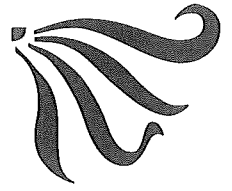


Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame



# Bruce G. Walters

2012, 2013 Nomination



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## 2012 Nomination Form

### NOMINEE'S NAME

WALTERS BRUCE  G.  
Last Name First Name Nickname (if applicable) Middle Initial

### NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1947 March 6  
Year Month Day

### RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) Life

Current Residence  
3500 CAICOS CT LEXINGTON KY 40509  
Address City State Zip

### STATUS

- ☒ Amateur  
☐ Professional  
☐ Deceased (please provide date of death \_\_\_\_\_)

### KEY AREAS (check all that are applicable)

- ☒ Playing Achievements  
☒ Contribution/Promotion of the Game  
☒ Contribution to Junior Golf  
☐ Teaching of the game  
☐ Golf Course Architecture  
☐ Turf Grass Research  
☐ Golf Course Management/Maintenance  
☐ National Recognition

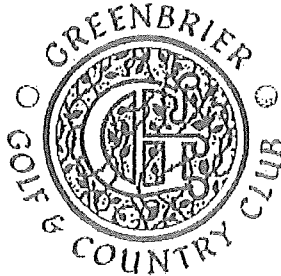
### SUPPORTING MATERIALS

#### Required

- ✓ One page type written biography of nominee
- ✓ Two (2) Letters of Nomination

#### Suggested

- ✓ Newspaper articles
- ✓ Photographs



July 14, 2013

Golf House Kentucky  
Attn: Hall of Fame Committee  
1116 Elmore Just Drive  
Louisville, KY 40245

To Whom It May Concern:

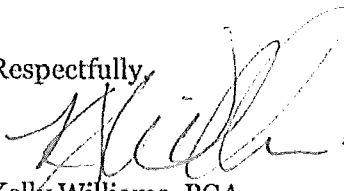
This letter is in support of Bruce Gray Walters nomination to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. There is no man who is more deserving of such a nomination than Bruce G. Walters. **Not one single contribution** makes him an eligible candidate, he is deserving because he has touched golf from nearly every conceivable angle – as a state and national amateur competitor, donor, senior amateur competitor, KGA Board member and possibly most important a junior golf promoter and outstanding human being.

Mr. Walters competitive accolades include four years of collegiate golf at Morehead State University, qualification for five United States Golf Association Events, Kentucky Mid-Amateur Champion, Kentucky Senior Amateur Champion, Kentucky Senior Open Champion, Low Amateur in the Kentucky Open, several top finishes among over 40 Kentucky amateur events. Topping of his competitive achievements are the many victories among various state invitationals, Club Champion at three different clubs across the state was ranked by Golfweek magazine in the top 10 senior amateurs in the country and was the 1995 KGA Johnny Owens Player of the Year. He also actively captains the Kentucky team for the United States Senior Golf Challenge.

As if Bruce Walters competitive achievements aren't enough to qualify him for the Kentucky Golf HOF, his donation of money and support to the various golf entities across the state should also be considered. Bruce has been a long-time member of the Kentucky Senior Golf Association, prior to that he served over 30 years as a KGA board member and was President of the KGA at one point. Further supporting Mr. Walter's dedication to the game he has supported junior golf both financially and in time as a donor to the East Kentucky Junior Golf Tour and by serving as head golf coach in his hometown at Pikeville High School.

Above all of the tangible contributions Bruce G. Walters has made to golf in Kentucky is his friendly spirit and kind heart. Bruce can't walk in a golf shop in the state of Kentucky without immediately being recognized and on the off chance he isn't, he will make a new friend immediately. This sums up the man that has meant so much to golf, it really isn't about Bruce Walters or his golf game, Bruce is all about finding ways to help others enjoy the game of golf. There can't be a better nominee for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. Please accept this nomination letter on my behalf supporting Bruce Walters for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame, Class of 2013.

Respectfully,

  
Kelly Williams, PGA  
Club Manager  
Greenbrier Golf & Country Club  
KPGA Vice-President



July 15, 2013

Golf House Kentucky  
Attn: Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame  
Erin Horn  
1116 Elmore Just Drive  
Louisville, KY 40245

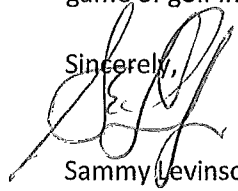
Dear Sirs:

I am writing to recommend that the committee consider the induction of my friend Bruce Walters into the Kentucky Golf House Hall of Fame. His achievements are many and begin back in his college days at Morehead State University. He has played in over forty Kentucky Amateur tournaments with several top finishes. Furthermore, he has been club champion at three different country clubs. He has also been ranked by Golfweek Magazine as one of the top ten senior amateurs in the country!

Besides his achievements on the course, he has also served as a Kentucky Golf Association board member for at least thirty years and is a past president of the Association. He also coached the Pikeville High School Golf Team for several years and is a financial supporter of the East Kentucky Junior Golf Tournament.

I hope the board will seriously consider the numerous contributions Bruce Walters has made to the game of golf in the state and especially in eastern Kentucky.

Sincerely,



Sammy Levinson

SEL/slm

## BIOGRAPHY

Bruce G. Walters has been a very competitive golfer for many years throughout the state of Kentucky. He has won over 70 amateur tournaments including the Paintsville Open in five different decades. He won the Governor's Open nine times and played in over forty State Amateurs with several high finishes. Bruce has played in almost as many Kentucky Opens finishing as the low amateur and a tie for second at the age of 48. He won the Kentucky Mid Amateur, Kentucky Senior Amateur, and the Kentucky Senior Open. He also won the Kentucky State 2-Man and the Kentucky Junior Amateur. Bruce was a three time runner up in the Kentucky Senior Open and a two time runner up in Kentucky Senior Match Play. He's qualified and played in five USGA events. He has won several club championships at Green Meadow Country Club and has also been the club champion at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club in Orlando, Florida. Most recently, he was the Senior Club champion at Lexington Country Club. In addition, he won KGA player of the year as a regular and senior player. He may possibly be the only player to ever do this.

Bruce is a past president of the Kentucky Golf Association having served on the board for over thirty five years. He presently serves as director emeritus. He is also presently serving on the board of the Kentucky Senior Golf Association. He was captain of the United States Senior Challenge team representing Kentucky among approximately thirty states in the eastern half of the U.S. He has been financially supportive of Kentucky golf including Golf House Kentucky and other entities.

He has also contributed to junior golf by coaching the Pikeville High School golf team for several years. He was instrumental in helping start the Pikeville High School Tournament of Champions which has brought teams from all over the state to eastern Kentucky. Bruce is also a financial supporter of the Eastern Kentucky Junior Golf Association started by Tom Cooksey. This is the first Junior Golf tour of its kind in eastern Kentucky.

Nominated by Bruce Walters II

To: Hall of Fame Committee

Gentlemen,

It is my understanding Bruce Walters has been nominated for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. I am thrilled to know this has happened.

I am sure you will receive all sorts of facts and figures about Bruce, because his contributions to the game of golf in Kentucky are significant. Since I am sure you will be given all his biographical contributions by his principal supporters, what I would like to do is to share some facts with you that you may not know. Although his tangible contributions have been numerous, his intangible, behind the scenes, contributions are not commonly known.

All of you are aware of his long term service to the KGA Board of Directors. Having lived in section 9 most of my life, I can honestly say that Golf would not be nearly as popular a sport if it were not for Bruce and his efforts to promote the game. Several years ago when the KGA decided to endorse GHIN as our central handicapping system, user meetings were held around the state in an effort to educate our members about the proper application of the GHIN program. In order to introduce the idea to all the clubs in section 9, Bruce decided to hold a meeting in Paintsville, Kentucky and invited handicap chairmen from all the member clubs in the section. Meetings of this type are not always well received because everyone brings with them their own sense of fairness about handicapping. In order to try and set a friendly atmosphere, Bruce set up an informal reception, complete with complimentary drinks and snacks. This pre-meeting gathering allowed the participants to relax and socialize before the meeting began and help set the stage for a productive evening. This was not the norm in other areas of the state, but Bruce saw the wisdom in creating a friendly atmosphere and financed the evening himself.

In 1984 Bruce sought me out and asked me if I would consider serving on the KGA board. I had never given it any thought about serving, but after hearing his plea for support I decided to accept his invitation. I can honestly say I never would have considered becoming a director if Bruce were not involved. Having lived most of my adult life in eastern Kentucky I know firsthand the respect Bruce is given by anyone who plays the game. His distinguished amateur career has placed him a notch above most other amateurs in our part of the state and he is one of the most respected players in our region. I am sure you have all heard the commercial touting E.F. Hutton, "when E.F. Hutton talks, people listen"!! Well, when Bruce Walters talks not only do people listen, they usually agree and support his position. They support him because they respect his ability as a player, his knowledge of the game, his unparalleled passion to grow the sport, and most of all they respect the man.

As some of you may know I started a grass roots junior golf program in eastern Kentucky five years ago. When Bruce learned what I was doing he approached me and asked me how he could help. He said he wanted to do all he could to help expose the youth of our area to the game and offered his financial support. I will not disclose the amount of his yearly contribution, as that is a private matter, but I will tell you that his contribution covers the cost of all the food and drinks consumed by the juniors at three of our tournament locations. Remember, he approached me....he did not have to do it...he did not ask for anything in return...he did it just to be supportive of the golfing youth of eastern Kentucky, who he knew had very limited golfing opportunities.

I could go on and on about Bruce, but as I said before, you will get plenty of statistical information from his principal supports. My concern is to try and draw your attention to the man himself. Arnold Palmer once said, "Success in golf depends less on strength of body than upon strength of character." If character counts for anything, when deciding on an appropriate candidate for the Hall of Fame, then you need look no further than Bruce Walters.

I respect the committee's opinion and I will respect your decision on this issue as well. I know you have a difficult task ahead of you and I do appreciate the opportunity to express my support for a man I believe to be most deserving of consideration.

Tom Cooksey  
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Ashland, Ky. 41102  
Home 606-928-9706  
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WAYNE M. MARTIN  
President/General Manager



To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my recommendation for Bruce G. Walters to be inducted into the Kentucky Golf Association's Hall of Fame.

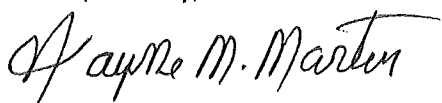
Bruce has been one of the most outstanding amateur golfers in this commonwealth for over 50 years. From junior golf, thru high school and college, to local area tournaments in his native Eastern Kentucky, and state wide competition in Kentucky, he has been a champion. He has successfully represented our state throughout the United States in USGA Senior Amateur events over the past 14 years.

Not only has Bruce competed and won well over 75 tournaments, he has given back to the game with both his time and money. Thru both he has created opportunities for junior golfers in Eastern Kentucky to learn the game and life lessons from the game. You see, Bruce has always respected the game of golf and understood it is to be played strictly by the rules. Many young golfers have benefited from Bruce's example and teaching. And Kentucky golf has benefited greatly.

Bruce has also given time and money to local and state golf organizations and associations. As an active leader in both the Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Senior Golf Association for many years, he has helped shape policy and direction for Kentucky Golf. I do not know of a stronger advocate for Kentucky golf.

As fine a golfer as Bruce G. Walters is, he is an even finer person. Golf is a gentlemen's game played with honor. Bruce G. Walters epitomizes that and is highly deserving of being recognized as a member of the Kentucky Golf Association Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,

  
Wayne M. Martin