

Jack Freeman - 2002

Mr. Freeman served as Head Golf Professional at Bellefonte Country Club in Ashland from 1967 to 2001. An all-around athlete, Mr. Freeman was awarded a basketball scholarship to Marshall University and was a member of the 1956 MAC Championship squad. Mr. Freeman also won MAC individual golf title in 1957 while at Marshall, and was elected into the Marshall University Hall of Fame in 1987. He won the 1977 Kentucky Open Championship, was honored in 1988 by his peers in the Kentucky PGA as Golf Professional of the Year, served two terms on the Kentucky PGA Board of Directors, and received the Horton Smith Award for Education from his peers in the Kentucky PGA in 1997. He established the reputation as a superb instructor, and was also very instrumental in the formation of the American Junior Golf Association's (AJGA) Bluegrass Invitational in 1984 at Bellefonte, an event which continues to this day with Bellefonte as the longest-standing venue on the AJGA's schedule.