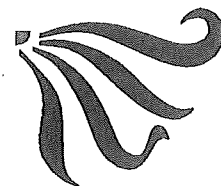


Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame



Dianne Dailey

2012 Nomination



Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

2012 Nomination Form

NOMINEE'S NAME

Dailey

Last Name

Dianne

First Name

Nickname (if applicable)

Middle Initial

NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1949

Year

7

Month

22

Day

RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) 21 yrs.

Current Residence

4220 Stonehenge Ln. Winston Salem NC 27106

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

Dianne grew up and began her golf career in Frankfort, Kentucky. She started the girls' golf team at Frankfort High School where she led them to the 1966 Kentucky State High School championship. She was the individual winner the same year. While she was in college and after she played in and won many amateur championships.

In 1979 at age 30 she qualified for the LPGA and received her card. She played on the tour for 11 years and was Vice President in 1985 and became President of the LPGA in 1986. In 1988 she became the Women's Golf Coach at Wake Forest University where she is today.

Dianne has been a most successful college coach. She has won numerous coaching awards and was inducted into the National Golf Coaches Hall of Fame in 2001. In 2010 the Dianne Dailey Learning Center was dedicated at Wake Forest University. It is a state of the art teaching and training facility where both the men's and women's team practice and where she conducts women's and junior camps and teaches many private lessons. It would be a privilege and honor for her to become a member of the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

DIANNE DAILEY
4220 STONEHENGE LANE
WINSTON-SALEM, NC

Education: BA Salem College, 1971
 MEd. North Carolina State, 1975
 Post graduate work, Duke University 1978-79

Career: 1974-75 Residence Life Area Coordinator, North Carolina State Univ.
 1975-76 Carnegie Administrative Intern, Chatham College
 1976-79 Assistant Academic Dean, Salem College
 1979-88 LPGA Touring Pro
 1988-present – Women's Golf Coach, Wake Forest University
 1988-1999 – Women's Athletic Director, Senior Women's Administrator,
 Associate AD, Wake Forest University

Coaching Career/Record:

Season	Titles	ACC	All-ACC	NCAA Regional	NCAA	All Amer.	Acad. All-Amer.
1988-89	1	--	---	----	--	--	----
1989-90	1	---	---	----	----	---	-----
1990-91	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
1991-92	--	4 th	1	---	---	1	1
1992-93	1	3 rd	1	3 rd	7 th	1	1
1993-94	1	1 st	1	1 st	8 th	1	1
1994-95	5	1 st	3	1 st	3 rd	2	1
1995-96	3	2 nd	2	2 nd	11 th	1	
1996-97	1	2 nd	1	5 th	11 th	1	
1997-98	--	2 nd	2	9 th	--	1	
1998-99	--	3 rd	1	9 th	--	--	
1999-2000	2	2 nd	--	7 th	17 th	--	
2000-01	--	2 nd	1	9 th	----	1	1

Season	Titles	ACC	All-ACC	NCAA Regional	NCAA	All-Amer.	Acad. All Amer.
2001-02	--	2 nd	1	3 rd	22 nd	1	2
2002-03	1	2 nd	1	10 th	--	1	
2003-04	--	2 nd	1	5 th	14 th	--	
2004-05	1	2 nd	2	17 th	--	1	1
2005-06	--	3 rd	2	7 th	15 th	1	
2006-07	--	2 nd	1	3 rd	12 th	1	
2007-08	1	4 th	2	6 th	10 th	1	1
2008-09	3	1 st	2	3 rd	13 th	2	
2009-10	1	1 st	2	9 th	--	2	
2010-11	1	4 th	3	8 th	14 th	3	
2011-12	--	3 rd	1	14 th	--	--	
Totals	27	4	30	2	13 Appear.	23	10

ACC Individual Champions – 7

ACC Player of the Year - 4

ACC Rookie of the Year - 3

Team Ranked in top 20 for 19 years

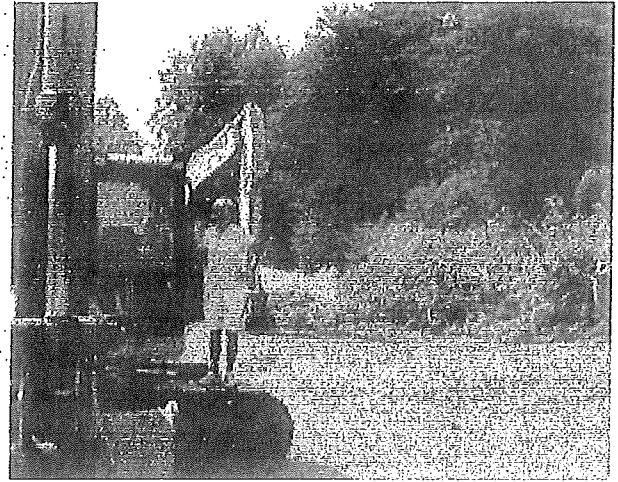
Have had 5 students play on LPGA Tour – Karen Noble, Kiernan Prechtl,
Ashley Hoagland, Laura Diaz, Nannette Hill

Currently have 5 students playing on Symetra Futures Tour – Jean Chua, Michelle Shin,
Stephanie Kim, Natalie Sheary, Dolores White

Little left to prove

BY JORDAN SMITH Published: June 13, 2011 11:06AM

Dianne Dailey is the kind of person who doesn't just win awards – although she has – countless. Dianne is the kind of person who has entire buildings named in her honor. Young girls want to learn from her, men admire her prowess and peers respect her without rival.



Dianne Dailey stood on top of equipment as the Dianne Dailey Golf Learning Center was under construction. The building was completed and dedicated in 2010.

As the head women's golf coach at Wake Forest University since 1988, Dianne has built more than a title-winning athletic program. She's also built a reputation as one of the best and most trusted golf advisers in the country.

Professionally, Dianne has little left to prove. Personally, she wants to be as accomplished off the course as on it. But she's not a woman whose passion creates a firestorm of personality – the most intimidating thing about Dianne is the long list of accolades that follow her name. But it's never been about the recognition. Simply put, Dianne does what she loves, with whom she loves.

"I never put a lot of pressure on myself to do what I did. I never thought I'd be a professional golfer or a coach. But it turns out that those are my passions – so I do it and it's great."

Born and raised in Frankfort, Dianne says she developed an interest in golf while caddying for her father, longtime local attorney Frank Dailey Jr., on weekends.

When she began playing at the Frankfort Country Club, the women there took her under their collective wing and taught her the basics of the game.

"The whole ladies organization was so supportive," she said. "And now, I see these women who don't help out the young girls because they don't want them to take their place. I was very lucky."

After developing her abilities at the club, Dianne – just a high school junior in 1965 – approached Frankfort High boys golf coach Jack Black with a proposition.

"I asked to be on the boys golf team," she said. In her mind, asking wasn't odd; Dianne just wanted to do what she loved.

Black remarked that at the time, playing with the men wasn't an option for Dianne because of high school rules, not any lack of skill.

"She had such a great understanding of the game," he said. "She obviously had played for a few years, being a member of the country club. It put her far ahead of a lot of others that probably hadn't put any time into it, and really, she probably could have played with the boys team and done well."

Black ultimately told Dailey that if she would round up the women that would form the team, he'd be happy

to coach it.

"I told her to get three other people," he said. "She brought me five."

Ratti Tackett, Janie Long McCord, Polly Coblin, Barry Aitken Perkins and Mary Fran Breathitt, daughter of then-Gov. Ned Breathitt, formed the initial group, and the girls hit the course running just about as fast as any team could: a year after forming, Dianne's band of amateurs were crowned the 1966 Kentucky state champs.

And though it was Black who helmed the team throughout that season, the championship rounds were led by another, unexpected supporter.

Frankfort High's boys' golf team had made it to the championship in '66 as well, and Black was with them the day they played.

Dianne says the girls had just planned on getting by with the encouragement of their parents and each other, until principal and superintendent F.D. Wilkinson called her to his office.

"So, I hear my name on the loudspeaker telling me to come to the office and I'm walking down trying to think of what I've done," Dianne recalled with a laugh.

"I was nervous and shaking when I went in the office and he said to me, 'I heard you're going to be playing golf in Louisville next week, who's going with you?'"

Dianne said she explained the situation and braced herself for what was to come next. A canceled trip? A scramble to find a replacement coach?

"How about me?" Wilkinson offered.

"It was just an example of the support we got from the school," Dianne said. "And he was actually a pretty good coach."

Dianne graduated high school with one team and one individual state championship and then enrolled at Salem College in Winston-Salem, N.C. The nation's oldest women's college, Salem is an historical institution in a beautiful nook of the North Carolina hills. It boasts anything a young, educated woman could want - except a golf team.

Dianne said that her parents were more concerned with school than golf, so as quickly as she'd started playing, she stopped.

Education took first priority through undergraduate and graduate school, and Dianne played in tournaments as opportunities arose.

It wasn't until age 30, when she was enrolled at Duke University to get her Ph.D. in counseling, that Dianne took her love of golf a leap further than local competitions and tried out for the LPGA tour.

She earned spot 50 out of 50 and for the next eight years, professional golf was Dianne's day job.

Then, in 1988, another opportunity came Dianne's way, this time as the women's athletic director at Wake Forest University. She took the job and was named head women's golf coach upon her arrival - a post she holds today.

“The teams that I had in the beginning helped me learn to be a coach when I didn’t know how,” Dianne said. “Now, I love the challenge of motivating college students because it’s so exciting. It keeps me young.”

Dianne acknowledges that her two-for-the-price-of-one route was a non-traditional way to end up where she is now – but clawing and scratching for prominence wouldn’t have been her style.

Taking opportunities and making the most of them has worked out just fine, on and off the course. She’s largely credited with starting hospice care in Frankfort after her mother was diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer and requested to finish her days at home.

“We had a minister who lived up the street, Polly Colbin, my best friend, was a nurse and there was a doctor who lived across the street,” she said. “They became our hospice team.”

And when the LPGA tour came through Cincinnati, Dianne and Polly organized a pro-am tournament in Frankfort to raise money for the organization. Dianne’s mother passed away in July 1986 and only a year later, paperwork had started to begin a hospice organization in the capital.

An opportunity taken and turned into something much more – it seems to be commonplace in Dianne’s life.

“What can you say,” said former coach Black of the person most recently inducted into the Frankfort Independent Schools Hall of Fame. “She’s just an exceptional person.”

In her 23 years at WFU, Dianne has coached 12 players who have been named All-American 20 times, five players who have been named Academic All-American 10 times, four ACC Players of the Year, including Natalie Sheary in 2008, and three ACC Rookies of the Year.

Playing background: Joined the LPGA Tour in 1979 and served as the Vice-President of the LPGA and on the Board of Directors in 1985-86; was the President of the LPGA Tour in 1986; won the North Carolina Amateur in 1977 and 1978 as well as the Carolinas Amateur in 1977.

Coaching Awards: ACC Championships in 1994, 1995, 2009, 2010; ACC Coach of the year in 1994, 1995, 2009, 2010; LPGA Coach of the Year in 2001; LPGA Southeast Coach of the Year in 1994, 1998, 2001; NGCA District Coach of the year in 1994, 1996, 2000; NGCA Gladys Palmer Service Award in 1995; Inducted into the NGCA Hall of Fame in 2001.

Dianne Dailey stood on top of equipment as the Dianne Dailey Golf Learning Center was under construction. The building was completed and dedicated in 2010.

Professional Service:

President of LPGA Tour 1986
V-P of the LPGA Tour 1985
LPGA Board of Directors 1985-86
President National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) 1992-95
Associate Director of the College Golf Foundation 1994-99
Chair, NCAA Golf Committee 1997-2000
Class A Member, LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Division 1992-present
Chair, LPGA Coaches Advisory Committee 1996 – present
Conduct collegiate coaching workshops annually
LPGA Professional Development Committee
LPGA Dolores Hope Financial Assistance Committee
NGCA Mentor Program
USGA Women's Collegiate Golf Committee 1994-2001
Board Member, American Junior Golf Association 1992-95
Served on various NCGA Committees
Conducted high school coaching workshops

Awards/Honors:

National Golf Coaches Hall of Fame 2001
NGCA Gladys Palmer Service Award 1995
LPGA Coach of Year 2001
LPGA Southeast Coach of Year 1994, 1998, 2001
NGCA Regional Coach of Year 1994, 1996, 2000
ACC Coach of Year 1994, 1995, 2009, 2010
WFU Golf Learning Center named 2010
Frankfort, Ky Independent Schools Hall of Fame 2011
Salem College Distinguished Alumna 2011

Community Service:

Co-Founder of Franklin County (Kentucky) Hospice 1988
Ran LPGA Pro-Am to Benefit Hospice for 10 years
Active in promoting various charities through golf clinics, outings
Board Member of Aids Task Force, Winston-Salem, NC 1999-2002
Helped organize Rex Classic Pro Am in Raleigh, NC –
Largest LPGA Pro-Am in country at the time, with over 60 pros participating.
Benefited Rex Hospital in Raleigh, NC

a hallway in the new Hospice of the Bluegrass location at 663 Teton Trail during the open house Tuesday afternoon.

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Photo By Hannah Reel Officials cut the ribbon during the ceremony and open house for the new Hospice of the Bluegrass location.

Hospice of Frankfort raised \$2 million in one year to triple its space to assist those in their last stages of life - the dream of one woman 24 years ago as her mother lay dying.

It went from two rooms in 1987 to the two buildings, which were dedicated Tuesday before about 200 gathered for the ribbon cutting. In between were the two other sites - Todd Street and Steele Street - which proved inadequate for a growing need.

"We are so excited to finally have this campus to house our employees, volunteers, services and rooms for community groups like Compassionate Friends to utilize," said Director Dora Hall.

"We had no place to meet as a staff at the offices on Steele Street, and we certainly had no place for staff to park with barely 14 parking spaces. This is a dream come true."

The Comprehensive Care building on Doctors Drive is where the Hospice of Frankfort started. It had two rooms for four employees, who reached out to 44 patients that first year.

The new campus has 21,000 square feet, 77 parking spaces and a staff of 70, who serves 136 clients each day.

According to co-founder Dianne Dailey, the first year's funds, \$67,000, came from a grant and a golf tournament.

"Today Frankfort Hospice's budget is \$7 million to pay staff and provide care for clients and their families," Dailey said.

"It is amazing what this community has done," she said.

Dailey, along with co-founder Polly Coblin, spoke at what will now be called the Green-Meyer Center, named for Dr. Scott Green and Fred Meyer. Their children - Brad, Russell, Greg and Richard Meyer and Karen Green Wood - donated one of the buildings to Hospice. The second building, also on Teton Trail, was purchased.

According to Bruce Brooks, who served as chair for the fundraising campaign, the committee has not reached its goal to pay for the building and the renovation.

"I apologize to you that we have not reached our goal," Brooks told the audience.

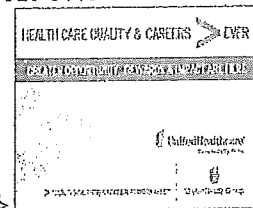
"Once again I stand before you with my hand out asking you to open your checkbooks."

The \$2.5 million goal fell short by \$400,000, but he told the audience he is optimistic that others will come forward and hopes the debt will be paid by the end of the year.

According to Development officer Chris Harp, approximately 70 percent of the goal was met after the announcement one year ago of the campaign for new offices for Frankfort Hospice.

"It is a tribute to the members of the committee to bring the fundraising this far, this fast," Harp said.

"There are certainly many opportunities with the new building for donors to be



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recognized with naming opportunities for them to remember their loved ones."

Two of the donors, former Gov. Brereton Jones and his wife, Libby, were on hand for the ceremonies.

The Jones made a donation in honor of their friends, Larry and Cindy Jones (no relation), who have trained their horses for the past five years.

"I had a good year last year because of Larry and Cindy," Jones said.

Jones said they trained Proud Spell, which not only won the Oaks at Churchill Downs in 2008, but also was named the Champion Three Year Old Filly in America last year.

"They have given us so much and we thought this was a good way to honor their incredible work."

Frankfort Hospice also serves Woodford County, where the Jones own their horse farm, as well as Anderson and Owen counties.

Gretchen Brown, who has been president and CEO for Hospice of the Bluegrass for the past 29 years, said Frankfort was the first and oldest satellite site affiliated with the Lexington Hospice and occupied the smallest site for the numbers it grew to serve.

"This is such an exciting new facility for the staff to work, for the volunteers to be able to come and receive training and organize their work and for community groups to be able to utilize," Brown said.

She worked with the group, which established the first official Frankfort Hospice office.

But it was Dianne Dailey who set the wheels in motion. It was the wish of her mother, Georgia Dailey, to die at home.

"Mother had seen her two sisters die of ovarian cancer in hospitals, and when she was diagnosed, she let it be known she wanted to die at home," Dailey told the audience.

Dailey said she sought the help of her lifelong friend Polly Coblin who was a nurse, Dr. John Chenault, neighbor and minister, and Dr. William Keller, also a neighbor.

"I guess you could say we put together our own hospice team. Once my mother passed, I knew there had to be something to do for other people who were dying and their families who wanted them to be at home."

Dailey, who had left the Ladies Professional Golf Tour, to be with her mother, knew her fellow golfers often did fundraising tournaments.

"I told Polly if she could organize it, I was sure I could get the golfers here."

The first tournament raised \$35,000 and over the next five years would bring in nearly \$1,000,000.

"The people of Frankfort were wonderful to the golfers who came here. They loved playing here and it was good practice for them as they moved on the LPGA tournament in Cincinnati. Frankfort people would even follow them there."

Coblin reached out to Marilyn Duke, Bruce Brooks and others to organize the tournaments.

Duke and Coblin served on the first Hospice Board of Directors along with Jan Sutterlin, Rosie Miklavic, Karen May, Fred Goins, Alice Wunderlich, the late Gould Dudgeon, Gary Bale and Ron Tyrer. Dr. William Keller served as president.

Many members of the original board were present for Tuesday's ribbon cutting.

Coblin choked back tears with the introduction of Dailey. Coblin recalled the days when she came to the aid of her friend, family and mother. She said she felt Dailey knew what she wanted to do for the community when she arrived here to be with her mother.

"It is an honor to call her friend and to have been part of Dianne's dream for our community," Coblin said.

"Our goal as it was in the beginning is for people to know we are here for every patient in the end-stages of life. There is never a charge for any service we offer to the patient or their families," said Harp who helped organize the ceremonies.

"The only requirement for patients is that they have stopped curative care with doctors and have a terminal diagnosis of six months or less. We hope this week people will stop by to see our new facilities and find out about our many free services."

In addition to Brereton and Libby Jones, other donors who contributed more than \$5,000 are Bruce W. Brooks, Graviss McDonald's Restaurants, Charles L. Carmack, Robert L. Evans, Ernest P. Fowler, Eleanor Frances Fowler, Ann Dix Maenza, Walter W. Major and Richard S. Taylor.

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1. Posted by jard032 about 22 hours ago

What a wonderful organization. I wish I could write a check to cover the shortfall, but I cannot. I will cover a tiny portion and I hope everyone else who reads this article or has been touched by Hospice will likewise.

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Dianne Dailey
Head Women's Golf Coach
Wake Forest Athletics

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Anne Combs
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July 16th

At the request of Bill Hear, it is a pleasure to write to you about the nomination of Dianne Dailey to the Ky. Golf Hall of Fame. I was fortunate enough to play many rounds of golf in the late 60's and early 70's with Dianne. Her amateur record in Ky. was very solid, but simply exploded after moving to North Carolina. She played with marvelous sportsmanship, grace, and honor for the wonderful game. She was always a role model and mentor to the younger players.

Dianne's golf and career went off the chart after moving to North Carolina. She won many invitationals and two State Amateurs in North Carolina.

Her LPGA play led to many positions and finally to President of the LPGA.

After joining Wake Forest her extraordinary career has truly been stellar. Her resume is well documented on the Wake Forest web site. Very few golf coaches have had such a stunning record. Her reputation as a fine coach and individual is truly remarkable.

Very few individuals are more deserving of such an honor. My only concern is whether she should be considered for the Kentucky or North Carolina golf Hall of Fame.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to write on Dianna's behalf

Most Sincerely,
Anne Combs



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FROM: Mandy Moore

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Hall of Fame
Support Letter-
Dianne Dailey

July 18, 2012

Dear Hall of Fame Committee;

I am writing this letter in support of Dianne Dailey being named to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. I had the privilege of playing collegiate golf for Coach Dailey for four years at Wake Forest University. She has not only been a coach to me, but a mentor and a friend as well. I feel that she is very deserving of this honor, not only because of her countless contributions to the game of golf, but also her ties to the state of Kentucky and her commitment to keeping that connection strong.

Although she has made a significant impact on golf in the state of North Carolina, Kentucky is where her love for the game started and was able to grow. Her successful effort to start a girls' golf team at Frankfort High School is just one example of her desire to promote change and develop opportunities for women.

I was introduced to Coach Dailey through a mutual acquaintance in Frankfort, Kentucky. Once I had the opportunity to meet and get to know her, I knew that she was someone for whom I would love to play collegiate golf. Throughout my four years at Wake Forest, she taught me many things about golf, but more importantly, she taught me how to become a well-rounded young lady and a contributing member of society. I became a much more independent and confident person after graduating and I credit Coach Dailey for that because of the investment that she made in me as a person. Her example as a coach has made a significant impact on my decision to get into collegiate coaching myself and the way that I coach my student-athletes.

Everyone who meets Coach Dailey can readily see that she has a true passion for the game of golf. She has devoted nearly 25 years of her life to teaching, coaching, and mentoring collegiate golfers, providing countless opportunities for young women to get involved in the game. She has made a positive impact on my life as well as so many of the other student-athletes that she has coached. Even five years after graduating, I often call her for advice and she has always been willing to help in any way she can. Coach Dianne Dailey has had many successes as a player and a coach on a local and national level and has received many honors and accolades, but I believe that her biggest contributions to the game of golf are the lives she has touched and the opportunities that she has been able to provide to young women. Kentucky should be proud to call Dianne Dailey one of their own. Please accept my letter as a strong recommendation for her induction into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Mandy Goins Moore
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July 18, 2012

Patsy Fitzpatrick
Golf House Kentucky
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Dear Patsy:

As I indicated to you recently, I am helping various people to coordinate the nomination of Dianne Dailey to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. I have agreed to assist in this matter first, because I believe Dianne genuinely deserves admission to the Hall of Fame, and second, because the various interested parties are in three different states and needed some help in pulling everything together.

I have attached hereto documents which, in my opinion, demonstrate Dianne's credentials for this honor. They include both her record as an outstanding player in Kentucky, in North Carolina, and around the country, as well as her record as golf coach at Wake Forest where she has achieved near legendary status. In addition to these materials, you should be receiving: (1) the completed Kentucky Hall of Fame 2012 nomination form from Mary-Ann Poole; (2) a one-page bio on Dianne from Mary-Ann Poole; and (3) three letters of recommendation--from Anne Combs, Mandy Moore, and Polly Coblin. I trust this will be everything needed for full and fair consideration of Dianne's nomination.

If you need any further assistance from me, please do not hesitate to contact me at the mailing address, email address, or phone number shown on this letter or by cell phone at (859) 533-1124.

Sincerely,

William M. Lear, Jr

WML

Enclosures

cc: Mary-Ann Poole (via/email)

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Polly Harrod Coblin
1032 Collins Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601

July 20, 2012

Patsy Fitzpatrick
Golf House Kentucky
1116 Elmore Just Drive
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RE: Nomination of Dianne Dailey to Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick:

I was asked by Bill Lear to provide a nomination for Dianne Dailey as a candidate for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. It is with great pride that I do so for my friend of 60 years.

Dianne started the first girls' golf team when we were students at Frankfort High School. I consider it her first teaching job. She recruited players, gathered clubs and taught us to play. As a result of her work and enthusiasm, we won the State Championship and Dianne won Individual Honors. Dianne planted the seed that gave me the love for the game that I have continued to play, as well as those on that first team.

Dianne was considered one of the best young women players in Kentucky and was a regular in women's tournaments around the state, winning the prestigious Marion Miley Invitational, in addition to others.

Dianne continued her success in North Carolina, after attending college there and won the NC State Amateur Tournament. At the ripe ole age of 30, she qualified for the LPGA and became one of the most respected members of that association, holding several major offices.

But it is her work in the 1980s that changed the lives of many people in the Frankfort area that makes me so very proud of my friend.

Her mother Georgia Dailey was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Dianne left the tour and joined her sister Mary Ann Poole and brother Chip Dailey in Frankfort to care for their mother. It was Mrs. Dailey's wish to remain at home throughout her last months. With no hospice or full-time qualified care givers at that time, Dianne and her siblings brought together a team of friends and neighbors who worked to honor Mrs. Dailey's wishes.

It was during this time that Dianne's mind turned to thoughts of others who were facing these same issues with their loved ones. With the same dedication and enthusiasm she had for creating that first golf team, she began work on bringing hospice care to Frankfort.

Her first effort was to turn to her LPGA teammates and invite them to Frankfort for a Pro-Am tournament to begin fundraising efforts. The one-day event in 1987 raised \$35,000 and with the support of a grant, a committee of those who had worked with Dianne formed and sought a partnership with Hospice of the Bluegrass, which launched services in Franklin County.

Over the next 13 years, the LPGA-Hospice Pro-Am continued here in the Capitol City and raised over \$300,000. Because of Dianne's efforts thousands of people in Frankfort have known the services of Hospice. In 2011, Hospice of the Bluegrass invited Dianne to be keynote speaker for the ribbon-cutting and opening of its dream-come-true administrative and services buildings.

Lastly, I must mention Dianne, the mentor and coach, and what she has done not only for those women whom she has coached at Wake Forrest University, but also for several young women here in Frankfort.

Two young women from Frankfort have known great success in the area of women's golf because of Dianne. Kim Tyer Schaeffer is now the pro at Hurstborne Country Club in Louisville. Mandy Goins Moore was named twice to the ACC and a third-team All American. She is currently women's golf coach at Carson Newman College. This fall Dianne will welcome Franklin County High School graduate Erin Marshall as a walk-on for the Deacon Golf team.

Dianne has been an ambassador of golf wherever she travels. One particular funny story comes to mind about 10 years ago when she was at a dinner given by a friend who had also invited then Governor Paul Patton and his wife Judi. The governor was trying to learn to play golf and the next thing we knew, Dianne had him in the yard helping him work on his swing.

A teacher, coach, mentor, faithful friend with a tremendous concern for others, it is indeed my pleasure to nominate Dianne Dailey to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,


Polly Harrod Coblin

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