



# INDUCTION CEREMONY & DINNER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Hoffman House at Holiday Inn



Welcome to the fourth annual Rockford Area Golf Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The Rockford Area Golf Hall of Fame is organized as a means of recognizing, preserving, and promoting the heritage of golf in the Rockford area. Many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and have had incredible accomplishments in the lifetime sport of golf. The Hall of Fame honors contributions and accomplishments of these individuals and organizations that are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate.

We are honored that you are here with us today to help recognize those selected who have exemplified excellence in the sport of golf in our community.



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# INDUCTION CEREMONY



## WELCOME

MIKE ROBINSON, Master of Ceremonies

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## 2008 ROCKFORD AREA GOLF HALL OF FAME OVERVIEW

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## DINNER SERVED

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RICK RHODEN,

former Major League Baseball pitcher and  
current Celebrity and PGA Champions Tour golfer

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## INDUCTION OF 2008 GOLF HALL OF FAME AWARD RECIPIENTS

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## CLOSING REMARKS AND PHOTOS OF CLASS OF 2008



# 2008 INDUCTEES



## **SHIRLEY M. DOMMERS**

A five-time Illinois State Champion and “classy lady,” Shirley has been successful in all levels of golf, from junior to senior and from local to international. Shirley began her state championships beginning in 1946, where she won the Iowa State Championship, then continued winning the Illinois State Championships in 1957, 1961, 1968, 1969, and 1974. She won the Illinois State Senior Championships in 1976, 1981, 1982 and 1983. Shirley also competed internationally, winning the Women’s International Championship in both Italy and Switzerland in 1954. She has been Club Champion at both Bel-Mar Country Club and Rockford Country Club, and was the runner up of the WWGA Championship in 1969. Actively serving for 24 years on the Illinois Women’s Golf Association including as Vice President and President, she is now Director Emeritus. She also served for six years on the Women’s Western Golf Association. She volunteers with the youth “First Swing” program and is always ready to help. She even chaperoned for the Park District when asked to accompany some young girls into Chicago for a professional tournament.

## **ROBERT “BUTCH” PEGORARO**

In pursuing a degree in education at the University of Illinois, Butch discovered he could best use his skills and interest in both golf and teaching as a golf teaching professional. From junior golfer to state high school champion, University of Illinois college player to Rockford City Champion, this assistant pro eventually became a head professional, a path that combines his passion for the game of golf and his gift for teaching. Butch truly sees juniors are the future of golf, and his lesson programs attract 70-100 juniors a year, but he also enhances the enjoyment and overall experience for all ages of golfers. His personality, appearance, knowledge of the game, teaching skills, and overall demeanor are reasons for his longevity as the Head Professional at Forest Hills Country Club for 26 years. He mentors PGA apprentices, 11 of which have gone on to become PGA Head Professionals. His interest in giving back to the game of golf is apparent with his qualifying as a rules official at PGA run tournaments and locally during the past Rockford Traditions Tournament. Some of the success of Pro/Am is attributed to Butch’s expertise and knowledge of the demands of professional players and amateurs, as well as tournament organization.

## **ROBERT A. "BOB" REITSCH**

Bob's commitment and dedication to the Pro/Am has benefitted the community for 32 years. Prior to the first Pro/Am (July 4, 1977), Bob and others had discussions on how to bring a quality, one day Pro/Am event to Rockford that would show off community pride and benefit local charities. With Bob's background in golf (on golf teams for West High School and at the University of Illinois), he was chosen to be in charge of gathering the Professional golfers. Personal contact was the way to introduce the Pro's to Rockford, so the early years involved a lot of traveling to different tournaments to recruit professionals. Bob was the perfect 'salesman' to get the Pro's interested, and he developed trust, paid great attention to detail, and made sure the Pro's had a great, fun, and worry free time while in Rockford. Bob is, and always has been, an ardent supporter and fan of golf as well as an accomplished golfer. But it is the special role he has played in the creation and ongoing success of the Rockford Pro/Am Tournament that has contributed well over two million dollars to more than 30 area charities, and the opportunity for Rockford golf fans to see 'real' golf Pro's up close. Bob Reitsch is the primary reason for the longevity of the Pro/Am. He has developed strong relationships with professional golfers and the PGA hierarchy. He has a highly respected reputation with golf professionals that translates into respect for the Pro/Am, and good players look forward to playing in Rockford.

## **ROCKFORD PRO/AM**

The Rockford Pro Am celebrated its 32nd annual event this year, and is the longest-running, independent professional/amateur one day golf tournament in the United States. Few activities in this area capture the excitement and bring together the professional golfer, the amateur, scores of volunteers and several thousand fans, all for the purpose of honoring the excellence of golf and executing a first class event. The Rockford Pro/Am was an active partner in the development of junior golf programs and activities in the area. It was instrumental in helping attract Tiger Woods and his foundation to Rockford which was the springboard that helped launch what is now known as The Junior Golf Association of Greater Rockford, creating two golf learning centers in Rockford. Thousands of young boys and girls have been introduced to the game of golf and in the process learned valuable life lessons about honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, and fair play. The Rockford Pro/Am has become a 'community thing' and along the way raised more than \$2 million for more than 20 area charities.



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JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION OF GREATER ROCKFORD  
JIM KEELING



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MARY WILDER WELSH • SALLEY WESSELS



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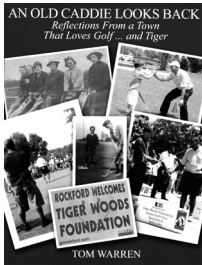
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