

HAROLD SHOOK NAMED 2008 GREATER HICKORY CLASSIC AT ROCK BARN PRESENTED BY KIA MOTORS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR; NEW NAMES ADDED TO TOURNAMENT'S HALLS OF FAME

CONOVER, NC – The Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors named six-year veteran Harold Shook of Hickory its 2008 Volunteer of the Year during an awards ceremony last week at Rock Barn Golf & Spa. Shook, who has served as a volunteer on the Carts & Shuttles committee since 2003, was presented with a Waterford crystal trophy – a small-scale replica of the tournament's Champions Trophy – during the evening's festivities.

Other nominees for the award, also recognized during last week's event, include the following:

- Mike Induni of Conover (Transportation since 2003)
- Earl & Freida Jackson of Taylorsville (Marshals since 2005)
- Janet Mitchell of Hickory (Office Administration volunteer since 2006)
- Rodney Teague of Taylorsville (Marshal since 2004)

All nominees have been inducted into the tournament's Volunteer Hall of Fame, which recognizes volunteers who have made exceptional efforts over the history of the Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors. A complete list of Hall of Fame inductees follows at the end of this release.

Shook and his son, Eric Shook of Newton, are the first father-and-son duo to appear in the tournament's Volunteer Hall of Fame. Eric Shook was inducted into the Volunteer Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Chairman's Hall of Fame in 2006 for his leadership of the tournament's Carts & Shuttles committee.

As the tournament's top volunteer, Shook also becomes a nominee for the PGA TOUR's Champions Tour Volunteer of the Year award selected at the conclusion of the 2008 season.

"I'm completely surprised and honored to receive this award," said Harold Shook. "Being a volunteer is a lot of hard work, but I enjoy it. I put in ten- or twelve-hour days because of the enjoyment I get from it. It's already very rewarding for me, and this honor is an unexpected bonus."

"Working in our carts and shuttles operation during tournament week is a tough job, and Harold has been a true asset," said Jim Correll, executive tournament director. "His positive demeanor and helpfulness have set examples for all of us. We are proud to have him represent the Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors as our 2008 Volunteer of the Year."

In honor of volunteer chairmen who go above and beyond the call of duty, the tournament has also added members to its Chairman Hall of Fame. In addition to donating their time, volunteer chairmen take on the additional responsibility of recruiting, scheduling, and training other volunteers for the tournament's various volunteer committees. The newest Chairman Hall of Fame inductees, also recognized during last week's event, include the following:

- David Bloom of Hickory (Captain, Hole #15; hole captain since 2003)
- Don Brittain of Hickory (Co-Chair, Transportation; volunteer since 2003; chairman since 2005)

- Angela Dean of Claremont (Co-Chair, Admissions/Will Call; volunteer since 2003; chairman since 2006)
- Larry Hale of Connelly Springs and Tom Rykaceski of Hickory (Co-Captains, Hole #5; volunteers since 2004; chairmen since 2005)
- Sandy Hardin of Claremont and Susan Knowles of Hickory (Co-Chairs, Driving Range; co-chairmen since 2003)

About the Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors:
 The Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors features a week's worth of special events and attractions, including exhibitions, pro-ams, and three days of Champions Tour competition among some of golf's greatest legends. The tournament returns to Rock Barn Golf & Spa in Conover September 14-20, 2009. Operated by a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation, the tournament annually donates all net proceeds to charities throughout the Catawba Valley area. Tournament partners include Anheuser-Busch; BB&T; Charter Communications; CommScope; Corning Cable Systems; Draka; Duke Energy; Embarq; GDS; Greater Hickory Metro; Hickory Daily Record; Hickory Furniture Mart; Hickory Printing Group; Kia Motors America; NorthStar Financial Group; Pepsi; SYSCO Food Services; U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management; and Wachovia. For more information, call (828) 459-4000 or visit www.greaterhickoryclassic.com.

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ELECTRONIC PHOTO CAPTION (Shook GHC 2008 VOY.jpg): Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors 2008 Volunteer of the Year Harold Shook with Executive Tournament Director Jim Correll.

ELECTRONIC PHOTO CAPTION (GHC 2008 VOY HOF.jpg): The 2008 Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors Volunteer Hall of Fame. Pictured L-R: Earl Jackson, Freida Jackson, Mike Induni, Executive Tournament Director Jim Correll, Rodney Teague. Not pictured: Janet Mitchell.

Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors Volunteer Hall of Fame

2008

Mike Induni of Conover (Transportation)
 Earl & Freida Jackson of Taylorsville (Marshals) Janet Mitchell of Hickory (Office Administration) Harold Shook of Hickory (Carts & Shuttles)* Rodney Teague of Taylorsville (Marshal)

2007

Mitch Atkinson of Granite Falls (Marshal) Larry Isenhour of Hickory (Walking Scorer) Tom Johnston of Catawba (Support Committees) Pat Rice of Conover (Transportation)*

2006

Alice Averitt of Vale (Distribution Committee & Coordinator, Greater Hickory High School Classic) Frank Azzarita of Hickory (Marshal)* Teresa Foster of Hickory (Transportation) Craig Howes of Granite Falls (Standard Bearer) Sylvia Sigmon of Conover (Uniforms & Volunteer Services)

2005

Joel Carroll of Hudson (Walking Scorer)
Gary Delp of Valdese (Marshal)
Frank Garriga of Hickory (Marshal)
Tony Godinho (Transportation)*
Paula Hollar of Claremont (Player Registration) Jim & Sharon Pennington of Sherrills Ford (Uniforms, Volunteer Services & Marshals) Gary Stone of North Wilkesboro (Volunteer Services)

2004

Alan Bohler of Newton (Marshal)
Kim Bolick of Conover (Office Administration)* Dan Huene of Hickory (Finance) Dan Marshburn of Hickory (Carts & Shuttles) Butch McSwain of Morganton (Marshal) Eric Shook of Newton (Carts & Shuttles) Bill Wilson of Morganton (Marshal)

2003

Elaine Godinho of Conover (Volunteer Services) Jim Green of Granite Falls (Hole Captain) Jean Hampton of Conover (Transportation)* Dale Sherrill of Claremont (Marshal) Jim Thompson of Lenoir (Walking Scorer)

*Denotes Volunteer of the Year

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2008

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2007

Marlene Cruise of Conover (Player Registration) Richard Dickey of Hickory (Front Nine Marshals) Keith Garland of Conover (Caddy Support Committee) Bob & Nancy Meek of Hickory (Back Nine Marshals) Tom Neff of Claremont (Television)

2006

Nancy Hilderbran of Conover (Support, Uniforms) Norm Lefort of Mooresville (Marshals) Bob Patrick of Conover (Marshals) Eric Shook of Newton (Carts & Shuttles Committee) Jim TenKate of Conover (Finance Committee)