Suzy Whaley, PGA/LPGA

Suzy is one of the nation's most acclaimed golf instructors and public speakers. She is a member of The PGA of America and a member of the LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals. Whaley was recently elected to The PGA of America Board of Directors to represent the Connecticut, New England and Northeastern New York PGA Sections – the first woman to do so from her District. She is also a member of the PGA of America's National Instruction and National Diversity committees.

In 2002, Whaley was the first woman in 58 years to qualify and participate in a PGA Tour event (the 2003 Greater Hartford Open). In 2005, she became the first woman to qualify for the PGA Professional National Championship, finishing tied for 64th.

Her many teaching accolades include being chosen among the top teachers in Connecticut by *Golf Digest*, a number five designation by *Golf Digest* magazine for the 50 Best Women Teachers in America in 2010, the 2008 LPGA Northeast Section Teacher of the Year and a two- time Connecticut PGA Teacher of the Year.

She joins LPGA Tour and World Golf Foundation Halls of Fame golfer Nancy Lopez and fitness expert Donna Richardson Joyner as spokespeople for the 2010 American Express Women's Golf Month.

Suzy and her husband, Bill, are parents of two daughters, Jennifer and Kelly.

SUZY'S FAVORITE GOLFING MEMORY IS:
I have many golfing memories that are favorites, but my most favorite was the first time my husband and I walked the fairways, playing with our two daughters, as we all carried our own clubs and everyone played all their own shots.

FAVORITE DRILL:
Swing speed drill to increase club head speed:

1. Turn the club upside down.
2. Grip the club under the hosel.
3. Without trying to hit the ground, swing the club so that, at impact, you make air move. It should sound like a fast swishing noise at the bottom of the swing.

HER FAVORITE CLUB IS:
7-iron

STRONGEST PART OF HER GAME:
Accuracy off the tee.

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