



Steve Keller, GCS of The Moorings Club, presented Treasure Coast GCSA founder Dave Holler with an FGCSA President's Award for Lifetime Service at the joint Treasure Coast & Palm Beach GCSA meeting held at the Jupiter Island Club last October. Photo by Steve Pearson.

men and women coming into the profession can't or don't appreciate the hard work and dedicated service that it took our predecessors to take our profession to where we are today.

Hickman says, "The new generation must now jump in and participate to help continue the progress."

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TREASURE COAST GCSA

Chapter Founder Receives Award

One of the highlights of the joint meeting of the Treasure Coast and Palm Beach Chapters last October was the presentation of the FGCSA's 1999

President's Award for Lifetime Service to David C. Holler, one of the founders of the Treasure Coast GCSA.

Dave grew up in State College, Pa., the home of Penn State University. He lived a couple of blocks from the old University Golf Course, and at the age of 12 in 1950 Dave began pulling weeds and caddying at the golf course. He became the regular caddy for Dr. Jack Harper, the extension specialist for

Penn State University. Dave also played a lot of golf and he played extremely well. He holds the course record of 63 at the Old University golf course.

Dave graduated from high school in 1956 and was offered several scholarships, but because his father was in poor health, he had no choice but to go to work to support his mother, father and younger brother. Eventually Dave would enroll at Penn State while holding down a regular job as a concrete inspector.

In 1960 Dave was drafted into the Army and had the tough job of giving golf lessons to the officers. After his service was over he returned to Penn State and enrolled in the turfgrass program. Dave married his wife Virginia in 1964 and they are the parents of two children, Dave, Jr. and Karen.

Some of Dave's mentors were Ed Steiniger of Pine Valley, who encouraged him to get involved in the superintendents association; Harry McSloy of Wilmington CC, who helped Dave start the Philadelphia GCSA newsletter; and Warren Bidwell and Tom Mascaro who were good friends.

Dave served as membership chairman for the GCSAA and worked closely with Bill Wagner and George Cavanaugh to help

organize the present Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Dave's resume includes nine golf courses in four states over the past 32 years with stints at Wilmington CC, Delaware; Wildwood G&CC, New Jersey; Schuylkill CC, Schuylkill, Pa.; and in 1971 he was the 32nd superintendent in the nation to be certified while at Gulph Mills GC in King of Prussia, Pa.

In 1980 Dave moved to Coral Gables and began his Florida tenure at the Riviera CC followed by tours of duty at Stuart Y&CC; Quail Ridge, Boynton Beach; Ballantrae, Port St. Lucie; and Frenchman's Creek, Palm Beach Gardens. Dave shifted to the supplier side of the business working for O. M. Scott's, Inc. and he now is currently with Bunch Wholesale Inc. of Texas.

Dave is a great source of information and he is also a collector of golf scorecards, antique golf balls, wooden shafted clubs, seed bags, golf tees and books. In fact he is the author of a short golf instructional book, *Golf Made Easy*. Dave was the 1981 winner of the Poa Annua Classic and was the runner up in the 1985 Martin County Amateur tournament.

Dave's accomplishments are extensive. His passion for the game of golf and the business of turf management and his willingness to help others make him an excellent recipient for this year's President's Award.

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CORRECTION

The following sponsors were inadvertently left out of the Sponsor List for the West Coast GCSA/Bud Quandt event on page 17 of the Winter 2000 issue.

Platinum Sponsor - **Golf Ventures.**

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