

## Robert “Kyle” Seeley

### Coach

Inducted 2018

Kyle Seeley started coaching blind golfer Jim Baker in 1994 when he was a golf professional at the Springhouse Golf Club in Nashville, Tennessee. Even after Kyle left the golf business full time in 2007 and went to work for Premiere Credit of North America as a Client Services Manager, Kyle remained committed to coaching Jim. Kyle and his wife, Shelly, have been married for 29 years and have two daughters, Stephanie, a 2014 graduate from Belmont University and Caroline, a sophomore at Auburn University.

Over the past 24 years, Kyle has coached Jim in the USBGA National Championships and Guiding Eyes Classics. During that time period, Kyle and Jim won the 56th USBGA National Championship (2001) at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, North Carolina, and the 62nd USBGA National Championship (2007) at Edgmont Country Club in Edgmont, Pennsylvania. Kyle and Jim have finished second in the USBGA National Championship six times and placed in the top five several other years. They finished first in the 2001 US Blind Open Championship. At the Guiding Eyes Classic, Kyle and Jim have finished second five times and won the McFarland (net) Trophy six times.

Kyle’s commitment to blind golf has been illustrated by his passion for junior blind golf as an instructor at the Middle Tennessee Blind Golf Program since its inception in 2000. This program meets twice monthly from April through October and includes blind and vision impaired students from the Tennessee School for the Blind and adults from the Nashville area.

Because of Jim Baker’s involvement on the USBGA Board from 1997-2006 and 2009-2017, Kyle has always been willing to help in any capacity needed. During the USBGA National Championships and U.S. Blind Golf Opens, he has helped the Senior Rules official post first and second day scores, assisted with second day pairings, and aided with the tournament awards including events at the closing dinner ceremony.

Kyle has been a well-respected coach and a strong, passionate supporter of the USBGA and blind golf for 24 years.

The United States Blind Golf Association is proud to recognize and induct Kyle Seeley into its 2018 class of the Hall of Fame.