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# LOCAL HEROES

Yamaha and *Golfdom* are partnering to pay tribute to superintendents around the nation who serve their profession as volunteer leaders of local chapter associations. Please join us in thanking these "local heroes."

**BECAUSE OF THEM, OUR INDUSTRY IS A BETTER PLACE.**

## Michelle Frazier

**Boston Hills CC, Boston Heights, Ohio  
Northern Ohio GCSA's Turf Newsletter Editor**

One of only 18 female certified superintendents (and 96 total female superintendents in the country), Michelle has proven by her tireless work that she fits perfectly in this male-dominated profession. "My colleagues are absolutely wonderful," she says. "They treat me like a daughter or a sister." A 1995 graduate of Virginia Tech, Michelle took over as editor of the NOGCSA's Turf newsletter in 1999, and it has won two consecutive national most-improved honors from the GCSAA. Michelle is also a member of the NOGCSA board of directors.



"Michelle spends unlimited hours on association-related business," says chapter Vice President Tim Cunningham. "The newsletter is probably the most important thing we do for our members. It allows them to see what we're doing and puts something in their hands that is related to our association. We were really proud of her getting those awards."

## Gary Carls

**Sunningvale GC, City of Sunningvale, Calif.  
President of California GCSA**

Gary Carls didn't have enough on his plate as a member of the Northern California GCSA's Education Committee and the GCSAA Environmental Stewardship Committee. This year, he added teaching to his résumé, introducing students to recreation and sports turf management as careers through an innovative program at Castlemont High School in Oakland, Calif.



"Volunteering has helped me develop in my career, and I feel that I'm making a contribution and being a valuable part of the organization," Carls said.

Northern California GCSA President Jeffery Shafer said: "Gary's work, dedication and enthusiasm have been almost unparalleled, and he does it for all the right reasons. He is someone whose desire for the membership and the association far outweighs any personal desire."

## DO YOU KNOW A LOCAL HERO IN YOUR CHAPTER?

Send us a note at [pjones@advanstar.com](mailto:pjones@advanstar.com), and we may feature your hero in an upcoming tribute.



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