank had 14 professional wins including the first and only 1963 Frank Sinatra Open in Palm Springs, a tournament I played in. The next year, the tournament was renamed the Bob Hope Desert Classic. I look for great things in the future from both the Pepperdine program and Theegala on the PGA Tour.

FOG is also responsible for the Dinah Shore Trophy, an award named after the First Lady of FOG. Dinah was a delightful person and extremely valuable to FOG's early success. She loved the game of golf and was very instrumental in making the LPGA Tour successful. The first LPGA major golf championship of the year bore her name for the first three decades of its existence. Dinah, who played with Tiger Woods when he participated in the FOG Tournament while still in high school, was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1994. The Dinah Shore Trophy is presented to a top female college golfer who has also represented herself well in both the classroom and the community. Recipients are a wonderful testament to Dinah. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

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