



2014 KPGA JUNIOR GOLF LEADER AWARD NOMINATION

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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.

First, I must give credit to the past and current staff who has given me the opportunity to be the junior golf leader at Big Spring Country Club. We all have big parts in the success of the junior golf programs and without them allowing me to focus my time and effort towards junior golf this nomination would not be possible. Also, without the support of our families and them allowing us to take the time away from them, the opportunity to grow golf wouldn't be possible.

This year I worked with the National representatives and local representatives to help organize and maintain the success of the two PGA leagues in the Louisville area. While working with Danny Baron, PGA of Hurstbourne Country Club, we formed the PGA junior league all-star teams and organized the local Louisville All-Star match.

In 2013, I served as a Team Captain for the Louisville PGA junior league all-star team who competed at the local level and qualified for the state match. The Louisville team won the state match competition and I traveled to West Virginia to represent the state of Kentucky for the PGA Junior League All-Star Regional matches.

2. Please briefly describe the nominee's involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at the club level and within the community.

60% to 70% of my private and group lessons are focused towards my junior golf students. My passion is to pass on my love of the game to the youth of today and make many future lifetime golfers. Club fitting is very important even at the junior level. Each year I stay current with junior equipment and pass on recommendations for new equipment. I am always available to properly fit each student to ensure their success.

At the club, I am the lead instructor for all the junior golf programs.
Golf Schools include: (Designed to prepare juniors for the course)
Beginner level - Spring, Summer, and Fall classes
Intermediate level - Spring, Summer, and Fall classes

In 2013, I created four junior golf teams consisting of 44 players to provide opportunities for Big Spring Country Club junior golfers to have on course experience.

- Two 22-player Big Spring golf teams (7 & up) who compete with each other throughout the season.
- Two 11-player PGA Junior League teams who competed in the two Louisville area PGA Junior League Programs.

The Big Spring Country Club staff hosted over 40 junior players in a PGA Junior League dual match where I organized both my team's matches on a Saturday afternoon. Inside Kentucky Golf covered this exciting day and broadcasted the event on Father's day. The kids loved the fact they might be on television, but most importantly to promote the growth of the game for junior golf and growth of the PGA Junior league in the Kentucky area.

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

I am known as "Coach John" to my juniors and to other juniors in the area who I have been influenced by my efforts in junior golf. Enthusiasm, excitement, fun, energy and love for the game are passed on to all of my junior golfers.

I am most proud of the number of juniors in each age group, girls and boys, who are currently active in our local, state and national junior golf tours and organizations. The state is being represented by our junior golfers here at Big Spring Country Club. The summer junior golf tours, high school golf teams, regional and national junior golf tours are experiencing the growth of our junior golf programs with the increase of participation from our club. It is rewarding when reviewing the results of the summer junior golf tours acknowledging the depth of participants who represent Big Spring Country Club. This year, Maddie Hamilton was honored for her outstanding play for the state of Kentucky. It was an extremely rewarding experience to be a part of and watch her grow over the past 7 years. I look forward to all the future growth of the game participants who may be honored and most importantly hold golf as a major priority in their lives.

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

I have given my time to reach out to other PGA Junior Leaders to ensure programs such as PGA Junior League are successful. Even in years past, supporting play days with other clubs and their PGA professionals, giving juniors from the area an opportunity to play with each other thus forming new golf friendships.

Over the past five years, Big Spring Country Club has supported the ECU summer internships. Those interns were given an opportunity to be involved in the junior programs at Big Spring. I worked with them allowing them to observe and participate in those programs. Currently, two of these interns are now PGA Professionals working at clubs in the Louisville area. Both were involved with PGA Junior League this year, and as a result, it was a rewarding experience seeing them heavily involved with their club's junior programs, and a great joy to work with them when organizing our club's PGA Junior League matches. This year, Big Spring Country Club had two interns who were great to work with during our junior programs. As our programs expand, their help is greatly appreciated as additions to our staff. It is exciting and rewarding to help future golf professionals grow as they are given the opportunity to experience how a golf professional can grow the game. By passing on this experience to them, I look forward to an opportunity to work with them in the future as their careers grow as PGA Professionals.

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

Award	Year Received	Section
Assistant Player of the Year	2008, 2010	Kentucky