



2014 KPGA ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Name of Nominee: Kris Kleinsasser
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1. Please describe the nominee's overall performance as an Assistant Golf Professional.
I show up to work six days a week, usually at or before 7:00 a.m. With multiple events going on everyday at Idle Hour: Ladies Day – Tuesday (60-100 players), Men's League – Tuesday (104 Players), Women's Clinic – Wednesday (10 – 25 participants), Fore @ Four – Wednesday (4 – 15 participants), Ladies Putting – Wednesday (10-30 Players), Twilight Golf – Thursday (50 – 75 Players) and Couples - Friday (40-50 Players); I rarely leave work by 7:00 p.m. On nights where events have large fields, it's more like 9:00 p.m. For major club tournament events, work weeks are approximately 80 – 85 hours. For these events I am responsible for all tournament preparation, handwritten calligraphy scoreboards, staging and awards. When events are not happening at the club, I'm teaching and managing an online pro shop of 30-40K sales for the head professional. This year I taught over 300 private lessons, countless women's clinics, four different junior camps and a PGA Junior Golf League. Mondays, my only day off, is usually spent playing in Kentucky Section PGA Golf Tournaments, attending Kentucky Section PGA meetings and functions or working on my golf game.
2. Please briefly describe the nominee's service to the local Section and to the Association.
I recently was voted President-Elect of the Assistants and Apprentices Division for the 2014 Calendar year. I am also hoping to get the chance to volunteer on the Tournament Committee.
3. Please briefly describe the nominee's leadership ability.
I try to lead by example. I play in as many Kentucky PGA Tournaments as I can and encourage others to do so as well. I help other apprentices with their PGA work and am currently pursuing my PGA Certification in Golf Operations. After Golf Operations I will pursue my certification in Instruction and eventually pursue all PGA Certifications. I believe whatever you choose to do in life you should do to the best of your ability.
4. Please briefly describe how the nominee inspires fellow Assistant Golf Professionals.
I like to lead by example. I like to think that I set a standard for what is expected of me by the head professional, which trickles down to the second assistant and so on. When you set a standard in the work place and use respect with your peers I believe nothing but good can come from that.

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

I grow the game at the facility by targeting the demographics of our women and junior golfers. This year we did women's clinics all year and ran a successful PGA Junior League. We continue to devise programs every year to get more of these golfers out on the golf course from these demographics.

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

N/A