

Kentucky Golf Foundation – Looking Back at 2010

In 2010, we entered our fourth year of operation at Golf House Kentucky. The Kentucky Golf Foundation has worked to establish Golf House Kentucky as the home for golf in Kentucky, and over the past four years has hosted leaders from the Women's Kentucky State Golf Association, the Kentucky Turfgrass Council, the First Tee of Louisville, the Kentuckiana Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, the Kentucky Chapter of the Club Managers Association of America, the USGA, the Kentucky Golf Association, the Kentucky Section PGA, and the Kentucky Senior Golf Association. In addition, the facility has hosted annual toyraising events for the United States Marine Corps Reserves' Toys for Tots Program, and this past July, hosted children from The First Tee Chapters in Kentucky and Tennessee for a day of golf instruction and fun.

To assist in promoting and developing junior golf in Kentucky, to promote Kentucky's great golf history and to promote the growth of golf, listed below are some efforts and initiatives from 2010:

- We administered the Gay Brewer, Jr. Grant Program and awarded \$12,000 in grants to six junior golfers from Kentucky. The program provides financial assistance to junior golfers from Kentucky with the ability to compete at the regional and national level and over the past three years has awarded \$34,000 to deserving junior golfers from across Kentucky.
- We conducted the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Ceremony in November at Wildwood Country Club. The event honors inductees into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame, and this year's ceremony honored George Cadle, Mary Lou Daniel Crocker, and the late Eddie Tyree. The Kentucky Golf Foundation assists in underwriting the cost for the ceremony, as well as the costs for updating Hall of Fame displays, plaques, sketches, and gifts.
- We supported efforts to conduct a Golf Economic Impact Study for Kentucky to measure and promote the game's impact on Kentucky's economy. Results of the study will be announced in 2011.
- We added several new items to Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame displays at Golf House Kentucky, including a commemorative piece for Justin Thomas, who finished as runner-up at this year's U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, as well as for the 2010 U.S. Junior Ryder Cup, at which Kentuckians Emma Talley of Princeton and Justin Thomas of Goshen competed. We also added items from the scoreboard at the 2008 Ryder Cup, as well as new commemorative plaques to honor recipients of the J.W. Janes and Harreld Kirkpatrick Awards.
- We provided direct financial support to the following organizations and events:
 - *Kentucky PGA Foundation* – This organization supports junior golf and growth of the game programs across Kentucky each year, and in 2010, supported the Don Fightmaster Golf Outing for Exceptional Children, among other worthwhile programs.
 - *Fred Allen Fund* – This fund provides financial assistance each year to junior golfers from Kentucky who qualify for the U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Girls' Junior Championships.
 - *Kentucky High School Athletic Association Golf Championships* – We assisted in providing and compensating Rules Officials for this important junior golf championship.
 - *Kentucky High School All-State Banquet* – We partnered with the Kentucky Junior Golf Foundation to conduct the banquet honoring Kentucky's All-State High School Golf Teams. The banquet was a success and provided a memorable evening for the golfers and their families.

The Kentucky Golf Foundation looks back fondly at 2010 and ahead to 2011 with confidence. If you would like to support our efforts, please contact Mark Hill at (502) 243-8295.

Kentucky Golf Foundation - Images from 2010



The Kentucky Golf Foundation and Golf House Kentucky hosted participants from The First Tee chapters in Kentucky and Tennessee in July – Participants are pictured above on the front steps of Golf House Kentucky



Kristen Smith of Butler, pictured above (far left) with her family, was one of six recipients of a Gay Brewer, Jr. Grant in 2010



Justin Thomas of Goshen advanced to the Championship Match at the 2010 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, earning the highest finish in the Championship since Gay Brewer, Jr. in 1949 - Thomas is a past recipient of a Gay Brewer, Jr. Grant and was provided assistance to compete in this year's U.S. Junior Championship through the Fred Allen Fund, which is supported by the Kentucky Golf Foundation



Image from the 2010 KPGA Foundation Don Fightmaster Golf Outing for Exceptional Children - The KPGA Foundation receives support from the Kentucky Golf Foundation, and the Fightmaster event annually connects special needs children with junior golfers for a day of golf and fun