

2006 Inductee Biographies



DON KNABE – As the Supervisor for the 4th District in Los Angeles County, Don Knabe has been able to positively influence the game of golf in many ways. Hundreds of high school golfers (both boys and girls) have been able to participate in the Knabe Cup at Lakewood CC, and thousands have benefited from the traveling LA County Junior Golf Program clinics and tournaments.

Recognized as one of the key elected officials in southern California for the promotion of affordable golf, Don has played a key role in the County of Los Angeles' commitment to providing good golf at low rates, and without his involvement and support, the County's Golf Operation would not be what it is. This includes "Junior Golfer Appreciation Month" each July where kids play for \$1, and the legislation that doubled the amount set aside for golf course capital projects at all of the County's golf courses.



JOHN RICHARDSON – John was a Long Beach native who eventually moved to Orange County, where he was the driving force behind the design and construction of the El Niguel CC.

In 1987, he was the medallist through 36 holes of the US Senior Amateur Championship at the Saucon Valley Golf Club. He defeated former champions Alton Duhon and Lew Oehmig as well as the previous year's runner-up John Harbottle before the final match. In that match he played superbly in building a 4 up lead through 9-holes and eventually defeated James Kite, Jr. by a 5 & 4 score.



BOB SAN JOSE – For over 25 years, Bob San Jose has been a member of the USGA's US Amateur Public Links Committee and a respected Rules Official and tournament volunteer.

Bob got started in "administration" as a Board member and eventually as the President of the Skylinks Men's Club. He was a delegate to SoCal Public Links Golf Association, and served as the Association President.

Locally, Bob has served as a Rules Official for the Queen Mary and Long Beach Opens, as well as numerous Long Beach Golf Festival events, and has been on the SoCal PGA Rules and Competitions Committee for over 20 years, working USGA and Tour qualifying events, and Q-School.

In recognition of his over a quarter century of USGA work, he is a recipient of the Association's Ike Grainger Award



LISA GEORGESON – Lisa got involved with golf working for fellow Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame member Frank Newell at Skylinks GC. She was an LPGA teaching professional for 13 years, and worked in the shop at Heartwell for 13 years before being named as the General Manager for the Rec Park South Course in 1999 and took the same position at Heartwell in 2000.

When Bev Brines, passed away the job of following her as the Director of the Long Beach Junior Golf Association was not an easy task, but Lisa has done it with great aplomb since 2002. Lisa has made sure that the LBJGA is a great experience for the members, and a trusted place where the parents know that their kids are instructed and taught well. Lisa has expanded the roll of Long Beach Junior Golf to be more than just a tournament program for its members, but also a vehicle for the City and American Golf to reach out and introduce the game to kids who otherwise may never know anything more about the game than who that guy on TV (Tiger Woods) is! She received the NAACP President's Award in 2005 in recognition of creating various golf programs for youth.

Lisa is also an active member of the Lakewood, Skylinks and El Dorado Women's Golf Clubs, and served in several Board of Director capacities in each club.