WOMEN'S GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION

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WOMEN'S GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION RENAMES HIGHEST ANNUAL COACHING HONOR TO THE JACKIE STEINMANN WGCA NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY GOLF PRIDE

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (May 13, 2021) – The Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) has announced the renaming of its highest annual coaching honor, the Golf Pride WGCA National Coach of the Year, to The Jackie Steinmann WGCA National Coach of the Year Presented by Golf Pride. The award will honor Steinmann, a legend in the world of women's collegiate golf and the founder of the WGCA.

"Coach Steinmann embodied what it means to be Coach of the Year," said WGCA President Angie Ravaioli-Larkin. "She won championships with character and class. She not only served as the first president of the WGCA, she established the WGCA. Coach gave so much of her time to the development of women's college golf her entire career, and continued to serve our coaches and athletes even after retiring. I am thrilled that her name and legacy will be honored in our most prestigious coach's award."

"Mom loved coaching and all the lives she touched and friends she made," said Steinmann's daughter, Heidi Steinmann. "She was an inspiration in everything she did during her diverse, accomplished life, but coaching was probably most dear to her heart. I know she would be extremely honored by this recognition. We, her family, are so proud of her and so touched that she'll be remembered in this way for many years to come. I can see her smiling that big Jackie grin right now!"

Steinmann, the first coach in UCLA women's golf history, built the program into a national powerhouse. UCLA won 43 tournament titles under Steinmann, including the 1991 NCAA Championship, and finished in the top-10 at the national championships 10 times.

In addition to founding the WGCA, Steinmann is a member of the WGCA Coaches Hall of Fame. She is a two-time recipient of the Gladys Palmer Meritorious Service Award, the WGCA's most prestigious honor, and was named the WGCA National Coach of the Year in 1996.

Steinmann passed away on October 24, 2020 at the age of 93. She is survived by her three children, Heidi, Gregor and Lance, son-in-law Robert, daughters-in-law Robin and Lili, eight grandchildren, Rylan, Caitlin, Becker, Tiffany, Eric, Birgen, Kaitlyn and Annalise, and two great grandchildren, Rhett and Krew.

About the Women's Golf Coaches Association

The Women's Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches. The WGCA was formed to encourage the playing of college golf for women in correlation with a general objective of education and in

accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition. Today, the WGCA represents over 650 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

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