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BY MARK LESLIE

Former U.S. Golf Association President William C. Campbell, selected to receive the Old Tom Morris Award next February, credited golf course superintendents for their difficult work in maintaining "the stage on which the game is played."

Responding to the news of his selection for the major annual award by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Campbell said: "I've been playing golf for 64 years and I take for granted a lot of things... but I hope I never take for granted the work that goes into making a golf course what it is. As Herb Graffis said: 'Golf keeps America beautiful.'”

Announcing the award, GCSSA President Gerald L. Faubel said: "No one has given more to the game of golf than Mr. Campbell. He has dedicated his life to promoting the game and has demonstrated many times his support of the golf course superintendent.”

The Old Tom Morris Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding lifetime contributions to the game. It is in memory of the greenkeeper and golf professional at the R&A, who was a four-time British Open champion and golf course architect as well as club and ball maker.

"I understand (superintendents') problems, the risks of their profession — some of the hazards being human as well, because it's a people business, too. But the net effect of it all is what makes the game enjoyable," Campbell said. "The golf course is the stage on which the game is played. I know it is not an easy profession. There are a lot of uncertainties.

"I also know that it is more and more a technical position. As chairman of the Green Section of the USGA for a while, I know the high regard the USGA has for the GCSSA and the individuals involved.

Faubel stressed that connection between the two groups as a major accomplishment of Campbell.

Faubel said that during Campbell's tenure as USGA president from January 1982 to January 1984, Campbell strived to tighten the bonds between the USGA and GCSSA. He launched major fundraising campaigns to fund development of Golf House and to establish test facilities for clubs and balls, as well as a long-term program for turfgrass research, notably in the area of drought-resistant grasses.

Campbell downplays his part, saying he was simply "in the right place at the right time."

"We were fortunate that we had a Green Section Committee chair- man, Steve Horrell of Singing Hills Country Club in El Cajon, Calif., a former president of Southern California Golf Association, and Bill Bengeyfield as national director of the Green Section. They were a good team.

"That also coincided with a $10-
Ross Society hails members Nicklaus, Maples

Jack Nicklaus and Dan Maples have joined the Donald Ross Society, an organization formed to honor and help preserve the golf courses of Scottish architect Donald Ross. The announcement was made by Barry Palm, executive vice president of the society.

Winner of 20 major championships and more than 70 PGA Tour events, Nicklaus is also a golf course architect. Maples is president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, whose first president was Ross in the 1930s.

"I am extremely pleased that both Jack and Dan think highly enough of our organization to have joined," Palm said. "I am sure that the input of both Jack and Dan will be very valuable to the society."

National membership has surpassed 220 and includes former executive director George Wemyss, who will step down on Dec. 31. Wemyss, executive director for 21 years, will stay on a full-time consultant to the NEPGA.

111 club managers earn CMAA certification

Eleven club managers have been accredited Certified Club Managers (CCM) by the Club Managers Association of America. They are Ben H. Whaley, Stone Oak Country Club; Joseph H. Gayle, Oceanbreeze Country Club; Louise Platto, Vero Beach CC; Philip Archambault, The Weston Golf Club; Michael Greene; Thomas G. Bertani, Racquet Club; Clifford S. Speckly, Bear Lakes CC; Sandy McGaughey, Greenbrier Hills CC.

Also, James B. Singlering, executive director of the New England Section of the Professional Golfers Association, will stay on a full-time consultant to the NEPGA.

President Tom Tetreault said realignments of the tournament staff will make Buddy Young consultant to the NEPGA, who will be the tournament director, and Jack Tate tournament manager as well as assistant tournament director.

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