with Internet. Linking architects, gives members the ability to interface contractors, designers, engineers, Landscape Architects (ASLA), now system of the American Society of 2752.

The Robert Trent Jones Cos. and New Stump or Regina Travers at 202-686- Moreinformation is available from John Development, Inc. provided design/ constructed. The new nine makes it an 18-hole par 72 track. A new automatic irrigation system and pump station were added. Mature forest, rolling topography, and master's degree in architecture from the University of California-Berkeley. Managing Editor Mark Leslie spoke with Knott when he took the gavel as president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

Golf Course News: What are your biggest challenges during your presidency? Don Knott: I don't think they will be significantly different than what the golf world has been facing over the last several years. Ongoing environmental issues will be so critical. You've got what seems to be a fairly negative perception of the game, particularly by non-golfers. That's directly related in some ways to the environment. Although we're not directly involved, the golf world is facing continuous legal challenges involving liability and equipment.

But what I'd like to push from a golf architectural point of view is broadening the scope of what I call an "acceptable" golf course. Over time, since the game started, the definition of what is acceptable in the eyes of the public and the golfer has continued to narrow. We started with an obstacle course over natural, raw terrain. We continue to become a bowling alley -- a very narrowly defined concept of what is an acceptable course. GCN: Would the ASGCA membership want to take a stance on the issue? DK: I think a lot of them would love to. There are so many courses pushing in the opposite direction. You've got the whole real-estate economics of the golf course... taking full advantage of the opportunities offered by the 300-acre primeval site. Situated on a 700-acre interior marsh island fronted by the Buffalo and Turtle rivers and offering direct access to the Intracoastal Waterway, the course is not only surrounded by winding waterways, Continued on page 32

ASGCA's outgoing president: Banks seeing light of golf's success

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Oak Grove Island Golf Club's bunkering shows the handiwork of designer Mike Young. With a residential community offering more than 500 building sites with waterfront, marsh or golf course views. Accessible by boat or causeway, it also features a full-service deep water marina. All this offered opportunity as well as challenge to Young, of Watkinsville. He designed and built the 18-hole layout

by SALLY LEE

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — As shelved lagoons and natural brush habitat have kept environmentalists satisfied, owners hope reasonable prices will keep Golden Isles area golfers happy at the new championship daily-fare Oak Grove Island Club.

"We wanted to give the Golden Isles a plush, resort-type golf course offering year-round affordability, and I feel we've done exactly that," said Mike Evans, president of Oak Grove Island Plantation, Inc., which owns the course. "This is a championship-quality course where a round of golf, including cart, costs $25 to $30. It's something that did not exist in this area before and it's something the people here can be very proud of."

Design-wise, during design and construction architect Mike Young received input from the Audubon Society on protecting and managing native wildlife. He incorporated such things as natural brush habitats for birds, bluebird houses and shelves in all lagoons. The shelved lagoons ensure that native vegetation will continue to flourish by eliminating the steep banks common to many golf course ponds. The shallow shelves, approximately six inches deep, extend from the edge of the pond about six or eight feet. The habitat is ideal for the reeds and cattails found in the area.

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