Dan worked with his father on about 25 of the 65 courses with which the senior Maples was credited before he died.

"We are well aware of environmental concerns and are taking every precaution to make sure that our golf courses blend in with the environment," said the new ASGCA president. "If wetlands are used for a golf course, other wetland areas are developed so the natural habitat will not be disturbed."

2 Palm Beach architects join ASGCA

Two Floridians were among eight golf course architects elected to associate membership in the American Society of Golf Course Architects at the association’s annual meeting in Pebble Beach, Calif., this past March.

Jan Beljan of Fazio Golf Course Designers Inc., who also became the second woman elected to membership, and Tom Pearson of Golden Bear International were among the group of new associates who brought the society’s total membership to 108. Both firms are located in North Palm Beach.

Alice Dye of Delray Beach, the first female architect so honored, was elected in 1983.

In order to qualify for election, an architect must establish a record of individual work that meets with the approval of his or her peers, who also must deem the candidate “qualified to execute and oversee the implementation on the ground of his plans and specifications to create an enjoyable layout that challenges golfers of all abilities and exemplifies the highest standards and traditions of golf. He will counsel in all phases of the work to protect the best interest of his client.”

The other associates elected this spring were Nai Chung “Lee” Chang, Atlanta; Robert Cupp, Atlanta; Keith R. Foster, Tempe, Ariz.; Tom Marzolf, Greenville, S.C.; W. Bruce Matthews III, Okemos, Mich.; and Mark A. Mungeam, Whitinsville, Mass.

Beljan’s courses include Pelican’s Nest in Bonita Springs, Windstar on Naples Bay in Naples, Bluewater Bay in Niceville and Gateway in Fort Myers. She also remodeled The Bayou Club at Bardmoor in Largo.

Pearson served as inspector of construction for Bear Lakes in West Palm Beach and Boca Pointe GC in Boca Raton and is credited as co-designer of Ibis-Seminole in Palm Beach Gardens.

Dan Maples of Pinehurst, N.C., was elected president; Thomas Clark of Wheaton, Md., vice president; Arthur Hills, Toledo, Ohio, secretary; and Gerald Matthews, Lansing, Mich., treasurer. Other members of the board of governors include Pete Dye, Jeff Brauer, Keith Evans, Tom Fazio, Bob Graves, Denis Griffiths, Gary Kern and Ed Seay.

Members of the executive committee of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, from left: Tom Clark, Wheaton, Md., vice president; Gerald Matthews, Lansing, Mich., treasurer; Robert Trent Jones Jr., Palo Alto, Calif., immediate past president; Dan Maples, Pinehurst, N.C., president; Arthur Hills, Toledo, Ohio, secretary.