



Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame



# Terry Jolly

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Kentucky Golf Association  
Hall of Fame Nominating Committee  
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Dear Committee Members,

Please accept this nomination to the Kentucky Golf Association's Hall of Fame on behalf of Terry W. Jolly. As will become evident in this letter, he has devoted his entire career to public golf in Northern Kentucky at the A. J. Jolly Golf Course, formerly the Campbell County Park Golf Course. His contributions to the growth of the game merit this consideration.

At the age of sixteen Terry began working at A.J. Jolly as a seasonal employee. He learned the business end of golf from the ground up. He distinguished himself as an outstanding high school player at Campbell County High School and was awarded a scholarship to continue his education and golf at Northern Kentucky University. Terry continued to work at Jolly while developing into a well respected amateur player on the local and collegiate level. Terry completed his degree at NKU and graduated as a certified teacher in the area of physical education. This career choice helped to prepare him to become the fine teacher he has become -- not just as an instructor of the game, but in how to "be" a golf professional!

After graduation from college Terry began pursuing his goal of becoming a head golf professional. While working as an assistant professional at the park, he was also mentored extensively by legendary Highland Country Club professional Harry McAtee. Terry was a quick learner and in September of 1982 he was promoted to Head Professional at A. J. Jolly Park Golf Course. Terry's leadership and vision turned this very average county golf course into the outstanding facility it has become today.

Terry continued to manage, learn, and grow professionally. In 1994 he completed Business School I (Chicago). In 1995 he completed Business School II (Nashville) and subsequently was elected to PGA membership in June, 1996. During this time play at A. J. Jolly was approaching 45,000 rounds per year. Terry had turned the golf course into a very viable component of public golf in the Northern Kentucky Community!! Even though other courses have opened and golf growth has slowed, his leadership has kept this facility moving forward.

Terry's greatest contribution to the game has been two fold: he has provided growth by introducing Northern Kentuckians to the game and he has taught several young men who have worked for him "how" to be a golf professional.

Terry has been a terrific friend of junior golf in our area. He has hosted and helped manage numerous Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference tournaments, high school regional tournaments, and 7-Up tour events. He has availed his time, talent, and encouragement to the seven high school programs in our county on a yearly basis. He has hosted his own "camp" for several summers to introduce youngsters to the game and has served as an instructor in Nike Camps in Northern Kentucky. Terry has served as a high school golf coach at Campbell County High School and as an assistant at Northern Kentucky University.

Terry has introduced over 500 ladies to the game of golf through his yearly spring clinic program. He has also served as a faculty instructor at Northern Kentucky University, introducing countless young people to the game each spring and fall. He has truly been an ambassador of our great game!

On the state and national level Terry has directed qualifiers for the state amateur, the Kentucky Open, PGA's Playing Ability Test (PAT), the Buick/Oldsmobile Scramble and numerous other events.

Perhaps Terry's biggest impact has been in his development of several young men who have made the golf industry their chosen profession. Terry has had at least seven former employees become participants in the PGA's apprentice program. Five of these people have earned their Class A membership with the PGA. Another former employee served as director of operations for Kenwood Country Club in Cincinnati before retiring and coming back to work part-time for Terry. His example of how to manage, market, and just generally comport himself as a golf professional was very instrumental in each of these peoples' growth as golf professionals.

In closing I would tell you that I have served as a teacher and coach in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for 38 years. I've spent the past 26 years working with Terry. Notice I said "with" . . . not "for". That's how he treats all of his staff, his customers, and his members; with class, dignity, and respect. He is the epitome of the Golf Professional and a fantastic representative of the great game of golf in the Commonwealth of Kentucky! For his long tenure and service please afford him the utmost consideration for nomination to the KGA's Hall of Fame in the area of career service.

Respectfully,

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