

If you can achieve the short-term stuff, you'll do fine in the long run.”

“After you turn 80, you can count on losing 10 yards in distance per year.”

“When the day comes that I hit my pitching wedge and driver the same distance, that's when I'll pack it in.”

“Here's irony for you: The driver goes the shortest when you throw it. The putter flies farthest, followed by the sand wedge.”

The Tommy Bolt Plaque

The Tommy Bolt Plaque commemorates his golfing accomplishments, highlighted by the 1958 U.S. Open victory. The plaque contains a signed photo, originally appearing on the June 8, 1959 cover of Sports Illustrated, 15 autographed balls from the venues of each victory, and a reproduced Official 1958 U.S. Open scorecard, signed by Mr. Bolt and his marker, Bruce Crampton. All autographs are authentic and are not machine produced.

The plaques are limited to 150 for sale. Six additional plaques will be used for sales and marketing, a total of 156.

A hologram has been provided by Mr. Bolt and it is affixed to the front of the plaque. This assures that all of the autographs have been personally applied by Mr. Bolt. The Bruce Crampton autograph on the scorecard was obtained by Butch Baird.

Each plaque comes with a Certificate of Authenticity, completed by PGA Tour star, Butch Baird.

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TOMMY BOLT VICTORIES

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Tommy Bolt Profile

Tommy Bolt is regarded as one of the finest gentlemen to have ever played on the PGA TOUR. And he is undoubtedly the finest dressed professional golfer, combining an elegant wardrobe with a subtle mixture of colors. His squared Oklahoman jaw gives him a Dick Tracy look that has endeared him to galleries across America since the fifties.



Dimensions: 25" x 18.5" (63.75 cm x 47.18 cm)

Mr. Bolt was born in Haworth, Oklahoma on March 31, 1916. (Haworth is a small town in the farthest southeastern part of Oklahoma, just a few miles from the Texas and Arkansas borders.) He and his wife, Mary Lou, have one son and two grandchildren. Tommy turned professional in 1946 and won his first official event in 1951.

Tommy Bolt was selected to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2002.

“Tommy is most deserving of this honor,” said Tim Finchem, Commissioner of the PGA TOUR. “He always has been recognized as one of the truly great personalities in the game, but not to be overlooked is the fact that he was considered by his peers to be one of the best ball-strikers of his era...”

Tommy was twice selected to the Ryder Cup team. In 1969 he won the Seniors' PGA Championship. He also has 11 other Senior Tour victories.

The 1958 U.S. Open Championship

Tommy's greatest triumph came at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 15, 1958. He completely destroyed the field, shooting rounds of 69 and 72 on the last day. His 4-round total of 283 was 4 shots better than runner-up Gary Player. He is one of only a few players to hold at least a share of first place in every round of a U.S. Open.



Tommy's Other 14 Victories

● **1951 North & South Open**

Tommy's first tour victory at Pinehurst Golf Club shooting 283 and winning by 3 shots over John Barnum. Wins \$1,500 of the \$7,500 purse.

● **1952 Los Angeles Open**

Tied at 289 at Riviera CC, shoots 69 in playoff to defeat Jackie Burke, 1956 Masters and PGA champ, and Dutch Harrison.

● **1953 San Diego Open**

Scored a 3 shot win over Doug Ford, 1955 PGA Champion, at San Diego CC.

● **1953 Tucson Open**

One shot better than 1950 PGA Champion, Chandler Harper, with a score of 265 at El Rio CC.

● **1954 Miami Beach International 4-Ball**

Teams with Dick Mayer to edge Julius Boros, the 1952 and 1963 U.S. Open champ, and Dutch Harrison on first hole of “sudden death” at Normandy Isle GC.

● **1954 Insurance City Open**

Wins playoff, 67 to 68, over Earl Stewart, Jr. Tournament, later named the Hartford Open.

● **1954 Rubber City Open**

Cruises to a 5 shot victory over Fred Hawkins with a score of 265 at the famed Firestone CC.

● **1955 Convair-San Diego Open**

Defeats Johnny Palmer by 2 strokes with a 274 at Mission Valley CC.

● **1955 Tucson Open**

Fires a 266 for 3 shot victory over 1959 Masters champion, Art Wall, Jr. and Bud Holscher at El Rio CC.

● **1955 St. Paul Open**

Defeats 1961 PGA champion, Jerry Barber, by 2 at Keller Golf Course.

● **1957 Eastern Open**

276 score, 4 shots better than Fred Hawkins and Billy Casper, 1959 and 1966 U.S. Open champ, at Mt. Pleasant Municipal.

● **1958 Colonial National Invitational**

Bests Ken Venturi, 1964 U.S. Open champion by 1 stroke at 282.

● **1960 Memphis Open Invitational**

Shoots a 68 in playoff victory over the legendary Ben Hogan and 1961 U.S. Open champion, Gene Littler at Colonial CC (TN).

● **1961 Pensacola Open Invitational**

Beats grand slam star, Gary Player, by 2 shots for his last official victory, winning \$2,800 from a purse of \$20,000.

The press overly exaggerated Tommy Bolt's temperament for several years to a point that these myths were deemed real. Tommy is a good guy, he was and still is a “showman.” Most often he would go along with these stories as they made great press in those days.

A Few of Tommy's Memorable Comments to Golf Digest

“It thrills crowds to see a guy suffer. That's why I threw clubs so often. They love to see golf get the better of someone, and I was only too happy to oblige them. At first I threw clubs because I was angry. After a while it became showmanship, plain and simple. I learned that if you helicopter those dudes by throwing them sideways instead of overhand, the shaft wouldn't break as easy. It's an art, it really is.”

“I sold newspapers on a street corner when I was about 12. The first thing I did when I opened my bundle was go to the comic strips and read ‘Ben Webster - Bound to Win.’ The hero, a little kid named Ben Webster, was always overcoming obstacles to win things. Marble-shooting contests, spelling bees, whatever. Maybe because I was poor, Ben became my alter ego. It sounds childish, but on that Saturday at Southern Hills (1958 U.S. Open), I was saying to myself, ‘Bound to Win...Ben Webster...Bound to Win.’ It made me feel like I had a little extra something behind me.”

“My temper was nothing compared to that of J.B., my older brother. When we were teenagers, we pooled our money and bought a set of hickory-shafted irons. One day he had a bad hole, and I watched him go to the side of the green and shatter every one of those clubs against a tree. It made me cry. But I was afraid to say anything to him for fear he'd punch me in the nose.”

“When I was a kid and poor, I never had shoes that fit. The first date I ever had, I borrowed a pair of my older brother's shoes. They were a size 9½; my foot size was a 10. They hurt my feet so bad I forgot to kiss the girl good night. Later on I played in tournaments wearing shoes I borrowed from the pro at home. Shoes were always a problem, so when I could finally afford them, I went overboard. At one point I owned 70 pairs of shoes. I can't help but take good care of them. I walk around in them like a cat for fear of wearing them out.”

“After I turned 70, I started setting my goals five years at a time. It's worked so well, I wish I'd used the same strategy when I was younger.