Bengeyfield, Hurdzan, Wadsworth on board

We set several goals early in our strategic planning that will have a positive influence on the continued success of this publication. I am proud to announce that we attained another goal this month. We have established an editorial advisory board that will guide direction and even more credibility to our consistent editorial product. You'll notice three new names added to the masthead this month: William Bengeyfield, Dr. Michael Hurdzan and Brent Wadsworth. Anyone involved in golf course design, maintenance, building and development will no doubt be familiar with these gentlemen. Let me briefly bring you up to date on their accomplishments.

Bill Bengeyfield retired May 1 as national director of the USGA Green Section, where he served in that capacity since 1982. He received the GCSSA Dististinguished Service Award at the February convention. He is active in turfgrass management associations and recently wrote revisions of the USGA green construction specifications.

Mike Hurdzan is CEO of the recently formed Hurdzan Design Group of Columbus, Ohio. Mike has a long list of degrees, including a PhD in environmental turfgrass physiology and a master's in turf studies, and is working on his master's degree in landscape architecture.

The Hurdzan Design Group may be one of the busiest golf course architectural firms today, working on a wide range of projects, from lower-cost municipal facilities to the $825-million Devil's Pulpit course being built outside Toronto, Ontario.

Mike also has served as president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

Brent Wadsworth started his golf course construction business with John Cotter in 1958 in Plainfield, Ill. In the 20-plus years in the business, Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. has built courses across the country and in Hawaii. The firm has 200 full-time employees, with offices in Florida, Arizona and Illinois. Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. was recently voted Builder of the Year through a Golf Course News survey of golf course architects.

Jim McLoughlin also serves on the editorial advisory board and has been a sounding board for us from the first issue. Jim is the former executive director of the GCSSA and currently heads up a variety of golf course consulting businesses that take him worldwide.

I had the pleasure of watching Greg Norman play an 18-hole exhibition with Bill Butner, John Huston and Jay Overton on the Copperhead at Innisbrook in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Greg was playing for charity and promoting the JC Penny Classic, which will be played in the fall at Innisbrook. He is not only a world-class player (maybe the best in the world), he is a world-class person! — Charles E. von Brecth

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