

KENTUCKY GOLF HALL OF FAME

Dr. Rex Chaney



2016
Nomination

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

2016 Nomination Form

NOMINEE'S NAME

Chaney Rex Doc _____
Last Name First Name Nickname (if applicable) Middle Initial

NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1934 July 3
Year Month Day

RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) @ 82 years

Current Residence
550 Litton Road Morehead KY 40351
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
☐ Turf Grass Research
☐ Golf Course Management/Maintenance
☒ National Recognition

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Required

- ✓ One page type written biography of nominee
- ✓ Two (2) Letters of Nomination

Suggested

- ✓ Newspaper articles
- ✓ Photographs

Dr. Rex Chaney Biography:

Dr. Rex Chaney retired after his 38th season as the head coach of the Morehead State University golf program. Well respected in regional golfing circles, Chaney had tremendous success leading the Eagle golf program.

Under his supervision the Eagles captured the 1977, 1981, 1993 and 1999 Ohio Valley Conference titles, earning him OVC Golf Coach of the Year honors for each of those seasons.

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The golf mentor holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Morehead State and a doctorate in recreation from Indiana University. He joined the MSU Health, Physical Education and Recreation faculty in 1961.

A well respected golfer himself, Dr. Chaney was a student-athlete at Morehead State as a member of the track team.

Chaney is a native of Perry County, Kentucky. He has one daughter, Jennifer (Estill) and two grandchildren, Eric and Olivia. He is married to the former Sarah Kidwell of Bardstown, Ky. They have one son, Lee, who finished his career as a member of the MSU Eagle golf team in 2009.



June 10, 2016

Kelly Williams, PGA KY Golf Hall of Fame Chair
1116 Elmore Just Drive
Louisville, KY 40245

Dear Mr. Kelly Williams,

It is with great pleasure I nominate Dr. Rex Chaney for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. Not only is Dr. Chaney a wonderful advocate and teacher of the game of golf, but he is also a man of the highest character. Friends, family and former players continue to seek out Dr. Chaney for his company and advice. He has touched the lives of people throughout the state of Kentucky and continues to serve as an advocate for our men's and women's golf teams, as well as juniors in the state.

Dr. Chaney was instrumental in helping the university and I begin the women's program here at Morehead State in 2008. Without his support and friendship, our women's program would not be of such high caliber. Dr. Chaney's advice and support has been invaluable to our program and I cannot think of a better friend to our student-athletes.

Dr. Chaney retired from Morehead State University in 2014 after serving as the men's head coach for 38 years. He coached 20 All-OVC selections, the majority of the PGA professionals in KY, and also helped teams capture four OVC Championship titles. I am certain former player, Josh Teater, also can attribute some of his success to Dr. Chaney's wisdom and support.

Throughout his career, Dr. Chaney ran a hugely popular golf camp for juniors in Kentucky, even spending his own money to keep the camp running when costs continued to increase. No matter where I am traveling, people from all over the country have reached out to share how Dr. Chaney has touched their lives. Once, I was even approached by a gentleman on my way to Europe who had attended Dr. Chaney's golf camps as a youngster.

Please review the attached articles describing some of Dr. Chaney's many accomplishments as our men's head golf coach. He is a humble man who is highly deserving of this honor. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Barker
Head Women's Golf Coach
Morehead State University

To: Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Selection Committee
Re: Nomination for Rex Chaney

To whom it concerns:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Dr. Rex Chaney, as you consider him for entry into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Membership in the Hall of Fame should bring with it, a strong criteria for entry. The criteria should include someone who has given back to the game of golf, and someone who contributed to make the game better for those involved. Dr. Chaney fits into this category, as someone who has served the game of golf in Kentucky for many years. Dr. Chaney has mentored countless young lives, including myself, while serving as golf coach at Morehead State University.

The nature of serving in this capacity is that important decisions need to be made, both on the golf course, and off it. Rex always had what was best for the game and best for his student athletes, at the forefront of his decision making. I have known Dr. Chaney since enrolling at Morehead State in 1977, and feel fortunate to have had him in my life.

I hope that you will seriously consider Dr. Chaney for your Hall of Fame selection. If giving back to the game we all love is a strong criteria for entry, and it certainly should be, he should be an easy selection for the committee.

Feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss Rex's merits further.

Sincerely

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Morehead State University recently held a retirement dinner for longtime coach [Dr. Rex Chaney](#), who has been with the university since 1953.

Chaney, who previously coached the Eagles in men's basketball and baseball, spent the past 38 years as the head men's golf coach at MSU.



He was named the Ohio Valley Conference Men's Golf Coach of the Year after MSU captured league championships in 1977, 1981, 1993 and 1999. He also directed the Eagles to six other top-three finishes at the annual league tournament.

"I think Rex is an inspiration for just how many years he dedicated to this university," said Stephanie Barker, head women's golf

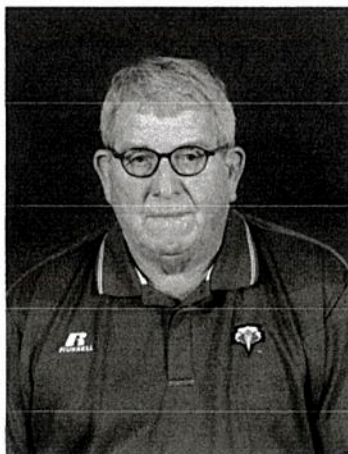
coach. "It's obvious that he was very giving as an individual, really cared, genuinely cared about the program and kids that he's helped over the years."

Chaney coached 20 All-OVC selections, six All-OVC Tournament honorees, six conference-tournament runners-up, three league-tournament medalists and two OVC Players of the Year.

The group includes current PGA Tour member Josh Teater.

"I grew up seeing how hard he worked to build the program," said Lee Chaney, Rex Chaney's son. "He preached a '54' mentality, believing in yourself, believing that you could go out and birdie every hole; but the main thing was to work hard, and if you worked hard you could be very successful."

Rex Chaney led the Eagles to a 111-56 (.665) record as head baseball coach from 1961-67. The OVC's 1963 Baseball Coach of the Year guided MSU to at least a share of the league's east division crown each year from 1961-64. He also served four



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seasons as an assistant men's basketball coach.

"He loves his players still; he wants to see how they are doing, progressing," Lee Chaney said. "He loves the university; he's still very loyal to it. He just wants to see it grow and get better. Morehead was his life."



In 2000, Rex Chaney was inducted into the prestigious Morehead State Athletic Hall of Fame. The mentor holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Morehead State, in addition to a doctorate from Indiana University. He joined MSU's Health, Physical Education and Recreation faculty in 1961.

Originally from Perry County, Ky., Rex Chaney is married to the former Sarah Kidwell of Bardstown, Ky. He has one daughter (Jennifer), one son (Lee) and two grandchildren (Eric and Olivia).



Zach Senvisky, the Morehead State campus correspondent, is a senior sports management major who currently works in the athletics department and for the campus radio station as a student sports broadcaster and reporter. He lettered two of the three years he played football for Morehead State, and is a native of Youngstown, Ohio.

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Dr. Rex Chaney

Baseball, Men's Golf, Multiple Sports
Induction Class of 2000

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