

# '79 Open contenders

## Ben Crenshaw

EXEMPT STATUS: Top 60 on Money List

HEIGHT: 5'9" WEIGHT: 170

BIRTHDATE: Jan. 11, 1952 BIRTHPLACE: Austin, Tex

RESIDENCE: Austin, Tex

FAMILY: Wife, Polly

COLLEGE: U of Texas

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Fishing, bird watching, and collecting golf artifacts

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 1973 Q SCHOOL: 1973

CAREER EARNINGS: \$695,633 PLAYOFF RECORD: 0-1

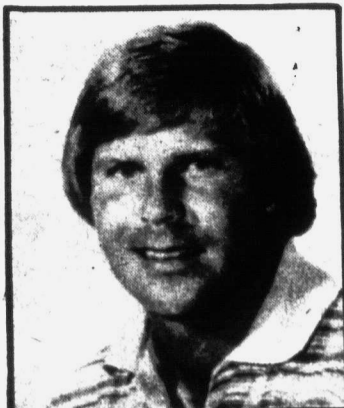
TOUR VICTORIES: 1973 San Antonio-Texas Open 1976 Bing Crosby National Pro-Am, Hawaiian (TOTAL 5) Open, Ohio Kings Island Open 1977 Colonial Invitational

MONEY & POSITION: 1973-\$76,749-34 1975-\$63,528-32 1977-\$123,841-16  
1974-\$71,065-31 1976-\$257,759-2 1978-\$108,305-21

BEST 1978 FINISHES: 2-Crosby T.3-Citrus, Canadian 4-Texas T.4-TPC

1978 SUMMARY: Tournaments entered 27, in money 24, top ten finishes 5, stroke avg. 71.55

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS: 1971, 1972 and 1973 NCAA champion (was co-champion with Tom Kite in 1972) 1972 World Cup team 1973 Western Amateur match and medal play champion Winner 1976 Irish Open



## Arnold Palmer

EXEMPT STATUS: Unlimited, 1960 U.S. Open champion

HEIGHT: 5'10 1/2" WEIGHT: 190

BIRTHDATE: Sept. 10, 1929 BIRTHPLACE: Latrobe, Pa.

RESIDENCE: Latrobe, Pa.

FAMILY: Wife, Winifred Wutzer, Margaret (2/26/56), Amy (8/4/58)

COLLEGE: Wake Forest U.

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Flying, tennis, business, club-making

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 1954 JOINED TOUR: 1955

CAREER EARNINGS: \$1,789,155 PLAYOFF RECORD: 14-10

TOUR VICTORIES: 1955 Canadian, 1956 Insurance City, Eastern, 1957 Houston, Azalea, Rubber City, San Diego, 1958 St. Petersburg, Masters, Pepsi Golf, 1959 Thunderbird, Calif. Invitational, Oklahoma City, West Palm Beach, 1960 Insurance City, Masters, Palm Springs Classic, Baton Rouge, Pensacola, U.S. Open, Mobile, Sebring, 1961 San Diego, Texas, Baton Rouge, Phoenix, Western, 1962 Masters, Palm Springs Classic, Texas Phoenix, Tournament of Champions, Colonial National, American Golf Classic, 1963 Thunderbird, Pensacola, Phoenix, Western, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Philadelphia, 1964 Oklahoma City, Masters, 1965 Tournament of Champions, 1966 Los Angeles, Tournament of Champions, Houston, Champions International, PGA Team (with Jack Nicklaus), 1967 Los Angeles, Tucson, American Golf Classic, Thunderbird Classic, 1968 Hope Desert Classic, Kemper, 1969 Heritage, Danny Thomas-Diplomat, 1970 Four-Ball (with Jack Nicklaus), 1971 Hope Desert Classic, Citrus, Westchester, National Team (with Jack Nicklaus), 1973 Hope Classic

MONEY & POSITION: 1955-\$7,958-32 1963-\$128,230-1 1971-\$209,603-3  
1956-\$16,145-19 1964-\$113,203-2 1972-\$84,181-25  
1957-\$27,803-5 1965-\$57,770-10 1973-\$89,457-27  
1958-\$42,608-1 1966-\$110,487-3 1974-\$36,293-72  
1959-\$32,462-5 1967-\$184,065-2 1975-\$59,017-36  
1960-\$75,263-1 1968-\$114,802-7 1976-\$17,017-115  
1961-\$61,091-2 1969-\$105,128-9 1977-\$21,950-101  
1962-\$81,448-1 1970-\$128,853-5 1978-\$27,073-94

BEST 1978 FINISHES: 5-Phoenix T.8-Canadian T.14-Citrus

1978 SUMMARY: Tournaments entered 15, in money 11, top ten finishes 2, stroke avg. 72.87

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS: 1954 U.S. Amateur champion Winner of 18 foreign titles, including 1961 and 1962 British Open, 1966 Australian Open, 1975 Spanish Open, and 1975 British PGA 1961, 1965, 1967, 1971, and 1973 Ryder Cup team 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, and 1967 World Cup team

In 1978, the year in which he turned 49, Arnold Palmer's performance on the PGA Tour was better than in his previous two campaigns. In 1976 and 1977, Arnie had no finishes in the top ten, last year he placed in the top ten twice.

In his first start of the year, the Phoenix Open, Palmer shot four solid rounds—69, 68, 71 and 67—to finish fifth, nine under par and just three shots behind winner Miller Barber. Arnie's other high finish was a tie for eighth in the Canadian Open on the demanding Glen Abbey layout.

Palmer thrilled his millions of fans with great opening rounds in three other events, the Florida Citrus Open, the Byron Nelson Classic and the Kemper Open. At the Orlando tournament, he started with a seven-under 65 that gave him a share of the lead, but finished 73-71-71 and tied for 14th.

In the Byron Nelson (69) and the Kemper (67), Arnie was just one shot back after the first round, but couldn't sustain the pace, dropping back to a tie for 63rd and a tie for 20th, respectively.



## Gary Player

EXEMPT STATUS: Top 60 on Money List

HEIGHT: 5'7" WEIGHT: 150

BIRTHDATE: Nov. 1, 1935 BIRTHPLACE: Johannesburg, South Africa

RESIDENCE: Johannesburg, South Africa

FAMILY: Wife, Vivienne Verwey, Jennifer (58), Mark (3/61), Wayne (4/62), Michelle (12/63), Theresa (65), Amanda (73)

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Raising horses on his farm, physical fitness

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 1953 JOINED TOUR: 1957

CAREER EARNINGS: \$1,508,643 PLAYOFF RECORD: 3-11

TOUR VICTORIES: 1958 Kentucky Derby Open, 1961 Lucky International, Sunshine, Masters, 1962 PGA Championship, San Diego, 1963 Pensacola, 1964 500 Festival, 1965 U.S. Open, 1966 Tournament of Champions, 1970 Greater Greensboro, 1971 Jacksonville, National Airlines, 1972 New Orleans, PGA Championship, 1973 Southern, 1974 Masters, Danny Thomas-Memphis, 1978 Masters, Tournament of Champions, Houston Open

MONEY & POSITION: 1957-\$3,286- 1965-\$89,964-5 1973-\$48,878-63  
1958-\$18,591- 1966-\$26,391-38 1974-\$108,372-19  
1959-\$5,694-58 1967-\$55,820-18 1975-\$73,943-27  
1960-\$13,879-29 1968-\$51,950-33 1976-\$53,668-53  
1961-\$64,540-1 1969-\$123,897-5 1977-\$112,485-21  
1962-\$45,836-6 1970-\$101,212-15 1978-\$177,336-9  
1963-\$55,455-5 1971-\$120,916-5  
1964-\$61,449-7 1972-\$120,719-7

BEST 1978 FINISHES: 1-Masters, Tournament of Champions, Houston T.4-Memorial T.5-New Orleans T.6-U.S. Open

1978 SUMMARY: Tournaments entered 19, in money 17, top ten finishes 7, stroke avg. 71.40



## Tom Kite

EXEMPT STATUS: Top 60 on Money List

HEIGHT: 5'8 1/2" WEIGHT: 153

BIRTHDATE: Dec. 9, 1949 BIRTHPLACE: Austin, Tex

RESIDENCE: Austin, Tex

FAMILY: Wife, Christy

COLLEGE: U of Texas

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Fishing, golf club repair

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 1972 Q SCHOOL: 1972

CAREER EARNINGS: \$624,880 PLAYOFF RECORD: 1-0

TOUR VICTORIES: 1976 I.V.B. Bicentennial Golf Classic 1978 B.C. Open (TOTAL 2)

MONEY & POSITION: 1972-\$2,582-233 1975-\$87,045-18 1978-\$161,370-11  
1973-\$54,270-56 1976-\$116,180-21  
1974-\$82,055-26 1977-\$125,204-14

BEST 1978 FINISHES: 1-B.C. Open T.2-Hall of Fame 3-Memphis, Western T.3-Citrus

1978 SUMMARY: Tournaments entered 28, in money 25, top ten finishes 8, stroke avg. 71.19

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS: 1970 World Amateur Cup team 1971 Walker Cup team 1972 NCAA co-champion with Ben Crenshaw



## Bill Kratzert

EXEMPT STATUS: Top 60 on Money List

HEIGHT: 6" WEIGHT: 190

BIRTHDATE: June 29, 1952 BIRTHPLACE: Quantico, Va.

RESIDENCE: Fort Wayne, Ind.

FAMILY: Wife, Cheryl Ann, Rebecca Brea (9/6/78)

COLLEGE: U. of Georgia (1974, General Business)

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Following all sports

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 1974 Q SCHOOL: Spring 1976

CAREER EARNINGS: \$339,695 PLAYOFF RECORD: 1-1

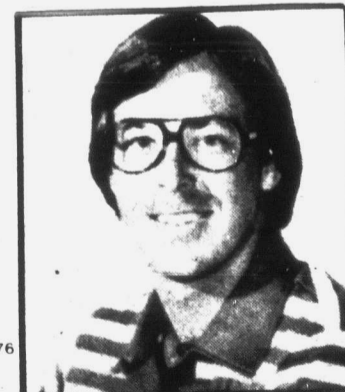
TOUR VICTORIES: 1976 Walt Disney World National Team Play (with Woody Blackburn) 1977 Greater Hartford Open (TOTAL 2)

MONEY & POSITION: 1976-\$21,253-102 1977-\$134,758-10 1978-\$183,683-8

BEST 1978 FINISHES: 2-Hawaiian Memorial T.2-Hartford T.3-Houston

1978 SUMMARY: Tournaments entered 30, in money 26, top ten finishes 12, stroke avg. 70.93

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS: Winner 1968 Indiana Amateur and 1969 Indiana Open 1973 and 1974 All-American



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