**Kyle Stanley**

* Lives in Gig Harbor, Washington, where he grew up; both his family and his wife’s family (Dolly) still live there, all within about 20 minutes of each other
* Lists his father, Matt, as the most important person in his life
* His dad got him started in the game at Canterwood Golf & Country Club in Gig Harbor (family lived on the 12th hole); he played with the same group of guys each weekend and would let Kyle tag along, gradually allowing him to do more with them as he got better (started just walking, then hitting from 100 yards and in, then red tees, white tees, etc.)
* Hosts an AJGA tournament at Canterwood (September 11-13, 2020)
* Although he went to Clemson, considers himself a “fair-weather fan,” but is very passionate about Gonzaga basketball
* Became a Gonzaga fan because his fifth-grade teacher at St. Charles Borromeo School (Tacoma, Washington), Ms. Naughton, went to Gonzaga, and during the 1999 NCAA Tournament, she would show games to the class instead of doing anything school-related
* Gonzaga advanced to the Elite 8; that was just their second NCAA Tournament appearance all-time but they have not missed one since, becoming one of the premier college basketball programs in the country
* As Kyle has told that story throughout the years, he and Ms. Naughton have been re-connected; she texts him from time to time to say good luck or congratulate him on a good week, and has come to a few tournaments (neither of his wins)
* He has met Gonzaga basketball coach Mark Few a handful of times and goes to about one game a year
* Feels his best seasons on TOUR have come when he focused on his body and exercise rather than the mechanics of his golf swing
* His two girls are his wife, Dolly, and their dog, Dora

**Josh Teater**

* Born in Danville, Kentucky but raised in Lexington
* While he graduated from Morehead State, is a huge Kentucky Wildcats fan
* Wife, Ashley played basketball at Georgetown College just outside of Lexington. They met at Rupp Arena at a John Calipari charity event in 2011
* As a kid, dreamed of being a professional athlete but assumed he would be a basketball player given his Kentucky roots. In high school, was a better baseball player than golfer; took up golf at age 13.
* Is often mistaken for Sergio Garcia when playing tournaments
* His favorite athlete to watch is Roger Federer
* He is involved in Children’s Charity of the Bluegrass, whose mission is to “maintain an ongoing concerted fund-raising effort to benefit local charitable organizations which have as their primary goal the betterment of children of the Commonwealth.”

**Emiliano Grillo**

* Born in the city of Chaco, in the province of Resistencia in Argentina, he grew up playing the

same course, Chaco Golf Club, as PGA TOUR winners José Cóceres and Fabián Gómez

* Left Chaco at age 14 to work on his game and then left Argentina at age 16 to attend the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.
* He loves soccer and is a diehard fan of Argentina’s River Plate football club. He always keeps track of big games or competitions going on or coming for River.
* Fishing is of his biggest passions. Joking, he has even said that if he could earn as much as he does in golf he would consider giving it a shot as his sport. It’s something he has done his entire life, going out fishing at the river in Chacho since he was a little boy.
* Member of famed "Class of 2011" and competed alongside Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Daniel Berger, Xander Schauffele and Ollie Schniederjans during amateur golf days.

**Viktor Hovland**

* Father, Harald, worked in St. Louis for one year as an engineer and brought back a set of golf clubs, introducing then-11-year-old Viktor to the game
* Oklahoma State coach Alan Bratton first watched Viktor at the 2013 European Boys Team Championships in Scotland where he was also scouting Norway’s Kris Ventura; Ventura and Hovland would go on to play together at OSU
* Recently bought a house in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where Oklahoma State is located
* Named 2019 Ben Hogan Award winner (national player of the year) and 2019 Big 12 Player of the Year
* Won the 2018 U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach Golf Links, becoming the first player from Norway to win the event
* Became the first Norwegian to participate in the Masters Tournament in 2019; earned low-amateur honors at Augusta
* Listens to metal music (Metallica, System of a Down); he likes to “get out all of the frustration” by listening to that music

**Sam Ryder**

* Ryder’s first love was baseball; started playing ll right-handed, but quickly became a switch hitter and changed to play left-handed at age 8, because he wanted to hit more home runs
* He played baseball through his sophomore year of high school, and began to realize he was not a big as the other guys on his team and decided to transition to golf
* On his switch from baseball to golf: “I basically lost the passion for baseball,” Ryder said. “I played way too much. Basically, right when I did that is when I turned to golf, and I channeled all my competitive energy into that.”
* Sam didn’t play in his first golf tournament until he was 16 years old
* Loves the Chicago Cubs; Has a lot of friends who live in Chicago and enjoys attending games
* His father, Art, would take Sam to Wekiva Golf Club near their Longwood home to play a few holes after work. Sam says, “That’s some of my first, best memories of golf is just going out there walking a few holes at sunset with my dad — just carefree,” Ryder said. “That was when I first started loving the game a little bit, even though I didn’t realize the extent of what it was going to turn into.”
* Attended Stetson University on an academic scholarship (he was a 2-time Academic All American); the coach at Stetson recruited Sam because of his stellar academics and background as an all-around great athlete. Ryder won seven times at Stetson, including the Atlantic Sun title.
* Made it to the Korn Ferry Tour through the Mackenzie Tour - PGA TOUR Canada.
* He earned his PGA TOUR card in 2017 by finishing inside the Top 25 on the Korn Ferry Tour (finished second).
* Ryder stumbled twice in Q-school, by a single stroke the second time in 2013. Sam on his Q-School struggles: “That was the lowest point of my journey,” he said. “That was a tough pill to swallow.”
* Missed starts in the 18/19 season due to wrist injury
* Healthy eater, limits gluten; when he arrives into a city for a tournament, he quickly locates the nearest Whole Foods.
* Self-proclaimed “Gym Rat”

**David Lingmerth**

* Started playing golf at the age of nine. After winning the Swedish Championship at the age of 15, decided to focus seriously on golf in high school. Received a scholarship to the University of West Florida, where he stayed for one semester. Transferred to the University of Arkansas, where he finished his college career

Born and raised in Tranas, Sweden. Currently lives in Ponte Vedra, Florida and is a fan of the Jacksonville Jaguars

* Proud Arkansas alum and a big fan of all sports related to the Razorbacks
* Huge hockey fan. Started playing the sport when he was two years old and gave up playing to focus on golf. Is a devoted Washington Capitals fan
* His uncle, Goran Lingmerth, played for the Cleveland Browns in 1987 as a placekicker. Following his NFL career, Goran served as a sales rep for PING and instilled the game of golf in his nephew David. They often played golf together during summer trips to Sweden

**Rhein Gibson**

* Originally from Australia, where he learned to play golf and lived until college (attended Oklahoma Christian University)
* Always interested in coming to America for college. Had a friend named Kane Webber who played in Colorado and he loved the bags with the names. In Australia there’s not as much to further both sport and education at the same time, so American college was a good fit. He wasn’t financially fit for a bunch of official visits…Had emails from 100 different schools, all levels, but needed a full scholarship. Oklahoma Christina Univeristy was one of the first to offer him a full scholarship. He also graduated with honors with a finance degree. Gave him a backup plan in case golf didn’t work out.
* Recognized in the Guinness Book of World Records for holding the world record for lowest golf round with a 16-under 55 in 2012
* Dad (Rob) and grandma (Joan) got him into golf, when he was 3-4. He moved when he was 8 or 9 to another state that had more of a golf influence and he really started picking it up. Moved from Victoria to New South Wales (at 8 or 9). Played cricket, soccer and tennis growing up as well. Quit playing other sports at 14 or 15 to focus on golf.
* Big Oklahoma City Thunder fan, Oklahoma University fan in college football
* Likes to hunt fish, really anything to do with water. Wakeboarding, wake-surfing, mountain biking. Bass fishing. Mainly hunts birds, ducks.

**Martin Laird**

* Laird was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and played his Junior golf at Kirkintilloch Golf Club and then moving to play his youth golf at Hilton Park Golf Club.
* Has the flag of his home country, Scotland, on his golf belt, golf bag and golf balls.
* Actually learned to play the game left-handed, before later switching sides.
* Laird comes from a sporting family, as his cousin David Weatherston plays association football currently for Scottish Championship club Alloa Athletic.
* In 2000, at the age of 17 and with the assistance of College Prospects of America, Laird moved to the United States to take up a golf scholarship at Colorado State University under head coach Jamie Bermel.
* He played for the Colorado State Rams in the Mountain West Conference which had been established in 1999. Playing for four years from 2000–01 to 2003–04 he won four individual titles in college events.
* Wife Meagan is from Steamboat Springs, Colorado and is the daughter of golf professional Hank Franks.
* Meagan, is actively involved with the PGA TOUR Wives Association and both help with various events the PGATWA sponsors throughout the year.
* Lists his dad and Greg Norman as his heroes.

**Adam Schenk**

* From Vincennes (vin-senz), Indiana, and grew up on a family-owned farm, Adam Sod Farms. Adam is the fourth generation. The Farm is still around today and grows corn, beans, wheat and three types of grasses – zoysia, fescue and bluegrass—which his family sells to local golf courses. Adam grew up mowing, harvesting corn, etc. on the family farm, but says that “taking care of the yards, and weeding and push mowing was my kind of my expertise.” His family lives on such a big piece of land that he can’t even see his relatives’ houses next door.
* Fun fact: there’s a patch of grass on his family’s farm that he has ‘tended to’ since high school and that he uses to hit golf balls off of…he still has this patch of grass, to this day.
* Favorite grasses to play off of are Bentgrass and Zoysia. Bermuda is his least favorite but says “it’s growing on me.”
* Uncle, dad and grandpa all played golf. Dad built a knock-down sand wedge for Adam, and he would golf out in front of his family’s house in their zoysia grass.
* Went to Purdue University 2010-2014 and is an avid Boilermaker football/basketball fan.
* Favorite sports teams: Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Pacers and St. Louis Cardinals. Die-hard St. Louis Cardinals fan – went to spring training batting practice to start his week at the Honda Classic.
* Wife, Kourtney, grew up on a pig farm in Adam’s same hometown, just 10 miles from the Schenk family farm. Adam and Kourtney went to the same high school- Kourtney is two years older and played sports with Adam’s older sister, Karen. Adam says “She was much more popular that I was…I was the geeky kid that played golf.” Adam went to Purdue University and Kourtney went to Purdue’s rival, Indiana. Adam’s last semester at Purdue, Adam and Kourtney reconnected at a football game, the IU-Purdue football game in Bloomington. They exchanged numbers and it kind of went from there. Adam proposed to Kourtney on his family’s farm. The couple have a home in Ponte Vedra Beach, but live mostly in Indiana, calling themselves “snowbirds.”

**Kiradech Aphibarnrat**

* Started playing golf when he was eight by following his businessman father, Panupong, to the driving range. His father wanted Kiradech to play golf so he could avoid the “wrong path”. He would go to the range from 3pm to 9pm after school. Did not watch movies as a kid and the only cartoon he followed during his childhood days was Popeye.
* Enjoyed a strong amateur career where he was the World Junior Champion (13-14 age-group) in 2003 and 2004 in San Diego, under his former name of Anujit Hirunratanakorn. Competed against the likes of Tony Finau, Jason Day and Rory McIlroy.
* Represented Thailand in regional and international competitions before turning professional in 2008, at age 18. After initial guidance from his father, Kiradech began formal coaching with local teacher Natpasit Chokthanasart, nicknamed ‘Pro Jew’. Won his first pro tournament on the Thai circuit in 2009, first Asian Tour title in 2011 and first European Tour-sanctioned win in 2013 in Malaysia, the same year he became the Asian Tour Order of Merit champion which also Included a T3 finish at the CIMB Classic on the PGA TOUR.
* After Pro Jew passed away due to cancer late in 2013, Kiradech bought up Pro Jew’s driving range in Bangkok - called Kiatthada Driving Range - where he practices while in Bangkokg. Has kept everything intact at the range to honor his late coach.
* In early 2017, Kiradech started working with swing coaches Pete Cowen and Mike Walker and with sports psychologist Lee Campbell and his career took an upturn, raising his European Tour wins tally to four.
* His family changed his name from Anujit Hirunratanakorn to Kiradech Aphibarnrat for good luck in 2006 after the family’s ice factory business hit hard times.
* Kiradech’s has been nicknamed Asia’s John Daly and more recently Barn Rat. His Thai nickname is “Arm” and his clothing sponsor Fenix has helped create a cartoon of him with the nickname and used on tee-shirts and “Team Kiradech”.
* One of his early memories of getting encouragement to aspire for the PGA TOUR came during one of the early CIMB Classic tournaments in Malaysia. Played with Ernie Els who told him after a few holes that he had the game to compete on the PGA TOUR.
* He regards LPGA Jutanugarn sisters, Ariya and Moriya, as family and stays close to them in Lake Nona, Orlando.
* Kiradech spent a week at a Buddhist temple in 2014 where he shaved his head and eyebrows, woke up at 4.30am, meditated, walked bare footed for several kilometres to gather food, cleaned the temple grounds and ate just one meal a day. “In Thai culture, you have to do this once in your lifetime when you’re aged between 21 to 25. It is a mark of respect to our parents,” Kiradech said.

**Sebastian Cappelen**

* Born in Odense (pronounced: OH-den-sin), Denmark, to Ulrik & Kirsten Cappelen. Father, Ulrik, was a member of the Danish national pro soccer team before retiring in 1993-4, playing more than 350 games in his career. Ulrik now works in commercial insurance; Kirsten is a public schoolteacher.
* Entire family still lives in Denmark. Sebastian tries to make it back to Denmark at least a year. Misses the rye bread a lot! Has two siblings, Frederik and Caroline. Frederik works in real estate in Copenhagen and Caroline goes to university in Denmark.
* He and his brother were put into an arts school where he learned to play instruments including the piano. He calls playing the piano his “zen moment,” and regularly plays on one of the two pianos he has at home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Loves classical music and says that when he plays “everything else around me is non-existent.”
* Played soccer growing up but didn’t like playing a team sport as much as he enjoyed playing golf. Grandpa got him into golf, and by the time Sebastian was 13. Sebastian’s grandpa would drive him around the country to junior tournaments, and the duo had a blast.
* Earliest golf memory was holing a 7-iron for his first birdie from 110 yards when he was about 10, using a kids Taylormade club (ironically enough, Taylormade is now his equipment sponsor!). His grandma and grandpa were there to witness the hole out.
* Big Formula 1 fan - Would like to trade places for a day with Sebastian Vettel of Formula 1 fame. Bucket list includes driving a Formula 1 car.
* Played on Denmark’s junior national team and competed against many current TOUR players- notably Shane Lowry, Thomas Pieters, Tommy Fleetwood, Eddie Pepperell. Says that England had a really strong team.
* Attended University of Arkansas – Four time All-American; was teammates with Austin Cook
* Met his wife, Audrey, at the University of Arkansas. They were apartment neighbors and Sebastian also had a class with Audrey’s roommate. Sebastian and Audrey currently live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, inside the TPC Sawgrass development.
* Sebastian and Audrey love cooking and consider themselves “wine snobs.” Everywhere they go they try to find some cool food experience, whether it’s a local place, hole-in-the-wall, or a fine dining set menu. When they’re home they like to experiment with different flavors and ingredients- go-to dish to cook is marinated flank steaks.
* If not a golfer, would be an economist. Has a degree in Economics with a minor in Finance from the University of Arkansas. Says he constantly applies his economics degree to his job as a professional golfer, knowing how to make rational vs. irrational decisions. “If I had to hit this shot 10 times, what shot is going to give me the lowest score? That’s applied economics.”