Charles Howard forms design firm; brings Garley, Davis, Eaves, Thomas on board

AUSTIN, Tex. — Creation of The Charles Howard Design Associates brings together an exceptionally talented team marked by special skills.

Howard has more than 25 years' experience in golf course engineering, golf course construction and development planning. He has acquired an extensive working knowledge of design under a variety of environmental and financial conditions.

Howard's engineering expertise and land planning skills have been expanded through extensive involvement in agronomy, botany, soil sciences, geology, computer technology and permit processing.

His experience as a land planner has gained importance with increased emphasis on golf courses as a part of a complete development, residential or otherwise.

Jim Ganley, Tripp Davis, Lonnie Eaves and Kevin Thomas also are key staff players.

Ganley's role as construction manager and agronomic specialist stems from close connection with golf course construction and maintenance. Educated in Turf Science at the University of Massachusetts, Ganley entered the golf development industry by building and maintaining seven golf courses throughout the Northeast in the late 1960's.

Tripp attended the University of Oklahoma on an athletic scholarship. He was named Academic All-Big Eight in 1988, and in 1989 was both All-Big Eight and NCAA All-American while helping the Sooners to the national golf championship. He then played the professional tour for two years.

At present, Tripp is overseeing the CHDA Research Station at U. of Oklahoma, and is studying the effect golf courses have on the ecology of a site.

Lonnie Eaves, with Howard Design more than 10 years, now specializes in environmental irrigation systems, grading plans, structures and waterways. He also is responsible for measuring material takeoff, earth quantities, construction drawings, contract specifications and observation.

Kevin Thomas is the computer whiz and systems manager. A valued aspect of his work is innovating new technologies with Howard's computer systems and integrating advances from the computer industry. Thomas' computer skills produce accurate base maps, digital terrain models, construction drawings and quantity calculations.

Howard Engineers is experienced in the engineering of structures, water ways and especially irrigation systems. The staff is responsible for more than 300 irrigation systems across the country.

Burns adds course projects to agenda

Burns Golf Design has changed its address. The firm can now be reached at 5449 Marsh View Lane, Fernandina Beach, Fla. 32034; 904-277-4474. Steve Burns spent 7 years with Tom Fazio, prior to forming Burns Golf Design in 1988. The firm's other principal designer, Ed Carton, spent five years with Fazio. They currently have The Club at Ravenswood Lake, in Medina, Ohio, under construction, and are working on the design for Laura S. Walker State Park G.C. in Waycross, Ga.

In Wooster, Ohio, they have nine holes open and the second nine growing in at Hawks Nest G.C. Their other project in Mexico, Club de Golf Malinalco, opened in May, and is scheduled to host the 1993 Mexican PGA tournament in December.

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