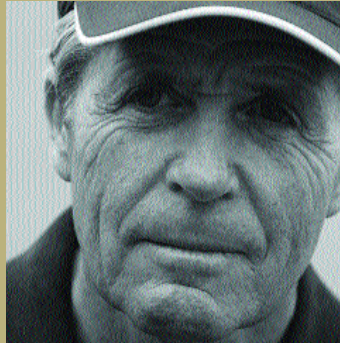


# *Gary Player (1935–)*

## THE ORDER OF IKHAMANGA IN GOLD



**AWARDED TO  
GARY PLAYER  
FOR HIS LIFETIME OF  
ACHIEVEMENT AND  
EXCELLENCE IN GOLF, AND  
FOR OUTSTANDING  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF  
NON-RACIAL SPORT  
IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Gary Player was born on 11 January 1935 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Player's career, spanning almost 60 years, is one of relentless success. He has won nine major titles: three masters; three British Opens; two PGA Championships; and one US Open. He has won all four Major Championships (one of only five players who hold this distinction). He has won at least one Tour event in five different decades and is the only player in the 20th century to win a British Open in three different decades. Altogether Player has had more than 160 major victories.

When he turned 50 at the end of 1985, Player won his first senior tournament and by 1997 he had won his ninth Senior Major, thereby equaling the nine Majors he won between 1959 and 1978.

Gary Player has been integrally involved in the provision of golf facilities and equipment and promoting golf among previously disadvantaged sectors of our people. He is widely regarded as one of golf's all-time greats and is a living South African sporting legend.