

## ***EARLE HELLEN SPORTS MEDIA AWARD***

*This award bestows special recognition on an outstanding member of the media who best exemplifies a commitment and service to golf and sport reporting and who demonstrates the same genuine appreciation for the role of the PGA Professional as was demonstrated by the late Earle Hellen (formerly of the Newport News Newspapers).*

***William "Bill" Millsaps Jr.***  
*Formerly of The Richmond Times Dispatch*  
*Richmond, Virginia*

The Earle Hellen Sports Media Award has been awarded to William "Bill" Millsaps Jr. for his exemplary career in sports media and close friendship with Middle Atlantic PGA Professionals and the professionals within the Section.

As a retired Senior Vice President and Executive Editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Bill is a member of the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and U.S. Basketball Writers Association Hall of Fame.

Originally from Daisy, Tenn. and an alumnus of the University of Tennessee, Bill began his newspaper career at the Knoxville Journal in 1963. He came to the Times-Dispatch as a sports reporter in 1966 and was the newspaper's Sports Editor from 1973 through 1991, when he became the managing editor. Bill is an 11-time winner of the Virginia Sports Writer of the Year award and a juror for the Pulitzer Prizes in 2001 and 2002. He wrote extensively about local golf in his tenure.

Bill is married to the former Nancy Dickenson Hurt of Lebanon, Va. They have two daughters, Katherine, a grants administrator at the Ohio State University College of Public Health and Camerian, a graduate student at George Mason University.

In retirement, Bill plays golf, reads avidly books on politics and history and writes on occasion for various publications. He is also a member of the boards of the Virginia State Golf Association and the Virginia Golf Hall of Fame.