



2014 KPGA JUNIOR GOLF LEADER AWARD NOMINATION

Name of Nominee: Donnie A. Caldwell, PGA

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1. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions to junior golf programs in the Section and on a National level including service as a chairperson or a member of the Junior Golf Committee.
 - Attained "The First Tee Master Coach" certification (1 of 6 world-wide) to represent Kentucky Section PGA on a National level.
 - Developed The First Tee Golf Skills as a member of National Golf Skills Committee(1 of 15)
 - Attained various certifications for The First Tee Home Office:
 - The First Tee Coach
 - The First Tee National Trainer
 - The First Tee Life Skills Experience Committee
 - The First Tee National Academy Group Leader
 - Instructed over 720 youth participants and 35 PGA Members for 9 consecutive years at The First Tee National Academy including Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, and the US.
 - Director of one of LPGA Girl's Golf and The First Tee chapters for the state of Kentucky.
 - Secured College Scholarships with full or partial coverage of expenses at Lincoln Memorial University, Georgetown College, and Union College for graduates of The First Tee.
 - Conducted six training seminars in Chicago, St. Augustine (x2), Manhattan, Las Vegas, and Nashville on Junior Golf Development and Growth of the Game.
 - Met with PGA of America on scholarship programs, diversity awareness and growth of the game through The First Tee and Georgetown College.
 - A noteworthy contribution to the lives of junior golfers has been the creation of Drug Prevention Curriculum that can be shared with participants of The First Tee through the Life Skills Education. This product has been in the development stages as a pilot program for the past 3 years and has been tested in Portland, Oregon / Nashville, Tennessee and Pineville, Kentucky with over 1200 young people. In May 2010, it was approved by The First Tee and can potentially impact the lives of 2.5 million young people.
2. Please briefly describe the nominee's involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at the club level and within the community.
 - Hosted tournaments for area juniors paralleling the PGA Tour Events (The Masters):
 - Provided real items from The Masters as tournament rewards
 - Covered the unique items such as – no rough, importance on putting, pace of play

- Provided history of the pertaining tournament to prolong the longevity of the game
- Delivered golf instruction and The First Tee curriculum to 300+ students throughout Kentucky
- Facilitated the development of National School Program in 8 area schools to get youngsters started early and grow the game of golf
- Introduced “Competitive Edge” for advanced junior golf opportunities in Southern Kentucky specializing in tournament golf skills and peer pressure awareness
- Supported 12 Kentucky junior golfers in competition in The First Tee Pebble Beach Open
- Created “The First Tee Middle School League”
- 10 area schools /50 area juniors participated without having to send a coach or spend any money
- Created The First Tee Tournament Series for early spring and late fall competition opportunities

3. Please briefly describe the nominee’s image and leadership in the area of junior golf and the nominee’s overall integrity.

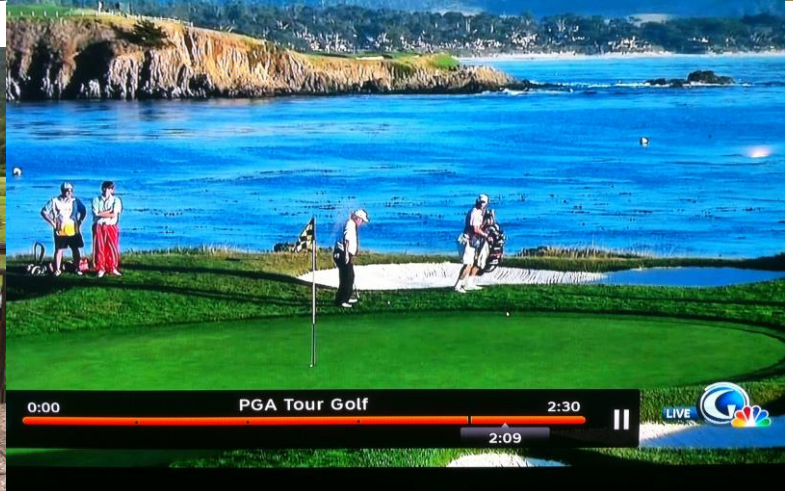
Donnie is proud to represent The PGA of America as a business professional and as a man. His mission is to teach young people life skills and equip them for the rest of their lives. He leads by example in community involvement, servant leadership and integrity as a blessed Christian.

4. Please briefly describe how the nominee inspires fellow PGA Professionals and promotes the game of golf.

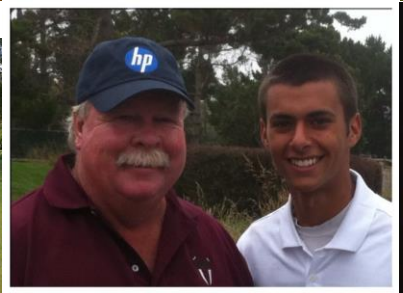
- Donnie frequently recommends fellow PGA Professionals to advancing juniors to help them reach their top potential. The recommendations may be due to facilities, college aspirations, teaching styles or personality cohesiveness.
- He inspires young people to set goals and a working plan for their future.
- He incorporates the quote, “Make choices today that you will be proud of tomorrow.”
- Endorsed The Callaway Junior Series, The South East Kentucky Junior Golf Tour and the KPGA Junior Golf Tour by encouraging area youth to build their competitive opportunities and experiences. Donnie introduces numbers golfers of all ages to the game every season.

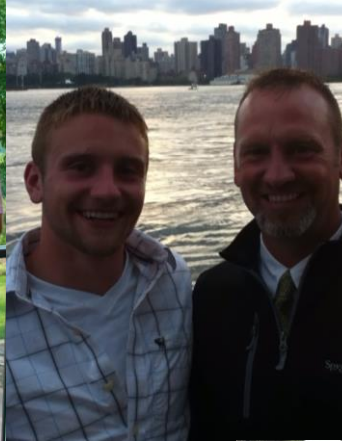
5. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

Award	Year Received	Section
Assistant Professional of the Year	2004	Kentucky
PGA President’s Council for <i>Growth of the Game</i>	2005 - 2009	Kentucky
Junior Golf Leader of the Year	2006	Kentucky
Junior Golf Leader of the Year	2007	Kentucky
Junior Golf Leader of the Year	2009	Kentucky
Junior Golf Leader of the Year	2010	Kentucky
Golf Professional of the Month	November 2011	Kentucky
Junior Golf Leader of the Year	2012	Kentucky
US Kids Golf Top 50 Instructors (Honorable Mention)	2012	National









		<p>Lindsay Davis Chapter: The first Tee of Pine Mountain</p>
<p>John Cook</p>		
<p>FRIDAY 12:22 on the First Tee at Pebble Beach</p> <p>Heidi Ueberroth New York, New York</p> <p>Peter Ueberroth</p>	<p>SATURDAY 7:52 on the Tenth Tee at Del Monte</p> <p>Julie Frist Nashville, Tennessee</p> <p>Tommy Frist Nashville, Tennessee</p>	

