# Betty Baird Kregor



2008, 2009, 2013 Nomination





June 24, 2013

Ms. Erin Horn Golf House Kentucky 1116 Elmore Just Drive Louisville, KY 40245

Dear Ms. Erin Horn:

I wish to have Ms. Betty Baird Kregor placed back into consideration for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Fuzzy Zoeller

#### **Erin Horn**

From: Betty Kregor <br/>
Sent: Sunday, July 13, 2014 4:46 PM

To: Erin Horn

Subject: Attn: Chris Osborne from Betty Baird Kregor

Dear Chris and the Ky. Golf Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

I wanted to update the committee on my LPGA Master status accomplishment this past year. There are only 16 Master professionals in the history of the LPGA and I was the 16th this year to be awarded that status at our LPGA Midwest Section Championship last October.

To my knowledge, I am the first Kentucky LPGA Master professional.

I also retired from teaching golf this year after 26 years to focus on my consulting business of mentoring and advising high school golfers in the college placement process.

Another note, is that I am hosting a college golf combine in Lexington in partnership with Drew Conliffe and continue to promote the game anyway I can. We hope this exciting event will be an annual event.

I hope you all will take another look at my application that Diane and Fuzzy Zoeller submitted many years ago. I assume it stays open due to letters that have been written on my behalf.

Thanks for any consideration.

Sincerely,

Betty Baird Kregor Sent from my iPhone Betty Baird Kregor LPGA Master Professional Owner, StraightShot Inc. www.straightshotinc.com





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November 20, 2013 Shelbyville, Kentucky

#### KENTUCKY GOLF LEGEND OBTAINS LPGA MASTER STATUS

Thesis Focused On The Lack of African American Female College Golfers Lands Kregor Top Award

Betty Baird Kregor, former nine-time Kentucky PGA Junior Champion and two-time All-American junior golfer, has received the highest ranking in the LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Division. Kregor joined an elite group of only 16 individuals who have earned Master Professional status within the 1,500 member LPGA teaching division. She received her award on October 6, 2013 at the LPGA Midwest Section Tournament in Columbus, Ohio, after presenting her work entitled "The Vanishing Golfer: A Study on the African American Female Junior Golfer and Knowledge of Opportunities to Play Collegiate Golf."

According to the LPGA, requirements for Master Professional certification include Class A status 10 or more years, a minimum of 300 certification units and writing a golf-related thesis with a study. "My passion for helping African American girls learn more about college golf opportunities was the driving force behind my thesis. I was disheartened to learn the number of African American female NCAA golfers has been declining in the last decade even though more girls have gotten into the game. I wanted to know why," said Kregor. She is hoping her recommendations will be seen by golf organizations around the world to help increase the number of minority female college golfers.

Kregor has been teaching golf for over 24 years, with students ranging from beginners to professional golfers. Her large junior client base resulted in another venture, StraightShot Inc., where she mentors and advises high school athletes in finding the right college fit. "I am not a recruiter, but simply a guide in the often stressful college search providing personality profiling, mentoring and support in everything from resume creating to learning to ask college coaches questions." This knowledge helped Kregor find the focus to write her thesis and hopes this recognition will create more opportunities for minority girl golfers and change the future of golf.

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# Betty Baird Kregor LPGA MASTER TEACHING PROFESSIONAL



**Nomination Packet** 

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### Betty Baird Kregor Biography

Betty Baird Kregor is the owner of Betty Baird Kregor Golf Instruction Inc. and Straightshot Inc. Betty's golf instruction business is operated out of the Cardinal Club in Simpsonville, Kentucky. As an LPGA Master teaching professional, she has over 300 students ranging from three years old to 86 years old. Straightshot Inc. College Athletic Advisors, resulted from her desire to help junior golfers and their parents in the often stressful college search. Straightshot Inc. has a 94 percent success rate in student placement and has expanded to servicing high school athletes of all sports using innovative techniques such as personality profiling, marketing packets, video and more.

Kregor is a nine-time Kentucky PGA Junior Champion, the 1974 Junior World Champion Girl's 13-14, 1976 Girl's Western National Runner-up and Girl's Western National Medalist in 1977. In 1977-79 she was a three time NJGA Junior All-American as well as an AJGA Second Team All-American and went on to play at the University of Alabama. She has been teaching golf for over 23 years.

Kregor is a Kentucky High School Athletic Hall of Fame member, Metro Louisville Athletic Directors Hall of fame member, board member for the Musselman Dunne Foundation. She is also on the advisory board of the Shelby County Humane Society and a member of the Board of Directors of Commonwealth Bank and Trust and annuciation Church in shelbyville, ky.

Betty, age 52, is married to Mark F. Kregor, Senior Vice President of Hilliard Lyons, Inc. They have four busy children, Maggie (28) who was a walk on women's golf team member for three years at University of Alabama, BAIRD, age (26) an all-conference baseball catcher for Indiana University Southeast, MOLLIE (18) who enjoys showing saddlebred HORSES AND Paige (17) who plays competitive tennis.

## Wins & Accomplishments Timeline

1969 Ky. PGA Junior Qualifier 11 & under Winner
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1970 Ky. PGA Junior 11&under Champion
1970 National Pee Wee 8-9 Champion

1971 Valley View Junior Invitational 10-12 Champion 1971 Ky. PGA Junior Qualifier 11&under Winner 1971 Ky. PGA Junior 11&under Champion 1972 National Pee Wee 10-12 Runner-Up

1972 Valley View Junior Invitational 13-15 (shot 78 age 11) Champion
1972 Iroquois Junior Invitational 17&under Winner
1972 Central Ky. Junior Championship 18&under (shot 77 age 11) Winner
1972 Louisville Junior Girl's Interclub 18&under Low Net Winner
1972 Ky. PGA Junior Qualifier 11&under Winner
1972 Ky. PGA Junior 11&under Champion
1973 Louisville Jr. Golf Association 18&under Champion
1973 Iroquois Junior Invitational 18&under Winner

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1973 Ky. PGA Junior 12-13 Runner-Up Champion

1973 Central Ky. Junior Championship 18&under Winner

## 1974 First Girl to Win a Boy's Flight in History of the Junior Fall Cities

1974 Optimist Junior World 13-14 Champion

1974 Ky. PGA Junior Qualifier 12-13 Winner 1974 Ky. PGA Junior 12-13 Champion

1974 Louisville Junior Golf Association 18&under Champion

1974 Jr. Falls Cities Girl's Medalist

1974 Jr. Falls Cities Girl's 18&under Champion

1974 Ballard High School Girl's Golf Team Member (age 13)

1974 Girl's High School Regional Individual Runner-Up

1974 Kentucky State High School Individual Runner-Up

1975 Jefferson County Women's Champion

1975 Ky. PGA Junior Qualifier 14-15 Winner

1975 Ky. PGA Junior 14-15 Champion

1975 Iroquois Junior Invitational 18&under Winner

1975 Valley View Junior Invitational Girl's 13-15 Champion

1975 USGA Girl's Championship Qualified 10th Place (14 yrs. Old)

1975 Kentucky State High School Girl's Team Regional Champions

1975 Kentucky State High School Girl's Regional Individual Champion

1975 First Round Leader Kentucky State High School Championship

1975 Kentucky State High School Team Runner-Up

1976 Western Girl's National Runner-Up Champion

#### 1976 USGA Girl's Championship Qualifier 14th place

1976 Hunting Creek Ladies Invitational Champion
1976 Ladies Tee Cup Invitational Winner
1976 Bartlett Memorial Women's Champion
1976 Valley View Junior Invitational 13-15 Winner
1976 Ky. PGA Junior Qualifier 15-17 Winner
1976 Ky. PGA Junior 15-17 Champion
1976 Jefferson County Ladies Champion

1977 Kentucky State High School Girl's Individual Region Champion

1977 Kentucky State High School Girl's Individual Runner-Up Champion

1977 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship Qualifier 28th place Second Round of Play (age 16)

1977 Girl's Western National Medalist and Quarter-Finalist1977 Girl's Western National Long Drive Champion1977 Ky. PGA Junior Championship 15-17 Qualifier Winner

1977 Ky. PGA Junior Championship 15-17 Champion
1977-1979 Three Time NJGA All-American

1977 U.S. Girl's Championship Qualifier 10th place Second Round of Play

1978 PGA National Jr. Championship Qualifier Winner 1978 PGA National Jr. Championship 10th place

# 1978 North South Women's Amateur Championship Qualifier Third Round of Play

1978 Helen Doherty Challenge Cup National Qualifier 10th place
Reached Quarter-Finals

1978 Iroquois Junior Invitational Girl's Champion

1978 Ky. PGA Junior Championship 15-17 Qualifier Winner

1978 Ky. PGA Junior Championship 15-17 Champion

1978 Kentucky State High School Girl's Individual Region Champion

1978 Kentucky State High School Runner-Up Champion

1978 Bartlett Memorial Women's Champion

1978 Lexington Herald-Leader All-State Team
1978 AJGA Second Team All-American
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1979 Kentucky State High School Girl's Individual Region Champion

1979 Kentucky State High School Girl's Individual Champion

Representing Kentucky Country Day School

1979 Lexington Herald-Leader All-State Team

1979 Women's Ky. State Amateur Championship Qualifier

Went to 24th Hole with Rival Anne Rush in What Was Termed By The Lexington-Herald as "The Best Match Ever Played in State Am History" in Quarter-Finals

Over 500 Spectators at Spring Lake C.C. Lexington Ky

1979 Signed Full Scholarship with University of Alabama 1980 Lady Kat Team Champion Member

1980 Women's Southern Intercollegiate (Now SEC Championship)

Team 2nd Place Individual 12th place 1980 AIAW (now NCAA) Championship

Team 17th Individual 64th place

1980 Kentucky Women's State Amateur Champion Semi-Finalist
1980 Bartlett Memorial Women's Champion

1981 Lady Seminole Collegiate Tournament Individual Runner-Up 1981 Lady Seminole Collegiate Tournament Team Champion

1981 Women's Southern Intercollegiate (Now SEC Championship)

Team 12th place Individual 14th place

1981 AIAW (now NCAA) Championship

Team 19th Individual 57th place

#### **Career Community Service And Awards**

1991 Joined The Practice Tee Golf Academy as an Instructor
1991 Member of the Powerbilt Staff
1992 Entered the LPGA Teaching Division
1992 Coordinated Clinics for The Ky. School For the Blind
1993 Founded The Girl's Team Golf Academy to Benefit
Underprivileged Girls Golfers from The Cabbage Patch Settlement
1993 Assisted Fellowship of Christian Athletes Annual Golf Camp
1993 Joined The Futures Tour

1994 Formed Betty Baird Kregor Golf Instruction Operating
Out of Fuzzy Zoeller's Covered Bridge Golf Club
1994 Began Covered Bridge Women's Golf Schools
1995 LPGA Class A Status

1997-2000 Co-hosted "Inside Kentuckiana Golf" with Don Russell FOX 41
1997 Musselman Baker Geary Dunne Board Member Appointment
1997 Wolf Challenge Pro-Am Tournament (only female pro) placed 7th
1998 Founded NBD Bank Women's Golf Clinics 250 women students
1999 Shelby County Trust Bank Board Appointment
(now Commonwealth Bank and Trust)
1999 Appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show

2000-2003 Shelby County High School Girl's Golf Coach
2001-2003 Weissinger Hills Golf Club, Teaching Professional
2005 Joined The Cardinal Club Teaching Staff
2005 Full Cobra Staff Member
2005 Co-Site Director LPGA Girl's Club of Louisville

2005 Founded StraightShot Inc., College Sports Advisors
2006 Site Director LPGA Girl's Golf Club of Shelbyville
2006 Shelby County Humane Society Board Appointment
2008 Contributing Writer for Golf Girl Magazine
2008 Speaking Engagements Include

United Professional Horseman's Association, Top Gun Tennis Academy,
Biggin's Riding Camp Academy, Premier Riding Stables Adult Camp
Kentucky High School Athletic Association Athletic Hall of Fame Member

2009 Metro Area Athletic Directors Hall of Fame Member
2009 Speaker at the KHSAA All State Golf Banquet
2009 Lead Coordinator of Shelby Co. Humane Society Annual Calendar
Project

2010 Applied for LPGA Master Status and Thesis Research
2011 Published Ebook "So You Want To Play College Sports?"
2011 StraightShot Workshops on College Golf Opportunities Spread State
of Kentucky

2011 Titleist Staff Member

# 2012 Over 250 StraightShot Clients To Date Advised for College and College Golf or Sports

2013 Obtained LPGA Master Teaching Professional Status with Thesis, "The Vanishing Golfer, A Study on the African American Female Junior Golfer and Knowledge of Opportunities to Play Collegiate Golf".

2013 Will Present Findings to National LPGA Committee On Getting More African American Female Junior Golfers to the Collegiate Level, October 3-5 Columbus, OH 2013