

A full-page photograph of a golfer in mid-swing. He is wearing a white polo shirt, grey shorts with a patterned belt, a dark baseball cap, and white golf shoes. He is holding a golf club with both hands. The background is a blurred golf course setting with a fence and some structures.

# THE JOHN SHIPPEN

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**JULY 22-24, 2022**  
Detroit Golf Club

**MEDIA GUIDE**  
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**Tim O'Neal**  
Winner of the Inaugural **THE JOHN SHIPPEN** National Golf Invitational  
Presented Rocket Mortgage in 2021.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## **FRIDAY, JULY 22ND – PRACTICE ROUND**

THE DETROIT GOLF CLUB (DGC) – NORTH COURSE

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM      TJS Practice Rounds @ DGC North Course

## **SATURDAY, JULY 23RD – FIRST ROUND**

THE DETROIT GOLF CLUB – NORTH COURSE

9:00 AM      DGC Practice Facilities Open (Chipping & Putting Only)

9:00 AM      Carl's Golf Land Open (Driving Range)

10:30 AM – 12:10 PM      First Round – Tee Times off No. 1 – Twosomes

## **SUNDAY, JULY 24TH – FINAL ROUND**

THE DETROIT GOLF CLUB (DGC) – NORTH COURSE

9:00 AM      Gates open

9:00 AM      DGC Practice Facilities Open (Chipping & Putting Only)

9:00 AM      Carl's Golf Land Open (Driving Range)

10:30 AM – 12:10 PM      Final Round – Tee Times off No. 1 – Twosomes

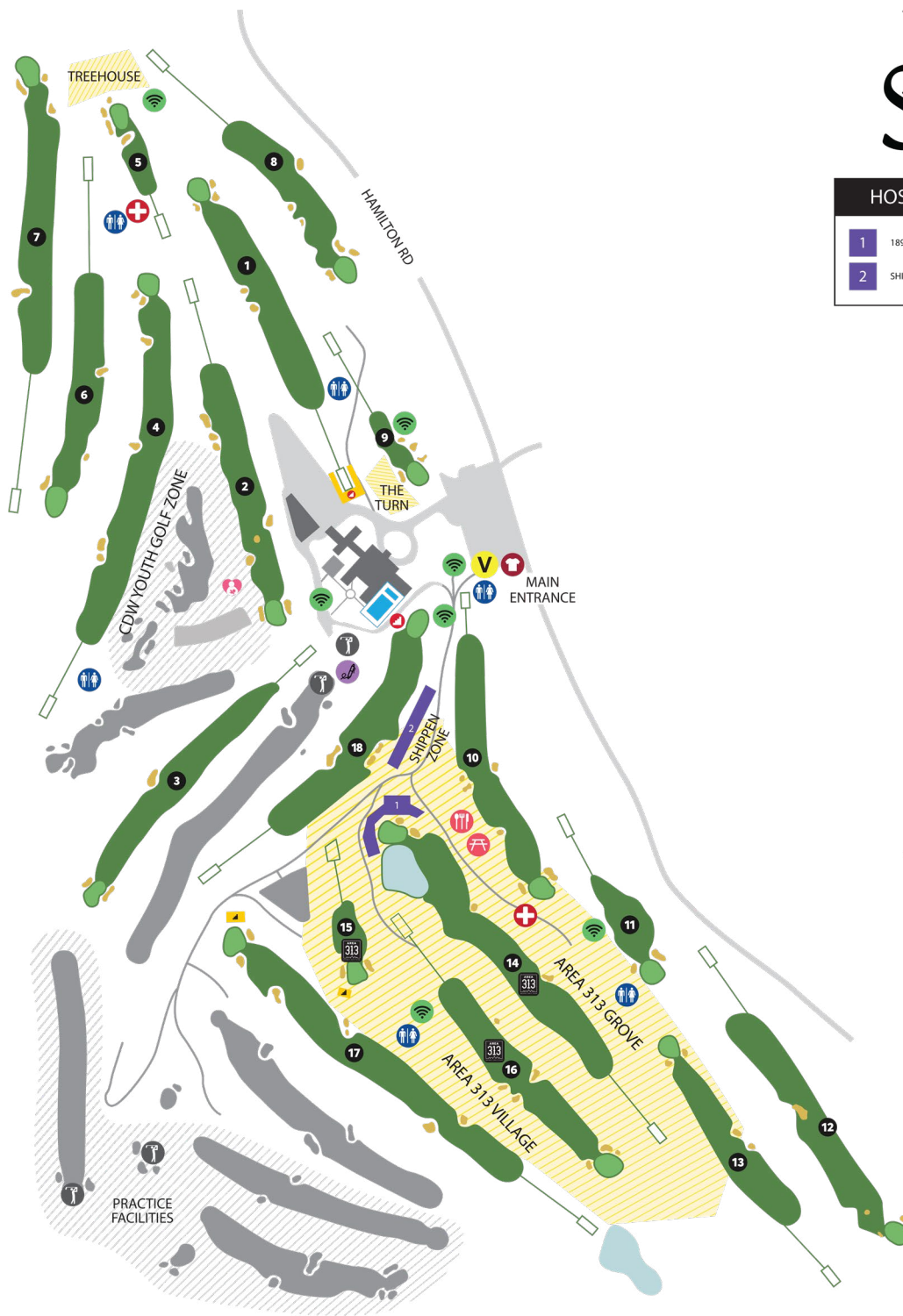
5:00 PM      Award Ceremony presented by Amerisure – 1899 Club





HOSPITALITY	
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2	SHIPPEN ZONE

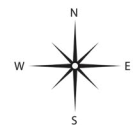
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	Public Restrooms
	Concessions
	Dining Area
	Merchandise
	Public Grandstands
	First Aid
	Practice Area
	AREA 313
	Volunteer HQ
	ADA Seating
	Wi-Fi Zones
	Nursing Station
	Kid's Autograph Zone



## WEATHER ALERT SCALE

**WEATHER POLICY IN EFFECT**  
OBSERVE ON-COURSE SCOREBOARDS FOR WEATHER MESSAGES

	<b>INCLEMENT WEATHER IS NOT EXPECTED TODAY</b> ENJOY YOUR DAY!
	<b>BE AWARE</b> INCLEMENT WEATHER POSSIBLE OBSERVE ON-COURSE SCOREBOARDS FOR FURTHER UPDATES
	<b>BE PREPARED</b> INCLEMENT WEATHER APPROACHING PREPARE TO TAKE SHELTER OR EXIT THE PREMISES OBSERVE ON-COURSE SCOREBOARDS FOR FURTHER UPDATES
	<b>TAKE ACTION</b> INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAY SUSPENDED. SEEK SAFE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY OR EXIT THE PREMISES
	<b>COURSE CLOSED</b> PLAY SUSPENDED FOR THE DAY. EXIT GRANDSTANDS, TEMPORARY STRUCTURE, AND EXIT THE PREMISES



Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	72
YDS	397	453	393	635	167	461	552	372	207	425	233	489	393	555	160	446	577	455	7370



# ABOUT JOHN SHIPPEN, JR.

John Matthew Shippen, Jr. (1879-1968) was born on December 5, 1879. His father, born into slavery in Virginia, became a free man following the Civil War. He then moved to Washington, D.C. where he attended Howard University and received a degree in theology. When John Jr. was age nine, his family moved to the Shinnecock Indian Reservation in Southampton on Long Island, NY, where his father was assigned as pastor.

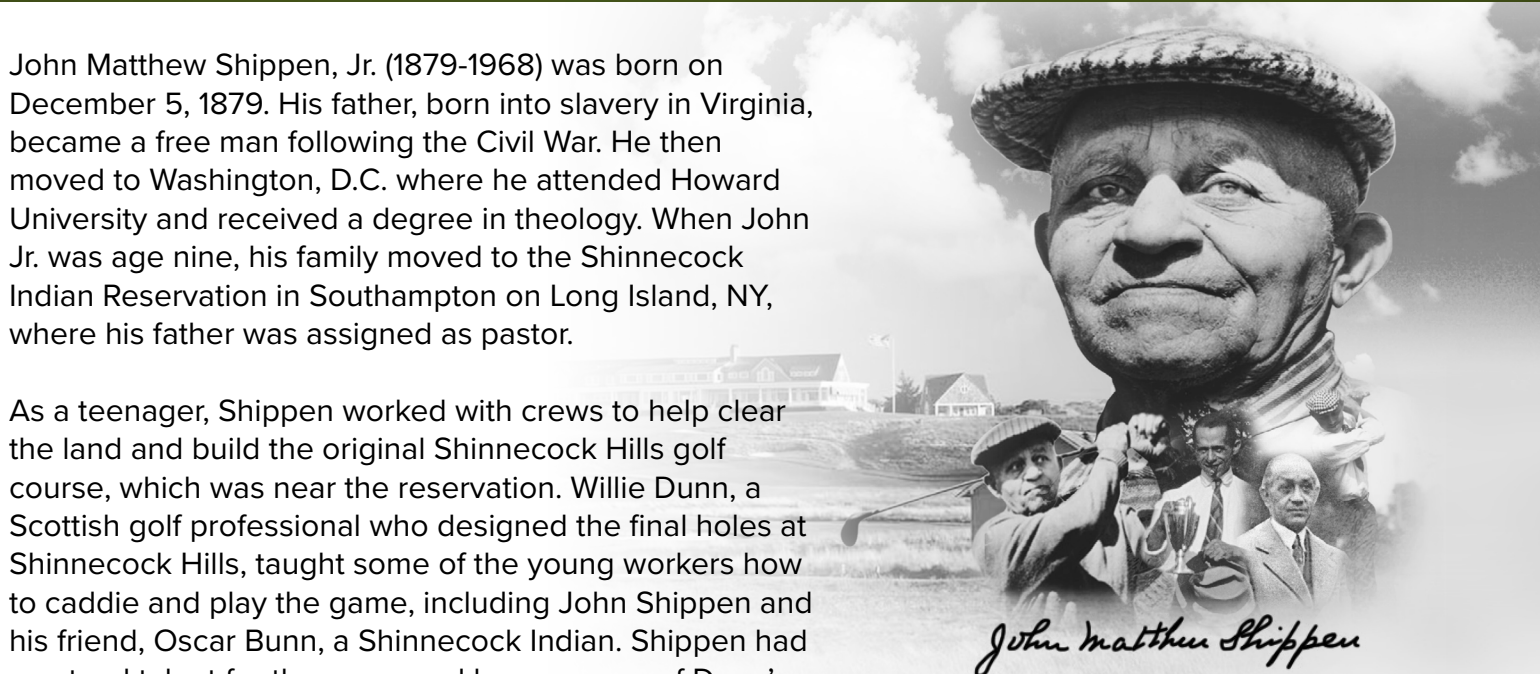
As a teenager, Shippen worked with crews to help clear the land and build the original Shinnecock Hills golf course, which was near the reservation. Willie Dunn, a Scottish golf professional who designed the final holes at Shinnecock Hills, taught some of the young workers how to caddy and play the game, including John Shippen and his friend, Oscar Bunn, a Shinnecock Indian. Shippen had a natural talent for the game and became one of Dunn's best students. By the age of 16, Shippen was working full-time as Dunn's assistant, giving lessons to members, working as a caddy, repairing clubs, scorekeeping and assisting the maintenance crew.

Shippen's family returned to D.C. in 1889, but he decided to remain in Shinnecock on his own. He was hired as the golf professional at the Maidstone Club in East Hampton, NY. He went on to work as the golf pro at several clubs including Aronimink Golf Club near Philadelphia, PA, but he is best known for his tenure as the head pro at the Shady Rest Golf Course (now known as Scotch Hills Country Club) in Scotch Plains, NJ. Shady Rest was the first Black golf club in the United States – which was established to provide recreation and entertainment for all ages. Activities included golf, tennis, horseback riding, skeet shooting concerts, dining, etc.

Shippen worked at the Shady Rest from 1924 until his retirement in 1960 during an era when Black luminaries, scholars, social reformers and entertainers such as W.E.B. DeBois, Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, Billie Holliday and Cab Calloway came to perform and enjoy themselves, and where Althea Gibson honed her tennis skills.

In 2009, the PGA of America bestowed John Shippen with his PGA Membership card posthumously, and he is now recognized by the USGA as America's first golf professional. In 2018, he was inducted into the New Jersey Golf Association Hall of Fame's Inaugural Class.

History has largely omitted John Shippen's story, which has left several outlets to begin filling in the blanks that have been left undocumented. THE JOHN SHIPPEN aims to create opportunities in golf for Black men and women, ensure his story is told and preserve his tremendous legacy, which is one of Black History, but also of American History.



# THE JOHN SHIPPEN MEMORIAL GOLF FUND

The John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation was founded in 1995 by Thurman and Ruby Simmons in Scotch Plains, NJ. They began studying his legacy in 1988 and have spent more than 30 years elevating Shippen's name and elevating his place in American history. They founded the John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation and later the John Shippen Youth Golf Academy, where young people learn about John Shippen and the sport of golf.

The Foundation also raised funds to locate and erect a headstone on Shippen's grave at Rosedale Cemetery in Linden, N.J., worked with Scotch Plains, NJ to establish the "John Shippen Drive" ceremonial street sign at Scotch Hills CC and worked directly with the Club to create a permanent space for the "John Shippen Museum at Shady Rest."

The John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation is currently petitioning the United States Postal Service to create a U.S. Postal Stamp to celebrate Shippen's place in history.

In addition to funding paid internship and scholarship opportunities for Black golfers and sports professionals, a portion of the proceeds from THE JOHN SHIPPEN will be donated to The John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation.

[www.johnshippenmemorialgolffoundation.com](http://www.johnshippenmemorialgolffoundation.com)





# ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

**THE JOHN SHIPPEN**, designed to showcase Black amateur and professional golfers, is named after John Shippen, Jr., who was the first American-born golf professional and also the country's first Black golf professional. Shippen was bestowed PGA of America membership posthumously in 2009.

To ensure that any financial barriers are removed, **THE JOHN SHIPPEN** will cover all travel costs (airfare and hotel) for participating players.



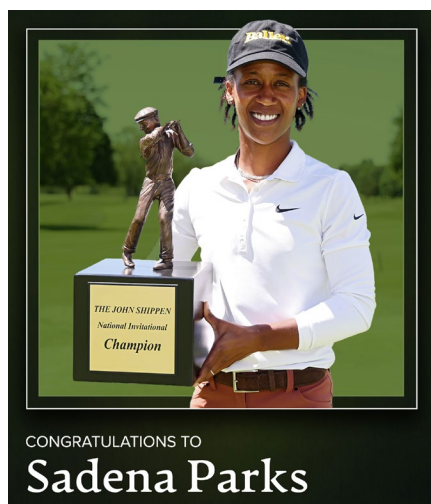
(Men's Field)

The 36-hole stroke play competition for Black male professional and amateur golfers will be held July 23 - 24 at Detroit Golf Club in Detroit, Michigan. A one-hour TV special about **THE JOHN SHIPPEN** will air on CBS leading into final-round coverage of the Rocket Mortgage Classic on Sunday, July 26 - 31.

The winner of the event will earn an exemption into the Rocket Mortgage Classic (July 28–31). Eleven of the 22 men in the field for the 2022 **THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational presented by Rocket Mortgage** are SHIPPEN alumni, including defending champion Tim O'Neal.

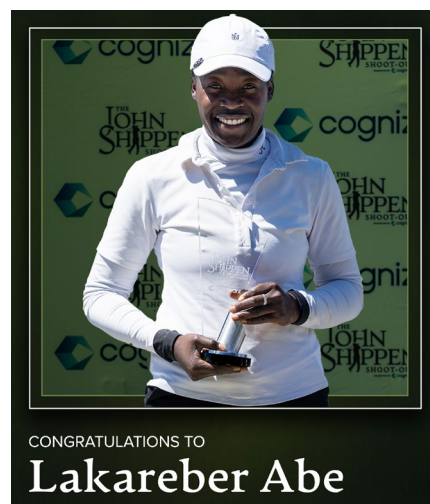


(Women's Field)



The Women's Field Winner of the 2022 **THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational presented by Rocket Mortgage**.

She was awarded a sponsor exemption to both the Meijer LPGA Classic and the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational.



Winner of the 2022 **THE JOHN SHIPPEN Shoot-Out** presented by Cognizant.

She was awarded a sponsor exemption to the LPGA's Cognizant Founders Cup.

# THE BUSINESS SUMMIT



## **THE JOHN SHIPPEN Sports Business Summit**

was established by Intersport to create awareness of opportunities within the sports industry for high school and college students of color. On Friday, September 23, students from across the country will be able to hear from and engage with sports and business executives, athletes and influencers in-person with virtual streaming available. Invited speakers will share their experiences and advice about how to pursue and secure a career within the multi-faceted sports industry.

## **THE JOHN SHIPPEN Sports Business Summit**

will cover a wide variety of topics ranging from “How to Land Your First Sports Internship” and “The Business of Sneakers” to “Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Within Sports” and “The World of Global Sponsorship”. Students can apply for paid internships and scholarships from partners, organizations and foundations within and beyond the sports industry.

**THE JOHN SHIPPEN Sports Business Summit** is FREE to attend!



# PARTNERS

## PRESENTING PARTNER:



Detroit-based Quicken Loans, the nation's largest home mortgage lender and a part of Rocket Companies enables the American Dream of homeownership and financial freedom through its obsession with industry-leading, digital driven client experience. The company closed \$213 billion dollars of mortgage volume across all 50 states in the first three quarters of 2020. In late 2015, Quicken Loans introduced Rocket Mortgage, the first fully digital mortgage experience. Currently 98% of all home loans originated by Quicken Loans utilize Rocket Mortgage Technology.

Quicken Loans moved its headquarters to downtown Detroit in 2010. Today, Quicken Loans and Rocket Companies employ more than 22,000 full-time team members nationwide. The company generates loan production from web centers located in Detroit, Cleveland, and Phoenix and operates a centralized loan processing facility in Detroit. Quicken Loans ranked highest in the country for customer satisfaction for primary mortgage origination by J.D. Power for 11 consecutive years, 2010-2020, and also ranked highest in the country for customer satisfaction among all mortgage servicers seven consecutive years, 2014-2020.

## OWNER, OPERATOR, AND CREATOR:



Since 1985 Intersport has been an award-winning innovator and leader in the creation of sports, lifestyle, culinary and entertainment-based marketing platforms. With expertise in Sponsorship Consulting, Experiential Marketing, Hospitality Customer Engagement, Content Marketing, Productions and Sports Properties, this Chicago-based Marketing & Media Solutions Company helps their clients create ideas, content, and experiences that attract and engage passionate audiences. Intersport is excited to collaborate and partner with Woods and Watts Effect, an equity and inclusion consulting firm, to help bring this transformative event to life.



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## FOUNDATION PARTNERS



## EQUITY & INCLUSION PARTNERS



## TOURNAMENT PARTNERS



The Rocket Mortgage Classic debuted in 2019 as the first PGA TOUR event held within the city of Detroit. Awarded the first "Fair Way Award" for its diversity and inclusion initiatives, the event returns to the historic Detroit Golf Club July 22 - 24 featuring 2020 US Open Champion Bryson DeChambeau among a field of 156 players.



The LPGA's Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational takes place in Midland, MI July 13 - 16. Founded with the vision of building community and accelerating the efforts of the Great Lakes Bay Region, the event features 144 of the world's best golfers playing in 72 two-woman teams in a 72-hole stroke play format.



The Cognizant Founders Cup pays homage to the LPGA's rich history and the 13 women – known as the Founders – who created the LPGA Tour over 70 years ago. The Founder's Cup is scheduled to take place May 9 at Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell, N.J.

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## MEN



### RYAN ALFORD

**Age:** 25 **Residence:** Shreveport, LA

**Status:** Professional (Louisiana Tech)

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational
- 2022 Farmers Insurance Open (PGA TOUR) participant
- Two-time APGA Champion



### JOE HOOKS

**Age:** 27 **Residence:** Detroit, MI

**Status:** Professional (Wayne State University)

- 2022 APGA Tour T3 TPC Harding Park
- 2022 APGA Tour T2 TPC Las Vegas
- 2020 seven Top 10s on APGA Tour and 4 Top 5s

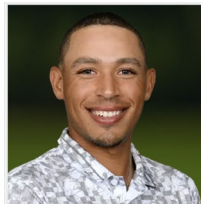


### DANIEL AUGUSTUS

**Age:** 34 **Residence:** Bermuda

**Status:** Professional (Paine University)

- Four top 5s & three top 10s in the last nine APGA Tour events
- 2019 qualified for Butterfield Bermuda Championship (PGA TOUR)
- 2012 Bermuda Open champion



### CHASE JOHNSON

**Age:** 26 **Residence:** Barberton, OH

**Status:** Professional (Kent State University)

- Korn Ferry Tour member 2020 and 2021 seasons
- Solo second finish at the 2020 TPC Colorado Championship (Korn Ferry Tour)
- 2017-2018 All American honorable mention



### AARON BEVERLY

**Age:** 27 **Residence:** Vallejo, CA

**Status:** Professional (Sacramento State)

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational
- 2022 Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption (PGA TOUR)
- 2022 PGA Tour Canada (Mackenzie Tour) member
- 2021 APGA Tour Fall Series Finale champion



### KAMAIU JOHNSON

**Age:** 28 **Residence:** Tallahassee, FL

**Status:** Professional

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational
- Four PGA TOUR starts
- Three-time winner on the APGA Tour



### MARCUS BYRD

**Age:** 24 **Residence:** Ann Arbor, MI

**Status:** Professional (Middle Tennessee State)

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational
- Champion of APGA TPC Louisiana in 2021 (First start)
- 2020 U.S. Amateur participant
- 2019 Conference USA Player of the Year

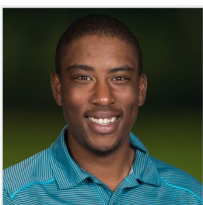


### KRISTOPHER STILES

**Age:** 19 **Residence:** Palmdale, CA

**Status:** Amateur (San Jose State University)

- Two collegiate top 10s
- 2021 Academic All-Mountain West and Mountain West Scholar Athlete

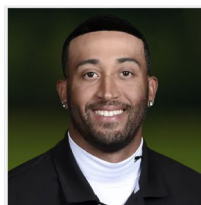


### KEVIN HALL

**Age:** 39 **Residence:** Cincinnati, OH

**Status:** Professional (The Ohio State University)

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational
- Won the 2004 Big Ten Championship by 11 shots
- Earned conditional status on the Korn Ferry Tour for the 2018 season
- Four-time APGA Tour winner

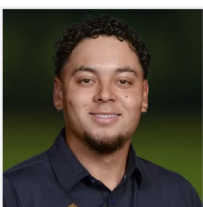


### WILLIE MACK III

**Age:** 32 **Residence:** Flint, MI

**Status:** Professional (Bethune-Cookman University)

- Five PGA TOUR starts
- Four Korn Ferry Tour starts
- Three PGA TOUR Latinoamérica starts
- 70 professional wins



### MICHAEL HERRERA

**Age:** 24 **Residence:** Los Angeles, CA

**Status:** Professional (Riverside City College)

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational
- Two professional wins
- Five professional top 5s



### SAMBA NIANG

**Age:** 33 **Residence:** Dakar/Senegal

**Status:** Professional (Senegal)

- Senegal's number one professional
- 23 professional wins in West Africa



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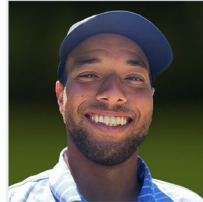
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### TIM O'NEAL

**Age:** 49 **Residence:** Savannah, GA  
**Status:** Professional (Jackson State University)

- Champion 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational
- Three-time winner on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica
- Ten-time winner on the APGA Tour
- Qualified for 2016 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay
- 16 collegiate wins



### JOEY STILLS

**Age:** 25 **Residence:** Orlando, FL  
**Status:** Professional (University of West Florida)

- Two professional wins
- Finished third in the 2022 APGA Billy Horschel Invitational Championship
- Finished T2 at the 2018 PGA Works Collegiate Championship



### TOKS PEDRO

**Age:** 26 **Residence:** Bowie, MD  
**Status:** Professional (Rutgers University)

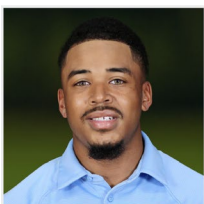
- Five professional wins on the Minor League and Moonlight Golf Tours
- Member of the APGA Tour
- First Nigerian citizen to qualify for the U.S. Amateur (2018 at Pebble Beach)
- First Nigerian citizen to qualify for a PGA TOUR-sanctioned tour (PGA TOUR China 2019)
- Captain of the Rutgers golf team



### TROY TAYLOR

**Age:** 22 **Residence:** Westerville, OH  
**Status:** Amateur (Michigan State University)

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational
- One collegiate win
- Three collegiate top 5s



### XAVIER PROCTOR

**Age:** 21 **Residence:** Shelby, NC  
**Status:** Amateur (Livingstone College)

- One collegiate win
- Three college top 5 finishes



### TREY VALENTINE

**Age:** 24 **Residence:** Biloxi, MS  
**Status:** Professional (University of South Florida)

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational
- Big East Freshman of the Year
- Two collegiate wins
- Five years APGA Player Development Program



### QUINN RILEY

**Age:** 22 **Residence:** Minneapolis, MN  
**Status:** Amateur (Duke University)

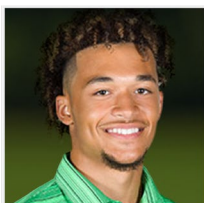
- One collegiate win (2022 Stitch Intercollegiate Championship)
- Three collegiate Top 10s
- 2022 Ranked #1 APGA Rankings
- First African-American golfer in Duke University program history



### EVERETT WHITEN, JR.

**Age:** 22 **Residence:** Chesapeake, VA  
**Status:** Amateur (Howard University)

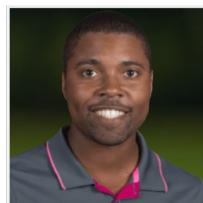
- Two collegiate wins
- Howard record holder for lowest 18- and 54-hole total
- MEAC champions 2022 (two-time All MEAC Team)



### MARCUS SMITH

**Age:** 20 **Residence:** Temple, MD  
**Status:** Amateur (Eastern Michigan University)

- One collegiate win
- Two collegiate top 10s



### WYATT WORTHINGTON

**Age:** 35 **Residence:** Columbus, OH  
**Status:** Professional (Methodist University)

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational
- 2016 PGA Championship participant (Baltusrol)
- 2022 PGA Championship participant (Southern Hills)
- First African-American to win Ohio Section Championship 2021
- Two APGA top 5s



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## LAKAREBER ABE

**Age:** 26 **Residence:** The Woodlands, TX

**Status:** Professional (Alabama)

- 2022 LPGA Cognizant Founders Cup start
- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Shoot-out Presented by Cognizant winner
- Current LPGA EPSON Tour member

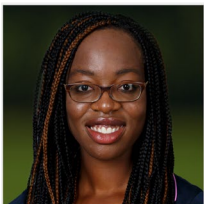


## KENDALL JACKSON

**Age:** 19 **Residence:** Pearland, TX

**Status:** Amateur (Howard)

- 2022 Cardinal Classic medalist (College Event)
- 2021 US Girls Junior participant
- 2021 Texas State Junior runner-up



## ANDRIEL AIMUA

**Age:** 26 **Residence:** Woodbury, MN

**Status:** Professional (Charleston Southern)

- Current LPGA EPSON Tour member
- Current WAPT member
- T-3 2019 MN Women's State Open

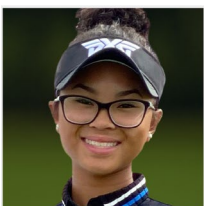


## TIANA JONES

**Age:** 30 **Residence:** Parma, OH

**Status:** Professional (South Carolina State)

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Shoot-out Presented by Cognizant participant
- 2022 Top 10 Finish PGA Winter Series
- 7th African American female to obtain PGA Membership

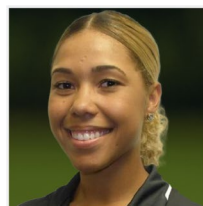


## ALONA AVERY

**Age:** 15 **Residence:** Riverside, CA

**Status:** Amateur (Class of 2024)

- 2022 Mack Champ Invitational champion
- 2021 T-8 at Under Armour Albane
- Valenzuela Girls Championship



## AMBER KUYKENDALL

**Age:** 24 **Residence:** Pearland, TX

**Status:** Professional (Texas Southern)

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Shoot-out Presented by Cognizant participant
- Three Time First Team All SWAC
- Five Top 25 finishes on WAPT



## AMARI AVERY

**Age:** 18 **Residence:** Riverside, CA

**Status:** Amateur (Southern California)

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Women's Invitational participant
- 2022 Augusta National Women's Amateur participant
- 2021 U.S. Women's Open qualifier

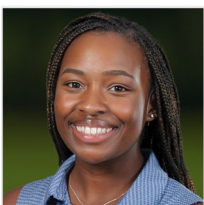


## GEORGIA OBOH

**Age:** 21 **Residence:** Lagos, Nigeria

**Status:** Professional

- Cote d' Ivoire Open Women's Champion 2018

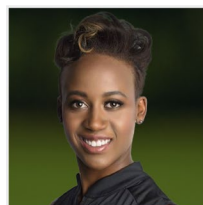


## CHRISTYN CARR

**Age:** 24 **Residence:** Duluth, GA

**Status:** Amateur (North Carolina A&T)

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Women's Invitational participant
- 2021 Symetra Classic Exemption recipient
- 2019 Georgia Women's Amateur runner-up



## SADENA PARKS

**Age:** 31 **Residence:** Surprise, AZ

**Status:** Professional (Stanford)

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Shoot-out Presented by Cognizant participant
- Two professional wins
- 2015-2018 LPGA player
- Fifth African-American woman to earn her LPGA card



## PAIGE CRAWFORD

**Age:** 30 **Residence:** Colorado Springs, CO

**Status:** Professional (Montana State)

- Four professional Top-10s
- 2013 BIG SKY individual champion



## JADE SANDERS

**Age:** 23 **Residence:** Pensacola, FL

**Status:** Professional (Alabama State)

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Shoot-out Presented by Cognizant participant
- 2022 Jim Thorpe Invitational - T25
- 2021 Rene Powell WIG Tournament - Top 5



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## MARIAH STACKHOUSE

**Age:** 28    **Residence:** Atlanta, GA

**Status:** Professional (Stanford)

- Five LPGA TOUR Top 10s
- 90 LPGA TOUR starts
- Four-time college All-American

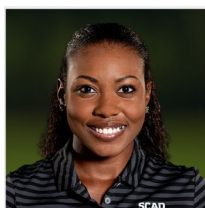


## ANITA UWADIA

**Age:** 24    **Residence:** Fort Worth, TX

**Status:** Professional

- 2021 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Women's Invitational Champion
- 2021 LPGA Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational participant



## MICAH THOMAS

**Age:** 27    **Residence:** Haines-City, FL

**Status:** Amateur (Howard)

- 2022 THE JOHN SHIPPEN Shoot-out Presented by Cognizant participant
- Four National Women's Golf Association starts
- Five East Coast Women's All-Pro Tour starts