

SUZY WHALEY

Suzy Whaley is the PGA director of instruction at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn. Elected to PGA membership in July 2001, Whaley served in a leadership capacity as a member of the PGA Board of Directors from 2011-2013, representing District 1 (Connecticut, New England, Northeastern New York). Whaley is also a member of the LPGA, having earned membership in 1996.

Employment:

Director of Instruction, TPC River Highlands, 2013-present Teaching Professional, TPC River Highlands, 2005-2013 ESPN LPGA Golf Commentator, 2004-2006 Head Golf Professional, Blue Fox Run Golf Course, 2002-2004 Teaching Professional, Tumble Brook Country Club, 1998-2001 Teaching Professional, Nicklaus Flick Golf Schools, 1995-2001 LPGA Tour Member, 1990 & 1993



Section Offices:

Board of Directors, Connecticut PGA, 2005-2007, 2011-2013 Vice President at Large, Connecticut PGA, 2004 National/Section/Chapter Committees:

National Committees: Player Development Committee (Co-chair, 2013-2014); Junior Committee (Chair, 2011-2012); Instruction Committee; and Diversity Committee

Connecticut PGA Committees: Player Development (Chair); Growth of the Game (Chair); Special Awards; Marketing and Sponsors (Chair); and Communications (Chair)

National/Section/Chapter Awards:

Connecticut PGA Teacher of the Year, 2004 & 2007 Connecticut PGA Bill Strausbaugh Award, 2003

Playing Accomplishments:

Former LPGA Tour Member, Three-time Connecticut Women's Open Champion, National LPGA T&CP Champion Connecticut PGA Section Champion, Connecticut PGA Club Professional Champion, Two-time LPGA Northeast T&CP Section Champion, Qualified and participated in 2003 Greater Hartford Open (PGA Tour), Qualified and participated in PGA Professional National Championship, 2002 & 2005

Community Involvement: Presenter, NGCOA 20/20 Conference; First Tee of Connecticut Board of Directors; Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach, Quinnipiac University Women's Golf Team; Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach, Farmington High School Girls Golf Team; Host of LPGA USGA Girls Golf Club events for more than 1,000 girls; PE2Tee Golf in Schools program in 44 schools in Connecticut and Massachusetts; Education Presenter in PGA and LPGA Sections; EWGA Foundation Board Member

Industry Awards:

Golf Digest Top-50 Instructors, 2013-2012, U.S. Kids Master Top-50 Instructors, 2013, LPGA National Nancy Lopez Achievement Award Winner, 2012 Golf Digest Top-5 female teacher designations, 2010-2012, U.S. Kids Top-50 Teachers, 2010-2013, LPGA Top-50 Instructor, 2008-2013, PGA Top Instructor Honors in Connecticut by Golf Digest, 2007-2013, LPGA T&CP Northeast Section Teacher of the Year, 2008 & 2011, Gold Key Award winner, Hartford Courant, 2003, Role Model of the Year, Connecticut Girl Scout Association, 2003, Golf for Women Top-50 Teachers, 2003

