The American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) will present the 1998 Donald Ross Award to Judy Bell, president of the United States Golf Association (USGA).

The Ross Award, which is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the game of golf and the profession of golf course architecture, will be given to Bell at a banquet on April 27 at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles during the 1998 ASGCA annual meeting.

Maurer creates design company

HOPEDALE, Mass. — Howard Maurer, a land planner and golf course architect with more than 15 years of experience, has formed Howard L. Maurer Golf Course Architecture and Land Planning, with company offices at 18 Hammond Rd. here.

Maurer has worked on 145 proposed projects in the golf, resort, residential and commercial real estate development. His services will include golf course and practice facility design, golf/residential and golf/commercial real-estate master planning, and assistance with permitting activities for both golf and real estate-related projects.

For the past 15 years Maurer has been associated with Matarazzo Design of New Hampshire and Cornish, Silva and Mungeam of Massachusetts. As project manager, senior project manager and design director for Matarazzo Design, he supervised the design of golf/real-estate projects and represented clients before municipal planning boards and conservation commissions. As a design associate for Cornish, Silva and Mungeam, he represented the firm in design, permitting and construction administration activities with more than 45 clients.

An alumnus of State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, Maurer is also a graduate of the Winter School for Turfgrass Managers at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

He is working on the design and planning of an integrated golf and housing community in Rhode Island; a par-3 golf course on the Massachusetts/Rhode Island border; a large-scale, master-planned resort and vacation community with potential for multiple golf courses in western Massachusetts; a practice facility addition and master planning for Wayland (Mass.) and bunker renovations at Hopedale (Mass.) Country Club.

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