

KENTUCKY GOLF HALL OF FAME

Gene Fawbush



2006, 2009, 2013, 2015
Nomination

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

2013 Nomination Form

NOMINEE'S NAME

FAWBUSH, SR GENE T
Last Name First Name Nickname (if applicable) Middle Initial

NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1928 7 29
Year Month Day

RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) 85

Current Residence
104 NORTH RASTER AVE. LOU. KY. 40206
Address City State Zip

STATUS

- ☐ Amateur
☒ Professional
☐ Deceased (please provide date of death _____)

KEY AREAS (check all that are applicable)

- ☒ Playing Achievements
☒ Contribution/Promotion of the Game
☒ Contribution to Junior Golf
☒ Teaching of the game
☒ Golf Course Architecture
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- ✓ Photographs

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

1983

HOST CLUB-GLENWOOD HALL CC

HOST PRO-GENE FAWBUSH

GENE FAWBUSH

HOST/PRO

61ST WOMAN'S STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

KENTUCKY PGA

1987

1989

HORTON SMITH AWARD

1980

IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

(GENE FAWBUSH)

IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION FOR THE ASSISTANT

GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF KENTUCKY

SPRING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

1995

30 YEAR LIFETIME MEMBER OF PGA – ACTIVE

KENTUCKY SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNER

1978

1982

1983

1984

1987

RUNNER-UP

1992

GREENVILLE OPEN

WINNER

1964

KENTUCKY PGA PRO LADY

LOW GROSS WINNER

1987

PEPSI CHALLENGE CUP

1983

1984

1985

1986

1988

Kentucky Golf Hall of Committee
1116 Elmore Just Drive
Louisville, Kentucky 40245

Dear Hall of Fame Committee:

It is with a great honor that I nominate Mr. Gene Fawbush for induction into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. I have personally known Gene for over 40 years and have always enjoyed and admired his dedication to the game of golf. Golfing great, Fuzzy Zoeller, affectionally calls Gene, "the Legend" and for good reasons. Gene is one of the best teachers of the game of golf who has lived and taught golf for over 50 years in the State of Kentucky. Gene has been awarded the highest honor as "teacher of the year" in the Kentucky Section on two occasions. He is a Horton Smith Award winner and been one of Kentucky's top players for his entire career. The enclosed bio reflects on his many tournament accomplishments and his ability to play a "great" game of golf. This includes his world record 26 on the front nine holes at Standard Country Club in 1969 and five victories in the Kentucky Senior Open Championship along with many other tournament accomplishments.

Mr. Gene Fawbush has been the PGA Golf Professional at Oldham County Country Club, teaching Professional at Big Spring Country Club (1967-1968), head assistant and teaching Professional at Standard Country Club, and Head PGA Golf Professional at Glenwood Hall Country Club in Carrolton, Kentucky. Gene is still very active and at the ripe old age of 84 is still teaching and playing a great game of golf and shooting up to 10-12 strokes lower than his age.

Mr. Gene Fawbush is most deserving of the opportunity to join the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. It would be great to have him inducted while he is still with us and able to share some of his great stories about his career.

Sincerely,


Jack Ridge

PGA Golf Professional

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame 2004

Gene Fawbush

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For more than 40 years Gene Fawbush has taught the game of golf.

No matter the age or skill level, if a person wants to learn, then Gene is ready to work with them to bring a better understanding of the game he has dedicated his life to.

And, like all great teachers, Gene has become much more than just a mentor or an advisor, but a friend as well. This approach has made him one of the great ambassadors for the game in Kentucky and makes him more than qualified for induction into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Gene's dedication to the game and especially to the teaching of the game to young people has left a lasting impact on the lives of everyone he has come into contact with.

Under his guidance, these youngsters have gone on to success not only at the state level, but the national level as professionals at clubs and on the PGA and LPGA.

The list of students and former students like Steve Flesch, Julie Zembrodt, Debbie Blank, Peggy Freeman and Joyce Abbott reads like a Who's Who in Kentucky golf.

It is, however, not the guidance given to these well known golfers, but the lessons given to the thousands of people who play for a simple love of the game. Lessons that have done nothing but enhance their enjoyment of the game, by which Gene can be measured as well.

For his efforts, Gene has been recognized by his peers winning the PGA's Teacher of the Year in 1987 and 1989 and earning the Horton Smith Award in 1980.

"A very important lesson Gene taught me is to give back to your profession, I have witnessed in many cases, my own included, Gene give up his time to teach someone because they were struggling. Often times, it did not matter at what level they played the game. One thing all these students had in common was a love for the game of golf. I recommend that Gene Fawbush be inducted into the Hall of Fame. He has continually give back to his profession through his time and instills in his students a love and respect for the sport. By recognizing Gene, his contributions to the sport will be the benchmark for future teaching professionals in the state of Kentucky."

Peggy Freeman

Former state junior champion

"Gene is equally at ease teaching adults or children. I have firsthand knowledge of this as he is currently teaching my son Jacob who is seven years-old. It is very heartwarming to see the obvious joy on his face as he notes Jacob's improvement from lesson to lesson. Gene's love and dedication to the game are evident through the many lives he has touched. I feel his distinguished career and service to the game merit consideration for induction into the Hall of Fame. His decades of service to the game and others elevate him to the top level of those who have had a dynamic impact on golf in Kentucky."

Joyce R. Abbott

LPGA member and Kentucky Women's Open champion

While Gene's contribution to the game as a teaching professional has and continues to be influential, his success is not limited to just that facet of the game.

Through his long career, Gene has also been one of the most respected and successful professionals on the tournament circuit around the state.

Gene is a six-time senior sections champion taking his first title in 1978 and his last in 1987. He has also played in the Pepsi Challenge Cup five times.

At 78, an age when most people have scaled back their activities, Gene is out there everyday playing and teaching. Working with anyone who wants to get better and learn and always with young people in many cases giving them an introduction to a game that will provide them with a lifetime of accomplishment, memories and friendship that can't be measured.

Through the years of teaching and playing Gene has developed lasting friendships for himself and his family.

Gene and his wife, Betty Jo, have raised three children and have lived in the same house for nearly 50 years. The pair are devoted to their children and their seven grandchildren to this day and to their neighbors, many of whom have lived on the same street for as many years as Gene and Betty have.

Gene's legacy to the game is and will be one of dedication, education and passion. His accomplishments are many and varied, and to Gene's credit, could just have easily gone by without fanfare or to someone else who Gene felt was just as deserving.

Gene exemplifies what a golf professional is and should be and is someone the Kentucky golf Hall of Fame should be proud to call a member.

"Gene spent countless hours with me honing my game both mentally and physically, not once taking a penny for his work. This was how Gene worked. If he saw a young person who was dedicated to the game and really worked at it he gave of his time. Who today, or then, could we say this about. I know that had it not been for Gene I would not have won Women's Kentucky State Am two years in a row, I would not have received a full golf scholarship to the University of Kentucky or I would not have won the many tournaments I did if it weren't for Gene taking the time to notice my potential and giving me the confidence to do with the game what I did. I truly feel it was past due for Gene to receive this high honor. He deserves to be in the Hall of Fame for he has given so much of himself for the benefit of so many and especially the core of the sport - junior golf."

Julie Zembrodt-Mahan
Kentucky State Am champ

"Through his assistance and the grace of God I was able to become a victorious female amateur in the state of Kentucky. I won the Kentucky Women's Am, Hunting Creek's Invitational, the Tea Pot and numerous other women's invitationals.

Nationally, I was a semifinalist in the North & South and the USGA Women's Southern. After college I entered the PGA Apprentice program and advanced through the program until I became a member and head PGA professional. Through Mr. Fawbush's interest, perseverance and help as a golfer he changed my life and I know of many others he has done the same for."

Debbora Blank
PGA professional

May 20, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

**I would like to nominate Gene T. Fawbush, Sr
into the Golf Hall of Fame.**

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gene T. Fawbush, Sr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sunday 14/5/9

Fawbush's 62 Betters Record

Gene Fawbush, associate pro at Standard, broke the country club's course record yesterday by firing a 10-under-par 26-36-62.

During his nine-under binge on the front nine, Fawbush posted seven birdies and an eagle.

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Gene Fawbush Biography

1. Gene Born 1928 now 86 years old
2. Gene, and His wife Betty Jo Has
Been married For 62 years.
3. Gene & Betty Have Three children. one son
Gene Jr, and Daughter Becky, and Jeffery.
I AM NOT For sure How many Grand children
AND Great Grand children They Have.
4. Gene Has one Hobby playing Golf or
Teaching.

Gary Tolman
Gene

Gene Fawbush
NOMINATION FOR KY GOLF HALL OF FAME

1. Gene Has Been GOLF Professional For 50 years P.G.A. Member
2. Gene As A Player Has Been wonderful Player, Gene Has won Several Events Sr. P.G.A. Event, Senior Open, Snow Ball Open AND OTHER EVENTS.
3. Gene Love OF Teaching Has Been His Great Fortel. Gene Has TAUGHT A MANY OF GOOD YOUNG PLAYERS. THE PLAYERS HE HAS TAUGHT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND COLLEGE. THE MOST PROMISING PLAYER HAS BEEN STEVE FLESCH.
Gene Has Given THOUSANDS OF LESSONS OVER THE YEARS, AND AT 86 years old is STILL Teaching.

GARY FELDMAN
Gene