

Pruitt Named to South Carolina Golf Hall of Fame

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With a career ranging from winning championships to officiating championships, Dillard Pruitt has been selected for induction into the South Carolina Golf Hall of Fame, President Frank Ford, III announced recently. Becoming the organization's 68th member, Pruitt will join uncle Dillard Traynham and brother-in-law Jay Haas in the state's golf shrine.

Pruitt's on-course achievements include winning multiple junior championships, becoming an All-America at Clemson University, earning victories in the South Carolina and Sunnehanna Amateurs and capturing a PGA Tour tournament title. After competing for ten years on the top professional golf tours, he became a PGA Tour rules official and is currently in his 19th season in that position.

His career toward the Hall of Fame began "playing golf with my parents," Pruitt said. He played multiple sports at Travelers Rest High School before deciding to focus on golf. Bursting onto the junior scene in 1978, Pruitt was victorious at the Florence Junior Boys (now known as the Grant Bennett Florence Junior Invitational), the Furman Junior Invitational and the Frank B. Edwards, the forerunner of the prestigious Bobby Chapman Invitational. A year later, he won the Carolinas Junior and placed second in the SCGA Junior Championship.

At Clemson, Pruitt was an All-America twice and a three-time All-ACC player. He was named to the ACC's 50-year team and has been inducted into the Clemson athletic Hall of Fame.

His amateur triumphs include the 1982 SCGA Amateur Championship and the '83 Sunnehanna. After regaining his amateur status, he won the 2002 Sunnehanna, the 2003 Canadian Amateur and the 2003 CGA Match Play.

Pruitt spent two years playing professionally in Europe before joining the PGA Tour in 1988. He won the 1991 Chattanooga Classic, played in two Masters, two U.S. Opens and three PGA Championships.

Pruitt joined the PGA Tour's rules staff in 1998 and spends 28-30 weeks a year on the road at tournaments. In 2015, Pruitt was named to the Rules Official Staff for the 2015 President's Cup.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be held during the South Carolina Golf Association's Golf Day, January 13, 2018 at Columbia Country Club. A limited number of tickets are available. For information, contact the South Carolina Golf Association at 803-732-9311 or info@scgolf.org.

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