Who Has Influenced Your Career the Most and Why?

KELLY JOHNSON
River Oaks Golf Club
Cottage Grove

"Dr. James Love, Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wis. Dr. Love was my soils professor and academic advisor at Madison. Dr. Love's interest and care for each of his students was invaluable. His advice kept me focused on my turf degree and my career. He influenced many of his students this way."

JOHN KATTERHEINRICH
Interlachen Country Club
Edina

“A greens chairman in Florida named Jim Pangburn. He took a chance on me at Lost Tree where I was assistant at age 23.”

STEVE HAMELAU
Alexandria Golf Club
Alexandria

“My first step onto a golf course was in 1971 when Gerald Ross, superintendent of a municipal 9-hole course hired me as his assistant during my last summer at Iowa State University. He instilled in me the love and dedication for this type of work and helped me get a job as superintendent of a nearby 9-hole country club the following year. Gerald died two years later from a heart attack while mowing greens but I’ve never forgotten him nor the real reasons, after 21 years, that I’m still stepping onto a golf course each day.”

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