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PROUDLY SALUTE...

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.

Jim Loke, CGCS

Bent Tree CC, Lancaster, Pa.
Member, Board of Directors, Musser Foundation

Jim has always been highly involved in local GCSA chapters and other golf-affiliated organizations. He became president of the Northern Ohio GCSA while working at Firestone CC and Quail Hollow Resort in Ohio. Then he became president of the Central Pennsylvania GCSA after coming to Bent Creek CC in 1992.



Despite the time consumed by these volunteer efforts, Jim says: "I've learned so much that has been invaluable. You deal with superintendents who are willing to share what works and doesn't work. The guys who are not involved are missing a lot of information and insights.

"You have a family, but your real family is also in the industry. I owe a lot to people like Joe Baidy, John Spodnik and Frank Dobie," he says.

Dobie, the current Musser Foundation president, said, "Like most people who volunteer, Jim is not doing it for credit, his own ego, or recognition, but rather because the work needs to get done."

Geoff Coggan, CGCS, MG

The Great Outdoors G&CC, Titusville, Fla.
President, Florida GCSA

The Americanization of the Brit from Sherwood Forest is complete. The transplanted Englishman not only is an American citizen now, Geoff is a past president of the Central Florida GCSA and current president of the Florida GCSA, the umbrella association for all 12 GCSAA chapters in the Citrus State.



He has called upon his fellow superintendents to get involved in legislative issues.

"There are issues that need a voice to express our concerns," he says. "We need to position ourselves as the experts to talk to before people who don't understand the business blindly write laws and ordinances."

Coggan is also one of only 31 Master Greenkeepers in the world.

Florida GCSA Past President Darren Davis of Olde Florida GC says of Coggan: "I respect Geoff immensely. He has been active, making sure the association not only gets through this year but looks toward the future."

DO YOU KNOW A LOCAL HERO IN YOUR CHAPTER?

Send us a note at pjones@advanstar.com. We may feature your hero in an upcoming tribute.



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