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Wadsworth said that since he formed his company in 1958, the cost of new courses has risen from $100,000 to millions.

"These past 50 years have brought many opportunities," he said. "Proof of that is right here in this room tonight. This great game is fundamentally why we are here. It is the foundation of our existence. It is wonderful that so many people can play this game throughout their whole lives. It's an intensive game, a devoted game..."

Wadsworth, who once called architect's renderings "cartoons," added a couple of good-natured digs at architects.

"Builders now have to accept a new meaning for the word 'responsible,'" he said. "It means 'pin everything you can and anything you can on the builder.'"

"But we need them and we need each other," he added. "Think of it this way: They are designing today's golf courses that are going to be tomorrow's rebuilding opportunities."

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Brian Almony, the general manager, and Tom Webber, a project superintendent, along with senior construction superintendent Doug Seldon, Jeff Tourangeau and Chris Kleinsmith.

Meanwhile, Louisville, Ky.-based Miller said, "This is just an incredible honor from Golf Course News."

He paraphrased astronaut Chuck Yaeger as saying, "If you like to do a job, some day you get to be real good at it."

And he added that his "inspiration from the beginning came from Brent Wadsworth," president of Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. ""Make sure your turf is protected

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