

Spencer T. Olin named RBGA Small Business of the Month

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ALTON — There's still some snow on the ground, but Spencer T. Olin Golf Course general manager Mary Campbell's day got a little sunnier Wednesday.

Campbell and the golf course were awarded the RiverBend Growth Association's Small Business of the Month Award for March. RBGA leaders and members surprised Campbell when they showed up at the clubhouse Wednesday to present the award.

"It's a pleasure to award Spencer T. Olin Golf Course with the March 2014 Small Business of the Month award because it's such good tim-

ing, with golf season right around the corner," RBGA director of member services Joell Aguirre said. "This award provides an incredible opportunity for them to be showcased to the community. We are appreciative of their membership and look forward to the upcoming golf season."

While the weather may still be rounding into shape — "In about two weeks, we should be in our groove," Campbell said — the golf course is already in midseason form. Campbell, who has been with Spencer T. Olin for 11 years, said they've already got specials throughout the year planned for the golf course's 25th birthday celebration. Those specials include

discounted golf, dinner themes and different events to promote the golf course.

The golf course also promotes area youth, as Campbell said they still continue to support many groups throughout the area.

"We do a lot for the Alton community, whether it's for the Alton Athletic Association to (Alton High School) boys and girls golf to Marquette girls golf as well," Campbell said.

And while Campbell is the course's general manager, she said it's a team effort to win an award like RBGA's Small Business of the Month Award.

"Outstanding," Campbell said. "It's awesome. I'm proud. I don't



Spencer T. Olin Golf Course food and beverage manager Anna Blevens, left, and general manager Mary Campbell stand with the RiverBend Growth Association's Small Business of the Month sign Wednesday.

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