

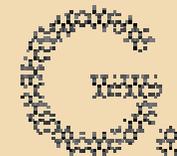
# Swedish Golf. Hall of Fame

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# What is the Swedish Golf Hall of Fame?

The Swedish Golf Hall of Fame is an exclusive assembly of persons from the Swedish golf history who have had achieved the biggest athletic success or who have had an extraordinary impact on the game's development in Sweden



# Background

The Swedish Golf Association had three different "top level" awards for persons who had contributed to the game

## **Guldmärket (Gold medal)**

Highest honor for persons with a long period of voluntary work in golf

## **Elitmärket (Elite medal)**

Highest honor for elite players

## **Guldklubban (The Golden Club)**

Highest honor for other categories (also includes some players)

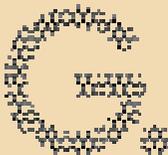


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With 3 types of awards given to a fair number of (very deserving) recipients there was no accolade strictly for "those who always must be remembered" in Swedish golf



Based on an initiative from the Swedish Golf museums curator Göran Nyström the Swedish Golf Association decided to form the Swedish Golf Hall fame to honor the select few that have meant most for the game in Sweden



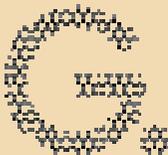
# Who can be inducted?

## Player category (approx. 2/3 of inductees)

- Players with extraordinary results
- Historical players are judged by their international success in the time period or by their local dominance in Sweden
- For modern players results in the biggest tournaments, like Majors, Ryder- or Solheim Cup is given more weight
- Besides formal merits the player should also be role model when it comes to sportsmanship and the games core values

## Non-player category

- Persons who have contributed greatly to the development an or popularization of the game
- Examples include course architects, sport writers, leaders, etc.
- Non players should also have conducted themselves in accordance with sportsmanship and the sports democratic values



# How are you inducted?



A nomination committee made up from representatives from Guldklubben, The Swedish Golf Museum and PGA Sweden recommends one or more inductee candidates to the board of the Swedish Golf Association who make the official decision

For the inaugural induction in 2022 seven candidates were recommended and subsequently inducted

For 2023 three more candidates will be inducted but from then on yearly additions will be kept to one or two candidates or even zero for some years

The induction into the Hall of Fame should remain the highest honor and only be granted to people of extraordinary significance to Swedish golf



# The Hall of Fame – an actual wall of fame



The Hall of Fame itself consist of a wooden wall made of Nordic Ash

On it a small “silhouette” of the inductee is placed together with a short presentation. There is also a video screen were you can watch more detailed presentation of the persons on the wall

The figurines depict the person in a typical pose, e.g. from a famous picture

Each figurine is made in only two copies by the Danish artist Morten Schödt – one for the Hall of Fame and one presented to the Hall of Famer at the induction ceremony

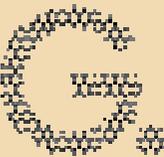


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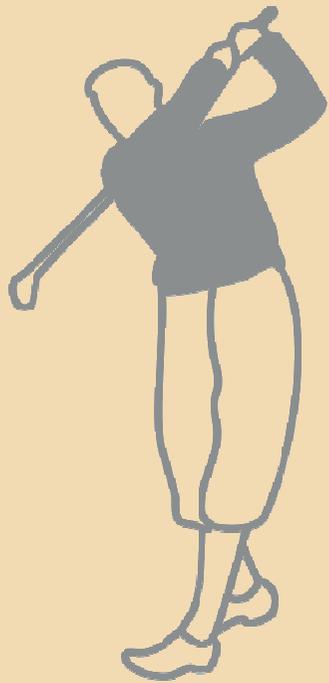


## Viktor H Setterberg

A man deserving of the title "the Swedish golf". He was the driving force in creating both the oldest golf club in and the Swedish Golf Association. He also the first translation of the rules into and tirelessly promoted the game and the creation of courses around Sweden

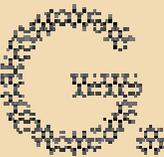


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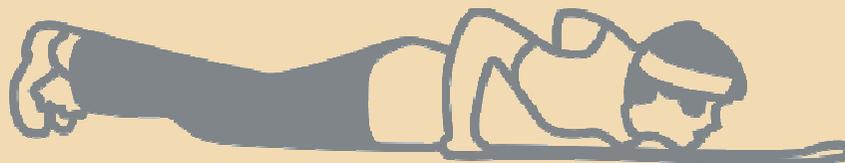


## Erik Runfelt

The best player in Sweden in the first part of the 20th century. Already at 16 he reached his first Swedish Championship final in 1910. He went win 22 of the 33 Championship tournaments he entered and was part of the Swedish amateur for over three decades. Editor in Chief of the "Svensk Golf"-magazine from the start in 1946.

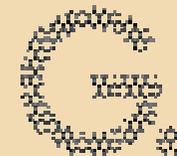


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## Liv Wollin

Liv dominated women's golf in Sweden from the early 1960s well 80s. She was the first Swedish female golfer who successfully internationally with several wins and a runner-up finish in British Member of the team that won the European Amateur 1981. Played 10 World Championships and won 23 championship Sweden. Swedish sportswoman of the year in 1967

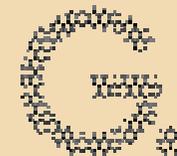


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## Sven Tumba

More than any other person he helped popularize Sweden in the later half of the 20th century. accomplished player himself (e.g. winning the Scandinavian Matchplay Championship in 1970) his contribution came was bringing professional golf to Sweden through Volvo Open and SEO. Using the from his ice hockey career he also staged exhibition games with golf biggest players.

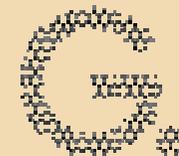


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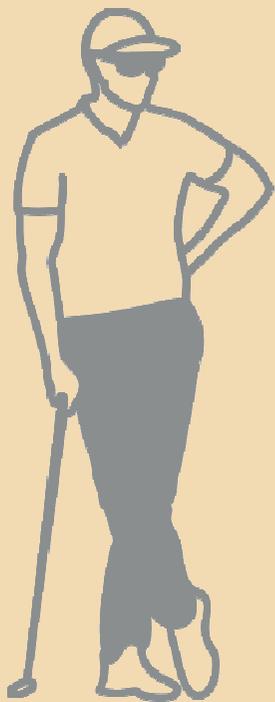


## Liselotte Neumann

Sweden's first golf superstar! At age 15 she won the Swedish Championship with the lowest score ever. In 1988 she became the first Swede to win a Major she won US Open, also with the lowest score ever. was part of the team who won a World won 25 professional titles and played in six straight Solheim Cups. 2013 she was captain for the first Cup team to win in the US.

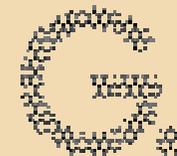


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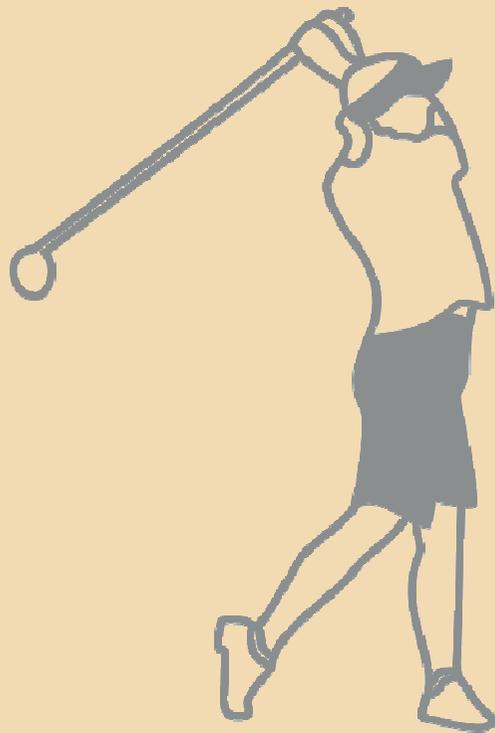


## Henrik Stenson

The most successful male professional golfer in to date . In the first 2 decades of the 21st century he been among the top players in the world, winning a tour victory 4 times (Challenge Tour, FedEx Cup and Race to Dubai). In 2016 he became the first Swedish player ever to win a Major Championship when the The Open at Royal Troon, with the lowest score ever. He has also won the silver in the Rio Olympics and has been a part of the European Ryder Cup team 5 times.



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## Annika Sörenstam

The dominating force in women's golf from 1995 to Her 72 victories on the LPGA – 10 of which being majors – gives her a special and historical position only in Swedish golf but in all of golf. She had her breakthrough when she won US Women's Open back in 1995 and 1996. Counted among the greatest players of all time she won Rolex Player of the Year 8 times and was the first (and so far, only) female shoot a 59. President of the International Golf Federation since 2020.

