



PGA

Kentucky Section

2017 KPGA YOUTH PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD NOMINATION

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1. Please briefly describe the nominee's contributions to youth golf programs in the Section and on a National level including service as a chairperson or a member of the Junior Golf Committee/Youth Player Development Committee.

I am currently serving on the KYPGA Player Development Committee. We hosted junior events for the Southeast Junior Tour, The Larry Gilbert / Dave Bunnell Interclub, The Mussleman Dunne Junior Tour, KYPGA Junior Tour Junior League Tournament, and Multiple High School Golf Competitions.

2. Please briefly describe the nominee's involvement in the promotion and development of youth golf at the club level and within the community.
We had over 150 different children in various youth golf programs at Gibson Bay in 2016. We had beginning after school classes in the spring for both boys and girls. This program had over 50 kids enrolled and included weekly instruction and 9 hole scramble tournaments on our par 3 golf course. Our summer golf clinic included weekly instruction and tournaments, this program was for kids ages 6 to 16 and had over 60 participants. Also, during the summer months we participated in PGA Junior League golf with 5 teams from Gibson Bay. In the fall we had additional after school classes for both girls and boys with about 40 participants. Also, in the fall we added an advanced clinic for the kids that were already competing in junior golf competitions. This class had about 25 kids ages 8 to 12 and the weekly clinics concluded with our first junior club championship medal play tournament. Also in the fall, we formed two junior league teams and conducted practices and matches with other area golf courses.

I gave an average of 12 individual lessons per week to competitive junior golfers during the golf season. Had 15 different students win local junior golf

tournaments in Central Kentucky. Also, had a student win Mrs. Kentucky Golf in 2015 and another student earn boys all-state honors in 2014 and 2015.

We create an indoor hitting bay in the golf shop from January thru March and work with Junior Golfers indoors every day after school to prepare the serious players for the upcoming season.

Our local high school boys team and girls teams both won their regional tournaments (Lexington Region). These teams have numerous players that are currently taking lessons and/or started playing in our junior programs.

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

I think that I have a positive image in our community. It will be 20 years in June that I have been employed as the PGA Professional at Gibson Bay Golf Course. Additionally, students that travel from several other counties for instruction.

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

Our junior golf program works directly with the ECU PGM Program. We utilize the students in the program to assist with our weekly junior golf programs. These students are not only learning and gaining experience working in our program, but many of them go on internships and bring back new ideas and contribute to the growth of our program.

We also host the City of Richmond Police Department summer camp each summer. This gives us a day with about 40 kids from our community that generally are not exposed to the game of golf, to introduce the game and have a fun day at the course.

I have been actively promoting and supporting The First Tee of Lexington Larry Gilbert / Dave Bunnell Interclub. I have reached out to area golf professionals to help the current directors move the program forward. We had 16 golfers from our junior golf programs support this program by competing in the summer interclub.

Additionally, we offer free play days for Junior Golfers on our par 3 golf course. We collect old golf clubs from area golfers and distribute them to kids that need equipment.

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

Award	Year Received	Section
Merchandiser – Public	2002	Kentucky
Merchandiser - Public	2003	Kentucky
Merchandiser - Public	2008	Kentucky