GCSAA show bigger and better

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America show was bigger and better than ever! The Orlando Convention Center has to be one of the best in the country, if not the world. I can understand the GCSA’s reasoning in moving from east to west and around the country every year, but wouldn’t it be nice to come back to Orlando every other year?

One of the advantages of my job is being able to engage in some business meetings and conferences that include golf as part of the program. I have been invited to two such outings during March.

As the representative for the JC Penney Classic, I will be playing in the Commissioner’s Cup Tournament just prior to the TPC Championshiat at Sawgrass, March 16-19. The two-day event is played on the Valley Course and March Landing Country Club. It is sponsored by the PGA Tour and Commissioner Dean Beneman for the American Golf Sponsors.

That comes to my area, and I’m sure this association, with approximately 100 members, has been most supportive of Golf Course News from the very first day, and I want to thank Executive Secretary Paul Fullmer and his staff for including Golf Course News in the spring meeting. Managing Editor Mark Leslie plans a report of this meeting to our readers in the May issue.

Soon the green will be overtaking the brown on the northern courses and the heat will slowly kill the rye in the South.

Another season is upon us. I sincerely hope that you continue to enjoy Golf Course News, and that we help you to keep informed of industry news.

Sincerely,

Charles E. von Brecht
Publisher

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Handicapped easy to accommodate

BY BOB WILSON

An observation for the 1990s: As designers and builders struggle to keep pace with the ever-growing need for golf courses to be accessible to the physically challenged player. Who are the physically challenged? Are they the new wave of human beings who are joining the thousands already waiting in line to tee it up?

Yes, well and no. The physically challenged community is made up of those individuals with a physical handicap or disability — amputees, blind, people suffering from polio residuals, plegia, a stroke, or birth defects to mention a few.

Mike Wilson

Although there are a great number of folks within this special community already enjoying the game, golf’s popularity as a recreational activity is now being bolstered by the fact that it can be rehabilitative both physically and mentally.

This group of ladies and gentlemen consists of tournament directors and corporate sponsors who underwrite a large portion of the Tour tournaments. With approximately 40 PGA Tour-sponsored events, this group works in all phases of tournament management with one goal — to raise money for charity. The AGS and the PGA Tour have raised more funds for charities than all the other sports organizations combined.

Later in March the American Society of Golf Course Architects will open its meetings to more press coverage. I look forward to meeting this elite group with those who have designed and continue to design the great golf courses around the world.

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