



## 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.  
I have been working on an Educational Golfer Development Program K-12 for the past 4 years. I have traveled from county to county and school to school introducing my golf program to the Superintendents, Athletic Directors, Principals, PE Teachers and Golf Coaches. For the most part everyone would like to have the golf program in the schools but the budget stops them. What I have done for the past year is to work with the school board and the local businesses (Chamber of Commerce) to help raise the money needed to purchase the golf equipment. This has been a great success and a great way as a PGA Professional to get to know a lot of the prominent people in the community. (I would like to be on the committee for Junior Golf). I have shared this program with Bob Baldassari of The PGA. On a National level, I would like to see the PGA of America make it mandatory that before any new PGA Professionals graduate from the PGM Program that they go through a Golfer Development Program to understand how to implement golf into the schools. This way when they go back home if they so choose they can introduce golf to the schools in their area. This would be a great way to grow the game nationwide.
2. Please briefly describe the nominee's involvement in the promotion and development of junior golf at the club level and within the community.  
On January 7<sup>th</sup> I had a meeting with five golf coaches from Corbin, Laurel and Jackson County. We came up with a five week spring golf program for middle school students. We had another meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> to finalize the program. We had 19 junior boys and girls. We set up the putting green with white yarn around seven holes and had three chipping stations and four putting stations. They received one point if they got the ball inside the yarn and three points if they put it in the cup. They all had scorecards and we paired the students in threesomes and foursomes. The weather was not the best so we set up a putting and chipping station in the pro-shop. We worked with each student one on one and then they played four holes from the one hundred markers. We had them do a circle eight on the scorecard. We had a scoreboard and kept their score on the putting and chipping contest as well as the four holes. Each week we worked on putting chipping and on the fourth week we worked on bunkers and on the fifth week we worked on half shots. Every week they received one on one instruction and played four holes.  
We did not charge anything for this and the parents, students and coaches loved it. This was a win-win for everyone and we will continue to do this each year. I also worked with PGA Professional Chris Kraftic and we offered junior programs this summer for different age and skill groups. We incorporated some of the college

players from the University of the Cumberlands to help. This was a nice touch the kids look up to the college players, and realize that with hard work and dedication they could play college golf.

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

I believe the image of Ron Roberts is very good and when it comes to juniors and the game of golf. Everyone knows that I am very serious and am doing the best I can to promote junior golf. I have the respect from the parents, kids, golf coaches, college coaches, board of education, chamber members as well as other PGA Professionals on my golf program and the effort that I put into trying to grow the game of golf.

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

I believe that the fact that I created my own Educational Golfer Development Program with the help from the representatives of the school systems and now am taking that information and going school to school and county to county is making a difference. Hopefully this has inspired some others to do the same. There are 667,294 students in the school systems in the state of Kentucky in 2013. It is state law that students are required to take PE 11 out of the 12 years they are in school. I believe that we the Kentucky PGA Section should make this our goal to lead the way in getting golf into the PE Curriculum in every school in the state.

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

Award	Year Received	Section
Merchandiser of the year	2010	Kentucky
Junior Golf Leader	2011	Kentucky