



2013 KPGA ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Name of Nominee: Colby Wollitz
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1. Please describe the nominee's overall performance as an Assistant Golf Professional.
Colby fills every aspect of the Assistant Professionals role at Hunting Creek. He has gone out of his way since he began here in 2011 to grow the game of golf by providing lessons and clinics to men, women, and children. Colby took over our Jr. Golf Program in 2012 and has since quadrupled the number of weekly participants. As a result, food and beverage sales increased as juniors and their families would often stay at the club to eat after they played on Tuesday evenings. Part of Colby's responsibilities in 2013 included: Ladies 9-Hole Group (50+ members), Ladies 18-Hole Group (60+ members), Junior Golf, PGA Junior League Teams, weekly Men's Day events, as well as assisting in the preparation and running of our major tournaments and outings. Colby also finds the time to improve as a golfer through practice, playing with our membership, and competing in section events. This year Colby also spent the time and money to better himself as a professional by becoming certified in Vector Green Reading as well as being the first and only professional in the state to be certified in BioSwing Dynamics. His weekly clinics are well attended and his lesson book continues to fill up.
2. Please briefly describe the nominee's service to the local Section and to the Association.
In 2013, Colby served on the Growth of the Game committee, coached a PGA Junior League Team and volunteered several instructional segments that were used for Inside Kentucky Golf. He continues to write golf articles for Southern Gaming Magazine and showcases the PGA Professional as the leading expert in the game of golf. Beginning last spring and continuing this fall/winter, Colby has teamed up with Steve McMillen in an effort to get the game of golf into Schools. Thus far, Colby has taught SNAG Golf to hundreds of students, K-8th grade, in several schools throughout the city of Louisville.
3. Please briefly describe the nominee's leadership ability.
Colby leads by example. He shows up to work every day looking and acting like a professional. He knows how to have fun and still be respectful of both the membership and the staff of Hunting Creek. In 2013, Colby was the only Assistant Golf Professional at Hunting Creek and thus oversaw all training of golf shop staff. He trained our new shop manager our merchandising software and tournament software. Our other key Golf Shop employees were trained in merchandising, Jonas POS

system, VIPER tournament software, club repair, and customer service. Colby has always made himself available to other staff members for lessons and welcomes them to watch him teach and participate in clinics as part of the learning experience.

4. Please briefly describe how the nominee inspires fellow Assistant Golf Professionals. Colby is an inspiration to fellow Golf Professionals because of his passion for the game and ability to teach and motivate his students. His is a consistent face at every Section event and his enjoyment of the game of golf is apparent whether he shoots 68 or 78.

5. Please briefly describe how the nominee grows the game of golf at the facility, in the community and throughout the Section.

Colby helps grow the game of golf through instruction and playing. He currently teaches SNAG Golf to hundreds of students in the Louisville area both at the club and through school systems. In 2013 Colby taught multiple Get Golf Ready courses and helped to introduce/reintroduce women to the game of golf. 2013 was also the first year for PGA Junior League at Hunting Creek. We had enough interest to create a "travel" team as well as a "practice" squad, both of which Colby coached. He continues to grow the game at Hunting Creek through weekly Men's clinics, Ladies clinics, and Junior Clinics. In 2013 Colby taught more than 200 hours of lessons and clinics. His golf articles are read by thousands in Kentuckiana and are available to the world online. He has also created Perfect Practice- 1 Hour a Day to the Best Golf of your Life! A practice program complete with a daily schedule of drills as well as a video vault that can all be accessed through his website. Colby continues to play in Major Sectional and National events, helping bring attention to the Section and our club.

6. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

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