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Wilson began his career while enrolled in the Turfgrass Management Program at Eastern Kentucky University in the mid-1970's, where he also played on the golf team. He served as Assistant Superintendent at Harmony Landing Country Club and Louisville Country Club and followed these with a Superintendent's position at Audubon Country Club for eight years. In 1988, Wilson became the Superintendent at Valhalla Golf Club, a position he held for more than two decades. He and his staff successfully oversaw the playing conditions of five Major Championships at Valhalla Golf Club: 1996 PGA Championship, 2000 PGA Championship, 2002 PGA Club Professional Championship, 2004 Senior PGA Championship and 2008 Ryder Cup. In addition to presenting a pristine golf facility for the Valhalla members, top playing professionals, and national viewing audiences, Wilson is known for mentoring many of today's top superintendents, hiring college students through Cooperative Education Programs and being a headliner for turfgrass educational programs in Kentucky and throughout the country.