NCA elects new president, officers
Former LA lawyer to lead private club association

WASHINGTON — Charles Forbes was elected the 21st president of the National Club Association at the organization’s recent annual meeting held in Charlotte, N.C.

Forbes is a former partner with the Los Angeles law firm Musick, Peeler & Garrett. He was a member of the board of directors and served as vice president of the California State Club Association. He is also a past president of the California Club. Forbes served as legal counsel for the California Healthcare Association, and was a trustee for the St. Anne’s Foundation.

He is a member of the American Academy of Hospital Attorneys, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and served on the Legal and Tax Committee of the Southern California Golf Association.

Elected to serve in other officer positions were J. Bryan Williams as vice president; Frank T. Stover, Certified Club Manager (CCM), as treasurer; and Robert C. James, CCM, as secretary.

Williams is an executive partner with the Detroit law firm Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman, and a member of Oakland Hills Country Club.

Stover is the general manager of The Chicago Club and a past president of the Cornell Society of Hotelmanagers. James is executive director of Westchester Country Club, a director of the New York State Club Association, a past president of the Metropolitan Club Managers Association, and an adjunct professor at Cornell University’s School of Hotel Administration.

Florida’s Sandestin Resort, Intrawest’s latest Southern golf purchase

Get a Posi-Track, and get things done!

Get special LOW LEASE RATES now on ASV® Posi-Track MD 70 and the newly designed HD Series. Posi-Track’s ground-hugging rubber tracks spread the weight out, an amazing ground pressure of only 1.5 psi. The MD 70 is ready to work the greens and fairways with:
- Low Profile Bucket
- Loader Assembly
- Sliding Door
- Rear Bumper

Add an endless variety of attachments, such as a sod-roller or dozer blade, and you have multiple machines in one. Easy to operate and highly maneuverable, Posi-Track gives you the kind of control you need to do quality work quickly and efficiently.

Call Posi-Track Southeast to receive your FREE video and see for yourself why Posi-Track outperforms and outmaneuvers all other machines in its class. The newly designed HD 4500 is also available for $1,195.

LOW LEASE RATES

The latest move follows Intrawest’s April acquisition of Raven Golf Group, which owned the two Arizona courses in Arizona and is developing a third for the city of Carlsbad, Calif.

“Intrawest is a very important first step in our move to develop warm-weather destinations and further take advantage of the opportunities that come with controlling a network of resorts,” added Houssian. “There are many synergies with our current business and considerable cross-marketing possibilities.”

The Intrawest purchase reflects Intrawest’s strategy to take advantage of the similar demographics between the ski and golf markets, especially in terms of second-home purchases by Baby Boomers.

ASC, an Intrawest rival in the North American resort market, operates four golf courses in New England — Sugarbush, Killington and Mt. Snow — all ASC-owned and located in Vermont — and Sugarloaf, which it leases in Carrabassett Valley, Maine. A new course at ASC-owned Sunday River in Bethel, Maine, is in the final permitting stages with the state; Sugarloaf is in negotiations with the town to add a second course; and ASC is “seriously” considering developing an 18-hole course at its ski resort in Attitash in Bartlett, N.H.

Still, all of ASC’s courses are part of what are primarily ski operations. Would the company consider buying or developing golf facilities, especially warm-weather sites, like Intrawest has done in Arizona and Florida?

“We won’t rule it out if it presents opportunities for the company,” said Richardson. “We have integrated skiing and real estate successfully at our mountain resorts. We wouldn’t likely buy golf courses without the ability to integrate real estate... Golf is probably even more of an opportunity for second-home buying.”