

Cornelius J. "Buddy" Demling - 2006

Demling, long-time PGA Golf Professional, has enjoyed a distinguished and diversified career in golf, including service as golf coach for Bellarmine College, director of golf for Metro Parks in Louisville, and as a consult/special projects manager for the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times. Demling may be best known for his popular trick-shot exhibition, which he has performed over 700 times since 1964 at locations across the world. An accomplished player, Demling's accomplishments include the 1957 and 1958 Kentucky PGA Assistants Championship; the 1987, 1988, and 1989 Kentucky Senior Open Championship; the 1989 and 2000 Kentucky PGA Senior Championship, and was the Kentucky PGA Senior Player of the Year in 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1995, and 2000. In 1995, he was named the Kentucky PGA Teacher of the Year, and in 1996 published a book, Simply Golf, which became the textbook for University of Louisville accredited golf classes. He played the PGA Tour briefly in the early 1960's. Demling has also been very active in his community outside of golf, donating his time and efforts to many charitable organizations. A longtime Kosair Shriner, he was named the 2004 Shrine Volunteer of the Year. In accepting that award, Demling stated "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."