# A Chronicle of the Philadelphia Section PGA and its Members by Peter C. Trenham The Leaders and The Legends 1980 to 1989

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#### Leaders

### Edward Timberlake "Tim" DeBaufre

Tim DeBaufre was born in Atlantic City in 1939. His father Ed DeBaufre was the professional at the Wildwood Golf & Country Club where Tim and his brother Tom learned to play golf. Tom who was loved by everyone and known to most as the "Big Bopper" or just "Bopper" also turned pro and was a member of the Philadelphia

Section. Tim attended Duke University where he played on an Atlantic Coast Conference championship team. Tim then did a six-month tour of duty with the United States Coast Guard before turning pro. Other than helping his father Ed at Wildwood his first professional position was as an assistant to Tiny Pedone at the Overbrook Golf Club. The next year Tim moved over to the Philadelphia Country Club as a playing assistant under Loma Frakes. Late that year he joined the PGA Tour on the west coast under the sponsorship of Frakes and two of the Country Club members. For the next four years he bounced back and forth between the PGA Tour and the Country Club. In 1967 DeBaufre accepted the head professional position at the Cedarbrook Country Club. In his second year at Cedarbrook he won the Schmidt's Festival of Golf, finished second in the Philadelphia Open, made the cut at the Philadelphia Golf Classic and he qualified for both the PGA Championship and the first PGA Club Professional Championship, making the cut in both of them. DeBaufre finished 41<sup>st</sup> in the PGA Championship that year. It was the last time that the PGA club professionals could qualify locally for the PGA Championship. That fall Tim turned his head professional position at Cedarbrook over to his brother Tom who had been

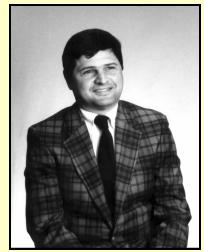


Tim DeBaufre Section President 1981 & 1982 Won 1976 Philadelphia Open

his assistant and left for another shot at the PGA Tour. One year later he was back as the teaching assistant for his Duke teammate Ted McKenzie at the Waynesborough Country Club. In 1967 DeBaufre settled down as the professional at the Woodcrest Country Club for nine years before moving to the Philadelphia Country Club where he stayed for 17 years. After leaving the Country Club he became the Director of Golf at the Greate Bay Country Club where he assisted with the design of Twisted Dune golf course. As a player DeBaufre won more than twenty professional open tournaments, which included the Philadelphia Open, the Schmidt's Festival and the Delaware Valley Open. He also finished second in the Philadelphia Open twice. DeBaufre qualified for the Club Pro Championship three times, making the cut twice. He was a member of five Schmidt's Challenge Cup teams, which included the first two. In 1990 DeBaufre qualified for the PGA Senior Club Professional Championship where he finished tied for 17th. That qualified him for the 1991 PGA Seniors' Championship. DeBaufre qualified for the Philadelphia Golf Classic six times and made the cut twice. In 1964 Tim and his family donated the DeBaufre Trophy to the Section in memory of his father Ed, the pro at the Wildwood Country Golf & Country Club, who had died that winter in an automobile accident. Each year the trophy was awarded to the Section member that finished the tournament season with the lowest scoring average. After being a member of the tournament committee for many years DeBaufre was elected first vice president and tournament chairman for three straight years beginning in 1978. During that period of time he took the Section's purses from just over \$100,000 a year to \$265,000, an increase of more than 250 percent. In late 1980 DeBaufre was elected president of the Philadelphia Section and he was reelected the next year. He was the Section's 23rd president. He was a delegate to the national PGA meeting four times. In 1990 DeBaufre was the Section's "Golf-Professional-of-the-Year" and he was inducted into the Philadelphia PGA Hall of Fame in 2005.

### Robert S. "Bob" Intrieri

Bob Intrieri was born in Philadelphia in 1945 and graduated from St. Joseph's University. He learned to play golf as a caddy at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. In 1986 he became the Philadelphia Section's first "PGA Master Professional". The subject of his thesis was "The Golf School". Intrieri worked in the Section as an assistant at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, Philmont Country Club and the Green Valley Country Club. He was president of the Philadelphia Assistants' Organization in 1971 and 1972 when he helped write the rules and regulations for the PAO. For four years, from 1974 to 1977, he directed the Philadelphia Section's spring golf show, which was open to the public. He left the Section to be the professional at the Deal Golf Club and returned in 1985 as the head professional at Penn State University. While at Penn State Intrieri ran a very successful junior golf camp each summer in conjunction with the Philadelphia Section PGA. Intrieri also established the Golf Management Degree at Penn State. After six years of tireless effort the university put the curriculum together and the PGA of America signed on, adding Penn State to the PGM program in 1990. Intrieri earned the Horton Smith Award three times for being the leader in education for the Philadelphia Section.



Bob Intrieri Section's 1st Master Professional

## Alexander "Alex" McGugan, Jr.

Alex McGugan was born in Moorestown, New Jersey in 1930 and learned to play golf as a caddy at the Moorestown Field Club. He turned pro in 1950 and worked as an assistant at Moorestown one year for Horace



Alex McGugan

Owner of the Jack Jolly Golf Company

A friend and supporter of all the pros

Smith before enlisting in the Air Force. After leaving the Air Force in 1955 he worked for a few months for Horace Smith again, this time at the Pitman Golf Club. In June of that year he returned to Moorestown Field Club as the head professional. After seven years at Moorestown he went to the Merion Golf Club as the shop manager for Fred Austin. While he was at Merion he was also the professional at the Walnut Lane Golf Course for the city of Philadelphia. During that time he introduced golf into the adult education classes in southern New Jersey. In 1966 McGugan spent part of the year as the professional at the Andora Springs Country Club before becoming a professional golf salesman. Four years later he purchased the Jack Jolly Golf Company. McGugan opened a distribution center in Moorestown and he later opened distribution centers in Florida and South Carolina. The company sold golf accessories to the golf professionals on the East Coast for more than 35 years. While owning the Jack Jolly Company McGugan was a member at the Moorestown Field Club. In late 1981 he was serving on a committee at the club to

hire a new professional. The committee hired McGugan to serve another stint as the professional. He served in that capacity for five years while still operating the Jack Jolly Company.

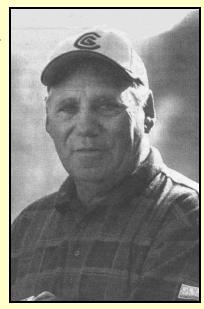
#### Thadeaus "Ted" Sheftic

Ted Sheftic was born in Virginia in 1944. He was introduced to golf by caddying and playing at the North Fork Golf Club in Johnstown, Pennsylvania where his father was a low handicap golfer. After high school he joined the National Guard where he completed his one-year of service with a commitment of six years in the reserves. Sheftic turned pro in 1963 and went to work as an assistant at North Fork. In late 1964 Sheftic arrived in the Philadelphia Section when he became the head pro at the Red Lion Country Club. After five years at Red Lion he moved over to the Hanover Country Club as the head pro where he stayed for 35 years, the last six as the teaching professional. While at Hanover Sheftic opened a custom golf club company called Ted Sheftic Custom Clubs. The company turned out custom clubs, which numerous golf professionals sold with their club's logo embossed on the clubs. Sheftic operated the company for fifteen years before selling it. For many years Sheftic was a fine player but his main interest always lay in the teaching of the game. He may have given more individual lessons than any club professional in the country. In 2005 Sheftic moved to the Bridges Golf Club as the teaching pro. In 1992 he

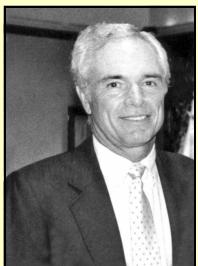
and Roy Pace opened the Pace-Sheftic Golf School in Vero Beach, Florida, which was open during February and March each year. Sheftic had many successful students such as winners on the LPGA Tour, state amateur champions along with Megan Bolger who won four USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championships and seven straight Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia Championships. His best student may have been Jenny Chausiriporn who in 1998 was runner-up in the U.S. Women's Open Championship, runner-up in the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, women's Collegiate Player of the Year and a member of the Curtis Cup Team. In the Philadelphia Section Sheftic was the "Teacher of the Year" three times and received the Horton Smith Award for education in 1999. For seven years he was the tournament chairman for the Central Counties Chapter of the Philadelphia Section PGA. His son Mark was a Section member and one of its leading players. Golf Digest named Ted the number one golf instructor in Pennsylvania seven times. Beginning with 2003 he was a member of Golf Magazine's top 100 golf teachers for four years. In 2016 Sheftic was inducted into the Philadelphia Section PGA Hall of Fame.

### Peter Cornell "Pete" Trenham

Pete Trenham was born in 1936 in the state of New York. He grew up in Florida where he caddied and played golf at the Mt. Dora Golf Club under golf professional Stanley Kuznik. Trenham attended the University of Florida, captained the golf team in 1958 and graduated in 1959. While in college he worked for Kuznik in Ohio during the summers, winning the Cleveland District Golf Association Championship in 1957. He



Ted Sheftic Section Teacher of the Year 3 times Instructor for champion women golfers



Pete Trenham Section President 1988 & 1989 Wrote Section History

turned pro in 1960 and worked for Kuznik for two seasons before coming to the Philadelphia Country Club in 1962 as an assistant to Loma Frakes. In 1966 he moved over to the St. Davids Golf Club where he served as the head professional for 29 years. After leaving St. Davids he worked in Ireland in 1995, opening the Adare Golf Club. After that he was the Director of Golf and assistant to the owners of Reading Country Club for ten years. In 1994 and 1995 he won the Section's Senior Championship. He qualified for the PGA Club Professional Championship six times and he played in the Senior Club Professional Championship three times. He was a member of six Section Challenge Cup teams. Trenham played in the 1994 PGA Senior Championship and the 1997 U.S. Senior Open. During his time in the Section he served on every Section committee, including many years on the tournament committee and the executive committee. In 1969 Trenham and Bill Kittleman wrote the Section's Tournament Regulations. Trenham was the Section's treasurer on three separate occasions for a total of seven years and the second vice president one year. When he was the treasurer the Section office was in its infancy with the officers still running many of the daily operations of the Section. That included the writing of all the checks for the tournaments, payroll and all other services. In late 1987 he became the Section's 27th president, in which capacity he served for two years. He was a Section officer for ten years, which was only exceeded by two others. He was a delegate to the national PGA meeting four times. Trenham received the Horton Smith Award in 1985 and The Bill Strausbaugh Award in 1986.

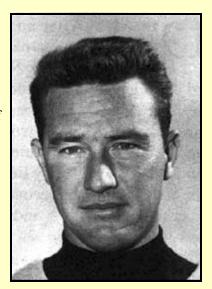
In 1979 he was the Section's "Golf Professional of the Year" and he was an original inductee into the Section's Hall of Fame in 1992. In 1996 he became the historian of the Philadelphia PGA and began compiling the Section's history, which he installed on the Section's website.

# Legends Rex Baxter, Jr.

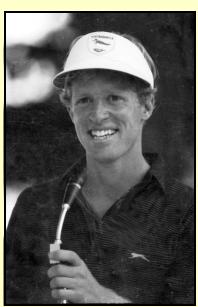
Rex Baxter was born in 1936 at Amarillo, Texas. He grew up playing golf in the Texas Panhandle where he starred from an early age. In 1953 Baxter won both the USGA Junior Championship and the Hearst National Junior Championship. In 1954 he enrolled at the University of Houston and while at Houston he won the 1957 NCAA Championship. That same year he won the Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship and was a member of the Walker Cup Team. Baxter joined the United States Army in 1957 and served two years during which time he won US Army Championship. He turned pro in 1959. His first and only win on the PGA Tour came at the Cajun Classic in 1963. He also had two second place and three third place showings on the PGA Tour but as a professional he never quite fulfilled the promise he showed as an amateur. Baxter won the PGA Club Professional Championship in 1970 and he qualified for the PGA Cup Matches in 1974 and 1976. He came to the Philadelphia Section as the professional at the Stone Harbor Golf Club in the late 1980s.

## Charles "Charlie" Lanier Bolling, Jr.

Charlie Bolling was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania in 1957. At the age of 13 he took up golf under the tutelage of Willie Scholl at the Gulph Mills Golf Club where his parents were members. Scholl spent many hours teaching Bolling everything he needed to know about the game. Bolling



Rex Baxter Won on the PGA Tour Won 1970 Club Pro



Charlie Bolling Won 1983 South African Open

attended the Haverford School and then Duke University where he graduated in 1981. While at Duke he was a second team All-American. In 1978 Bolling won the Philadelphia Amateur and set a course record at Gulph Mills shooting a 63. He also won the Pennsylvania Amateur in 1980. Bolling turned pro in 1981 and for three straight years he missed qualifying for the PGA Tour, one time by a single stroke. With only mini tours as an option in the United States at that time he then played the South African Tour and the Asian Tour for three years. A turning point came in early 1983 when he became the first American to win the South African Open and finished third in their Order of Merit. That next winter he finished 12th in the PGA Club Professional Tournament Series, which qualified him for the PGA Tour's Tournament Players Series. The TPS was the PGA Tour's second tour. He got off to a slow start in the TPS tournaments, took some time off and then finished the year on the west coast with two victories and a third place finish. He finished the year as the leading money winner and he had a scoring average of 69.92. As the TPS's leading money winner he earned an exemption for the 1985 PGA Tour. Bolling played four years on the PGA Tour. In 1988 he broke his arm in a non-golf accident and he never regained PGA Tour form. Bolling played in four U.S. Opens and three British Opens. In the mid 1990s he worked for Brett Upper at the Bent Creek Country Club as the teaching pro. After that he became a head professional in the Metropolitan PGA Section and won their Section Championship in 2002.

### Gary Wayne Hardin

Gary Hardin was born in California in 1952. His father Wayne was a very successful football coach at the college and professional levels. In the late 1950s the family moved east when Wayne became the United States Naval Academy's football coach. The Naval Academy had its own golf course, the U.S. Naval Academy Golf Club, and Gary learned to play there. In 1970 he enrolled at Temple University and played on the golf team where he was the captain for three years before graduating in 1974. Hardin turned pro the next year. While working as an assistant in the Philadelphia Section he qualified for the PGA Tour in the summer of 1980. Hardin worked at several clubs in the Section as an assistant before landing at the Cedarbrook Country Club as the teaching pro for four

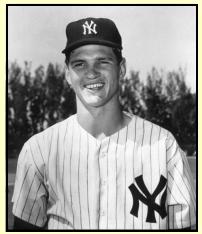
years. In 1990 he took over as head professional at the Northampton Country Club where he held forth for many years. Along with winning numerous tournaments in the Section he won the Philadelphia Section Championship in 1987. That Section Championship had the richest purse in the history of the Section and a first prize of \$15,000. In what had to be a first, Hardin won the Section Championship with three metal woods in his bag and no wood clubs. He was also putting with what was called a "backwards putter" as the shaft was attached to the toe of the putter instead of the heel. During his career in Philadelphia he played in 10 PGA Club Professional Championships, 3 PGA Senior Club Professional Championships, the 1986 PGA Championship, a PGA Seniors' Championship and a U.S. Senior Open. In 1987 Hardin was the Section's "Player of the Year" and the winner of the DeBaufre Trophy. As one of the region's most sought after teachers he earned "Teacher of the Year" honors in the Section for 1992.



Gary Hardin Won 1987 Section Championship

### **Ralph Willard Terry**

Ralph Terry was born in Oklahoma in 1936 and grew up there playing sports. He signed a professional baseball contract with the New York Yankees in 1953 and broke into the majors in 1956 when he pitched in three



Ralph Terry New York Yankees pitcher Qualified for the PGA Sr. Tour

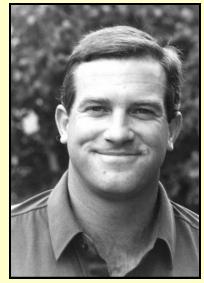
games for the Yankees. The next year Terry was traded to the Kansas City Athletics. In 1958 he severely injured his hip in an automobile accident, which could have ended his baseball career. When the baseball season rolled around he wasn't physically able to pitch so he took up golf to exercise his legs. In 1959 he was traded back to the Yankees where he played a major role in the team's run of five straight appearances in the World Series from 1960 through 1964. During that time Terry put together 73 wins against 49 loses. Probably the highlight of his career was the 1962 World Series against the San Francisco Giants. In that Series Terry started three games, pitched 25 innings with an ERA of 1.80 and was the winning pitcher in two games, including the seventh game. He spent twelve seasons in the major leagues and was credited with 107 wins. His ERA for his major league career was a very commendable 3.62. At the age of 31 Terry was out of baseball and he turned his attention to golf. From the time that he took up golf in 1958 he played whenever he could. Because of his notoriety as a pitcher he was able to play with some the leading playing professionals. By watching them play and asking questions he began to improve. For two winter seasons he played the South African Tour where he played a number of practice rounds with Bobby Locke. Terry gave Art Wall and Lew Worsham the most credit for helping him with his game. In 1988 he came to the

Philadelphia Section as a professional at the Sands Country Club. That fall Terry qualified for the PGA Senior Tour earning one of the eight fully exempt spots. He played in 102 tournaments on the Senior Tour with four top ten finishes. Terry is the only major league baseball player to qualify for the PGA Senior Tour.

### **Brett Wavne Upper**

Brett Upper was born in Ohio in 1958. At the age of eight he began playing golf at the St. Davids Golf Club where his father was a member and a low handicap golfer. At St. Davids he soon became Pete Trenham's most ardent and hardest working junior. At the age of 18 he turned pro and went to work for John Abernethy at the Lancaster Country Club. The next year he joined his childhood friend and neighbor Bob Ford in Pittsburgh working under Lew Worsham at the Oakmont Country Club. With the help of Worsham and Ford, Upper's game began to reach new heights. He then returned to Lancaster for three years as the top assistant. As an assistant at Lancaster he won the Section Assistants Championship and the Lavino Open. Then he headed to Florida for a shot at the mini-tours where he competed for two years and tried to qualify for the PGA Tour. At the 1982 final stage of PGA Tour qualifying he missed by two strokes but that earned him a place on the Tournament Players Series tour for 1983. He finished 12<sup>th</sup> on the TPS and he also won the California State Open that year. That fall he qualified for the PGA Tour at the Tournament Players Club near Jacksonville. With the help of a course record tying 65 in the fourth round and a closing 68 he finished second in the Q-School. Upper played the PGA Tour for the next five

years winning enough money each year to keep his playing privileges, except one. He lost his card in 1987 and won it back at the Q-School that fall. 1985 was his best year on the PGA Tour as he finished 61st on the money list with \$137,187 and in 1986 he tied for fourth at the Tournament Players Championship. In 1989 he settled down to a club job in Florida for three years during which time he won the 1990 PGA Club Professional Championship and the 1990 North Florida Section PGA Championship. In 1990 Upper was also the PGA Club Professional Player of the Year. As the winner of the PGA Club Professional Championship, Upper was invited to play British PGA Club Professional Championship in 1991. Upper won the tournament and received the winner's check but he was not declared the winner and his name wasn't inscribed on the trophy. He returned to the Section in 1992 as the professional at the new Bent Creek Country Club. Upper played in three U.S. Opens and three PGA Championships. In 1992 Upper was a member of the PGA club professional team, which competed against the European team in the PGA Cup Matches. Upper won all five of his matches as the Americans defeated the Europeans 15 to 11. Six years later he left the Section to take a head pro position in Arizona. That year he finished tied for second in the 1999 PGA Club Professional Championship.



Brett Upper Won 1990 Club Pro Championship Exempt on PGA Tour five years