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Top 50 Kids Teachers and Master Kids Teachers to be Awarded at PGA Show

ATLANTA, GA (January 6, 2010) – Thirteen golf professionals have been inducted into the U.S. Kids Golf Master Kids Teacher class and fifty golf professionals have been named to the 2009 class of Top 50 Kids Teachers.

The Master Kids Teachers and Top 50 Kids Teachers will be recognized during a special ceremony on January 29, 2010, at the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Florida.

The sixth annual Top 50 Kids Teacher award is given to professionals who have dedicated their careers to developing youth golf in their communities and are known for their overall excellence and commitment to serving youth. They have demonstrated the ability to organize, administer, and teach at a very high level.

Two-time winner, Nancy Dunn-Kato reiterates, “It is such an honor to receive this award again. I am always thinking of new ways to bring golf into the community and into children’s lives. I am so very honored that U.S. Kids Golf has been there to notice.”

The 2009 Top 50 class has 28 first time winners which include, Harry Alexander of Harrison, OH; Mark Becker of Oneida, WI; Jim Bowling of Virginia Beach, VA; Karen Bukowski of Erie, PA; Brian Calhoun of Chandler, AZ; Kandi Comer of Keswick, VA; John Camminaki of Lynchburg, VA; Tim Cooke of Hilton Head Island, SC; Justin Davidson of Los Angeles, CA; Joseph DiChiara of Mendham, NJ; Johnny Farrell of Coral Gables, FL; Berne Finch of San Jose, CA; Joey Hidock of Leesburg, FL; James Hong of Port Washington, NY; Sid Johnson of Memphis, TN; Rich Jones of Central Islip, NY; Christopher Kenney of Fairfield, CT; Doug Lemons of Massillon, OH; Rod Lidenberg of Eden Prairie, MN; Tony Martinez of Dallas, TX; David L. Moore of East

Sandwich, MA; Jeff Mullican of O'Fallon, MO; Nicolas Paez of North Olmsted, OH; Bill Scott of Boca Raton, FL; Trillium Sellers of Washington, DC; Leigh Taylor of Berwyn, PA; Deb Vangelow of Sugar Land, TX; and Jordan Young of Plymouth, MI.

The Master Kids Teachers award is designated for those who have been selected as a Top 50 Kids Teacher three times. Teachers joining the elite Master Kids Teacher ranks include Eric Alpenfels of Pinehurst, NC; Steve Beach of Cherry Hills Village, CO; Tom Carlson of Las Vegas, NV; Bill Connally of Thomasville, GA; Roy Day of Mountain View, CA; John Deigan of New Rochelle, NY; Thomas Gomez of Boise, ID; Kevin Johnson of Plano, TX; Jeff Jones of Longwood, FL; Carolyn McKenzie Andrews of Winter Springs, FL; Tom Morton of Sacramento, CA; Andy Nisbet of Livermore, CA; and Steve Scheuermann of Grand Rapids, MI.

The 2009 list of teachers was compiled from applications and nominations from those in the golf industry who focus on growing the game through the instruction and play of junior golf. The teachers are graded according to fifteen different criteria, including percentage of time devoted to junior programs, creativity, communication, and allowing kids access to the golf course.

About U.S. Kids Golf Foundation

The U.S. Kids Golf Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization that was established in 2002 to fulfill the U.S. Kids Golf mission to help kids have fun learning the lifelong game of golf and to encourage family interaction that builds lasting memories. Today, the U.S. Kids Golf Foundation conducts over 400 local, regional, national, and international events.

2009 Top 50 Kids Teachers

First Name	Last Name	City	State
Bill	Abrams	Crete	IL
Harry	Alexander	Harrison	OH
Mark	Becker	Oneida	WI
Jim	Bowling	Virginia Beach	VA
Bobby	Brown	Trumbull	CT
Henry	Brunton	Stoufville	ON
Karen	Bukowski	Erie	PA
Brian	Calhoun	Chandler	AZ
Kandi	Comer	Keswick	VA
John	Cominaki	Lynchburg	VA
Tim	Cooke	Hilton Head Island	SC
Justin	Davidson	Los Angeles	CA
Joseph	DiChiara	Mendham	NJ
Nancy	Dunn-Kato	Los Alamitos	CA
Johnny	Farrell	Coral Gables	FL
Berne	Finch	San Jose	CA
Rick	Grayson	Springfield	MO
Harry	Hammond	West Chester	PA
Rick	Hemsoth	Fort Wayne	IN
Joey	Hidock	Leesburg	FL
James	Hong	Port Washington	NY
Christopher	Jarrett	Tulsa	OK
Sid	Johnson	Memphis	TN
Rich	Jones	Central Islip	NY
Christopher	Kenney	Fairfield	CT
Chris	Knobloch	Sandy Springs	GA
Nick	Kumpis	Newport Coast	CA
Doug	Lemons	Massillon	OH
Rod	Lidenberg	Eden Prairie	MN
Richard	Marik	San Francisco	CA
Dean	Marks	Kalamazoo	MI
Mark	Marshall	Palmyra	VA
Tony	Martinez	Dallas	TX
David L.	Moore	East Sandwich	MA
Jeff	Mullican	O' Fallon	MO
Bela	Nagy	Vero Beach	FL
Roy	Pace	Longview	TX
Nicolas	Paetz	North Olmsted	OH
Rita	Reasons	Franklin	TN
Charles	Scoggins	Dacula	GA
Bill	Scott	Boca Raton	FL
Trillium	Sellers	Washington	DC
Bryan	Skavnak	Plymouth	MN
Tommy	Smith	Fairfax	VA
Joel	Suggs	Cincinnati	OH
Terry	Sullivan	San Jose	CA
Leigh	Taylor	Berwyn	PA
Deb	Vangellow	Houston	TX
Kevin	Weeks	Lemont	IL
Jordan	Young	Plymouth	MI

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Eric	Alpenfels	Pinehurst	NC
Steve	Beach	Cherry Hills	CO
Tom	Carlson	Las Vegas	NV
Bill	Connally	Thomasville	GA
Roy	Day	Mountain View	CA
John	Deigan	New Rochelle	NY
Thomas (T.J.)	Gomez	Boise	ID
Kevin	Johnson	Plano	TX
Jeff	Jones	Longwood	FL
Carolyn	McKenzie Andrews	Monroe	NJ
Tom	Morton	Sacramento	CA
Andy	Nisbet	Livermore	CA
Steve	Scheuermann	Grand Rapids	MI