The USGA lost one of its best on Oct. 27. Keith A. Happ, former director of the USGA Green Section, passed away at the age of 57.

Keith started his USGA career on Jan. 4, 1993, working as an agronomist in the Mid-Atlantic Region alongside Stan Zontek and Bob Brame, later joined by Darin Bevard. He was director of the North Central Region in April 2013 (name changed to the Central Region in 2014) and was director of the USGA Green Section when he passed away.

Before joining the USGA, Keith worked at a number of Ohio golf courses and actively volunteered time with the Northern Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (Web Affair). He was an active member of the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee.

Keith set a standard of excellence for the entire Green Section staff. As an agronomist, he prided himself on keeping up with the latest research to share with golf facilities. He freely shared his agronomic expertise with the USGA and the golf industry. He authored articles and spoke at regional and national meetings. Keith supported the Green Section's mission to protect the environment by applying sustainable agronomic practices.

Keith was a dedicated husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Mary Beth (Lapa) Happ; sons, Christopher and Ian; brother, George; sister, Pamela; and an extended family.

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