



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.

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| J.W. Janes | 1985 | Dave Bunnell | 2001 |
| Jack Allison | 1986 | John Owens | 2002 |
| John E. Meyers | 1987 | Steve Houchen | 2003 |
| Ernie Denham | 1988 | Bruce Walters | 2004 |
| Tom Musselman, Sr. | 1989 | Franklin Stivers | 2005 |
| J. Earl Walker | 1990 | Marty Storch | 2006 |
| Julian Pitzer | 1991 | Tom Cooksey | 2007 |
| Fred Allen | 1992 | Greg Engle | 2008 |
| Louis DeLuca | 1993 | George Gupton | 2009 |
| Don Smith | 1994 | Tom Oldendick | 2010 |
| Dave Nicholas | 1995 | Paul Bimschleger | 2011 |
| Bob Boden | 1996 | Sammy Levinson | 2012 |
| Mike Donahoe | 1997 | Jim Wells | 2013 |
| Herb McGuire | 1998 | Dr. Rex Chaney | 2014 |
| Tom Knappenberger | 1999 | Don Russell | 2015 |
| Drew Conliffe | 2000 | Lisa Goins | 2016 |