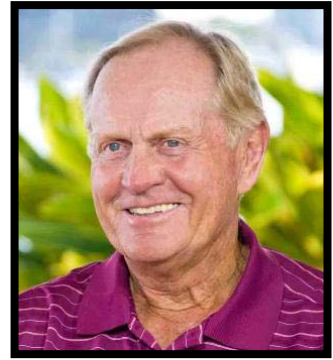


Jack Nicklaus

Biography Information

No single person has changed the face of the sport more than Jack Nicklaus – the player, the designer, the philanthropist, and the good-will ambassador. Jack, 72 on Jan. 21, was named “Golfer of the Century” or “Golfer of the Millennium” by almost every major golf publication in the world. He was also named Individual Male Athlete of the Century by *Sports Illustrated*, and one of the 10 Greatest Athletes of the Century by ESPN.



In November 2005, the Golden Bear was honored by President Bush at the White House with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor given to any U.S. civilian. In 2001, Jack was honored with the first-ever ESPY Lifetime Achievement Award, and he became the first golfer—and only the third athlete—to receive the Vince Lombardi Award of Excellence. In 2003, he was honored with the Muhammad Ali Sports Legend Award.

Jack’s competitive career spanned five decades, and his legend has been built with 118 professional tournament victories worldwide and a record 18 professional major-championship titles (six Masters, five PGA Championships, four U.S. Opens, three British Opens). He is one of only five golfers—Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, and Tiger Woods the others—who have won all four of golf’s modern majors, an achievement often referred to as the career “Grand Slam.”

The legacy Jack has left as a player can be rivaled only by the legacy he is leaving as a golf course designer, businessman and philanthropist.

Jack has been involved in the design of close to 290 courses open for play worldwide, and his thriving business, Nicklaus Design, has almost 360 courses open for play around the world. Nicklaus Design courses are represented in 34 countries, 39 states, and no fewer than 90 have hosted a combined total of over 600 professional tournaments or significant national amateur championships.

Since 1962, Jack has added the moniker of “businessman” to his lengthy résumé. He is chairman of the privately held Nicklaus Companies. For a record six consecutive years (2004-09), *Golf Inc.* magazine ranked Jack “The Most Powerful Person in Golf,” due to his impact on various aspects of the industry through his course design work, marketing and licensing business, his ambassadorial role in promoting and growing the game worldwide, and his involvement on a national and global level with various charitable causes.

Jack and his wife Barbara have a long history of involvement in numerous charitable activities, from junior golf to children’s hospitals to several scholarship foundations. Jack and Barbara are the guiding light for the Nicklaus Children’s Health Care Foundation, which supports numerous pediatric health-care services in South Florida, as well as nationally, and has raised \$15 million in less than six years.

Residing in North Palm Beach, Fla., since 1965 and in the same home they have lived since 1970, Jack and Barbara Nicklaus are parents to five children and grandparents to 22.