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**Superintendents, builders, owners trumpet change**

**New GCBAA exec: Upgrade image**
By PETER BLAIS
NEW ORLEANS — Increasing public and professional awareness of the importance of golf course builders is a primary goal of incoming Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAA) Executive Vice President Lee Hetrick.

"The builders need more exposure and recognition from the architects and superintendents because of the contributions builders make," Hetrick said. "What you see when a course opens is a collaborative effort. But I don't know if I've ever looked at a golf course scorecard and seen the name of the builder. My objective would be to have the builder

**NGCOA's Stine: Continue assn. growth**
By PETER BLAIS
FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla. — In a sign of these consolidation times, William Stine, president of 100-course Meadowbrook Golf Group, was elected president of the National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA) during the group's annual meeting here.

"I've been on the [NGCOA] board for the past eight years and was a member before that," said Stine, who started in the business as a single-course operator. "It's just in the past few years we've become a multi-course operator. I've evolved through the business, just as our organization has." Stine's father, Charlie, started

**GCSAA: Scott Woodhead takes reins**
By PETER BLAIS
NEW ORLEANS—Scott Woodhead was elected president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America during the recent International Conference and Show held here.

Woodhead, who was appointed to the board in 1993, hails from Valley View Golf Course in Bozeman, Mont. He replaces David Farrants of Blue Hills Country-Club in Kansas City, who will continue on the board as immediate past president.

**Tommy Witt of StillWaters in Dadeville, Ala., was elected vice president and Michael Wallace of Hop Meadow Country Club in Simsbury, Conn. secretary/treasurer.**

**REPLENISHING NATURE**
Greg Nash-designed Anthem Golf & Country Club shows its colors in Phoenix. Builders replenished the natural vegetation in order to bring back the land to its original state. See p.8.