



# PGA

Kentucky Section

## 2018 KPGA YOUTH PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AWARD NOMINATION

**Name of Nominee:** Ryne Burnett  
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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.

PGA Junior League Captain of 2 teams in a facility with 46 total players in 2017, including Captain of 2017 Kentucky State Runner-Ups and 2015 State Champions. Assisted in hosting KPGA Junior Tour Events at Triple Crown in 2017. Coach of Gray Middle School Golf Team, winners of Northern Kentucky Regional and 4<sup>th</sup> place Middle School State Championship. Recently added to the KPGA Player Development Committee.

2. Please briefly describe the nominee's involvement in the promotion and development of youth golf at the club level and within the community.

In 2017, Ryne helped create the Triple Crown Drive, Chip and Putt Series as a simulation for the actual Championship, which led to a player coming 1 place away from qualifying for Augusta. In addition to leading 2 PGA Junior League teams, Ryne was involved in creating a Middle School Golf Team for Gray Middle School, which competed in the local golf league in Northern Kentucky and became league champions in their first year. This same team also played to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the State Middle School Championship.

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

Ryne's passion for the game of golf shows with every student and program he works with. His level of care for each student's development is a main cause for students to stay involved with junior golf programming at Triple Crown. Young golfers are motivated to improve not only their games, but also their character on the golf course and in the classrooms after being involved in junior golf programming with Ryne. Ryne's focus in junior programming is to build the student not just to a good golf game, but an unmatched level of sportsmanship, teamwork and integrity.

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

Ryne became a PGA Professional because of his love for the game, and wants to see everyone who plays golf come to love the game as he does. Through programs like the Drive, Chip and Putt Series and PGA Junior League, Ryne shows new golfers how much fun and enjoyment the game has to offer. Ryne also enjoys being on the golf course with his students, especially if he knows that will positively add to their overall experience.

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

| Award | Year Received | Section |
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**Name of Nominee:** Ralph Landrum \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.
  - A. Member of the KY Golf Foundation Board of Directors (Currently the President) which manages the KY PGA Jr. Golf Tour.
  - B. Member of the KY PGA Jr. Golf Committee 2009-2012
  - C. Chair-Person of the KY PGA Jr. Golf Task Force 2013
  - D. I spoke at an LPGA Girls Golf Forum in 2017 at the PGA Merchandise Show about how to increase the number of young ladies participating.
  - E. I will be part of a Junior Golf Forum at the 2018 PGA Family and Youth Golf Summit.
  
2. Please briefly describe the nominee's involvement in the promotion and development of youth golf at the club level and within the community.
  - A. I began the Northern KY Middle School Golf League.
  - B. I coach the Villa Madonna Middle and High School Boys teams.
  - C. I began a program with the Marge Schott Boys and Girls Clubs which I continue today. I have raised funds, won grants and collected golf clubs for the kids.

- D. My staff or I visit as many as 5 different schools each year to teach golf in their gym classes.
- E. I began and still operate the Northern Pee Wee Golf Tournament.
- F. I began and still operate the Northern KY Middle School Golf Tournament.
- G. I have hosted the 7up, KY PGA and Greater Cincinnati Jr. Golf Tours.
- H. I partner with the Boone County YMCA to offer golf to the junior members of their club.
- I. I host the PGA Jr. Golf Camps.
- J. I offer junior golf programs year-round at World of Golf which annually will have over 400 different kids participate. We offer Pee Wee, Junior & High School Prep programs.
- K. I host an LPGA Girl Golf Program which hosts approximately 100 young women each year.
- L. I host a series of 4 Parent-Child Golf Outings each year.
- M. I give approximately 400 junior golf lessons each year.
- N. I am a US Kids Master Jr. Golf Instructor.
- O. I was the first to offer PGA Jr. Golf League in Northern KY. We hosted all of the matches the first couple of years. I average 5 PGA Jr. League Teams per year. I won the PGA Jr. League District Award in 2015.

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

I have tried to be the leader of junior golf in Northern KY for the past 35 years. Whether it is offering the facility to host junior events, operating various junior golf programs or coaching a school team I have been the constant in Northern KY junior golf. My goal has always been that when folks think of junior golf in Northern KY they think of Ralph Landrum. I have raised monies and gathered clubs for kids who may not be able to afford a golf program and or clubs. I have visited schools in three counties for several different school systems and have never charged a fee for the service. I have provided instruction and offered our facility for the First Tee of Greater Cincinnati. It has become pretty common to see kids in our programs whose parents participated in the program many years ago. I would think the many years of providing most every kind of junior program to kids who are just beginning or some who were ready to play in college, to kids of all colors and ethnicity and to kids who may not have been able to afford to participate, that my reputation as someone who cares about the game and the kids is very secure.

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

When I first began to promote junior golf programs most facilities did not offer junior instructional programs. As mentioned earlier, I was the first in the area to offer PGA Jr. League. Now many facilities offer such programs. I would hope my leadership in this area helped inspire other PGA Golf Professionals to begin to offer the similar products because it is a revenue generator, a way to create a better relationship with the parents and more importantly a way to enhance the life of young golfers by helping them participate in a game which teaches many positive life skills.

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

| Award   | Year Received                             | Section       |
|---|---|---------------|
| Junior Golf Leader                                      | 1997, 2013                                | KY            |
| President's Award                                       | 2000                                      | Southern Ohio |
| KY Player of the Year                                   | 1986, 1987 & 1988                         | KY            |
| KY Senior Player of the Year                            | 2009                                      | KY            |
| KY Growth of the Game Award (formerly Presidents Award) | 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 | KY            |
| PGA National Growth of the Game Award                   | 2014                                      | PGA National  |
| Bill Strausbaugh Award                                  | 2016                                      | KY            |
| KY PGA Section Golf Professional of the Year            | 2010                                      | KY            |
| PGA Quarter Century Award                               | 2010                                      | KY            |

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**Name of Nominee:** Kirk Schooley  
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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.
  - 1) Nominee served on the Kentucky PGA Board of Directors and on the National PGA Teaching Committee many, many years ago (shortly after fire was discovered and the wheel was invented).
2. Please briefly describe the nominee's involvement in the promotion and development of youth golf at the club level and within the community.
  - 2) Nominee helped develop a junior program in Indiana which produced 3 players who would later win an Indiana Junior, Indiana High School, and Indiana Open Championships! At each of Nominee's 3 facilities there have been organized as well as relaxed junior golf programs to help young people of all skill levels. Nominee has always focused on helping young people of different skill sets be able to develop an appreciation for all that the game offers to many different personalities and abilities.



3. Please briefly describe the nominee's image and leadership in the area of youth golf and the nominee's overall integrity.
  - 3) Hopefully, nominee's overall integrity is good most days! Actually, may possess more integrity on week days than week ends (more tired on week ends)! Nominee has always tried to create a welcoming atmosphere for junior golfers to feel comfortable hanging around the golf course and pro shop.
  
4. Please briefly describe how the nominee inspires fellow PGA Professionals and promotes the game of golf.
  - 4) Nominee currently inspires fellow PGA Professionals by being quite easy to beat on the golf course, thereby giving fellow professionals much more confidence in their own golf games. Hopefully, nominee promotes golf by strongly encouraging local and statewide tournament play by golfers of all ages and skill level.
  
5. Please list any Section or National awards the nominee has received

| Award                     | Year Received      | Section  |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Player of the Year        | 1993, 1997, & 1998 | Kentucky |
| Senior Player of the Year | 2015               | Kentucky |
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**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua Snider \_\_\_\_\_  
**Facility Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ The Golf Academy \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 have always been involved with developing and leading a strong junior golf program both as an Assistant Golf Professional and Head Golf Professional at my respected Clubs as well as now in my current position as the Director of Instruction at The Golf Academy.

2. Please briefly describe the nominee's involvement in the promotion and development of youth golf at the club level and within the community.

The promotion and development of golf programs at The Golf Academy has been directly related to having the opportunity to teach the game with an elite group of golf instructors. The TGA Instructional Staff is always looking to better our operation and services by focusing on bringing the game to as many kids as possible in our community. We have done that through numerous outreach programs with the Jefferson County and Oldham County public schools as well as local private schools and their respected athletic associations.



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

I believe that my image, integrity and leadership in the area of youth golf has always been considered to be one of the best in my community and the reason why that I left my former position as the Head Golf Professional at a private club to pursue my current role as the Director of Instruction at The Golf Academy.

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

I have been fortunate to work directly under a great group of Head Golf Professionals who were responsible for assisting me with my growth within the PGA of America. It has always been a priority for me to do the same, first and foremost with my former Professional Staff and Assistant Golf Professionals who have attained PGA Membership or transitioned into industry leadership positions, and now currently with the TGA Instructional Staff.

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

| Award                                   | Year Received | Section |
|---|---------------|---------|
| Assistant Golf Professional of the Year | 1998          | KY      |
| Junior Golf Leader Charlie Vettiner     | 1996          | KY      |
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**Name of Nominee:** Sara Stephens  
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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.

**-2017 Player Development Committee Chair**

**-Established a PGA Junior League Team at The Stephens Golf Academy and had 31 kids participate in the first year!**

**-Contributed to increase in field size at KPGA Junior Tour Events in Northern Kentucky, by getting my students more involved with them.**

**-Established an LPGA USGA Girls Golf Program in January 2016. The program grew from 9 girls in 2016 to 37 Girls by December of 2017.**

**-Served as the lead Golf Instructor for The First Tee of Greater Cincinnati's LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Program at Reeves Golf Course in 2015 and 2016**

**-4 Kids from our PGA Junior League Team advanced on to the All Star Team that made it to the State Finals Match.**

2. Please briefly describe the nominee's involvement in the promotion and development of youth golf at the club level and within the community.

**-Established a Golf in School NKY Program in December of 2016. I singlehandedly taught 48 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes across 5 schools in Boone County, KY. Almost 1300 kids got a club in their hands. Approximately 60% had never held a golf club before. In December of 2017, taught an additional 10 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes in NKY, adding 250 kids to the total number of kids reached.**

**-Started a Little Linksters Camp at The Stephens Golf Academy in 2016 for Kids Ages 2-6. We started with 6 Kids in 2016, and grew to 8 in 2017. After the camp this year, three went on to continue Little Linkster Lessons with me throughout the year.**

**-Our PGA Junior League Program brought in 31 kids in our first year this year! Out of 31, 14 were girls!!**

-Our LPGA USGA Girls Golf Program began in 2016 with 9 Girls. This year, we will end the year with 39 girls signed up for our program!!  
-Guest Speaker at 2016 Grant County High School Golf Team  
-Varsity Girls Golf Coach for St Ursula Girls Golf Team for 2 seasons (2015-2017)  
-On pace to teach 1300 lessons in 2017. Juniors 18 & Under account for approximately 75% of my lessons in 2017.

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

My passion for the game of golf came at the age of 7 when my father introduced me to the game of golf. He was never a competitive golfer, but growing up around his passion for the game was something that drove me to become a better player myself. I was incredibly fortunate to have my parents and golf instructor mentor me through my junior, college and professional golf career. My love of the game also drew me to my husband, and together we chose to take our life and career experience to co-found The Stephens Golf Academy (SGA) in Burlington, KY in 2015. My own personal goal as a teacher is to plan, implement, and grow programs that not only bring a diverse group of people to our Academy, but also retain them as long-term students of the game.

The group instruction programs I have focused on developing since the Academy's inception have been LPGA/USGA Girls Golf of Northern Kentucky and PGA Junior League. Our Girls Golf Program has experienced tremendous growth over the past two years. I became an LPGA USGA Girls Golf site director in 2016 and got the program off the ground with 5 events and 9 girls. In a year's time, our program grew from 9 to 37 girls, and I hosted 8 events over the course of May-July of 2017. The Northern Kentucky area is not exactly a "hotbed" for junior golfers, so having this amount of growth in under a year has been incredibly rewarding for me. It brings me great joy to empower these girls to learn the game, stay with the game, and appreciate what it offers. This in itself is truly my passion. This year our academy offered PGA Junior League, and in our first year, we had 31 kids, and became one of the largest junior league programs in the state. Out of 31 kids, 14 were girls!! We even had two girls from our program advance to our leagues All Star Team, and that team finished runner up in the State Championship this year! My individual instruction business has also had a positive impact on numerous Junior Girl Golfers in our area. From 2016-2017 my lesson business has doubled from 700 lessons-1400 lessons, and Girls 18 and under comprise just over 70% of my individual lessons throughout the year. Many of these girls have gone from just starting the game two years ago, to now having a long-term goal of playing golf at the collegiate level.

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

-I have worked closely with the Education Committee Chair, Danny Baron, to put together a Pro-to-Pro Workshop series for January and February of 2018. One of my tasks is to highlight LPGA USGA Girls Golf during at least two of these workshops. One of our goals for 2018 on the Player Development Committee is to increase the number of Girls Golf Programs in the state from 8 to 15.

I always provide an open invitation for fellow PGA Professionals to ask questions or offer advice with regards to any teaching or player development topic. I also seek advice from other PGA Professionals nationwide on how they are running and growing their junior programs.

In my opinion, empowerment is the most important way to get kids in to the game and keeping them hooked on the game! When I hear the word empower, I hear the word confidence, and if you can provide a moment or opportunity for a child to feel confident, they will keep coming back for more! Two parts to feeling confident are knowing you are successful at a skill, and knowing you have a clear path to get somewhere. By cheering and applauding a junior for a great effort or a great shot, you are giving them

confidence in that skill. In order to give them a plan, one thing I make sure I do with many of my junior students is set and review goals twice a year; once in early Spring, and once at the end of Fall. By guiding them through goal setting, you are providing that junior a clear path to what they want to achieve, and that in itself is invaluable.







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

| Award                                    | Year Received    | Section |
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| US Kids Golf Top 50<br>Honorable Mention | 2014, 2015, 2016 |         |
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