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## Instruction from Golf's Greatest Teachers

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Let Athlon's Elite 8 make 2009 your best year of golf yet.

### ROB AKINS

*Director of Instruction*

*Spring Creek Ranch, Collierville, Tenn.*

- Recognized by *Golf Digest* as one of America's 50 Greatest Teachers and the top teacher in Tennessee
- Students include 2001 PGA Champion David Toms, Loren Roberts

"In my opinion, Rob is one of the best instructors in the world. His intimate knowledge of the golf swing, unlimited energy and dedication to his job have led to my current success."

— David Toms



### KIP PUTERBAUGH

*Director of the Aviara Golf Academy  
Carlsbad, Calif.*

- Recognized by *Golf Magazine* as a Top 100 Teacher in America
- A student of immortal golf instructor Paul Runyan
- Has worked with Scott Simpson and Larry Mize



### CRAIG SHANKLAND

*Senior Instructor, LPGA International  
Golf Club, Daytona Beach, Fla., and  
the Director of Instruction at The  
Maroon Creek Club, Aspen, Colo.*

- 2001 PGA Teacher of the Year in the United States
- Recognized by *Golf Digest* as one of America's 50 Greatest Teachers, and annually in *Golf Magazine's* Top 100



### HANK JOHNSON

*Founder and Master Instructor*

*Hank Johnson School of Golf  
Greystone Golf and Country Club  
Birmingham, Ala.*

- 2004 PGA National Teacher of the Year
- Recognized by *Golf Digest* as one of America's 50 Greatest Teachers and the top teacher in Alabama



### DR. GARY WIREN

*Director of Instruction at Trump  
International Golf Club, West Palm  
Beach, Fla., and Senior Director of  
Instruction at all of Donald Trump's  
golf properties*

- Member of the PGA of America Golf Hall of Fame and the *Golf Magazine* World Golf Teachers Hall of Fame
- PGA Teacher of the Year in the United States in 1986
- Recognized by *Golf Digest* as one of America's 50 Greatest Teachers, and annually in *Golf Magazine's* Top 100
- Author of 11 books on golf, including the 617-page PGA Teaching Manual. His newest book is *When Golf is a Ball*, which won best golf book of the year in 2004



### CHARLIE KING

*Director of Instruction*

*Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, Ga.*

- Recognized by *Golf Magazine* as a Top 100 Teacher in America
- Co-author (with Rob Akins) of Golf's Red Zone Challenge, an innovative approach to short-game improvement



### TOM NESS

*Director of Instruction,*

*Affiniti Golf Academy*

*Alpharetta Athletic Club, Milton, Ga.*

- Recognized by *Golf Digest* as one of America's 50 Greatest Teachers and recognized by *Golf Magazine* as a Top 100 Teacher in America
- Spent 20 years as head instructor of *Golf Digest* Schools
- Student of the late Davis Love Jr.



### MARK WOOD

*Executive Director of Golf Cornerstone, Colo.*

- Founder of the Mark Wood Golf Academy
- Recognized by *Golf Magazine* as a Top 100 Teacher in America
- Widely known among his peers as an instruction innovator

