The Captain captures Mackenzie's greatness in golf & other loves

By MARK LESLIE


Shackelford, who wrote "The Riviera Country Club and Its Architecture," actually sets the stage for the reprint with his little 207-page treat, packed with drawings and photos of Thomas' work. Shackelford said his aim in writing the book was "to revive recognition of George Thomas' contributions to beauty, taste, and excellence in general, and to golf course architecture in particular."

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The Captain — George C. Thomas Jr. and His Golf Architecture

"The Captain — George C. Thomas Jr. and His Golf Architecture" can be purchased through the Golf Course News Bookshelf (207-846-0600). $35.00, 207 pages, hardcover, limited edition of 1,200 copies.

The Color Atlas of Turfgrass Diseases on Golf Courses

By Dr. Toshikazu Tani

Color Atlas of Turfgrass Diseases on Golf Courses presents more than 540 high-quality color photographs of all the major turfgrass diseases that affect both cool- and warm-season grasses. It is international in scope. This book will likely become the standard color guide to disease symptoms and pathogen identification for golf course superintendents and turfgrass practitioners. No other book contains as many color photographs of each disease. Full-page color plates are included to assist in disease identification by providing geographic locations where each disease/pathogen is likely to occur. An unique feature of this easy-to-use color guide is that it also provides color photos of step-by-step guidance on diagnostic techniques for laboratory analysis which can be used by practitioners.

$79.95, Approx. 250 pages, hardcover.

Guide to Golf Course Irrigation System Design and Drainage

By Tom Doak

As a working reference or as a textbook, the Guide to Golf Course Irrigation System Design and Drainage covers every important aspect of the subject in an easy-to-understand format. It is perfect for the practicing turfgrass manager, superintendent, consultant, sales representative, or anyone interested in turfgrasses. Used in numerous academic courses for four years, this is the first commercially available version of a perennial best-seller, and is completely revised with new exercises, practical examples, numerous new figures, and expanded sections covering a wide variety of irrigation system components. A handy manual, it guides the reader through every phase of the irrigation program. Turfgrass managers and golf course superintendents will refer to this handy book often to plan effective irrigation systems, ensure appropriate capacity, easy installation, and practical operation and maintenance.

$59.95, 400 pages, hardcover.

Human Resource Management for Golf Course Superintendents

By Robert Milligan and Tom Maloney

This practical guide provides basic management principles and techniques which view people as the most important asset in golf course management. Five basic management functions are detailed throughout the book, using everyday situations to illustrate the key points. Designed to serve as a quick reference, or as a self-teaching guide, Human Resource Management for Golf Course Superintendents features numerous techniques and practical examples.

Every aspect of management is covered. Learn how to improve your planning abilities, build leadership and communication skills, maximize employee performance, select and train new employees, avoid the mistakes that cause low morale and poor performance, and conduct employee performance evaluations.

Use of the methods and principles presented in this book will ensure the effective management and operation of any golf facility. $34.95, 150 pages, hardcover.

NGF completes report on employee compensation

JUPITER, Fla. — The National Golf Foundation (NGF) has conducted a national golf facility employee compensation survey, based on information derived from the 1,300 daily-fee, municipal and private facilities that responded to the questionnaire. Entitled U.S. Golf Facility Employee Compensation Survey, the report presents salary and benefits data on 29 different staff positions ranging from general manager and golf director to starters, rangers, food and beverage personnel, and business office managers.

Compensation levels are cross-tabulated by employee age and years of professional experience, as well as by facility type, age and net revenue. For selected positions, comparative data is also provided on additional sources of income, such as lesson fees, tips and job performance bonuses, and on such other benefits as insurance and pensions.

With U.S. Golf Facility Employee Compensation Survey, the NGF has more than 40 survey reports and other publications addressing various aspects of golf facility operations. Among the most recent additions is a six-volume set of survey reports that provides the financial and operating profiles of both nine- and 18-hole golf facilities in the United States.

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