MacCurrah lassos Big Builder title

By ANDREW OVERBECK

DALLAS, Texas — Consistency is king. MacCurrah Golf Construction has followed up its successful 1999 campaign by winning the 2000 Golf Course News Large Builder of the Year award. Allan MacCurrah accepted the honor here at the Golf Course Builders Association of America's annual dinner Feb. 15.

MacCurrah Golf scored a 79.63 out of 80 points for his five projects in 2000.

Other participants in this year's contest were: Shapemasters, Quality Grassing and Services, Landscapes Unlimited, SAJO Construction, Barbaron, Frontier Construction, SEMA Golf, Niebur Golf, and Ryan Golf.

At the top of their game

Jacksonville-based MacCurrah Golf Construction has been at or close to the top for the last five years. MacCurrah won the Small Builder award in 1996, was second in 1997, and placed second in the Large Builder in 1998, before taking over the top spot for the last two years.

What's the secret to his success?

"Luck and great clients," said MacCurrah. "We also have the same staff that we had last year. The core of the company really takes a lot of pride in the work they do. There are 185 guys out there that are going to be excited about the fact that beyond their paycheck they truly have satisfied clients in their wake."

With the 1999 Large Builder title under his belt, MacCurrah noticed his clients' expectations ratcheted up in 2000. "The demands they placed on us were awfully high," he said. "They were expecting the best in price, quality and schedule when they brought us on board. To know that we met or exceeded those expectations for another year is really gratifying."


Moving on

Among his favorite projects of 2000 was working with Pete Dye at Harbour Town Golf Links. "It was an honor," said MacCurrah of the opportunity to do the renovation work on the 1999 Dye layout. "It was like working on a mission for a simple reason: he needed money. He didn't have enough money for a simple reason: he needed money. "I couldn't make enough money working for somebody else, so I started my own business," he said. "I was also tired of traveling. I have three kids and I decided that it was time to stay in one spot."

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Glase grabs Small Builder award

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DALLAS, Texas — While the 2000 Large Builder competition saw a repeat winner, the Small Builder title goes this year to a first-time winner. The 2000 Golf Course News Small Builder of the Year was awarded to Glase Golf Construction here at the Golf Course Builders Association of America's annual dinner Feb. 15.

Glase Golf took home the top prize this year with a score of 77.69 out of 80 on the two projects that the company completed in 2000.

Also placing high on this year's list were: Reed H. Berlinsky, Mid-America Golf and Landscape, Pennick Arrimour Golf, Golf Course Construction, C.E. Carter and Associates, Course Doctors, Golf Development Construction, and Furness Golf Construction.

A regional builder


In 1997, Glase started the company for a simple reason: he needed money. "I couldn't make enough money working for somebody else, so I started my own business," he said. "I was also tired of traveling. I have three kids and I decided that it was time to stay in one spot."

In addition to other repair and minor renovation work at area courses, Glase Golf has been awarded the Small Builder title for the past two years. "It was like working on a mission for a simple reason: he needed money. "I couldn't make enough money working for somebody else, so I started my own business," he said. "I was also tired of traveling. I have three kids and I decided that it was time to stay in one spot."

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Highlights of GCSAA Show & Conference

DALLAS, Texas — Exhibitors, superintendents and educators turned out in strength at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) 72nd International Golf Course Show and Conference. Here are a few items of note:

• A total of 727 exhibitors covered an all-time high of 275,000 sq. ft. of floor space.
• Educational seminar attendance was estimated at 7,616, just shy of the record 7,903 established last year in New Orleans.
• The unofficial show attendance was 20,584, marking the sixth year in a row that the 20,000 figure has been eclipsed.
• A GCSAA bylaw amendment requiring additional qualifications for Class A members passed with a 75 percent of the vote at the association's annual meeting.
• Elected directors: Robert Malbusch, Margaret Hinsdale Golf Club, Clarendon Hills, Ill.; Tim O'Neill, Country Club of Darien, Darien, Conn.; Mark Woodward, Dobson Ranch/Review Golf Courses, Mesa, Ariz. Sean Hoolehan at the Wildhorse Golf Club in Mission, Ore. was appointed to serve a one-year term on the board.
• The "Investing in the Beauty of Golf" endowment campaign has reached $4.5 million with a goal of $5 million (increased from the original $3.5 million target).
• Penn State University claimed the title at the seventh annual Collegiate Turf Bowl competition, beating out Iowa State (A), Iowa State (B) and Rhode Island. The winning team included Dan Brickley, Bob Raley, Sean Jordan and Joe Maloney.
• Patricia Cobb, a retired turfgrass insect specialist, was awarded the 2001 USGA Green Section Award.
• GCSAA membership topped the 21,000 mark for the first time last fall. Membership growth from 1994 (13,000 members) has been 58 percent. The GCSAA's 73rd International Conference & Show is set for Feb. 4-10 in Orlando, Fla.