



## **Judy Johnson-Schoellkopf Named 2019 Nancy Oliver – Act Like a Founder Award Winner**

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 5, 2020** – The LPGA Amateur Golf Association (LPGA Amateurs) is proud to announce that **Judy Johnson-Schoellkopf** has been named winner of the 2019 Nancy Oliver – Act Like a Founder Award. Johnson-Schoellkopf’s volunteer history with the organization goes back to 1996, as a founding chapter member and membership chair of the LPGA Amateurs Eastern Shore, MD/DE Chapter. She is a four-time president and four-time vice president, and has also served as membership recruitment director, golf event chair, social event chair, volunteer recognition chair and board advisor.

“As a founding member and leader, Judy laid the groundwork for the success of our chapter’s growth from 30 members to more than 370 members,” said Judy Kight of the LPGA Amateurs Eastern Shore, MD/DE Chapter. “She has committed herself to a lifetime of service for our organization and our community. Judy is an inspiration to all who know her, reflecting the values embodied by the game of golf.”

Johnson-Schoellkopf will be honored at the Chesapeake Sectional Championship Qualifier in Clifton, Virginia on September 12 where she will receive the award from its namesake Nancy Oliver.

“Selecting the winner of this award was truly a challenge, due to all the tremendous women who were nominated from so many chapters across the country and Canada. Judy has touched her chapter, her section and the entire organization in so many ways over such a long time, the committee was able to clearly see her leadership skills,” said Oliver, who founded the original Executive Women’s Golf Association (now the LPGA Amateur Golf Association). “I, for one, can appreciate all her hard work in the very early days when we didn’t even have a website much less email or cell phones. Those are the days when promoting participation was made face-to-face or on a phone call. It was that personal enthusiastic touch that truly launched this organization.”

The Nancy Oliver – Act Like a Founder Award celebrates members of the LPGA Amateur Golf Association who display the following attributes:

- Display exceptional long-term volunteer leadership and service to LPGA Amateurs
- Exemplify the passion, spirit and mission of the LPGA Amateurs by enriching women’s lives through the game of golf
- Advocate for the local LPGA Amateurs Chapter and association as a whole
- Positively engage with LPGA Amateurs members and the local community
- Desire to leave the Chapter and the LPGA Amateur Golf Association better than she found it

“Judy clearly demonstrates all the attributes of this award. We are grateful to have the opportunity to give Judy the recognition she deserves for her long-term service to her chapter, the organization, and bringing women into the game of golf,” said LPGA Foundation Vice President Mary-Lee Cobick. “We look forward to recognizing many more leaders who have Founder-like attributes in the coming years.”



In 1950, a group of 13 women signed a charter forming what is now the oldest continuous women's professional sports league, the LPGA Tour. Seventy years after those brave Founders took that first step, the LPGA and the LPGA Amateur Golf Association continue to stand on the shoulders of those women. In 2019, the LPGA Amateur Golf Association inaugurated the Nancy Oliver – Act Like a Founder Award, celebrating both the 13 Founders and Oliver's contributions towards growing the game of golf.

The following individuals were nominated for the 2019 award:

Ann Mackey	Jeanne Biggerstaff	MJ Smith
BJ Hansen	Joan C. Cavanaugh	Mourine (Mo) White
Bonnie Fannin	Joan DeSalvo-Mansour	Nancy Adair
Bree Hartlage	Judy Johnson-Schoellkopf	Pam Katros
Carol Owens	Karen "Kiki" Leedy	Patrice Franco
Cathy Bregar	Karen Caume	Paulette Pilsner
Cecilia (Cece) Peabody	Karen Ramsey	Sharon Durling
Celeste Methot	Kate Collins	Shirley Brown
Diane Peterson	Kerstin Koenig	Susan Macina
Diane Volkert	Linda Boyer	Susan Penn
Donna Beland	Linda Kueny	Sylvia Sumners
Elizabeth (Lib) Northen	Margaret E. Downey	Tammy Curtis
Gale Wallmark	Maureen Mahoney	Theresa Stamey
Hilary Tuohy	Michelle Florea	Zoe Dommel
Janis Luce	Missie Berteotti	

#### **About the LPGA Amateur Golf Association:**

The LPGA Amateur Golf Association provides a welcoming golf community for all women to learn to play, play better, have fun and make friends. The 13,000 members in more than 110 chapters across the U.S., Canada, Dominican Republic and Bermuda share a passion for the game and a love of their local golf communities. Diverse in every way, LPGA Amateur members play golf for a variety of reasons – to learn something new, to connect with other women, for health and wellness, to compete, for business, or just plain fun. Over 7,500 local and national events are held every year, from individual and team championships for competitive players to social outings, league play, networking opportunities for the recreational golfer and golf destination travel.

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