**Golf Course Builder of the Year**

**Landscapes Unlimited** earned its award because of "the hard work of our staff," said its president. Accepting the honor from Charles von Brecht, publisher of the sponsoring *Golf Course News*, Bill Kubly said his company "works hard all year to provide a quality product. I want to thank the architects, suppliers and distributors who help us have this opportunity to have a wonderful livelihood."

President Howard Barnes accepted *Golf Course News’* Best Small Builder of the Year Award for Quality Grassing & Services, and President Geoffrey Corlett accepted a special Outstanding Mention Small Builder Award for *MacCurrah Golf Construction*. The first winner of the Small Builder citation in 1997 was MacCurrah Golf Construction.

**ADA an issue at GCSAA**

By BOB SPIWAK

ANAHEIM, Calif. — As the future of tour golfer Casey Martin was being decided in an Oregon courtroom, a panel was discussing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the GCSAA conference here.

As the lawyers argued in Eugene, the panel and attendees were watching a video news replay, headlined, "Golf course cares more about grass than obeying the law."

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Seay, a former president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, said: "I don’t know how to express to you what we members of the ASGCA feel about your talent, your commitment, your dedication to your job. I’ve worked with half of you in this room and it is a tremendous feeling to know that you go after it the way you do.

“I hope that somewhere along the line every designer, every architect gives the builder the freedom of creativity. I’ve done a little over 300 golf courses now and I can’t remember one course that was built exactly like it was drawn. The talent and the expression of your shapers, foremen and superintendents on the job absolutely amaze me.”

Because of environmental constraints, developers don’t get prime land anymore, Seay said, adding: “We get the flood plains and the wetlands that you can’t get into, which makes the job even tougher. I hope you always understand that we appreciate your problem-solving.”

As two examples, he said:

• “Take Ryan Golf. They did a job, Boca West, in Boca Raton. From start to finish they moved 400,000 cubic yards of earth. We remodeled it from tee to green — every tee, every bunker, every fairway. We raised the whole golf course 3 feet. It was amazing. In 199 days they walked off, the job complete.”

• “We built 18 holes in the desert, moved 750,000 cubic yards of earth, landscaped $3 million worth — trees, bushes, shrubs, cart paths, you name it. [Builder] Environmental Golf walked off in 155 days.”

“You in the business understand what that commitment is, that drive to get that done,” Seay said. "That’s a wonderful, wonderful tactic — to take the talent you have in this room. That’s what we’re excited about your commitment.”

Referring to Palmer’s statement that golf course builders are protecting the integrity and tradition of the game, Seay said: “He takes his job and his obligations to the game of golf seriously. You can’t fail to catch his remark about obligations. He means that. There is nothing about the game of golf he doesn’t think is sacred. He means what he says about tradition. And he wants people to realize how important it is to do your job, to hang in there no matter what and do your job.

“His words, tone and feeling haven’t changed when it comes to tradition.”

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— Ed Seay

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