



Louis Miller – 2018

Armed with a love of golf and a thirst for knowledge, Louis received his Agronomy degree from Penn State University and then returned to Kentucky prepared to transform the practice in the state. He was incredibly innovative for his time and had solutions to every feasible issue that could possibly arise and he actively chased opportunities to share his deep education and knowledge. Louis made significant, remarkable changes in the golf maintenance industry state and nationwide. Louis has done the same for golf course construction industry, where he has leveraged his unique skills to build and renovate more than 150 golf courses, including world-renowned Valhalla Golf Club. Louis has not only grown the industry but invested his time in developing future generations of golf course innovators, builders, and superintendents. Louis is well known on a national level, being named one of the top 100 superintendents of the 20th century. During his career, Louis also worked on renovations for the 2008 Ryder Cup with Jack Nicklaus, 2004 Champions Tour, and the 1996 and 2000 PGA Championships. Louis built the inaugural First Tee course at Shawnee Golf Course in 1999, dedicated by Tiger Woods. Among other accolades, in 1993, Louis reached the level of a Certified Builder as sanctioned by the Golf Course Builders Association of America. There are only 36 Golf Course Builders to have been honored with that title. Louis lives in Louisville with his wife Lesa.