

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

2018 Nomination Form

NOMINEE'S NAME

Miller Louis Dusty E
Last Name First Name Nickname (if applicable) Middle Initial

NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1942 November 23
Year Month Day

RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) Lifetime

Current Residence
882 Creek Valley Rd Fisherville KY 40023
Address City State Zip

STATUS

- ☒ Amateur
☐ Professional
☐ Deceased (please provide date of death _____)

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

Louis Miller

EDUCATION:

- St. X High School
- Bellarmine University - Degree in English
- Penn State University - Degree in Agronomy with Major in Turfgrass

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

- Started in golf at Woodhaven Country Club mowing greens. In 1962, Louis went to work at Seneca, Louisville city courses. In 1964, he worked at Hunting Creek for Wadsworth during the final phases of construction and grow in.
- Golf Course Superintendent at The Louisville Country Club (LCC) for 33 years.
As Golf Course Superintendent Louis rebuilt LCC over 12 years to USGA Specifications under the Architectural design of David Pfaff [who at that time was with Pete Dye].
- President and a Founder of Golf Development Construction Inc. (GDC), started in 1987
<http://golfdev.com>
GDC, based in Louisville, Kentucky, is an "in-house" contractor providing total golf course construction and renovation.
- New Construction and Renovation totaling over 150 projects in Kentucky and throughout the upper Midwest. Including Valhalla Golf Club, the 2008 Ryder Cup with Jack Nicklaus, 2004 Champions Tour, 2000 & 1996 PGA.
- Built the inaugural First Tee course at Shawnee Golf Course in 1999 dedicated by Tiger Woods.
- Golf Development Construction, Inc. was awarded Golf Course Builder of the Year in the Small Builder Category – by Golf Course News in 1999 and they remain the only builder ever to have achieved a perfect score.
- 49 years as a "Turfgrass Agronomist" in the "Transition Zone" and a very thorough knowledge of the establishment and maintenance of cool and warm season grasses.
- Has been involved in golf course construction since 1964 and reached the level of a "Certified Builder" as sanctioned by the Golf Course Builders Association of America in 1993. There are only twenty-six Golf Course Builders with the Certified Status in the country.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Member of the GCSAA since 1965
- Golf Course Superintendent for 49 years
- Past President of the Kentucky Turfgrass Council
- Twice Past Director of the Kentucky Turfgrass Council
- Twice Past Director of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation at Purdue University
- Member of the Horticultural Advisory Committee at Eastern KY State University
- Member of the Turfgrass Advisory Committee at Western KY State University
- Twice Past President of Kentuckiana Golf Course Superintendents Association
- 26 year appointed member of the USGA Green Section Committee
- Kentucky Turfgrass Winfrey P. Bunton Man of the Year Award
- Awarded the Issac B. Grainger Award for 25 years of service to the USGA
- Awarded the Leo Fessor Journalism award from the GCSAA
- Wrote an article in the USGA Green Section Record titled "Construction of the USGA green by the Superintendent."
- Editor of KY Klippings, (17 years), a monthly publication of the KGCSA, wrote three articles for each article, Letter from the Editor, As I see it, and most often the Presidents article
- Served in the United States Marine Corps
- Founding Member of the Louisville Rock Band "The Monarchs"
- In 1999, he was named one of the top 100 superintendents of the century by Golf Course News

FEATURED SPEAKER AT:

- Penn State Turf Conference, State College, Pennsylvania
- Midwest Regional Turf Conference, Purdue University
- Kentucky Turfgrass Conference, Louisville, Kentucky
- Milwaukee Turf Symposium, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Minnesota Turf Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Ohio Turfgrass Conference, Ohio state, University
- University of Guelph, Canadian Turf Conference, Ontario, Canada
- USGA National Conference, Chicago, Illinois
- USGA Regional Conference, Dayton, Ohio
- USGA Regional Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana
- GCSAA National Conference, Three Time Speaker, Denver CO, Atlanta GA, and Anaheim, CA
- Recipient of the Leo Fessor Journalism Award from the GCSAA

Golf Course Construction Projects
by Louis Miller

VALAMEDA, ESTATE COURSE

Architect, Bill Coore/ Coore & Crenshaw, Austin, Texas

Private Course

Anchorage, Kentucky

QUAIL CHASE GOLF CLUB

Architect, David Pfaff, Carmel, California

27 Holes

Louisville, Kentucky

THE BULL AT BOONES TRACE

Architect, David Pfaff, Carmel, California

18 Holes

Lexington, Kentucky

KINCAID LAKE STATE PARK

Architect, Lester George, Richmond, Virginia

9 Holes

Falmouth, Kentucky

GIBSON BAY

Architect, Hurdzan Fry, Columbus, OH.

9 Holes

Richmond, Kentucky

HIDDEN CREEK GOLF CLUB

Architect, David Pfaff, Carmel, California

27 Holes

Sellersburg, Indiana

GLENMARY GOLF CLUB

Architect, John Addington, Louisville, Kentucky

18 Holes

Louisville, Kentucky

INDIAN SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

Architect, Kingsley Stratton, Louisville, Kentucky

18 Holes

Louisville, Kentucky

MY OLD KY HOME STATE PARK

Architect, Fred Rux, Mobile, Alabama

9 Holes

Bardstown, Kentucky

MAYWOOD GOLF CLUB

Architect, David Pfaff, Carmel, California

18 Holes

Bardstown, Kentucky

DIFFERENT STROKES/ENGLISH STATION

Architect, John Sabak, Louisville, Kentucky

9 Holes, Driving Range

Louisville, Kentucky

PINEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Architect, Randy Hoffacker, Asia

9 holes

Columbia, Kentucky

EAGLES TRACE GOLF CLUB

Architect, David Pfaff, Carmel, California

18 Holes

Morehead, Kentucky

OXMOOR GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Architect, David Pfaff, Carmel, California

18 Holes

Louisville, Kentucky

FIRST TEE/SHAWNEE GOLF COURSE

Designer, Marty Storch

Louisville, Kentucky

LAWS CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

Architect, Randy Hoffacker, Asia

9 Holes

Newton, Illinois

DIFFERENT STROKES/NEW CUT

Architect, John Addington, Louisville, Kentucky

9 Holes, Driving Range

Louisville, Kentucky 9 Holes/Dr Range

FOX HOLLOW GOLF CLUB

9 Holes

Glasgow, Kentucky

SUN VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Designer Marty Storch

9 Holes

Louisville, Kentucky

CORYDON COUNTRY CLUB

9 holes

Corydon, Indiana

BRECKENRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

Architect, David Pfaff, Carmel, California

9 Holes

Morganfield, Kentucky

PANTHER CREEK GOLF COURSE

9 Holes

Owensboro, Kentucky

DIFFERENT STROKES/RIVER RD PROJECT

Architect, Spencer Holt, Louisville, Kentucky

Driving Range

Louisville, Kentucky

LAKESHORE COUNTRY CLUB

9 Holes

Madisonville, Kentucky

LARUE COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB

9 Holes

Hodgenville, Kentucky

CENTRAL CITY COUNTRY CLUB

9 Holes

Central City, Kentucky

DALE HOLLOW

Architect- Brian Alt

Driving Range/Short Game

Bow, Kentucky

BOOT HEEL GOLF COURSE

Architect, David Pfaff, Carmel, California

18 holes

Sikeston, Missouri

Golf Course Renovation Projects by Louis Miller

VALHALLA GOLF CLUB

Architect, Nicklaus Design, North Palm Beach, Florida
To Pearson, Sr Design Assoc.
(including 2008 Ryder Cup, 2004 Champions Tour, 2000&1996 PGA)
Louisville, Kentucky

ELIZABETHTOWN COUNTRY CLUB

18 Holes
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

JUNIPER HILLS GOLF COURSE

Extensive Bunker & Green Renovation
Frankfort Kentucky

GLASGOW COUNTRY CLUB

Complete Tee renovation
Glasgow, Kentucky

EAGLES TRACE GOLF CLUB

Complete Bunker Renovation, Fairway Drainage, Short Game Area
Morehead, Kentucky

CHAMPIONS TRACE GOLF CLUB

Architect, Art Hills, Toledo, Ohio
Driving Range, Target Greens New Tees & relocation of #10
Lexington, Kentucky

CINCINNATI COUNTRY CLUB

Architect, Bob Walton, Hilton Head, South Carolina
Cincinnati, Ohio Greens Tees Bunkers & Irrigation

OTIS PARK GOLF COURSE

Architect, Spencer Holt, Louisville, Kentucky
9 Holes
Bedford, Indiana

HILLENDALE COUNTRY CLUB

Architect, Lester George, Richmond, Virginia
Driving range, Short Game, Practice Green & New Tees
Phoenix, Maryland

PARADISE POINT GOLF COURSE

Architect, John B Lafoy, Greenville, South Carolina
3 Hole total Renovation
Camp Lejeune, NC

LAWRENCE CO. COUNTRY CLUB

9 Holes

Lawrenceville, Illinois

SHAWNEE HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

9 Holes

Harrisburg, Illinois

GLENOAKS COUNTRY CLUB

Architect, Tim Liddy, Yorktown, Indiana

4 Holes

Louisville, Kentucky

WILDWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Greens, tees, bunkers & lake renovation

Louisville, Kentucky

BENTON COUNTRY CLUB

6 Holes

Benton, Kentucky

L & N COUNTRY CLUB

Architect, Spencer Holt, Louisville, Kentucky

Greens, Tees Bunkers Cart Paths, Bridges and Irrigation throughout

Louisville, Kentucky

INDIAN HILLS GOLF CLUB

Architect, Robert Cupp, Atlanta, Georgia

18 Hole greens, Bunkers, Irrigation

Bowling Green, Kentucky

POLO FIELDS GOLF CLUB

Architect, Tim Liddy, Yorktown, Indiana

Tees, Bunkers, Major drainage & irrigation

Louisville, Kentucky

STANDARD COUNTRY CLUB

Extensive 18 Hole renovation

Louisville, Kentucky

GLASGOW COUNTRY CLUB

18 Hole Renovation

Glasgow, Kentucky

VETTNER MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Designer, Marty Storch

18 Hole Renovation

Louisville, Kentucky

SHAWNEE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Designer, Marty Storch

9 Holes

Louisville, Kentucky

IROQUOIS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Designer, Marty Storch

9 Holes

Louisville, Kentucky

TAMEKA WOODS GOLF CLUB

18 Hole Bunkers

Trafalgar, Indiana

SENECA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Designer, Marty Storch

18 Holes, Tees, Bunkers

Louisville, Kentucky

JEFF ELKS GOLF CLUB

Practice Greens

Jeffersonville, Indiana

SULTANS RUN

Tees, Irrigation, Drainage

Jasper, Indiana

SHELBYVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

6 Holes, Greens, Tees, Bunkers

Shelbyville, Kentucky

CHEROKEE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Designer, Marty Storch

Tees, Shaping & Irrigation

Louisville, Kentucky

HIDDEN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Practice Green, Short Game area & hole #3

Tompkinsville, Kentucky

BIG SPRING COUNTRY CLUB

Architect, Keith Foster, Lexington, Kentucky

Tees, Green, Bunkers

Louisville, Kentucky

HUNTING CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

4 Greens, Construction of Short Game Area

Prospect, Kentucky

BOWLING GREEN COUNTRY CLUB

Architect, David Pfaff, Carmel, California

18 Holes

Bowling Green, Kentucky

KY DAM VILLAGE STATE PARK

Architect, David Pfaff, Carmel, California

18 Holes

Gilbertsville, Kentucky

LAKE BARKLEY STATE PARK

Arcitect, David Pfaff, Carmel CA.

18 Holes

Cadiz, Kentucky

MAYFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

4 Holes

Mayfield, Kentucky



FORT KNOX LINDSEY COURSE

18 Hole Bunkers

Ft. Knox, Kentucky

RESTORATION FOR RYDER CUP

VALHALLA GOLF CLUB LOUISVILLE, KY

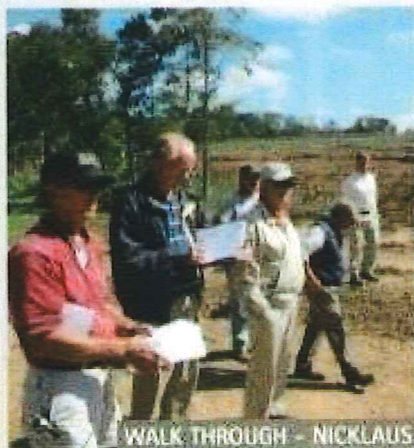
Nicklaus Design - Jack Nicklaus 
Golf Development Construction - Louis Miller
Superintendent - Mark Wilson, CGCS 



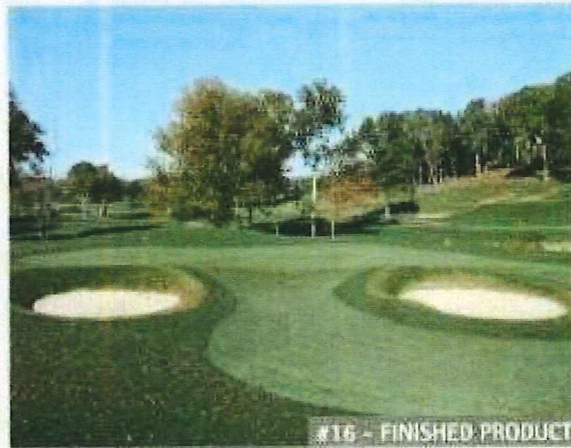
RESTORATION & MASTER PLAN



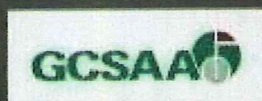
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Louis Miller

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much to look forward to!

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To the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Committee:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Louis Miller for induction into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

I've known Louis for nearly all my life, since my days on the golf course with my father. Louis hit the links in the early 1960's. He joined work crews for local golf courses and worked on the construction of Hunting Creek Country Club. That's when the seed of his love for golf was planted.

Years ago, the term "Golf Course Superintendent" didn't exist. In those days, they were simply called "greens keepers." Louis helped elevate the job to a higher level of professionalism. He combined science and passion into a drive to revolutionize golf course maintenance and he did so in one of the most difficult places to grow grass in the country.

Armed with his love for golf and thirst for knowledge, he sought out the best program in the country to advance his knowledge of course maintenance. He found one of very few Agronomy programs that existed at the time at Penn State University. He received his degree, then returned to Kentucky, prepared to transform the practice in the state.

He was incredibly innovative for his time. He had solutions to every feasible issue that could possibly arise and he actively chased opportunities to share his deep education and knowledge. Without a doubt, he was on the forefront of developing solutions to problems that had long plagued local golf courses.

And that he did. His knowledge and commitment made him a revered agronomic expert in the state. It was the combination of a lifetime love, backed by the highest level of education, resulting in significant and remarkable changes in the golf maintenance industry state and nationwide.

He's done the same for the golf course construction industry. At the time Louis entered the field, anyone who could push dirt could call themselves a golf course builder. In 1987, when he started golf development construction, Louis helped turn it into a specialized skill, working on a national level to create an identity for golf course builders.

When he moved into the realm of course construction, he did so with the same tenacity and thirst for knowledge as he had when he revolutionized golf course maintenance in Kentucky. He leveraged his unique breadth of skills to build and renovate more than 150 golf courses, including world-renowned facilities like Valhalla Golf Club.

Several successful golf course superintendents in the state served as apprentices for Louis. He has not only grown the industry, but invested his time in developing future generations of golf course innovators, builders, and superintendents.

Louis' influence has helped improve the agronomical conditions of golf courses in Kentucky over the last 50 years. He's recognize, not only on a state, but a nationwide level. He's been named one of the top 100 superintendents of the 20th century. That's an incredible accomplishment. We often forget the importance that innovative golf course maintenance and construction had on the expansion of our game in the 1970's, 80's, and 90's. Because of the draw of the beauty and enjoyment of a well-maintained course, Louis was instrumental in helping us grow the game of golf in Kentucky. Therefore, I believe he is a more than worthy candidate for the 2018 class of the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Kirchdorfer Jr.", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jimmy Kirchdorfer Jr

Dear Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame,

With great admiration and respect, I would like to nominate Louis Miller to the 2018 Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame.

Louis Miler is the "Daniel Boone" of Kentucky in Turfgrass Management for the Golf Industry. He was one of the first formally-educated Golf Course Superintendents in our state and helped mentor many future superintendents, myself included. I was first introduced to Louis Miller as a Turfgrass Intern from Eastern Kentucky University in 1975 and, as Dr. Barkley said he wanted me to learn from "the best." Louis was a trendsetter in every aspect of golf course maintenance.

Much more than a superintendent, Louis also served as the editor for our local monthly superintendent's magazine "The Kentuckiana Clippings" for more than 25 years. He was also fixture on the conference circuit on the local, state, and national level. He was the first superintendent I know to constantly carry a camera with him to share pictures with peers. Personally, I learned so much from him because he did so much. Louis was in constant motion; he didn't sit still as a golf course superintendent. He never stopped developing, getting into golf course construction and golf course ownership. He was owner of the Golf Development Construction Company since the mid 1980's and part owner of Quail Chase Golf Couse after building and opening it in 1989.

I can say GDC was on Valhalla property for the whole 22 years I was there. Whether building a tee, a bunker, parking lot, running conduit for an electric line or being our renovation contractor for the 2008 Ryder Cup, 2004 Champions Tour and 1996 & 2000 PGA I knew the job would always be done impeccably.

Humbly, I sit here and say that I would not have been inducted into the 2016 Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame without the mentorship Louis Miller gave me. He was always right in saying to me "You're trying to get were I've already been." Louis was the beginning chapter of the professionalism we have today in our Golf Course Superintendents.

Mark Wilson
Certified Golf Course Superintendent
2016 Kentucky Hall of Fame Inductee