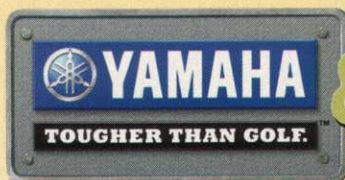


Local Heroes

Because of them, our industry is a better place.

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.



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Dave S. Gourlay Jr., CGCS

Colbert Hills GC, Manhattan, Kan.

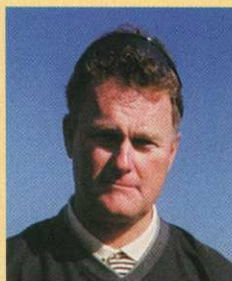
Kansas State University career development instructor

The son of a 1987 GCSAA Distinguished Service Award winner, Gourlay knows something about dedication to his profession and career advancement.

Working at Colbert Hills GC, designed by Jeffrey D. Brauer not only to be a championship golf course but the National First Tee Academy and a living laboratory for Kansas State University, Gourlay is teaching college students how to attain success. As an adjunct faculty member since 2000, the Texas A&M graduate teaches classes in budgeting, career development and general management.

"Volunteering is instrumental in career development," Gourlay said. "Not only do you give something back to the turf community, but you get one thousand times more out of it than you put in."

"Dave was instrumental in helping identify the curriculum at Kansas State that trains young people not only for a profession as superintendents but in golf facility management," said GCSAA Past President Tommy Witt, CGCS, at the Kiawah Island Club. "As general manager at Colbert Hills, he is pioneering that position and proving that superintendents can do that job and do it well!"



Ken Krausz, CGCS

Paramus G&CC, Paramus, N.J.

Long-time editor of *The Greenside* for GCSA of New Jersey

The volunteer gene runs strong in Ken Krausz. In fact, his career in turf-grass maintenance actually stems from a contact he made while a young volunteer fireman in Old Tappin, N.J. The contact, as head of the town's Department of Public Works, told Ken he needed laborers for the municipal Old Tappin Golf Course. That was in 1978.

Since then, Krausz became certified superintendent at Paramus G&CC in 1988. In May, Ken completed six years as editor of the chapter's magazine, *The Greenside*, and turned its reins over to a successor.

His six years at the helm of *The Greenside* were enjoyable he said.

"It kept me on top of everything," Krausz said. "I met interesting people in the industry."

Chapter President Ed Mellor of Colts Neck G&CC in Little Silver, N.J., said Ken's contributions have been enormous.

"New Jersey is lucky to have somebody like Kenny," Mellor said. "When you can find someone who does as much work as Ken, it makes it that much easier for everyone else."



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