



INDUCTION CEREMONY & DINNER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center



Welcome to the third 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 all of the nominees and those selected who have exemplified excellence in the sport of golf in our community.

Sincerely,

STEVE HOGAN

STEVE HOGAN, Honorary Chairman
Rockford Area Golf Hall of Fame



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INDUCTION CEREMONY



MIKE ROBINSON, Master of Ceremonies

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Rockford Area Golf Hall of Fame

2007 ROCKFORD AREA GOLF HALL OF FAME OVERVIEW

DINNER SERVED

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

CINDY MORGAN, Actress



INDUCTION OF 2007 GOLF HALL OF FAME AWARD RECIPIENTS

CLOSING REMARKS AND PHOTOS OF CLASS OF 2007



2007 INDUCTEES



DAVID J. CLAEYSSENS

A Quarter Century Member P.G.A. of America, David has served as the Rockford Park District's Manager of Golf Services for 29 years. Some of David's achievements and professional involvement includes the Rockford Pro-Am committee, being chosen twice by Tiger Woods Foundation to teach with Tiger at Youth Clinics, guest speaker at three national PGA seminars, and bringing Rockford golf courses to national acclaim with a #1 rating by Golf Digest for mid-sized cities in the United States.

David has spent his career within the public golf system. He believes that golf is a game that everyone should be able to afford to play, and that it should be played on quality courses.

He started the Area Youth Tournaments in the late 1970s with the three Forest Preserve District courses and 18-hole Park District courses; these weekly tournaments have had a great success through the years, affording our young people an opportunity to compete while becoming acquainted with the different golf courses in the community. Dave started the Senior Men's Classic (now the Senior Golf Classic) and the Mixed Doubles tournaments, and the Polar Bear Tournament that continued until snow became too "iffy."

BRAD FOWLER

Brad was the golf coach at East High School for 36 years, and during the past 27 summers, Brad instructed youth and adults at Elliot, Ingersoll, and Sinnissippi golf courses. He has conducted golf clinics for the Illinois Coaches Association, and has been named Big 9 Coach of the Year (1973, 1979, and 1983), and NIC-10 Coach of the Year in 1984, as well as NIC-9 Coach of the year in 1993 and 1998.

Brad has conducted National Golf Foundation clinics in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and Alabama.

In 1993, he was inducted into the Golf Hall of Fame for the Illinois Coaches Association. Brad created a player's Personal Performance Profile and Individual Performance Average (I.P.A.), both which were published in 1975 by the National Golf Foundation and continue to serve as models throughout the United States to document each golfer's progress.

MIKE JOHNSON

As a local player, Mike Johnson is without equal. His accomplishments include: four-time Rockford Men's Golf Classic champion, two-time Winnebago County Amateur champion, Melvin Ballard and Ballard Senior champion, and Senior Golf Classic champion. He has also been a qualifier in the U.S. Public Links Tournament (only 150 golfers in the country qualify to play), Ellsworth Air Force Base Champ, and a member of the SAC Champion Air Force Team.

In the last four decades, he has volunteered for numerous youth and adult tournaments as a rules official and general helper. Mike has been the head coach of the Christian Life High School boys golf team for 21 years, coaching them to the state tournament the last three years, with a sectional championship in 2004. Mike was named "Illinois High School Golf Coach of the Year" in 2005.

JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION OF GREATER ROCKFORD

JIM KEELING

The goal of the Junior Golf Association is to enhance the lives of young people who have not previously had exposure to the game and its positive values. The organization raised \$100,000 in private funds and matching grants to create the four-hole Learning Links at Ingersoll Golf Course as a way to teach young children to golf. They were instrumental in bringing the Tiger Woods Foundation to Rockford/Beloit twice, and the group has provided clubs for kids, volunteers for the Rockford Pro-Am, and developed and built The First Tee® program at Patriot's Gateway.

Because of this organization's commitment to junior golf, the Rockford Pro-Am has designated the JGAGR as a permanent beneficiary. Funds raised from the Pro-Am help the JGAGR continue to provide programs that reach all segments of youth, including the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program.

The JGAGR is recognized for their tireless efforts in providing quality affordable learning facilities for youth of all abilities. Growing the game of golf in the Rockford area for the past three years would not have been possible without this committed organization.



CLASS OF 2006



STEVEN HARE

THE HOGAN FAMILY • DEAN LIND

ROCKFORD WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

MARY WILDER WELSH • SALLEY WESSELS



CLASS OF 2005



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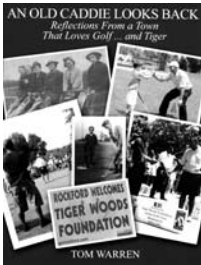
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