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Carol Johnson

The WOSGA is proud to recognize Carol Johnson with the Betty Kerby Peppard Award for her distinguished career in teaching golf to countless individuals across the country. In 2011 Carol was inducted into the LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Hall of Fame.

Carol is a graduate of Miami University in Oxford. After graduation she began teaching golf at various YM and YWCA's in Ohio. She also was an instructor at Pembroke College in Rhode Island and at the University of Cincinnati. In 1966 she became a member of the LPGA and in 1980 became a Master Professional. Eight years later she became a lifetime member. During her career Carol always placed an emphasis on teaching future golfers.

Her teaching career took her from the city of Cincinnati, to Pine Needles Lodge, to working with top junior golfers in the Netherlands, and to the country of Italy. In the Netherlands she spent ten years working with the top thirty boys and girls. From 1983 to 2008 she gave over twenty clinics a year in four different countries. However, Carol did not leave America untouched. She lectured at sectional workshops, was a member of the Golf Digest Panel, worked for ESPN with a golf series on how to play your best golf and worked for the National Golf Foundation.

Carol was the women's golf coach at the University of Cincinnati from 1973-1982. She also served on the AIAW National Committee and was the National Chairperson from 1977-79. She and Ann Johnstone were co-owners of the Chapel Valley Golf Clinics and Carol was the teaching professional at General Electric Park from 1966-2011.

Anyone so distinguished in teaching obviously had a great playing career. Carol won the Cincinnati City Junior in 1941. She was a finalist in the Cincinnati Women's City Championship seven times and participated in the WOSGA tournaments nine years. She won the Marion Miley Tournament in 1945 and was runner-up the next year. She has competed in the Women's Western Amateur six times, the USGA Women's Amateur in 1950. In 1948 she was the champion of the National Intercollegiate Two Man Team. She participated in the National LPGA Teaching Division Championship seven times with her highest finish being third. In 1995 she won the Midwest Section Senior Championship.

Carol has been honored by numerous institutions for her contributions to golf. In 1972 she was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award at Miami University, LPGA Teacher of the Year in 1975, inducted into the Wyoming High School Hall of Fame in 1992 and received the Life Time Achievement Award from the Women's Sports Foundation of Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky. She has also received the Joe Graffis Award from the National Golf Foundation for outstanding service and dedication to golf education (1983) and the Ellen Griffin Rolex Award for Excellence in Teaching, Spirit of Love and Dedication in 1994 which is the highest teaching award in the LPGA. Last, Carol is in the National Golf Coaches Hall of Fame and is the oldest living All-American.

Carol has done much to advance the game of golf not only in Ohio, but across the world. The WOSGA is honored to present the Betty Kerby Peppard Award to the amazing Carol Johnson.