



J.W. Janes

J.W. Janes is one of those guys who all you have to do is ask. After all, it is because of an invitation that he is the seventh inductee into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. An invitation to help run the scoreboard at the 1962 Kentucky Open in his hometown of Springfield started his association with golf in Kentucky. He was so good at the scoreboard that he was asked to join the Kentucky State Golf Association Board of Directors in 1963 and worked his first state amateur championship that same year. Janes was also named director to the KGA board. While his place at the scoreboard became a fixture at KGA events, the association thought so

much of Janes that he was elected president of the organization five times. Golf has not been a life long hobby of Janes. Janes, a retired insurance executive was almost 50 when he started playing, two years after he had his right leg amputated due to bone cancer.

Founded in 1985, the Kentucky Golf Association's J.W. Janes Award is presented to an individual in recognition of their outstanding contributions to amateur golf in Kentucky.

J.W. Janes	1985	Drew Conliffe	2000
Jack Allison	1986	Dave Bunnell	2001
John E. Meyers	1987	John Owens	2002
Ernie Denham	1988	Steve Houchen	2003
Tom Musselman, Sr.	1989	Bruce Walters	2004
J. Earl Walker	1990	Franklin Stivers	2005
Julian Pitzer	1991	Marty Storch	2006
Fred Allen	1992	Tom Cooksey	2007
Louis DeLuca	1993	Greg Engle	2008
Don Smith	1994	George Gupton	2009
Dave Nicholas	1995	Tom Oldendick	2010
Bob Boden	1996	Paul Bimschleger	2011
Mike Donahoe	1997	Sammy Levinson	2012
Herb McGuire	1998	Jim Wells	2013
Tom Knappenberger	1999	Dr. Rex Chaney	2014
		Don Russell	2015