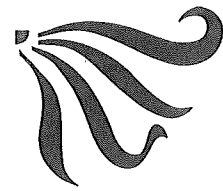


Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame



James Kirchdorfer Sr.

2013 Nomination



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2013 Nomination Form

NOMINEE'S NAME

Kirchdorfer
Last Name

James
First Name

Jim.
Nickname (if applicable)

J
Middle Initial

NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1940 May
Year Month

9
Day

RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) 71

Current Residence

Address City State Zip

STATUS

☐ Amateur

☐ Professional

☒ Deceased (please provide date of death February 3, 2012)

KEY AREAS (check all that are applicable)

☐ Playing Achievements

☒ Contribution/Promotion of the Game

☒ Contribution to Junior Golf

☐ Teaching of the game

☐ Golf Course Architecture

☒ Turf Grass Research

☒ Golf Course Management/Maintenance

☒ National Recognition

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Required

- ✓ One page type written biography of nominee
- ✓ Two (2) Letters of Nomination

Suggested

- ✓ Newspaper articles
- ✓ Photographs

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July 16, 2013

Ms. Erin Horn
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Dear Ms. Horn,

It is an honor for me to nominate James Kirchdorfer, Sr. for membership to the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. His contributions to golf over his lifetime, especially Junior Golf and golf course maintenance, have been tremendous.

While many members of the Hall of Fame excelled on the golf course, which is to be expected, I believe that honoring individuals who made contributions in other ways sends a positive message. Jim Kirchdorfer helped make golf more enjoyable for Kentuckians, both young and old.

Your consideration of this application will be most appreciated.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Conliffe

Michael E. Conliffe

KENTUCKY GOLF HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

JIM KIRCHDORFER SR.

JUNE 21, 2013

Jim Kirchdorfer, Sr., has made many contributions to the game of golf within, as well as outside, the commonwealth of Kentucky. He has been a resident of Kentucky his entire life. His father was a founding member of the Kentucky chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and instilled his zeal for the golf business in Jim. In turn, Jim even passed down his enthusiasm for the game to his two sons, Jimmy and Mark, who are also avid golfers. In addition for loving to play, Jim developed a passion for promoting as well as improving the game on a larger scale for everyone.

Jim's father, Joe Kirchdorfer, owned and operated a hardware and turf supply store that primarily sold golf course supplies such as mowers, fertilizers and seed throughout Kentucky, located in the heart of Louisville's Highlands neighborhood. Jim began his own career by starting an irrigation contracting company specializing in golf course irrigation systems named Kirchdorfer Irrigation Company, out of Joe's hardware store in 1962. Jim designed, supplied and installed the first multi-row fairway automatic irrigation system in Kentucky at Louisville Country Club in 1963, which was a relatively new concept in the Midwest. Distributors were hard to find, so Jim took matters into his own hands and started his own distributorship.

His business evolved over the years and became what it is today, ISCO (Irrigation Supply Company), which is still headquartered in the same location as Joe's hardware store. ISCO became a distributor for high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe that was perfect for golf irrigation systems. Jim was a pioneer with HDPE corrugated drain pipe. In 1967, his company sold the first truckload of 4-inch ADS pipe ever shipped to a golf course in Kentucky for greens drainage. Soon after, ISCO entered the water and sewer business. In 1975, the company began selling HDPE solid wall pipe and fittings, becoming one of the first companies nationwide to promote HDPE pipe for water, sewer, and industrial applications. Jim recognized the potential of this leak-free pipe and over the years has used it to irrigate over 100 golf courses.

Jim is an innovator of automatic golf course irrigation systems and has contributed greatly to the game not only in Kentucky, but across the country as well. In 1993 his company installed the first wall-to-wall irrigation system in Kentucky at Lake Forest Country Club, which is now the standard for most courses.

Over the years, Jim had many companies all related to golf, therefore constantly striving to better this industry. Always a steadfast supporter of turf education and improvement, Jim was one of the original organizers of the Kentucky Turfgrass Council in 1972. He is a founding member of the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA) and has been a tireless promoter and recruiter for the Association, urging all of the premier companies in the industry to, not only join, but actively participate in the Association. He served on virtually every committee through the formative years of the Association and that service culminated with his term as president from 1994-1996. While serving as president of the GCBA he helped establish and develop a Professional Certification Program for builders, which helped the industry gain more credibility and prestige. This also helped unify golf estimating. The standards used for golf course construction are still in place today and widely used across the US.

In 1988, Jim continued to make the game of golf available to everyone as president of Golf Development Company, which developed Quail Chase. In 2002 Quail Chase was at the top of Golfweek Magazine's list of best public courses in Kentucky. Quail Chase was the leader in the "open to the public" golf course trend and started the public course boom in Kentucky. Kirchdorfer's dream was to make country club-quality golf available to everyone, which is exactly what Quail Chase did. He continued his dream by building and owning public courses Hidden Creek (Sellersburg, IN) in 1991, Maywood (Bardstown, KY) in 1996 and The Bull (Richmond, KY) in 1999.

In 1998 he received the Winfrey P. Bunton, II Kentucky Turfgrass Man of the Year Award, given by the Kentucky Turfgrass Council. Jim was awarded the Perry Dye Service award by the GCBA in 2006 for his unselfish contributions and going beyond the "call of duty" to make positive changes within the association. Upon receiving the Perry Dye Service award, the GCBA had this to say about Jim, "The Golf Course Builders Association of America has no greater friend than Jim Kirchdorfer, and it is unlikely that it will ever have a more worthy recipient of the Perry Dye Service Award." As vice president of Golf Development Construction, they were named one of two Golf Course Builders of the year for smaller regional companies by Golf Course News Magazine in 1999.

One of his passions is encouraging others to play the game as well as making the game available to others. While he was immediate past president of the GCBA, he was a founding member of Sticks for Kids, which distributes golf clubs to golf courses for underprivileged kids to learn to play the game. Currently, Sticks for Kids has over 280 programs in the US. It's always been important to him that people from all backgrounds be granted the opportunity to experience golf. He also served on the first Foundation Board of Directors, the charitable arm of the GCBA, which operates the Sticks for Kids program and oversees the college scholarship program for the golf construction industry.

Jim Kirchdorfer has succeeded tremendously in accomplishing his goals of improving the game of golf not only for Kentuckians, but people across the country. Being a member of a family full of golfers and growing up around the golf business helped him develop his passion and affinity for the game. His achievements in bringing consistency and credibility to course builders, making golf available to people of all ages and backgrounds and for his vision in revolutionizing course irrigation has helped make golf in Kentucky what it is today.

Lowie Miller
Superintendent

Original GCBAA Member to be Honored with Don A. Rossi Award

JIM KIRCHDORFER, SR., WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR BUILDERS.

The Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAA) is pleased to announce Jim Kirchdorfer, Sr., as its recipient of the prestigious Don A. Rossi Award.

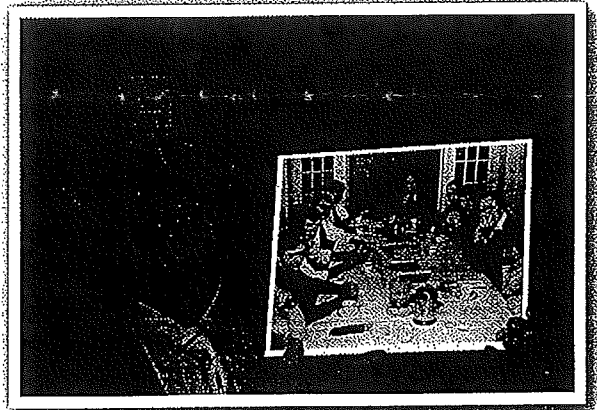
One of the most distinguished leaders in the high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe industry, Kirchdorfer is founder and chairman of Louisville, Ky.-based ISCO Industries, LLC, a pipe supplier and manufacturer of HDPE piping products.

"We are especially pleased to recognize Jim Kirchdorfer this year, being one of the association founding members and a major contributor to the golf construction industry," said Justin Apel, GCBAA executive director. "This award recognizes the level of his dedication to the industry and the sport, placing him along side prior Rossi Award recipients including Dr. James Beard, Robert Trent Jones, Gary Player, Brent Wadsworth and Doyle Jacklin."

The Rossi award is given by the GCBAA to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the game of golf and its growth and who have inspired others by example. It is named for Don A. Rossi, who served as executive director of the National Golf Foundation from 1970 to 1983, was instrumental in forming the National Golf Course Owner's Association and served as executive director of the GCBAA from 1984 to 1990.

Kirchdorfer has contributed to the golf industry for nearly 50 years. He founded Irrigation Supply Company (today known as ISCO Industries) and Kirchdorfer Irrigation Company in 1962. The companies teamed up to install the first multi-row fairway automatic system at the Louisville (Ky.) Country Club in 1863, and Kirchdorfer was the first to install the multi-row irrigation using HDPE pipe throughout the entire system at Quail Chase Golf Club in Louisville in 1988. The practice is now an industry standard.

Kirchdorfer has received numerous industry awards during his career, including the Winfrey P. Bunton, II, Kentucky Turfgrass Man of the Year in 1998 from the Kentucky Turfgrass Council and the Perry Dye Service



JIM KIRCHDORFER, SR.

Award from the GCBAA in 2006. Also, while serving as vice president of Golf Development Construction, the company was named one of two Golf Course Builders of the Year by *Golf Course News Magazine* in 1999.

As one of the original and founding members of the GCBAA, Kirchdorfer served as president from 1994-1996 and was instrumental in developing and establishing a professional certification program for golf course builders, a program that has gained industry credibility and prestige. Kirchdorfer also served on the first board of directors of the GCBAA Foundation, the charitable arm of the GCBAA, and was a founding member and supporter of Sticks for Kids, which provides junior golf clubs and teaching materials to golf courses, municipalities and youth organizations to enable kids from all socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds the opportunity to play golf.

The award will be presented at the GCBAA's winter meeting annual awards dinner being held Feb. 28, 2012, in Las Vegas, during the Golf Industry Show. Those interested in attending the presentation dinner for the Don A. Rossi Award can visit www.gcbaa.org and follow the "Winter Meeting" link, or contact the GCBAA executive office at 402-476-4444.

OBITUARY

ADD PICTURE

Kirchdorfer Sr., James Joseph, 71, of Louisville, passed away on February 3, 2012 peacefully at his home with his family by his side

Mr. Kirchdorfer was born in Louisville on May 9, 1940, the son of Joseph and Louise Schildt Kirchdorfer. He was a graduate of Saint Xavier High School and attended Bellarmine University.

Jim was a life long entrepreneur. In 1962 he founded Kirchdorfer Irrigation Company and Irrigation Supply Company out of the back of his father's hardware store on Baxter Avenue. The two companies teamed up to install the first automatic underground golf irrigation system in the state of Kentucky. He was also the first to install a multi-row irrigation system using HDPE pipe. Many of his innovations are now an industry standard. The Kentucky Turfgrass Council awarded Jim the Winfrey P. Bunton, II, Kentucky Turfgrass Man of the Year in 1998.

Irrigation Supply Company, which later became ISCO Industries, is still headquartered at the same location on Baxter Avenue. Jim was Chairman and Founder of the company, which has grown to 25 locations in 3 different countries. For 9 straight years, ISCO was listed as one of the fifty fastest growing companies headquartered in Louisville.

Jim had played golf his entire life, and believed that golf taught many valuable life lessons. He saw the need for additional golf courses accessible to the public. In 1988, Jim and a group of partners formed Golf Development Construction Company and built Quail Chase Golf Club in Louisville. In the 1990's he was involved in the development of Hidden Creek Golf Club in Sellersburg, IN, Maywood Golf Club in Bardstown, and The Bull Golf Club in Richmond, KY. In 1999, Golf Development Construction received the award of Golf Course Builder of the year award in the small builder category from *Golf Course News Magazine*.

Jim was very active in local and national organizations. In 1971, Jim and a group of his industry colleagues formed the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA), where he served as president from 1994-1996. GCBA awarded him the 2006 Perry Dye Service Award, and in 2012 awarded him the Don A. Rossie Award, which is presented to "an individual who has made a significant contribution to the game of golf and its growth".

Jim was also a founding member and supporter of Sticks for Kids, a charity which provides junior golf clubs and teaching materials to golf courses, municipalities and youth organizations to enable kids from all socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds the opportunity to play golf.

In addition, Jim was active in Greater Louisville Inc., served on the board of First Tee of Louisville, and held many volunteer positions at St. Leonard Church and Hunting Creek County Club. Jim received the 2008 Preservation Award from the Louisville Historical League for the restoration of the building his grandfather built on Baxter Avenue in 1902.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Louise Kirchdorfer and sister, Sue Dierker.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Carolyn Galligan Kirchdorfer; daughter, Teresa Gardone (Craig); sons, James Jr. (Dana) and Mark (Emily); seven grandchildren, Claire, Grace, and Anna Gardone, Jay and Emma Kirchdorfer, and Kate and Sarah Kirchdorfer; sister, Rosemary Dowd; and numerous nephews and nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces.

Jim will be remembered as a family man that always put the needs of others ahead of his own. Throughout his life, he generously supported numerous educational institutions and sponsored many students with tuition assistance. Jim's passion for family, business, travel, golf, and sports brought him close to many people. He will be missed.

Jim's family would like to thank his dear friend, Dr. Tony Hubbuch for his loving care throughout Jim's illness.

The funeral will be celebrated at 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at St. Leonard Church, 440 Zorn Avenue, with a burial to follow. Visitation Sunday 1-6 pm and Monday 1-4 pm and 6-9 pm at Highlands Funeral Home, 3331 Taylorsville Road.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Sticks for Kids Program care of the GCBA Foundation or St. Xavier High School.



July 31, 2008

Dear Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame:

I must take time out of my busy schedule as we prepare for the "Biggest Golf Tournament in the World" here at Valhalla Golf Club. I am proud to be part of a learning curve in turfgrass management and in the golf course business.

I met Jim Kirchdorfer in 1974 as a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University and he has been part of my life in the golf course business as well as a friend. I know of no one on our side of the business who has touched so many people and represented us in Kentucky when he was President of the Golf Course Builders Association of America.

What we have today in the state of Kentucky in golf was pioneered by men such as Jim Kirchdorfer. Would you please take the time to consider Jim who I think is more than qualified for the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Mark Wilson
Golf Course Superintendent
Valhalla Golf Club



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Jim Kirchdorfer is Saluted with the Perry Dye Service Award

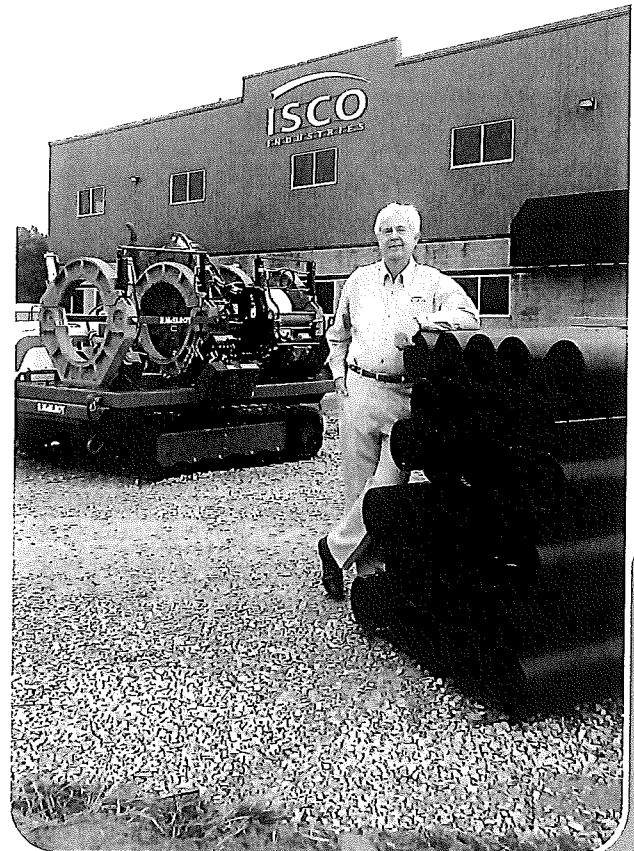
The Perry Dye Service award is presented periodically by the Golf Course Builders Association of America to recognize a member who has unselfishly contributed above and beyond "the call of duty" to make positive changes in the Association. It was with great respect and admiration that this award was presented to Jim Kirchdorfer at our summer meeting.

Jim started his career in 1962 by establishing Irrigation Supply Co. (ISCO) in the same location as his father's hardware store. The business was started as a supply house for golf course irrigation systems. Jim also had a contracting company named Kirchdorfer Irrigation. Jim's companies furnished, designed and installed the first automatic golf course irrigation system in the state of Kentucky.

Jim was also a pioneer with HDPE corrugated drain pipe. In the 1960s, the company sold the first truckload of 4" ADS pipe ever shipped. Soon after, ISCO entered the water and sewer business. In 1975, the company began selling HDPE solid wall pipe and fittings, becoming one of the first companies nationwide to begin promoting HDPE pipe for water, sewer, and industrial applications. Today the company now known as ISCO Industries is the largest supplier of HDPE pipe, fittings and fusion equipment in North America. ISCO has 20 locations and 200 employees dedicated exclusively to the HDPE piping business.

Jim was one of the original members of GCBA, joining a handful of other pioneers at the Washington Press Club for the first formal meeting. Throughout the past 35 years, Jim has been a tireless promoter and recruiter for the Association, urging all of the premier companies in the industry to, not only join, but actively participate in the Association. He served on virtually every committee through the formative years of the Association and that service culminated with his term as president from 1994-1996.

Since the completion of his presidency, Jim has continued to serve the organization in many ways. He was instrumental in setting up the Golf Course Builders Foundation and has sponsored several of our most successful Sticks for Kids Programs throughout the years. He served on the first Foundation Board of Directors and continues to serve on the Board of Governors for our Professional Certification Program, a program that he was instrumental in establishing during his term as president. The Golf Course Builders Association of America has no greater friend than Jim Kirchdorfer, and it is unlikely that it will ever have a more worthy recipient of the Perry Dye Service Award.



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