



**2015**

## **Cathy Jefferson**

Cathy has been playing golf for approximately 53 years, under the direction of her only coach and teacher, her dad, Roland McSherry. Roland was an engineer who understood the physics of the golf game and passed on his knowledge, passion and love of the game to three of his five children Jeff, Cathy and Rollie.

During high school Cathy participated in many sports; field hockey, basketball, volleyball, softball, golf and was on the school's first fencing team at Wayne High School. In college at Wright State University, Cathy continued with her love of sports, playing on Wright State's first ever softball team as a pitcher and first baseman. She was recognized for her groundbreaking achievements and contributions to Wright State University athletics with induction into the Wright State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

After graduation from WSU, Cathy began a career in education that included 32 years of service to Centerville City Schools, and 25 years as an adjunct professor at Wright State. During her time at Centerville, she coached basketball, volleyball, track, and golf. One of the things she is proudest of was that no one was ever cut from her golf teams and everyone had the opportunity to play and learn the game that had brought her so much joy. It didn't take long for her to become a voice for girl's golf in the state of Ohio. As President of the Southwestern Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association, she and other coaches from around the state, spent many hours convincing the Ohio High School Athletic Association to initiate a State Girls Golf Championship.

Cathy has been a member of Walnut Grove Country club for 43 years and has been victorious 16 times in her club championship. After graduation from WSU, she took her passion for the game to the next level by playing tournament golf. Since that time she has won eleven Dayton District titles, including a record three consecutive wins, with at least one championship in four different decades. She is the 2002 WOSGA Senior Amateur Champion and in 2011 and 2013, Cathy was chosen to be the Captain of the Ohio team at the USGA State Team Championship.

Cathy has been a permanent fixture on the WOSGA tournament scene, first in 1976 as a participant and then in 1996 as a member the Executive Board, where her contributions include managing tournament activities and the organization's web site. In 1992, with the late Diana Schwab, Cathy helped to revive the Dayton District Women's Golf Association, serving in many capacities. She was its first treasurer, initiating a junior girls' scholarship program, and later a two-term President. In addition, Cathy has also conducted junior clinics and has served as a course rater. Cathy was inducted into the Dayton Amateur Golf Hall of Fame in 1995, and is a 2010 DDWGA Medallion Club honoree for her contributions to golf in the Dayton area.

Cathy has yet to slow down as she continues to play the game she loves. Even though she is retired, she is still teaching and currently owns and operates her own computer business, focusing on training senior citizens in current technology. The Women's Ohio State Golf Association is proud to present the Betty Kerby Peppard Award to Cathy Jefferson.